DECISION OF THE GOVERNMENT OF THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION
NO. 459 OF JULY 26, 2006 ON THE FEDERAL CUSTOMS SERVICE
(with the Amendments and Additions of April 21, 2008)

On the ground of Article 12 of the Federal Constitutional Law on the
Government of the Russian Federation, and in execution of Decree of the
President of the Russian Federation No. 473 of May 11, 2006, the Issues of
the Federal Customs Service (Sobraniye Zakonodatelstva Rossiiskoy
Federatsii, No. 20, 2006, Item 2162), the Government of the Russian
Federation resolves:

1. To approve the hereto enclosed Regulations on the Federal
Customs Service.

2. To approve the hereto enclosed Amendments which shall be
introduced into the normative legal acts of the Government of the Russian
Federation.

3. To recognize as having lost force Decision of the Government of
the Russian Federation No. 585 of September 28, 2005 on the Procedure
for Exerting Control over the Execution by the Customs Bodies of the
Normative Legal Acts on the Issues of the Computation and Collection of
Customs Payments and for Determining the Customs Cost of Commodities
(Sobraniye Zakonodatelstva Rossiiskoy Federatsii, No. 40. 2005, Item
4038).

Chairman of the Government
of the Russian Federation

M. Fradkov

Regulations on the Federal Customs Service (approved by Decision
(with the Amendments and Additions of April 21, 2008)

I. General Provisions

1. The Federal Customs Service is an authorized federal executive
power body, discharging in conformity with the legislation of the Russian
Federation the functions involved in the elaboration of the state policy and
in the normative legal regulation, control and supervision in the area of the
customs business, as well as the functions of an agent for the currency
control and the special functions aimed at fighting the contraband and other
crimes, and administrative law offences.

2. The activity of the Federal Customs Service is guided by the
Government of the Russian Federation.

3. The Federal Customs Service relies in its activity on the
Constitution of the Russian Federation, on the federal constitutional laws
and the federal laws, on the Decrees and Orders of the President of the Russian Federation, on the Decisions and Orders of the Government of the Russian Federation, on the international agreements of the Russian Federation, on the normative legal acts of the Central Bank of the Russian Federation and on the present Regulations.

4. The Federal Customs Service performs its activity both directly and through the customs bodies and the Service’s representations abroad in interaction with the other federal executive power bodies, with the executive power bodies of the subjects of the Russian Federation and the local self-government bodies, with the Central Bank of the Russian Federation, as well as with public associations and other organizations.

II. Powers

5. The Federal Customs Service exercises the following powers in the established area of activity:

5.1. it submits to the Government of the Russian Federation the drafts of federal laws and of the normative legal acts of the President of the Russian Federation and of the Government of the Russian Federation, and the other documents, on which the decision of the Government of the Russian Federation is required, on the issues referred to the area of the Service’s jurisdiction established in Item 1 of the present Regulations, as well as the draft annual plan of work and the forecast indices for the Service’s activity;

5.2. on the basis and in execution of the Constitution of the Russian Federation, of the federal constitutional laws, the federal laws and the acts of the President of the Russian Federation and of the Government of the Russian Federation, it adopts the following normative legal acts in the established area of activity:

5.2.1. the procedure for keeping the registers of persons carrying out activity in the area of customs business;

5.2.2. the procedure for keeping a register of banks and of the other credit institutions and insurance agencies, whose bank guarantees are accepted by the customs bodies as the provision for making the customs payments;

5.2.3. the procedure for keeping a register of insurance agencies, whose insurance contracts are accepted by the customs bodies as the provision for making the customs payments;

5.2.4. the procedure for keeping a customs register of the objects of intellectual property;

5.2.5. the form for a certificate on being included into the register of persons performing activity in the area of the customs business and the form for the decision on the revocation of this certificate;

5.2.6. the form and procedure for the use of a customs receipt slip, issued in confirmation of giving a monetary pledge to the person who has
entered monetary funds into the cashier’s office or onto the customs body's account - in agreement with the Ministry of Finance of the Russian Federation;

