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Assistant Commissioner, Office of Field Operations.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Customs Service

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Cancellation of Customs Broker Licenses

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

ACTION: Customs Broker License Cancellations.

I, as Assistant Commissioner, Office Field Operations, pursuant to Section 641 of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (19 U.S.C. 1641), and the Customs Regulations (19 CFR 111), hereby cancel the following Customs broker's licenses without prejudice based on the authority as annotated:

Name	Port	License No.	Authority
United Motor Freight, Inc	Seattle	14362	19 CFR 111.51(a).
ClearFreight Corporation	San Francisco	06174	19 CFR 111.51(a).

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Customs Service

Customs Trade Symposium 2000

AGENCY: Customs Service, Treasury.

ACTION: Notice of symposium.

SUMMARY: This document announces that the Customs Service will convene a major trade symposium to discuss the agency's programs, strategic plans, and its vision for trade in the 21st century. Members of the international trade and transportation community are invited, and, if interested, are requested to register early.

DATES: The symposium will be held on Thursday, November 30, 2000, from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. All registrations must be made on-line and confirmed by November 24, 2000.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held in Washington, D.C. at the Ronald Reagan Building and International Trade Center, Amphitheater Auditorium, at 1300 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: ACS Client Representatives; Customs Account Managers; or the Office of the Trade Ombudsman at (202) 927-1440 (trade.ombudsman@customs.treas.gov). To obtain the latest information on program changes or to register on-line, visit the Customs website at <http://www.customs.gov/trade2000>.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Customs will be convening a major trade symposium (Customs Trade Symposium 2000) on Thursday, November 30, 2000, from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. at the Ronald Reagan Building and

International Trade Center Amphitheater Auditorium, 1300 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. The symposium will highlight Customs present programs and strategic plans, and its vision of international trade in the 21st century. The symposium will feature Commissioner Raymond W. Kelly as the keynote speaker, presentations by senior Customs officials, and a luncheon address by nationally-known political analyst Mark Shields. A reception will follow the program at which senior Customs officials will be available to answer questions.

Symposium program topics include: *Customs Strategic Vision*—Preparation for a new era of global trade and the challenges that must be addressed;

The Automated Commercial Environment (ACE)—Timetable for implementation;

Trade Compliance—New policies to drive compliance improvements and to deliver benefits to low-risk importers;

The Entry Revision Project (ERP)—The future of Customs entry processing;

The Reconciliation Prototype (RECON II)—Streamlining the process and providing a path to periodic filing of post entry amendments;

Post Entry Amendments—Implementation of new policies designed to simplify the Supplemental Information Letter and improve compliance; and

Drawback—Proposals for major legislative changes to modernize the drawback process.

Members of the international trade and transportation community are invited to attend the Symposium. The cost is \$ 150 per individual. This includes the cost of the symposium, continental breakfast, luncheon, and a post-symposium reception. Interested parties are requested to register early. All registrations must be made on-line at the Customs website (<http://www.customs.gov/trade2000>).

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Registration, which will be accepted on a space available basis, must be confirmed by November 24, 2000.

Dated: October 25, 2000.

Joseph M. Rees,

Trade Ombudsman, U.S. Customs Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Fiscal Service

Treasury Current Value of Funds Rate

AGENCY: Financial Management Service, Fiscal Service, Treasury.

ACTION: Notice of rate for use in Federal debt collection and discount evaluation.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to Section 11 of the Debt Collection Act of 1982 (31 U.S.C. 3717), the Secretary of the Treasury is responsible for computing and publishing the percentage rate to be used in assessing interest charges for outstanding debts on claims owed the Government. Treasury's Cash Management Regulations (1 TFM 6-8000) also prescribe use of this rate by agencies as a comparison point in evaluating the cost-effectiveness of a cash discount. Notice is hereby given that the applicable rate is 6 percent for calendar year 2001.

