U.S. Customs and Border Protection

ACCREDITATION OF INTERTEK USA, INC., AS A COMMERCIAL LABORATORY


ACTION: Notice of accreditation of Intertek USA, Inc., as a commercial laboratory.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that, pursuant to 19 CFR 151.12, Intertek USA, Inc., 1114 Seaco Avenue Deer Park, TX 77536, has been accredited to test petroleum, petroleum products, organic chemicals and vegetable oils for customs purposes, in accordance with the provisions of 19 CFR 151.12. Anyone wishing to employ this entity to conduct laboratory analyses should request and receive written assurances from the entity that it is accredited by the U.S. Customs and Border Protection to conduct the specific test requested. Alternatively, inquiries regarding the specific test this entity is accredited to perform may be directed to the U.S. Customs and Border Protection by calling (202) 344–1060. The inquiry may also be sent to cbp.labhq@dhs.gov. Please reference the Web site listed below for a complete listing of CBP approved gaugers and accredited laboratories: http://cbp.gov/xp/cgov/import/operations_support/labs_scientific_svcs/commercial_gaugers/.

DATES: The accreditation of Intertek USA, Inc., as commercial laboratory became effective on August 11, 2010. The next triennial inspection date will be scheduled for August 2013.


IRA S. REESE,
Executive Director,
Laboratories and Scientific Services.

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ACCREDITATION AND APPROVAL OF SAYBOLT LP, AS A COMMERCIAL GAUGER AND LABORATORY


ACTION: Notice of accreditation and approval of Saybolt LP, as a commercial gauger and laboratory.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that, pursuant to 19 CFR 151.12 and 19 CFR 151.13, Saybolt LP, 2321 Burnett Blvd., Wilmington, NC 28401, has been approved to gauge and accredited to test petroleum and petroleum products, organic chemicals and vegetable oils for customs purposes, in accordance with the provisions of 19 CFR 151.12 and 19 CFR 151.13. Anyone wishing to employ this entity to conduct laboratory analyses and gauger services should request and receive written assurances from the entity that it is accredited or approved by the U.S. Customs and Border Protection to conduct the specific test or gauger service requested. Alternatively, inquiries regarding the specific test or gauger service this entity is accredited or approved to perform may be directed to the U.S. Customs and Border Protection by calling (202) 344–1060. The inquiry may also be sent to cbp.labhq@dhs.gov. Please reference the Web site listed below for a complete listing of CBP approved gaugers and accredited laboratories. http://cbp.gov/xp/cgov/import/operations_support/labs_science/svcs/commercial_gaugers/.

DATES: The accreditation and approval of Saybolt LP, as commercial gauger and laboratory became effective on August 10, 2011. The next triennial inspection date will be scheduled for August 2014.


IRA S. REESE, Executive Director, Laboratories and Scientific Services.

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APPROVAL OF ALTOL PETROLEUM PRODUCT SERVICE, AS A COMMERCIAL GAUGER


ACTION: Notice of approval of Altol Petroleum Product Service, as a commercial gauger.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that, pursuant to 19 CFR 151.13, Altol Petroleum Product Service, Parque Industrial Sabanetas, Edificio M–1380–01–02, Ponce, PR 00731, has been approved to gauge petroleum, petroleum products, organic chemicals and vegetable oils for customs purposes, in accordance with the provisions of 19 CFR 151.13. Anyone wishing to employ this entity to conduct gauger services should request and receive written assurances from the entity that it is approved by the U.S. Customs and Border Protection to conduct the specific gauger service requested. Alternatively, inquiries regarding the specific gauger service this entity is approved to perform may be directed to the U.S. Customs and Border Protection by calling (202) 344–1060. The inquiry may also be sent to cbp.labhq@dhs.gov. Please reference the Web site listed below for a complete listing of CBP approved gaugers and accredited laboratories: http://cbp.gov/xp/cgov/import/operations_support/labsscientificsvcs/commercialgaugers/.

DATES: The approval of Altol Petroleum Product Service, as commercial gauger became effective on March 12, 2010. The next triennial inspection date will be scheduled for March 2013.


Dated: December 9, 2011.

IRA S. REESE,
Executive Director,
Laboratories and Scientific Services.

