



**DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY
U.S. CUSTOMS SERVICE**

PORT OF CHICAGO PIPELINE

NO. 96-42

November 20, 1996

TO : Customhouse Brokers, Importers and Others Concerned
SUBJECT : 90 Day Test Procedure for Cargo Release

Recently, the Port of Chicago ran a very successful test regarding the release of cargo based on the "Conditional Release" message generated to the ABI filer upon the completion of Cargo Selectivity for non-Automated Manifest System carriers. The test, with one ABI filer, was conducted in the following manner. Entries that were eligible were those that when submitted via ABI resulted in a "documents required" message. The test did not include paperless entries or entries for "One-Stop" or team approvals. The CF 3461 entries were submitted to the Document Analysis Unit (DAU, formerly Select) at Liberty Business Park. Once Selectivity was performed, the filer received either an ABI message indicating that the entry was to go intensive, or that "conditional release" had been approved.

Currently, an electronic conditional release means that a filer can retrieve his hard copy release, or can anticipate its delivery by a messenger service, and then can obtain the freight from non-AMS carriers. During this test, however, the filer was allowed to print a CF 3461 when the conditional release message was received, stamp it for release, and arrange for delivery of the merchandise without waiting for the hard copy release. This proved to save a great deal of time for the filer if properly monitored and managed. A sample of the stamp is provided (see attachment). Please note, this sample stamp attached is identical to the paperless release stamp, except it is annotated with this pipeline number (96-42). It is very important to show the pipeline number on the CF 3461 to differentiate the release from a regular paperless release.

In the interest of ascertaining whether such a program would be feasible on a permanent basis, the Port of Chicago now proposes to implement the same test port-wide for a period of 90 days. Interested parties must apply in writing and be willing to provide feedback concerning the test every 30 days (see attachment). Applications will be accepted until December 2, 1996, and the test will commence December 16, 1996. Only ABI filers will be considered. To apply, simply send a letter on company letterhead stating your interest in being considered to the following address: U.S. Customs Service, 2571 Busse Road, Elk Grove Village, IL 60007, Attn.: Supervisory Inspector Gooding.

If there are other agency holds, the electronic "conditional release" does not apply. This pipeline does not apply to conditional releases to importers premises.

Richard Roster
Port Director

ATTACHMENT

STAMP EXAMPLE:

Electronic Entry Release Notification
Port of Chicago

I certify that proper release for this cargo has
been received from U.S. Customs.

Company _____

Authorizing Official _____

Date _____ Ref. Chgo Pipeline 96-42

CONDITIONAL RELEASE TEST RESPONSE THROUGH MARCH 18, 1997

PLEASE SUBMIT ON JAN. 18, 1997, FEB.18, 1997 AND MARCH 18.1997 TO:

U.S. CUSTOMS SERVICE
2571 BUSSE ROAD
ELK GROVE VILLAGE, IL. 60007
ATTN.: SCI GOODING

1. Number of affected entries filed from

A.) December 18, 1996 though January 18, 1997 _____.

B.) January 19, 1997 through February 18, 1997 _____.

C.) February 19, 1997 through March 18,1997 _____.

2. Average time taken to receive "conditional release" message once entry has left your office for the above dates.

_____ Days _____ Hours _____ Minutes

3. Average time taken to receive "hard copy" release once entry has left your office for the above dates.

_____ Days _____ Hours _____ Minutes

4. Number of overrides to intensive for the non-AMS carriers for the above dates_____.

5. Estimated overall time savings, if any, for the above dates_____.

6. Any concerns or comments: