



DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

U.S. Customs and Border Protection

Quarterly IRS Interest Rates Used in Calculating Interest on Overdue Accounts and Refunds on Customs Duties

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

ACTION: General notice.

SUMMARY: This notice advises the public that the quarterly Internal Revenue Service interest rates used to calculate interest on overdue accounts (underpayments) and refunds (overpayments) of customs duties will increase from the previous quarter. For the calendar quarter beginning January 1, 2019, the interest rates for overpayments will be 5 percent for corporations and 6 percent for non-corporations, and the interest rate for underpayments will be 6 percent for both corporations and non-corporations. This notice is published for the convenience of the importing public and U.S. Customs and Border Protection personnel.

DATES: The rates announced in this notice are applicable as of January 1, 2019.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Bruce Ingalls, Revenue Division, Collection Refunds & Analysis Branch, 6650 Telecom Drive, Suite #100, Indianapolis, Indiana 46278; telephone (317) 298-1107.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

Pursuant to 19 U.S.C. 1505 and Treasury Decision 85-93, published in the *Federal Register* on May 29, 1985 (50 FR 21832), the interest rate paid on applicable overpayments or underpayments of customs duties must be in accordance with the Internal Revenue Code rate established under 26 U.S.C. 6621 and 6622. Section 6621 provides different interest rates applicable to overpayments: one for corporations and one for non-corporations.

The interest rates are based on the Federal short-term rate and determined by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) on behalf of the Secretary of the Treasury on a quarterly basis. The rates effective for a quarter are determined during the first-month period of the previous quarter.

In Revenue Ruling 2018-32, the IRS determined the rates of interest for the calendar quarter beginning January 1, 2019, and ending on March 31, 2019. The interest rate paid to the Treasury for underpayments will be the Federal short-term rate (3%) plus three percentage points (3%) for a total of six percent (6%) for both corporations and non-corporations. For corporate overpayments, the rate is the Federal short-term rate (3%) plus two percentage points (2%) for a total of five percent (5%). For overpayments made by non-corporations, the rate is the Federal short-term rate (3%) plus three percentage points (3%) for a total of six percent (6%). These interest rates used to calculate interest on overdue accounts (underpayments) and refunds (overpayments) of customs duties are increased from the previous quarter. These interest rates are subject to change for the calendar quarter beginning April 1, 2019, and ending June 30, 2019.

For the convenience of the importing public and U.S. Customs and Border Protection personnel the following list of IRS interest rates used, covering the period from July of 1974 to date, to calculate interest on overdue accounts and refunds of customs duties, is published in summary format.

<u>Beginning</u>	<u>Ending</u>	<u>Under-</u>	<u>Over-</u>	<u>Corporate</u>
<u>Date</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>payments</u>	<u>payments</u>	<u>Overpay-</u>
		(percent)	(percent)	<u>ments</u>
				(Eff. 1-1-99)
				(percent)
070174	063075	6%	6%	
070175	013176	9 %	9 %	
020176	013178	7 %	7 %	
020178	013180	6 %	6 %	
020180	013182	12 %	12 %	
020182	123182	20 %	20 %	
010183	063083	16 %	16 %	
070183	123184	11 %	11 %	
010185	063085	13 %	13 %	
070185	123185	11 %	11 %	
010186	063086	10 %	10 %	
070186	123186	9 %	9 %	
010187	093087	9 %	8 %	
100187	123187	10 %	9 %	
010188	033188	11 %	10 %	
040188	093088	10 %	9 %	

100188	033189	11 %	10 %	
040189	093089	12 %	11 %	
100189	033191	11 %	10 %	
040191	123191	10 %	9 %	
010192	033192	9 %	8 %	
040192	093092	8 %	7 %	
100192	063094	7 %	6 %	
070194	093094	8 %	7 %	
100194	033195	9 %	8 %	
040195	063095	10 %	9 %	
070195	033196	9 %	8 %	
040196	063096	8 %	7 %	
070196	033198	9 %	8 %	
040198	123198	8%	7%	
010199	033199	7%	7%	6%
040199	033100	8%	8%	7%
040100	033101	9%	9%	8%
040101	063001	8%	8%	7%
070101	123101	7%	7%	6%
010102	123102	6%	6%	5%
010103	093003	5%	5%	4%
100103	033104	4%	4%	3%

040104	063004	5%	5%	4%
070104	093004	4%	4%	3%
100104	033105	5%	5%	4%
040105	093005	6%	6%	5%
100105	063006	7%	7%	6%
070106	123107	8%	8%	7%
010108	033108	7%	7%	6%
040108	063008	6%	6%	5%
070108	093008	5%	5%	4%
100108	123108	6%	6%	5%
010109	033109	5%	5%	4%
040109	123110	4%	4%	3%
010111	033111	3%	3%	2%
040111	093011	4%	4%	3%
100111	033116	3%	3%	2%
040116	033118	4%	4%	3%

040118	123118	5%	5%	4%
010119	033119	6%	6%	5%

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