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MEMORANDUM FOR:

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FROM:

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SUBJECT:

CBP Customs Declaration (CBP Form 6059B) transition to
new 04/14 version and use of fillable format form

I am pleased to announce full compliance with the December 18, 2013 Federal Register Final Rule regarding the expanded definition of the term "family" for the purposes of filing a joint declaration. The English version of the CBP Form 6059B, revised in May of 2014, incorporates the new language and is now available for distribution and use.

Effective immediately, all Field Offices are required to transition from earlier English versions, now obsolete, and begin transitioning to the new 04/14 version. The full transition shall be completed by July 31, 2014 when all old English versions will no longer be used. After that date and upon arrival to the United States, all international travelers who are eligible to file a single Customs Declaration for members of a family residing in one household and traveling together will be required to complete the new form.

To provide the public with an enjoyable and faster traveling experience, CBP is also launching the English version of CBP Form 6059B in a fillable format. Travelers who wish to use this format will be able to complete, print out, and sign the form from the privacy of their homes. Provided it is properly completed, the fillable form is the equivalent of a standard form and should be accepted accordingly.

OFO HQ expects all Field Offices to assist the traveling community with any concerns they may have regarding the new form. Directors, Field Operations or their designees are encouraged to approach travel industry representatives currently operating within their respective AOR to promote use of the new form. To facilitate this effort, a formal announcement will also be made on www.CBP.gov. Please ensure dissemination of this memorandum to 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)

Attachment: Sample of CBP Form 6059B-fillable format
Enclosure: Muster

Weekly Muster – CBP Customs Declaration (CBP Form 6059B)

Week of: Upon Receipt
Topic: CBP Customs Declaration (CBP Form 6059B) transition to new 04/14 version and use of fillable format form

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- On December 18, 2013, U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) published a Final Rule in the Federal Register. This rule expanded the definition of the term “members of a family residing in one household” for purposes of allowing a responsible family member to make a joint declaration, either oral or written, for articles acquired abroad. Under this expanded definition, one joint declaration can be filed for all members of a family residing in one household and traveling together on their return to the United States.
- As the result of the new rulemaking, the CBP Form 6059B was updated to reflect the change by incorporating the new definition of the term “family”.
- All Field Offices are required to transition from earlier English versions, now obsolete, and begin using the new 04/14 version. The transition must be completed by July 30, 2014.
- All Field Offices are required to inform travel industry representatives within their respective AOR about this change.
- The revised CBP Form 6059B is now available in a fillable format that is equivalent to the standard form. All CBP Form 6059Bs, in standard and fillable formats, must be accepted provided they are properly completed and signed.
- All fields in the fillable form, with the exception of the signature block and the column named “CBP Use Only”, are fillable.
- The fillable CBP Form 6059B, commonly known as the Customs Declaration, is now available at www.CBP.gov
- The person who signs the 6059B is responsible for all articles declared.

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