

5. Notify CBP of any major organizational changes that may impact the importer's product safety controls.

6. Submit an annual written notification to CBP that sets forth the importer's ISA-PS point of contact and acknowledges that the importer continues to meet the requirements of ISA-PS.

#### *Application Process*

##### 1. Required Information

Interested applicants (importers that are already active members of ISA) may send an e-mail requesting an application to [isa@dhs.gov](mailto:isa@dhs.gov), and will receive an electronic ISA-PS/CPSC Questionnaire and an ISA-PS/CPSC Addendum. Completed ISA-PS/CPSC Questionnaires may be submitted electronically via e-mail to [isa@dhs.gov](mailto:isa@dhs.gov).

##### 2. CBP Review of Application

After the applicant has submitted the ISA-PS/CPSC Questionnaire and ISA-PS/CPSC Addendum, CBP and CPSC staff will review the applicant's submission. For a limited number of applicants, the review will include a CPSC risk assessment to determine the applicant's readiness to assume responsibilities for self-assessment. The risk assessment will include an examination of the applicant as identified by the Importer of Record (IOR) number(s) listed on the ISA-PS/CPSC Questionnaire and its scope will include the laws and regulations administered by CPSC requirements set forth above (in ISA-PS Participation Requirements, Item 3). CBP and CPSC will perform a formal domestic site visit with the importer. At the discretion of CBP and CPSC it may also be necessary to perform a formal visit with the applicant at a foreign facility. The purpose of these site visits is to determine if the applicant is ready to assume the responsibilities of self-assessment and to equip CBP and CPSC with the knowledge of the importers internal control procedures as appropriate. If CBP and CPSC determine that the applicant is not ready to assume the responsibilities of self-assessment, CBP and CPSC staff will continue to work with the applicant to strengthen their product safety program. If CBP and CPSC staff determine that the applicant is ready to assume all the responsibilities of self-assessment, they will sign the ISA-PS/CPSC Addendum and return a copy to the importer. CBP and CPSC staff reserve the right, in their discretion, to approve or disapprove an application. Further, in selecting applicants for participation in ISA-PS, CBP and CPSC staff reserve the right to

establish priorities for the processing and approval of applications.

#### *ISA-PS Potential Benefits*

In addition to the benefits received as a participant in ISA, once accepted into the ISA-PS, the participant also becomes eligible for the following benefits:

1. CPSC will provide the participant with a product-specific CPSC point of contact who can assist in providing National Electronic Injury Surveillance System (NEISS) Product Codes for entry lines.

2. CPSC will provide access to the participant with special training concerning product safety compliance, internal controls, and CPSC audit trails.

3. CPSC will allow the participant the opportunity to apply for external participation coverage of multiple business units (multiple IOR numbers) identified in the ISA-PS/CPSC Addendum.

4. CPSC will consider expansion of benefits to all products of approved participants if the entry line(s) contains all the applicable NEISS product code(s).

5. CPSC will reduce product safety tests on goods imported by ISA-PS participants.

6. CPSC laboratories will grant priority "front of the line testing" to ISA-PS participants when product safety testing is conducted.

7. CPSC may allow products to be destroyed by the ISA-PS participant in lieu of requesting redelivery to CBP of the product.

8. CPSC will acknowledge the participation of ISA-PS in CPSC's "Fast-Track Product Recall Program."

9. Additional benefits tailored to specific industry needs may later become available.

Additionally, the ISA-PS participant will enjoy greater business certainty because a reliable system of internal controls ensures compliant product safety transactions.

#### *ISA-PS Continuing Participation Requirements*

Each ISA-PS participant must remain an active member in ISA and comply with all ISA requirements and obligations, available at [http://www.cbp.gov/linkhandler/cgov/trade/trade\\_programs/trade\\_compliance/importer\\_self\\_assessment/isahb.ctt/isahb.doc](http://www.cbp.gov/linkhandler/cgov/trade/trade_programs/trade_compliance/importer_self_assessment/isahb.ctt/isahb.doc). Additionally, each ISA-PS participant must remain in compliance with the requirements of the ISA-PS/CPSC Addendum and provide annual written notification to CBP that it continues to meet the requirements of ISA-PS. In connection with this

notification, CBP and CPSC staff will determine if additional discussions or reviews of company controls or documentation are necessary. In addition, ISA-PS participants are responsible for making appropriate ongoing changes to internal controls as needed.

If a participant fails to remain an active member in ISA or fails to meet the requirements of the ISA-PS/CPSC Addendum, or is determined to have violated a law or regulation administered by CBP or the CPSC, the participant may be subject to penalties, liquidated damages, and/or removal from the ISA removal from the ISA-PS. If CBP and CPSC staff believe that there is a basis for removal of an ISA-PS participant, a written notice proposing removal with a description of the facts or conduct warranting removal, will be provided to such participant. The participant will be offered the opportunity to respond to the proposed removal notice within 30 days of the date of the notice. CBP and CPSC will issue a final written decision on the proposed removal within 30 days of the receipt of the response to the proposed removal notice, if one was timely received. In the case of a public health interest and/or safety concern, a participant may be removed immediately from the ISA-PS. The participant will be given an opportunity to respond within 30 days to the notice providing for immediate removal.

