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FIELD OPERATIONS, NEW YORK
NEW YORK/NEWARK AREA

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INFORMATIONAL PIPELINE NO. 08-001

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

SUBJECT Change in Scheduling of Large Scale Non Intrusive Inspection and
Container Physical Examinations

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BACKGROUND

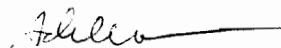
Customs and Border Protection (CBP) continually strives to complete NII screenings and the subsequent physical examinations that occur after those screenings in a facilitative manner. Recently, the complexity of the scheduling process and the ability of concerned parties to coordinate schedules have begun to adversely impact the timely NII screening and release of cargo.

ACTION

In an effort to maximize the efficiency of operation as it relates to CBP large-scale NII screenings at terminals throughout the seaport, CBP has begun scheduling the bulk of NII screenings on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays. This will ensure a consistent deployment of large scale-NII vehicles to each terminal three days per week. CBP will send staff to NYCT to operate the fixed-base VACIS on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays as well. On Tuesday and Thursday, CBP will concentrate on conducting the physical examination of cargo.

To this end, CBP requests terminal operators to maximize the number of containers presented to CBP for NII screening each Monday, Wednesday, and Friday. On heavier container count days, it is hopeful that terminal operators will supply labor until the scanning of the high-risk containers is completed. Overall, this approach will produce a more efficient utilization of CBP staffing and resources in the areas of NII and container examinations.

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



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