

the liquidated damages process announced in the December 29, 1999, notice remain the same.

New Liquidated Damages Guidelines

1. Reconciliation No File

Description: Entry summaries flagged but no Reconciliation filed. Customs will issue a single consolidated liquidated damages claim for all entries fitting this description for a given importer, per month, per surety.

Assessed Liquidated Damages Amount: Total entered value of the underlying entry(ies).

Option 1 Amount: The filing of the Reconciliation entry (or entries) covering the flagged entry summaries listed on the consolidated liquidated damages claim (CF 5955A), with all applicable duties, taxes, fees, and interest owed, will be treated as a petition for relief. Payment of the Option 1 amount will be authorized only upon the proper filing of this Reconciliation, with duties, taxes, fees, and interest. For a consolidated monthly liquidated damages claim covering five or more flagged entry summaries, the Option 1 amount is \$500. For consolidated monthly claims involving four or fewer flagged entry summaries, the Option 1 amount is \$100 per entry.

2. Reconciliation Money No File

Description: Reconciliation filed timely but without payment of additional duties, taxes, fees, and interest due.

Assessed Liquidated Damages Amount: \$1,000 or double the duties, taxes, fees, and interest due on the Reconciliation, whichever is greater.

Option 1 Amount: Payment of the Option 1 amount will be authorized only after all duties, taxes, fees, and interest due are paid. For claims involving five or more flagged entry summaries, the amount is \$500. For claims involving four or fewer flagged entry summaries, the amount is \$100 per entry.

3. Reconciliation Late File

Description: Reconciliation filed and paid after the 15-month deadline.

Assessed Amount: \$1,000 or double the duties, taxes, fees, and interest, if applicable, due on the Reconciliation, whichever is greater.

Option 1 Amount: For claims involving five or more flagged entry summaries, the amount is \$500. For claims involving four or fewer flagged entry summaries, the amount is \$100 per entry.

4. Reconciliation Money Late File

Description: Reconciliation filed timely but payment of additional duties, taxes, fees, and interest due submitted late.

Assessed Amount: \$1,000 or double the duties, taxes, fees, and interest due on the Reconciliation, whichever is greater.

Option 1 Amount: For claims involving five or more flagged entry summaries, the amount is \$500. For claims involving four or fewer flagged entry summaries, the amount is \$100 per entry.

5. Reconciliation Late File with Money No File

Description: Reconciliation filed late, without payment of duties, taxes, fees, and interest due.

Assessed Amount: \$1,000 or double the duties, taxes, fees, and interest due on the Reconciliation, whichever is greater.

Option 1 Amount: Payment of Option 1 amount will be authorized only after duties, taxes, fees, and interest due are paid. For claims involving five or more flagged entry summaries, the amount is \$500. For claims involving four or fewer flagged entry summaries, the amount is \$100 per entry.

New Diskette Labeling Procedure

The **Federal Register** notice of February 6, 1998, announced that, along with the ABI-transmitted Header and Association File, importers must submit line item data in both hard copy and commercial spreadsheet format via diskette. All aspects of the test concerning line item spreadsheets remain the same. This document merely addresses the labeling of the diskettes.

Starting on the date this document is published in the **Federal Register**, importers, per the Bureau of the Census, must label diskettes with the following information: Reconciliation entry number, importer of record number (generally the IRS Tax Identification number), and the calendar year or years covered by the Reconciliation spreadsheet contained on that diskette. For example, regarding the latter bit of information pertaining to calendar year, if the Reconciliation covers a fiscal year's worth of entries that were entered from October 1, 1999, through September 30, 2000, the diskette should be labeled "1999-2000," along with the Reconciliation entry number and the IRS number.

