

**§ 143.36 Form of immediate delivery, entry and entry summary.**

(a) *Electronic form of data.* If Customs determines that the immediate delivery, entry or entry summary data is satisfactory under §§ 143.34 and 143.35, the electronic form of the immediate delivery, entry or entry summary through ABI shall be deemed to satisfy all filing requirements under this part. Further, the filer will not be required to produce or physically submit any official Customs forms of immediate delivery, entry or entry summary. The filer is responsible for the accuracy of the data submitted electronically to the same extent as if the documents were produced, signed and physically submitted by the filer (see § 111.32 of this chapter).

(b) *Accuracy of data.* Participation constitutes declaration by the electronic filer that, to the best of his knowledge, all transactions filed electronically fully disclose prices, values, quantities, rebates, drawbacks, fees, commissions, and royalties, which are true and correct, and that all goods or services provided either free or at a reduced cost to the seller of the merchandise are fully disclosed (see § 111.32 of this chapter).

(c) *Submission of invoice.* The invoice will be retained by the filer unless requested by Customs. If the invoice is submitted by the filer before a request is made by Customs, it will not be accepted or retained by Customs. When Customs requests presentation of the invoice, invoice data must be submitted in one of the following forms:

- (1) Paper form;
- (2) AII or EDIFACT format.

(3) In appropriate cases where a party has obtained a preclassification/binding ruling number covering the merchandise being entered, or is a participant in a pre-approval program, and information is electronically transmitted which is adequate for the examination of the merchandise and the determination of duties, and for verifying the information required for statistical purposes by § 141.61(e) of this chapter, such information will satisfy the invoice re-

quirement of this part and part 141 of this chapter.

[T.D. 90-92, 55 FR 49886, Dec. 3, 1990, as amended by T.D. 98-56, 63 FR 32945, June 16, 1998]

**§ 143.37 Retention of records.**

(a) *Record maintenance requirements.* All records received or generated by a broker or importer must be maintained in accordance with part 163 of this chapter.

(b) *Termination of broker's responsibility.* If the broker is discharged by the importer, he shall retain the documentation for those deliveries, entries or entry summaries filed by him prior to such discharge. Documentation in possession of a broker at the time of permanent termination of the brokerage business shall be accounted for pursuant to § 111.30(e) of this chapter.

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**§ 143.38 [Reserved]****§ 143.39 Penalties.**

(a) *Brokers.* Brokers unable to produce records requested by Customs under this chapter will be subject to disciplinary action or penalties pursuant to part 111 or part 163 of this chapter.

(b) *Importers.* Importers unable to produce records requested by Customs under this chapter will be subject to penalties pursuant to part 163 of this chapter.

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**§ 144.0 Scope.**

This part contains regulations pertaining to the entry and withdrawal of merchandise under the provisions of section 557, Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (19 U.S.C. 1557), which among other things provides that articles subject to duty may be entered for warehousing and deposited in a bonded

warehouse at the expense and risk of the owner, importer, or consignee, and withdrawn from warehouse for consumption upon payment of duties and charges. The requirements and procedures set forth in this part are in addition to the general requirements and procedures for all entries set forth in part 141 of this chapter. Regulations pertaining to manipulation in warehouse, manufacturing warehouses, and smelting and refining warehouses are set forth in part 19 of this chapter.

**Subpart A—General Provisions**

**§ 144.1 Merchandise eligible for warehousing.**

(a) *Types of merchandise.* Any merchandise subject to duty may be entered for warehousing except for perishable merchandise and explosive substances (other than firecrackers). Dangerous and highly flammable merchandise, though not classified as explosive, shall not be entered for warehouse without the written consent of the insurance company insuring the warehouse in which the merchandise is to be stored.

(b) [Reserved]

(c) *Merchandise previously entered.* If merchandise has been entered under other than a warehouse entry and has remained in continuous Customs custody, a warehouse entry may be substituted for the previous entry. If estimated duties were deposited with the superseded previous entry, that entry shall be liquidated for refund of the estimated duties without awaiting liquidation of the warehouse entry. All copies of the warehouse entry shall bear the following notation: This entry is in substitution of \_\_\_\_\_; entry No. \_\_\_\_\_, dated \_\_\_\_\_.

[T.D. 73-175, 38 FR 17464, July 2, 1973, as amended by T.D. 82-204, 47 FR 49376, Nov. 1, 1982; T.D. 84-149, 49 FR 28699, July 16, 1984]

**§ 144.2 Liability of importers and sureties.**

The importer of merchandise entered for warehouse is liable for the payment of all unpaid duties not only as principal on the bond filed on Customs

Form 301, containing the bond conditions set forth in §113.62 of this chapter, but also by reason of his personal liability as consignee. Under the conditions of the bond, the sureties on the bond shall be held liable for the payment of duties and Customs charges not paid by the principal on the bond, whether such duties and charges are finally ascertained before the merchandise is withdrawn from Customs custody or thereafter. Liability may be transferred in part along with the right to withdraw the merchandise, in accordance with Subpart C of this part.

[T.D. 73-175, 38 FR 17464, July 2, 1973, as amended by T.D. 84-213, 49 FR 41185, Oct. 19, 1984]

#### § 144.3 Allowance for damage.

No abatement or allowance of duties shall be made on account of damage, loss, or deterioration of the merchandise while in warehouse, except as provided for by law (see part 158 of this chapter).

#### § 144.4 Allowance for abandoned, destroyed, or exported merchandise.

Allowance in duties shall be made for merchandise in warehouse which is abandoned or destroyed in accordance with §158.43 of this chapter or exported in accordance with §144.37.

#### § 144.5 Period of warehousing.

Merchandise shall not remain in a bonded warehouse beyond 5 years from the date of importation.

[T.D. 86-118, 51 FR 22516, June 20, 1986]

#### § 144.6 [Reserved]

#### § 144.7 Disposition of merchandise after expiration of warehousing period.

Merchandise remaining in a bonded warehouse after the expiration of the warehousing period shall be disposed of in accordance with §127.14 of this chapter.

[T.D. 79-221, 44 FR 46828, Aug. 9, 1979]

### Subpart B—Requirements and Procedures for Warehouse Entry

#### § 144.11 Form of entry.

(a) *Entry.* The documentation required by §142.3 of this chapter shall be filed at the time of entry. If the entry summary, Customs Form 7501, is filed at the time of entry for merchandise to be entered for warehouse, it shall serve as both the entry and the entry summary, and Customs Form 3461 or 7533 shall not be required. If the entry summary is not filed at the time of entry, it shall be filed within the time limit prescribed by §142.12 of this chapter. If merchandise is released before the filing of the entry summary, the importer shall have a bond on file, as prescribed by §142.4 of this chapter.

(b) *Customs Form 7501.* The entry summary for merchandise entered for warehouse shall be executed in triplicate on Customs Form 7501, appropriately modified, and shall include all of the statistical information required by §141.61(e) of this chapter. The port director may require an extra copy or copies of Customs Form 7501, annotated "PERMIT" for use in connection with delivery of the merchandise to the bonded warehouse.

(c) *Designation of warehouse.* The importer shall designate on the entry summary, Customs Form 7501, the bonded warehouse in which he desires his merchandise deposited.

(d) *Specification list.* When packages which are not uniform in contents, quantities, values, or rates of duties are grouped together as one item on an entry summary, a specification list (original only) shall be furnished with the entry summary, showing separately opposite the marks or numbers of each package, the quantity of each class of merchandise, the entered value of each class, and the rates of duty claimed for each. However, a specification list is not needed if one withdrawal is to be filed for all the merchandise covered by the entry summary.

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### § 144.12 Contents of entry summary; estimated duties.

The entry summary, Customs Form 7501, shall show the value, classification, and rate of duty as approved by the port director at the time the entry summary is filed. However, no deposit of estimated duties shall be required until the merchandise is withdrawn for consumption.

[T.D. 79-221, 44 FR 46828, Aug. 9, 1979, as amended by T.D. 84-129, 49 FR 23168, June 5, 1984]

### § 144.13 Bond requirements.

A bond on Customs Form 301, containing the bond conditions set forth in § 113.62 of this chapter shall be filed in the amount required by the port director to support the entry documentation.

[T.D. 84-213, 49 FR 41185, Oct. 19, 1984]

### § 144.14 Removal to warehouse.

When the entry summary, Customs Form 7501, and the bond on Customs Form 301, containing the bond conditions set forth in § 113.62 of this chapter have been filed, the merchandise shall be sent to the bonded warehouse, except for:

(a) Merchandise for which an immediate withdrawal is filed, or

(b) Packages designated for examination elsewhere than at the warehouse, which shall be sent to the warehouse after examination.

[T.D. 79-221, 44 FR 46828, Aug. 9, 1979, as amended by T.D. 84-129, 49 FR 23168, June 5, 1984; T.D. 84-213, 49 FR 41185, Oct. 19, 1984]

### § 144.15 Entry and withdrawal from Customs bonded warehouses of distilled spirits.

(a) *Distilled spirits entered in warehouse under section 5066(a), Internal Revenue Code*—(1) *General rule.* Except as otherwise provided in this section, distilled spirits entered into Customs bonded warehouse in accordance with section 5066(a), Internal Revenue Code, as amended (26 U.S.C. 5066(a)), shall be treated in the same manner as any other merchandise entered for warehouse.

(2) *Withdrawal from warehouse for domestic consumption.* Distilled spirits en-

tered in warehouse under this paragraph may be withdrawn from warehouse for domestic consumption under section 5066(c), Internal Revenue Code, as amended (26 U.S.C. 5066(c)). In this case, the distilled spirits shall be subject to duty as American goods exported and returned under subheading 9801.00.80, Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (19 U.S.C. 1202).

(b) *Distilled spirits transferred from a manufacturing warehouse to a storage warehouse under section 311, Tariff Act of 1930*—(1) *Prohibition on withdrawal from warehouse for domestic consumption.* Domestic distilled spirits which have been transferred from a Customs bonded manufacturing warehouse, Class 6, to a Customs bonded storage warehouse, Class 2 or 3, in accordance with section 311, Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (19 U.S.C. 1311), may not be withdrawn under section 5066(c) of the Internal Revenue Code, as amended (26 U.S.C. 5066(c)), for domestic consumption.

(2) *Procedure governing transfer of distilled spirits from manufacturing warehouse to storage warehouse.* For procedure concerning the transfer of such distilled spirits from Customs bonded manufacturing warehouse, Class 6, to Customs bonded storage warehouse, see § 19.15(g)(2) of this chapter.

