



**U.S. Customs and  
Border Protection**

October 31, 2007

Andrew V. Cebula  
Executive Vice President  
Government Affairs  
Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association  
421 Aviation Way  
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Dear Mr. Cebula:

Thank you for your letter of October 11, 2007, on behalf of the Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association, regarding the Notice of Proposed Rulemaking entitled "Advanced Information on Private Aircraft Arriving and Departing the United States," published in the Federal Register (72 FR 53394) on September 18, 2007, by Customs and Border Protection (CBP) and the Department of Homeland Security. In your letter, you request a two month extension of the comment period.

The comment period for this rule is 60 days, which closes on November 19, 2007. We believe this gives sufficient time for the public to comment, which is evidenced by the large number of comments we have received. Additionally, any further delay in proceeding with the proposed rule will allow existing vulnerabilities, which threaten U.S. border security, to continue. Consequently, we have decided not to extend the comment period for this rule.

I appreciate your interest in this matter. If we may be of further assistance, please contact me at (202) 572-8736.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "C. T. Clark".

Craig T. Clark  
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