

Supporting Statement
Documentation Requirements for Articles Entered
Under Various Special Tariff Treatment Provisions
1651-0067

A. 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.**

U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) is responsible for determining whether imported articles that are classified under Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTSUS) subheadings 9801.00.10, 9802.00.20, 9802.00.25, 9802.00.40, 9802.00.50, 9802.00.60 and 9817.00.40 are entitled to duty-free or reduced duty treatment. In order to file under these HTSUS provisions, importers, or their agents, must have the declarations that are provided for in 19 CFR 10.1(a), 10.8(a), 10.9(a) and 10.121 in their possession at the time of entry and submit them to CBP upon request. These declarations enable CBP to ascertain whether the requirements of these HTSUS provisions have been satisfied.

These requirements apply to the trade community who are familiar with CBP regulations and the tariff schedules.

- 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 collected enables CBP to ascertain whether the statutory conditions and requirements of these provisions have been satisfied.

- 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.**

Automated submission of this information is planned for 2017. This information may be submitted using whatever method that the broker or importer submits their documents to the local CBP port, including

email, fax, mail, or broker runner.

- 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.**

The information reported on each declaration is unique and is, therefore, not duplicated elsewhere.

- 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 an impact on small businesses or other small entities.

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

Since the information is unique for each submission, this information is only submitted once. If this information were not collected, CBP could not comply with its statutory and regulatory requirements.

- 7. Explain any special circumstances.**

This information collection is conducted in a manner consistent with the guidelines in 5 CFR 1320.5(c)(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.**

Public comments were solicited through two Federal Register notices including a 60-day notice published on May 9, 2014 (Volume 79, Page 26771) on which no comments were received, and a 30-day notice published on July 21, 2014 (Volume 79, Page 42340) 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 declaration.

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

There is no PII associated with this collection of information. There are no

assurances of confidentiality provided.

11. Provide additional justification for any questions of a sensitive nature

There are no questions of a personal or sensitive nature on this declaration.

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

COLLECTION	TOTAL ANNUAL BURDEN HOURS	NO. OF RESPONDENTS	NO. OF RESPONSES PER RESPONDENT	TOTAL RESPONSES	TIME PER RESPONSE
Declarations under Chapter 98	933	19,445	3	58,335	1 minute (.016 hours)

Public Cost

The estimated cost to the respondents is \$26,590. This is based on the estimated burden hours (933) multiplied (x) by the average hourly rate (\$28.50).

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

There are no record keeping, capital, start-up or maintenance costs associated with this information collection.

14. Provide estimates of annualized cost to the Federal Government.

The estimated cost to the Federal Government associated with collecting the information is \$270,861 annually. This is calculated by the estimated number of responses (58,335) multiplied (x) the time to process each response (5 minutes or .083 hours) = 4,842 hours multiplied (x) by the estimated average hourly rate (\$55.94) = \$270,861.

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

There are no increases or decreases in the burden hours and no changes to the information collected.

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

This information will not be published for statistical purposes.

- 17. If seeking approval to not display the expiration date for OMB approval of the information collection, explain the reasons that display would be inappropriate.**

This collection does not involve a form so there is no printed expiration date.

- 18. Explain each exception to the certification statement identified in Item**

CBP does not request an exception to the certification statement. There is no form involved with this information collection.

- B. No statistical methods were employed.**