

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On February 28, 2003, the President issued Homeland Security Presidential Directive-5 (HSPD-5), Management of Domestic Incidents, which directed the Secretary of Homeland Security to develop and administer a National Incident Management System (NIMS). This system provides a consistent nationwide template to enable Federal, State, tribal, and local governments, the private sector, and nongovernmental organizations to work together to prevent, protect against, respond to, recover from, and mitigate the effects of incidents, regardless of cause, size, location, or complexity. This consistency provides the foundation for utilization of NIMS for all incidents, ranging from daily occurrences to incidents requiring a coordinated Federal response. NIMS represents a core set of doctrines, concepts, principles, terminology, and organizational processes that enables effective, efficient, and collaborative incident management. One of the elements of NIMS is the Intelligence/Investigations Function within the Incident Command System (ICS).

This document provides guidance on utilizing and integrating the Intelligence/Investigations Function while adhering to the concepts and principles of the National Incident Management System (NIMS). The Intelligence/Investigations Function within the Incident Command System (ICS) provides a flexible and scalable framework that will allow for the integration of intelligence and investigations activities and information. This guidance and the accompanying Intelligence/Investigations Field Operations Guide (IIFOG) are applicable in all situations involving intelligence/investigations information, ranging from everyday operations that utilize conventional unclassified information, to terrorist incidents where the information is classified at the highest levels and requires the incorporation of national intelligence capabilities provided by U.S. Intelligence Community assets. The document presents information intended for the ICS practitioner (including the Incident Commander/Unified Command) that will assist in the decision-making process regarding the placement of the Function within the command structure, and provides tools that may be used while implementing the Function.

The activities and information that are at the core of this Function are often viewed as primary responsibilities of "traditional" law enforcement. In many cases, intelligence/investigations duties

are fulfilled by law enforcement department/agencies, but this Function has aspects that cross disciplines. "Nontraditional," non-law enforcement forms of investigation might include epidemiological investigations, regulatory investigations, and medical examiner/coroner (ME/C) investigations, as well as those conducted by the National Transportation Safety Board or other investigatory agencies. Moreover, this Function can be utilized for planned events, as well as incidents.

FEMA solicits comments on the draft *NIMS I&I*, which is available in Docket ID FEMA-2008-0016 at <http://www.regulations.gov>.

Authority: Homeland Security Act of 2002, as amended, 6 U.S.C. 101 *et seq.*; Homeland Security Presidential Directive-5, *Management of Domestic Incidents*; and Implementing Recommendations of the 9/11 Commission Act of 2007, Public Law 110-53, Section 408 and 409.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

U.S. CUSTOMS AND BORDER PROTECTION

Accreditation and Approval of Intertek USA, Inc., as a Commercial Gauger and Laboratory

AGENCY: U.S. Customs and Border Protection, Department of Homeland Security.

ACTION: Notice of accreditation and approval of Intertek USA, Inc., as a commercial gauger and laboratory.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that, pursuant to 19 CFR 151.12 and 19 CFR 151.13, Intertek USA, Inc., 1848 Suntide Road, Corpus Christi, TX 78409, has been approved to gauge and accredited to test petroleum and petroleum products, organic chemicals and vegetable oils for customs purposes, in accordance with the provisions of 19 CFR 151.12 and 19 CFR 151.13. Anyone wishing to employ this entity to conduct laboratory analyses and gauger services should request and receive written assurances from the entity that it is accredited or approved by the U.S. Customs and Border Protection to conduct the specific test or gauger service requested. Alternatively, inquires regarding the specific test or gauger service this entity is accredited

or approved to perform may be directed to the U.S. Customs and Border Protection by calling (202) 344-1060. The inquiry may also be sent to cbp.labhq@dhs.gov. Please reference the Web site listed below for a complete listing of CBP approved gaugers and accredited laboratories. http://cbp.gov/xp/cgov/import/operations_support/labs_scientific_svcs/commercial_gaugers/.

DATES: The accreditation and approval of Intertek USA, Inc., as commercial gauger and laboratory, became effective on May 21, 2008. The next triennial inspection date will be scheduled for May 2011.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

U.S. Customs and Border Protection

Accreditation and Approval of Intertek USA, Inc., as a Commercial Gauger and Laboratory

AGENCY: U.S. Customs and Border Protection, Department of Homeland Security.

ACTION: Notice of accreditation and approval of Intertek USA, Inc., as a commercial gauger and laboratory.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that, pursuant to 19 CFR 151.12 and 19 CFR 151.13, Intertek USA, Inc., 5401 Evergreen Ave., Jacksonville, FL 32208, has been approved to gauge and accredited to test petroleum and petroleum products, organic chemicals and vegetable oils for customs purposes, in accordance with the provisions of 19 CFR 151.12 and 19 CFR 151.13. Anyone wishing to employ this entity to conduct laboratory analyses and gauger services should request and receive written assurances from the entity that it is accredited or approved by the U.S. Customs and Border Protection to conduct the specific test or gauger service requested. Alternatively, inquires regarding the specific test or gauger service this entity is accredited or approved to perform may be directed to the U.S. Customs and Border