

(3) Section 148.51 or 148.64 of this chapter (certain personal or household articles not exceeding \$200 in value).

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#### § 143.22 Formal entry may be required.

The port director may require a formal consumption or appraisal entry for any merchandise if deemed necessary for: (a) Import admissibility enforcement purposes, (b) revenue protection, or (c) the efficient conduct of Customs business. Individual shipments for the same consignee, when such shipments are valued at \$2,000 or less, may be consolidated on one such entry.

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#### § 143.23 Form of entry.

Except for the types of merchandise listed below which may be entered on the forms indicated, merchandise to be entered informally shall be entered on a Customs Form 368 or 368A, (serially numbered) or Customs Form 7501, or, if authorized by the port director, upon the presentation of a commercial invoice which contains the following declaration, signed by the importer or his agent:

I declare that the information on this invoice is accurate to the best of my knowledge and belief; that the invoice quantities are true and correct manifest quantities; and that I have not received and do not know of any invoice other than this one.

(a) Articles in passengers' baggage which may be cleared on a baggage declaration in accordance with subpart B of part 148 of this chapter;

(b) Products of the United States being returned for which clearance on Customs Form 3311 is prescribed by §10.1 of this chapter;

(c) Personal effects and tools of trade for which clearance on Customs Form

3299 is prescribed by §148.6 of this chapter; and

(d) Shipments not exceeding \$2,000 in value (except for articles valued in excess of \$250 classified in Sections VII, VIII, XI, and XII; Chapter 94; and Chapter 99, Subchapter III and IV, Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States) which are either (1) unconditionally free of duty and not subject to any quota or internal revenue tax, or (2) conditionally free (other than shipments of merchandise provided for in paragraph (g) of this section) and all conditions for free entry are met at the time of entry, which may be released upon the filing by the importer on Customs Form 7523, in duplicate, supported by evidence of the right to make entry.

(e) Merchandise for which informal entry can be made on a different form as prescribed elsewhere in this chapter.

(f) Merchandise released under the immediate delivery procedure or the entry documentation required by §142.3(a), and entry is made on Customs Form 7501, annotated "Informal Entry" in the upper right hand corner.

(g) Merchandise, regardless of value, which is imported for noncommercial purposes, which qualifies for entry free of duty under the Generalized System of Preferences (see §§10.171 through 10.178 of this chapter), and for which informal entry may be made on Customs Form 7523, in duplicate.

(h) Products of the United States being returned for which informal entry is permitted by §143.21(j) may be cleared as follows:

(1) For products of the United States returned for the purposes of repair or alteration prior to reexportation. Customs Form 3311 will serve as informal entry.

(2) For products of the United States after having been either rejected or returned by the foreign purchaser for credit, Customs Form 7501, annotated "informal entry" in the upper right hand corner, and Customs Form 3311 will serve as informal entry.

(i) A shipment of merchandise not exceeding \$2,000 in value which is imported by an express consignment operator or carrier and which meets the requirements in §128.24 of this chapter

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may be entered as provided in that section.

(j) Except for mail importations (see §§ 145.31 and 145.32 of this chapter), or in the case of personal written or oral declarations (see §§ 148.12, 148.13 and 148.62 of this chapter), a shipment of merchandise not exceeding \$200 in value which qualifies for informal entry under 19 U.S.C. 1498 and meets the requirements in § 10.151 or § 10.152 of this chapter may be entered by presenting the bill of lading or a manifest listing each bill of lading (see §§ 10.151, 10.152 and 128.24(e) of this chapter). The following information is required to be filed as a part of such entry:

- (1) Country of origin of the merchandise;
- (2) Shipper name, address and country;
- (3) Ultimate consignee name and address;
- (4) Specific description of the merchandise;
- (5) Quantity;
- (6) Shipping weight; and
- (7) Value.

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## § 143.24 Preparation of Customs Form 7501 and Customs Form 368 or 368A (serially numbered).

Customs Form 7501 may be prepared by importers or their agents or by Customs officers when it can be presented to a Customs cashier for payment of duties and taxes and for numbering of the entry before the merchandise is examined by a Customs officer. Where there is no Customs cashier, Customs Form 368 or 368A (serially numbered) or Customs Form 7501 must be used, and it shall be prepared by a Customs officer unless the form can be prepared under his control by the importer or agent for immediate use in clearing merchandise under the informal entry procedure. The conditions for the preparation of Customs Form 7501 by importers or their agents, as described in the first sentence of this section, do not apply to the acceptance of these entries for shipments not exceeding

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\$250 in value released under a special permit for immediate delivery in accordance with part 142 of this chapter.

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## § 143.25 Information on entry form.

Each Customs Form 368 or 368A (serially numbered) or, where used, Customs Form 7501 shall contain an adequate description of the merchandise and the item number of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (19 U.S.C. 1202), under which the merchandise is classified.

[T.D. 76-213, 41 FR 31812, July 30, 1976, as amended by T.D. 87-75, 52 FR 26142, July 13, 1987; T.D. 89-1, 53 FR 51263, Dec. 21, 1988; T.D. 92-56, 57 FR 24944, June 12, 1992]

## § 143.26 Party who may make informal entry of merchandise.

(a) *Shipments valued between \$200 and \$2,000.* A shipment of merchandise valued between \$200 and \$2,000 which qualifies for informal entry under 19 U.S.C. 1498 may be entered, using reasonable care, by the owner or purchaser of the shipment or, when appropriately designated by the owner, purchaser, or consignee of the shipment, a Customs broker licensed under 19 U.S.C. 1641.

(b) *Shipments valued at \$200 or less.* A shipment of merchandise valued at \$200 or less which qualifies for informal entry under 19 U.S.C. 1498 and meets the requirements in 19 U.S.C. 1321(a)(2) (see §§ 10.151, 10.152, 10.153, 145.31, 145.32, 148.51, 148.64, of this chapter) may be entered, using reasonable care, by the owner, purchaser, or consignee of the shipment or, when appropriately designated by one of these persons, a Customs broker licensed under 19 U.S.C. 1641.

[T.D. 94-51, 59 FR 30296, June 13, 1994, as amended by T.D. 95-31, 60 FR 18991, Apr. 14, 1995; T.D. 98-28, 63 FR 16417, Apr. 3, 1998]

## § 143.27 Invoices.

In the case of merchandise imported pursuant to a purchase or agreement to purchase, or intended for sale and entered informally, the importer shall produce the commercial invoice covering the transaction or, in the absence