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## **DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY**

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

#### **Customs Brokers User Fee Payment for 2016**

**AGENCY:** U.S. Customs and Border Protection, Department of Homeland Security.

**ACTION:** General notice.

**SUMMARY:** This document provides notice to customs brokers that the annual user fee of \$138 that is assessed for each permit held by a broker, whether it may be an individual, partnership, association, or corporation, is due by February 26, 2016.

**DATES:** Payment of the 2016 Customs Broker User Fee is due by February 26, 2016.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Julia Peterson, Broker Management Branch, Office of International Trade, (202) 863-6601.

#### **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

Pursuant to section 111.96 of title 19 of the Code of Federal Regulations (19 CFR 111.96(c)), U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) assesses an annual user fee of \$138 for each customs broker district and national permit held by an individual, partnership, association, or corporation. CBP regulations provide that this fee is payable for each calendar year in each broker district where the broker was issued a permit to do business by the due date. See 19 CFR 24.22(h) and (i)(9). Broker districts are defined in the General Notice entitled, “Geographic Boundaries of Customs Brokerage, Cartage

and Lighterage Districts,” published in the **Federal Register** on March 15, 2000 (65 FR 14011), and corrected, with minor changes, on March 23, 2000 (65 FR 15686) and on April 6, 2000 (65 FR 18151).

As required by 19 CFR 111.96, CBP must provide notice in the **Federal Register** no later than 60 days before the date that the payment is due for each broker permit. This document notifies customs brokers that for calendar year 2016, the due date for payment of the user fee is February 26, 2016. It is anticipated that for subsequent years, the annual user fee for customs brokers will be due on the last business day of February of each year.

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