

§ 122.132 Sealing of aircraft liquor kits.

(a) *Sealing required.* Aircraft liquor kits shall be sealed on board the aircraft by crewmembers before the aircraft lands in the U.S. The liquor kits shall be kept under seal while on the ground unless taken to an authorized airline in-bond liquor storeroom.

(b) *Exception.* When an aircraft is traveling between airports in the U.S., in a trade for which duty-free and tax-free liquor is used during flight, sealing the liquor kits on board during transporting stopovers is not required if:

(1) The liquor kits are kept on board the aircraft; and

(2) The port director finds that sealing is not required for revenue protection.

(c) *Seals to be used.* Aircraft liquor kits shall be sealed with serially numbered, Customs approved seals. The airline shall use seals supplied by an approved manufacturer, as provided in part 24 of this chapter. A small number of seals may be obtained from the port director.

(d) *Removing seals.* When sealed liquor kits are on the ground, the Customs seals may be broken only by:

(1) A Customs officer; or

(2) Authorized airline personnel, in an authorized airline in-bond liquor storeroom.

(e) *Resealing.* When a Customs officer breaks the seal of a liquor kit to check the contents, the action shall be recorded on the liquor kit stores list, and the liquor kit must be resealed with an approved seal.

§ 122.133 Stores list required on arrival.

(a) *When required, contents.* Three copies of an incoming stores list shall be prepared for each liquor kit on board before an aircraft lands. The incoming stores list shall state for each type of liquor and bottle size:

(1) Number of full bottles;

(2) Number of partially filled bottles; and

(3) Total number of bottles.

If the carrier chooses not to state the type of liquor for each size bottle, any duty or taxes assessed for any shortage shall be set at the highest rate avail-

able for the alcoholic beverages in the kit.

(b) *Disposition of stores list copies.* One copy of the incoming stores list shall be placed in the liquor kit before it is sealed. The remaining two copies shall be used as follows:

(1) One copy shall be filed with the inward cargo manifest; and

(2) One copy shall be kept for filing with the outward cargo manifest if the liquor kit was laden for export.

(c) *For aircraft not required to enter and/or clear.* If an aircraft is not required to enter and/or clear:

(1) One copy shall be given to the Customs officer upon arrival; and

(2) One copy shall be kept to be given to the Customs officer before departure of the aircraft.

(d) *When stores list not prepared.* When a complete stores list is not prepared before landing, liquor kits must be sealed on board, and the seal number shall be recorded on the stores list. When the aircraft lands, the liquor shall be taken at once to the Customs office and the stores list shall be completed by crew members under Customs supervision.

§ 122.134 When airline does not have in-bond liquor storeroom.

(a) *Handling of liquor kits.* An aircraft may land at an airport where the airline involved does not have an authorized in-bond liquor storeroom. When this occurs, the liquor kits, under any supervision found necessary by the port director, may be:

(1) Kept on board the aircraft;

(2) Removed and replaced upon the aircraft; or

(3) Removed and replaced aboard another aircraft.

(b) *Sealing of kits.* Aircraft liquor kits covered by this section shall remain sealed until departure. Customs officers may remove the seal to check the contents of the liquor kits, but shall reseat the kits as provided in § 122.132(e).

(c) *Restocking.* Additional amounts of duty-free and tax-free liquor and tobacco obtained in the U.S. shall be laden in a separate container on any aircraft covered by this section. The

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lading shall be done under any supervision the port director finds necessary. The additional liquor and tobacco shall be shown on separate outward stores lists.

§ 122.135 When airline has in-bond liquor storeroom.

(a) *Restocking.* Liquor kits on board an aircraft landing at an airport where the airline involved has an authorized in-bond liquor storeroom may be removed and restocked in the storeroom.

(b) *Inventory record.* Each authorized airline in-bond liquor storeroom shall keep an inventory record in a form that satisfies the port director. The inventory record shall account for the receipt and use of all aircraft liquor and tobacco stores on which duty and/or tax has not been paid.

(c) *Airline employees.* Any airline which has an authorized in-bond liquor store room at an airport shall give the port director:

(1) A list of names of all airline employees authorized to break Customs seals on liquor kits in the in-bond liquor storeroom; and

(2) Signature samples of the authorized employees.

(d) *Opening of aircraft liquor kits.* Aircraft liquor kits received in an authorized storeroom shall be opened only by authorized airline employees, or by Customs officers.

(e) *Contents of liquor kits.* The employees who break the seals on aircraft liquor kits shall check the contents at once. The employees shall immediately report to the port director any:

(1) Evidence of seal tampering;

(2) Difference between the seal numbers on the liquor kits and those recorded on the stores list; and

(3) Differences in quantity as shown on the stores list.

(f) *Handling the liquor kits—(1) Partial bottles.* Partial bottles of liquor may be removed from incoming liquor kits and kept in the in-bond liquor storeroom to be destroyed or combined with other partial bottles. This may be done only under Customs supervision. The costs of Customs supervision shall be paid by the airline.

(2) *Exportation.* The contents of incoming liquor kits may be commingled to restock outbound liquor kits. The

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commingling must take place in the airline in-bond liquor storeroom, using liquor bottles on which the seal has not been broken.

(3) *Sealing.* All liquor kits shall be sealed as provided in §122.132(a) before removal from the in-bond liquor storeroom. All seal numbers shall be listed on an outgoing stores list.

§ 122.136 Outgoing stores list.

(a) *Preparation.* Two copies of a serially numbered outgoing stores list shall be prepared by the airline for all liquor and tobacco withdrawn from bonded or non-tax-paid stock and added to liquor kits. The outgoing stores list shall show the total number of bottles for each type liquor, the brand, and the size of each bottle.

(b) *Use of copies.* The two copies of the outgoing stores list shall be used as follows:

(1) One copy shall be placed and kept in the outgoing kits until the aircraft leaves the U.S.; and

(2) One copy must be filed either with the outgoing cargo manifest (for aircraft required to clear) or with Customs before departing, as provided in §122.133(c).

In both cases, the third copy of the inward stores list shall be filed with the outgoing stores list. (See §122.133(c)).

§ 122.137 Certificate of use.

Any liquor or tobacco withdrawn from the in-bond storeroom and shown on the outgoing stores list shall be recorded, when exported, on a certificate of use prepared by the airline.

Subpart N—Flights to and From the U.S. Virgin Islands

§ 122.141 Definitions.

Under subpart N, the following definitions apply:

(a) *United States.* The term “U.S.” includes the several States, the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico.

(b) *Foreign area.* The term “foreign area” means any area other than the several States, the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico.