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Border Protection

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PORT OF COLUMBUS PIPELINE

TO: Importers, Brokers, Customs and Border Protection (CBP) Officers, and
Other Interested Parties.

SUBJECT: Implementation of Paper Check Conversion Over the Counter at the Port of
Columbus, Ohio

U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) will be implementing the Financial Management Service (FMS) Paper Check Conversion Over the Counter (PCC OTC) program at the Port of Columbus on January 17, 2008. With this program, all checks will be scanned to create legally acceptable substitute checks for electronic deposit.

Identification will be required on all checks as part of PCC OTC. The tax identification number for the company presenting the check will be required for business checks. For personal checks over \$25, the social security number or, alternatively, a current passport number or current driver's license number (including the issuing state) will be required. Identification information must be included on the **face side** of the check upon presentation for payment.

Imports, Brokers, and other parties are reminded that if during the preceding 12-month period, a importer or interested party has paid duties or any other obligation by check and more than one check is returned dishonored by the debtor's financial institution, the port director shall required a certified check, money order or cash for each subsequent payment pursuant to 19 CFR 24.1(3) (ii). This requirement will remain effective until such time that the port director is satisfied that the debtor has the ability to consistently present uncertified checks that will be honored by the debtor's financial institution.

Should you have any questions concerning this pipeline, please contact Craig L. Vette at 614-497-1865.

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