

U.S. Customs and Border Protection



NOTICE OF MEETING OF THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON COMMERCIAL OPERATIONS OF CUSTOMS AND BORDER PROTECTION (COAC)

AGENCY: U.S. Customs and Border Protection, Department of Homeland Security (DHS).

ACTION: Notice of Federal Advisory Committee Meeting.

SUMMARY: The Advisory Committee on Commercial Operations of U.S. Customs and Border Protection (COAC) will meet on May 11, 2010 in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. The meeting will be open to the public.

DATES: COAC will meet Tuesday, May 11, 2010 from 1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. Please note that the meeting may close early if the committee completes its business. If you plan on attending, please register either online at https://apps.cbp.gov/te_registration/?w=18, or by e-mail to tradeevents@dhs.gov by close-of-business on May 6, 2010.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Loews Philadelphia Hotel, 1200 Market Street, Regency Ballroom A, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, 19107. The public is invited to submit comments and/or written material on any of the identified agenda items as set forth below. Please note that any comments or written materials that are mailed should reach the contact person at the address listed below before May 6, 2010, so that copies of your submitted materials can be distributed to committee members prior to the meeting. Comments must be identified by USCBP-2010- and may be submitted by one of the following methods:

- **Federal eRulemaking Portal:** <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the instructions for submitting comments.
- **E-mail:** tradeevents@dhs.gov. Include the docket number in the subject line of the message.
- **Fax:** 202–325–4290.

- **Mail:** Ms. Wanda Tate, Office of Trade Relations, U.S. Customs and Border Protection, Department of Homeland Security, 1300 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Room 5.2-A, Washington, DC 20229.

Instructions: All submissions received must include the words “Department of Homeland Security” and the docket number for this action. Comments received will be posted without alteration at www.regulations.gov, including any personal information provided.

Docket: For access to the docket to read background documents or comments received by COAC, go to <http://www.regulations.gov>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Wanda Tate, Office of Trade Relations, U.S. Customs and Border Protection, Department of Homeland Security, 1300 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Room 5.2-A, Washington, DC 20229; tradeevents@dhs.gov; telephone 202–344–1440; facsimile 202–325–4290.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act (5 U.S.C. § App.), DHS hereby announces the meeting of the Advisory Committee on Commercial Operations of Customs and Border Protection (COAC). COAC is tasked with providing advice to the Secretary of Homeland Security, the Secretary of the Treasury, and the Commissioner of U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) on matters pertaining to the commercial operations of CBP and related functions within DHS or the Department of the Treasury.

The fifth meeting of the eleventh term of COAC will be held at the date, time and location specified above. A tentative agenda for the meeting is set forth below.

Tentative Agenda

1. Importer Security Filing (“10+2”).
2. Intellectual Property Rights Enforcement Subcommittee.
3. Agriculture Subcommittee.
4. Air Cargo Security Subcommittee.
5. Automation Subcommittee.
6. Import Safety.
7. Bond Subcommittee.
8. Trade Facilitation Subcommittee.

Procedural

This meeting is open to the public; however, participation in COAC deliberations is limited to committee members, Department of Home-

land Security officials, and persons invited to attend the meeting for special presentations. Please note that the meeting may close early if all business is finished.

All visitors must check-in at the Loews Philadelphia Hotel at the Regency Ballroom A with CBP officials at the registration desk.

Since seating is limited, all persons attending this meeting should provide notice by close-of-business on May 6, 2010, by registering online at https://apps.cbp.gov/te_registration/?w=18 or, alternatively, by contacting Ms. Wanda Tate, Office of Trade Relations, U.S. Customs and Border Protection, Department of Homeland Security, 1300 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20229; tradeevents@dhs.gov; telephone 202-344-1440; facsimile 202-325-4290.

Information on Services for Individuals with Disabilities

For information on facilities or services for individuals with disabilities or to request special assistance at the meeting, contact Ms. Wanda Tate as soon as possible.

