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Notice to the Area Port of New Orleans Trade Community

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Subject: ACCELERATED PROCESSING OF POST-ENTRY NAFTA 520(D) CLAIMS

Effective immediately, the port of New Orleans will implement automated procedures designed to reduce processing time and expedite refunds on 520(d) claims. The program includes two features: a structured risk management approach to the review of 520(d) claims, and the use of electronic data to minimize data entry time and errors.

The application of risk assessment to importers and manufacturers filing 520(d) claims will result in expedited processing of 520(d) claims for claimants who have established a high NAFTA compliance rate, allowing CBP the flexibility to review claims filed by new companies or companies with a low NAFTA compliance rate.

The submission of electronic data on disk with the post-entry claim will reduce data entry time and improve data accuracy. This aspect of the program, while requiring the cooperation of the trade community will simplify 520(d) processing and result in expedited refunds to your clients.

The filing of electronic data on disk with the post-entry claim in no way alters the filer's responsibility to fulfill the requirements provided for in 19 CFR 181, Subpart D—Post-Importation Duty Refund Claims, including the written statements therein indicated and a valid NAFTA Certificate of Origin.

Post-entry NAFTA claims filed with electronic data will receive priority processing. Claims involving 10 or more entries should be submitted with the following information on disk, in either a tab delimited text file or Excel spreadsheet.

Data elements, format and example:

Entry number	Export date	Importer number	Manufacturer ID	Duty refund	MPF refund
11 character	YYMDD	12 character	15 character	0.00	0.00
ABC12345678	031230	38-012345678	XOABCXYZ1234WIN	15.00	25.00

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Claims that are submitted untimely or do not contain the Certificate of Origin or the required statements will be rejected according to previously established reject procedures.

Please direct any questions regarding this prototype to Patricia Burke, Supervisor-Entry Branch/Protest Team, at (504) 670-2367.

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