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that estimated duties, if any, be deposited at the time of entry before the merchandise is released if the importer:

(1) Has failed repeatedly to file timely entry summary documentation without justification,

(2) Has not taken prompt action to settle a claim for liquidated damages issued under §142.15 for failure to file entry summary documentation timely, or a claim for liquidated damages issued under the basic importation and entry bond for failure to deposit estimated duties, taxes and charges timely, as provided in such bond. "Prompt action" means that the importer, within the time specified in a claim for liquidated damages, shall petition for relief or pay the amount claimed and, in appropriate cases, file the entry summary documentation and deposit estimated duties, if any, or

(3) Has repeatedly delivered entry summary documentation, which is incomplete or which contains erroneous information.

(4) Is substantially or habitually delinquent in the payment of Customs bills. See §142.14.

(b) *Special classes of merchandise*—(1) *Quota-class merchandise*. Quota-class merchandise shall not be released upon delivery of entry documentation before presentation of:

(i) An entry summary for consumption with estimated duties attached; or

(ii) A withdrawal for consumption with estimated duties attached; or

(iii) An entry summary for consumption, without the estimated duties attached, if the entry/entry summary information and a valid scheduled statement date have been successfully received by Customs via the Automated Broker Interface. (See part 132 and §24.25 of this chapter.)

(2) *Other classes of merchandise*. Entry summary documentation, with estimated duties attached, or a withdrawal for consumption with estimated duties attached, or an entry summary for consumption, without the estimated duties attached if the entry/entry summary information and a valid scheduled statement date have previously been transmitted to Customs via the Automated Broker Interface (see §24.25 of this chapter) shall be filed at the

time of entry before release of any other merchandise of a class designated by Customs Headquarters.

(c) [Reserved]

(d) *Brokers; restriction*. A broker shall not circumvent an action taken under this section by applying for release of the importer's merchandise in the broker's name and under the broker's bond.

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§ 142.14 Delinquent payment of Customs bills.

The following procedure shall be followed if an importer is substantially or habitually delinquent in the payment of Customs bills:

(a) *Notice*. The importer shall be advised in writing by the port director in which he is substantially or habitually delinquent that he shall file the entry summary documentation with estimated duties attached, before his merchandise may be released from Customs custody at that port. The notice shall state the reason for the action and advise the importer that if payment of all his delinquent Customs bills is not made within 10 working days from the date of the notice, he shall be required to file the entry summary document with estimated duties attached, before his merchandise may be released. In either case, the entry summary shall serve as both the entry and the entry summary.

(b) *Removal of requirement by port*. If the importer pays all his delinquent Customs bills within 10 working days after the date of the notice, the requirement shall be removed, and the importer need file only the entry documentation specified in §142.3 to secure release of his merchandise.

(c) *Removal of requirement by Headquarters*. If the importer has not paid all his delinquent Customs bills within 10 working days after the date of the notice, he also shall be required to file the entry summary documentation, with estimated duties attached, at each Customs port. In this case, the entry summary shall serve as both the entry and the entry summary. This requirement shall remain in effect in

each port of entry until notification is received from Headquarters that the requirement is removed and that the importer need submit only the entry documentation listed in §142.3 to secure release of his merchandise.

§ 142.15 Failure to file entry summary timely.

If the entry summary documentation is not filed timely, the port director shall make an immediate demand for liquidated damages in the entire amount of the bond in the case of a single entry bond. When the transaction has been charged against a continuous bond, the demand shall be for the amount that would have been demanded if the merchandise had been released under a single entry bond. Any application to cancel liquidated damages incurred shall be made in accordance with part 172 of this chapter.

(R.S. 251, as amended, secs. 623, as amended, 624, 46 Stat. 759, as amended (19 U.S.C. 66, 1623, 1624))

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§ 142.16 Entry summary documentation.

(a) *Entry summary not filed at time of entry.* When the entry documentation is filed before the entry summary documentation, one copy of the entry document and the commercial invoice, or the documentation filed in place of a commercial invoice in the instances listed in §141.83(d) of this chapter, shall be returned to the importer after Customs authorizes release of the Merchandise. The importer may use these documents in preparing the entry summary, Customs Form 7501, and shall file them with the entry summary documentation within the time period stated in §142.12(b). The entry summary documentation also shall include any other documents required for a particular shipment unless a bond for missing documents is on file, as provided in §141.66 of this chapter.

(b) *Entry summary filed at time of entry.* When the entry summary documentation is filed at time of entry, the documentation listed in §142.3 shall be filed at the same time, except that Customs Form 3461 or 7533 shall not be re-

quired. The importer also shall file any additional invoice required for a particular shipment.

(R.S. 251, as amended (19 U.S.C. 66), secs. 484, 624, 46 Stat. 722, as amended, 759 (19 U.S.C. 1484, 1624); sec. 301, 80 Stat. 379 (5 U.S.C. 301), Pub. L. 95-410 (Oct. 3, 1978); Pub. L. 96-511 (Dec. 11, 1980))

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§ 142.17 One entry summary for multiple entries.

(a) *Requirements.* Except as provided in paragraph (b) of this section, the port director may permit the filing of one entry summary for merchandise the subject of separate entries if:

(1) The merchandise has the same country of exportation, and the same country of origin,

(2) The merchandise arrives by land, by the same vessel or by the same air carrier,

(3) The merchandise is consigned to the same consignee,

(4) The time between the date of the first entry and the date of the last entry does not exceed 1 week,

(5) The entry summary document is filed within 10 working days from the date of the first entry, and

(6) Each entry is identified separately by entry number on the entry summary.

(b) *Merchandise not eligible.* One entry summary shall not be used for multiple entries of the following:

(1) Quota-class merchandise,

(2) Prohibited merchandise,

(3) Merchandise subject to restrictions which require processing and documentation more frequently than on a weekly basis,

(4) Merchandise for which liquidation has been withheld, and

(5) Merchandise classifiable under the same Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States subheading number, to the eight-digit level having different rates of duty for which entries or immediate transportation entries have been filed. However, this provision is not applicable in the following circumstances:

(i) *Entries.* Entries may be consolidated if the time of entry is: