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SUBJECT: Procedures for Splitting Shipments and Proper Disposition of Cargo

Purpose

This notice is being issued to provide guidance to all filers, carriers and container station operations on the regulatory requirements and proper procedures for splitting one shipment to file **more than one entry**. This issuance does not apply to 19 CFR §141.57, shipments with a single entry for split shipments.

Background

According to 19 CFR §141.51 all merchandise arriving on **one conveyance** and consigned to **one consignee** shall be included on **one entry**, except as provided in 19 CFR §141.52. Per 19 CFR §141.52, the port director has the authority to allow separate entries for different portions of all merchandise arriving on one vessel and consigned to one consignee, under any of the following circumstances:

- (a) Consolidated shipment addressed to one consignee for various ultimate consignees;
- (b) An outer package containing inner packages addressed for delivery to two or more different persons (packed package);
- (c) Consignee desires to enter different portions of the shipment under different forms of entry (i.e., one portion on a CBP form 3461 and another on a CBP form 7512);
- (d) Appraisal is being withheld upon merchandise of the class or kind;
- (e) Consignment covered by separate bills of lading;
- (f) Consignment consists of different classes of merchandise which are processed by different CBP commodity specialist teams (Trade Teams);
- (g) Consignments contains merchandise subject to entry under a bond given to assure accounting for final disposition (i.e., TIB);
- (h) Consignment consists of different importations which arrived under a consolidation entry for immediate transportation pursuant to § 18.11(g); and,
- (i) A special application submitted to and approved by the Commissioner of CBP with the recommendation of the concerned port director.

DISCLAIMER: This information has been prepared for your convenience by the CBP officers at the Port of Corpus Christi/Point Comfort, Texas. This material is intended to provide guidance. Recognizing that many complicated factors are involved in CBP matters, an importer may wish to obtain a binding ruling under 19 CFR Part 177. Reliance solely on this information may not be considered reasonable care. Importers are referred to Treasury Decision 97-96, which was published in the Federal Register of December 4, 1997, and in the CBP Bulletin of December 17, 1997, for in-depth information on the concept of reasonable care.

Action

When separate entries for one consignment are made in accordance with 19 CFR §142.52 (b) thru (i), the following procedures outlined in 19 CFR §141.53 are required:

- (a) All entries or other documentation for proper disposition of cargo (i.e., request for general order storage, CF-3499 request for destruction, CF-7512 inbond movement, seizure, etc.) must be presented, simultaneously when practicable, before any portion of the shipment will be released.
- (b) A separate consignee's declaration shall be filed for each entry.
- (c) Each entry shall cover whole packages or not less than 1 ton of bulk merchandise, except when a portion is entered under TIB.
- (d) When separate entries are made for merchandise covered by a single bill of lading (BL) or airway bill (AWB), the provisions of 19 CFR §141.54 shall be applied except that the endorsement on the BL or AWB required by 19 CFR §141.54(b) shall contain the statement provided in 19 CFR §141.53(d).

Separate entries for one consignment that are filed under the approval of a special application 19 CFR §141.52(i), in addition to the above listed requirements, shall include a copy of the approval.

For further information pertaining to entry processing, please contact SCBPO Eradio (JR) Hinojosa at 281-985-6837 or SCBPO Debbie Thomas at 281-985-6878.

This notice supersedes Public Information Notice 98-64 dated July 27, 1998.

/s/

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