

Port of Chicago – Pipeline



**U.S. Customs and
Border Protection**

**Pipeline 23-5
March 20, 2023**

TO: Customs Brokers, Importers, and Others Concerned

SUBJECT: Processing Transfers for Exam

Purpose

This pipeline reminds the trade community of the Port of Chicago's expectations regarding the procedures for the local movement of cargo to Centralized Examination Stations (CES) and that these movements must be provided electronically through the Document Image System (DIS) in the U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) Automated Commercial Environment (ACE).

Background

Currently, CBP is working to improve the tracking, location and examination of freight that has been transferred for exam. CBP, at the Port of Chicago, has witnessed an increase in movement(s) of cargo without a Transfer for Exam being submitted as required. Permits to Transfer are required for all cargo movements between Facilities Information and Resources Management System (FIRMS) codes. Additionally, delays in CBP's ability to perform examinations in a timely fashion creates an undue burden upon the trade community and does not provide the level of service expected. This has prompted the need to remind bonded operators of the responsibility associated with transporting bonded freight.

Action

All shipments moving between bonded warehouses require a Permit to Transfer, and it must be documented in ACE. Additionally, all airlines and ground handlers that utilize more than one FIRMS code for the storage or manipulation of freight, must provide CBP a FIRMS code in which the master or house bill is destined to be stored or broken down. A movement directly from the carrier to a third-party warehouse must move on a Permit to Transfer identifying the destination warehouse. Furthermore, freight that has been released by CBP into United States commerce will not be moved from a bonded warehouse to another bonded location, as this would be a violation of the proprietor's custodial bond.

Bonded freight without a CBP or other agency hold will have the appropriate Permit to Transfer input into ACE prior to any physical movement of the freight. Any freight with a CBP or other agency hold will not be moved until a Transfer for Exam is posted by CBP. All requests for Transfer for Exam must be submitted in DIS using the attached Transfer for Exam form. Subsequently, an email should be submitted to the appropriate CBP team mailbox as listed

below to generate a timely response. CBP will approve the document, post the appropriate transfer in ACE, and submit an approval, denial, or a request for more information in the comments.

CBP Team Mailboxes:

Agricultural holds arriving by air:	3901.ai.aircargo@cbp.dhs.gov
Agricultural holds arriving by rail or truck:	3901.ai.inland@cbp.dhs.gov
Section 321/Type 86 entries:	3901.cargoholds@cbp.dhs.gov
In-Bond Compliance:	ChicagoAuditTeam@cbp.dhs.gov
Cargo holds or other document reviews:	examschicago@cbp.dhs.gov

The application for movement for examination must contain the following information:

- 1) The Bill of Lading (BOL) or Air Waybill (AWB).
- 2) Entry number (if filed).
- 3) The container number(s) to be transferred (if containerized).
- 4) The cargo piece count.
- 5) The FIRMS code of the CES the applicant prefers to use. The current codes are I115 for Channel CES and HAQ1 for Global CES.
 - *Please note that large scale non-intrusive inspections or Agricultural examinations must go to Channel CES.*
- 6) The entity that will be moving the cargo must be an entity identified under 19 CFR 151.15(b). This may be any one of the following bonded entities:
 - a) The importing carrier.
 - b) A CBP Bonded carrier such as a trucking company with a valid CBP basic custodial or international carrier bond. The Internal Revenue Number (IRS#) of the carrier must be included to validate the bond.
 - c) The CES operator.
 - d) The current bonded facility (e.g., a Container Freight Station (CFS)) where the cargo is located.
 - e) The importer of record who will assume the liability for the movement directly to the CES under the basic importation and entry bond.
 - f) An entity designated by the Port Director for the bonded movement of the freight to the CES.
- 7) The IRS number of the Bonded Carrier must be included in "Party Responsible", then the Transportation company's Name.
- 8) This form must be signed for accountability purposes.
- 9) A CBP-stamped form is no longer necessary. Please refer to ACE for code 1X (Transfer for Exam) designation.

Failure to provide the correct information will be considered a violation of 19 CFR 113.63(b)(2), 196 CFR 113.63(b)(3), and 19 CFR 113.63(j)(1).

Should you have any questions concerning this pipeline, please contact Cargo Chief Rafal Rygula at (847) 928-3009.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ralph Piccirilli". The signature is stylized with a large, sweeping initial "R" and a long, horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Ralph Piccirilli
Acting Area Port Director
Area Port of Chicago

Attachment

Air Waybill or
Bill of Lading:

Entry Number:

Container Number(s):

Piece Count:

CES FIRMS CODE:

Party Responsible for the movement to CES (IR Number):

Importing Carrier:

Transportation Company:

Current CFS:

CES Operator:

Importer of Record:

Printed name of Applicant:

Signature of Applicant: