

Port of Chicago – Pipeline



U.S. Customs and
Border Protection

Pipeline 07-36
September 4, 2007

To: Customhouse Brokers, Importers, and Others Concerned

Subject: New Procedures for Handling Single Entry Bonds (SEBs)

In April 2006, we instituted new procedures for the handling of single entry bonds used for the release of merchandise. We have completed our pilot of these new procedures and evaluated the results. Based on the evaluation of our results we believe the old procedure was more effective. Therefore, effective Monday, September 17, 2007, we will return to the original manner in which SEBs were filed, which is outlined below.

When submitting an SEB with the CBP 3461, please attach it directly behind the CBP 3461, before invoices, packing lists, and airway bills or bills of lading. The CBP officers will no longer remove the bond. The release documents will be returned with the SEB intact. It is the responsibility of the filer to ensure the bond remains with the documents when the entry summary is filed.

As always, please refer to Chicago Pipeline 00-08, dated December 6, 2000, to determine the correct limit of liability for SEBs.

Should you have any questions regarding this new procedure, please contact Mary Aikens, Chief, Entry Branch, 847-928-6072.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Carl Ambrosion".

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