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TO: Brokers, Importers, Carriers and Other Interested Parties

SUBJECT: Import Specialist Redesign Effective August 6, 2007

The Office of Field Operations (OFO) at CBP Headquarters has implemented a redesign plan nationwide that will produce a more efficient and effective staffing structure for Import Specialists. The new team structure builds on the knowledge, skills and expertise of our current Import Specialists workforce which is being transitioned into teams that will improve accountability, address priority trade issues, and enhance CBP's ability to accomplish its critical trade mission.

The implementation of this Import Specialist Redesign Plan is another step toward enhancing our programs to keep CBP focused on its twin goals: securing our borders and facilitating legitimate trade and travel.

Under the new configuration, the Import Specialists in Charleston will consist of two commodity teams, 422 and 423. Therefore, beginning August 6, 2007, all ABI entries are to be filed using one of those team numbers. The teams of 424 and 425 are not to be used as they will be obsolete.

Team 422 will consist of Supervisory Import Specialist (SIS) Brenda Gibson, two Senior Import Specialists, Toni Peek-Williams and Nancy Fischer, and three associate Import Specialists, Dru Clark-Addison, Heather Puckhaber, and Vera Washington.

Team 423 will consist of (SIS) Janet Talley, two Senior Import Specialists, Cheryl Townsend and Leslie Williams, and three associate Import Specialists, Lawrence Gordon, Sheila Colbert, and Martita Shortridge.

If you have any questions concerning this notice, please do not hesitate to contact SIS Brenda Gibson at (843)-579-6532 or SIS Janet Talley at (843)-579-6555.

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Pamela M. Zaresk
Area Port Director