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FIELD OPERATIONS, NEW YORK
NEW YORK/NEWARK AREA

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INFORMATIONAL PIPELINE NO. 06-020

TO: All Importers, Carriers, Terminal Operators, CES Operators and Others Concerned

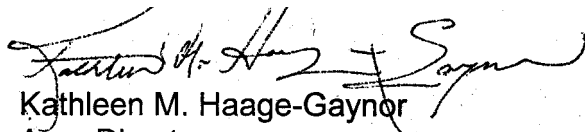
SUBJECT: AMS Hold Code for Non-Intrusive Inspections (NII) Designated at Seaports

DATE: OCT 31 2006

The Department of Homeland Security has established a zero-tolerance policy with regard to the unauthorized release of containers targeted for national security examination. CBP is committed to enforcing this policy. Vessel carriers and terminal operators are responsible for implementing measures to eliminate these unauthorized releases, or "gateouts". The Automated Manifest System (AMS) is the system of record that must be used to identify these national security targets.

Commencing November 20, 2006, CBP officers in the New York/Newark Seaport Area will use the NII hold code "7H" to designate non-intrusive inspections for sea cargo. Holds placed utilizing this hold code will be removed by CBP once the NII has been completed on all containers associated with the held bill-of-lading. The Area will continue to utilize disposition code "1H" to designate a "CBP Hold at Port of Discharge", for containers requiring physical examination, after NII has been completed.

Should you require further information, you may contact the Assistant Area Director, Seaport Operations Division at (201) 443-0200.


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