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TO: Brokers, Importers, Carriers, and Other Interested Parties

SUBJECT: Paper Check Conversion Over the Counter Program PCC OTC)

U.S. Customs and Border Protection has implemented the Financial Management Service (FMS) Paper Check Conversion Over the Counter (PCC OTC) program at depositing port locations. Under this program, all checks will be scanned to create legally acceptable substitute checks for electronic deposit.

Identification is required for all checks. As part of PCC OTC, the tax identification number for the company representing the check will be required for business checks. For personal checks over \$25, the social security number or, alternatively passport number or current driver's license (including issuing state) will be required. Please ensure that this information is included on the face side of the check before presenting for payment.

CFR 24.1 (3)(ii) requires that an importer or interested party who has paid duties or any other obligation by check and more than one check is returned dishonored by the debtor's financial institution, the Port Director shall require a certified check, money order or cash from the importer or interested party for each subsequent payment until such time that the Port Director is satisfied that the debtor has the ability to consistently present uncertified checks that will be honored by the debtor's financial institution.

ENFORCEMENT OF THESE POLICIES ARE EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY AND ARE MANDATORY.

Please direct any issues concerning this matter to Mike Maillard Supervisory Entry Specialist at (843) 579-6525.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Pamela M. Zaresk".

Pamela M. Zaresk
Area Port Director