

**CBP Changes TIB Cancellation Procedures at Ports of Entry Covered Under the Service Port of Blaine, WA**

U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) has issued a Port (Trade) Information Notice to inform the trade of changes in the way that Temporary Import Bonds (TIB) must be cancelled at the Service Port of Blaine, Washington. The most significant change is in the documentation that CBP will require for cancellation of the TIB.

Effective May 10, 2009, CBP will no longer accept alternative proof of export (e.g. Certified B3 Canadian Entry) for **lumber** TIB entries. A properly completed signed-off CBP Form 3495 will be the only acceptable proof of export to cancel lumber TIBs without the assessment of liquidated damages. For merchandise other than lumber, the alternative proof of export will be accepted, but the signed and certified documentation must be original. Photocopies will no longer be accepted.

With regard to lumber entries, this is a departure from the former practice where CBP would accept a certified copy of the Canadian entry as proof that the lumber was exported from the U.S. in accordance with the terms and conditions of the TIB.

The changes described in the port notice reprinted below are effective May 10, 2009, and are limited to the ports of entry that are covered under the Service Port of Blaine, WA. This includes the Washington State ports of Blaine, Lynden, Sumas, Pt. Roberts, Nighthawk, Danville, Ferry, Boundary, Laurier, Frontier, Metaline Falls, and Oroville.

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**U.S. CUSTOMS AND BORDER PROTECTION PORT (TRADE) INFORMATION NOTICE**

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**SUBJECT: Temporary Importation Bond Changes (TIB)**

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**PURPOSE: To inform the trade community of changes in procedures regarding submission of Temporary Importation Bonds (TIB) to the Blaine Service Port. This Port Information Notice (PIN) supersedes all other PINs regarding this topic.**

Effective May 10, 2009 the Area Port of Blaine will implement the following changes regarding TIBs:

- In accordance with 19 CFR 10.31(a) (3) (ii) a statement of the use to be made of the articles must be provided in sufficient detail to enable CBP to determine whether they are entitled to entry under a TIB provision.
- CBP will no longer accept alternate proof of export for **lumber** TIB entries. A properly completed and signed-off CBP Form 3495 will be the only acceptable proof of export to close lumber TIBs without penalty. Please instruct drivers to bring the CBP Form 3495 to the Cargo Office for processing upon export.
- For TIB closeouts of merchandise other than lumber, alternate proof of export must include original signed and certified copies of the documentation. **Photocopies of certifications are no longer acceptable.**

Failure to follow these TIB export procedures may result in liquidated damages and/or suspension of TIB privileges.

Any questions may be directed to Supervisory Entry Specialists Diana Martin (360) 332-2350 or Bob Jamesson (360) 332-5771 ext. 3133.

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