5.2.7. the procedure for controlling the customs cost of commodities - jointly with the Ministry of Finance of the Russian Federation;

5.2.8. the form and procedure for the adoption of preliminary decisions on the classification of commodities in conformity with the Commodity Classification for Foreign Economic Activity with respect to a particular commodity and on the country of the commodity origin;

5.2.9. the procedure and technology of the customs formalization depending on the kinds of commodities shifted across the customs border, on the kind of the transport used for such shifting and on the categories of persons shifting commodities and transportation facilities;

5.2.10. the form and procedure for the issue of the customs body's permit for the performance of customs operations;

5.2.11. the lists of documents and information, and the demands made on the information necessary for the customs formalization, as applied to particular customs procedures and customs regimes, as well as the time terms for submitting such documents and information;

5.2.12. the form and procedure for filling out a transit declaration;

5.2.13. the form and procedure for the issue of a certificate on admitting the transport facility, container or detachable body to the transportation of commodities under the customs lead seals and stamps;

5.2.14. obligatory demands made on the arrangements, equipment and place of location of temporary storage warehouses for the purposes of providing for the exertion of the customs control;

5.2.15. qualification demands made on specialists in the customs formalization, the procedure for carrying out the attestation of specialists in the customs formalization, the lists of documents submitted together with an application for admittance to the attestation, qualification exams' programmes and the procedure for passing them;

5.2.16. the procedure for the issue of the qualification certificates of specialists in the customs formalization and the form for the qualification certificate;

5.2.17. obligatory demands made on the arrangement of the storehouses of a duty-free shop, if such storehouses are situated outside the points of release across the state frontier of the Russian Federation;

5.2.18. the procedure for the customs formalization of commodities sent over in international postal items, with respect to which a separate customs declaration shall be handed in - in agreement with the Ministry of Information Technologies and Communication of the Russian Federation;

5.2.19. the procedure for applying towards international postal items the procedure for the internal customs transit - in agreement with the Ministry of Information Technologies and Communication of the Russian Federation;
5.2.20. the procedure for the creation and designation of the customs control zones and the demands made on them, with the exception of the creation of the customs control zones along the customs border;

5.2.21. the forms for the acts on carrying out the customs examination and customs inspection of commodities and transportation facilities;

5.2.22. the form for an act on carrying out the personal customs inspection of a natural person;

5.2.23. the form for an act on carrying out a customs audit;

5.2.24. the procedure for taking samples or specimens of commodities and the procedure for their study in exerting the customs control;

5.2.25. the form for an act on the amendment, removal, destruction or replacement by the customs body of appliances for an identification of commodities and transportation facilities;

5.2.26. the procedure and terms for the use for the customs purposes of information systems and technologies, and of the means for their provision;

5.2.27. the procedure for the formation and use of the customs bodies' information resources, and the demands made on the documentation of information, as well as the procedure for obtaining information contained in the information resources under the customs bodies' jurisdiction;

5.2.28. the procedure for the issue of a licence for the institution of a free storehouse and the term of its validity;

5.2.29. the procedure for an identification of the commodities, imported to the territory of a special economic zone;

5.2.30. demands made on the arrangement, construction and design of a special economic zone, and the terms for an access to the territory of the special economic zone for ensuring the efficiency of the customs control;

5.2.31. the form for an application from a resident of a special economic zone and the demands made on information supplied in it, for the supposed import of commodities to the territory of the special economic zone in conformity with the customs regime of a free customs zone;

5.2.32. the form for recording and for reports, as well as the procedure and time terms for the presentation by the persons, performing activity on the territory of a special economic zone, of reports to the customs bodies - in agreement with the Ministry of Finance of the Russian Federation;

5.2.33. the form for an obligation of an organization, taking in (importing) alcohol products to the customs territory of the Russian Federation, concerning the use of the acquired excize stamps in accordance with their purpose;
5.2.34. rules for the acquisition of excise stamps for taking in (importing) alcohol products and for the exertion of control over their use;

5.2.35. acts determining the size of the sum of provision for the fulfilment of the obligation of an organization, taking in (importing) alcohol products to the customs territory of the Russian Federation, concerning the use of the acquired excise stamps in conformity with their purpose;

5.2.36. the format of putting onto the excise stamps of information on the marked alcohol products to be read with the use of the technical appliances of the uniform state automated information system for recording the volume of the output and turnover of ethyl alcohol, alcohol products and alcohol-containing products, as well as the rules for directing the confirmation of the fixation of information on alcohol products in the uniform state automated information system and the notification on the refusal in the fixation of this information;

5.2.37. normative legal acts on the other issues in the established area of activity, if such powers are envisaged in the federal constitutional laws, in the federal laws and in the normative legal acts of the President of the Russian Federation and of the Government of the Russian Federation, as well as on the basis of the normative legal acts of the Central Bank of the Russian Federation;

5.3. on the basis of the federal laws, of the acts of the President of the Russian Federation and of the Government of the Russian Federation and in the order established in them, exerizes the following powers in the control and supervision in the established area of activity;

5.3.1. collects the customs duties, taxes, anti-dumping, special and compensation duties, preliminary anti-dumping, preliminary special and preliminary compensation duties and customs fees, and controls the correctness of the computation and the timeliness of the payment of the above-said duties, taxes and fees, and takes measures for their forcible exaction or return;

5.3.2. provides for the observation of the prohibitions and restrictions with respect to commodities shifted across the customs border of the Russian Federation, established in conformity with the legislation of the Russian Federation on the state regulation of foreign economic activity and with the international agreements of the Russian Federation;

5.3.3. provides for a uniform application by the customs bodies of the customs legislation of the Russian Federation;

5.3.4. carries out the customs formalization and exerts the customs control;

5.3.5. adopts in the established order decisions on the classification of commodities in conformity with the Commodity Classification for Foreign Economic Activity of the Russian Federation and provides for the publication of these decisions;

5.3.6. provides within the scope of its competence for the protection of the rights to intellectual property;
5.3.7. passes in the established order preliminary decisions on the classification of the commodity in conformity with the Commodity Classification for Foreign Economic Activity and on the origin of the commodity from a particular country (the country of the commodity origin);

5.3.8. keeps the registers of persons performing activity in the area of the customs business;

5.3.9. keeps a register of banks and of the other credit institutions possessing the right to give bank guarantees for making the customs payments;

5.3.10. keeps a register of insurance agencies whose insurance contracts may be accepted in provision for making the customs payments;

5.3.11. keeps a customs register of the objects of intellectual property;

5.3.12. issues qualifications certificates to specialists in the customs formalization;

5.3.13. cancels the qualification certificates of specialists in the customs formalization;

5.3.14. issues licences for the institution of a free storehouse;

5.3.15. exerts within the scope of its competence control over the currency transactions of residents and non-residents, involved in shifting commodities and transportation facilities across the customs border, in conformity with the currency legislation of the Russian Federation and with the normative legal acts of the currency regulation bodies, adopted in accordance with it;

5.3.16. conducts the proceedings on the cases of administrative law offences and considers such cases in conformity with the legislation of the Russian Federation on administrative law offences;

5.3.17. investigates and performs urgent investigatory actions in conformity with the criminal-procedure legislation of the Russian Federation;

5.3.18. carries out in conformity with the legislation of the Russian Federation the operative-search activity;

5.4. keeps the customs statistics of the foreign trade and the special customs statistics;

5.5. informs and consults on the gratuitous basis the participants in foreign economic activity on the issues of the customs business;

5.6. keeps in the established order the commodity classifications of foreign economic activity;

5.7. elaborates and creates in the established order the information systems, information technologies and the means for their provision used by the customs bodies;

5.8. sums up the practice of application of the legislation of the Russian Federation in the established area of activity;
5.9. fulfils the functions of the chief disposer and the recipient of funds from the federal budget, envisaged for the maintenance of the Service and for the fulfilment of the functions imposed upon it;

5.10. ensures within the scope of its competence the protection of information, comprising the state secret;

5.11. considers complaints filed against the customs bodies' and their official persons' decisions and actions (the lack of actions);

5.12. organizes the reception of citizens and provides for a timely and exhaustive consideration of their applications, for the adoption of decisions on them and for the direction to the applicants of the answers within the time term fixed in the legislation of the Russian Federation;

5.13. provides for the Service's mobilizational training, as well as for controlling and coordinating the activity of organizations put under its jurisdiction, involved in the mobilizational training;

5.14. organizes the professional training of the customs bodies' official persons, their retraining, raising their qualifications and organizing their probation work;

5.15. performs in conformity with the legislation of the Russian Federation the work involved in making complete sets and in the storage, recording and use of archive documents accumulated in the course of the Service's activity;

5.16. interacts in the established order with the state power bodies of foreign states and with international organizations in the established area of activity, including the presentation on the orders of the Government of the Russian Federation of the interests of the Russian Federation in the World Customs Organization (in the Customs Cooperation Council) and in the other international organizations;

5.17. holds in the established order tenders and concludes government contracts for the placement of orders on the delivery of commodities, on the performance of works and on rendering services for the Service's needs, and conducts the scientific-research works for the state needs in the established area of activity;

5.18. fulfils the customer's functions in the construction of custom houses and the other objects, necessary for the development of the customs infrastructure;

5.19. fulfils the customer's functions in the manufacture of excise stamps for marking alcohol products, tobacco and tobacco goods, imported to the customs territory of the Russian Federation;

5.20. implements the programmes for the development of the customs business in the Russian Federation;

5.21. ensures the metrological provision for the customs bodies' activity;

5.22. organizes the protection of the objects of the customs infrastructure;
5.23. exerizes other powers in the established area of activity, if such powers are envisaged in the federal laws and in the normative legal acts of the President of the Russian Federation or of the Government of the Russian Federation.

6. The Federal Customs Service has the right for the purpose of exercising its powers in the established area of activity:

6.1. to create, reorganize and liquidate the regional customs boards, custom houses and customs posts, including the specialized customs bodies, whose competence comes down to the individual legal powers for the discharge of certain functions imposed upon the customs bodies, or for the performance of the customs operations with respect to definite kinds of commodities;

6.2. to delineate the customs bodies' region of activity;

6.3. to approve the general or individual provisions on the regional customs boards, custom houses and customs posts;

6.4. to organize the carrying out of the necessary studies, tests, expert examinations, analyses and estimates, as well as the scientific research in the established area of activity;

6.5. to inquire for information, necessary for the adoption of decisions on the issues referred to the established area of activity;

6.6. to give explanations on the issues referred to the established area of activity to legal and natural persons;

6.7. to exert control, the financial control included, over the activity of the customs bodies and the Service's representations abroad;

6.8. to invite in the established order the scientific research and other organizations, as well as the scientists and specialists, for the elaboration of the issues referred to the established area of activity;

6.9. to apply measures of the restrictive, preventive and prophylactic character, stipulated in the legislation of the Russian Federation and aimed at the preclusion and (or) suppression of violations by legal entities and by citizens of the obligatory demands in the established area of activity, as well as measures for the liquidation of the consequences of the above-mentioned violations;

6.10. to create advisory and expert bodies (councils, commissions, groups and colleges) in the established area of activity;

6.11. to elaborate and approve the samples of official identification cards and the regulations on wearing the uniform;

6.12. to publish the individual legal acts on the issues concerning the established area of activity.

