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**PORT OF CHARLESTON NOTICE NO: FY2007-18**

**TO: Vessel Carriers, Owners, Agents, Terminal Operators, and Other Interested Parties**

**SUBJECT: Procedures for Processing Waiver Requests for the Coastwise Laws including the Jones Act**

The following information is provided to ensure compliance with the procedures for processing requests to waive the Jones Act and other coastwise laws administered by Customs and Border Protection.

All requests to waive the provisions of the coastwise laws administered by U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) shall be referred to Mr. Glen Vereb, Chief, Cargo Security, Carriers & Immigration Branch, Office of Regulations and Rulings (OR&R), Office of International Trade. The Cargo Security, Carriers and Immigration Branch can be reached at (202) 572-8724. CBP field officers and managers do not have the authority to approve any waiver requests.

In order to process the waiver request, OR&R must have all relevant facts relating to the waiver request(s)/incident. This includes copies of the request(s), incident report, points of contact for all entities involved in the waiver request or incident decision (USCG, shipper, carrier, etc). The documents are required for OR&R to begin the review of the waiver request.

CBP field officers and managers who detect the use of unqualified vessels for the transportation of cargo in violation of the coastwise laws administered by CBP shall report the incident to the local FP&F Officer for documentation of a potential penalty action.

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Area Port Director