

prescribed in §18.8(e); and, if appropriate, there shall also be sent to the initial bonded carrier a demand for any excess, as provided in §114.22(d) of this chapter. Demands shall be made on the forms specified in paragraph (c) of this section.

(e) An allowance in duty on merchandise reported short at destination, including merchandise found by the appraising officer to be damaged and worthless, and animals and birds found by the discharging officer to be dead on arrival at destination, shall be made in the liquidation of the entry.

(f) In the case of shipments arriving in the United States by rail or seaircraft which are forwarded under Customs in-bond seals under the provisions of subpart D of part 123 of this chapter, and §18.11, or §18.20, a notation shall be made by the carrier or shipper on the in-bond manifest, Customs Form 7512, to show whether the shipment was transferred to the car designated in the manifest or whether it was laden in the car in the foreign country, which shall be named.

[T.D. 71-70, 36 FR 4487, Mar. 6, 1971, as amended by T.D. 82-116, 47 FR 27261, June 24, 1982; T.D. 82-158, 47 FR 37881, Aug. 27, 1982; T.D. 84-213, 49 FR 41168, Oct. 19, 1984; T.D. 85-180, 50 FR 42517, Oct. 21, 1985; T.D. 97-82, 62 FR 51770, Oct. 3, 1997]

§ 18.7 Lading for exportation, verification of.

(a) Promptly, but no more than 2 working days, after arrival of any portion of the in-bond shipment at the port of exportation, the delivering carrier shall surrender the in-bond manifest (the in-bond document any related carnet) to the port director as notice of arrival of the merchandise. If the in-bond manifest is lost in transit, the in-bond carrier shall report the arrival of the merchandise within the prescribed period and shall be responsible for obtaining copies of the original in-bond manifest. Failure to surrender the in-bond manifest or report the arrival of bonded merchandise within the prescribed period shall constitute an irregular delivery and the initial bonded carrier shall be subject to applicable penalties (see §18.8).

(b) The port director shall require only such supervision of the lading for

exportation of merchandise covered by an entry or withdrawal for exportation or for transportation and exportation as is reasonably necessary to satisfy him that the merchandise has been laden on the exporting conveyance.

(c) Whenever the circumstances warrant, and occasionally in any event, port directors shall request the Office of Enforcement to check export entries and withdrawals against the records of the exporting carriers. Such check or verification shall include an examination of the carrier's records of claims and settlement of export freight charges and any other records which may relate to the transaction. The exporting carrier shall maintain these records for 5 years from the date of exportation of the merchandise.

[28 FR 14755, Dec. 31, 1963, as amended by T.D. 79-159, 44 FR 31967, June 4, 1979; T.D. 84-212, 49 FR 39047, Oct. 3, 1984; T.D. 91-77, 56 FR 46114, Sept. 10, 1991; T.D. 00-22, 65 FR 16517, Mar. 29, 2000]

§ 18.8 Liability for shortage, irregular delivery, or nondelivery; penalties.

(a) The initial bonded carrier shall be responsible for shortage, irregular delivery, or nondelivery at the port of destination or exportation of bonded merchandise received by it for carriage. An acceptable proof of proper delivery of bonded merchandise to Customs at the port of destination or exportation is a properly receipted copy of the in-bond document (the appropriate Customs Form 7512 or 7520, or the carnet). When sealing is waived, any loss found to exist at the port of destination or exportation shall be presumed to have occurred while the merchandise was in the possession of the carrier, unless conclusive evidence to the contrary is produced.

(b) Carriers shall be liable for payment of liquidated damages under the carriers bond for any shortage, failure to deliver, or irregular delivery, as provided in such bond.

(c) In addition to the penalties described in paragraph (b) of this section, the carrier shall pay any internal-revenue taxes, duties, or other taxes accruing to the United States on the missing merchandise, together with all costs, charges, and expenses caused by

§ 18.8

19 CFR Ch. I (4-1-06 Edition)

the failure to make the required transportation, report, and delivery.

(d) In any case in which liquidated damages are imposed in accordance with this section and the Fines, Penalties, and Forfeitures Officer is satisfied by evidence submitted to him with a petition for relief filed in accordance with the provisions of Part 172 of this chapter that any violation of the terms and conditions of the bond occurred without any intent to evade any law or regulation, the Fines, Penalties, and Forfeitures Officer, in accordance with delegated authority, may cancel such claim upon the payment of any lesser amount or without the payment of any amount as may be deemed appropriate under the law and in view of the circumstances.

(e)(1) The domestic guaranteeing association shall be jointly and severally liable with the initial bonded carrier for duties and taxes accruing to the U.S., and any other charges imposed, in lieu thereof, as the result of any shortage, irregular delivery, or nondelivery at the port of destination or port of exit of merchandise covered by a TIR carnet. The liability of the domestic guaranteeing association is limited to \$50,000 per TIR carnet for duties, taxes, and sums collected in lieu thereof. Penalties imposed as liquidated damages on the initial bonded carrier, and sums assessed the guaranteeing association in lieu of duties and taxes for any shortage, irregular delivery, or nondelivery shall be in accordance with this section. If a TIR carnet has not been discharged or has been discharged subject to a reservation, the guaranteeing association shall be notified within 1 year of the date upon which the carnet is taken on charge, including time for receipt of the notification, except that if the discharge shall have been obtained improperly or fraudulently the period shall be 2 years. However, in cases which become the subject of legal proceedings during the above-mentioned period, no claim for payment shall be made more than 1 year after the date when the decision of the court becomes enforceable.

