

**Update from the U.S. Census Bureau: Informed Compliance Period ending October 2, 2014**

The modifications to the Title 15, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 30, Foreign Trade Regulations (FTR) were published on March 14, 2013 and became effective on April 5, 2013. The Census Bureau, in concurrence with U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP), is providing an additional 180 days to come into compliance with the new requirements. The period of informed compliance will end on October 2, 2014.

During this time, no penalties will be issued for failure to comply with any new requirements found in the March 14, 2013 rule, which has been reproduced below. Penalties may be issued for violations of regulations that remain unchanged from the FTR published on June 2, 2008.

If you have any questions regarding the new regulations, please contact the Foreign Trade Division at 1-800-549-0595 and select option 3.

The March 14, 2013 rule revised 15 CFR Part 30.52 to read as follows:

***§ 30.52 Foreign-trade zones (FTZ).***

*When goods are withdrawn from a FTZ for export to a foreign country, the export shall be reported in accordance with § 30.2. Foreign goods admitted into FTZs shall be reported as a general import. Statistical requirements for zone admissions are provided to the Census Bureau via CBP's Automated Broker Interface (ABI) electronic 214 (e214) program or the CBP Form 214A Application for Foreign-trade zone Admission and/or Status Designation. Refer to CBP Web site at [www.cbp.gov](http://www.cbp.gov) to download the "Foreign-trade zone Manual" where instructions for completing the paper CBP Form 214A documents are provided in Appendix C. When goods are withdrawn for domestic consumption or entry into a bonded warehouse, the withdrawal shall be reported on CBP 7501 or through the ABI in accordance with CBP regulations. The instructions and definitions for completing the e214 are provided in 19 CFR 146. The following data items are required to be filed on the 214A, for statistical purposes:*

- (a) Zone Number and Location (Address)*
- (b) Port Code*
- (c) Importing Vessel and Flag/Other Carrier*
- (d) Export Date*
- (e) Import Date*
- (f) Zone Admission Number*
- (g) U.S. Port of Unlading*
- (h) In-bond Carrier*
- (i) Foreign Port of Lading*
- (j) Bill of Lading/AWB Number*
- (k) Number of Packages & Country of Origin*
- (l) Description of Merchandise*
- (m) HTSUSA Number*
- (n) Quantity (HTSUSA)*
- (o) Gross Weight*
- (p) Separate Value and Aggregate Charges*
- (q) Status Designation*