

Area	Qtr <sup>1</sup>	Participant
Region VIII (EPA Region VIII) .....	1	
Boston (MSO Boston) .....	2	
Hawaiian Islands (MSO Honolulu) .....	2	
South Florida (MSO Miami) .....	2	
South Los Angeles/Long Beach, CA (MSO LA/LB) .....	2	
S. North Carolina (MSO Wilmington) .....	3	
SW La./SE Texas (MSO Port Arthur) .....	3	
Tampa, FL (MSO Tampa) .....	3	
Region X or EPA Alaska RCP (EPA Region X) .....	4	
Sault Ste. Marie, MI (MSO Sault Ste. Marie) .....	4	

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Florida Panhandle (MSO Mobile) .....	1	
SE Alaska (MSO Juneau) .....	1	
Buffalo (MSO Buffalo) .....	2	
Maine-New Hampshire (MSO Portland, ME) .....	2	
Philadelphia, PA (MSO Philadelphia) .....	2	
Region II RCP or Caribbean (EPA Region II) .....	2	
North Coast (CA) Area (MSO San Francisco) .....	3	
Region III RCP (EPA Region III) .....	3	
Region VI RCP (EPA Region VI) .....	3	
Caribbean Area (MSO San Juan) .....	4	
Northern Marianas (MSO Guam) .....	4	
Western Lake Erie (MSO Toledo) .....	4	

<sup>1</sup> Quarters: 1 (January-March); 2 (April-June); 3 (July-September); 4 (October-December).

<sup>2</sup> SONS: 2004 Spill of National Significance Exercise.

Dated: October 9, 2003.

**Joseph J. Angelo,**

*Director of Standards, Marine Safety, Security and Environmental Protection.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

### Customs and Border Protection

#### 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 October 1, 2003, 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 personnel.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** October 1, 2003.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Ronald Wyman, Accounting Services Division, Accounts Receivable Group, 6026 Lakeside Boulevard, Indianapolis, Indiana 46278; telephone 317/298-1200, extension 1349.

**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 2003-104 (*see*, 2003-39 IRB \_\_, dated September 29, 2003), the IRS determined the rates of interest for the calendar quarter beginning October 1, 2003, and ending December 31, 2003. 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 January 1, 2004, and ending March 31, 2004.

For the convenience of the importing public and Customs 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.

Beginning date	Ending date	Underpayments (percent)	Overpayments (percent)	Corporate overpayments (Eff. 1-1-99) (percent)
070174 .....	063075	6	6	.....

Beginning date	Ending date	Underpay- ments (percent)	Overpayments (percent)	Corporate overpayments (Eff. 1-1-99) (percent)
070175 .....	013176	9	9	.....
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 .....	123103	4	4	3

Dated: October 8, 2003.

**Robert C. Bonner,**  
Commissioner, Customs and Border  
Protection.

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## DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

[Docket No. FR 4817-N-18]

### Notice of Proposed Information Collection for Public Comment—Public Housing Operating Subsidy Program Computation of Payments in Lieu of Taxes Form

**AGENCY:** Office of the Assistant  
Secretary for Public and Indian  
Housing, HUD.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The proposed information  
collection requirement described below  
will be submitted to the Office of  
Management and Budget (OMB) for  
review, as required by the Paperwork

Reduction Act. The Department is  
soliciting public comments on the  
subject proposal.

**DATES:** *Comments Due Date:* December  
15, 2003.

**ADDRESSES:** Interested persons are  
invited to submit comments regarding  
this proposal. Comments should refer to  
the proposal by name and/or OMB  
Control number and should be sent to:  
Mildred M. Hamman, Reports Liaison  
Officer, Public and Indian Housing,  
Department of Housing and Urban  
Development, 451 7th Street, SW.,  
Room 4249, Washington, DC 20410-  
5000.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**  
Mildred M. Hamman, (202) 708-0614,  
extension 4128. (This is not a toll-free  
number).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The  
Department will submit the proposed  
information collection to OMB for  
review, as required by the Paperwork  
Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C.  
Chapter 35, as amended).

This Notice is soliciting comments  
from members of the public and affected  
agencies concerning the proposed  
collection of information to: (1) Evaluate  
whether the proposed collection of  
information is necessary for the proper  
performance of the functions of the  
agency, including whether the  
information will have practical utility;  
(2) evaluate the accuracy of the agency's  
estimate of the burden of the proposed  
collection of information; (3) enhance  
the quality, utility, and clarity of the  
information to be collected; and (4)  
minimize the burden of the collection of  
information on those who are to  
respond, including through the use of  
appropriate automated collection  
techniques or other forms of information  
technology; *e.g.*, permitting electronic  
submission of responses.

The Public Housing Computation of  
Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILOT) form  
is used by the Department to collect  
information from Public Housing  
Agencies (PHAs), financial data on  
supporting funding request under the  
operating subsidy program.