

**DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY****Customs Service****Proposed Collection; Comment Request; Drawback Entry Covering Rejected and Same Condition Merchandise**

**ACTION:** Notice and request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** As part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, Customs invites the general public and other Federal agencies to comment on an information collection requirement concerning the Drawback Entry Covering Rejected and Same Condition Merchandise. This request for comment is being made pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Public Law 104-13; 44 U.S.C. 3505(c)(2)).

**DATES:** Written comments should be received on or before June 23, 1997, to be assured of consideration.

**ADDRESSES:** Direct all written comments to U.S. Customs Service, Information Services Group, Room 6216, 1301 Constitution Ave., NW, Washington, D.C. 20229.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Requests for additional information or copies of the form(s) and instructions should be directed to U.S. Customs Service, Attn.: J. Edgar Nichols, Room 6216, 1301 Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, D.C. 20229, Tel. (202) 927-1426.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Customs 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 (Public Law 104-13; 44 U.S.C. 3505(c)(2)). The comments should address: (1) 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 Customs request for Office of Management and Budget (OMB) approval. All comments will

become a matter of public record. In this document Customs is soliciting comments concerning the following information collection:

*Title:* Drawback Entry Covering Rejected and Same Condition Merchandise.

*OMB Number:* 1515-0020.

*Form Number:* Customs Form 7539.

*Abstract:* This collection is used by an importer, filer, or any party at interest to establish the eligibility of Rejected and Same Condition Merchandise, substitution of Same Condition Merchandise or Destroyed Merchandise for return of duties paid. This collection is used by the claimant to provide the necessary information for Customs to approve the drawback claim.

*Current Actions:* There are no changes to the information collection. This submission is being submitted to extend the expiration date.

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

*Affected Public:* Businesses, Individuals, Institutions.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 2,100.

*Estimated Time Per Respondent:* 2 hours.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours:* 22,000.

*Estimated Total Annualized Cost on the Public:* N/A.

Dated: April 16, 1997.

**J. Edgar Nichols,**

*Team Leader, Information Services Group.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY****Internal Revenue Service**

[Delegation Order 232 (Rev. 3)]

**Issuance of Taxpayer Assistance Orders (TAOs)**

Effective: April 16, 1997.

*Authority:* To issue Taxpayer Assistance Orders (TAOs), other than TAOs involving a principal residence, under IRC § 7811, as amended by § 102 of Pub. L. 104-168 (Taxpayer Bill of Rights 2).

*Delegated to:* Assistant Commissioner (International); Regional Commissioners; District Directors and Assistant Directors; Service Center Directors and Assistant Directors; Regional, Service Center, District, and International Taxpayer Advocates.

*Redelegation:* This authority may be redelegated to an Associate Taxpayer Advocate.

*Authority:* To issue Taxpayer Assistance Orders (TAOs), under IRC

§ 7811, to release a principal residence of a taxpayer levied upon or to cease any action regarding a principal residence.

*Delegated to:* Regional Commissioners, Assistant Commissioner (International), and the Regional and International Taxpayer Advocates.

*Redelegation:* This authority may not be redelegated.

The authority to modify or rescind a TAO is limited by IRC § 7811(c), as amended by § 102(b) of Pub. L. 104-168, to only the Commissioner, Deputy Commissioner, and Taxpayer Advocate.

*Source of Authority:* Treasury Order 150-10.

This order supersedes Del. Order 232 (Rev. 2).

Dated: April 16, 1997.

**Lee R. Monks,**

*Taxpayer Advocate.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS****Advisory Committee on Minority Veterans, Notice of Meeting**

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), in accordance with Public Law 103-446, gives notice that a series of meetings of the Advisory Committee on Minority Veterans will be held Monday, May 19, 1997, through Wednesday May 21, 1997, at various sites in Washington State. The purpose of the Advisory Committee on Minority Veterans is to advise the Secretary of Veterans Affairs on the administration of VA benefits and services for minority veterans and to assess the needs of minority veterans and evaluate whether VA compensation, medical and rehabilitation services, outreach, and other programs are meeting those needs. The Committee will make recommendations to the Secretary regarding such activities.

