

Port of Chicago - Pipeline



U.S. Customs and
Border Protection

**Pipeline 09-11
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To: Customhouse Brokers, Importers, and Others Concerned

Subject: Declaration of First Sale Post Summary Filing

This pipeline provides guidance pertaining to the appropriate method for an importer to disclose to U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP), post summary filing, that the entered value of imported goods was based on the "first sale" price as defined by the First Sale Declaration Requirement. The First Sale Declaration Requirement was established under section 15422(a) in the Food, Conservation and Energy Act of 2008, commonly referred to as the Farm Bill.

As required by the legislation, the importer must make the "first sale" declaration to CBP at the time of entry and does not meet the criteria for submission via a single or quarterly Post Entry Amendment (PEA). The importer declares a "first sale" based transaction value by entering an "F" adjacent to the entered value at the line level on CBP Form 7501 (or the electronic filing equivalent at the line level). CBP is responsible for collecting this data. The U.S. International Trade Commission (USITC) will conduct a review of the use of "first sale" for U.S. imports during the 12-month period which began August 20, 2008.

Post summary "first sale" declarations may be disclosed to CBP in an aggregate manner. The importer may submit a letter to the respective port of entry with a spreadsheet of entry summaries for which the value was based on the "first sale" and the declaration was not made on the entry summary. This disclosure will allow CBP to compile this data, which can be forwarded to the USITC. The ultimate goal is to provide the most accurate and complete data to the USITC by the end of the 12-month period.

If you have questions regarding this pipeline you may contact Mary Aikens, Entry Officer at (847) 928-6072.

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