Transportation Entry and Manifest of Goods Subject to Customs Inspection and Permit. This request for comment is being made pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. 104–13; 44 U.S.C. 3505(c)(2)).

DATES: Written comments should be received on or before March 16, 1998, to be assured of consideration.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to U.S. Customs Service, Information Services Group, Room 3.2.C, 1300 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, D.C. 20229.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information or copies of the form and instructions should be directed to U.S. Customs Service, *Attn.:* J. Edgar Nichols, Room 3.2.C, 1300 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, D.C. 20229, *Tel.* (202) 927–1426.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Customs invites the general public and other Federal agencies to comment on proposed and/or continuing information collections pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. 104–13; 44 U.S.C. 3505(c)(2)). The comments should address: (1) 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 estimates 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 including the use of automated collection techniques or the use of other forms of information technology; and (e) estimates of capital or start-up costs and costs of operations, maintenance, and purchase of services to provide information. The comments that are submitted will be summarized and included in the Customs request for Office of Management and Budget (OMB) approval. All comments will become a matter of public record. In this document Customs is soliciting comments concerning the following information collection:

Title: Transportation Entry and Manifest of Goods Subject to Customs Inspection and Permit.

OMB Number: 1515–0005.

Form Number: Customs Form 7512A and B.

Abstract: This collection submitted on Customs Form 7512A and B, serves as a Transportation Entry and Manifest of Goods Subject to Customs Inspection and Permit.

Current Actions: There are no changes to the information collection. This submission is being submitted to extend the expiration date.

Type of Review: Extension (without change).

Affected Public: Businesses, Individuals, Institutions.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 10,000.

Estimated Time Per Respondent: 6 minutes.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 86,000.

Estimated Total Annualized Cost on the Public: N/A.

Dated: January 6, 1998.

J. Edgar Nichols,

Team Leader, Information Services Group.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Customs Service

Proposed Collection; Comment Request; Application for Exportation of Articles under Special Bond

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: As part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, Customs invites the general public and other Federal agencies to comment on an information collection requirement concerning the Application for Exportation of Articles under Special Bond. This request for comment is being made pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. 104–13; 44 U.S.C. 3505(c)(2)).

DATES: Written comments should be received on or before March 16, 1998 to be assured of consideration.

ADDRESS: Direct all written comments to U.S. Customs Service, Information Services Group, Room 3.2.C, 1300 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, D.C. 20229.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information or copies of the form(s) and instructions should be directed to U.S. Customs Service, Attn.: J. Edgar Nichols, Room 3.2.C, 1300 Pennsylvania Avenue NW, Washington, D.C. 20229, Tel. (202) 927–1426.

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Title: Application for Exportation of Articles under Special Bond.

OMB Number: 1515–0009.

Form Number: Customs Form 3495.

Abstract: This collection is used by importers for articles which may be entered temporarily into the United States and are free of duty under bond and which are exported within one year from the date of importation.

Current Actions: There are no changes to the information collection. This submission is being submitted to extend the expiration date.

Type of Review: Extension (without change).

Affected Public: Businesses, Individuals, Institutions.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 500.

Estimated Time Per Respondent: 8 minutes.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 2,000.

Estimated Total Annualized Cost on the Public: N/A.

Dated: January 5, 1998.

J. Edgar Nichols,

Team Leader, Information Services Group.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Customs Service

Announcement of Outbound Manifest and Shipper's Export Declarations Compliance Workshops

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

ACTION: Notice of workshops.

SUMMARY: This document notifies members of the trade community of the plans of the Customs Service and the Bureau of the Census to implement significant outreach and educational programs for carriers and exporters shipping by air. These programs are designed to help improve the completeness, timeliness and accuracy of the outbound manifest and the Shipper's Export Declaration (SED) information filed with Customs. Recent monitoring has indicated that a significant low level of compliance exists. Workshops will be presented by the Customs Service and the Bureau of the Census in various ports of entry during the upcoming months. The locations and times of the individual workshops will be announced by the local ports at a later date.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Request for additional information should be directed to C. Harvey Monk, Jr., Chief, Foreign Trade Division, Bureau of the Census, Room 2104, Federal Building 3, Washington, D.C. 20233–6700, by telephone on (301) 457–2255 or by fax on (301) 457–2645 or John Dagostino, Program Officer for the Air Manifest Program at the U.S. Customs Service, Office of Field Operations, Outbound Process Owner, Room 5.4C, 1300 Pennsylvania Ave. N.W., Washington, DC 20229, by telephone on (202) 927–7653 or at fax on (202) 927–1442.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Customs Service and the Bureau of the Census are customer driven organizations and, as such, seek to notify members of the trade community of the development of plans to implement significant outreach and educational programs designed to improve the completeness, timeliness, and accuracy of the outbound air manifest and SED information. In addition, this notice outlines plans to inform the trade community of their responsibilities related to exports.

