

Supporting Statement

Declaration of Owner and Declaration of Consignee When Entry is made by an Agent

1651-0093

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.**

CBP Form 3347, *Declaration of Owner*, is a declaration from the owner of imported merchandise stating that he/she agrees to pay additional or increased duties, therefore releasing the importer of record from paying such duties. This form must be filed within 90 days of the date of entry. CBP Form 3347 is provided for by 19 CFR 24.11 and 141.20.

When entry is made in a consignee's name by an agent who has knowledge of the facts and who is authorized under a proper power of attorney by that consignee, a declaration from the consignee on CBP Form 3347A, *Declaration of Consignee When Entry is Made by an Agent*, shall be filed with the entry summary. If this declaration is filed, then no bond to produce a declaration of the consignee is required. CBP Form 3347A is provided for by 19 CFR 141.19(b)(2).

CBP Forms 3347 and 3347A are authorized by 19 USC 1485(d) and are accessible at <http://www.cbp.gov/newsroom/publications/forms>.

- 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.**

This collection of information is used by CBP to ensure that additional duties are not imposed on the importer.

- 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.**

There is a fillable pdf of Form 3347 & 3347A at <https://www.cbp.gov/newsroom/publications/forms?title=3347>. These forms can be submitted electronically via the Document Image System into ACE.

- 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 collected in any form, and therefore is 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.**

Without this information, nominal importers of record would be liable for any increased or additional duties, and agents would not be able to make entry and clear their client's merchandise.

- 7. Explain any special circumstances.**

This information is collected in a manner consistent with the guidelines of 5 CFR 1320.6.

- 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. A 60 day published on August 30, 2019 (84 FR 45786) on which no comments were received, and a 30 day on November 27, 2019 (84 FR 65400) 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 PIA for the Automated Commercial Environment (ACE) dated July 31, 2015, and a SORN for the Import Information System, dated July 26, 2016 (81 FR 48826) will be included in this ICR. 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.**

FORM	TOTAL ANNUAL BURDEN HOURS	NO. OF RESPONDENTS	AVG. NO. OF RESPONSES PER RESPONDENT	TOTAL RESPONSES	TIME PER RESPONSE
Declaration of Owner Form 3347	540	900	6	5400	6 minutes (0.10 hours)
Declaration of Importer Form 3347A	30	50	6	300	6 minutes (0.10 hours)
TOTAL	570	950		5700	

Public Cost

The estimated cost to the respondents is \$ 17,550. This is based on the estimated burden hours (570) multiplied by 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.^{1,2} This figure is in 2018 U.S.

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. Accessed June 4, 2019.

² The total compensation to wages and salaries ratio is equal to the calculated average of the 2018 quarterly estimates

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 documents is \$58,661. This is based on the number of responses that must be reviewed (5,700) multiplied by the time burden to review and process each response (0.166 hours) = 946 hours multiplied by the average hourly loaded rate for a CBP Trade and Revenue employee ($\$62.01$)³ = \$58,661.

15. Explain the reasons for any program changes or adjustments reported in Items 13 or 14 of this Statement.

There has been no increase or decrease in the estimated annual burden hours and there are no changes to Forms 3347 and 3347A.

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

CBP will display the expiration date for OMB approval of this information collection.

(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 Trade and Revenue positions, which is equal to a GS-12, Step 6. Source: Email correspondence with CBP’s Office of Finance on June 12, 2019.

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.