

package would be examined by Customs and forwarded to the Postal Service for delivery. Any duties due would be collected by the mailman. If the shipment arrives other than through the mail, the traveler would be notified by the carrier when the article arrives. Entry would be made by the carrier or the traveler at the customhouse. Any duties due would be collected at that time.

[T.D. 78-394, 43 FR 49790, Oct. 25, 1978; 43 FR 55758, Nov. 29, 1978; T.D. 97-75, 62 FR 46443, Sept. 3, 1997]

**§ 148.111 Written declaration for unaccompanied articles.**

The baggage declaration, Customs Form 6059-B, of a person (the crewmembers declaration, Customs Form 5129, in the case of a returning crewmember) arriving directly or indirectly from American Samoa, Guam, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, or the Virgin Islands of the United States shall be in writing if it covers articles which do not accompany him and:

(a) The articles are entitled to free entry under the \$1,200 exemption provided by subheading 9804.00.70, Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTSUS) (19 U.S.C. 1202), or

(b) The articles are noncommercial importations of limited value subject to a flat rate of duty under subheading 9816.00.40, HTSUS.

[T.D. 78-394, 43 FR 49790, Oct. 25, 1978, as amended by T.D. 86-118, 51 FR 22516, June 20, 1986; T.D. 89-1, 53 FR 51267, Dec. 21, 1988; T.D. 97-75, 62 FR 46443, Sept. 3, 1997]

**§ 148.112 Evidence of purchase.**

A sales slip, invoice, or other evidence of purchase, shall be presented with the declaration for all unaccompanied articles.

[T.D. 78-394, 43 FR 49790, Oct. 25, 1978]

**§ 148.113 Declaration, entry, and collection of duty.**

(a) *Declaration and entry for unaccompanied articles*—(1) *Declaration.* A baggage declaration covering articles for which a claim of free entry, in whole or in part, is made under the \$1,200 exemption provided by subheading 9804.00.70, Harmonized Tariff

Schedule of the United States (HTSUS) (19 U.S.C. 1202), or a baggage or crewmembers declaration covering articles for which the flat rate of duty provision of subheading 9816.00.40, HTSUS appears to be applicable, shall be accompanied by a Declaration of Unaccompanied Articles, Customs Form 255. Customs Form 255 shall be prepared in triplicate by the vendor or declarant for each shipment of declared articles not accompanying the person. A shipment consists of one or more packages or containers sent as a unit.

(2) *Verification.* The Customs officer shall verify the information from the declaration, sales slip, invoice, or other evidence of purchase furnished by the person. The completed Customs Form 255 shall be validated by the Customs officer and two copies given to the person.

(b) *Collection of duty.* Duties shall be collected before release of the articles, after their arrival in the United States, as provided in § 145.12 or § 148.115.

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**§ 148.114 Shipment of unaccompanied articles.**

One copy of the validated Customs Form 255 shall be returned to the vendor. The vendor shall place the form in an envelope, affix it to the outside of the shipment, and clearly mark the outside of the shipment “Unaccompanied Tourist Shipment.”

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**§ 148.115 Release of shipment.**

(a) *Release after examination.* Unaccompanied tourist shipments:

(1) To which the personal exemption provided in subheading 9804.00.70, Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTSUS) (19 U.S.C. 1202), is applicable, or

(2) For which entry is made under the flat rate of duty provisions of subheading 9816.00.40, HTSUS, or under those provisions in conjunction with the regular rate of duty provision of another subheading of the tariff schedule, shall be released if: