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FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CALL:
Chief CBP Officer
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SUBJECT: COBRA User Fee Changes Effective October 1, 2023

This Public Information Notice (PIN) is being provided to inform you of the user fee changes that will take effect on October 1, 2023. Pursuant to the General Notice (88 FR 48900) published July 28, 2023, these adjustments are made in accordance with the Fixing America's Surface Transportation Act of 2015 (FAST Act), Public Law 114-94. Link to General Notice - <https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2023/07/28/2023-16197/cobra-fees-to-be-adjusted-for-inflation-in-fiscal-year-2024-cbp-dec-23-08>

COBRA Fees Effective October 1, 2023		Fixed Price Fees		Fee Collections with Variable Limits	
Class Code	Description	Current Fee	New Fixed Fee 10/1/23	Minimum Fee 10/1/23	Maximum Fee 10/1/23
491	User Fee Commercial Vessel (100 Net Tons or More)			\$553.55	\$7,543.20 (CY max)
498	User Fee Barge/Bulk Carrier			\$139.34	\$1,900.05 (CY max)
492	User Fee Commercial Truck	\$6.50 CBP only	\$6.95 CBP Only		\$126.67 (CY prepay)
494	User Fee Private Aircraft Decal	\$33.62	\$34.83		\$34.83 (1-time annual)
496	User Fee Dutiable Mail Entry	\$6.52	\$6.97		
904	Private Vessel, Decal	\$33.62	\$34.83		\$34.83 (1-time annual)

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493	User Fee Railroad Car (Passenger or Freight)			\$10.45	\$126.67 (CY prepay)
484	User Fee Passenger Aboard Commercial Vessel from one of the territories and possessions of the U.S.			\$2.44 per passenger	
485	User Fee Passenger Aboard a Commercial Vessel			\$6.97 per passenger	
495	User Fee Passenger Aboard a Commercial Aircraft			\$6.97 per passenger	
490	Express Consignment Carrier/Facility Fee (per individual waybill/BOL)			\$0.44	\$1.27
499	Merchandise Processing Fee			\$31.67	\$614.35
500	Merchandise Processing Fee Surcharge - Manual			\$3.80	\$3.80
311a	Informal Merchandise Processing Fee; Automated and NOT Prepared by CBP			\$2.53	\$2.53
311b	Informal Merchandise Processing Fee; Manual and NOT Prepared by CBP			\$7.60	\$7.60
311c	Informal Merchandise Processing Fee; Automated or Manual and Prepared by CBP			\$11.40	\$11.40
497	Customs Broker Permit User Fee	\$163.71	\$174.80		

Questions regarding the changes to the user fees within the Consolidated Omnibus Budget Reconsolidation Act (COBRA) of 1985, should be directed to Chief Charles R. Rust at (713) 454-8002.

/s/

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