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TO: Vessel Carriers, Brokers, Importers, Owners, Agents, and Other interested Parties

SUBJECT: Reporting Evidence of Stowaways

U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) has worked diligently to create a layered enforcement approach to cargo and carrier security by implementing national targeting programs including the Container Security Initiative and the Customs-Trade Partnership Against Terrorism. Despite efforts, on occasion, stowaways are discovered aboard inbound vessels at ports of entry. It is essential that when this occurs, **CBP be notified immediately**, even if stowaways are no longer present. CBP is requesting your assistance in reporting when any evidence of stowaway activity is discovered either onboard a vessel or within a container, such as the presence of blankets, mattresses, food, water, etc.

All reports of possible stowaway activity should be reported to the CBP Chiefs Office at (843) 579-6513. After normal business hours, this same number will provide contact information for providing your immediate notification to the Duty Supervisory Customs and Border Protection Officer (SCBPO).

Thank you for your assistance in keeping our ports safe.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joanne C. Fogg".

Joanne C. Fogg
Acting Area Port Director