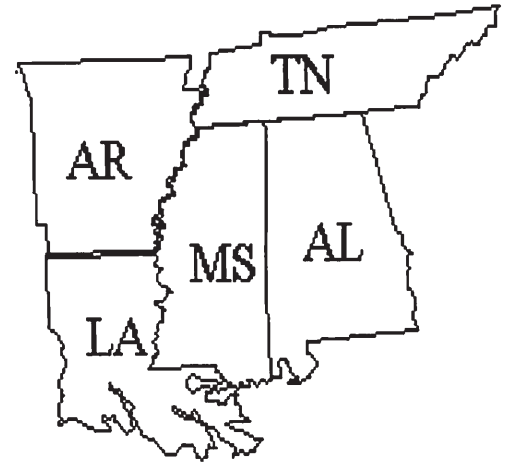


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Notice to the Area Port of New Orleans Trade Community

Date December 4, 2003

No.: 04-007

SUBJECT: Export Shipments to Proscribed Countries

Customs and Border Protection regulations require full export information pre-departure for shipments to the countries proscribed.

Specifically, under 19 CFR 4.75 (c), no vessel shall be cleared to depart for a proscribed country until a complete outward manifest and all required shipper's export declarations have been filed with the Port Director. The regulation for air carriers, section 122.74 (b) (2), states that no aircraft departing directly or indirectly to a foreign country listed in 19 CFR 4.75 (c) shall be cleared without a complete air cargo manifest and all required SEDs being filed with the port director.

The proscribed countries are:

Albania, Bulgaria, Cambodia, People's Republic of China, Cuba, Czechoslovakia, Estonia, German Democratic Republic (Soviet Zone of Germany and the Soviet Zone sector of Berlin), Hungary, Iran, Iraq, Laos, Latvia, Libya, Lithuania, Mongolian People's Republic, North Korea, Polish People's Republic (Including Danzig), Rumania, South Yemen, U. S. S. R., and Vietnam.

Export information that is transmitted electronically utilizing the Automated Export System (AES) for shipments destined to proscribed countries must be reported using Option 2, regardless of commodity, per 15 CFR 30.61 (a) (4). All exporters (USPPs) approved for Option 4 are responsible for ensuring that their authorized agents are aware of this limitation on the use of Option 4. Claiming Option 4 status for shipments to proscribed countries is a violation of the Option 4 program.

Any questions regarding this notice may be directed to Evelyn Fuselier, Vessel Entrance and Clearance Specialist or CBP Officer Kimberly O'Neal at 504-269-6144.

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