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### PORT OF COLUMBUS PIPELINE

TO: Importers, Brokers, FTZ Operators, FTZ Users, CBP Officers and Other Interested Parties

SUBJECT: Discontinuance of the Automated Foreign Trade Zone Reporting Program

U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) implemented a program for the submission of electronic CBP Form 214s, Application for Foreign Trade Zone Admission and/or Status Designation, in December 2005. Since that time, CBP has been working diligently with the U.S. Census Bureau to ensure that the quality and accuracy of the electronic data meets the required standards for statistics.

The Census Bureau began accepting live Foreign Trade Zone (FTZ) data via CBP's Automated Broker Interface system on July 1, 2007. The Census Bureau has now determined that the quality and accuracy of the electronic CBP Form 214 meets required standards and has announced that the Automated Foreign Trade Zone Reporting Program (AFTZRP) will be discontinued on April 1, 2008.

Beginning April 1, 2008, the only two methods available to file statistical FTZ admission data with Census will be through the filing of an electronic CBP Form 214 or by filing a pink/salmon CBP Form 214A. Filers are advised that the only way to maintain the use of the *blanket application* for admission of shipments destined to the same zone applicant on a single business day pursuant to 19 CFR 146.32(d)(2) and *cumulative CBP Form 214* for the admission of all merchandise recorded into the inventory control and record keeping system during the previous business day pursuant to 19 CFR 146.40(c)(1) will be to file zone admissions electronically.

Electronic filing of CBP Form 214 is transmitted via a new Automated Broker Interface (ABI) application for FTZ admissions. Enrollment information is available on the CBP website at [http://www.cbp.gov/xp/cgov/import/cargo\\_control/ftz/214enrollment.xml](http://www.cbp.gov/xp/cgov/import/cargo_control/ftz/214enrollment.xml). Detailed information on FTZ submissions transmitted via ABI is available in the FTZ Chapter of the Customs and Trade Automated Interface Requirement (CATAIR) located on the CBP website at [http://www.cbp.gov/xp/cgov/import/operations\\_support/automated\\_systems/abi/catair/chapters/](http://www.cbp.gov/xp/cgov/import/operations_support/automated_systems/abi/catair/chapters/).

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