

Southern Currents



Notice to the Area Port of New Orleans Trade Community

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SUBJECT: Evidence of Stowaway Activity

U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) has worked diligently to create a layered enforcement approach to cargo and carrier security by implementing national targeting, the Container Security Initiative, and the Customs-Trade Partnership Against Terrorism programs. Despite efforts, on occasion, stowaways are discovered aboard inbound vessels at ports of entry. It is essential that when this occurs, CBP be notified immediately, even if the stowaways are no longer present.

Accordingly, this trade notice is being distributed as a reminder to terminal operators, CES operators and other interested parties of the importance of immediate notification to CBP when any evidence of stowaway activity is discovered either onboard a vessel or within a container, such as the presence of blankets, mattresses, food, water, etc. The peak period of human smuggling in sea containers is October through May, and extra attention and vigilance is expected during this season of opportunity.

CBP would also like to take this opportunity to again remind Terminal Operators, Carriers, and CES operators of New Orleans Tri-Port contact numbers for notification of any security issues.

Port:

Port of New Orleans
Port of Gramercy
Port of Baton Rouge

Telephone Number:

(504) 623-6600
(225) 869-3765 x 105
(225) 389-0261 x 0

Business Hours:

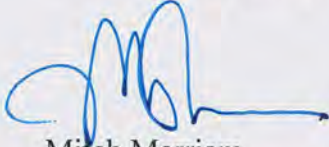
S-S 06:00 – 22:00
M-F 08:00 – 16:00
M-F 08:00 – 17:00

For CBP notification **outside of scheduled business hours** please call **1-800-973-2867** and ask to be connected to the Port of New Orleans Watch Commander or Port of Gramercy / Baton Rouge Port Director.

It is requested that all company security plans have these CBP numbers listed, and include instructions to notify CBP immediately in the event of stowaways, security incidents or other issues.

This does not negate the need to notify local police, fire or the U.S. Coast Guard as appropriate. Please ensure that all company staff is advised of these contact numbers and the need to notify CBP immediately if they know of a security issue.

Thank you for your partnership efforts and continued cooperation in these security efforts.



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