

Supporting Statement
Declaration of the Ultimate Consignee that Articles were Exported
for Temporary Scientific or Educational Purposes
1651-0036

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.**

The Declaration of the Ultimate Consignee that Articles were Exported for Temporary Scientific or Educational Purposes is used to document duty free entry under conditions when articles are temporarily exported solely for scientific or educational purposes. This declaration is provided for under 19 U.S.C. 1202, HTSUS Subheading 9801.00.40, and 19 CFR 10.67(a)(3) which requires a declaration from the ultimate consignee stating that the articles were sent from the United States solely for temporary scientific or educational use and describing the specific use to which they were put while abroad. This declaration is submitted to CBP by the importer or the agent of the importer and is used by CBP to determine whether the imported articles should be free of duty.

- 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 declaration is used to assist CBP personnel in determining whether the imported articles should be free of duty.

- 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 not be cost effective to automate this process because CBP collects only about 17 certificates annually and we do not expect this number to increase substantially.

Usability Testing:

Since no responses were received from end-users for Declaration of Ultimate Consignee That Articles Were Exported for Temporary Scientific or Educational

Purposes, the CBPX team is providing recommendations and suggestions based on their expertise. Information and guidance on how to complete this process may not be readily available for users unfamiliar with the requirements. To address this, we recommend providing clear and accessible resources, such as step-by-step instructions, examples, process outline, and FAQs on the CBP website. Additionally, if possible, making this process digital/web based can reduce errors and increase user experience. These suggestions will not only help the end-users but also CBP staff from having to assist users with questions and directions.

- 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.**

The consequence if this information was not collected is that it would be more difficult for importers to import items free of duty.

- 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: a 60-day notice published on September 25, 2024 (89 FR 78325) on which no comments were received, and a 30-day notice published on November 27, 2024 (89 FR 93631) 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.

There is no PII associated with this information collection. No assurances of confidentiality are provided.

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.

INFORMATION COLLECTION	TOTAL ANNUAL BURDEN HOURS	NO. OF RESPONDENTS	NO. OF RESPONSES PER RESPONDENT	TOTAL RESPONSES	TIME PER RESPONSE
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Note that CBP requests submission of about 10 percent of the certificates that are prepared. CBP only requests submission of the certificate if there is any question or concern about whether the goods are qualified for duty-free treatment. (10 percent is about 17 certificates per year)

Public Cost

The estimated cost to the respondents is \$961. This is based on the estimated burden hours (27) multiplied by the average loaded hourly wage rate for importers (\$35.59). CBP calculated this loaded wage rate by first multiplying the Bureau of Labor Statistics' (BLS) 2023 median hourly wage rate for Cargo and Freight Agents (\$23.24), which CBP assumes best represents the wage for importers, by the ratio of BLS' Q4 2023 total compensation to wages and

salaries for Office and Administrative Support occupations (1.4774), the assumed occupational group for importers, to account for non-salary employee benefits.¹ CBP assumes an annual growth rate of 3.64% based on the prior year's change in the implicit price deflator, published by the Bureau of Economic Analysis.²

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 this information collection is \$211. This is based on the number of responses that must be reviewed (17) multiplied by the time burden to review and process each response (10 minutes or hours) = 3 hours multiplied by the average hourly loaded rate for a CBP Officer (\$70.19)³ = \$211.

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 has been no change to the information collected.

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

1 Source of median wage rate: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics. Occupational Employment and Wage Statistics, "May 2023 National Occupational Employment and Wage Estimates United States." Updated April 3, 2024. Available at https://www.bls.gov/oes/2023/may/oes_nat.htm. Accessed June 4, 2024. The total compensation to wages and salaries ratio is equal to the total compensation cost per hour worked for Office and Administrative Support occupations (\$33.98) divided by the wages and salaries cost per hour worked for the same occupation category (\$23.00). See "Table 2. Employer Costs for Employee Compensation for civilian workers by occupational and industry group." Bureau of Labor Statistics, "Employer Costs for Employee Compensation – December 2023." Released March 13, 2024. Available at https://www.bls.gov/news.release/archives/ecec_03132024.pdf. Accessed June 4, 2024.

2 To adjust to 2024 dollars, multiply by the 2022-2023 percent change in the Bureau of Economic Analysis's Implicit Price Deflators for Gross Domestic Product (122.273/117.973-1). See "Table 1.1.9. Implicit Price Deflators for Gross Domestic Product," Line 1 Gross Domestic Product, annual. Bureau of Economic Analysis. Updated May 30, 2024. Available at <https://apps.bea.gov/iTable/?>

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3 CBP bases this wage on the FY 2024 salary and benefits of the national average of CBP Officer Positions, which is equal to a GS-11, Step 10. Source: Email correspondence with CBP's Office of Finance on June 17, 2024.

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 involved with this collection so it would not be 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.