#### *Evaluation of Pilot*

CBP and CPSC staff intend to review the ISA-PS pilot two years after its effective date to measure its effects and achievements, and recommend to CBP and the Commission whether ISA-PS shall become a permanent program.

Dated: October 21, 2008.

**Jayson P. Ahern,**

*Acting Commissioner, Customs and Border Protection.*

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## **DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY**

### **U.S. Customs and Border Protection**

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

**AGENCY:** Customs and Border Protection, Department of Homeland Security.

**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 October 1, 2008, 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 and Border Protection personnel.

**DATES:** *Effective Date:* October 1, 2008.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ron Wyman, Revenue Division, Collection and Refunds Branch, 6650 Telecom Drive, Suite #100, Indianapolis, Indiana 46278; telephone (317) 614-4516.

**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 must 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, Public Law 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 2008-47, the IRS determined the rates of interest for the calendar quarter beginning October 1, 2008, and ending on December 31, 2008.

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 January 1, 2009, and ending March 31, 2009.

For the convenience of the importing public and Customs and Border Protection 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 (Eff. 1-1-99) (percent)
070174	063075	6	6	
070175	013176	9	9	
020176	013178	7	7	
020178	013180	6	6	
020180	013182	12	12	
020182	123182	20	20	
010183	063083	16	16	
070183	123184	11	11	
010185	063085	13	13	
070185	123185	11	11	
010186	063086	10	10	
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	123102	6	6	5
010103	093003	5	5	4
100103	033104	4	4	3
040104	063004	5	5	4
070104	093004	4	4	3
100104	033105	5	5	4
040105	093005	6	6	5

Beginning date	Ending date	Under-payments (percent)	Over-payments (percent)	Corporate overpayments (Eff. 1-1-99) (percent)
100105 .....	063006 .....	7	7	6
070106 .....	123107 .....	8	8	7
010108 .....	033108 .....	7	7	6
040108 .....	063008 .....	6	6	5
070108 .....	093008 .....	5	5	4
100108 .....	123108 .....	6	6	5

Dated: October 24, 2008.

**Jayson P. Ahern,**

*Acting Commissioner, U.S. Customs and Border Protection.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT**

[Docket No. FR-5187-N-59]

**Loan Guarantees for Indian Housing**

**AGENCY:** Office of the Chief Information Officer, HUD.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The proposed information collection requirement described below has been submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act. The Department is soliciting public comments on the subject proposal.

The information collected determines if the Department will guarantee loans and mortgage insurance made by private lenders to Native American borrowers on restricted land.

**DATES:** *Comments Due Date:* November 28, 2008.

**ADDRESSES:** Interested persons are invited to submit comments regarding this proposal. Comments should refer to the proposal by name and/or OMB approval number (2577-0200) and should be sent to: HUD Desk Officer, Office of Management and Budget, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503; fax: 202-395-6974.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Lillian Deitzer, Reports Management Officer, QDAM, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20410; e-mail Lillian Deitzer at *Lillian\_L\_Deitzer@HUD.gov* or telephone (202) 402-8048. This is not a toll-free number. Copies of available documents submitted to OMB may be obtained from Ms. Deitzer.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** This notice informs the public that the Department of Housing and Urban Development has submitted to OMB a request for approval of the information collection described below. This notice is soliciting comments from members of the public and affecting agencies concerning the proposed collection of information to: (1) Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including

whether the information will have practical utility; (2) Evaluate the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information; (3) Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (4) Minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond; including through the use of appropriate automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submission of responses.

**This Notice Also Lists the Following Information**

*Title of Proposal:* Loan Guarantees for Indian Housing.

*OMB Approval Number:* 2577-0200.

*Form Numbers:* HUD 53036, HUD 53038, FNMA forms 2003, 1003A, 1005, and 1006.

*Description of the Need for the Information and its Proposed Use:*

Information collected determines if the Department will guarantee loans and mortgage insurance made by private lenders to Native American borrowers on restricted land.

*Frequency of Submission:* On occasion.

	Number of respondents	Annual responses	×	Hours per response	=	Burden hours
Reporting Burden: .....	1,500	2		0.17		500

*Total Estimated Burden Hours:* 500.

*Status:* Extension of a currently approved collection.

**Authority:** Section 3507 of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, 44 U.S.C. 35, as amended.

Dated: October 23, 2008.

**Lillian L. Deitzer,**

*Departmental Paperwork Reduction Act Officer, Office of the Chief Information Officer.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**

**Fish and Wildlife Service**

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**Endangered Species Recovery Permit Applications**

**AGENCY:** Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of receipt of permit applications; request for comment.

**SUMMARY:** We invite the public to comment on the following applications

to conduct certain activities with endangered species.

**DATES:** Comments on these permit applications must be received on or before November 28, 2008.

**ADDRESSES:** Written data or comments should be submitted to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Endangered Species Program Manager, Region 8, 2800 Cottage Way, Room W-2606, Sacramento, CA, 95825 (telephone: 916-414-6464; fax: 916-414-6486). Please refer to the respective permit number for each application when submitting comments. All comments received, including names and addresses, will