(c) *Distilled spirits entered under section 5214(a)(9), Internal Revenue Code*—(1) *General rule.* Distilled spirits may be entered into a Customs bonded storage warehouse under section 5214(a)(9), Internal Revenue Code, as amended (26 U.S.C. 5214(a)(9)), in the same manner as any other merchandise is entered for warehouse, unless otherwise provided in this section.

(2) *Withdrawal only for exportation.* Distilled spirits warehoused under section 5214(a)(9), Internal Revenue Code, may be withdrawn only for the purpose of exportation, either directly or after rewarehousing at the same or another port. The distilled spirits may not be withdrawn for domestic consumption.

[T.D. 73-175, 38 FR 17464, July 2, 1973, as amended by T.D. 78-298, 43 FR 38382, Aug. 28, 1978; T.D. 80-271, 45 FR 75641, Nov. 17, 1980; T.D. 84-213, 49 FR 41185, Oct. 19, 1984; T.D. 89-1, 53 FR 51263, Dec. 21, 1988]

### Subpart C—Transfer of Right to Withdraw Merchandise from Warehouse

#### § 144.21 Conditions for transfer.

Under the provisions of section 557(b) Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (19 U.S.C. 1557(b)), the right to withdraw all or part of merchandise entered for warehouse may be transferred by appropriate endorsement on the withdrawal form, provided that the transferee files a bond on Customs Form 301, containing the bond conditions set forth in §113.62 of this chapter. Upon the deposit of the endorsed form, properly executed, and the transferee's bond with the Customs officer designated to receive such form and bond, the transferor and his sureties shall be relieved from all undischarged liability.

[T.D. 73-175, 38 FR 17464, July 2, 1973, as amended by T.D. 84-213, 49 FR 41185, Oct. 19, 1984; 49 FR 44867, Nov. 9, 1984]

#### § 144.22 Endorsement of transfer on withdrawal form.

Transfer of the right to withdraw merchandise entered for warehouse shall be established by an appropriate endorsement on the withdrawal form by the person primarily liable for payment of duties before the transfer is completed, i.e., the person who made the warehouse or rewarehouse entry or a transferee of the withdrawal right of such person. Endorsement shall be made on whichever of the following withdrawal forms is applicable:

- (a) Customs Form 7501 for:
  - (i) A duty paid warehouse withdrawal for consumption;
  - (ii) Withdrawal with no duty payment (diplomatic use);
  - (iii) Merchandise to be withdrawn as vessel or aircraft supplies and equipment under §10.60 of this chapter or other conditionally free merchandise;
- (b) Customs Form 7512 for merchandise to be withdrawn for transportation, exportation, or transportation and exportation; or

[T.D. 82-204, 47 FR 49376, Nov. 1, 1982, as amended by T.D. 95-81, 60 FR 52295, Oct. 6, 1995]

#### § 144.23 Endorsement in blank.

If the transferor wishes to do so, he may endorse the withdrawal form to authorize the right to withdraw the merchandise specified thereon but leave the space for the name of the transferee blank. A holder of a withdrawal form so endorsed and otherwise fully executed may insert his own name in the blank space, deposit such form and his transferee's bond with the Customs officer designated to receive such form and bond, and thereby establish his right to withdraw the merchandise.

#### § 144.24 Transferee's bond.

The transferee's bond shall be on Customs Form 301 and contain the bond conditions set forth in §113.62 of this chapter.

[T.D. 84-213, 49 FR 41185, Oct. 19, 1984]

#### § 144.25 Deposit of forms.

Either the transferor or the transferee may deposit the endorsed withdrawal form and transferee's bond with the Customs officer designated to receive such form and bond.

#### § 144.26 Further transfer.

The right of a transferee to withdraw the merchandise may not be revoked by the transferor but may be retransferred by the transferee.

#### § 144.27 Withdrawal from warehouse by transferee.

At any time within the warehousing period, a transferee who has established his right to withdraw merchandise may withdraw all or part of the merchandise covered by the transfer by filing any authorized kind of withdrawal from warehouse in accordance with subpart D of this part.

#### § 144.28 Protest by transferee.

(a) *Entries on or after January 12, 1971.* A transferee of merchandise entered for warehouse on or after January 12, 1971, shall have the right to file a protest under section 514, Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (19 U.S.C. 1514), to the same extent that such right would have been available to the transferor.

(b) *Entries prior to January 12, 1971.* A transferee of merchandise entered for

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warehouse prior to January 12, 1971, shall have no right to file a protest, except under the conditions set forth in section 557(b), Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (19 U.S.C. 1557(b)), prior to the amendments made thereto by Pub. L. 91-685, effective January 12, 1971 (T.D. 71-55).

**Subpart D—Withdrawals from Warehouse**

**§ 144.31 Right to withdraw.**

Withdrawals from bonded warehouse may be made only by the person primarily liable for the payment of duties on the merchandise being withdrawn, i.e., the importer of record on the warehouse entry, the actual owner if an actual owner's declaration and superseding bond have been filed in accordance with §141.20 of this chapter, or the transferee if the right to withdraw the merchandise has been transferred in accordance with subpart C of this part. No new declaration of the consignee or agent is required.

**§ 144.32 Statement of quantity; charges and liens.**

(a) *On each withdrawal.* Each withdrawal filed shall have indicated thereon, preferably in the lower part of the left-hand margin if there is no space designated on the form for such information, a summary statement of the account to which it is related. The statement shall indicate:

(1) The quantity (i.e., the number of outer containers, or tons, etc.) in the warehouse account before the withdrawal;

(2) The quantity being withdrawn; and

(3) The quantity remaining in warehouse after the withdrawal. The quantity in each instance may be shown as a cumulative total event though it may include a group of varied units such as boxes, cases, or cartons, and may consist of more than one commodity, such as distilled spirits, china-ware, etc.

