DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY
U.S. CUSTOMS SERVICE

# PORT OF CHICAGO PIPELINE

**NO. 96-22**

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**TO : Carriers, Consolidators, Freight Forwarders, Customhouse Brokers, Importers and Others Concerned**

**SUBJECT : Quantity Shown on Manifest Must be the Smallest Exterior Packaging Unit, Not Pallets, Nor Containers**

It has always been U.S. Customs policy that the quantity shown on both air and ocean manifests reflect the smallest exterior packaging unit, rather than the number of pallets and/or containers. (That is to say the unit used should be cartons, or packages, or bales, or rolls as appropriate to the commodity, not the number of unit load devices.)

This does NOT require that the carrier break down and verify the piece count of shipments tendered to them on built up pallets, or in containers at either the port of departure or at the port of arrival. In these cases the carrier should state the number of cartons on the manifest as furnished by the shipper and simply annotate it as "per Shipper's Load And Count" or more simply "SLAC". The carrier may in addition to the carton count state on the manifest the number of pallets, ULD's, outer containers, loose cartons, etc. if the carrier so desires.

If a discrepancy in quantity is discovered when the freight is broken down at a break bulk facility, it would presumably be the responsibility of that facility to file any needed Manifest Discrepancy Report. (For complete information on MDR's, see Chicago District Pipeline 89-45, dated Nov. 14, 1989.)

Likewise, when filing entry, the quantity stated in box 23 of the CF 3461 entry form should be the number of cartons, not pallets nor containers.

For further information, refer to Customs Regulations CR 4.7 a (c)(2)(B)(3), CR 122.92 (a)(3)(iii), Customs Directive 3200-31, dated March 20, 1990 and Chicago District Pipeline 90-27 dated May 21, 1990

Questions regarding this pipeline should be directed to the Post Audit Unit at (847) 616-4062.

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