7. The Federal Customs Service has no right to discharge in the established area of activity the functions involved in the management of the state property and in rendering paid services, except in the cases stipulated in the Decrees of the President of the Russian Federation and in the Decisions of the Government of the Russian Federation.
The restrictions, established in the first paragraph of the present Item, shall not be spread to the powers of the head of the Service for the Property Management, passed to the Service by the right of operative management.

**III. Organizing the Activity**

8. The Federal Customs Service is guided by the head, appointed to the post and relieved from the post by the Government of the Russian Federation.

The head of the Federal Customs Service is held personally responsible for the exercise of powers imposed upon the Service in the established area of activity.

The head of the Federal Customs Service has deputies, whose number shall be established by the Government of the Russian Federation.

The deputies head of the Federal Customs Service are appointed to the post and relieved of the post by the Government of the Russian Federation upon the presentation of the head of the Federal Customs Service.

The deputy head of the Federal Customs Service, leading the operative-search work of the customs bodies, shall report on the issues of financial and economic activity to the head of the Federal Customs Service, and on the issues of the operative-search work enjoys the right to take independent decisions.

9. The head of the Federal Customs Service shall:

9.1. distribute the duties among his deputies;

9.2. submit to the Government of the Russian Federation:

9.2.1. the draft Regulations on the Service;

9.2.2. proposals on the ultimate numbers and on the fund for the remuneration of labour of the official persons and the workers of the central apparatus of the Service and of the customs bodies;

9.2.3. proposals on the appointment to the post and on the relief from the post of the deputies head of the Federal Customs Service;

9.2.4. the draft annual plan and the forecast indices of the Service's activity, as well as a report on their execution;

9.3. submit to the Ministry of Finance of the Russian Federation proposals on the formation of the draft federal budget as concerns financing the Service's activity;

9.4. appoint to the post and relieve of the post the official persons of the Service's central apparatus, the heads of the regional customs boards and of the custom houses, as well as the other official persons and workers of the customs bodies of the Russian Federation, including the official persons and workers of the Service's representations abroad;
9.5. resolve in conformity with the legislation of the Russian Federation on the state service the issues involved in going through the federal state service in the Federal Customs Service;

9.6. approve the structure and the manning table of the Service's central apparatus within the numbers of official persons and workers, established by the Government of the Russian Federation, and the estimate incomes and outlays on the maintenance of the Service within the limits of the allocations envisaged for the corresponding period in the federal budget;

9.7. approve the numbers and the fund of remuneration of the labour of the official persons and workers of the regional customs boards, custom houses and organizations under the Service's jurisdiction, and of the representations of the Service abroad within the limits of the indices established by the Government of the Russian Federation;

9.8. approve the regulations on the structural subdivisions of the Service's central apparatus;

9.9. define the order of spending the funds assigned for an implementation of measures involved in the customs bodies' performance of the operative-search activity;

9.10. organize in the established order in the customs bodies the turnover of small fire-arms and other weapons, of the ammunition and cartridges to them, as well as of cold weapons;

9.11. approve the regulations on the Service's breastplates and medals, and those on the Diploma of the Federal Customs Service;

9.12. award in accordance with the procedure stipulated in the legislation of the Russian Federation weapons with the person's engraved name and apply the other incentives stipulated in the normative legal acts;

9.13. delineate the legal powers of the customs bodies and of their official persons in resolving organizational, personnel, financial and other matters;

9.14. issue the orders on the matters referred to the Service's competence;

9.15. submit to the Government of the Russian Federation in the established order proposals on the creation, reorganization and liquidation of the federal state enterprises and institutions put under the Service's jurisdiction.

10. The outlays on the maintenance of the Federal Customs Service are financed at the expense of the funds envisaged in the federal budget, as well as of the funds from the other sources established in the legislation of the Russian Federation.

11. The Federal Customs Service is a legal entity, it has a seal with the depiction of the State Emblem of the Russian Federation and with its own name, and the other seals, stamps and blanks of an established form, as well as the accounts opened in conformity with the legislation of the Russian Federation.
12. The Federal Customs Service has a heraldic sign - the emblem, the flag and the pennant, approved in the established order.