(b) *Transferred merchandise.* When all or a portion of an original lot has been transferred to a new owner in accordance with subpart C of this part, each withdrawal by the transferee shall show only the quantity on hand in the

transferee's name before the withdrawal, the quantity being withdrawn by the transferee, and the transferred quantity remaining in the warehouse after the withdrawal. The quantity retained by the original importer and the quantity transferred shall be treated as separate accounts.

(c) *Charges and liens.* Upon receipt of an application to withdraw merchandise the appropriate Customs officer shall determine whether there are any cartage, storage, labor, or any other charges due the Government in connection with the goods remaining unpaid or whether there is on file any notice of lien filed by a carrier. If there are no charges or liens or all charges and liens have been satisfied, and all other requirements of law or regulations have been met, the application to withdraw shall be approved.

[T.D. 73-175, 38 FR 17464, July 2, 1973, as amended by T.D. 82-204, 47 FR 49376, Nov. 1, 1982; T.D. 86-118, 51 FR 22516, June 20, 1986]

**§ 144.33 Minimum quantities to be withdrawn.**

Unless by special authority of the Commissioner of Customs, merchandise shall not be withdrawn from bonded warehouse in quantities less than an entire bale, cask, box, or other package, or, if in bulk, in quantities less than 1 ton in weight or the entire quantity imported, whichever is smaller.

**§ 144.34 Transfer to another warehouse.**

(a) *At the same port.* With the concurrence of the proprietors of the delivering and receiving warehouses, merchandise may be transferred from one bonded warehouse to another at the same port under Customs supervision and at the expense of the importer upon his written request to the port director, who shall issue an order for such transfer on Customs Form 6043. However, the port director may require the filing of a rewarehouse entry under §144.41 if he determines it necessary for proper control of the merchandise. All charges shall be paid before merchandise is transferred from a warehouse of class 1 (see §19.1 of this chapter for classes of warehouses). The quantities of goods so transferred shall be subject

to the joint determination of the warehouse proprietor and the cartman, lighterman, or private bonded carrier, as provided in §19.6 of this chapter.

(b) *At another port.* Merchandise may be transferred to a warehouse which is under the jurisdiction of another port by withdrawing the merchandise for transportation in accordance with §144.36 and entering it for rewarehouse in accordance with §144.41 upon arrival at destination. All charges shall be paid before merchandise is transferred from the warehouse of class 1 (see §19.1 of this chapter for classes of warehouses).

(c) *Transfers between integrated bonded warehouses—*(1) *Eligibility.* (i) Only an importer who will transfer warehoused merchandise among Class 2 and 9 warehouses listed on the application in paragraph (c)(2) of this section is eligible to participate.

(ii) The importer must have a centralized inventory control system that shows the location of all of the warehoused merchandise at all times, including merchandise in transit.

(iii) The importer and its surety must sign the application. If the application to use this alternative procedure is approved by the appropriate port director, the importer's entry bond containing the conditions provided under §113.62 of this chapter will continue to attach to any merchandise transferred under these alternative procedures.

(iv) Each proprietor of a warehouse listed on the application and each surety who underwrites that proprietor's custodial bond coverage under §113.63 of this chapter shall sign the application.

(2) *Application.* Application must be made in writing to the port director of the port in which the applicant's centralized inventory control system exists, with copies to all affected port directors, for exemptions from the requirements for transfer of merchandise from one bonded warehouse to another set forth in paragraphs (a) and (b) of this section. The application must list all bonded warehouses to and from which the merchandise may be transferred; all such warehouses must be covered by the same centralized inventory control system. Only blanket ex-

emption requests will be considered; exemptions will not be considered for individual transfers. The application may be in letter form, signed by all participants, and contain a certification to the port director by the applicant that he maintains accounting records, documents and financial statements and reports that adequately support Customs activities.

(3) *Operation.* An importer who receives approval to transfer merchandise between bonded warehouses in accordance with the provisions of this section may, after entry into the first warehouse, transfer that merchandise to any other warehouse without filing a withdrawal from warehouse or a rewarehouse entry. The warehoused merchandise will be treated as though it remains in the first warehouse so long as the actual location of the merchandise at all times is recorded as provided under the provisions of this section.

(4) *Inventory control requirements.* The records required to be maintained must include a centralized inventory control system and supporting documentation which meets the following requirements:

(i) Provide Customs upon demand with the proper on-hand balance of each inventory item in each warehouse facility and each storage location within each warehouse;

(ii) Provide Customs upon demand with the proper on-hand balance for each open warehouse entry and the actual quantity in each warehouse facility;

(iii) If an alternative inventory system has been approved, provide Customs upon demand with the proper on-hand balance for each unique identifier and the quantity related to each open warehouse entry and the quantity in each warehouse facility;

(iv) Maintain documentation for all intracompany movements, including authorizations for the movement, shipping documents and receiving reports. These documents must show the appropriate warehouse entry number or unique identifier, the description and quantity of the merchandise transferred, and must be properly authorized and signed evidencing shipment from and delivery to each location;

