

**Notice of Intent to Export, Destroy or Return Merchandise for Purposes of
Drawback - CF 7553**
(Instructions)

This form is presented to Customs prior to any action taken by the company. It will be returned to the company, indicating Customs decisions on examination, destruction or waiver. After this form is signed off by Customs, it should be submitted as an attachment to the Drawback Entry, CF 7551, along with proof of exportation or destruction, and submitted to the Drawback Center.

1. **Exporter's or Destroyer's Name, Address and ID Number** - Provide the name and address of the company or individual exporting/destroying the merchandise described. Record the IRS or social security number or Customs assigned number of the exporter. The following formats shall be used:

IRS number with suffix	NN-NNNNNNNXX
Social security number	NNN-NN-NNNN
Customs assigned number	NNNNNN-NNNN

Note: The suffix (XX) is integral to the IRS number and should be included. If a specific suffix has not been added via a CF 5106, add two zeros at the end.

2. **Drawback Entry Number** - This number is company generated and is assigned by the exporter or destroyer of the merchandise. A drawback entry is not required if it is a consolidated shipment.
- 3-4. **Intended Action/Date** - Mark the appropriate box and indicate the scheduled date of exportation/destruction.
5. **Drawback Center** - Indicate the Drawback Center where you will file your drawback entry. The locations of the five drawback centers are as follows:

Chicago	3901	Houston	5301
New York	1001	Los Angeles	2704
San Francisco	2809		

6. **Contact Name, Address, Phone and Facsimile Number** - Indicate the name, complete address, phone and facsimile number of the individual to notify of required examination or other instruction. If Customs has questions or needs further information or documentation, this person will be contacted. Provide a facsimile number for the exporting company for Customs to transmit the decision made if this form is not presented in person, decision given and immediately returned.

7. **Location of Merchandise** - Provide the name and street address where the merchandise is located.
8. **Method of Destruction and Location** - Describe the method of destruction and the name and a street address where the destruction will take place.
9. **Exporting Carrier Name** - Provide the name of the exporting carrier (if known).
10. **Intended Port of Export** - Indicate the four-digit Customs port code where actual exportation will occur. If different from the examination port, a T&E document must be filed to effect the shipment.
11. **Unique Identifier Number** - List the bill of lading or export invoice number of the shipping document.
12. **T&E Number** - If applicable, a Transportation and Exportation under Bond number is required if the Customs examination is completed at a port other than the port of actual exportation or destruction. The exporter/claimant will transport the merchandise in-bond to the port of exportation or destruction.
13. **Country of Ultimate Destination** - Indicate the name of the foreign country.
14. **Description of Merchandise (include part no.)** - Furnish a description of each item to be exported/destroyed. Include in the description any model, style or part numbers, and/or grades, colors and sizes.
15. **Export Value** - Provide the entered unit value of the exported article.
16. **Quantity and Unit of Measure** - Provide the quantity for each individual item and the unit of measure.
17. **HTSUS Number** - Furnish the six digit HTSUS No. or Schedule B No. of the exported/destroyed articles. Provide eight digits for petroleum articles.
18. **Drawback to Be Filed As:** Select the type of drawback that will be used for this notice. Time requirements for the different types of drawback are provided.

Unused merchandise drawback (1313(j)(1))- Imported merchandise that has not been used in the U.S., or has undergone an operation(s) or combination of operations that does not amount to a manufactured or produced article, as provided under the provisions of the manufacturing drawback law. Export/destroyed merchandise must be the same article that was imported into the U.S. Claims containing exports to Canada after 1/1/1996 or Mexico after 1/1/2001 not in the same condition within the meaning of 19 CFR 181.45(b)(1) are to be based on the lesser of the duties under 19 CFR 181.44(g). (The CF 7553 must be submitted to Customs 2 working days prior to exportation, or 7 working days prior to destruction.)

Substitution unused merchandise drawback (1313(j)(2)) - The exported/destroyed merchandise may be substituted merchandise which is commercially interchangeable with the imported merchandise and has not been used in the U.S. No exports to Canada or Mexico allowed. (The CF 7553 must be submitted to Customs 2 working days prior to exportation, or 7 working days prior to destruction.)

Same condition drawback under NAFTA - Exported merchandise to Canada or Mexico must be in the same condition as defined in 19 CFR 181.45(b)(1). (The CF 7553 must be submitted to Customs 2 working days prior to export, or 7 working days prior to destruction.)

Manufacturing drawback - The manufactured article that is to be destroyed must contain imported or substituted merchandise under the drawback provisions and was not used in the U.S. (The CF 7553 must be submitted to Customs 7 working days prior to destruction.)

Rejected merchandise drawback - Check the box that accurately reflects why the imported article(s) are rejected. (The CF 7553 must be submitted 5 working days prior to exportation or destruction.)

Distilled spirits, wine or beer - Check this box if imported distilled spirits, wine or beer, are to be exported or destroyed under Customs supervision. They must be un-merchantable or not conform to sample/specifications (26 U.S.C. 5062(c)). This provision provides a 100% refund of Internal Revenue taxes only. (The CF 7553 must be submitted 5 working days prior to exportation or destruction.)

19. **Signature, Title and Date** - The individual's signature, title and date of the person authorized to bind the company to the veracity of the document.

NOTE: When Customs does not witness destruction, this form must be supported with third party proof of destruction when the claim is submitted. The proof of exportation must be retained to support the export summary.