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SUBJECT: **Discontinuance of Courtesy Stamping of CBP Form 3461**

Effective immediately, this Information Notice re-emphasizes Information Notice 2013-14 and U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) policy that the Area Port of Baltimore discontinued courtesy stamping CBP Form 3461, Entry / Immediate Delivery, for shipments that received a paperless "1C" release. ACE Cargo Release eliminates the trade requirement of presenting a stamped, perforated, or signed copy of the "paper CBP Form 3461" to a non-automated facility such as a container freight station, bonded warehouse, or terminal facility for the delivery of CBP-released cargo.

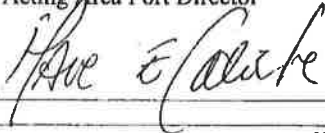
As CBP continues to increasingly operate in a paperless environment, non-automated facilities are strongly encouraged to automate. However, as an interim measure, non-automated facilities may release cargo based upon information presented to them by filers (importers, brokers, etc.). The information may be presented on a screen printout. The printout will have at a minimum, the shipment ID, quantity being released, the type of release, as well as clear identification of who presented the release information. This will satisfy due diligence on behalf of the non-automated facility for audit and recordkeeping purposes. See ACE Frequently Asked Questions, What does a non-automated bonded cargo facility use as proof of release since the hardcopy CBP Form 3461 is no longer in use under ACE?, available at <https://www.cbp.gov/trade/automated/ace-faq>.

If cargo that is on hold or not released by CBP is allowed to exit a non-automated facility, CBP will seek remedy with the party that provided the "release" to that facility.

Further, where a business entity other than a licensed Custom broker forwards Customs business documents (e.g., CBP Form 3461 and/or CBP Form 7501) to CBP in order to obtain the release of imported merchandise, the submitted documents will be returned to the party without any consideration and penalty action for conducting Customs business without a license may be pursued. See 19 U.S.C. § 1641(b)(6).

If you have any further questions, please contact Acting Assistant Port Director, Trade Rena Cruz at Rena.M.Cruz@cbp.dhs.gov.

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