

### § 142.3a

(1) *Entry.* Customs Form 3461 (appropriately modified), except that Customs Form 7533 (appropriately modified), in duplicate, may be used in place of Customs Form 3461 for merchandise imported from a contiguous country. The form used shall be prepared in accordance with §141.61(a)(1) of this chapter.

(2) *Evidence of the right to make entry.* Evidence of the right to make entry, as set forth in §141.11 of this chapter.

(3) *Commercial invoice.* A commercial invoice, except that in those instances listed in §141.83(d) of this chapter where a commercial invoice is not required, a pro forma invoice or other acceptable documentation listed in that section may be submitted in place of a commercial invoice.

(4) *Packing list.* A packing list, where appropriate.

(5) *Other documentation.* Other documents which may be required by Customs or other Federal, State, or local agencies for a particular shipment.

(6) *Identification.* When merchandise is imported having been sold, or consigned, to a person in the United States, the name, street address, and appropriate identification number of that person, as provided in §24.5 of this chapter, shall be shown on the entry documents (CF 3461, 3461 ALT, 7501). When, at the time of immediate delivery, entry or release, there is no known buyer, the name, street address, and appropriate identification number (as above) of the premises in the United States to which the merchandise is to be delivered must be shown on the entry or release documents.

(b) *Entry summary filed at time of entry.* When the entry summary is filed at time of entry, in accordance with §142.12(a)(1) or §142.13.

(1) Customs Form 3461 or 7533 shall not be required, and

(2) Customs Form 7501, or 3311, as appropriate (see §142.11), shall serve as both the entry and the entry summary documentation if the additional documentation set out in paragraphs (a)(2), (3), (4), and (5) of this section and §142.16(b) is filed.

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(c) *Extra copies.* The port director may require additional copies of the documentation.

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### § 142.3a Entry numbers.

(a) *Placement on Customs Forms.* The importer or broker shall place an 11 character entry number on the entry and corresponding entry summary documentation. For documentation prepared on data processing equipment, the number shall be printed directly on the form. For manually prepared documentation, the number shall be pre-printed in a machine readable format specified by Customs. The same number shall not be used for more than one entry transaction.

(b) *Format.* The following format, including hyphens, must be used when showing the entry number:

XXX-NNNNNNN-N

XXX represents an entry filer code assigned by Customs, NNNNNNN is a unique number which is assigned by the broker or importer, and N is a check digit computed from the first 10 characters based on a formula provided by Customs.

(1) *Assignment of Entry Filer Code.* Customs will assign a unique 3 character (alphabetic, numeric, or alpha numeric) entry filer code to all licensed brokers filing Customs entries. Customs will assign an entry filer code to certain importers filing Customs entries based on importer entry volume, frequency of entry filing, and other considerations. The broker or importer shall use this assigned code as the beginning three characters of the number for all Customs entries, regardless of where the entries are filed.

(2) *Entry Filer Assigned Number.* For each entry, the broker or importer shall assign a unique 7 digit number. This number shall not be assigned to more than one transaction.

(3) *Check Digit.* The broker or importer is responsible for ensuring that the check digit is computed by data processing equipment.

(c) *Pulication of Entry Filer Codes.* Customs shall make available electronically a listing of filer codes and the importers, consignees, and customs brokers assigned those filer codes. The listing will be updated periodically.

(d) *Misuse of the Entry Filer Code.* The port director may refuse to allow use of an assigned entry filer code if it is misused by the importer or broker.

(e) *Alternative Procedure.* If an importer does not have an assigned entry filer code, or if the port director, in accordance with paragraph (d) of this section refuses to allow use of an assigned entry filer code, the importer or broker shall obtain forms with a Customs assigned pre-printed machine readable entry number with a computed check digit. These forms will be available for sale by Customs and must be obtained and used before the merchandise may be released from Customs custody.

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#### § 142.4 Bond requirements.

(a) *At the time of entry.* Except as provided in §10.101(d) of this chapter, or paragraph (c) of this section, merchandise shall not be released from Customs custody at the time Customs receives the entry documentation or the entry summary documentation which serves as both the entry and the entry summary, as required by §142.3 unless a single entry or continuous bond on Customs Form 301, containing the bond conditions set forth in §113.62 of this chapter, executed by an approved corporate surety, or secured by cash deposits or obligations of the United States, as provided for in §113.40 of this chapter, has been filed. When any of the imported merchandise is subject to a tariff-rate quota and is to be released at a time when the applicable quota is filled, the full rates shall be used in computing the estimated duties to determine the amount of the bond.

(b) *If entry summary is filed after entry.* (1) Except as provided in §141.102(d) of this chapter, if the entry summary is filed after the entry, the bond filed at

the time of entry, as required by paragraph (a) of this section or by §142.19, shall continue to be obligated unless a superseding bond is filed, as provided in §141.20 of this chapter, or unless a bond of the type described in paragraph (a) of this section is filed under the circumstances described in paragraph (b)(2) of this section. If a superseding bond is filed, or if a bond is filed under the circumstances described in paragraph (b)(2) of this section, the obligations of the initial bond shall be terminated as to any liability which may accrue after the superseding or other bond becomes effective.

(2) If entry is made in the name of an agent, supported by the agent's bond, or in the name of a principal, supported by the principal's bond, and the entry summary thereafter is filed in the name of the other party, the party named in the entry summary shall file a bond on Customs Form 301, containing the bond conditions set forth in §113.62 of this chapter. In this circumstance, the bond obligation of the party in whose name entry was made shall be terminated, as to liability which may accrue after the bond filed by the party named in the entry summary becomes effective, and the party filing the entry summary need not file the separate declaration of the actual owner and the superseding bond otherwise required under §141.20 of this chapter.

(c) *Waiver of surety or cash deposit.* (1) The port director may waive the requirement for surety or cash deposit on the bond required by this section when (i) the value of the merchandise which the bond secures does not exceed \$2,500, (ii) the entry summary documentation is filed and estimated duties, if any, are deposited prior to release of the merchandise and (iii) the importer has not been delinquent or otherwise remiss in any transaction with Customs.

(2) This authority to waive surety or cash deposit does not apply to (i) quota merchandise, (ii) any type of merchandise which, in the opinion of the port director, cannot be easily appraised or classified, or (iii) any type of merchandise where there may be, in the opinion