

statutes is premised upon the delegation to the Secretary from the Acting Director, Office of Management and Budget, set forth in the Acting Director's "Determination with Respect to Transfer of Functions Pursuant to Public Law 104-53," dated June 28, 1996.

3. The Commissioner may redelegate in writing within the Financial Management Service the authority delegated by this order.

Robert E. Rubin,

Secretary of the Treasury.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms

Proposed Collection; Comment Request

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 Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms within the Department of the Treasury is soliciting comments concerning the Federal Firearms and Ammunition Excise Tax Return.

DATES: Written comments should be received on or before January 5, 1999, to be assured of consideration.

ADDRESS: Direct all written comments to Linda Barnes, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms, 650 Massachusetts Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20226, (202) 927-8930.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information or copies of the form(s) and instructions should be directed to Robert Ruhf, Revenue Division, 650 Massachusetts Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20226, (202) 927-8210.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Federal Firearms and Ammunition Excise Tax Return.

OMB Number: 1512-0507.

Form Number: ATF F 5300.26.

Abstract: A Federal excise tax is imposed by 26 U.S.C. 4181 on the sale of pistols and revolvers, other firearms, shells and cartridges (ammunition) sold

by firearms manufacturers, producers, and importers. The information on the form is necessary to establish the taxpayer's identity, the amount and type of taxes due, and the amount of payments made.

Current Actions: There is an increase in the number of respondents resulting in an increase in burden hours. Also, the form has a few minor changes. A check box has been added to 1. for the address and the wording has been changed to help clarify 3.

Type of Review: Extension.

Affected Public: Individuals or households, Business or other for-profit.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 965.

Estimated Time Per Respondent: 7 hours.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 27,020.

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.

Dated: October 29, 1998.

William T. Earle,

Assistant Director (Management) CFO.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms

Proposed Collection; Comment Request

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 Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms within the Department of the Treasury is soliciting comments concerning the Gang Resistance Education and Training Funding Application.

DATES: Written comments should be received on or before January 5, 1999, to be assured of consideration.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to Linda Barnes, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms, 650 Massachusetts Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20226, (202) 927-8930.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information or copies of the form(s) and instructions should be directed to James Scott, Gang Resistance Education and Training, P.O. Box 50414, Washington, DC 20091, (800) 726-7070.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Gang Resistance Education and Training Funding Application.

OMB Number: 1512-0548.

Form Number: ATF F 6410.1.

Abstract: State and local law enforcement agencies desiring financial assistance for the G.R.E.A.T. Program will submit ATF F 6410.1 to the ATF, G.R.E.A.T. Branch. The information collected will be used by ATF to evaluate the applicants' funding needed. The information will also be used to determine funding priorities and levels of funding, as required by law.

Current Actions: There are no changes to this information collection and it is being submitted for extension purposes only.

Type of Review: Extension.

Affected Public: State, Local or Tribal Government.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 400.

Estimated Time Per Respondent: 2 hours.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 800.

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.

Dated: October 29, 1998.

William T. Earle,

Assistant Director (Management) CFO.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Customs Service

Notice of Issuance of Final Determination Concerning Surgical Instruments

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

ACTION: Notice of final determination.

SUMMARY: This document provides notice that Customs has issued a final determination concerning the country of origin of certain surgical instruments which are being offered to the Department of Veterans Affairs under a Federal Supply contract. The final determination found that based upon the facts presented, the country of origin of the surgical instruments is Germany.

