

comments concerning the following information collection:

*Title:* U.S./Israel Free Trade Agreement.

*OMB Number:* 1515-0192.

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*Abstract:* This collection is used to ensure conformance with the provisions of the U.S./Israel Free Trade Agreement for duty free entry status.

*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:* 34,500.

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**J. Edgar Nichols,**

*Team Leader, Information Services Group.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

### Customs Service

#### Public Meetings in New Orleans and Houston on Vessel Entrance and Clearance Procedures

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

**ACTION:** Notice of public meetings.

**SUMMARY:** The United States Customs Service will be holding two public meetings regarding a recent policy determination regarding the entrance and clearance requirements for vessels and aircraft servicing offshore operations beyond the territorial waters of the United States. One meeting will be held in New Orleans, Louisiana, and the other will be held in Houston, Texas. This document announces the dates, times and other particulars of the meetings. Questions which one wishes to have addressed at the meetings may be communicated in writing to Customs Headquarters prior to the meetings.

**DATES:** The meetings will be held at the following dates and times: *For the Houston meeting:* June 15, 1998, from 1:00 p.m. until 4:00 p.m. *For New Orleans meeting:* June 17, 1998, from 1:00 p.m. until 4:00 p.m. *For submitted written comments to be addressed at meetings:* Comments must be received

no later than the close of business June 1, 1998.

**ADDRESSES:** The meetings will be held at the following locations: *For the Houston meeting:* Port of Houston Authority Main Office Bldg., 111 East Loop North, First Floor Training Room, Houston, Texas. *For the New Orleans meeting:* New Orleans Customhouse, 423 Canal Street, Room 223, New Orleans, Louisiana. *Written comments should be submitted to:* Office of Field Operations, Trade Compliance, Attn: William Scopa, U.S. Customs Service, 1300 Pennsylvania Avenue, Washington, D.C. 20229, or faxed to the attention of William Scopa at (202) 927-1356.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** *Regarding questions about attending the Houston meeting:* please call (281) 985-6700. *Regarding questions about attending the New Orleans meeting:* please call (504) 670-2391. *For information regarding the entrance and clearance requirements: for operational or policy concerns:* contact William Scopa at (202) 927-3112; *for regulatory issues:* contact Larry Burton at (202) 927-1287.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### Background

Recently, there has been concern regarding uniform Customs enforcement of the report of arrival requirements set forth in 19 U.S.C. 1433 for any vessel which has received merchandise while outside of the territorial seas; the formal entry requirements set forth in 19 U.S.C. 1434 for any vessel which has delivered or received merchandise while outside the territorial seas; and the corresponding clearance statute, 46 U.S.C. App. 91. The concern is also applicable, through 19 U.S.C. 1644, to enforcement of the report of arrival requirements, formal entry requirements and clearance requirements for aircraft receiving and delivering merchandise while outside the territorial seas. A policy determination by the Customs Service regarding its interpretation of these statutory requirements has had a substantial impact on both Customs and the trade.

Much of the concern resulted from an interpretation by the Customs Service which exempted vessels and aircraft transporting vessel supplies, bunkers, parts, equipment and crew, out beyond the territorial sea from entrance and clearance requirements. This interpretation applied not only to such transactions involving the delivery or receipt of the mentioned items to fixed-site oil rigs, but to non-fixed vessels as well.

Customs reexamined the pertinent statutes and determined that the exemptions for the delivery or receipt of vessel supplies, bunkers, parts, equipment and crew to non-fixed vessels located beyond the territorial sea cannot be sustained. It became necessary to immediately implement the suspension of this exemption. The pertinent statutes are clear and unambiguous and it would not be proper for Customs to delay their uniform enforcement.

Customs still, however, holds that vessels or aircraft delivering or receiving goods or passengers to or from fixed-site rigs are not subject to entrance and clearance requirements unless unentered foreign goods are involved in the transportation. Such an interpretation is consistent with the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act.

Customs recognizes the fact that there has been an increase in commerce involving vessels and aircraft supplying necessary goods and services to numerous domestic and foreign commercial operations just beyond our territorial waters, especially in the Gulf of Mexico. Customs is contemplating providing for less burdensome entry and clearance procedures for vessels and aircraft engaged in these types of activities within the boundaries of the law.

Before beginning such procedures, Customs believes it would be beneficial both to the government and to private entities to hold public meetings on this issue to allow all interested parties an opportunity to be heard. The public forums will provide Customs with the opportunity to fully explain the extent of the recent policy determination.

Since the impact of the Customs policy is most heavily felt by ports in the Gulf of Mexico, public meetings will be held at the ports of New Orleans, Louisiana, and Houston, Texas.

At the meetings, personnel from Customs Headquarters will be available to answer questions regarding the applicability of the laws and to discuss the possibility of modifying vessel and aircraft entrance and clearance procedures. Questions relating to the entrance and clearance requirements under the new policy may be sent to Customs prior to the meetings. Such questions should be sent to Customs at the address or fax number set forth at the beginning of this document, and must be received no later than the close of business on June 1, 1998, in order to be addressed at the meetings.

Space at the meetings will be limited. Attendance will be accommodated on a first-come basis.

Dated: May 19, 1998.

