

CBP / Trade Monthly Meeting Agenda

Wednesday, July 5, 2023

8:30 AM

At Laredo College, De La Garza Bldg. Rm 101

Introduction of New LLUSCBA Administrative Assistant – Stacy Solis

CBP Announcements:

Update on Migrant Situation

- CBP One is back up and situation is under control
- The Application Process should be back to the normal procedures
- Trade/Commercial disruptions shouldn't occur

Old Business:

No old business to discuss.

New Business

1) Inspection of freight by CBP – notations needed: Member(s) of the Trade have received freight at their warehouse with open cartons once released by CBP. One case in particular involved tequila, (which is obviously a commodity subject to risk of theft, etc.), in which 1 carton and several bottles were opened. There was no customs seal or indication it was inspected by CBP. The driver claimed that, "it was inspected by CBP." The broker reached out to CBP MET and found they could not confirm nor deny inspection.

- a. Can CBP confirm if a shipment was inspected by CBP?
Yes, you can always inquire with Customs regarding if an inspection occurred.
- b. Are the "public notes" being annotated so that the broker can see them in their ABI notes?
Yes, there should have been a seal as well as notes inputted in TMM system regarding the inspection.
- c. If not, can CBP please remind officers to add notations of a given inspection?
CBP has already had discussions with both supervisors and officers to discuss and this issue shouldn't happen again.

2) Deletions of I.E. without carrier concurrence = Under a scenario in which freight arrives in-bond to the port of Laredo, typically arrival is notified to a Broker for the cancellation of the inbound I.T. or T&E with the preparation of an I.E.. Carrier obtains a copy of the I.E., delivers freight, and files in-bond away. 15 days later, the I.T. carrier receives CBP electronic notification that the original I.T. is now due to G.O. (overdue export). Upon investigation, the carrier finds out that the Broker deleted their I.E. as the freight has not exported. The Broker's reason for the deletion is that a new pedimento was needed and as a result a new I.E. in-bond was created.

Another similar example is when an I.E. in-bond was deleted 10 days later but failed to notify the carrier. On the 15th day, the Carrier received CBP electronic notification that the BOL is subject to G.O. / overdue export. Upon investigation, the broker's reason for the deletion is that the "freight does not belong to MX consignee should be for the U.S." (a Consumption Entry was never created until carrier investigated the deletion) so cancellation was done late (after 15 days).

A. Given the above scenarios, which party would be liable for any penalties resulting from the I.E. being deleted by the broker **without** a concurrence nor approval from CBP? Would it be: the I.T. carrier, the I.E. bonded carrier, or both?

- **Whichever bond was covering the merchandise would be liable.**
- **Once a deadline is missed, an automatic system reminder will be generated and sent. If the second In-bond was deleted, the message would automatically go back to the original.**
- **Letter of Concurrence is usually required if the bond would be reverting back**
- **If this situation occurs, send email to Export Lot explaining circumstances. They will review/take corrective actions on a case-by-case basis**

3) In-Bond Extensions - Under 19 CFR 18.24(a) (Retention of goods within port limits) the Port Director is authorized to allow in-transit merchandise to remain within the port limits for up to 90 days. Additional 90-day extensions may be granted for up to one year from the date of arrival. Carriers can request an extension when they cannot export within 15 days of arrival due to scheduling or other issues. Frequently, Mexican import permits hold up the exportation of in-bond merchandise. Sometimes carriers just need short extensions of a few days past the 15 calendar days.

A. What is the process to request extensions when in-bond goods cannot be export within 15 days of arrival due to scheduling or other issues?

- **You can request an extension which will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis**
- **Send Request Letter to Laredo Export Lot requesting extension**
- **Request will go through chain of command and up to Port Director to make a decision**
- **Discussed option of voluntarily putting merchandise into GO/Bonded Warehouse/FTZ if deadline is approaching**
 - o **CBP Should be providing list of available facilities**

4) CBP "Holds" on In-Bonds – Has there been any progress to having CBP notate In-Bonds on the "public notes" section so that the message of a hold is communicated to the party preparing the in-bond in place of having to query a BOL or in-bond to find out if there is a hold, prior to export?

- **Best Practice is to query BOTH Bill of lading and In-bond before it leaves your yard**
 - o **CBP will usually work on updating these holds in the morning**
 - o **Make sure to Review all pages of the Query**
- **Urged LLUSCBA members to bring up these issues to Headquarters**
- **Contact Information: Laredoexportlot@cbp.dhs.gov**

Other CBP Announcements:

CBP Met with Carriers on Monday July 3rd

- Will meet with Laredo Police Authority & include on distribution list of information
- Will provide guidance to Mexico carriers to increase compliance
- Next Meeting: July 19th

PGA Questions/Announcements:

Agriculture

- Pork export challenges including transloading & permit requirements
 - Had meeting with Headquarters and scheduled a meeting with USDA next Friday

USDA

Interviewing for Identifier Position in Laredo Office

LUSCBA Announcements:

Email sent regarding any issues/concerns on CEEs

- Soliciting observations and comments to submit with letter
- Urged LLUSCBA members to learn which CEEs your Importers belong to and obtain their information through website

NCBFAA

- Focusing on Export Manifest & 321 issues
 - Any issues from CBP side, please contact JD
- Global Trade Education Conference (GTEC)
 - Oklahoma City
 - July 31 – August 1st

Next LLUSCBA Association Meeting => [Wednesday, July 26th](#)

Next CBP Trade Meeting => [Wednesday, August 2nd](#)

*** Any questions or Customs issues you may have prior to the meeting may be sent to LLUSCBA Customs committee at CBPissues@lluscba.org. ***