

(c) *Extra copies.* The port director may require additional copies of the documentation.

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§ 142.3a Entry numbers.

(a) *Placement on Customs Forms.* The importer or broker shall place an 11 character entry number on the entry and corresponding entry summary documentation. For documentation prepared on data processing equipment, the number shall be printed directly on the form. For manually prepared documentation, the number shall be pre-printed in a machine readable format specified by Customs. The same number shall not be used for more than one entry transaction.

(b) *Format.* The following format, including hyphens, must be used when showing the entry number:

XXX-NNNNNNN-N

XXX represents an entry filer code assigned by Customs, NNNNNNN is a unique number which is assigned by the broker or importer, and N is a check digit computed from the first 10 characters based on a formula provided by Customs.

(1) *Assignment of Entry Filer Code.* Customs will assign a unique 3 character (alphabetic, numeric, or alpha numeric) entry filer code to all licensed brokers filing Customs entries. Customs will assign an entry filer code to certain importers filing Customs entries based on importer entry volume, frequency of entry filing, and other considerations. The broker or importer shall use this assigned code as the beginning three characters of the number for all Customs entries, regardless of where the entries are filed.

(2) *Entry Filer Assigned Number.* For each entry, the broker or importer shall assign a unique 7 digit number. This number shall not be assigned to more than one transaction.

(3) *Check Digit.* The broker or importer is responsible for ensuring that the check digit is computed by data processing equipment.

(c) *Pulication of Entry Filer Codes.* Customs shall make available electronically a listing of filer codes and the importers, consignees, and customs brokers assigned those filer codes. The listing will be updated periodically.

(d) *Misuse of the Entry Filer Code.* The port director may refuse to allow use of an assigned entry filer code if it is misused by the importer or broker.

(e) *Alternative Procedure.* If an importer does not have an assigned entry filer code, or if the port director, in accordance with paragraph (d) of this section refuses to allow use of an assigned entry filer code, the importer or broker shall obtain forms with a Customs assigned pre-printed machine readable entry number with a computed check digit. These forms will be available for sale by Customs and must be obtained and used before the merchandise may be released from Customs custody.

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§ 142.4 Bond requirements.

(a) *At the time of entry.* Except as provided in §10.101(d) of this chapter, or paragraph (c) of this section, merchandise shall not be released from Customs custody at the time Customs receives the entry documentation or the entry summary documentation which serves as both the entry and the entry summary, as required by §142.3 unless a single entry or continuous bond on Customs Form 301, containing the bond conditions set forth in §113.62 of this chapter, executed by an approved corporate surety, or secured by cash deposits or obligations of the United States, as provided for in §113.40 of this chapter, has been filed. When any of the imported merchandise is subject to a tariff-rate quota and is to be released at a time when the applicable quota is filled, the full rates shall be used in computing the estimated duties to determine the amount of the bond.

(b) *If entry summary is filed after entry.* (1) Except as provided in §141.102(d) of this chapter, if the entry summary is filed after the entry, the bond filed at