

Estimated Number of Respondents/Recordkeepers: 600.
Estimated Burden Hours Per Respondent/Recordkeeper:

Recordkeeping	11 hr., 58 min.
Learning about the law or the form.	24 min.
Preparing and sending the form to the IRS.	37 min.

Frequency of Response: On occasion.
Estimated Total Reporting/Recordkeeping Burden: 7,782 hours.
Clearance Officer: Garrick Shear (202) 622-3869, Internal Revenue Service, Room 5571, 1111 Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20224.
OMB Reviewer: Alexander T. Hunt (202) 395-7860, Office of Management and Budget, room 10226, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503.

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Departmental Reports, Management Officer.
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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

December 12, 1997.

The Department of Treasury has submitted the following public information collection requirement(s) to OMB for review and clearance under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13. Copies of the submission(s) may be obtained by calling the Treasury Bureau Clearance Officer listed. Comments regarding this information collection should be addressed to the OMB reviewer listed and to the Treasury Department Clearance Officer, Department of the Treasury, room 2110, 1425 New York Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20220.

Special Request: In order to conduct the survey described below in January 1998, the Department of the Treasury is requesting that the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) review and approve this information collection by December 24, 1997. To obtain a copy of this study, please contact the Internal Revenue Service Clearance Officer at the address listed below.

Internal Revenue Service (IRS)

OMB Number: 1545-1432.
Project Number: M:SP:V 97-033-G.
Type of Review: Revision.
Title: Business Information Center Survey.
Description: The purpose of this survey is to help determine the efficiency of

a pilot that is being undertaken by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) and the Small Business Administration (SBA). In an effort to enhance the opportunity and ability for small business owners/operators to obtain tax materials and understand tax requirements and responsibilities, eleven separate IRS small business education products will be offered at selected SBA facilities known as Business Information Centers (BIC). Initially, five "high traffic" BICs will participate in the pilot program. Education materials will be stocked at each of these BICs and restocked as needed. The pilot will run for up to one year. During the one year period, a decision will be made to either expand or end the program. The IRS plans to conduct a survey to determine the effectiveness of this program.

Respondents: Business or other for-profit.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 100 (at 5 sites).

Estimated Burden Hours Per Response: 3 minutes.

Frequency of Response: Other (one time only).

Estimated Total Reporting Burden: 3,250 hours.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Office of the Comptroller of the Currency

Information Collection; Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

AGENCY: Office of the Comptroller of the Currency, Treasury.

ACTION: Submission for OMB review; comment request.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the requirements of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35), the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency (OCC) hereby gives notice that it has sent to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review an information

collection titled Survey of Financial Activities and Attitudes.

DATES: Comments regarding this information collection are welcome and should be submitted to the OMB Reviewer and the OCC. Comments are due on or before January 20, 1998.

ADDRESSES: A copy of the submission may be obtained by calling the OCC Contact listed. Direct all written comments to the Communications Division, Attention: 1557-0209, Third Floor, Office of the Comptroller of the Currency, 250 E Street, SW, Washington, DC 20219. In addition, comments may be sent by facsimile transmission to (202) 874-5274, or by electronic mail to REGS.COMMENTS@OCC.TREAS.GOV.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

OMB Number: 1557-0209.

Form Number: Not applicable.

Type of Review: Reinstatement, with change, of a previously approved collection for which approval has expired.

Title: Survey of Financial Activities and Attitudes.

Description: The OCC encourages national banks to provide fair access to financial services for all. Last fall, the OCC initiated a major project to learn more about why millions of households have no banking relationships (nonbanked), and whether some banks have found ways of profitably serving them.

As the first part of this initiative, the OCC prepared the Preliminary Survey of Nonbanked Status. The OCC now plans to conduct a Survey of Financial Activities and Attitudes (Final Survey) to learn more about how nonbanked households conduct their financial activities and what factors may keep them from using banking services.

The OCC will conduct the Final Survey through a contractor, in several urban locations, in English and Spanish. The Final Survey will involve both personal contacts and telephone surveys.

The Final Survey will provide the OCC, as well as national banks and the general public, with information on diversity within the nonbanked population; how nonbanked households currently conduct their financial activities; their experience with, and interest in, banking services; and the financial service costs they incur.

The OCC will use this information to better assess national bank efforts to serve nonbanked households. Further, the OCC and the industry will use this information to identify effective methods for better serving nonbanked

households and to identify barriers to financial services they face. The OCC will also use the results of the Final Survey as background information in its policymaking process.

