

At this meeting, the Advisory Committee is expected to pursue the following agenda. The agenda may be modified prior to the meeting.

Agenda

- (1) Merchandise Processing Fee
- (2) Office of Rules & Regulations—Ruling Backlog
- (3) Compliance Assessment Team Program
- (4) Import Data & Customs Entry Issues: including ACE (Automated Commercial Environment) development; impact of bill S.1214; "Port and Maritime Security Act of 2001"; Study on Entry Procedures and Data Requirements
- (5) Update on Other Customs Matters

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The meeting is open to the public; however, participation in the Committee's deliberations is limited to Committee members, Customs and Treasury Department staff, and persons invited to attend the meeting for special presentations. A person other than an Advisory Committee member who wishes to attend the meeting should contact Theresa Manning at (202) 622-0220 or Helen Belt at (202) 622-0230.

Dated: August 21, 2001.

Timothy E. Skud,

*Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary,
Regulatory, Tariff, and Trade (Enforcement).*
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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

United States Customs Service

[T.D. 01-60]

Customs Accreditation and Approval of National Marine Consultants Incorporated as a Commercial Laboratory and Commercial Gauger

AGENCY: U.S. Customs Service, Department of the Treasury.

ACTION: Notice of accreditation and approval of National Marine Consultants, Inc. of Matawan, New Jersey as a commercial laboratory and commercial gauger.

SUMMARY: National Marine Consultants, Inc. of Matawan, New Jersey, has applied to U.S. Customs under Parts 151.12 and 151.13 of the Customs Regulations for accreditation as a commercial laboratory to analyze petroleum products under Chapter 27 and Chapter 29 of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTSUS) and approval as a commercial gauger to gauge petroleum products under

Chapter 27 and Chapter 29, animal and vegetable oils under Chapter 15 and organic compounds under Chapter 29 of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTSUS). Customs has determined that this company meets all of the requirements for accreditation as a commercial laboratory and approval as a commercial gauger. Specifically, National Marine Consultants, Inc. has been granted laboratory accreditation to perform the following test methods at their Thorofare, New Jersey site: (1) API Gravity, ASTM D 287 & ASTM D 1298; (2) Sediment, ATSM D 473 & ASTM D 95; (3) Distillation, ASTM D 86; (4) Saybolt Universal Viscosity, ASTM D 445; (5) Percent by weight of Sulfur, ASTM D 4294. Additionally, National Marine Consultants, Inc. has been granted approval to gauge petroleum products under Chapter 27 and Chapter 29, animal and vegetable oils under Chapter 15 and organic compounds under Chapter 29 of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTSUS). Therefore, in accordance with Parts 151.12 and 151.13 of the Customs Regulations, National Marine Consultants, Inc. is hereby accredited to analyze and approved to gauge the products named above.

LOCATION: National Marine Consultants, Inc. accredited and approved site is located at: 650 Grove Road, Suite 111, Thorofare, New Jersey 08086.

EFFECTIVE DATE: August 13, 2001.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Michael Parker, National Quality Manager, Laboratories and Scientific Services, U.S. Customs Service, 1300 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Suite 1500 North, Washington, DC 20229, (202) 927-1060.

Dated: August 20, 2001.

Ira S. Reese,

Acting Executive Director, Laboratories and Scientific Services.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

United States Customs Service

Extension of General Program Test for Transfer of International In-Transit Baggage

AGENCY: Customs Service, Department of the Treasury.

ACTION: General notice.

SUMMARY: This document announces that the test originally announced in the **Federal Register** on February 23, 2000, and modified by a notice published in the **Federal Register** on June 16, 2000,

regarding the transfer of international in-transit baggage is being extended for an additional year. The time for applying to participate in the test also is being reopened for an additional six-month period.

DATES: The testing period is extended to August 16, 2002. Written applications to participate in the test must be filed with Customs on or before February 15, 2002.

ADDRESSES: Air carriers that have entered into an agreement with the Government by signing an Advance Passenger Information System (APIS) Memorandum of Understanding may apply to participate in the program test by submitting a letter of application to the port director with jurisdiction over the airport where the transfer of international in-transit baggage will occur. Air carriers that wish to participate in the test can apply to participate in the APIS program by contacting Mike Cronin, Acting Executive Associate Commissioner for the Office of Programs, U.S. Immigration & Naturalization Service, 425 I Street, NW., Washington, DC 20536.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For operational or policy matters: Carlene Warren, Passenger Programs Branch, Office of Field Operations (202) 927-1391.

For regulatory matters: Larry L. Burton, Office of Regulations and Rulings (202) 927-1287.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

On February 23, 2000, Customs published a general notice in the **Federal Register** (65 FR 9054) announcing a program test that allows participating air carriers to more efficiently transfer accompanied air passenger baggage from one aircraft entering the United States to another aircraft departing from the United States enroute to a foreign destination. Under the test, participating air carriers will not be required to file an air cargo manifest (Customs Form 7509) but will instead electronically transmit certain required information to Customs while a flight is enroute to the United States.

