

**U.S. CUSTOMS AND BORDER
PROTECTION
FIELD OPERATIONS, NEW YORK
NEW YORK/NEWARK AREA**

INFORMATIONAL PIPELINE NO. 09-020-NWK

TO All Brokers, Importers, Carriers, and Others Concerned

SUBJECT : Bond requirements and ACH Statement Payments on Informal Entries

DATE **JUN 17 2009**

The purpose of this pipeline is to insure uniformity within the importing community, concerning the bond requirements and payment methods for informal entries. This is an update of Pipeline 02-008 originally issued in May 2002.

As per Administrative message #02-0070, dated January 14, 2002, informal entry/entry summaries (live informals) presented with payment at time of release are not required to have a bond.

When a broker/filer chooses to use the CBP Form 3461 (Entry/Immediate Delivery) followed by CBP Form 7501 (Entry Summary) within ten working days, then a continuous bond is required. Single entry bonds are not acceptable and should not be presented with informal entries. Additionally, these informal entries must be paid via ACH statement pay basis only. Check statement payments are not acceptable.

Questions regarding bond requirements or payment method for informal entries can be directed to Supervisory Entry Officer Gary Melofchik at (973) 368-6194 or Entry Officer Team Leader Suzanne Baez at (973) 368-6113.



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