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## Port of Columbus Pipeline

TO: Importers, Brokers, Customs and Border Protection Officers, and Other Interested Parties

SUBJECT: Use of Blue Folders for Quota-Class Merchandise at the Port of Columbus

Customs and Border Protection policy requires certain types of entries to be submitted in color coded folders from the time of presentation to the completion of review and processing. These requirements include:

Blue Folders	- Quota entry/entry summaries
Green Folders	- Warehouse entry/entry summaries
Red Folders	- Live entry/entry summaries
Yellow Folders	- Census reject entry/entry summaries

The Port of Columbus has in the past granted an exception to the blue folder requirement for quota entry/entry summaries due to the high volume of such entries. However, as a result of the December 31, 2008 expiration of the China Safeguard provision in China's World Trade Organization (STO) accession agreement, the number of quota entries has declined significantly. Consequently, quota entries have become more susceptible to oversight of time sensitive processing requirements.

Effective September 8, 2009, all quota entry/entry summaries presented at the Port of Columbus must be submitted in blue folders. Columbus Pipeline 08-013 is hereby superseded. The new requirement for submission of entry/entry summaries in blue folders will ensure that CBP personnel are alerted that the entries must be expeditiously processed through the quota module of the Automated Commercial System (ACS) and ensure compliance with the requirement for input within 6-hours of presentation.

The requirement for blue folders pertains to the following:

- Type 02, Quota/Visa
- Type 06, Foreign Trade Zone Consumption entries involving quota-class merchandise
- Type 07, Quota/Visa and AD/CVD combinations
- Type 12, Informal, Quota other than textiles
- Type 32, Warehouse Withdrawal, Quota/Visa
- Type 38, Warehouse Withdrawal, Quota/Visa and AD/CVD combinations.

- North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) Tariff Preference Levels (TPL) claims at the time of entry summary submission when entry or immediate delivery procedures are used to obtain release of specified textile and apparel goods imported from Canada and Mexico
- Post Entry Amendments (PEA) involving quota-class merchandise. This includes all tariff preference claims that are subject to a quantitative restraint under any international free trade agreements or special legislation.

For further information or questions pertaining to this pipeline, please contact Craig L. Vette at 614-497-1865, ext. 115.

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*DISCLAIMER: This material is intended to provide guidance. Recognizing that many complicated factors are involved in Customs and Border Protection matters, an importer may wish to obtain a binding ruling under 19 CFR Part 177. Reliance solely on this information may not be considered reasonable care. Importers are referred to Treasury Decision 97-96, which was published in the Federal Register of December 4, 1997, and in the Customs Bulletin of December 17, 1997, for in-depth information on the concept of reasonable care.*