Respondents: Individuals or households.

Number of Respondents: 2,000.

Total Annual Responses: 2,000.

Frequency of Response: One time only.

Estimated Total Annual Burden: 833 burden hours.

OCC Contact: Jessie Gates, (202)874-5090, Legislative and Regulatory Activities Division, Control Number 1557-0209, Office of the Comptroller of the Currency, 250 E Street, SW, Washington, DC 20219.

OMB Reviewer: Alexander Hunt, (202) 395-7340, Paperwork Reduction Project 1557-0209, Office of Management and Budget, Room 10226, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503.

The OCC may not conduct or sponsor, and respondent is not required to respond to, an information collection that has been extended, revised, or implemented on or after October 1, 1995, unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number.

Comments: Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed revisions to the following collections of information are necessary for the proper performance of the OCC's functions, including whether the information has practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the OCC's estimate of the burden of the information collection as it is proposed to be revised, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; (d) ways to minimize the burden of information collection on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology; and (e) estimates of capital or startup costs and costs of operation, maintenance, and purchase of services to provide information.

Dated: December 12, 1997.

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Assistant Director, Legislative and Regulatory Activities Division.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Customs Service

Extension of National Customs Automation Program Test Regarding Presentation of Electronic Cargo Declarations

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

ACTION: General notice.

SUMMARY: This notice announces Customs plan to extend the test program to allow the electronic submission of certain inward vessel manifest information with one modification and invites additional members of the vessel carrier community to apply for participation in the test. The test was originally announced in the **Federal Register** on September 10, 1996, and began on February 11, 1997. Public comments are invited on any aspect of the test as set forth in the September 10, 1996, announcement as modified by today's announcement.

DATES: To apply for participation in the test, parties must submit the necessary information as outlined in this notice to Customs by January 20, 1998.

Comments concerning the test must be received on or before January 20, 1998.

ADDRESSES: Written comments regarding this notice and letters requesting participation in the test program should be addressed to Cargo Release Processing, U.S. Customs Service, 1300 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Room 5.2b, Washington, D.C. 20229.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For operational or policy matters: William Scopa (202) 927-3112.

For systems or automation matters: Kim Santos (202) 927-0651.

For legal matters: Larry L. Burton (202) 927-1287.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

On September 10, 1996, Customs published a document in the **Federal Register** (61 FR 47782) announcing a plan to conduct a test program to allow the electronic submission of certain inward vessel manifest information. The notice described the test, informed interested members of the public of the eligibility requirements for participation in the test and requested comments concerning any aspect of the test. The announcement stated that the test would commence no sooner than December 9, 1996, and would last for approximately one year; the actual commencement date of the test was February 11, 1997.

In today's document Customs is announcing that the test will be extended and that there is an additional opportunity for members of the vessel carrier community to request participation in the test. The test will be extended for at least another year.

Test Modification Regarding Manifesting of Empty Containers

The parameters of the original test are spelled out in the September 10, 1996, **Federal Register** notice. The extension of the test will operate under the same parameters with one modification. The manifesting of empty containers will be treated differently than the original test notice states.

Pursuant to the modified procedures, empty containers shall be manifested either by transmitting in the Automated Manifest System (AMS) a list of the empty containers on board the vessel by port of discharge, or by providing the same list on a CF 1302 Cargo Declaration. The manifesting of empty containers is subject to all other current regulatory requirements.

Foreign Freight Remaining on Board

Because many comments have been received concerning one of the test requirements set forth in the September 10 notice, Customs is reiterating in this document that requirement which reads as follows:

In the case of Foreign Freight Remaining On Board (FROB) a vessel entering the United States and not intended for discharge in this country, test participants are required to transmit all bill of lading cargo data pertaining to such shipments at the first U.S. port of arrival. Such bills of lading shall be automatically released in AMS upon transmission of the data unless placed on hold with the test participant by Customs through electronic or other means. FROB bill of lading cargo data is subject to all of the same requirements and standards set forth in this document (the September 10, 1996 notice) which apply to other bill of lading cargo data.

Comments have been received regarding this requirement requesting that FROB cargo on a vessel entering the United States from Canada not have to be transmitted electronically and not be subject to the same data element requirements as required for discharge cargo. Further, the commenters have requested that the data regarding FROB cargo not have to be transmitted in English. These changes are requested because the commenters contend that the voyage from Canada is too short to provide sufficient time for the data to be ready for submission at the first U.S. port of arrival and because foreign subsidiaries do not provide the required data.