[Published in the Federal Register, January 17, 2012 (77 FR 2308)]
ACTION: Notice of approval of Altol Petroleum Product Service, as a commercial gauger.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that, pursuant to 19 CFR 151.13, Altol Petroleum Product Service, Calle Gregorio Ledesma HN–55 Urb. Levittown, Toa Baja, PR 00949, has been approved to gauge petroleum, petroleum products, organic chemicals and vegetable oils for customs purposes, in accordance with the provisions of 19 CFR 151.13. Anyone wishing to employ this entity to conduct gauger services should request and receive written assurances from the entity that it is approved by the U.S. Customs and Border Protection to conduct the specific gauger service requested. Alternatively, inquiries regarding the specific gauger service this entity is approved to perform may be directed to the U.S. Customs and Border Protection by calling (202) 344–1060. The inquiry may also be sent to cbp.labhq@dhs.gov. Please reference the Web site listed below for a complete listing of CBP approved gaugers and accredited laboratories: http://cbp.gov/xp/cgov/import/operations_support/labs_scientific_svcs/commercial_gaugers/.

DATES: The approval of Altol Petroleum Product Service, as commercial gauger became effective on February 26, 2010. The next triennial inspection date will be scheduled for February 2013.


Dated: December 9, 2011.

IRA S. REESE,
Executive Director
Laboratories and Scientific Services.

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QUARTERLY IRS INTEREST RATES USED IN CALCULATING INTEREST ON OVERDUE ACCOUNTS AND REFUNDS ON CUSTOMS DUTIES


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 January 1, 2012, the interest rates for overpayments will be 2 percent for corporations and 3 percent for non-corporations, and the interest rate for underpayments will be 3 percent for both corporations and non-corporations. This notice is published for the convenience of the importing public and U.S. Customs and Border Protection personnel.

DATES: Effective Date: January 1, 2012.

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 2011–32, the IRS determined the rates of interest for the calendar quarter beginning January 1, 2012, and ending on March 31, 2012. The interest rate paid to the Treasury for underpayments will be the Federal short-term rate (1%) plus two percentage points (2%) for a total of three percent (3%) for both corporations and non-corporations. For corporate overpayments, the rate is the Federal short-term rate (1%) plus one percentage point (1%) for a total of two percent (2%). For overpayments made by non-corporations, the rate is the Federal short-term rate (1%) plus two percentage points (2%) for a total of three percent (3%). These interest rates are subject to change for the calendar quarter beginning April 1, 2012, and ending June 30, 2012.

For the convenience of the importing public and U.S. Customs and Border Protection personnel, the following list of IRS interest rates
used to calculate interest on overdue accounts and refunds of customs duties covering the period from before July of 1974 to date is published in summary format.

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**David V. Aguilar,**  
*Acting Commissioner,*  
**U.S. Customs and Border Protection.**

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NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF THE DRAFT
PROGRAMMATIC ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT FOR
THE DEPLOYMENT AND OPERATION OF LOW ENERGY
X-RAY INSPECTION SYSTEMS AT U.S. CUSTOMS AND
BORDER PROTECTION OPERATIONAL AREAS


ACTION: Notice of Availability and Request for Comments.

SUMMARY: U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) is advising the public that a draft Programmatic Environmental Assessment (PEA) for Low Energy X-Ray Inspection Systems (LEXRIS) at CBP operational areas has been prepared and is available for public review. The draft PEA analyzes the potential environmental impacts due to the deployment and use of LEXRIS. CBP seeks public comment on the draft PEA. CBP will consider comments before issuing a final PEA.

DATES: The draft PEA will be available for public review and comment for a period of 30 days beginning on the date this document is published in the Federal Register. To ensure consideration, comments must be received by February 17, 2012. Comments regarding the draft PEA may be submitted as set forth in the ADDRESSES section of this document.

ADDRESSES: Copies of the draft PEA may be obtained by accessing the following Internet addresses: http://ecso.swf.usace.army.mil/Pages/Publicreview.cfm or www.dhs.gov/nepa, or by sending a request to David Duncan of CBP by telephone (202) 344–1527 by fax (202) 344–1418, by email to david.c.duncan@dhs.gov or by writing to: CBP, Attn: David Duncan, 1300 Pennsylvania Avenue NW., Suite 1575, Washington, DC 20229.

You may submit comments on the draft PEA by mail or email. Comments are to be addressed to CBP, Attention: David Duncan, 1300 Pennsylvania Avenue NW., Suite 1575, Washington, DC 20229, or sent to david.c.duncan@dhs.gov.

Substantive comments received during the comment period will be addressed in, and included as an appendix to, the final PEA. The final PEA will be made available to the public through a Notice of Availability in the Federal Register.

Respondents may request to withhold names or street addresses, except for city or town, from public view or from disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act. Such request must be stated promi-
nently at the beginning of the comment and will be honored to the extent allowed by law. A request to withhold personal information does not apply to submissions from organizations or businesses, or from individuals identifying themselves as representatives or officials of organizations or businesses.


SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

A draft Programmatic Environmental Assessment (PEA) for the deployment and operation of Low Energy X-Ray Inspection Systems (LEXRIS) at CBP operational areas has been completed by the U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP), Office of Information and Technology, Laboratories and Scientific Services, Interdiction Technology Branch. The draft PEA is available for public comment.

The purpose of deploying and operating LEXRIS is to non-intrusively scan vehicles for the presence of contraband, including weapons of mass destruction, explosives, and illicit drugs. Use of LEXRIS at U.S. ports of entry, for example, directly supports CBP’s mission of securing the U.S. borders and homeland from terrorists and other threats while simultaneously facilitating legitimate trade and travel by assisting CBP personnel in preventing contraband, including illegal drugs and terrorist weapons, from entering the United States.

Two different LEXRIS models are available. One system is mobile, mounted on a truck or van type platform and will be used at CBP operational areas. The system can be driven along side a parked vehicle and will scan the vehicle as it drives by. The driver and passenger(s) will exit the vehicle to be scanned and be escorted outside the controlled area before the vehicle is scanned. The other system is a stationary, portal configuration that will be installed along an existing traffic lane. Vehicles will be scanned as they are driven through the portal. Occupants of the vehicle will have the option of remaining in the vehicle while the driver drives it through the portal or exiting the vehicle and having CBP personnel drive it through the portal. Examples of CBP operational areas include, but are not limited to, ports of entry, CBP checkpoints, and locations of events designated as national special security events.

LEXRIS is needed to fill a unique capability to detect objects that are not effectively visualized by other non-intrusive inspection tech-
nologies currently used by CBP. LEXRIS gives a clear image of objects in the vehicle, including objects that may be hidden in fenders, tires, trunks, gas tanks, and under hoods. LEXRIS provides CBP personnel with information about what may be encountered during a manual search and, in some cases, will eliminate the need for CBP personnel to manually enter vehicles to search for contraband. As a result, LEXRIS will increase the safety of CBP personnel.

The draft PEA addresses the potential impacts from the installation and operation of LEXRIS at various CBP operational areas throughout the United States for the purpose of conducting non-intrusive inspections. Evaluations were conducted on various resources present at operational areas, including: climate, soils, water quality, air quality, vegetation, wildlife, noise, infrastructure, aesthetics, and radiological health and safety.

Next Steps

This process is being conducted pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA) (42 U.S.C. 4321 et seq.), the Council on Environmental Quality Regulations for Implementing the NEPA (40 CFR parts 1500–1508), and Department of Homeland Security Directive 023–01, Environmental Planning Program, (April 19, 2006).

Substantive comments concerning environmental impacts received from the public and agencies during the comment period will be evaluated to determine whether further environmental impact review is needed in order to complete the Final PEA. The Final PEA will be made available to the public through a Notice of Availability in the Federal Register.

Should CBP determine, after review of the comments, that the implementation of the proposed action would not have a significant impact on the environment, it will prepare a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI), and a Notice of Availability of the FONSI for publication in the Federal Register.

Should CBP determine that significant environmental impacts exist due to the action, CBP will prepare a Notice of Intent (NOI) to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for publication in the Federal Register.

Dated: January 12, 2012.

KARL H. CALVO,
Executive Director,
Facilities Management and Engineering,
Office of Administration.

[Published in the Federal Register, January 18, 2012 (77 FR 2562)]
AGENCY INFORMATION COLLECTION ACTIVITIES:
ENTRY SUMMARY


ACTION: 30-Day notice and request for comments; revision and extension of an existing information collection: 1651–0022.

SUMMARY: U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) of the Department of Homeland Security will be submitting the following information collection request to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act: Entry Summary (CBP Form 7501). This is a proposed revision and extension of an information collection that was previously approved. CBP is proposing that this information collection be revised and extended with a change to the burden hours and to the information collected as a result of the addition of the new proposed Document/Payment Transmittal form. This document is published to obtain comments from the public and affected agencies. This proposed information collection was previously published in the Federal Register (76 FR 69277) on November 8, 2011, allowing for a 60-day comment period. One comment was received. This notice allows for an additional 30 days for public comments. This process is conducted in accordance with 5 CFR 1320.10.

DATES: Written comments should be received on or before February 17, 2012.

ADDRESSES: Interested persons are invited to submit written comments on this proposed information collection to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget. Comments should be addressed to the OMB Desk Officer for Customs and Border Protection, Department of Homeland Security, and sent via electronic mail to oira_submission@omb.eop.gov or faxed to (202) 395–5806.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) encourages the general public and affected Federal agencies to submit written comments and suggestions on proposed and/or continuing information collection requests pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act (Pub. L.104–13). Your comments should address one of the following four points:

(1) Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency/component, including whether the information will have practical utility;
(2) Evaluate the accuracy of the agencies/components estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;

(3) Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and

(4) Minimize the burden of the collections of information on those who are to respond, including the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological techniques or other forms of information.