13. The seat of the Federal Customs is the City of Moscow.


   a) the last sentence of Item 35 shall be removed;
   b) in Items 56, 76, 81, 84, 87 and 90, the words, "by the Ministry of Economic Development and Trade of the Russian Federation", shall be replaced by the words, "by the Federal Customs Service".

2. In Item 10 of the Procedure for Rendering Humanitarian Aid (Assistance) of the Russian Federation, approved in Decision of the Government of the Russian Federation No. 1335 of December 4, 1999 (Sobraniye Zakonodatelstva Rossiiskoy Federatsii, No. 50, 1999, Item 6221; No. 52, 2005, Item 5752), the words, "by the Ministry of Economic Development and Trade of the Russian Federation", shall be replaced by the words, "by the Federal Customs Service".

3. In Item 4 of Decision of the Government of the Russian Federation No. 416 of May 28, 2001 on Additional Payments to the Workers of the Internal Affairs Bodies of the Russian Federation, of the State Fire Service of the Ministry of the Russian Federation for the Affairs of Civil Defence, Emergency Situations and Liquidation of the Aftermath of Natural Calamities, of the institutions and bodies in the criminal -executive system, of the customs bodies of the Russian Federation and of the bodies for exerting control over the narcotics and psychotropic substances traffic, who are going through the service in the Arctic regions, in the localities equated to them and in the other localities with unfavourable climatic or ecological conditions, including remote regions (Sobraniye Zakonodatelstva Rossiiskoy Federatsii, No. 23, 2001, Item 2371; No. 37, 2002, Item 3530; No. 33, 2003, Item 3269; No. 8, 2004, Item 663; No. 47, Item 4666; No. 3, 2006, Item 297), the words, "by the Ministry of Economic Development and Trade of the Russian Federation", shall be replaced by the words, "by the Federal Customs Service".

4. In the name and in Item a) of Decision of the Government of the Russian Federation No. 566 of July 26, 2002 on the Territorial Bodies of the State Customs Committee of the Russian Federation and of the
Federal Service of the Russian Federation for Controlling the Traffic of Narcotics (Sobraniye Zakonodatelstva Rossiiskoy Federatsii, No. 31, 2002, Item 3115; No. 8, 2004, Item 663; No. 47, Item 4666), the words, "by the Ministry of Economic Development and Trade of the Russian Federation", shall be replaced by the words, "by the Federal Customs Service".

   a) in Item 1 the words, "of the customs business", shall be deleted;
   b) in Item 2, the words, "of the Federal Customs Service", shall be removed;
   c) in Subitem 34 of Item 4 the words, "and the customs business, with the exception of the definition of the customs cost of commodities and transportation facilities, and of the procedure for the computation and collection of the tax payments", shall be omitted.

   a) in Item 2 the words, "by the Federal Customs Service", shall be replaced by the words, "by the customs bodies";
   b) Subitem 5.2.12 shall be rendered in this edition: "5.2.12. the procedure for controlling the customs cost of commodities jointly with the Federal Customs Service;".

   a) the name shall be edited as follows:
      "Issues of the Federal Customs Service";
   b) Items 1 and 2 shall be recognized as having lost force;
   c) in Item 7:
      - the words, "of the Ministry of Economic Development and Trade of the Russian Federation", shall be replaced by the words, "of the Federal Customs Service".
      - the words, "59, Keramichesky Lane", shall be deleted.


   a) in Items 3 and 4 the words, "by the Ministry of Economic Development and Trade of the Russian Federation", shall be replaced by the words, "by the Federal Customs Service";
   b) in Subitem c) of Item 2 of the Rules for Putting onto the Excise Stamps Information on the Alcohol Products Marked by Them, approved in the above-said Decision, the words, "by the Ministry of Economic Development and Trade of the Russian Federation", shall be replaced by the words, "by the Federal Customs Service".