The notice specified that the test covers accompanied, international, in-transit, checked baggage that arrives in the United States aboard one aircraft and departs from the United States aboard another aircraft. (This baggage is referred to as international-to-international baggage or ITI baggage.) The notice explained the air cargo manifest requirement and the ordinary ITI baggage processing procedure as provided for under the Customs Regulations; described the Advance

Passenger Information System (APIS) program; set forth the eligibility requirements for participation in the test, the information transmission and baggage processing procedures required under the test, and the test application process; and requested comments on all aspects of the test.

On April 3, 2000, Customs published a general notice in the **Federal Register** (65 FR 17550) to announce an extension of the time period for applying to participate in the test. The application period was extended to May 26, 2000. On June 16, 2000, Customs published a notice in the **Federal Register** (65 FR 37828) to announce a modification of the test program based on a review of the comments received and a reevaluation of the test. That June 16, 2000, notice also provided for a new application period, to July 31, 2000, and stated that the modified program test would commence no earlier than August 15, 2000, and would run for approximately one year.

Customs has determined that the test as it is currently being conducted should be extended for an additional year and that the time for applying to participate in the test should be reopened for a new six-month period. Extending the test period and reopening the application process will enable Customs to more fully evaluate the results of the test and formulate proposals to amend the Customs Regulations, as may be appropriate, to adopt the procedures under the test on a more permanent basis.

Accordingly, the testing period is extended to August 16, 2002, and applications to participate in the test will be accepted by Customs through February 15, 2002. Customs notes that both the notice published on February 23, 2000, and the notice published on June 16, 2000, should be consulted for a fuller understanding of the various aspects of the program test, as the latter notice did not modify all aspects of the test. In addition, as the application process was modified in the notice of June 16, 2000, that notice should be consulted on how to apply for participation in the test.

Dated: August 21, 2001.

Bonni G. Tischler,

Assistant Commissioner, Office of Field Operations.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Fiscal Service

Financial Management Service; Senior Executive Service; Financial Management Service Performance Review Board

AGENCY: Financial Management Service, Fiscal Service, Department of the Treasury.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice announces the appointment of members to the Financial Management Service Performance Review Board.

DATES: This notice is effective on August 27, 2001.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Kenneth R. Papaj, Deputy Commissioner, Financial Management Service, 401 14th Street, SW., Room 546, Washington, DC 20227; telephone: (202) 874-7000.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 4314(c)(4), notice is given of the appointment of individuals to serve as members of the Financial Management Service (FMS) Performance Review Board (PRB). The FMS PRB reviews the performance appraisals of career senior executives below the Assistant Commissioner level and makes recommendations regarding ratings, bonuses, and other personnel actions. Four voting members constitute a quorum. The names and titles of the FMS PRB members are as follows:

Primary Members

Kenneth R. Papaj, Deputy Commissioner
Constance E. Craig, Assistant
Commissioner, Information Resources
(Chief Information Officer)

Nancy C. Fleetwood, Assistant
Commissioner, Debt Management
Service

Betty H. Lane, Assistant Commissioner,
Federal Finance

John D. Newell, Assistant
Commissioner, Regional Operations

Alternate Members

Scott H. Johnson, Assistant
Commissioner, Management (Chief
Financial Officer)

Judith R. Tillman, Assistant
Commissioner, Financial Operations

Dated: August 22, 2001.

Richard L. Gregg,

Commissioner.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Internal Revenue Service

[REG-209830-96]

Proposed Collection; Comment Request for Regulation Project

AGENCY: Internal Revenue Service (IRS), Treasury.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Department of the Treasury, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on proposed and/or continuing information collections, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13(44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)). Currently, the IRS is soliciting comments concerning an existing final regulation, REG-209830-96 (TD 8779), Estate and Gift Tax Marital Deduction.

DATES: Written comments should be received on or before October 26, 2001, to be assured of consideration.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to Garrick R. Shear, Internal Revenue Service, room 5244, 1111 Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20224.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Requests for additional information or copies of the regulation should be directed to Martha Brinson (202) 622-3869, Internal Revenue Service, room 5244, 1111 Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20224.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Estate and Gift Tax Marital Deduction.

OMB Number: 1545-1612.

Regulation Project Number: REG-209830-96.

Abstract: The information requested in regulation section 20.2056(b)-7(d)(3)(ii) is necessary to provide a method for estates of decedents whose estate tax returns were due on or before February 18, 1997, to obtain an extension of time to make the qualified terminable interest property (QTIP) election under section 2056(b)(7)(B)(v).

Current Actions: There is no change to this existing regulation.

Type of Review: Extension of OMB approval.

Affected Public: Individual or households.

The estimated reporting burden in this regulation is reflected in the burden of Form 843, Claim for Refund and Request for Abatement, and Forms 706 and 706-NA, United States Estate (and