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MEMORANDUM FOR U.S. Customs and Border Protection Headquarters, Port Directors,
Department of Commerce District Offices, U.S. Principal Parties in
Interest, Freight Forwarders, Authorized Agents, Exporting Carriers,
and All Others Concerned

From U.S. Census Bureau and U.S. Customs Border and Protection

Subject Notice of 180 Day Informed Compliance Period for Regulatory Changes

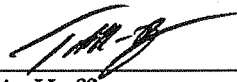
The U.S. Census Bureau issued the final rule implementing modifications to Title 15, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 30, Foreign Trade Regulations (FTR). The rule was published on March 14, 2013 and will become effective on April 5, 2014. This memorandum serves to notify the trade community that the Census Bureau, in concurrence with U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP), agrees to provide an additional 180 days to come into compliance with the new requirements.

During this 180 day period the Census Bureau and CBP will use "informed compliance" to educate the trade on the new requirements. During this time, no penalties will be issued for failure to comply with any new requirements found in the March 14, 2013 rule. Penalties may be issued for violations of regulations that remain unchanged from the FTR published on June 2, 2008. The period of informed compliance will take place from the revised FTR effective date of April 5, 2014 through October 2, 2014.

If you have any questions regarding the new regulations or the Automated Export System (AES), please contact the Foreign Trade Division on 1-800-549-0595. Select option 1 to reach the AES Branch for technical issues or option 3 to reach the Regulations, Outreach and Education Branch for regulatory concerns. The regulations can be found on our website at <http://www.census.gov/foreign-trade/regulations/index.html>.



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