The meeting will be held over the three day period at the following locations: Monday, May 18, 1997, from 8:30 to 4:30 in Seattle, WA at the Henry Jackson Federal Building, room 3086A. Testimony will be received from VA Medical and Benefits Officials as well as from State Veterans Affairs Officials and invited veterans minority group representatives. The theme of this hearing will be "Access to and the Delivery of VA Benefits and Services to Minority Veterans." On Tuesday, May 20, 1997, the Committee will divide into three subcommittees to hold meetings in Tacoma, WA, at the AMVETS Hall, from

9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.; Veterans Hall, Seattle Center, from 9:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.; and Portland, OR, site to be determined. The Advisory Committee will conduct town hall meetings at the three sites on Tuesday to collect information from minority veteran group representatives and individual minority veterans. All sessions will be open to the public, up to the seating capacity of the meeting room. On Wednesday, May 21, the Committee will reconvene as a whole at the VA Puget Sound Health Care System, Seattle Division, room 104, to discuss findings from the three Subcommittee town hall meetings. The Committee will meet with the Northwest Interagency Policy Council for American Indian Veterans and the African American PTSD Group. Preliminary drafting of the annual report will begin during this meeting. It will be necessary for those wishing to attend to contact either of the following: Mr. Anthony Hawkins, Department of Veterans Affairs (phone (202) 273-6708); Mr. Jim Bouley, VA Regional Office Seattle, (phone (206) 220-6125); Ms. Frankie Manning, VA Puget Sound (phone (206) 764-2626); or Ms. Deborah Williams, VA Medical Center Portland (phone (503) 402-2903) prior to May 15, 1997. The Committee will accept appropriate written comments from interested parties on issues affecting minority veterans. Such comments should be referred to the Committee at anytime at the following address: Advisory Committee on Minority Veterans, Center for Minority Veterans (00M), U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20420.

Dated: April 11, 1997.

By Direction of the Secretary:

**Heyward Bannister,**

*Committee Management Officer.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

### Persian Gulf Expert Scientific Committee, Notice of Meeting

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), in accordance with P.L. 92-463, gives notice that a meeting of the VA Persian Gulf Expert Scientific Committee will be held on:

Monday, June 16, 1997, at 8:30 a.m.–5:00 p.m.

Tuesday, June 17, 1997, at 8:30 a.m.–1:30 p.m.

The location of the meeting will be 810 Vermont Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C., Room 230.

The Committee's objectives are to advise the Under Secretary for Health about medical findings affecting Persian Gulf era veterans.

At this meeting the Committee will review all aspects of patient care and medical diagnoses and will provide professional consultation as needed. The Committee may advise on other areas involving research and development, veterans benefits and/or training aspects for patients and staff.

All portions of the meeting will be open to the public except from 4:00 p.m. until 5:00 p.m. on June 16 and from 12:30 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. on June 17, 1997. During these executive sessions,

discussions and recommendations will deal with medical records of specific patients and individually identifiable patient medical histories. The disclosure of this information would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy. Closure of this portion of the meeting is in accordance with subsection 10(d) of P.L. 92-463, as amended by P.L. 94-409, and as cited in 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(6).

The agenda for June 16 will begin with a panel discussion on Infectious Diseases and Persian Gulf Illnesses, followed by an update on the Spouses and Children of Persian Gulf Vets Examination Program. The first day's agenda will also cover a follow-up on VA Epidemiological Programs and another panel discussion on the Approaches to Unexplained Illnesses.

On June 17 the Committee will hear updates on the DoD Persian Gulf Veterans' Illnesses Investigative Team and on the VA Environmental Hazards Research Centers as well as the Committee's statements on Health Effects of Low-Level Chemical Warfare Nerve Agent Exposure.

Additional information concerning these meetings may be obtained from the Executive Secretary, Office of Public Health & Environmental Hazards, 810 Vermont Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20420.

Dated: April 3, 1997.

By Direction of the Secretary:

**Heyward Bannister,**

*Committee Management Officer.*

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