

require the packages to be corded and sealed by a Customs officer before the packages are removed from the place of arrival. The packages shall be opened only in the presence of the Customs officer authorized to examine their contents.

(b) *Preparation for Customs examination and closing of packages.* Except when merchandise is required by the port director to be examined at the public stores, the importer shall arrange and bear any expense for preparation of the merchandise for Customs examination and closing of packages.

(c) *Reimbursement of expenses outside port limits.* If the place of examination is not located within the limits of a port of entry or at a Customs station at which Customs is permanently located, whether or not that location is the place of arrival, the importer shall pay any additional expenses, including actual expenses of travel and subsistence but not the salary during regular hours of duty of the examining officer. However, no collection will be made if the total amount chargeable against one importer for one day amounts to less than 50 cents. If the total amount chargeable amounts to 50 cents or more but less than \$1, a minimum charge of \$1 will be made.

(d) *Bond for removal from Customs custody.* Before permitting the removal of merchandise for examination elsewhere than at the public stores, wharf, or other place under the control of Customs, the port director shall require the importer to execute a bond on Customs Form 301, containing the bond conditions set forth in §113.62 of this chapter.

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§ 151.8 Examination after assembly.

(a) *Application by importer.* Upon application by the importer, machinery, altars, shrines, and other articles which must be set up or assembled prior to examination may be examined at the mill, factory, or other suitable place after being assembled.

(b) *Conditions applicable.* The importer shall comply with the conditions set forth in §151.7 (b) through (d).

The port director may also require that a deposit be made of the estimated additional expense. The packages need not be corded and sealed in accordance with §151.7(a), but the port director may make such preliminary examination as he deems necessary to identify the merchandise with the invoice.

(c) *Removal of merchandise and notification of assembly.* After the bond required by §151.7(d) has been filed and any necessary preliminary examination has been made, the port director may permit the merchandise to be removed to the place at which it is to be assembled for examination. Within 90 days after such removal, unless an extension has been applied for and granted by the port director, the importer shall notify the port director that the merchandise has been assembled and is ready for examination, whereupon final examination shall be made.

§ 151.9 Immediate transportation entry delivered outside port limits.

When merchandise covered by an immediate transportation entry has been authorized by the port director to be delivered to a place outside a port of entry as provided for in §18.11(c) of this chapter, the provisions of §151.7 shall be complied with to the same extent as if the merchandise had been delivered to the port of entry, and then authorized to be examined elsewhere than at the public stores, wharf, or other place under the control of Customs.

§ 151.10 Sampling.

When necessary, the port director may obtain samples of merchandise for appraisalment, classification, or other official purposes. Samples shall be taken by Customs or a commercial gauger approved in accordance with §151.13. Samples shall be marked to ensure identification and retained according to established policies.

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§ 151.11 Request for samples or additional examination packages after release of merchandise.

If the port director requires samples or additional examination packages of merchandise which has been released from Customs custody, he shall send

the importer a written request, on Customs Form 28, Request for Information, or other appropriate form, to submit the necessary samples or packages. If the request is not promptly complied with, the port director may make a demand under the bond for the return of the necessary merchandise to Customs custody in accordance with §141.113 of this chapter.

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§ 151.12 Accreditation of commercial laboratories.

This section sets forth the requirements for commercial laboratories to obtain accreditation by Customs for the testing of certain commodities, and explains the operation of such accredited laboratories. This section also provides for the imposition of accreditation and reaccreditation fees, sets forth grounds for the suspension and revocation of accreditation, and provides for the imposition of a monetary penalty for an accredited commercial laboratory that fails to adhere to the provisions of this section.

(a) *Definitions.* For purposes of this section, the following words and phrases have the meanings indicated:

Analysis record. An “analysis record” is a compilation of all documents which have been generated during the course of analysis of a particular sample which, under normal circumstances, may include, both in paper and electronic-form, such documents as work sheets, notes, associated spectra (both spectra of the actual product and any standard spectra used for comparison), photographs and microphotographs, and the laboratory report.

Assistant Commissioner. In §§151.12 and 151.13, references to the “Assistant Commissioner” mean the Assistant Commissioner, Office of Field Operations, located in Washington, D.C.

Check samples. “Check samples” are samples which have been distributed by Customs to accredited laboratories to test their proficiency in a certain area of accreditation.

Commodity Group Brochure. A “Commodity Group Brochure” is a booklet which contains a listing of laboratory methods which commercial labora-

tories are required to have the capability to perform to qualify for Customs-accreditation in a particular commodity group. The brochures and the U.S. Customs Laboratory Methods Manual will specify the particular laboratory testing methods required for particular commodity groups, unless written permission from the Executive Director is given to use an alternate method. Procedures required by the Executive Director may reference applicable general industry testing standards, published by such organizations as the American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM) and the American Petroleum Institute (API). Commodity Group Brochures and a listing of the methods found in the U.S. Customs Laboratory Methods Manual are available from the U.S. Customs Service, Attention: Executive Director, Laboratories and Scientific Services, Washington, D.C. 20229 and can also be found on the Customs Internet Web Site: www.customs.gov.

Executive Director. In §§151.12 and 151.13, references to the “Executive Director” mean the Executive Director, Laboratories and Scientific Services, located in Washington, D.C.

(b) *What is a “Customs-accredited laboratory”?* “Commercial laboratories” are individuals and commercial organizations that analyze merchandise, *i.e.*, determine its composition and/or characteristics, through laboratory analysis. A “Customs-accredited laboratory” is a commercial laboratory, within the United States, that has demonstrated, to the satisfaction of the Executive Director, pursuant to this section, the capability to perform analysis of certain commodities to determine elements relating to the admissibility, quantity, composition, or characteristics of imported merchandise. Customs accreditation extends only to the performance of such functions as are vested in, or delegated to, Customs.

(c) *What are the obligations of a Customs-accredited laboratory?* A commercial laboratory accredited by Customs agrees to the following conditions and requirements:

(1) To comply with the requirements of part 151, Customs Regulations (19