Dated: April 9, 2010

KIMBERLY MARSHO
Director, Office of Trade Relations
U.S. Customs and Border Protection

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QUARTERLY IRS INTEREST RATES USED IN CALCULATING INTEREST ON OVERDUE ACCOUNTS AND REFUNDS ON CUSTOMS DUTIES

AGENCY: Customs and Border Protection, Department of Homeland Security.

ACTION: General notice.

SUMMARY: This notice advises the public of the quarterly Internal Revenue Service interest rates used to calculate interest on overdue accounts (underpayments) and refunds (overpayments) of customs duties. For the calendar quarter beginning April 1, 2010, the interest rates for overpayments will be 3 percent for corporations and 4 percent for non-corporations, and the interest rate for underpayments will be 4 percent. This notice is published for the convenience of the importing public and Customs and Border Protection personnel.

EFFECTIVE DATE: April 1, 2010.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ron Wyman, Revenue Division, Collection and Refunds Branch, 6650 Telecom Drive, Suite #100, Indianapolis, Indiana 46278; telephone (317) 614-4516.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

Pursuant to 19 U.S.C. 1505 and Treasury Decision 85-93, published in the **Federal Register** on May 29, 1985 (50 FR 21832), the interest rate paid on applicable overpayments or underpayments of customs duties must be in accordance with the Internal Revenue Code rate established under 26 U.S.C. 6621 and 6622. Section 6621 was amended (at paragraph (a)(1)(B) by the Internal Revenue Service Restructuring and Reform Act of 1998, Pub. L. 105-206, 112 Stat. 685) to provide different interest rates applicable to overpayments: one for corporations and one for non-corporations.

The interest rates are based on the Federal short-term rate and determined by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) on behalf of the Secretary of the Treasury on a quarterly basis. The rates effective for a quarter are determined during the first-month period of the previous quarter.

In Revenue Ruling 2010-9, the IRS determined the rates of interest for the calendar quarter beginning April 1, 2010, and ending on June 30, 2010. The interest rate paid to the Treasury for underpayments will be the Federal short-term rate (1%) plus three percentage points (3%) for a total of four percent (4%). For corporate overpayments, the rate is the Federal short-term rate (1%) plus two percentage points (2%) for a total of three percent (3%). For overpayments made by non-corporations, the rate is the Federal short-term rate (1%) plus three percentage points (3%) for a total of four percent (4%). These interest rates are subject to change for the calendar quarter beginning July 1, 2010, and ending September 30, 2010.

For the convenience of the importing public and Customs and Border Protection personnel the following list of IRS interest rates used, covering the period from before July of 1974 to date, to calculate interest on overdue accounts and refunds of customs duties, is published in summary format.

<i>Beginning Date</i>	<i>Ending Date</i>	<i>Under-payments (percent)</i>	<i>Over-payments (percent)</i>	<i>Corporate Over-payments (Eff. 1-1-99) (percent)</i>
070174	063075	6%	6%	
070175	013176	9%	9%	

<i>Beginning Date</i>	<i>Ending Date</i>	<i>Under-payments (percent)</i>	<i>Over-payments (percent)</i>	<i>Corporate Over-payments (Eff. 1-1-99) (percent)</i>
020176	013178	7%	7%	
020178	013180	6%	6%	
020180	013182	12%	12%	
020182	123182	20%	20%	
010183	063083	16%	16%	
070183	123184	11%	11%	
010185	063085	13%	13%	
070185	123185	11%	11%	
010186	063086	10%	10%	
070186	123186	9%	9%	
010187	093087	9%	8%	
100187	123187	10%	9%	
010188	033188	11%	10%	
040188	093088	10%	9%	
100188	033189	11%	10%	
040189	093089	12%	11%	
100189	033191	11%	10%	
040191	123191	10%	9%	
010192	033192	9%	8%	
040192	093092	8%	7%	
100192	063094	7%	6%	
070194	093094	8%	7%	
100194	033195	9%	8%	
040195	063095	10%	9%	
070195	033196	9%	8%	
040196	063096	8%	7%	
070196	033198	9%	8%	
040198	123198	8%	7%	
010199	033199	7%	7%	6%
040199	033100	8%	8%	7%
040100	033101	9%	9%	8%
040101	063001	8%	8%	7%
070101	123101	7%	7%	6%
010102	123102	6%	6%	5%
010103	093003	5%	5%	4%
100103	033104	4%	4%	3%
040104	063004	5%	5%	4%
070104	093004	4%	4%	3%

