

Southern Currents



Notice to the Area Port of New Orleans Trade Community

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Subject: Monetary Guidelines for Customs Bonds Activity Code 3, 3A

OVERVIEW

This notice is to provide trade entities with monetary guidelines for International Carrier Bonds (Activity Code 3 - Continuous and Single Entry) and Instruments of International Traffic (Code 3A) throughout the New Orleans Tri-Port (Port of New Orleans, Port of Gramercy, and Port of Baton Rouge).

International Carrier Bonds- Code 3

Pursuant to 19 CFR §113.64

When the bond is to secure activities related to the entry or clearance of vessels, vehicles, or aircraft which arrive directly or indirectly from any place outside the Customs territory of the United States, the bond limit of liability amount will be fixed in an amount the Port Director may deem necessary to accomplish the purpose for which the bond is given. The Port Director has determined that the minimum amount for these bonds is **\$100,000.00**. However, the Port Director may increase the bond amount up to **\$250,000.00** based on previous carrier violations or enforcement concerns.

Control of Containers and Instruments of International Traffic – Code 3A

Pursuant to 19 CFR §113.66

When the bond is for the control of instruments of international traffic the bond limit of liability amount will be fixed in an amount the Port Director may deem necessary to accomplish the purpose for which the bond is given. The Port Director has determined that the minimum amount for these bonds is **\$20,000.00**.

Questions regarding bond amounts may be directed to Assistant Port Merlin Hymel at (504) 670-2088 or merlin.hymel@dhs.gov.

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