Continued Use of Midpoint Interest Calculation for Aggregate Reconciliations

The use of a midpoint interest calculation method was authorized for Aggregate Reconciliations when the Miscellaneous Trade and Technical Corrections Act of 1999 was signed into law on June 25, 1999. The law included a sunset provision of October 1, 2000. Use of midpoint interest calculation under the test was announced in the July 21, 1999, **Federal Register** notice. On November 9, 2000, the Tariff Suspension and Trade Act of 2000 was signed into law (Pub. L. 106-476; the Act). Under section 1451 of the Act, section 505(c) of the Tariff Act of 1930 (19 U.S.C. 1505(c)), as amended, was amended to remove the sunset provision. Therefore, importers may continue to use the midpoint interest calculation method for Aggregate Reconciliations. Procedures regarding the use of midpoint interest remain the same as described in the July 21, 1999 **Federal Register** notice.

The ACS Reconciliation Prototype Survey

A Reconciliation Prototype survey was published on the Customs web site in order to solicit comments and suggestions from various entities of the trade community (see also **Federal Register** (65 FR 36505) notice published on June 8, 2000. The number of responses to this voluntary survey was minimal in comparison to the volume of importers approved for Reconciliation. A summary of the survey responses will be compiled and published on the Customs web site in the near future.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Internal Revenue Service

Art Advisory Panel—Notice of Closed Meeting

AGENCY: Internal Revenue Service (IRS), Treasury.

ACTION: Notice of closed meeting of Art Advisory Panel.

SUMMARY: Closed meeting of the Art Advisory Panel will be held in Washington, DC.

DATES: The meeting will be held April 11 and 12, 2001.

ADDRESSES: The closed meeting of the Art Advisory Panel will be held on April 11 and 12, 2001, in Room 4600E beginning at 9:30 a.m., Franklin Court Building, 1099 14th Street, NW., Washington, DC 20005.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Karen Carolan, C:AP:AS, 1099 14th Street, NW., Washington, DC 20005. Telephone (202) 694-1861 (not a toll free number).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Notice is hereby given pursuant to section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. App. (1988), that a closed meeting of the Art Advisory Panel will be held on April 11 and 12, 2001, in Room 4600E, beginning at 9:30 a.m., Franklin Court Building, 1099 14th Street, NW., Washington, DC 20005.

The agenda will consist of the review and evaluation of the acceptability of fair market value appraisals of works of art involved in Federal income, estate, or gift tax returns. This will involve the discussion of material in individual tax returns made confidential by the provisions of 26 U.S.C. 6103.

A determination as required by section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act has been made that this meeting is concerned with matters listed

in section 552b(c)(3), (4), (6), and (7), and that the meeting will not be open to the public.

Daniel L. Black, Jr.,
Chief, Appeals.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Internal Revenue Service

Art Advisory Panel of the Commissioner of Internal Revenue; Availability of Report of 2000 Closed Meetings

AGENCY: Internal Revenue Service (IRS), Treasury.

ACTION: Notice of availability of report on closed meetings of the Art Advisory Panel.

SUMMARY: The report is now available.

Pursuant to 5 U.S.C. app. I section 10(d), of the Federal Advisory Committee Act; and 5 U.S.C. section 552b, the Government in the Sunshine Act: A report summarizing the closed meeting activities of the Art Advisory Panel during 2000, has been prepared. A copy of this report has been filed with the Assistant Secretary of the Treasury

for Management and is now available for public inspection at: Internal Revenue Service, Freedom of Information Reading Room, Room 1621, 1111 Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20224.

Requests for copies should be addressed to: Director, Disclosure Operations Division, Attn: FOI Reading Room, Box 388, Benjamin Franklin Station, Washington, DC 20224, Telephone (202) 622-5164, (Not a toll free telephone number).

The Commissioner of Internal Revenue has determined that this document is not a major rule as defined in Executive Order 12291 and that a regulatory impact analysis therefore is not required. Neither does this document constitute a rule subject to the Regulatory Flexibility Act (5 U.S.C. chapter 6).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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Acting Commissioner of Internal Revenue.

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