

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit, State, Local or Tribal Government.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 630.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 1,130.

Request for Comment

Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for OMB approval. All comments will become a matter of public record. Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology; and (e) estimates of capital or start-up costs and costs of operation, maintenance, and purchase of services to provide information.

Dated: May 16, 2002.

William T. Earle,

Assistant Director (Management) CFO.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Customs Service

Retraction of Revocation Notice

AGENCY: Customs Service, Department of the Treasury.

ACTION: General notice.

SUMMARY: The following Customs broker license was erroneously included in a list of revoked Customs broker licenses.

Name	License	Port name
Jose A. Ramos	05284	Houston

Customs broker license No. 05284 remains valid.

Dated: May 15, 2002.

Bonni G. Tischler,

Assistant Commissioner, Office of Field Operations.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Customs Service

Quarterly IRS Interest Rates Used in Calculating Interest on Overdue Accounts and Refunds on Customs Duties

AGENCY: Customs Service, Treasury.

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 April 1, 2002, the interest rates for overpayments will be 5 percent for corporations and 6 percent for non-corporations, and the interest rate for underpayments will be 6 percent. This notice is published for the convenience of the importing public and Customs personnel.

EFFECTIVE DATE: April 1, 2002.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Ronald Wyman, Accounting Services Division, Accounts Receivable Group, 6026 Lakeside Boulevard, Indianapolis, Indiana 46278, (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 shall 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 2002-13 (*see*, 2002-12 IRB __, dated March 25, 2002), the IRS determined the rates of interest for the calendar quarter beginning April 1, 2002, and ending June 30, 2002. The interest rate paid to the Treasury for underpayments will be the Federal short-term rate (3%) plus three percentage points (3%) for a total of six percent (6%). For corporate overpayments, the rate is the Federal short-term rate (3%) plus two percentage points (2%) for a total of five percent (5%). For overpayments made by non-corporations, the rate is the Federal short-term rate (3%) plus three percentage points (3%) for a total of six percent (6%). These interest rates are subject to change for the calendar quarter beginning July 1, 2002, and ending September 30, 2002.

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	Under-payments (percent)	Over-payments (percent)	Corporate overpayments * (percent)
Prior to:				
070174	063075	6	6	.....
070175	013176	9	9	.....
020176	013178	7	7	.....
020178	013180	6	6	.....
020180	013182	12	12	.....
020382	123182	20	20	.....
010183	063083	16	16	.....
070183	123184	11	11	.....
010185	063085	13	13	.....
070185	123185	11	11	.....
010186	063086	10	10	.....

Beginning date	Ending date	Under-payments (percent)	Over-payments (percent)	Corporate overpayments* (percent)
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	063002	6	6	5

*Effective 1–1–99.

Dated: May 22, 2002.

Robert C. Bonner,

Commissioner of Customs.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Customs Service

Extension of Duty-Free Treatment for Certain Agricultural Products of Israel

AGENCY: United States Customs Service, Department of the Treasury.

ACTION: General notice.

SUMMARY: This document informs the public of the extension of duty-free treatment for certain agricultural products of Israel and advises the public of the procedures that are available to ensure that duty-free treatment will be accorded to eligible products that were entered, or withdrawn from warehouse for consumption, between January 1, 2002, and the date of publication of this notice.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Connie Chancey, Quota Branch, Office of Field Operations (202–927–5850).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

On April 22, 1985, the United States and Israel entered into the Agreement on the Establishment of a Free Trade Area between the Government of the

United States of America and the Government of Israel (“the FTA Agreement”) which was approved by Congress in the United States-Israel Free Trade Area Implementation Act of 1985 (“the FTA Act,” codified at 19 U.S.C. 2112 Note). Section 4(b) of the FTA Act provides that, whenever the President determines that it is necessary to maintain the general level of reciprocal and mutually advantageous concessions with respect to Israel provided for by the FTA Agreement, the President may proclaim such withdrawal, suspension, modification, or continuance of any duty, or such continuance of existing duty-free or excise treatment, or such additional duties, as the President determines to be required or appropriate to carry out the FTA Agreement.

On November 4, 1996, the United States entered into an agreement with Israel concerning certain aspects of trade in agricultural products, effective from December 4, 1996, through December 31, 2001 (“the 1996 Agreement”), in order to maintain the general level of reciprocal and mutually advantageous concessions with respect to agricultural trade while acknowledging differing interpretations as to the meaning of certain rights and obligations in the FTA Agreement as to that trade. Accordingly, pursuant to section 4(b) of the FTA Act, President Clinton issued Proclamation 6962 of December 2, 1996, in order to provide to Israel, through the close of December

31, 2001, access into customs territory of the United States for specified quantities of certain agricultural products of Israel free of duty or certain fees or other import charges, consistent with the 1996 Agreement. This Proclamation included appropriate tariff modifications, the terms of which are set forth in Subchapter VIII, Chapter 99, Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTSUS).

On December 31, 2001, the United States entered into an agreement with Israel to extend the 1996 Agreement through December 31, 2002, in order to allow for additional time to negotiate a successor arrangement to the 1996 Agreement. Accordingly, pursuant to section 4(b) of the FTA Act, President Bush issued Proclamation 7554 of May 3, 2002, to extend, through the close of December 31, 2002, the U.S. commitments under the 1996 Agreement. The Annex to this Proclamation set forth appropriate modifications to the HTSUS which, under the terms of the Proclamation, are effective with respect to goods that are the product of Israel and are entered, or withdrawn from warehouse for consumption, on or after January 1, 2002, including entries for which the liquidation of duties has not become final under section 514 of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (19 U.S.C. 1514).