

**Supporting Statement**  
**Holders or Containers Which Enter the United States Duty Free**  
**1651-0035**

**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.**

Subheading 9803.00.50 of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTSUS), codified as 19 U.S.C. 1202, provide for the release without entry of the payment of duty of certain substantial holders or containers pursuant to the provisions of 19 C.F.R. 10.41b.

Section 19 CFR 10.41b eliminates the need for an importer to file entry documents by instead requiring, among other things, the marking of the containers or holders to indicate the HTSUS numbers that provide for duty-free treatment of the containers or holders.

For U.S. manufactured serially numbered holders or containers which may be released without entry or the payment of duty under 9801.00.10 HTSUS, 19 CFR 10.41b requires the owner to place the following markings on the holder or container: 9801.00.10, HTSUS (unless the holder or container has a permanently attached metal tag or plate showing, among other things, the name and address of the U.S. manufacturer); the name of the owner; and the serial number assigned by the owner. For serially numbered holders or containers of foreign manufacture for which may be released without entry or payment of duty under 9803.00.50 HTSUS, 19 CFR 10.41b requires the owner to place markings containing the following information: 9803.00.50 HTSUS; the district and port code numbers of the port of entry; the entry number; the last two digits of the fiscal year of entry covering the importation of the holders and containers on which duty was paid; the name of the owner; and the serial number assigned by the owner.

This collection of information applies to the importing and trade community which is familiar with import procedures and with the CBP regulations.

- 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.**

CBP uses this information to determine if importers, shippers or consignees are

required to file entry documents for the holders or containers.

- 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.**

This is a container marking requirement and no information is submitted, so automated transmission of information would not be appropriate.

- 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 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.**

If this information was not required, importers, shippers or consignees would be required to file entry documents, which would be more burdensome for them than complying with this section of the CFR regarding marking of containers or holders.

- 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 February 26, 2019 (84 FR 6156) on which no comments were received, and on June 26, 2019 (84 FR 30211) 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.**

This collection is not affected by the Privacy Act and is not impacted by a PIA or SORN. No assurances of confidentiality are provided to respondents.

**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.

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

<b>INFORMATION COLLECTION</b>	<b>TOTAL ANNUAL BURDEN HOURS</b>	<b>NO. OF RESPONDENTS</b>	<b>NO. OF RESPONSES PER RESPONDENT</b>	<b>TOTAL RESPONSES</b>	<b>TIME PER RESPONSE</b>
<b>Holders/ Containers Entering U.S. Duty-Free</b>	90	20	18	360	15 minutes (0.25 hours)

**Public Cost**

The estimated cost to the respondents is \$2,771. This is based on the estimated burden hours (90) multiplied by (x) the average loaded hourly wage rate for importers (\$30.79). CBP calculated this loaded wage rate by first multiplying the Bureau of Labor Statistics' (BLS) 2018 median hourly wage rate for Cargo and Freight Agents (\$20.77), which CBP assumes best represents the wage for importers, by the ratio of BLS' average 2018 total compensation to wages and salaries for Office and Administrative Support occupations (1.4824), the assumed occupational group for importers, to account for non-salary employee

benefits.<sup>1,2</sup> This figure is in 2018 U.S. dollars and CBP assumes an annual growth rate of 0 percent; the 2018 U.S. dollar value is equal to the 2019 U.S. dollar value.

**13. Provide an estimate of the total annual cost burden to respondents or record keepers 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. 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 the review of these markings is \$4,010. This is based on the number of responses that must be reviewed (360) multiplied by (x) the time burden to review and process each response (0.166 hours) = 60 hours multiplied by (x) the average hourly loaded rate for a CBP Officer (\$66.84)<sup>3</sup> = \$4,010.

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

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.

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1 Source of median wage rate: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics. Occupational Employment Statistics, "May 2018 National Occupational Employment and Wage Estimates United States." Updated April 2, 2019. Available at [https://www.bls.gov/oes/2018/may/oes\\_nat.htm](https://www.bls.gov/oes/2018/may/oes_nat.htm). Accessed June 4, 2019.

2 The total compensation to wages and salaries ratio is equal to the calculated average of the 2018 quarterly estimates (shown under Mar., June, Sep., Dec.) of the total compensation cost per hour worked for Office and Administrative Support occupations (\$27.3350) divided by the calculated average of the 2018 quarterly estimates (shown under Mar., June, Sep., Dec.) of wages and salaries cost per hour worked for the same occupation category (\$18.4400). Source of total compensation to wages and salaries ratio data: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics. Employer Costs for Employee Compensation. Employer Costs for Employee Compensation Historical Listing March 2004 – December 2018, "Table 3. Civilian workers, by occupational group: employer costs per hours worked for employee compensation and costs as a percentage of total compensation, 2004-2018." March 2019. Available at <https://www.bls.gov/web/ecec/ececqrtn.pdf>. Accessed June 4, 2019.

3 CBP bases this wage on the FY 2019 salary and benefits of the national average of CBP Officer positions, which is equal to a GS-11, Step 9. Source: Email correspondence with CBP's Office of Finance on June 12, 2019.

**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 involved with this collection of information so it would not be appropriate to display the expiration date for OMB approval.

**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.