

(6) -- A STATEMENT OF THE MANNER IN WHICH A REQUEST FOR RETURN OF THE PROPERTY SHALL BE MADE, INCLUDING THE IDENTITY OF THE FORFEITING AUTHORITY.

(D) -- (1) -- NO LATER THAN 30 DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF MAILING OF THE NOTICE, OR THE DATE OF SERVICE BY ANY OTHER MEANS PERMITTED BY THE MARYLAND RULES OF PROCEDURE, A PERSON CLAIMING AN INTEREST IN THE PROPERTY MAY FILE A REQUEST FOR THE RETURN OF THE PROPERTY BY SENDING A COPY OF THE REQUEST BY CERTIFIED MAIL, RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED, TO THE FORFEITING AUTHORITY.

(2) -- THE REQUEST SHALL INCLUDE A STATEMENT OF THE PERSON'S INTEREST IN THE PROPERTY AND THE REASON WHY THAT INTEREST SHOULD NOT BE FORFEITED.

(E) -- THE FORFEITING AUTHORITY SHALL INVESTIGATE THE FACTS AND CIRCUMSTANCES SURROUNDING THE SEIZURE AND REQUEST FOR RETURN OF THE PROPERTY.

(F) -- (1) -- WITHIN 30 DAYS AFTER RECEIPT OF THE REQUEST, THE FORFEITING AUTHORITY SHALL SEND A WRITTEN DECISION GRANTING OR DENYING THE REQUEST BY CERTIFIED MAIL, RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED, TO THE SEIZING AGENCY, THE REQUESTING PARTY, AND ANY OTHER OWNERS AND LIENHOLDERS.

(2) -- THE DECISION SHALL SET FORTH THE BASIS OF THE DETERMINATION AND THE PROCEDURE TO BE FOLLOWED IN ORDER TO APPEAL THE DECISION.

(G) -- (1) -- IF A REQUEST IS NOT TIMELY FILED OR IF A REQUEST IS DENIED AND NO APPEAL IS MADE, THE PROPERTY SHALL BE CONSIDERED FORFEITED, AND NO PERSON TO WHOM THE NOTICE OF INTENT TO FORFEIT WAS SENT SHALL HAVE ANY FURTHER RIGHT, TITLE, OR INTEREST IN THE PROPERTY.

(2) -- THE FORFEITING AUTHORITY SHALL PREPARE A WRITTEN DECLARATION OF FORFEITURE AND THE PROPERTY SHALL THEREAFTER BE DISPOSED OF IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SUBTITLE AS IF A JUDICIAL ORDER OF FORFEITURE UNDER SECTION 3-1309 OF THIS SUBTITLE HAD BEEN ENTERED.

(H) -- A WRITTEN DECLARATION OF FORFEITURE SIGNED BY THE FORFEITING AUTHORITY SHALL BE DEEMED TO PROVIDE GOOD AND SUFFICIENT TITLE TO THE PROPERTY.

(I) -- (1) -- WITHIN 30 DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF NOTICE OF THE DECISION OF THE FORFEITING AUTHORITY, THE REQUESTING PARTY OR ANY OTHER OWNER OR LIENHOLDER MAY SEND A NOTICE TO THE FORFEITING AUTHORITY STATING THAT THEY DESIRE JUDICIAL REVIEW OF THE DECISION.

(2) -- THE NOTICE SHALL BE SENT BY CERTIFIED MAIL, RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED.