



© rogerphoto — stock.adobe.com

## **U.S. Customs Outlines Increases in Merchandise Processing Fees for 2018**

---

**U**nited States Customs and Border Patrol (CBP) has announced that certain user fee changes outlined in the CBP Final Rule (82 FRN 50523) and the General Notice (82 FRN 50659) are to be implemented in the ACE Certification environment for trade testing starting today; however, the user fee changes will only effect entries with entry dates on or after January 1, 2018. Such user fees that have been changed include the Informal Merchandise Processing Fee (MPF, class code 311) which changes to \$2.06; the dutiable mail fee (class code 496) which changes to \$5.65; and the surcharge for manual entry or release which changes to \$3.08.

As a note, the MPF ad valorem rate will not change from its current percentage of 0.3464%, although the minimum and maximum for formal entries (class code 499) will change from \$25 to \$25.67 and \$485 to \$497.99, respectively.

More information about the proposed changes in the Consolidated Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act (COBRA) of 1985 [can be found here](#).



*For pressing inquiries and updates, please reach your local KWE branch for information.*