DATES: The final determination was issued on November 2, 1998. A copy of the final determination will be published in "Customs Bulletin and Decisions." Any party-at-interest, as defined in 19 CFR 177.22(d), may seek judicial review of this final determination within 30 days of November 6, 1998.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Monika Brenner, Special Classification and Marking Branch, Office of Regulations and Rulings (202-927-1675).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Notice is hereby given that on November 2, 1998, pursuant to Subpart B of Part 177, Customs Regulations (19 CFR Part 177, Subpart B), Customs issued a final determination concerning the country of origin of certain surgical instruments which are being offered to the Department of Veterans Affairs under a Federal Supply contract. This final determination was issued at the request of one of the offerors under procedures set forth at 19 CFR Part 177, Subpart B, which implements Title III of the Trade Agreements Act of 1979, as amended

(19 U.S.C. 2511-18). The final determination concluded that, based upon the facts presented, German surgical instrument forgings are not substantially transformed in Malaysia as a result of various machining and some assembly processes. Accordingly, the country of origin of the surgical instruments is Germany. This document gives notice pursuant to section 177.29, Customs Regulations (19 CFR 177.29), of that final determination. Any party-at-interest, as defined in 19 CFR 177.22(d), may seek judicial review of this final determination within 30 days of November 6, 1998.

Dated: November 2, 1998.

John Durant,

Acting Assistant Commissioner, Office of Regulations and Rulings.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Customs Service

[T. D. 98-85]

Annual User Fee for Customs Broker Permit; General Notice

AGENCY: Customs Service, Department of the Treasury.

ACTION: Notice of due date for broker user fee.

SUMMARY: This is to advise Customs brokers that for 1999 the annual user fee of \$125 that is assessed for each permit held by an individual, partnership, association or corporate broker is due by January 8, 1999. This announcement is being published to comply with the Tax Reform Act of 1986.

DATES: Due date for fee: January 8, 1999.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Adline Tatum, Entry & Broker Compliance (202) 927-0380.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 13031 of the Consolidated Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1985 (Pub. L. 99-272) established that an annual user fee of \$125 is to be assessed for each Customs broker permit held by an individual, partnership, association, or corporation. This fee is set forth in the Customs Regulations in § 111.96 (19 CFR Part 111.96).

Customs Regulations provides that this fee is payable for each calendar year in each Broker district where the broker was issued a permit to do business by the due date which will be published in the **Federal Register** annually. Broker districts are defined in the General Notice published in the **Federal**

Register, Volume 60, No.187, September 27, 1995 (60 FR 49971).

Section 1893 of the Tax Reform Act of 1986 (Pub. L. 99-514), provides that notices of the date on which a payment is due of the user fee for each broker permit shall be published by the Secretary of the Treasury in the **Federal Register** by no later than 60 days before such due date. This document notifies brokers that for 1999, the due date for payment of the user fee is January 8, 1999. It is expected that annual user fees for brokers for subsequent years will be due on or about the third of January of each year.

Dated: November 3, 1998.

Philip Metzger,

Director, Trade Compliance.

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UNITED STATES INFORMATION AGENCY

Culturally Significant Objects Imported for Exhibition Determinations: "Pieter de Hooch, 1629-1684"

AGENCY: United States Information Agency.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given of the following determinations: Pursuant to the authority vested in me by the Act of October 19, 1965 (79 Stat. 985, 22 U.S.C. 2459), Executive Order 12047 of March 27, 1978 (43 FR 13359, March 29, 1978), and Delegation Order No. 85-5 of June 27, 1985 (50 FR 27393, July 2, 1985), I hereby determine that the objects on the list specified below, to be included in the exhibit, "Pieter de Hooch, 1629-1684," imported from abroad for the temporary exhibition without profit within the United States, are of cultural significance. These objects are imported pursuant to a loan agreement with the foreign lenders. I also determine that the exhibition or display of the listed exhibit objects at the Wadsworth Atheneum, in Hartford, Connecticut, from on or about December 17, 1998, to on or about February 27, 1999, is in the national interest. Public Notice of these determinations is ordered to be published in the **Federal Register**.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Carol Epstein, Assistant General Counsel, Office of the General Counsel, 202/619-6981, and the address is Room 700, U.S. Information Agency, 301 4th Street, SW, Washington, DC 20547-0001.