**Title:** Entry Summary.

**OMB Number:** 1651–0022.

**Form Number:** CBP Form 7501

**Abstract:** CBP Form 7501, *Entry Summary,* is used to identify merchandise entering the commerce of the United States, and to document the amount of duty and/or tax paid. CBP Form 7501 is submitted by the importer, or the importer’s agent, for each import transaction. The data on this form is used by CBP as a record of the import transaction; to collect the proper duty, taxes, certifications and enforcement information; and to provide data to the U.S. Census Bureau for statistical purposes. Collection of the data on this form is authorized by 19 U.S.C. 1484 and provided for by 19 CFR 142.11 and CFR 141.61. CBP Form 7501 and accompanying instructions can be found at [http://www.cbp.gov/xp/cgov/toolbox/forms/](http://www.cbp.gov/xp/cgov/toolbox/forms/).

CBP also proposes to establish a new form called the Document/Payment Transmittal. This form can be used by the trade community to submit additional documentation associated with an ACE entry summary when it involves information that cannot be submitted electronically such as check payments and commercial invoices.

**Current Actions:** CBP proposes to extend the expiration date of this information collection with a change to the burden hours as a result updated estimates by CBP regarding response times and numbers of entry summaries filed. Also, CBP is proposing to add the new Document/Payment Transmittal form.

**Type of Review:** Revision and Extension.

**Affected Public:** Businesses.

**CBP Form 7501—Formal Entries**

**Estimated Number of Respondents:** 2,450.

**Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent:** 9,903.

**Estimated Total Annual Responses:** 24,262,350.
Estimated Time per Response: 20 minutes.
Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 8,079,363.

CBP Form 7501—Formal Entries With Softwood Lumber Agreement

Estimated Number of Respondents: 210.
Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent: 1905.
Estimated Total Annual Responses: 400,050.
Estimated Time per Response: 40 minutes.
Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 266,433.

CBP Form 7501—Informal Entries

Estimated Number of Respondents: 1,572.
Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent: 2,582.
Estimated Total Annual Responses: 4,058,904.
Estimated Time per Response: 15 minutes.
Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 1,014,726.

Document/Payment Transmittal

Estimated Number of Respondents: 20.
Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent: 60.
Estimated Total Annual Responses: 1,200.
Estimated Time per Response: 15 minutes.
Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 300.


Dated: January 12, 2011.

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AGENCY INFORMATION COLLECTION ACTIVITIES:
PASSenger LIST/CREW LIST (CBP FORM I–418)

ACTION: 60-Day notice and request for comments; Extension of an existing information collection: 1651–0103.

SUMMARY: As part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, CBP invites the general public and other Federal agencies to comment on an information collection requirement concerning the Passenger List/Crew List (CBP Form I–418). 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)).


FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information should be directed to Tracey Denning, U.S. Customs and Border Protection, Regulations and Rulings, Office of International Trade, 799 9th Street NW., 5th Floor, Washington, DC 20229–1177, at (202) 325–0265.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: CBP 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: (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 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 request for Office of Management and Budget (OMB) approval. All comments will become a matter of public record. In this document the CBP is soliciting comments concerning the following information collection:

Title: Passenger List/Crew List.

OMB Number: 1651–0103.

Form Number: CBP Form I–418.

Abstract: CBP Form I–418 is prescribed by the Department of Homeland Security, Customs and Border Protection (CBP), for use by masters, owners, or agents of vessels in complying with
Sections 231 and 251 of the Immigration and Nationality Act (INA). This form is filled out upon arrival of any person by water at any port within the United States from any place outside the United States. The master or commanding officer of the vessel is responsible for providing CBP officers at the port of arrival with lists or manifests of the persons on board such conveyances. CBP is working to allow for electronic submission of the information on CBP Form I–418. This form is provided for in 8 CFR 251.1, 251.3, and 251.4. A copy of CBP Form I–418 can be found at http://forms.cbp.gov/pdf/CBP_Form_I418.pdf.

**Current Actions:** This submission is being made to extend the expiration date with no change to information collected or to CBP Form I–418.

**Type of Review:** Extension (without change).

**Affected Public:** Businesses.

**Estimated Number of Respondents:** 95,000.

**Estimated Time per Respondent:** 1 hour.

**Estimated Total Annual Hours:** 95,000.

Dated: January 12, 2012.

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