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

MEMORANDUM FOR:

Directors, Field Operations

Director, Pre-Clearance Operations

Office of Field Operations

Field Operation (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

FROM:

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

Acting Executive Director

Admissibility and Passenger Programs

Office of Field Operations

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) (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) email at

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

**Headquarters POC:** 

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

- 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.



## **Customs Declaration**

19 CFR 122.27, 148.12, 148.13, 148.110, 148.111, 1498; 31 CFR 5316

FORM APPROVED OMB NO.1651-0009

Each arriving traveler or responsible family member must provide the following information (only ONE written declaration per family is required). The term "family" is defined as "members of a family residing in the same household who are related by blood, marriage, domestic relationship, or adoption."

1	Family Name					
	First (Given)			Middle		
2	Birth date	Month	Day	,	Year	
3	Number of Far	mily memb	ers traveling	with you		
4	(a) U.S. Street	Address (h	otel name/de	stination)		
	(b) City			(c) S	tate	
5	Passport issued by (country)					
6	Passport nun	nber				
7	Country of Residence					
8	Countries vis	ited on this				
	trip prior to U.S	S. arrival				
9	Airline/Flight	No. or Vess	sel Name			
10	The primary po	urpose of th	is trip is <b>busi</b> i	ness:	Yes	No
11	I am (We are) bringing					
	(a) fruits, vege	tables, plan	ts, seeds, foo	d, insects:	Yes	No
	(b) meats, anir	nals, anima	l/wildlife produ	ucts:	Yes	No
	(c) disease age	ents, cell cu	ltures, snails:		Yes	No
	(d) soil or have	been on a	farm/ranch/pa	asture:	Yes	No
12	I have (We hav	e) been in c	lose proximity	of livestock	k: Yes	No
	(such as touchin	g or handling	)			
13	I am (We are) carrying currency or monetary instruments					
	over \$10,000 l	J.S. or forei	gn equivalent		Yes	No
	(see definition of	monetary inc	struments on re-	verse)		
14	I have (We have	ve) commer	cial merchano	lise:	Yes	No
	(articles for sale,	samples use	d for soliciting of	orders,		
	or goods that are	not consider	red personal eff	ects)		
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Read the instructions on the back of this form. Space is provided to list all the items you must declare.

I HAVE READ THE IMPORTANT INFORMATION ON THE REVERSE SIDE OF THIS FORM AND HAVE MADE A TRUTHFUL DECLARATION.

X

Signature

Date (month/day/year)

CBP Form 6059B (04/14)

U.S. Customs and Border Protection Welcomes You to the United States U.S. customs and Border Protection is responsible for protecting the United States against the illegal importation of prohibited items. CBP officers have the authority to question you and to examine you and your personal property. If you are one of the travelers selected for an examination, you will be treated in a courteous, professional, and dignified manner. CBP Supervisors and Passenger Service Representatives are available to answer your questions. Comment cards are available to compliment or provide feedback.

## Important Information

U.S. Residents—declare all articles that you have acquired abroad and are bringing into the United States.

Visitors (Non-Residents)—Declare the value of all articles that will remain in the United States.

Declare all articles on this declaration form and show the value in U.S. dollars. For gifts, please indicate the retail value.

Duty—CBP officers will determine duty. U.S. residents are normally entitled to a duty-free exemption of \$800 on items accompanying them. Visitors (non-residents) are normally entitled to an exemption of \$100. Duty will be assessed at the current rate on the first \$1,000 above the exemption.

Agricultural and Wildlife Products—To prevent the entry of dangerous agricultural pests and prohibited wildlife, the following are restricted: Fruits, vegetables, plants, plant products, soil, meat, meat products, birds, snails, and other live animals or animal products. Failure to declare such items to a Customs and Border Protection Officer/ Customs and Border Protection Agriculture Specialist/Fish and Wildlife Inspector can result in penalties and the items may be subject to seizure.

Controlled substances, obscene articles, and toxic substances are generally prohibited entry.

The transportation of currency or monetary instruments, regardless of the amount, is legal. However, if you bring in to or take out of the United States more than \$10,000 (U.S. or foreign equivalent, or a combination of both), you are required by law to file a report on FinCEN 105 (formerly Customs Form 4790) with U.S. Customs and Border Protection. Monetary instruments include coin, currency, travelers checks and bearer instruments such as personal or cashiers checks and stocks and bonds. If you have someone else carry the currency or monetary instrument for you, you must also file a report on FinCEN 105. Failure to file the required report or failure to report the total amount that you are carrying may lead to the seizure of all the currency or monetary instruments, and may subject you to civil penalties and/or criminal prosecution. SIGN ON THE OPPOSITE SIDE OF THIS FORM AFTER YOU HAVE READ THE IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOVE AND MADE A TRUTHFUL DECLARATION.

Description of Articles (List may continue on another CBP Form 6059B)	Value	CBP Use Only
Total		

PAPERWORK REDUCTION ACT STATEMENT: An agency may not conduct or sponsor an information collection and a person is not required to respond to this information unless it displays a current valid OMB control number. The control number for this collection is 1651-0009. The estimated average time to complete this application is 4 minutes. Your response is mandatory. If you have any comments regarding the burden estimate you can write to U.S. Customs and Border Protection Office of Regulations and Rulings, 90 K Street, NE, 10th Floor, Washington, DC 20229.

CBP Form 6059B (04/14)