The Outbound Process is one of the core business processes of the U.S. Customs Service. This process is designed to facilitate international trade while achieving the highest degree of compliance with U.S. export requirements in order to protect the U.S. national security, economic interest, and the health and safety of the American people.

A recent survey of air carrier manifests showed significant failings by the trade community with respect to reporting requirements of the Customs Service and the Bureau of the Census. Some of the specific problems cited were:

- Air carriers were not submitting all required SEDs.
- Exporters were not citing proper SED exemptions.
- Carriers were not listing all required air waybills on the manifest.
- Inaccurate or incomplete SED information was submitted by exporters.

These deficiencies hinder Customs in its efforts to detect violations of export laws and also result in inaccurate trade statistics. These statistics, utilized in the computation of the ''Balance of Trade'' and in sensitive trade negotiations, affect the economic well being of every resident of the United States. Therefore, the capture of accurate statistics is critical.

The Customs Service and the Bureau of the Census are planning to hold outbound workshops for air carriers, exporters and freight forwarders who ship in the air environment to instruct them regarding their responsibility to comply with federal export requirements. The agencies anticipate that such workshops will begin in March 1998. These workshops will review problems currently encountered with the reporting data, present general results of the outbound manifest survey, cover specific outbound regulations and requirements, provide an overview of the Outbound Process and provide information on the Automated Export System (AES).

In addition, the workshops will outline the specific actions and programs developed to increase the level of outbound manifest and SED compliance. The Customs Service and the Bureau of the Census will be presenting these workshops in various ports of entry during the upcoming months.

After approximately one-hundred and twenty days from the start of the outbound workshops, the Customs Service and the Bureau of the Census will begin efforts to ensure compliance with federal export regulations, thereby, increasing manifest and SED compliance in the air environment. This will allow the trade community time to review internal document preparation and filing processes, and to implement any necessary changes required to improve compliance.

Dated: January 8, 1998.

Peter J. Baish,

Outbound Process Owner, U.S. Customs Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Office of Thrift Supervision

[AC–1: OTS No. 3811]

Cavalry Banking Murfreesboro, Tennessee; Approval of Conversion Application

Notice is hereby given that on December 18, 1997, the Director, Corporate Activities, Office of Thrift Supervision, or her designee, acting pursuant to delegated authority, approved the application of Cavalry Banking, Murfreesboro, Tennessee, to convert to the stock form of organization. Copies of the application are available for inspection at the Dissemination Branch, Office of Thrift Supervision, 1700 G Street, NW, Washington, DC 20552, and the Central Regional Office, Office of Thrift Supervision, 200 West Madison Street, Suite 1300, Chicago, Illinois 60606.

Dated: January 7, 1998.

By the Office of Thrift Supervision.

Nadine Y. Washington,

Corporate Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Office of Thrift Supervision

[AC–2: OTS No. 5559]

Notice

Notice is hereby given that on December 18, 1997, the Director, Corporate Activities, Office of Thrift Supervision, or her designee, acting pursuant to delegated authority, approved the application of Stanton Federal Savings Bank, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, to convert to the stock form of organization. Copies of the application are available for inspection at the Dissemination Branch, Office of Thrift Supervision, 1700 G Street, NW, Washington, DC 20552, and the Northeast Regional Office, Office of Thrift Supervision, 10 Exchange Place, 18th Floor, Jersey City, New Jersey 07302.

Dated: January 7, 1998.

By the Office of Thrift Supervision.

Nadine Y. Washington,

Corporate Secretary.

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