

6-month review) of the Buffalo Rate Study be extended for a period of four weeks. In this decision, the Board is extending the due dates applicable to the first phase of the Buffalo Rate Study.

**DATES:** For the initial 6-month review (also referred to as the first phase), the carriers' rail 100% waybill files for the period beginning June 1, 1997, and ending November 30, 1999, should be made available to all interested parties and to Board staff by January 27, 2000. CSX and NS comprehensive filings are due by February 11, 2000; comments from other parties are due by March 13, 2000; and CSX and NS replies to comments are due by March 28, 2000.

For the first full-year review, the carriers' rail 100% waybill files for the period ending May 31, 2000, should be made available to all interested parties and to Board staff by June 30, 2000. CSX and NS comprehensive filings are due by July 14, 2000; comments from all interested parties are due by August 14, 2000; and CSX and NS replies to comments are due by August 29, 2000. (The dates applicable to the first full-year review have not been changed; they are noted here simply for ease of reference.)

**ADDRESSES:** An original and 25 copies of all documents must refer to STB Finance Docket No. 33388 (Sub-No. 90) and must be sent to: Surface Transportation Board, Office of the Secretary, Case Control Unit, Attn: STB Finance Docket No. 33388 (Sub-No. 90), 1925 K Street, N.W., Washington, DC 20423-0001. In addition, one copy of all documents in this proceeding must be sent to each representative: (1) Dennis G. Lyons, Esq., Arnold & Porter, 555 12th Street, N.W., Washington, DC 20004-1202 (representing CSX); and (2) Richard A. Allen, Esq., Zuckert, Scoutt & Rasenberger, LLP, 888 17th Street, N.W., Washington, DC 20006-3939 (representing NS).

In addition to submitting an original and 25 copies of all paper documents filed with the Board, parties also must submit, on 3.5-inch IBM-compatible floppy diskettes (disks) or compact discs (CDs), copies of all pleadings and attachments (e.g., textual materials, electronic workpapers, data bases and spreadsheets used to develop quantitative evidence) and must clearly label pleadings and attachments and corresponding computer diskettes with an identification acronym and pleading number. Textual materials must be in, or convertible by and into, WordPerfect 7.0. Electronic spreadsheets must be in some version of Lotus, Excel, or Quattro Pro. Parties may individually seek a waiver from the disk-CD requirement.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, CONTACT:** Michael A. Redisch, (202) 565-1544. [TDD for the hearing impaired: (202) 565-1695.]

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** In their petition (designated CSX/NS-220) filed December 23, 1999, CSX and NS have explained that extension of the first phase deadlines is necessary to assure the orderly and efficient production of the waybill data called for in Decision No. 1. CSX and NS contend, in essence, that, in view of other year-end tasks, and considering the substantial data processing required to produce the relevant waybill records, production of the required waybill data by December 30, 1999 (the date set in Decision No. 1) is simply not feasible.

The requested extension is justified, especially in light of the need for meaningful data for the Buffalo Rate Study. As noted by CSX and NS, because the study is a 3-year undertaking involving annual reviews, the 4-week extension will not affect the timely completion of the initial annual review or the overall study. The deadlines applicable to the first phase will therefore be extended in the manner requested.

#### Service List

As with Decision No. 1, a copy of this decision is being served on all persons designated as POR, MOC, or GOV on the service list in STB Finance Docket No. 33388. This decision (like Decision No. 1) will serve as a notice that persons who were parties of record in STB Finance Docket No. 33388 will not automatically be placed on the service list as parties of record for this Buffalo Rate Study proceeding. Any persons interested in being on the STB Finance Docket No. 33388 (Sub-No. 90) service list and receiving copies of CSX and NS filings relating to the Buffalo Rate Study must send us written notification with copies to the railroads' representatives.

This action will not significantly affect either the quality of the human environment or the conservation of energy resources.

Decided: December 28, 1999.

By the Board, Vernon A. Williams,  
Secretary.

**Vernon A. Williams,**  
Secretary.

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

### Customs Service

#### Proposed Collection; Comment Request; Bonded Warehouse Proprietors's Submission

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

**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 Bonded Warehouse Proprietors's Submission. 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)).

**DATES:** Written comments should be received on or before March 6, 2000, to be assured of consideration.

**ADDRESSES:** Direct all written comments to U.S. Customs Service, Information Services Group, Room 3.2.C, 1300 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, D.C. 20229.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Requests for additional information or copies of the form and instructions should be directed to U.S. Customs Service, Attn.: J. Edgar Nichols, Room 3.2.C, 1300 Pennsylvania 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 (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) the annual costs burden to respondents or record keepers from the collection of information (a total capital/startup costs and operations and maintenance costs). 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:* Bonded Warehouse Proprietors's Submission.

*OMB Number:* 1515-0093.

*Form Number:* Customs Form 300.

*Abstract:* Customs Form 300 is prepared by Bonded Warehouse Proprietor's and submitted to the Customs Service annually. The document reflects all bonded merchandise entered, released, and manipulated, and includes beginning and ending inventories.

*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:* Business or other for-profit institutions.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 1,403.

*Estimated Time Per Respondent:* 132 hours.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours:* 185,757.

*Estimated Total Annualized Cost on the Public:* \$1,671,813.

Dated: December 23, 1999.

**J. Edgar Nichols,**

*Agency Clearance Officer, Information Services Branch.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

### Customs Service

#### **Proposed Collection; Comment Request; Application for Extension of Bond for Temporary Importation**

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

**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 Application for Extension of Bond for Temporary Importation. 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)).

**DATES:** Written comments should be received on or before March 6, 2000, to be assured of consideration.

**ADDRESSES:** Direct all written comments to U.S. Customs Service, Information

Services Group, Room 3.2.C, 1300 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, D.C. 20229.

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*Title:* Application for Extension of Bond for Temporary Importation.

*OMB Number:* 1515-0054.

*Form Number:* Customs Form 3173.

*Abstract:* Imported merchandise which is to remain in the U.S. Customs territory for 1-year or less without duty payment is entered as a temporary importation. The importer may apply for an extension of this period on Customs Form 3173.

*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:* Business or other for-profit institutions.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 1,155.

*Estimated Time Per Respondent:* 10 minutes.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours:* 2,694.

*Estimated Total Annualized Cost on the Public:* \$43,100.

Dated: December 23, 1999.

**J. Edgar Nichols,**

*Agency Clearance Officer, Information Services Branch.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

### Customs Service

#### **Proposed Collection; Comment Request; Application and Approval To Manipulate, Examine, Sample, or Transfer Goods**

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

**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 Application and Approval to Manipulate, Examine, Sample, or Transfer Goods. 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)).

**DATES:** Written comments should be received on or before March 6, 2000, to be assured of consideration.

**ADDRESSES:** Direct all written comments to U.S. Customs Service, Information Services Group, Room 3.2.C, 1300 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20229.

#### **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Requests for additional information or copies of the form and instructions should be directed to U.S. Customs Service, Attn.: J. Edgar Nichols, Room 3.2.C, 1300 Pennsylvania Avenue NW, Washington, DC 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 (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