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**U.S. Customs and
Border Protection**

MEMORANDUM FOR: Directors, Field Operations
Office of Field Operations
Field Operations Academy

FROM: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
Executive Director
Admissibility and Passenger Programs
Office of Field Operations

SUBJECT: CBP Customs Declaration (CBP Form 6059B) compliance
with the Trade Facilitation and Trade Enforcement Act of
2015.

In accordance with Section 311 of the Trade Facilitation and Trade Enforcement Act of 2015, U.S. Customs and Border Protection is required to incorporate language into the CBP Form 6059B, commonly known as the Customs Declaration, relating to enforcement of Intellectual Property (IP) laws. The legislative language specifically requires the CBP Commissioner to ensure that all versions of CBP Forms 6059B or successor form(s), including any electronic equivalent CBP Forms 6059B or successor form(s), printed or displayed on or after the effective date of the Trade Facilitation and Trade Enforcement Act of 2015 include a written warning to inform travelers arriving in the United States that importation of merchandise into the United States that infringes intellectual property rights may subject travelers to civil or criminal penalties and may also pose serious risks to safety or health.

The Office of Field Operations (OFO) Admissibility and Passenger Programs (APP), Traveler Policies Division (TPD) is diligently working to incorporate the required IPR information on future versions of the Customs Declaration. Once such changes are completed, OFO will notify Field Offices to begin using the newest version of the Customs Declaration. In the interim, until verbiage relating to IPR requirements is promulgated, all CBP Officers are encouraged to advise international travelers that importation of merchandise into the United States that infringes on intellectual property rights may subject them to civil or criminal penalties as well as also potentially pose serious safety or health risks.

OFO HQ expects all Field Offices to assist the traveling community with any concerns they may have regarding the enforcement of Intellectual Property laws. Directors, Field Operations or their designees are encouraged to approach travel industry representatives currently operating within their respective AOR to inform them of the anticipated new changes to the Customs Declaration. To facilitate this effort, a formal announcement will also be made on www.CBP.gov. Please ensure dissemination of this memorandum to all operational locations within your respective AOR.

Should you have any questions or require additional information, please have a member of your staff contact Traveler Policy Division Program Manager, (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) or via email at (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)