

**Supporting Statement
Prior Disclosure
1651-0074**

Justification

- 1. Explain the circumstances that make the collection of information necessary. Identify any legal or administrative requirements that necessitate the collection. Attach a copy of the appropriate section of each statute and regulation mandating or authorizing the collection of information.**

The Prior Disclosure program establishes a method for a potential violator to disclose to CBP that they have committed an error or a violation with respect to the legal requirements of entering merchandise into the United States, such as underpaid tariffs or duties, or misclassified merchandise. The procedure for making a prior disclosure is set forth in 19 CFR 162.74 which requires that respondents submit information about the merchandise involved, a specification of the false statements or omissions, and what the true and accurate information should be. A valid prior disclosure will entitle the disclosing party to the reduced penalties pursuant to 19 U.S.C. 1592(c)(4).

- 2. Indicate how, by whom, and for what purpose the information is to be used. Except for a new collection, indicate the actual use the agency has made of the information received from the current collection.**

The information is to be used by CBP officers to verify and validate the commission of a violation of 19 U.S.C. 1592 by the disclosing party. A valid prior disclosure may entitle the disclosing party to reduced penalties pursuant to 19 U.S.C. 1592(c)(4).

- 3. Describe whether, and to what extent, the collection of information involves the use of automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g. permitting electronic submission of responses, and the basis for the decision for adopting this means of collection. Also describe any consideration of using information technology to reduce burden.**

It would be difficult to automate the submission of this information because respondents must send in a check that accompanies their prior disclosure.

- 4. Describe efforts to identify duplication. Show specifically why any similar information already available cannot be used or modified for use for the purposes described in Item 2 above.**

This information is not duplicated in any other place or any other form.

- 5. If the collection of information impacts small businesses or other small entities, describe any methods used to minimize burden.**

This information collection does not have a significant impact on a substantial number of small businesses.

- 6. Describe consequences to Federal program or policy activities if the collection is not conducted or is conducted less frequently.**

Failure to collect this information would mean that the CBP would be unable to provide the legally required reduced penalty benefits to a party who wishes to make a valid written prior disclosure of the commission of a violation of 19 U.S.C. 1592.

- 7. Explain any special circumstances.**

This information is collected in a manner consistent with the guidelines of 5 CFR 1320.5(d)(2).

- 8. If applicable, provide a copy and identify the date and page number of publication in the Federal Register of the agency's notice, required by 5 CFR 1320.8(d), soliciting comments on the information collection prior to submission to OMB. Summarize public comments received in response to that notice and describe actions taken by the agency in response to these comments. Specifically address comments received on cost and hour burden.**

Public comments were solicited through two Federal Register notices published on September 12, 2013 (Volume 78, Page 56242) on which no comments were received, and on November 18 (Volume 78, Page 69102) on which no comments have been received.

- 9. Explain any decision to provide any payment or gift to respondents, other than remuneration of contractors or grantees.**

There is no offer of a monetary or material value for this information collection.

- 10. Describe any assurance of confidentiality provided to respondents and the basis for the assurance in statute, regulation, or agency policy.**

A SORN, dated December 19, 2008, for the Treasury Enforcement Communication System (TECS), Volume 73, Page 77778, will be included in this ICR. There are no assurances of confidentiality provided to the respondents of this information collection.

- 11. Provide additional justification for any questions of a sensitive nature, such**

as sexual behavior and attitudes, religious beliefs, and other matters that are commonly considered private. This justification should include the reasons why the agency considers the questions necessary, the specific uses to be made of the information, the explanation to be given to persons from whom the information is requested, and any steps to be taken to obtain their consent.

There are no questions of a sensitive nature associated with this collection.

12. Provide estimates of the hour burden of the collection of information.

| INFORMATION COLLECTION | TOTAL ANNUAL BURDEN HOURS | NO. OF RESPONDENTS | NO. OF RESPONSES PER RESPONDENT | TOTAL RESPONSES | TIME PER RESPONSE |
|------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------|---------------------------------|-----------------|---------------------|
| Prior Disclosure | 3,500 | 3,500 | 1 | 3,500 | 60 minutes (1 hour) |

Public Cost

The estimated cost to the respondents is \$273,350. This is based on the estimated burden hours (3,500) multiplied (x) the estimated average hourly rate (\$78.10).

13. Provide an estimate of the total annual cost burden to respondents or record keepers resulting from the collection of information.

There are no capital or start-up costs associated with this information collection.

14. Provide estimates of annualized cost to the Federal Government. Also provide a description of the method used to estimate cost, which should include quantification of hours, operational expenses (such as equipment overhead, printing, and support staff), and any other expense that would not have been incurred without this collection of information.

The estimated annual cost to the Federal Government associated with this collection is \$398,160. This is based on the estimated number of responses (3,500) multiplied (x) by the time expended per response (2 hours) = 7000 hours multiplied (x) by the average hourly rate (\$56.88) = \$398,160.

15. Explain the reasons for any program changes or adjustments reported in Items 12 or 13 of this Statement.

There has been no increase or decrease in the estimated annual burden hours previously reported for this information collection. There are no changes to the information collected.

16. For collection of information whose results will be published, outline plans for tabulation, and publication.

This information collection will not be published for statistical purposes.

17. If seeking approval to not display the expiration date, explain the reasons that displaying the expiration date would be inappropriate

There is no form associated with this collection so it is not appropriate to display the expiration date.

18. "Certification for Paperwork Reduction Act Submissions."

CBP does not request an exception to the certification of this information collection.

B. Collection of Information Employing Statistical Methods

No statistical methods were employed.