DATES: The rate will be in effect for the period beginning on January 1, 2001 and ending on December 31, 2001.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Inquiries should be directed to the Program Compliance Division, Financial Management Service, Department of the Treasury, 401 14th Street, SW., Washington, DC 20227 (Telephone: (202) 874-6630).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The rate reflects the current value of funds to the Treasury for use in connection with Federal Cash Management systems and

is based on investment rates set for purposes of Pub. L. 95-147, 91 Stat. 1227. Computed each year by averaging investment rates for the 12-month period ending every September 30 for applicability effective January 1, the rate is subject to quarterly revisions if the annual average, on the moving basis, changes by 2 per centum. The rate in effect for calendar year 2001 reflects the average investment rates for the 12-month period that ended September 30, 2000.

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Bettsey H. Lane,

Assistant Commissioner, Federal Finance.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Internal Revenue Service

Proposed Collection; Comment Request for Forms 12813, 12814, 12815 and 12816

AGENCY: Internal Revenue Service (IRS), Treasury.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Department of the Treasury, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on proposed and/or continuing information collections, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13 (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)). Currently, the IRS is soliciting comments concerning Forms 12813, 12814, 12815, and 12816, Return Post Card for the Community Based Outlet Participants.

DATES: Written comments should be received on or before January 2, 2001 to be assured of consideration.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to Garrick R. Shear, Internal Revenue Service, room 5244, 1111 Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20224.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information or copies of the forms and instructions should be directed to Carol Savage, (202) 622-3945, Internal Revenue Service, room 5242, 1111 Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20224.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Return Post Card for the Community Based Outlet Participants.
OMB Number: 1545-1703.

Form Numbers: 12813, 12814, 12815, and 12816.

Abstract: These post card forms are to be used by the community based outlet participants (i.e. grocery stores, credit unions, copy centers, and corporations) to order tax products. The post card will be returned to the Western Area Distribution Center for processing and order fulfillment.

Current Actions: There are no changes being made to these forms at this time.

Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit organizations.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 18,000.

Estimated Time Per Respondent: 5 minutes.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 1,501.

The following paragraph applies to all of the collections of information covered by this notice:

An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless the collection of information displays a valid OMB control number. Books or records relating to a collection of information must be retained as long as their contents may become material in the administration of any internal revenue law. Generally, tax returns and tax return information are confidential, as required by 26 U.S.C. 6103.

Request for Comments

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.

Approved: October 24, 2000.

Garrick R. Shear,

IRS Reports Clearance Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Internal Revenue Service

Information Reporting Program Advisory Committee; Meeting

AGENCY: Internal Revenue Service (IRS), Treasury.

ACTION: Notice of Open Meeting of the Information Reporting Program Advisory Committee.

SUMMARY: In 1991 the IRS established the Information Reporting Program Advisory Committee (IRPAC) in response to a recommendation made by the United States Congress. The primary purpose of IRPAC is to provide an organized public forum for discussion of relevant information reporting issues between the officials of the IRS and representatives of the payer/practitioner community. IRPAC offers constructive observations about current or proposed policies, programs, and procedures and, when necessary, suggests ways to improve the operation of the Information Reporting Program (IRP).

There will be a meeting of IRPAC on Thursday, November 16, 2000. The meeting will be held in Room 3313 of the Internal Revenue Service Main Building, which is located at 1111 Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC. A summarized version of the agenda along with a list of topics that are planned to be discussed are listed below.

Summarized Agenda For Meeting

9:00—Meeting Opens
11:30—Break for Lunch
1:00—Meeting Resumes
4:00—Meeting Adjourns

The topics that are planned to be covered are as follows:

- (1) Electronic Payee Statements
- (2) Proposed Regulations under Sections 6041 & 6045 ("Middleman" Regulation)
- (3) Hope and Lifetime Learning Credit Proposed Regulation
- (4) Section 1441 Regulation and Related Forms & Instructions
- (5) Employment Tax Administration and Compliance
- (6) IRPAC's Articles in the "IRS/SSA Reporter"
- (7) File Information Returns Electronically (FIRE) System
- (8) Expansion of the Combined Federal/State Information Return Filing Program
- (9) Medical Service Provider and Sole Proprietor Alerts
- (10) Proposed IRP Web-Site
- (11) Section 457 (b) Plans
- (12) Usage of Multiple Codes for Reporting Roth and Education IRA Distributions