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accepted on a bond until the port director is satisfied as to the financial responsibility of the individual. The port director may refer the matter to the special agent-in-charge for immediate investigation to verify the financial responsibility of the surety.

(e) *Continuancy of financial responsibility.* In order to follow the continued solvency and financial responsibility of individual sureties, the port director shall require a new oath and determine the financial responsibility of each individual surety as prescribed in paragraphs (c) and (d) of this section at least once every 6 months, and more often if deemed advisable.

§ 113.36 Partner acting as surety on behalf of a partner or on behalf of a partnership.

A member of a partnership shall not be accepted as an individual surety on a bond executed by the partnership as principal. A partner may be an individual surety for a fellow partner on a bond if (a) the transaction is in an individual capacity and unrelated to the partnership, (b) sufficient unencumbered nonpartnership property is available as security, and (c) the individual qualifies as an individual surety under the provisions of § 113.35 of this part.

§ 113.37 Corporate sureties.

(a) *Lists of corporations and limits of their bonds.* Treasury Department Circular 570 contains a list of corporations authorized to act as sureties on bonds, with the amount in which each may be accepted. Unless otherwise directed by the Commissioner of Customs, no corporation shall be accepted as surety on a bond if not named in the current Circular as amended by FEDERAL REGISTER notice and no bond shall be for a greater amount than the respective limit stated in the Circular, unless the excess is protected as prescribed in § 223.11, Bureau of Government Financial Operations Regulations (31 CFR 223.11).

(b) *Name of corporation on the bond.* The name of a corporation executing a Customs bond, as a surety, may be printed or placed thereon by means of a rubber stamp or otherwise, followed

by the written signature of the authorized officer or attorney.

(c) *Name of agent or attorney on the bond.* The agent or attorney acting for a corporate surety shall have stamped, printed, or typed on each bond executed by him, below his signature, his full name as it appears on the bond.

(d) *Social security number of agent or attorney on the bond.* In the appropriate place on each bond executed by the agent or attorney acting for a corporate surety, the agent or attorney shall place his/her social security number, as it appears on the corporate surety power of attorney.

(e) *Signature and seal of the corporation on the bond.* A bond executed by a corporate surety shall be signed by an authorized officer or attorney of the corporation and the corporate seal shall be affixed immediately adjoining the signature of the person executing the bond, as provided for in § 113.25.

(f) *Two or more corporate sureties as sureties on the same obligation.* Two or more corporate sureties may be accepted as sureties on any obligation the amount of which does not exceed the limitations of their aggregate qualifying power as fixed and determined by the Secretary of the Treasury. The amount for which each corporate surety may act as surety in all cases must be within the limitation prescribed by the Secretary, unless the excess is protected as prescribed in § 223.11, Bureau of Government Financial Operations Regulations (31 CFR 223.11). Each corporate surety shall limit its liability to a definite specified amount, in terms, upon the face of the bond by attaching the following:

CORPORATE SURETIES AGREEMENT FOR LIMITATION OF LIABILITY

____ (name of surety), ____ (surety code), a surety company incorporated under laws of the State of ____, authorized to conduct a surety business in the State of ____, and having its principal place of business at ____ (address), and ____ (names of surety), ____ (surety code), a surety company incorporated under the laws of the State of ____ and having its principal place of business at ____ (address), as sureties, and ____ (name of principal), as principal, are jointly and severally obligated to the United States in the amount of ____ (\$) on a bond executed on ____ (date of execution) with each surety jointly