**Robert S. Trotter,**

*Assistant Commissioner, Office of Field Operations.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

### United States Mint

#### Dollar Coin Design Advisory Committee; Notice of Meeting

May 18, 1998.

**SUMMARY:** The Dollar Coin Design Advisory Committee (DCDAC) will meet Monday and Tuesday June 8-9, 1998. The Committee will recommend to the Secretary of the Treasury a design concept for the obverse ("heads") of the new \$1 coin. This meeting will be open to the public; however, due to limited space, seating at the meeting will be on a first-come basis.

#### *Purpose*

The purpose of this meeting is for the Committee to consider design concepts for the obverse of the new \$1 coin and to determine a single such design concept to recommend to the Secretary of the Treasury. As an element of the agenda, the Committee will entertain presentations from the public the afternoon of Monday, June 8. In addition to public presentations, the Committee will receive an orientation briefing, nominate design concepts, and recommend a single design concept to the Secretary.

#### *Dates, Times and Places of the Dollar Coin Design Advisory Committee Meeting*

June 8, 1998, 11:00 a.m. to 5:15 p.m.  
Federal Reserve Bank of Philadelphia,  
Auditorium, 10 Independence Mall  
(entrance on 7th Street), Philadelphia,  
PA 19106

June 9, 1998, 8 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.  
Federal Reserve Bank of Philadelphia,  
Auditorium, 10 Independence Mall  
(entrance on 7th Street), Philadelphia,  
PA 19106

Members of the public wishing to schedule an oral presentation at the meeting must contact Michael White, in writing by mail, email, or fax, by no later than 12:00 noon Eastern Time on June 1, 1998 (see below). All mail submissions must be received by the established deadline in order to be considered timely. The request must identify the name of the individual who will make the presentation and the organization they represent, and include

an outline of the merits, background, and historical significance of the concept that will be advocated. Presentations will be limited to five (5) minutes each, and will generally be reviewed on a first-come basis. Presenters will be notified by no later than June 5, 1998, if they have been selected for presentation. An additional thirty (30) minutes will be set aside during the first day of the meeting for unscheduled presentations.

Members of the public who have not been selected in advance for presentation may sign up on the first day of the meeting on June 8, 1998, between the hours of 11:00 a.m. and 12:00 noon, in the back of the meeting room. Requests for an unscheduled presentation will be reviewed on a first-come basis.

Any member of the public wishing to submit a design concept should do so via the Internet by accessing the Mint's web site (<http://www.usmint.gov>) and e-mailing the Mint by June 1, 1998. Alternatively, if no Internet access is available, design concepts may be submitted in writing to Michael White (see below); mail must be received no later than June 1, 1998. A summary of suggested concepts that comply with the parameters listed below will be compiled and presented to Committee members prior to the meeting.

As stated in the Committee Charter, the Committee will recommend to the Secretary an obverse design concept that comports with the following parameters: (a) The design shall maintain a dignity befitting the Nation's coinage, (b) the design shall have broad appeal to the citizenry of the Nation and shall avoid subjects or symbols that are likely to offend, (c) the design should not include any inscriptions beyond those required by statute, and (d) the design concept shall not depict a living person. In addition, the Secretary has determined that the obverse design should be a representation of one or more women.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Michael White, United States Mint, Dollar Coin Design Advisory Committee, 633 3rd Street N.W., Room 715, Washington, DC 20220, Voice: (202) 874-7565 (for additional information only; requests to make a presentation or propose a design concept must be in writing), Fax: (202) 874-4083, Web site: <http://www.usmint.gov>.

#### **Philip Diehl,**

*Director, The United States Mint.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

### Office of Thrift Supervision

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#### Ben Franklin Bank of Illinois, Arlington Heights, IL; Approval of Conversion Application

Notice is hereby given that on May 14, 1998, the Director, Corporate Activities, Office of Thrift Supervision, or her designee, acting pursuant to delegated authority, approved the application of Ben Franklin Bank of Illinois, Arlington Heights, Illinois, to convert to the stock form of organization. Copies of the application are available for inspection at the Dissemination Branch, Office of Thrift Supervision, 1700 G Street, NW, Washington, DC 20552, and the Central Regional Office, Office of Thrift Supervision, 200 West Madison Street, Suite 1300, Chicago, Illinois 60606.

Dated: May 18, 1998.

By the Office of Thrift Supervision.

**Nadine Y. Washington,**

*Corporate Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

### Office of Thrift Supervision

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#### Carnegie Savings Bank, Carnegie, PA; Approval of Conversion Application

Notice is hereby given that on May 14, 1998, the Director, Corporate Activities, Office of Thrift Supervision, or her designee, acting pursuant to delegated authority, approved the application of Carnegie Savings Bank, Carnegie, Pennsylvania, to convert to the stock form of organization. Copies of the application are available for inspection at the Dissemination Branch, Office of Thrift Supervision, 1700 G Street, NW, Washington, DC 20552, and the Northeast Regional Office, Office of Thrift Supervision, 10 Exchange Place, 18th Floor, Jersey City, New Jersey 07302.

Dated: May 18, 1998.

By the Office of Thrift Supervision.

**Nadine Y. Washington,**

*Corporate Secretary.*

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