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TO: IMPORTERS, BROKERS, CARRIERS, AND ANY OTHER INTERESTED PARTIES

SUBJECT: GUIDANCE - Immediate Delivery Procedures at Year-End

The Office of Trade Policy and Programs is issuing a blanket authorization for Immediate Delivery (ID) procedures for merchandise to be released on or after December 14, 2007 and until December 31, 2007, in accordance with 19 CFR 142.21(i). The authorization is offered to filers who may want to take advantage of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule changes, which take effect on or after January 1, 2008.

This blanket authorization does not apply to absolute quota merchandise and merchandise moved under an immediate transportation entry (type 61). Tariff rate quota merchandise previously authorized for ID release under 19 CFR 142.21(e) may still be released under ID; however, the entry summary shall be presented within the time specified in 19 CFR 142.23, or within the quota period, whichever expires first.

In those instances where the paper CBP Form 3461/CBP Form 3461(ALT) is used as the entry document and importers wish to elect ID, a line must be drawn through the word "ENTRY" on the document. ABI entry transmissions, including the "paperless" provisional message, will establish the desired entry date by using the estimated entry date in the summary transmission ("EI" transmission). This will identify the change from "Entry" to "Immediate Delivery" and will allow filers to elect a date of entry in order to take advantage of tariff changes or special programs. Under ID procedures, the Entry/Entry Summary must be filed within 10 working days after release. This blanket authority extends to shipments released December 14, 2007 through December 31, 2007 only.

No grace period will be granted for the purpose of timely filing ID entry summaries under this one-time allowance.

Questions regarding this policy should be addressed to Ms. Brenda Gibson, Assistant Port Director / Trade, Port of Charleston South Carolina at (843) 579-6504.

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