

Southern Currents



Notice to the Area Port of New Orleans Trade Community

Date: July 17, 2012

No.: 12-015

SUBJECT: General Order Notification Procedures – Change to Southern Currents 12-003

This notice amends Southern Currents 12-003 to state that all merchandise to be withdrawn from general order for entry must be accomplished via an entry/entry summary (“live entry”) and be presented to the appropriate commodity specialist team at 423 Canal Street, room 245, New Orleans, LA 70130.

General order (G.O.) procedures are outlined in Title 19, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 4.37. Pursuant to the language in Title 19 CFR 4.37(a), (b) and (c), various parties are required to notify U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) of merchandise or baggage for which entry has not been made. Such notifications should be made to the port via email to the following port personnel:

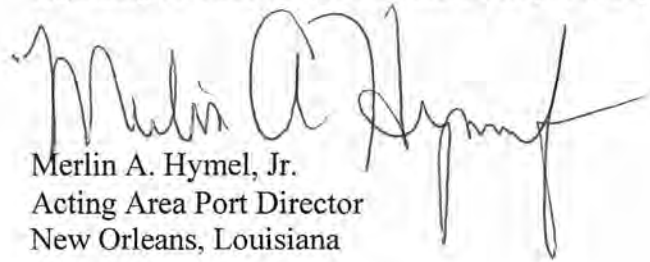
Supervisory CBP Officer Audrey Urban – audrey.urban@dhs.gov
Advanced Targeting Unit – NewOrleansATU@cbp.dhs.gov

The carrier will notify CBP and the G.O. warehouse of unentered cargo by sending a copy of the bill of lading or airway bill via email to the above addresses. The cargo will then be drayed to the centralized exam station (CES) or examined at the cargo facility. CBP will then approve or deny cargo admission into the G.O. warehouse. If cargo is denied admission into the warehouse then the cargo will be ordered by CBP to either be destroyed or re-exported.

If cargo is admitted into the general order warehouse, CBP will notify the G.O. warehouse, a G.O. number will be assigned for the cargo by the warehouse and they will have five days to pick up the cargo. The G.O. warehouse is responsible for sending notification of these actions to consignee upon receipt of the cargo and every 30 days thereafter until six months has elapsed.

If an entry is filed for cargo within the six month timeframe, it must be filed via an entry/entry summary (“live entry”) and be presented to the appropriate commodity specialist team at 423 Canal Street, room 245, New Orleans, LA 70130. CBP will perform checks for liens filed and proof of payment of liens prior to release of cargo. The broker/importer will present delivery authorization to the G.O. warehouse for cargo pick-up. If no entry is filed on the cargo within the six month period, the merchandise will be set up to be sold at auction or used by CBP.

A flowchart outlining the process is attached for your convenience. If you have further questions regarding this notice, please contact Supervisory CBP Officer Audrey Urban at (504) 623-6627.



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General Order Process

Initial Notifications and Actions

