

compliance program. The Background portion of the document also referred to paragraph (b) of section 622 of the Act, noting in this regard that the proposed regulatory amendments set forth in the document, if adopted as a final rule, will not be effective until Customs implements an automated drawback selectivity program.

Implementation of the Selectivity Program

Customs hereby gives notice that on August 29, 1998, Customs implemented, on a nationwide operational basis, an automated drawback selectivity program. This criteria-based selectivity program automates the previously manual, labor-intensive processing of drawback claims. This automation will result in more efficient processing of drawback data and will move Customs one step closer to paperless processing of drawback claims.

As a consequence of implementation of the drawback selectivity program, any person who files a false drawback claim on and after November 25, 1998, will become potentially liable for a monetary penalty under 19 U.S.C. 1593a. However, Customs does not intend to issue a penalty notice or take any other action authorized by 19 U.S.C. 1593a in respect of any such violation until such time as final regulations implementing the provisions of 19 U.S.C. 1593a are in effect.

Dated: November 4, 1998.

Robert S. Trotter,

Assistant Commissioner, Office of Field Operations.

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

Veterans' Advisory Committee on Education, Notice of Charter Renewal

This gives notice under the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Public Law 92-463) of October 6, 1972, that the Veterans' Advisory Committee on Education has been renewed for a 2-year period beginning November 13, 1998, through November 13, 2000.

Dated: November 24, 1998.

By direction of the Secretary.

Heyward Bannister,

Committee Management Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

Advisory Committee on Structural Safety of Department of Veterans Affairs Facilities, Notice of Meeting

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), in accordance with Public Law 92-463, gives notice that a meeting of the Advisory Committee on Structural Safety of Department of Veterans Affairs Facilities will be held on:

Monday, December 14, 1998: 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Tuesday, December 15, 1998: 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

The location of the meeting will be 811 Vermont Avenue, NW, Washington, DC, in Room 438 on December 14, 1998, and Room 442 on December 15, 1998.

On Monday, December 14, 1998, the Committee will review the developments in the field of structural design, as they relate to seismic safety of buildings, and fire safety issues. On Tuesday, December 15, 1998, the Committee will vote on structural and fire safety issues for inclusion in VA's standards. Both days will be open to the public.

Those wishing to attend should contact Krishna K. Banga, Senior Structural Engineer, Standards Service, Facilities Quality Office, Office of Facilities Management, Department of Veterans Affairs Central Office (phone 202-565-9370) prior to the meeting.

Dated: December 1, 1998.

By direction of the Secretary.

Heyward Bannister,

Committee Management Officer.

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