

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.

**Mark J. Tenhundfeld,**

*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.

Customs is maintaining the requirements for FROB cargo as set forth in the September 10, 1996, notice. Customs cannot accommodate the requested changes because Customs considers all cargo on board a vessel as potentially being used to facilitate the smuggling of narcotics and other contraband into the United States. Expressly stated, full bill of lading data is required for FROB cargo originating in Canada or from any other country and the data must be transmitted in English by the time of arrival.

#### Application Process

Parties desiring to participate in this test program must submit a written statement to the United States Customs Service, Cargo Release Processing, 1300 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Room 5.2b, Washington, DC 20229-0002, on or before 30 days from the date of publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**. The document, signed by an authorized official of the carrier, must state that the carrier wishes to voluntarily participate in the test and that the carrier meets all qualifications

as outlined in the September 10, 1996, **Federal Register** notice as modified by today's document. The statement must acknowledge that all submissions made to Customs as part of the test are required to be accomplished electronically. The document must also designate a national point of contact and telephone number, and shall also identify local contacts and telephone numbers for the use of Customs personnel at individual ports.

#### Basis for Participant Selection

Eligible importing carriers will be considered for participation in the test. Customs is looking for a variety of circumstances and participants in the test. Customs stresses that those not selected for participation are invited to comment on the test and to participate in its evaluation.

Selection will be based on the depth of an applicant's electronic interface capabilities and the ability to meet all the user requirements in the CAMIR and in this notice. Participants selected will be notified by means of the Customs Electronic Bulletin Board.

Dated: December 11, 1997.

**Robert S. Trotter,**

*Assistant Commissioner, Office of Field Operations.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

### Customs Service

[T.D. 98-1]

#### Revocation of Customs Broker License

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

**ACTION:** Broker license revocation.

Notice is hereby given that the Commissioner of Customs, pursuant to Section 641, Tariff Act of 1930, as amended, (19 U.S.C. 1641), and parts 111.52 and 111.74 of the Customs Regulations, as amended (19 CFR 111.52 and 111.74), the following Customs broker licenses are canceled without prejudice.

Port	Individual	License No.
San Francisco .....	Caliber Customs Brokers & Freight Forwarders, Inc .....	11460
Seattle .....	Azuma Multi-Trans U.S.A. Inc .....	13686
Seattle .....	Universal Freight Forwarders, Ltd .....	10429
Seattle .....	C.G. Staff International Inc .....	12817
New Orleans .....	Southern Cargo Logistics a Division of Barbara Chopin Enterprises, Inc .....	15487
New Orleans .....	Philbin, Cazalas & St. John, Inc .....	03759
Boston .....	D.E. Reardon & Co., Inc .....	09280
New York .....	Freight Express Int'l, Inc .....	04802
New York .....	United Freight Systems .....	12842
New York .....	Paul E. Dixon .....	07971
New York .....	M.C.B. Customhouse Brokers, Inc .....	09264
New York .....	James E. Fox .....	01208
New York .....	Steven M. Davis .....	07229
New York .....	John Louis Rossi .....	02759

Dated: December 15, 1997.

**Philip Metzger,**

*Director, Trade Compliance.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

### Customs Service

[T.D. 98-2]

#### Revocation of Customs Broker License

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

**ACTION:** Broker license revocation.

#### Amended

Notice is hereby given that the Commissioner of Customs, pursuant to Section 641, Tariff Act of 1930, as

amended, (19 U.S.C. 1641), and §§ 111.52 and 111.74 of the Customs Regulations, as amended (19 CFR 111.52 and 111.74), the following Customs broker license is canceled with prejudice.

Port	Individual	License Number
Houston .....	Sam Martinez ...	6282

Dated: December 15, 1997.

**Philip Metzger,**

*Director, Trade Compliance.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

### Internal Revenue Service

#### Proposed Collection; Comment Request for Form 8861

**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