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(v) Maintain a consolidated permit file folder at the location where the merchandise was originally warehoused. The consolidated permit file folder must meet the requirements of §19.12(d)(4) of this chapter regardless of the warehouse facility in which the action occurred. Documentation for all intracompany movements, including authorizations for movement, shipping documents, receiving reports, as well as documentation showing ultimate disposition of the merchandise must be filed in the consolidated permit file folder within seven business days;

(vi) Maintain a subordinate permit file at all intracompany locations where merchandise is transferred containing copies of documentation required by §19.12(d)(4) of this chapter and by paragraph (c)(3)(v) of this section relating to merchandise quantities transferred to the location. A copy of all documents in the subordinate permit file folder must be filed in the consolidated permit file folder within seven business days; no exceptions will be granted to this requirement. When the final withdrawal is made on the respective entry, the subordinate permit file shall be considered closed and filed at the intracompany location to which the merchandise was transferred; and

(vii) File the withdrawal from Customs custody at the original warehouse location at which the merchandise was entered.

(5) *Waiver of permit file folder requirements.* The permit file folder requirements of paragraphs (c)(3)(v) and (c)(3)(vi) of this section may be waived if the proprietor's recordkeeping and inventory control system qualifies under the requirements of §19.12(d)(4)(iii) of this chapter at all locations where bonded merchandise is stored.

(6) *Procedure not available—(i) Liens.* The transfer procedures permitted under paragraph (c) of this section shall not be available for merchandise with respect to which Customs is notified of the existence of a lien, as prescribed in §141.112 of this chapter (see 19 U.S.C. 1564), until proof shall be produced at the original warehouse location that the lien has been satisfied or discharged.

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(ii) *Restricted merchandise.* With the exception of alcohol and tobacco products, merchandise subject to a restriction on release such as covered by a licensing, quota or visa requirement, is not eligible.

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### § 144.35 Withdrawal of vessel and aircraft supplies and equipment.

Supplies and equipment for vessels and aircraft may be withdrawn from warehouse under the procedures set forth in this subpart and in §§10.59 through 10.65 of this chapter.

### § 144.36 Withdrawal for transportation.

(a) *Time limit.* Merchandise may be withdrawn from warehouse for transportation to another port of entry if withdrawal for consumption or exportation can be accomplished at the port of destination before the expiration of the warehousing period.

(b) *Physical deposit in warehouse not needed.* All or any part of the merchandise covered by a entry summary, Customs Form 7501 may be withdrawn for transportation without deposit in a bonded warehouse and may be permitted to remain on the vessel or other vehicle or on the pier in a constructive warehouse status pending examination. When any such merchandise not deposited in a warehouse is not forwarded under the withdrawal for transportation on account of damage or other cause, the importer shall be required to withdraw such merchandise immediately for consumption or exportation, or designate a warehouse to which it may be sent and, upon his failure to do so, it shall be treated as unclaimed.

(c) *Form.* (1) A withdrawal for transportation shall be filed on Customs Form 7512 in five copies. An extra copy or copies of the Customs Form 7512 may be required for use in connection with the delivery of the merchandise to the bonded carrier and, in the case of alcoholic beverages, two extra copies shall be required for use in furnishing the duty statement to the port director at destination.

(2) Separate withdrawals for transportation from a single warehouse, via a single conveyance, consigned to the same consignee, and deposited into a single warehouse, can be filed on one Customs Form 7512, under one control number, provided that there is an attachment, to be certified by a Customs officer, providing the information for each withdrawal, as required in paragraph (d) of this section. With the exception of alcohol and tobacco products, this procedure shall not be allowed for merchandise which is in any way restricted (for example, quota/visa).

(3) The requirement that a Customs Form 7512 be filed and the information required in paragraph (d) of this section be shown shall not be required if the merchandise qualifies under the exemption in §144.34(c).

(d) *Information required.* In addition to the statement of quantity required by §144.32, Customs Form 7512 shall show the following information for the merchandise being withdrawn:

(1) The original entry number, date of entry, date of entry summary, and port at which filed;

(2) The name of the consignee at the port of destination;

(3) Any ascertained weight, gauge, or measure;

(4) The entered value of the merchandise;

(5) Estimated duties, if any;

(6) A statement that the merchandise is or is not admissible for consumption and the reason for non-admissibility, if applicable; and

(7) The statistical information required by §141.61(e) of this chapter.

When the withdrawal is made after the merchandise has been rewarehoused, the rewarehouse entry number, date, and port at which filed also shall be shown.

(e) *Duty on samples withdrawn.* The duty on any samples withdrawn at the original port from a shipment covered by a withdrawal for transportation shall be collected at such port and a notation thereof made on the withdrawal form. No separate invoice or extract from the original invoice shall be required to cover such samples.

(f) *Forwarding procedure.* The merchandise shall be forwarded in accord-

ance with the general provisions for transportation in bond (§§18.1 through 18.8 of this chapter). However, when the alternate procedures under §144.34(c) are employed, the merchandise need not be delivered to a bonded carrier for transportation, and an entry for transportation (Customs Form 7512) and a rewarehouse entry will not be required.

(g) *Procedure at destination.* Upon arrival at destination, the merchandise may be:

(1) Entered for rewarehouse in accordance with §144.41;

(2) Entered for combined rewarehouse and withdrawal for consumption in accordance with §144.42;

(3) Exported in accordance with paragraph (h) of this section;

(4) Forwarded to another port or returned to the port of origin in accordance with §18.5 (c) or (d) of this chapter;

(5) Admitted to a foreign trade zone in zone-restricted status as provided in part 146 of this chapter; or

(6) Deposited into the proprietor's bonded warehouse or duty free store warehouse without rewarehouse entry as required in §144.41, if the merchandise qualifies for the exemption specified in §144.34(c).

(h) *Exportation.* A consignee of merchandise withdrawn for transportation who desires to export the merchandise upon arrival at destination shall so advise the port director at destination in writing. The port director shall then permit the exportation of the merchandise under Customs supervision in the same manner as a withdrawal for indirect exportation under §144.37.

[T.D. 73-175, 38 FR 17464, July 2, 1973, as amended by T.D. 79-221, 44 FR 46828, Aug. 9, 1979; T.D. 84-129, 49 FR 23168, June 5, 1984; T.D. 84-212, 49 FR 39047, Oct. 3, 1984; T.D. 86-16, 51 FR 5064, Feb. 11, 1986; T.D. 86-118, 51 FR 22516, June 20, 1986; T.D. 97-19, 62 FR 15841, Apr. 3, 1997]

#### § 144.37 Withdrawal for exportation.

(a) *Form.* A withdrawal for either direct or indirect exportation shall be filed on Customs Form 7512 (Transportation Entry and Manifest of Goods Subject to Customs Inspection and Permit) in 5 copies or on Customs Form 7501 in 3 copies for merchandise being exported under cover of a TIR carnet.

Customs Form 7512 or Customs Form 7501 shall contain all of the statistical information as provided in §141.61(e) of this chapter. The port director may require an extra copy or copies of Customs Form 7512 or 7501 for use in connection with the delivery of merchandise to the carrier.

(b) *Procedure for indirect exportation—*

(1) *Forwarding.* Merchandise withdrawn for indirect exportation (transportation and exportation) shall be forwarded to the port of exportation in accordance with the general provisions for transportation in bond (§§18.1—18.8 of this chapter).

(2) *Splitting of shipments.* If any part of a shipment is not exported or if a shipment is divided at the port of exportation, extracts in duplicate from the manifest on file in the customhouse shall be made on Customs Form 7512 for each portion, one copy to be sent to the discharging inspector and the other to the lading inspector to be used as report of exportation. The splitting up for exportation of shipments arriving under warehouse withdrawals for indirect exportation shall be permitted only when various portions of a shipment are destined to different destinations, when the export vessel cannot properly accommodate the entire quantity, or in other similar circumstances. In the case of merchandise moving under cover of a TIR carnet, if the merchandise is not to be exported or if the shipment is to be divided, appropriate entry shall be required and the carnet discharged. The provisions of §§18.23 and 18.24 of this chapter concerning change of destination or retention of merchandise on the dock shall also be followed in applicable cases.

(3) *Conversion to withdrawal for consumption.* A withdrawal for indirect exportation may be converted to a withdrawal for consumption upon request to the director of the port where the withdrawal for indirect exportation was made.

(c) *Exportation by mail.* Merchandise may be withdrawn from warehouse for exportation by mail in accordance with the provisions of subpart F of part 145 of this chapter.

(d) *Marks on packages.* The exportation shall be made under the original

marks of importation. Port marks may be added by authority of the port director under Customs supervision. The original and port marks shall appear in all Customs papers pertaining to the exportation.

(e) *Weight, gauge, or measure.* Merchandise in bulk and packaged articles which are customarily bought and sold by weight, gauge, or measure may be withdrawn for exportation or transportation only at the actual quantities ascertained at the time of the original entry for warehouse, except as otherwise provided for by law. In any case, the port director may require a special report of weight, gauge, or measure of the merchandise being exported if he deems it necessary.

(f) *Merchandise not laden.* Merchandise withdrawn for exportation but not laden shall be sent to general order unless other disposition is prescribed by the port director.

(g) *Exportation at a foreign trade zone.* Merchandise may be withdrawn for exportation at a foreign trade zone in the same or at a different port. The merchandise will be considered exported upon admission to a zone in zone-restricted status, as provided in §146.44(c) of this chapter.

(h) *Class 9 warehouse withdrawals for exportation—*(1) *Applicability of sales ticket procedure.* Merchandise in a Class 9 warehouse (duty-free store) may be withdrawn for any of the purposes set forth in this subpart. However, only conditionally duty-free merchandise in a Class 9 warehouse intended for exportation or for delivery to persons and organizations set forth in subpart I, part 148, of this chapter, will be eligible for withdrawal under the sales ticket procedure specified in this paragraph.

(2) *Sales ticket content and handling.* Sales ticket withdrawals shall be made only under a blanket permit to withdraw (see §19.6(d) of this chapter) and the sales ticket shall serve as the equivalent of the supplementary withdrawal. A sales ticket is an invoice of the proprietor's design which will include:

(i) Serial number and date of preparation of each ticket;

(ii) Warehouse entry number or specific identifier, if approved by the port director;

- (iii) Quantity of goods sold;
- (iv) Brief description of the articles including the size of bottles;
- (v) The full name and address of the purchaser. However, the port director may waive the address requirement for all merchandise except for alcoholic beverages in quantities in excess of 4 liters and cigarettes in quantities in excess of 3 cartons. Also, the address requirement is not applicable with respect to purchasers at airport duty-free enterprises; and

(vi) A statement on the original copy (purchaser's copy) of the effect that goods purchased in a duty-free store will be subject to duty and/or tax with personal exemption if returned to the United States. At the time of purchase, the sales ticket, in triplicate, shall be made out in the name of the purchaser. One copy shall be retained by the proprietor. A permit file copy will be attached to the parcel containing the articles, and the original given to the purchaser. Additional copies may be retained by the proprietor.

(3) *Sales ticket register.* In addition to the records required in §19.12(a) of this chapter, Class 9 warehouse proprietors shall maintain a sales ticket register or similar accounting record for each warehouse entry. The sales ticket register of the proprietor shall include the following information:

- (i) Warehouse entry number;
- (ii) Specific identifier, if applicable;
- (iii) Sales ticket date and number;
- (iv) Description;
- (v) Quantity; and
- (vi) Current balance.

As each warehouse entry is closed out, the warehouse proprietor shall verify the sales ticket register total with the amount withdrawn so as to account for all merchandise so withdrawn and certify on the register that all the goods have been exported or sold to qualifying persons and organizations under part 148 of this chapter. The sales ticket register shall be included in the permit file folder with or in lieu of the blanket permit summary, as provided in §19.6(d)(5) of this chapter. A copy of all sales tickets shall be retained by the proprietor for not less than 5 years after the date of the last sales ticket in the entry. In lieu of placing a copy of sales tickets in each permit file folder,

the warehouse proprietor may keep all sales tickets in a readily retrievable manner in a separate file.

[T.D. 73-175, 38 FR 17464, July 2, 1973, as amended by T.D. 73-312, 38 FR 30883, Nov. 8, 1973; T.D. 80-142, 45 FR 36383, May 30, 1980; T.D. 84-212, 49 FR 39047, Oct. 3, 1984; T.D. 86-16, 51 FR 5064, Feb. 11, 1986; T.D. 92-81, 57 FR 37701, Aug. 20, 1992; T.D. 95-81, 60 FR 52295, 52296, Oct. 6, 1995; T.D. 97-19, 62 FR 15842, Apr. 3, 1997; T.D. 99-64, 64 FR 43266, Aug. 10, 1999; T.D. 00-22, 65 FR 16518, Mar. 29, 2000]

#### § 144.38 Withdrawal for consumption.

(a) *Form.* Withdrawals for consumption of merchandise in bonded warehouses shall be filed on Customs Form 7501, in triplicate, and shall contain all of the statistical information as provided in §141.61(e) of this chapter.

(b) *Withdrawal for exportation to Canada or Mexico.* A withdrawal for exportation to Canada or Mexico or for entry into a duty-deferral program in Canada or Mexico is considered a withdrawal for consumption pursuant to §181.53 of this chapter.

(c) *Information to be shown on withdrawal.* Each withdrawal shall show all information for which spaces are provided on the withdrawal form, and shall also show the separate value of each package and the total dutiable value of the merchandise being withdrawn. In the case of merchandise in packages which are uniform in kind, quantity, value, and duty, the number of each package to be withdrawn need not be shown on the withdrawal if the lowest and highest numbers in the number series of such packages are shown. In the case of merchandise subject to quota, or textiles and textile products subject to levels of restraint, the description shall reflect any correction thereof reported after the filing of the warehouse entry. Additionally, on each withdrawal of cigars, cigarettes, or cigarette papers or tubes subject to internal revenue tax, the statement for tax purposes required by §275.81 of the regulations of the Internal Revenue Service (26 CFR §275.81) shall be made on the withdrawal form.

(d) *Deposit of estimated duties.* Estimated duties on the merchandise being withdrawn shall be deposited in accordance with subpart G of part 141 of this

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chapter. The port director may increase or decrease the amount of estimated duties to be deposited on the final withdrawal to bring the aggregate amount of duties deposited into balance with the amount which he estimates will be finally due upon liquidation.

(e) *Permit for release of merchandise.* When the duties and other charges have been paid, and all other requirements of law and regulations have been met, a permit on Customs Form 7501 shall be issued and delivered to the person making the warehouse withdrawal.

(f) *Textiles and textile products.* Textiles and textile products subject to quota, visa or export license requirements in their condition at the time of importation may not be withdrawn from warehouse for consumption if during the warehouse period there has been a change by manipulation or other means:

(1) In the country of origin of the merchandise as defined by §12.130 of this chapter,

(2) To exempt from quota or visa or export license requirements other than a change brought about by statute, treaty, executive order or Presidential proclamation, or

(3) From one textile category to another textile category.

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### § 144.39 Permit to transfer and withdraw merchandise.

With the exception of merchandise transferred under the procedures of §144.34(c), if all legal and regulatory requirements are met, the appropriate Customs officer shall approve the application to transfer or withdraw merchandise from a bonded warehouse by endorsing the permit copy and returning it to the applicant. The approved permit shall be presented by the withdrawer to the warehouse proprietor as evidence of Customs authorization of the transfer or withdrawal. The approved permit copy shall thereafter be retained in the warehouse entry file of

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the proprietor. Goods covered by permit may be retained in the bonded warehouse at the option of the proprietor.

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### Subpart E—Rewarehouse Entries

#### § 144.41 Entry for rewarehouse.

(a) *Applicability.* When merchandise which has been withdrawn from warehouse for transportation to another port has arrived at the port of destination, it may be entered for rewarehouse by the consignee named in the withdrawal.

