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different but equivalent hours are required to maintain adequate service, such hours shall be observed provided the Commissioner of Customs approves them and provided further that a notice of business hours is prominently displayed at the principal entrance and in each public room of the Customs office.

(c) *Fixing of hours.* At each port or station where there is no full-time Customs employee, the port director shall fix the hours during which the Customs office will be open for the transaction of general Customs business. Notice of such hours shall be prominently displayed at the principal entrance of the office.

(d) *State and local holidays.* Each Customs office shall be open for the transaction of business on all State and local holidays occurring on days other than Saturdays, Sundays, and national holidays listed in paragraph (a) of this section. The appropriate principal field officer may excuse any employee(s) without charge to leave when a state or local holiday interferes with the performance of his work in a Customs office.

(e) *Services performed outside a Customs office.* Customs services required to be performed outside a Customs office shall be furnished between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. (or between the corresponding hours at ports where different but equivalent hours are required for the maintenance of adequate service) on all days when the Customs office is open for the transaction of general Customs business.

(f) *Customs services not within prescribed hours.* Where there is a regularly recurring need for Customs services outside the hours prescribed in paragraphs (a) through (e) of this section and the volume and duration of the required services are uniformly such as to require, of themselves or in immediately consecutive combination with other essential Customs activities of the port, the full time of one or more Customs employees, the necessary number of regular tours of duty to furnish such services on all days of the year except Sundays and national holidays may be established with the approval of the Commissioner of Customs.

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(g) *Customs services furnished private interests.* Other than as specified in this section. Customs services shall be furnished private interests only in accordance with the provisions of § 24.16 of this chapter.

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§ 101.7 Customs seal.

(a) *Design.* According to the design furnished by the Department of the Treasury, the Customs seal of the United States shall consist of the seal of the Department of the Treasury surrounded by an outer circle in which appear the words "Treasury" at the top and "U.S. Customs Service" at the bottom.

(b) *Use of the Customs seal.* The Customs seal currently in official use, including the dies, rolls, plates, and like devices now in the possession of the Bureau of Engraving and Printing, shall continue to be equally effective as the official seal of the United States Customs Service and shall continue to be so used by each Customs officer and employee having possession of the seal until that particular device requires replacing and is replaced. Use of the United States Customs seal shall be restricted in the following manner:

(1) The Customs seal of the United States shall be impressed upon all official documents requiring the impress of a seal. It shall be impressed upon all marine documents and landing certificates, certificates of weight, gauge, or measure, and similar classes of documents for outside interests.

(2) The impress of the seal is not necessary on documents passing within the Customs Service nor shall the seal be used in the manner of a notary seal to indicate authority to administer oaths.

§ 101.8 Identification cards.

Each Customs employee shall be issued an appropriate identification card with that employee's photograph and signature, signed by the appropriate issuing officer.