(2) Within 3 months from the date demand for payment is made by the port director as provided by §18.6(d), the guaranteeing association shall pay the

amount claimed, except that if the amount claimed exceeds the liability of the guaranteeing association under the carnet (see §114.22(d) of this chapter), the carrier shall pay the excess. The amount paid shall be refunded if, within a period of 1 year from the date on which the claim for payment was made, it is established to the satisfaction of the Commissioner of Customs that no irregularity occurred. The Fines, Penalties, and Forfeitures Officer may cancel liquidated damages assessed against the guaranteeing association to the extent authorized by paragraph (d) of this section.

(3) The domestic guaranteeing association shall be jointly and severally liable with the initial bonded carrier for pecuniary penalties, liquidated damages, duties, and taxes accruing to the United States and any other charges imposed as the result of any shortage, irregular delivery, or nondelivery at the port of destination or port of exit of merchandise covered by an A.T.A. or TECRO/AIT carnet. However, the liability of the guaranteeing association shall not exceed the amount of the import duties by more than 10 percent. If an A.T.A. or TECRO/AIT carnet is unconditionally discharged with respect to certain goods, the guaranteeing association will no longer be liable on the carnet with respect to those goods unless it is subsequently discovered that the discharge of the carnet was obtained fraudulently or improperly or that there has been a breach of the conditions of temporary admission or of transit. No claim for payment shall be made more than one year following the date of expiration of the validity of the carnet. The guaranteeing association shall be allowed a period of six months from the date of any claim by the port director in which to furnish proof of the reexportation of the goods or of any other proper discharge of the A.T.A. or TECRO/AIT carnet. If such proof is not furnished within the time specified, the guaranteeing association shall either deposit or provisionally pay the sums. The deposit or payment shall become final three months after the date of the deposit or payment, during which time the guaranteeing association may still furnish proof of the reexportation of

the goods to recover the sums deposited or paid.

[28 FR 14755, Dec. 31, 1963]

EDITORIAL NOTE: For FEDERAL REGISTER citations affecting §18.8, see the List of CFR Sections Affected, which appears in the Finding Aids section of the printed volume and on GPO Access.

§ 18.9 Examination by inspectors of trunk line associations or agents of the Surface Transportation Board.

(a) Upon presentation of proper credentials showing the applicant to be a representative of the Trunk Line Association, the Surface Transportation Board, the Joint Rate Inspection Bureau of Chicago or the Southern Weighing and Inspection Bureau of Atlanta, inspectors of CBP in charge will permit such applicant to examine packages containing in-bond merchandise described in the manifest in general terms for the purpose of ascertaining whether the merchandise is properly classified under the interstate commerce laws.

(b) The opening and examination of such packages shall be without expense to the Customs Service or the owner of the goods and shall be done in the presence of a Customs officer. The contents of the cases shall not be removed or disturbed further than is necessary to ascertain the character thereof. The Customs officer shall require the packages to be securely closed, and shall note on the manifest the packages so inspected, the date, and by whom inspected.

[28 FR 14755, Dec. 31, 1963, as amended by CBP Dec. 04-28, 69 FR 52599, Aug. 27, 2004]

§ 18.10 Kinds of entry.

(a) The following entries and withdrawals may be made for merchandise to be transported in bond:

- (1) Entry for immediate transportation without appraisalment.
- (2) Warehouse or rewarehouse withdrawal for transportation.
- (3) Warehouse or rewarehouse withdrawal for exportation or for transportation and exportation.
- (4) Entry for transportation and exportation.
- (5) Entry for exportation.

(b) The copy of each entry or withdrawal made in any of the classes

named in paragraph (a) of this section which is retained in the office of the forwarding port director shall be signed by the party making the entry or withdrawal. In the case of shipments to the Virgin Islands (U.S.) under paragraph (a), (3), (4), or (5) of this section, one additional copy of the entry or withdrawal on Customs Form 7512 shall be filed and shall be mailed by the receiving port director to the port director, Charlotte Amalie, St. Thomas, Virgin Island (U.S.). Before shipping merchandise in bond to another port for the purpose of warehousing or rewarehousing, the shipper should ascertain whether warehouse facilities are available at the intended port of destination.

[28 FR 14755, Dec. 21, 1963, as amended by T.D. 89-1, 53 FR 51254, Dec. 21, 1988]

§ 18.10a Special manifest.

(a) *General.* Merchandise for which no other type of bonded movement is appropriate (e.g., prematurely discharged or overcarried merchandise and other such types of movements whereby the normal transportation-in-bond procedures are not applicable) may be shipped in bond from the port of unloading to the destination shown on the importing carrier's manifest (manifested port) when authorized by the port director having custody of the merchandise. For this purpose, Custom's Form 7512 prepared in quadruplicate shall be used as a special manifest.

(b) *Manifest procedures.* (1) Written application shall be made to the port director where the merchandise is being held for permission to return it as a bonded shipment under a special manifest to the manifested port, including to the port of diversion (see section 4.33 of this chapter), when different from the original manifested port.

(2) The application and accompanying completed Customs Form 7512 shall identify the prematurely discharged or overcarried merchandise on the inward manifest of the importing carrier; and also identify the date and entry number of any entry made at the manifested port covering the merchandise to be returned, if known. If the port director is satisfied that the merchandise will be delivered to Customs