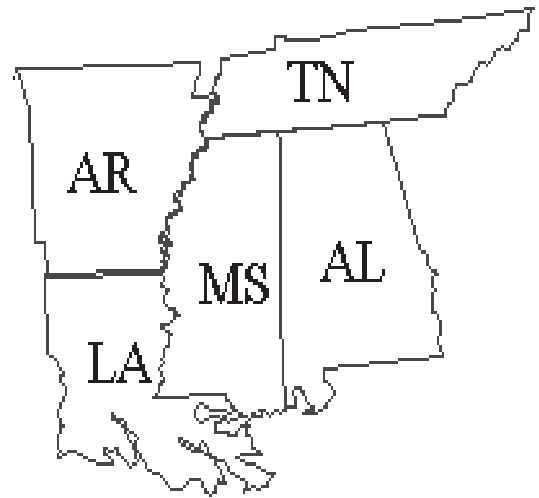


Southern Currents



Notice to the Area Port of New Orleans Trade Community

Date March 24, 2009

No.: 09-004

SUBJECT: Refund of Per Arrival User Fees

The purpose of this notice is to inform you that the Customs and Border Protection National Finance Center has been identified as the centralized process for refund of per arrival user fees charged to conveyances during the decal and transponder contingency plan period.

Background:

Per arrival user fee refund requests apply to any conveyance with a valid transponder or decal that was subject to a per arrival user fee charge during to the effective dates of the DTOPS contingency plan from January 1, 2009 through February 28, 2009.

Action:

The National Finance Center will accept requests for refund via electronic transmission of U.S. Mail through May 1, 2009. Carriers submitting requests are required to include copies of all receipts or other proof of payment for the per arrival fee payment to the National Finance Center. Requests may be submitted electronically to decals@dhs.gov or in paper form to:

U.S. Customs and Border Protection
ATTN: DTOPS Program Administrator
6650 Telecom Drive, Suite 100
Indianapolis, IN 46278

Any issues or questions concerning this Trade Information Notice may be directed to the National Finance Center help desk at 317-298-1245.

/s/
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