<i>Beginning Date</i>	<i>Ending Date</i>	<i>Under- payments (percent)</i>	<i>Over- payments (percent)</i>	<i>Corporate Over- payments (Eff. 1-1-99) (per- cent)</i>
100104	033105	5%	5%	4%
040105	093005	6%	6%	5%
100105	063006	7%	7%	6%
070106	123107	8%	8%	7%
010108	033108	7%	7%	6%
040108	063008	6%	6%	5%
070108	093008	5%	5%	4%
100108	123108	6%	6%	5%
010109	033109	5%	5%	4%
040109	063010	4%	4%	3%

Dated: April 13, 2010

ALAN BERSIN
Commissioner
U.S. Customs and Border Protection

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**AGENCY INFORMATION COLLECTION ACTIVITIES:
 Customs-Trade Partnership against Terrorism (C-TPAT)**

AGENCY: U.S. Customs and Border Protection, Department of Homeland Security

ACTION: 30-Day notice and request for comments; Extension of an existing information collection: 1651-0077.

SUMMARY: U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) of the Department of Homeland Security has submitted the following information collection request to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act: Customs-Trade Partnership Against Terrorism (C-TPAT). This is a proposed extension of an information collection that was previously approved. CBP is proposing that this information collection be extended with no change to the burden hours. This document is published to obtain comments from the public and affected agencies. This proposed information collection was previously

published in the **Federal Register** (75 FR 6678) on February 10, 2010, allowing for a 60-day comment period. This notice allows for an additional 30 days for public comments. This process is conducted in accordance with 5 CFR 1320.10.

DATES: Written comments should be received on or before May 17, 2010.

ADDRESSES: Interested persons are invited to submit written comments on this proposed information collection to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget. Comments should be addressed to the OMB Desk Officer for Customs and Border Protection, Department of Homeland Security, and sent via electronic mail to oir_submission@omb.eop.gov or faxed to (202) 395-5806.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) encourages the general public and affected Federal agencies to submit written comments and suggestions on proposed and/or continuing information collection requests pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act (Pub. L.104-13). Your comments should address one of the following four points:

- (1) Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency/component, including whether the information will have practical utility;
- (2) Evaluate the accuracy of the agencies/components estimate of the burden of The proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;
- (3) Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and
- (4) Minimize the burden of the collections of information on those who are to respond, including the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological techniques or other forms of information.

Title: Customs-Trade Partnership against Terrorism (C-TPAT)

OMB Number: 1651-0077

Form Number: None

Abstract: The Customs-Trade Partnership against Terrorism (C-TPAT) Program is designed to provide expedited processing to participants in this Program at certain, high-risk locations by prescreening participants. The C-TPAT Program applies to air,

land and sea. This Program was mandated by the SAFE Port Act. This information collection is an on-line application that must be completed by companies or individuals wishing to participate in the C-TPAT program. This application can be found on *www.cbp.gov*.

Current Actions: There are no changes to the information collection. This submission is being made to extend the expiration date.

Type of Review: Extension (without change)

Affected Public: Businesses, Individuals

Estimated Number of Respondents: 6,500

Estimated Time Per Respondent: 5 hours

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 32,500

If additional information is required contact: Tracey Denning, U.S. Customs and Border Protection, Office of Regulations and Rulings, 799 9th Street, NW, 7th Floor, Washington, DC. 20229-1177, at 202-325-0265.

Dated: April 12, 2010

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