

permit held by a customs broker, whether it may be an individual, partnership, association, or corporation, is due no later than February 9, 2024. Pursuant to fee adjustments required by the Fixing America's Surface Transportation Act (FAST Act) and the U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) regulations, the customs broker permit user fee payable for calendar year 2024 will be \$174.80. CBP is also announcing that customs brokers may pay the fee electronically via the electronic Customs and Border Protection (eCBP) portal.

DATES: Payment of the 2024 Customs Broker Permit User Fee is due no later than February 9, 2024.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mohammad O. Qureshi, Chief, Broker Management Branch, Office of Trade, (202) 909-3753, or mohammad.o.qureshi@cbp.dhs.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

Customs Broker Permit User Fee Payment for 2024

Pursuant to section 111.96 of title 19 of the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) (19 CFR 111.96(c)), U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) assesses an annual user fee for each customs broker permit granted to an individual, partnership, association, or corporation. The CBP regulations provide that this fee is payable each calendar year for a national permit held by a customs broker and must be paid by the due date published annually in the **Federal Register**. See 19 CFR 24.22(h) and (i); 19 CFR 111.96(c).

Section 24.22 of title 19 of the CFR (19 CFR 24.22) sets forth the terms and conditions for when fees for certain services, including specific customs user fees, are required. The specific customs user fee amounts that appear in 19 CFR 24.22 are not the actual fees but represent the base year amounts that are subject to adjustment each fiscal year in accordance with the Fixing America's Surface Transportation Act (FAST Act) (Pub. L. 114-94, December 4, 2015). Section 32201 of the FAST Act amended section 13031 of the Consolidated Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act (COBRA) of 1985 (19 U.S.C. 58c) by requiring the Secretary of the Treasury to adjust certain customs COBRA user fees and corresponding limitations to reflect certain increases in inflation. Paragraph (k) of section 24.22

of title 19 of the CFR (19 CFR 24.22(k)) sets forth the methodology to adjust fees for inflation and to determine the change in inflation, including the factor by which the fees and limitations will be adjusted, if necessary.

Customs brokers are subject to an annual customs broker permit user fee calculated using the base year amount in appendix A to 19 CFR part 24, as adjusted by the terms in 19 CFR 24.22(k). See 19 U.S.C. 58c(a)(7) and 19 CFR 24.22(h). In accordance with 19 CFR 24.22, CBP determines annually whether an adjustment to the fees and limitations is necessary and publishes a **Federal Register** notice specifying the amount of the fees and limitations for each fiscal year. On July 28, 2023, CBP published a **Federal Register** notice, entitled COBRA Fees to be Adjusted for Inflation in Fiscal Year 2024 (CBP Dec. 23-08), which announced, among other fee adjustments, that the annual customs broker permit user fee will increase to \$174.80 for calendar year 2024. See 88 FR 48900.

Thus, as required by 19 CFR 24.22, CBP provided notice in the **Federal Register** of the annual fee amount at least 60 days prior to the date that the payment is due for each customs broker national permit. This document notifies customs brokers that, for calendar year 2024, the due date for payment of the annual customs broker permit user fee is February 9, 2024. If a customs broker fails to pay the annual customs broker permit user fee by February 9, 2024, the national permit is revoked by operation of law. See 19 CFR 111.45(b) and 111.96(c).

Announcement of eCBP Portal Payment Option

On October 18, 2022, CBP published a final rule titled "Modernization of the Customs Broker Regulations" in the **Federal Register** (87 FR 63267), which announced the deployment of the electronic Customs and Border Protection (eCBP) portal, an online system for processing electronic payments of licensed customs broker fees and submissions, and stated that CBP would announce additional eCBP functionalities, including an enhancement allowing the payment of annual permit user fees, in the **Federal Register**. Accordingly, in this document, CBP is announcing the deployment of new eCBP functionality allowing the payment of the annual customs broker permit user fee. CBP anticipates that the

eCBP portal will be open for the collection of annual customs broker permit user fee payments starting on November 29, 2023.

With this new functionality, customs brokers may either submit the fee through the eCBP portal or submit the fee at the processing Center, as defined in 19 CFR 111.1, in accordance with the remittance procedures in 19 CFR 24.22(i). The eCBP portal streamlines the payment process, allows for easy collection of fees, and offers customs brokers the flexibility and convenience to pay licensed customs broker fees easily and effectively. Thus, CBP encourages customs brokers to pay the annual customs broker permit user fee electronically via the eCBP portal. Customs brokers who wish to use the eCBP portal, located on CBP's website or at <https://e.cbp.dhs.gov/brokers/#/home>, must create a *Login.gov* account as a first-time user. Instructions and training resources, such as user and quick reference guides, for customs brokers on how to create a *Login.gov* account and how to use the eCBP portal can be found on CBP's website.

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Acting Executive Assistant Commissioner, Office of Trade.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

[Docket No. DHS-2023-0044]

Homeland Security Academic Partnership Council

AGENCY: The Office of Partnership and Engagement (OPE), The U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS).

ACTION: Notice of public meeting of the Homeland Security Academic Partnership Council.

SUMMARY: The Homeland Security Academic Partnership Council (HSAPC) will hold a virtual meeting on Wednesday, December 13, 2023 from 3:30 p.m. EST to 4:30 p.m. EST. Public participation is welcome via Zoom pre-registration.

DATES: The meeting will take place from 3:30 p.m. EST to 4 p.m. EST on Wednesday, December 13, 2023. Please note that the meeting may end early if the Council completes its business.

ADDRESSES: The HSAPC meeting will be held via Zoom. Members of the public interested in participating may do so by following the process outlined below. The public will remain in listen-only mode except during the public comment session. Members of the public may register to participate in this Council meeting via Zoom under the following procedures. Each individual must provide their full legal name and email address no later than 5 p.m. EST on Tuesday, December 12, 2023 to Zarinah “Traci” Silas via email at HSAPC@hq.dhs.gov or via phone at 202–891–2876. Members of the public who have registered to participate will be provided the Zoom link after the closing of the public registration period and prior to the start of the meeting. Written comments may be submitted no later than 5 p.m. EST on Friday, December 22, 2023. Comments must be identified by Docket No. DHS–2023–0044 and may be submitted using one of the following methods:

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the instructions for submitting comments, OR

- *Email:* HSAPC@hq.dhs.gov. Include Docket No. DHS–2023–0044 in the subject line of the message.

Instructions: All submissions received must include the words “Department of Homeland Security” and “DHS–2023–0044,” the docket number for your comments. Comments received will be posted without alteration at <http://www.regulations.gov>, including any personal information provided. You may wish to review the Privacy and Security Notice found via a link on the homepage of www.regulations.gov.

Docket: For access to the docket to read comments received by the Council, go to <http://www.regulations.gov>, search “DHS–2023–0044,” and “Open Docket Folder” to view the comments.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Zarinah “Traci” Silas, Executive Director of the Office of Academic Engagement and Designated Federal Officer of the Homeland Security Academic Partnership Council, U.S. Department of Homeland Security at HSAPC@hq.dhs.gov or 202–891–2876.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Notice of this meeting is provided in accordance with section 10(a) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA), Public Law 117–286 (5 U.S.C. ch. 10), which requires all FACA committee meetings to be open to the public unless the President, or the head of the Agency to which the advisory committee reports, determines that a portion of the meeting

requires closing it to the public in accordance with 5 U.S.C. 552b(c).

The HSAPC provides organizationally independent, strategic, timely, specific, and actionable recommendations to the Secretary on key issues at the intersection of education, academia, and the DHS mission.

Due to the current Middle East conflict, the Secretary requested that the HSAPC form a Subcommittee to provide advice and recommendations on ways DHS can support the academic community in protecting against campus violence and promoting inclusivity across K–12 and higher education institutions. The meeting will include:

- (1) Remarks from Senior DHS leaders and HSAPC Chairperson,

- (2) Member discussion, public comment, deliberation and voting on one draft report from the School and Campus Safety Considering the Conflict in the Middle East Subcommittee.

Members of the public will remain in listen-only mode except during the public comment session. Members of the public may pre-register to attend this Council meeting via Zoom by sending each individual attendee’s full legal name and email address to Executive Director Zarinah “Traci” Silas via email to HSAPC@hq.dhs.gov or via phone at 202–891–2876 no later than 5 p.m. EST on Friday, December 8, 2023.

Members of the public who have pre-registered to attend will be provided the Zoom link after the closing of the public registration period and prior to the start of the meeting. For more information about the HSAPC, please visit our website: <https://www.dhs.gov/homeland-security-academic-partnership-council-hsapc>.

Lastly, the Department is committed to ensuring all participants have equal access and opportunity to attend the meeting. If you require reasonable accommodations, please send your request to Zarinah “Traci” Silas at HSAPC@hq.dhs.gov or via phone at 202–891–2876 no later than 5 p.m. EST on Wednesday, December 6, 2023 for handling.

Zarinah T. Silas,

Designated Federal Officer, Homeland Security Academic Partnership Council, U.S. Department of Homeland Security.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

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Notice of Western Montana Resource Advisory Council Meetings

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of public meetings.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 and the Federal Advisory Committee Act of 1972, the U.S. Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management’s (BLM) Western Montana District Resource Advisory Council (Council) will meet as follows.

DATES: The Council will hold a virtual meeting on December 11, 2023, from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Mountain Time (MT) and an in-person meeting with a virtual participation option on January 11, 2024, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. MT in Missoula, Montana.

ADDRESSES: Meeting arrangements, including precise location, will be confirmed for the public via BLM news release, social media, and on the Council’s web page at <https://www.blm.gov/get-involved/resource-advisory-council/near-you/montana-dakotas/western-montana-rac>, and through personal contact at least 2 weeks prior to the meeting.

Written comments for the Council may be sent electronically in advance of the scheduled meeting to Public Affairs Specialist David Abrams at dabrams@blm.gov, or in writing to BLM, Western Montana District/Public Affairs, 101 N Parkmont, Butte, MT 59701. All comments will be provided to the Council.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

David Abrams, Public Affairs Specialist, BLM Western Montana District Office, telephone: (406) 437–2562, email: dabrams@blm.gov. Individuals in the United States who are deaf, deafblind, hard of hearing, or have a speech disability may dial 711 (TTY, TDD, or TeleBraille) to access telecommunications relay services for contacting Mr. Abrams. Individuals outside the United States should use the relay services offered within their country to make international calls to the point-of-contact in the United States.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Council provides recommendations to the Secretary of the Interior concerning the planning and management of the public land resources located within the BLM’s Western Montana District and