**PURPOSE**

On December 4, 2015, Public Law 114–94 amended the Consolidated Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act (COBRA) of 1985 (19 U.S.C. 58c) to require that certain customs COBRA user fees and corresponding limitations be adjusted for inflation.

**POLICY**

The August 1, 2018 Federal Register (Vol. 83, No. 184, P. 37509; CBP Dec. 18-08) announced the modified Merchandise Processing Fee (MPF) schedule to be implemented October 1, 2018. Certain of these modifications are of particular interest to partner importers and others whose entry summaries fall under the jurisdiction of the Petroleum Natural Gas and Minerals Center (PNGM Center).

**PROCEDURES**

On October 1, 2018:

* Minimum MPF for a formal entry increases to $26.22 per 19 CFR 24.23(b)(1)(i)(B)(1).
* Maximum MPF for a formal entry increases to $508.70 per 19 CFR 24.23(b)(1)(i)(B)(1).
* Maximum MPF for a monthly consolidated pipeline entry will remain $400

per 19 CFR 24.23(b)(1)(i)(A).

The ad valorem rate of 0.3464% remains unchanged.

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