

### Subpart E—Suspension of Liquidation

#### § 159.51 General.

Liquidation of entries shall be suspended only when provided by law or regulation, or when directed by the Commissioner of Customs. Liquidation of entries shall not be suspended simply because issues involved therein may be before the Customs Court in pending litigation, since the importer may seek relief by protesting the entries after liquidation.

#### § 159.52 Warehouse entry not liquidated until final withdrawal.

Liquidation of a warehouse or re-warehouse entry shall be suspended until all merchandise covered by the entry has been accounted for within the bonded period by withdrawal, abandonment, or destruction, or until the bonded period has expired if the merchandise has not been so accounted for before that time.

#### § 159.53 Proof of duty-free or reduced-duty status.

Various provisions in part 10 of this chapter provide for suspending liquidation of entries covering certain merchandise entered at a conditionally free or conditionally reduced rate of duty, pending production of required proof. Upon production of the required proof, or upon failure to produce the proof within the required time, the entries shall be liquidated accordingly.

#### § 159.54 Open bonds for production of documents.

The liquidation of entries on which bonds are open for the production of documents affecting the rate of duty shall be suspended pending the performance or nonperformance under the bond, unless production of the document is waived in accordance with § 141.92 of this chapter.

#### § 159.55 Possible prohibited food, drugs, or other articles.

(a) *Suspension of liquidation.* The liquidation of each entry covering merchandise the subject of § 12.1 of this chapter (which pertains to certain foods, drugs, cosmetics, economic poisons, hazardous substances, dangerous

caustic or corrosive substances, and related items) shall be suspended until it is determined whether admission of the merchandise into the United States is permitted under the law.

(b) *Allowance for exportation or destruction.* In any case where the admission of such merchandise into the United States is refused and the merchandise is exported under Customs supervision in accordance with § 158.45(b) of this chapter, or destroyed under Customs supervision in accordance with § 158.41 of this chapter, the merchandise is exempt from duty and any duties collected thereon shall be refunded.

#### § 159.57 Merchandise affected by an American manufacturer's cause of action sustained by the court.

Liquidation of entries for merchandise of the character covered by a decision of the Secretary of the Treasury published in accordance with § 175.24 of this chapter, entered or withdrawn for consumption after the date of publication of a decision of the U.S. Court of International Trade sustaining in whole or in part the cause of action of an American manufacturer, producer, or wholesaler, shall be suspended until final disposition is made of the cause of action. Upon final disposition, such entries shall be liquidated, or, if necessary, reliquidated in accordance with the final judicial decision.

[T.D. 73-175, 38 FR 17482, July 2, 1973, as amended by T.D. 85-90, 50 FR 21430, May 24, 1985]

#### § 159.58 Dumping and countervailing duties; action by port director.

(a) *Antidumping matters.* Upon receipt of notification from the Commissioner, each port director shall suspend liquidation on merchandise entered, or withdrawn from warehouse, for consumption, on or after the date of publication of the "Notice of Preliminary Affirmative Antidumping Determination," "Notice of Final Affirmative Antidumping Determination" or "Notice of Violation of Agreement" as provided by part 353, chapter III, of this title. Each port director shall immediately notify the importer, consignee, or agent of each entry of merchandise in question with respect to which liquidation is suspended. The notice shall

indicate the relevant ascertained and determined or estimated antidumping duty.

(b) *Countervailing matters.* Upon receipt of notification from the Commissioner, each port director shall suspend liquidation on merchandise entered, or withdrawn from warehouse, for consumption, on or after the date of publication of the “Notice of Preliminary Affirmative Countervailing Duty Determination,” “Notice of Final Affirmative Countervailing Duty Determination” or “Notice of Violation of Agreement,” as provided by part 355, Chapter III, of this title. Each port director shall immediately notify the importer, consignee, or agent of each entry of merchandise in question with respect to which liquidation is suspended. The notice shall indicate the relevant ascertained and determined or estimated countervailing duty.

[T.D. 80-271, 45 FR 75642, Nov. 17, 1980]

### Subpart F—Continued Dumping and Subsidy Offset

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#### § 159.61 General.

(a) *Continued dumping and subsidy offset.* Under section 754 of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended by Public Law 106-387, 114 Stat. 1549 (19 U.S.C. 1675c), known as the Continued Dumping and Subsidy Offset Act of 2000, assessed duties received on or after October 1, 2000 under a countervailing duty order, an antidumping duty order, or a finding under the Antidumping Act of 1921, will be distributed, as provided under this subpart, to affected domestic producers for certain qualifying expenditures that these affected domestic producers incur after the issuance of such an antidumping duty order or finding, or countervailing duty order. This distribution is called the continued dumping and subsidy offset.

(b) *Affected domestic producer*—(1) *General rule.* Except as provided in paragraph (b)(2) of this section, an “affected domestic producer” under paragraph (a) of this section means any manufacturer, producer, farmer, rancher or worker representative (including

any association of such persons) that remains in operation continuing to produce the product covered by the antidumping duty order or finding or countervailing duty order, and that was a petitioner or an interested party that supported a petition concerning an antidumping duty order, a finding under the Antidumping Act of 1921, or a countervailing duty order that was entered. It is the responsibility of the U.S. International Trade Commission (USITC) to ascertain and timely forward to Customs a list of the domestic producers potentially considered “affected domestic producers” eligible to receive a distribution in connection with each order or finding. In addition to the potential “affected domestic producers” set forth on the USITC list, the following parties also are potential “affected domestic producers”:

(i) *Successor company.* In the case of a company that has succeeded to the operations of a predecessor company that appeared on the USITC list, the successor company may file a certification to claim an offset as an affected domestic producer on behalf of the predecessor company. In its certification, the company must name the predecessor company to which it has succeeded and it must describe in detail the duly authorized succession by which it is entitled to file the certification.

(ii) *A member company of an association.* A member company of an association appearing on the USITC list for an order or finding may file a certification to claim an offset as an affected domestic producer, even though the member company does not itself appear on the USITC list, provided that the company also meets the other requirements of the statute. In its certification, the company must name the association of which it is a member and the company must specifically establish that it was a member of the association at the time the association filed the petition with the USITC.

(2) *Exceptions.* A party who is named on the USITC list is not an “affected domestic producer” under the following circumstances:

(i) *Product no longer produced.* A company, business or person that has