

DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY**Customs and Border Protection****DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY****19 CFR Part 10**

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Refund of Duties Paid on Imports of Certain Wool Products

AGENCY: Customs and Border Protection, Department of Homeland Security.

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: This document amends the Customs Regulations by removing the regulation originally promulgated to provide procedures for the issuance of the refunds of duties paid on certain wool imports pursuant to section 505 of title V of the Trade and Development Act of 2000. As section 5101 of the Trade Act of 2002 significantly amended section 505 and provides self-effectuating procedures for the issuance of the refunds, the regulation implementing section 505 is no longer necessary and is obsolete.

DATES: The amendment is effective July 24, 2003.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**Background**

On May 18, 2000, the Trade and Development Act of 2000 was signed into law. See Public Law 106–200, 114 Stat. 251. Title V of the Act concerns imports of certain wool articles and sets forth provisions intended to provide tariff relief to U.S. manufacturers of specific wool products. Within title V, section 505 permits eligible U.S. manufacturers to claim a limited refund of duties paid on imports of select wool articles.

On December 26, 2000, Customs (now the Bureau of Customs and Border Protection (CBP)) promulgated in § 10.184, Customs Regulations (19 CFR 10.184), a regulation to provide the procedures for issuing refunds pursuant to section 505. See 65 FR 81344. This section was subsequently amended by documents published in the **Federal Register** on April 23, 2001 (66 FR 20392), and January 23, 2002 (67 FR 3059).

On August 6, 2002, President Bush signed into law the Trade Act of 2002. Division E of the Trade Act of 2002 contains miscellaneous provisions. Within Division E, title L sets forth miscellaneous trade benefits with subtitle A pertaining specifically to wool provisions. Within subtitle A, section 5101, entitled the “Wool Manufacturer Payment Clarification and Technical Corrections Act,” amends section 505.

The amendments to section 505 are extensive and self-effectuating, making § 10.184 of the Customs Regulations unnecessary and obsolete. For this reason, part 10 of the Customs Regulations is amended by removing § 10.184.

It is noted that a document was published in the **Federal Register** (67 FR 52520) on August 12, 2002, that set forth section 505 of the Trade Act of 2002, as amended, with its self-effectuating procedures, and provided a detailed description of the changes to the wool duty payment program.

Executive Order 12866, Regulatory Flexibility Act, Inapplicability of Prior Public Notice and Comment Procedures and Delayed Effective Date Requirements

This document does not meet the criteria for a “significant regulatory action” as specified in Executive Order 12866. Because this amendment merely removes from the Customs Regulations a regulation which is now obsolete, CBP has determined, pursuant to the provisions of 5 U.S.C. 553(b)(B), that prior public notice and comment procedures on this regulation are unnecessary and contrary to the public interest. For the same reason, pursuant to the provisions of 5 U.S.C. 553(d)(3), there is good cause for dispensing with a delayed effective date. Because no notice of proposed rulemaking is required, this document is not subject to the provisions of the Regulatory Flexibility Act (5 U.S.C. 601 *et seq.*).

Drafting Information

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List of Subjects in 19 CFR Part 10

Customs duties and inspection, Imports, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements, Trade agreements.

Amendments to the Regulations

■ For the reasons stated above, 19 CFR part 10 is amended as follows:

PART 10—ARTICLES CONDITIONALLY FREE, SUBJECT TO A REDUCED RATE, ETC.

■ 1. The general authority citation for part 10 continues to read as follows, and the specific authority for § 10.184 is removed:

Authority: 19 U.S.C. 66, 1202 (General Note 23, Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States), 1321, 1481, 1484, 1498, 1508, 1623, 1624, 3314.

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■ 2. The center heading preceding § 10.184 and § 10.184 are removed.

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Commissioner of Customs and Border Protection.

Approved: July 21, 2003.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY**Bureau of Customs and Border Protection****DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY****19 CFR Parts 24 and 111**

[CBP Decision 03–13]

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User Fees

AGENCY: Customs and Border Protection, Department of Homeland Security.

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: This document adopts as a final rule proposed amendments to the Customs Regulations to reflect various legislative amendments to 19 U.S.C. 58c, the Customs user fee statute, including those made by the Miscellaneous Trade and Technical Corrections Act of 1999 and the Tariff Suspension and Trade Act of 2000. The amended regulations set forth the fee structure for passengers arriving in the United States aboard commercial vessels and aircraft, provide for application of a fee to ferries in limited circumstances, and clarify how Customs and Border Protection administers certain user fees. Also, minor conforming changes are made to the regulations pertaining to customs brokers.

EFFECTIVE DATE: August 25, 2003.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Concerning user fees applicable to commercial vessel and aircraft