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## PORT OF CHARLESTON NOTICE NO: FY2008-13

**TO:** All Brokers, Importers and Interested Parties

**SUBJECT:** Allowable EPA Forms for Remote Location Filing

The purpose of this notice is to inform the trade that filers may now transmit Remote Location Filing (RLF) and Electronic Interface Program (EIP) entries for goods subject to Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Declaration Form 3520-1 or Engine Declaration Form 3520-21 documentation. The EPA does not authorize release of Independent Commercial Importer (ICI) imports with nonconforming codes A, C, J and Z (EPA Form 3520-1). Therefore, any entry made for nonconforming ICI imports may not be filed via EIP/RLF.

In an effort to expand the use of EIP/RLF within our current Automated Commercial System (ACS), Customs and Border Protection (CBP) will allow EIP/RLF filers to certify they are maintaining the aforementioned EPA documentation on file in accordance with the 19 CFR Part 163—Interim (a)(1)(A) List. Please note that in the future, with the full integration of entry summary processing into the Automated Commercial Environment (ACE), the prescribed format for submission to CBP of EPA Form 3520-1 and Form 3520-21 data is subject to change.

Filers will transmit, at the time of entry, the appropriate alpha numeric code described below with the associated EPA form number in the commercial description field of the C35 record. Further, filers will certify that the merchandise complies with all applicable EPA rules and orders.

CBP Officers, Import Specialists, and Entry Specialists will review the "Related Documents" screen within the electronic invoice to determine import compliance of the shipment. Original EPA forms will be retained in accordance with recordkeeping requirements as stated in 19 CFR Part 163.

**Statement Code:**

**Denotes:**

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Positive certification for shipments which require EPA Form 3520-1 and/or 3520-21. I certify the merchandise on this line complies with all applicable EPA rules and orders.

Statement Code:

Denotes:

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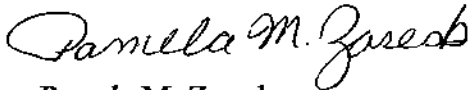
Negative certification. I certify that the merchandise on this line does not require either EPA Form 3520-1 or 3520-21.

For example: "EPA 3520-1(with the appropriate statement code (+ or -) and the appropriate alpha code)"

"EPA 3520-21 (with the appropriate statement code (+ or -) and the alphanumeric code)"

CBP and EPA will continue to monitor imports of engines to determine if shipments and their documentation comply with the certification requirements. CBP will refuse entry to any shipment without proper certification.

Questions concerning EIP and RLF processing should be referred to Mike Maillard, Supervisory Entry Specialist at (843) 579-6525. Questions concerning EPA requirements shall be forwarded to the Interagency Requirements Branch in Washington, D.C.



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