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## DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

### Customs Service

#### 19 CFR Chapter I

#### Review of Customs Regulations

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

**ACTION:** Review of regulations.

**SUMMARY:** Pursuant to the President directing each agency to conduct a page-by-page review of all of each agency's regulations now in force to eliminate or revise those that are outdated or otherwise in need of reform, this document requests that the public assist Customs to identify regulations that could be modified or eliminated.

**DATES:** Responses should be submitted on or before April 25, 1995.

**ADDRESSES:** Responses (preferably in triplicate) shall be addressed to the Chief, Regulations Branch, U.S. Customs Service, Franklin Court, 1301 Constitution Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20229.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Harold Singer, Regulations Branch, 202-482-6930.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### Background

In a memorandum for Heads of Departments and Agencies signed by the President on March 4, 1995, on the subject of the Regulatory Reinvention Initiative, President Clinton directed each agency, as one of four steps which are an integral part of our ongoing Regulatory Reform Initiative, to conduct a page-by-page review of its regulations now in force and eliminate or revise those that are outdated or otherwise in need of reform. The President requests a report of regulations planned to be eliminated or modified by June 1, 1995. The review should include careful consideration of at least the following issues:

- (1) Is this regulation obsolete?
- (2) Could its intended goal be achieved in more efficient, less intrusive ways?
- (3) Are there better private sector alternatives, such as market mechanisms that can better achieve the public good envisioned by the regulation?

(4) Could private business, setting its own standards and being subject to public accountability, do the job as well?

(5) Could the States or local governments do the job, making Federal regulation unnecessary?

#### Customs Request for Public Input

As most of Customs customers and stakeholders are aware, Customs is in the midst of its own reorganization and business process improvement. Since the passage of the Customs Modernization Act (the popular name for Title VI of the North American Free Trade Agreement Implementation Act), which allows Customs to streamline and modernize its operations, Customs has been holding public meetings to determine how its business processes should be revised and what revision of its regulations are necessary to best accomplish its mission and serve the international trade community efficiently and effectively. Obsolete regulations are soon to be eliminated as Customs is targeting close to 90 per cent of its regulations for modification. As an extension of the process of getting public input regarding Customs business process improvement and implementation of the Customs Modernization Act, and consistent with the President's Regulatory Reinvention Initiative, Customs is asking the public to assist the agency in identifying any sections of the Customs Regulations that are outdated or in need of reform.

Please bear in mind in responding to this request for input that Customs is not seeking comments in this document regarding specific draft proposals for regulatory changes to implement the Customs Modernization Act or concept papers concerning Customs processes that are being changed pursuant to the Customs Modernization Act that have been publicly discussed and/or released. Persons who have commented on specific Customs Modernization draft proposals or concept papers need not further respond to this request for suggested regulatory changes. Public meetings will continue to be held and draft proposals will continue to be posted on the Customs Electronic Bulletin Board soliciting public input on specific Customs Modernization draft proposals and concept papers. What Customs is looking for in this exercise are particular sections of the Customs Regulations that are believed to be outdated or too burdensome, and that should be eliminated or modified, regardless of how Customs ultimately revises its regulatory procedures pursuant to the Customs Modernization Act.

Customs has prepared the attached outline for use by members of the public who wish to offer suggestions on those Customs regulations which they believe can be eliminated or modified. Recommendations for modification or repeal should be as specific as possible. The information you submit is crucial to any decision to amend or repeal regulations and is necessary to be provided due to the time constraints involved in the program. The more detailed the information Customs receives, the easier it will be for Customs to evaluate the suggestion.

Responses should be submitted no later than April 25, 1995. Comments should be sent directly to: Chief, Regulations Branch, U.S. Customs Service, Franklin Court, 1301 Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, D.C. 20229.

#### Outline for Public Input

(1) What is the subject of the regulations you are recommending be modified or repealed?

(2) Which sections in particular are you recommending be modified or repealed?

(3) What is the exact nature of your suggestion as how the regulations can be amended or repealed? If you are recommending an amendment, please specify the precise nature of the change.

(4) As far as you are aware, is Customs already in the process of developing an amendment to these regulations based on authority granted to the agency by the Customs Modernization Act?

(5) What is the expected benefit in your suggested modification or repeal? Specify savings in time and/or money and whether to Customs, the public, or both. Quantify, if possible.

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George J. Weise,  
*Commissioner of Customs.*  
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## Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms

### 27 CFR Chapter I

[Notice No. 809; 95R-007T]

#### Review of Existing Regulations

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms (ATF), Department of the Treasury.

**ACTION:** Notice of request for public comment.

**SUMMARY:** The Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms (ATF) is soliciting public comment as to which,