

OMB Number: 1651-0014.

Form Number: Form 3299.

Abstract: The Declaration for Free Entry of Unaccompanied Articles,

Form 3299, is prepared by individuals or a broker acting as an agent for the individual, or in some cases, the CBP officer. This Form allows individuals to claim duty-free entry of personal and household effects that do not accompany the individual upon his or her arrival in the United States.

Current Actions: CBP is proposing to increase the burden hours associated with this collection of information as a result of increasing the estimated time per response from 10 minutes to 45 minutes for Form 3299.

Type of Review: Extension (with change).

Affected Public: Individuals, Businesses.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 150,000.

Estimated Number of Annual Responses per Respondent: 1.

Estimated Total Annual Responses: 150,000.

Estimated Time per Response: 45 minutes.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 112,500.

Dated: September 16, 2009.

Tracey Denning,

Agency Clearance Officer, Customs and Border Protection.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

U.S. 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, 2009, 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.

DATES: *Effective Date:* October 1, 2009.

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, Public Law 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 2009-27, the IRS determined the rates of interest for the calendar quarter beginning October 1, 2009, and ending on December 31, 2009. 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, 2010, and ending March 31, 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.

| Beginning date | Ending date | Under-payments (percent) | Over-payments (percent) | Corporate over-payments (Eff. 1-1-99) (percent) |
|----------------|-------------|--------------------------|-------------------------|---|
| 070174 | 063075 | 6 | 6 | |
| 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 | |

| Beginning date | Ending date | Under-payments (percent) | Over-payments (percent) | Corporate over-payments (Eff. 1–1–99) (percent) |
|----------------|-------------|--------------------------|-------------------------|---|
| 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 |
| 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 | 123109 | 4 | 4 | 3 |

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Acting Commissioner, U.S. Customs and Border Protection.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

U.S. Customs and Border Protection

U.S. Customs and Border Protection Trade Symposium 2009: “10 Year Anniversary: A Decade of Progress in Partnership”

AGENCY: Customs and Border Protection, DHS.

ACTION: Notice of Trade Symposium.

SUMMARY: This document announces that U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) will convene its annual trade symposium, featuring panel discussions involving agency personnel, members of the trade community and other government agencies, on the agency’s role in international trade initiatives and programs. This year marks our tenth year hosting a trade symposium. Members of the international trade and transportation communities and other

interested parties are encouraged to attend.

DATES: Tuesday, December 8, 2009 (opening remarks and panel discussions beginning at 1 p.m. and open forum with senior management (6 p.m.–8 p.m.)). Wednesday, December 9, 2009 (panel discussions—8 a.m.–5 p.m.). Thursday, December 10, 2009 (panel discussions ending by 1 p.m.).

ADDRESSES: The CBP Trade Symposium will be held in a ballroom at the Walter E. Washington Convention Center, 801 Mount Vernon Place, NW., Washington, DC 20001. Upon entry into the building, check with the security guards for directions to the specific ballroom.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: The Office of Trade Relations at (202) 344–1440, or at tradeevents@dhs.gov. To obtain the latest information on the Symposium and to register on-line, visit the CBP Web site at <http://www.cbp.gov>. Requests for special needs should be sent to the Office of Trade Relations at tradeevents@dhs.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On November 30, 2000, the U.S. Customs Service (now CBP) convened its first major trade symposium to discuss the agency’s programs, strategic plans, and its mission for trade in the 21st century. This year marks our tenth year hosting a trade symposium. The agenda for the

2009 CBP Trade Symposium and the keynote speaker will be announced at a later date on the CBP Web site. The cost is \$290.00 per person, and includes all Symposium activities. Interested parties are requested to register early, as space is limited. Registration will open to the public on or about October 1, 2009. All registrations must be made on-line at the CBP Web site (<http://www.cbp.gov>) and payment will only be accepted by credit card.

Consideration will be given, in a first come, first served order, based on space availability. Due to the overwhelming interest to attend the Symposium, each company is requested to limit their company’s registrations to three participants, in order to afford equal representation from all members of the international trade community. If a company exceeds the limitation, any additional names submitted for registration will automatically be placed on the waiting list.

Hotel accommodations have been reserved at the Grand Hyatt Washington, 1000 H Street, NW., Washington, DC. A block of rooms have been reserved for Monday through Thursday, December 7–10, 2009, at the rate of U.S. \$214.00 per night. Reservations must be made directly with the hotel by November 9th on-line at <https://resweb.passkey.com/>