(b) *Form of entry.* An entry for rewarehouse shall be made in duplicate on Customs Form 7501 and shall contain all of the statistical information as provided in §141.61(e) of this chapter. The port director may require an extra copy or copies of Customs Form 7501, annotated "PERMIT," for use in connection with the delivery of the merchandise to the warehouse. No declaration is required on the entry.

(c) *Combining separate shipments.* (1) Separate shipments consigned to the same consignee and received under separate withdrawals for transportation may be combined into one rewarehouse entry if the warehouse withdrawals are from the same original warehouse entry.

(2) Shipments covered by multiple warehouse entries, and shipped from a single warehouse under separate withdrawals for transportation, via a single conveyance, may be combined into one rewarehouse entry if consigned to the same consignee and deposited into a single warehouse. With the exception of alcohol and tobacco products, this procedure shall not be allowed for merchandise which is in any way restricted (for example, quota/visa). The combined rewarehouse entry shall have attached either copies of each warehouse entry package which is being combined into the single rewarehouse entry or a summary with pertinent information, that is, the date of importation, commodity description, size, HTSUS and

entry numbers, for all entries withdrawn for consolidation as one rewarehouse entry. Any combining of separate withdrawals into one rewarehouse entry shall result in the rewarehouse entry being assigned the import date of the oldest entry being combined into the rewarehouse entry.

(3) Combining of separate shipments shall be prohibited in all other circumstances.

(d) *Bond.* A bond on Customs Form 301, containing the bond conditions set forth in §113.62 of this chapter shall be filed before a permit is issued on Customs Form 7501 for sending the merchandise to the bonded warehouse. However, no bond shall be required if the merchandise is entered by the consignee named in the original bond filed at the original port of entry, or if it is entered by a transferee who has established his right to withdraw the merchandise and has filed a bond in accordance with subpart C of this part.

(e) *Value and classification.* The duties determined at the port where the original warehouse entry was filed shall be the duties chargeable under the rewarehouse entry, except in the cases provided for in §§159.7 (a) and (b) of this chapter, which pertain to certain classes of merchandise excluded from the liquidation of the original warehouse entry and merchandise on which rates of duty or tax are changed by an act of Congress or by a proclamation by the President.

(f) *Examination.* Any examination necessary for identification of the merchandise, determination of shortages, or other purposes shall be made.

(g) *Failure to enter.* If the rewarehouse entry is not filed within 15 calendar days after its arrival, the merchandise shall be disposed of in accordance with the applicable procedures in §4.37 or §122.50 or §123.10 of this chapter. However, merchandise sent to a general order warehouse shall not be sold or otherwise disposed of as unclaimed until the expiration of the original 5-year period during which the merchandise may remain in warehouse under bond.

(h) *Protest.* A protest may be filed at the port where the rewarehouse entry is made against a liquidation made at that port under §159.7 (a) or (b) of this

chapter, or against a refusal of the director of that port to liquidate pursuant to said sections. In all other cases, any protest shall be filed against the original warehouse entry.

[T.D. 73-175, 38 FR 17464, July 2, 1973, as amended by T.D. 82-204, 47 FR 49376, Nov. 1, 1982; T.D. 84-129, 49 FR 23168, June 5, 1984; T.D. 84-213, 49 FR 41185, Oct. 19, 1984; T.D. 97-19, 62 FR 15842, Apr. 3, 1997; T.D. 98-74, 64 FR 15303, Mar. 31, 1999]

**§144.42 Combined entry for rewarehouse and withdrawal for consumption.**

(a) *Applicability.* If the consignee of merchandise withdrawn for transportation wishes to pay duty and obtain possession of the merchandise immediately upon arrival at destination, he may make a combined entry for rewarehouse and withdrawal for consumption.

(b) *Procedure for entry.* The procedures set forth in §144.41 are applicable to this type of entry, with the following exceptions:

(1) *Form of entry.* A combined entry for rewarehouse and withdrawal for consumption shall be made on Customs Form 7501 (Consumption Entry), in 4 copies, and shall contain all of the statistical information as provided in §141.61(e) of this chapter, one copy to be used as the permit. No declaration is required on the entry;

(2) *Extra copy for Internal Revenue.* An additional copy of Customs Form 7501, marked or stamped "For Internal Revenue Purposes," shall be presented for each entry of cigars, cigarettes, or cigarette papers or tubes, when the release from Customs custody of those articles is subject to part 275 of the regulations of the Internal Revenue Service (26 CFR part 275) and tax is payable to Customs; and

(3) *Deposit of duties.* Estimated Customs duties, taxes, and other charges, as set forth in subpart G of part 141 of this chapter, shall be deposited upon presentation of the combined entry. The port director shall then issue a permit for release on Customs Form 7501.

[T.D. 73-175, 38 FR 17464, July 2, 1973, as amended by T.D. 73-312, 38 FR 30884, Nov. 8, 1973; T.D. 87-75, 52 FR 20068, May 29, 1987]

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**§ 145.0 Scope.**

The provisions of this part apply only to mail subject to Customs examination as set forth in §145.2. This part contains regulations pertaining specifically to the importation of merchandise through the mails but does not contain all the regulations applicable to mail importations. Importations by mail are subject to the same requirements and restrictions as importations by any other means, except where more specific procedures for mail importations are set forth in this part. The fee applicable to each item of dutiable mail for which Customs prepares documentation is set forth in §24.22 of this chapter.

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