



DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY
U.S. CUSTOMS SERVICE

PORT OF CHICAGO PIPELINE

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TO : Customhouse Brokers, Importers and Others Concerned

SUBJECT: Chicago Customs Open House

The Port of Chicago is pleased to invite the Trade Community to an Open House on Thursday, October 8, 1998, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Customhouse, 610 South Canal Street, Chicago, Illinois. All Customs offices in Chicago will be participating, including the Port of Chicago, Mid America CMC, Strategic Trade Center, Customs Laboratory and Regulatory Audit, as well as the U.S. Department of Agriculture, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, U.S. Food and Drug Administration and the U.S. Consumer Products Safety Commission.

The Open House exhibits/tours include commodity team and entry specialist team displays, x-ray van, laboratory tour, metal tensile tester demonstration, Customs web-site demonstration, canine demonstration and many others.

Mr. **Robert Trotter**, Assistant Commissioner, Field Operations, will help kick off the Open House at the opening ceremony at 10:00 a.m.

Additional events at the Open House include a presentation on new Customs initiatives by Supervisory Import Specialist **Richard Rudin**, and a seminar presented by **Joseph Palmer**, Director, Regulatory Audit, on the Importer Compliance Monitoring Program.

As our guest, each firm attending the Open House will receive a “**Jump to the Head of the Line**” card upon registration. This will entitle the firm to express treatment in resolving one issue with the Port of Chicago. The card is only good for October 8, 1998, so bring a copy of your most pressing issue and submit it in writing at the Visitor Service Center on the 2nd floor.

As a special bonus, a **CD-ROM** containing a wealth of Customs information will be given to the first 500 firms who RSVP.

RSVP via fax to: Open House Committee at 312.353.2337 or 847.616.4094, or telephone Joan Angelilli at 847.616.4060 ext. 145. A list of attendees is requested with your RSVP.

Transportation. It is *extremely* difficult to find parking in the vicinity of the Customhouse. Guests are encouraged to take public transportation. Via **CTA**, take the rapid transit train from the **River Road** stop, which has ample parking. Ride the train all the way to the Clinton Street exit. Walk one block south to Harrison Street and one block east to Canal Street. The registration tent will be in front of the Customhouse. For **METRA** riders, the Customhouse is 2 blocks south of Union Station and 5 blocks south of Northwestern Station.

Attached please find a schedule of events for the Open House. We hope to see you here.

Larry Shirk
(Acting) Port Director

CHICAGO CUSTOMS OPEN HOUSE

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

October 8, 1998

**Exhibits and Booths
9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.**

**Opening Ceremony - Second Floor Cafeteria
10:00 a.m.**

**Customs Redesign Initiatives
*Reconciliation, Remote Location Filing, Account Management, AES
ACH, MARC 2000, Semi-Monthly Statement Processing*
Richard Rudin, Supervisory Import Specialist
Room 604
9:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. - Approximately 30 minutes**

**Canine Demonstration
West Parking Lot
10:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m., 1:00 p.m., and 2:00 p.m.**

**Customs Website Demonstration, 8th Floor
10:15 a.m., 11:15 a.m., 1:15 p.m., and 2:15 p.m.**

**Metal Tensile Tester Demonstration
Building Located West End of Parking Lot
10:30 a.m., 11:30 a.m., 1:30 p.m., and 2:30 p.m.**

**Importer Compliance Monitoring Program Seminar
Joseph Palmer, Chicago Field Director, Regulatory Audit
Room 604
10:45 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. - Approximately 45 minutes**

**EXPLORER POST 9706 WILL HAVE CUSTOMS SHIRTS AND SOUVENIRS (2ND FLOOR) AND
FOOD AND BEVERAGES (WEST PARKING LOT) AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE
THROUGHOUT THE DAY**