

Supporting Statement
Customs Form 7533

A. Justification

1. Pursuant to the requirements of 19 U.S.C. 1459, 1484, 1498, 1554, and 19 CFR 123.3, 123.4, 123.7, 123.61 and 141.11, the master of any vessel of less than five net tons carrying merchandise or the person in charge of any vehicle arriving in the United States from a contiguous country, at the time the report of arrival is made, shall present to the Customs officer Customs Form 7533, Inward Cargo Manifest for Vessel Under Five Tons, Ferry, Train, Car, Vehicle, etc., if such vessel or vehicle has on board any merchandise.
2. Customs Form 7533 is an inward foreign manifest which is presented by the master of the vessel, conductor on the train, or person in charge of a vehicle listing baggage or other merchandise being conveyed into the United States otherwise than by sea from Canada or Mexico.

The form is also presented in duplicate and used as an entry for shipments not exceeding \$250 in value which is unconditionally free of duty and not subject to quota or to internal revenue tax and arrives on a vessel of less than five net tons arriving otherwise than by sea pursuant to Section 498(a), Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (19 U.S.C. 1498(a)).

Customs Form 7533 has a carrier's certificate printed thereon, which provides evidence of the right to make entry for importation made by common carriers as provided by Section 484(h), Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (19 U.S.C. 1484).

3. There is no consideration of the use of improved information technology to reduce the burden at this time. In 1983 a notice was placed in the Federal Register that Customs was looking into eliminating this form and developing a new one which would better serve the public. The comments which were received from the public stated that they wanted to keep the form as it is.
4. In response to a Presidential directive to reduce the number of public use forms, Customs Form 7533 replaced Customs Form 7533-A, Inward Manifest of Baggage Car, in the calendar year of 1977. There is no duplication of the information collection on any other form.
5. There is no similar information in the reporting field.

6. The collection of this information does not involve small businesses.
7. The consequence to the Federal program if the form were collected less frequently would result in less control of imported merchandise and a loss of revenue.
8. The collection of this information is not inconsistent with the guidelines contained in 5 CFR 1320.6.
9. Consultations outside the agency were made in 1984 with the following individuals through Customs personnel via telephone to determine the availability of the necessary information to the respondent, the frequency of the use of the form, the length of time needed to complete the form, and to identify exiting problems which cannot be resolved at the local level:

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10. There are no assurances of confidentiality given for Customs Form 7533.
11. There are no questions of a sensitive nature on Customs Form 7533.
- 12a. The annual estimated cost to the Federal Government associated with the collecting, analyzing, and processing information collected on Customs Form 7533 is \$347,802.00. The following method was used in determining the cost:

(1) Staff Personnel	Annual Manhours Expended	Hourly Salary	Total Annual Cost
Headquarters:			
Program Analyst	8	\$14.19	\$ 114.00
Forms Analyst	100	15.50	1,550.00

Printing Spec.	1	11.00	11.00
Field Personnel:	31,250	11.00	343,750.00
			<u>Total Annual Staff Cost = \$345,425.00</u>

(2) Total Annual Printing Cost = \$2,377,00 (Per P&R Branch, NY, NY)

(3) Total Annual Cost = Staff = \$345,425.00
Printing = 2,377.00
Total Annual Fed Gov't Cost = \$347,802.00

b. Cost to the Public. Based on the total estimated annual hours (52,063) importers, carriers, and brokers spend to collect, complete and process the information and the average cost to the public (approximately \$10.00 per hour), the estimated annual cost to the public is \$520,630.00.

13. Estimate of burden of the collection. The estimated annual number of respondents is 25,000 with an average number of annual responses at approximately 25 each. The annual burden is a total of 52,063 hours. Based on information obtained from the respondents, it is estimated that it takes approximately 5 minutes (0.0833 hours) to gather the required information and complete the form.

14. The increase in the burden hours from 17,982 to 56,250 is due to an increase of use of the form over the last five (5) years, and the increase in the time to complete the form from (2 minutes = 0.0333 hour to 5 minutes - 0.0833) based on information received from the above named respondents.

15. The collection of the information is not for statistical purposes.

b. Collection of Information Employing Statistical Methods.

Statistical methods are not employed for the collection of Customs Form 7533.

The following notice will be entered on Customs Form 7533 upon the next reprint following OMB approval:

Paperwork Reduction Act Notice: The Paperwork Reduction Act of 1980 says we must tell you why we are collecting this information, how we will use it and whether you have to give it to us. We ask for the information to carry out the Customs Service laws of the United States. This form is used by vessel carriers (under 5 net tons), railroads, or persons in charge of a vehicle to list baggage or other merchandise being conveyed into the United States otherwise than by sea from Canada or Mexico. It is mandatory and to your benefit.