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Los Angeles, California

# PUBLIC BULLETIN



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**Subject:** CBP Outbound Cargo Holds & Request for Booking Reports at the LA/LB Seaport

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**PURPOSE:** The purpose of this Public Bulletin is to inform the export trade community of requirements specific to outbound cargo holds and to request that Carriers and Non-Vessel Operating Common Carriers (NVOCCs) provide export vessel booking reports annotating proof of Automated Export System (AES) filing citations or exemption legends when Electronic Export Information (EEI) is not required.

**BACKGROUND:** The U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) Outbound Enforcement Team at the Los Angeles/Long Beach (LA/LB) Seaport has made it a practice of advising carriers and terminal operators of outbound cargo holds by sending emails of the hold requests. This action ensures that the targeted cargo is available for examination.

Additionally, the Outbound Enforcement Team can better facilitate export shipments if carriers and NVOCC's provide export vessel booking reports three days prior to scheduled departure and once after document cutoff for all non-bulk vessels. This enables CBP to conduct examinations without delaying shipments.

**ACTION:** It is requested that carriers and NVOCC's send export vessel booking reports for all non-bulk vessels to the Outbound Enforcement Team email in box at:

[LALB-Outbound@CBP.DHS.GOV](mailto:LALB-Outbound@CBP.DHS.GOV)

Please ensure that booking reports are received by the Outbound Team three days prior to vessel departure and once after document cutoff.

The following data elements should be included in booking reports:

- Vessel Name
- Booking Number
- Internal Transaction Number (ITN) *or* AES Exemption claimed
- Container#
- Shipper
- Consignee
- Commodity
- Load Port
- Final Destination Port

Secondly, carriers should take all necessary measures to ensure that any cargo placed on “CBP Hold” is not loaded onto a vessel, released back to an exporter or freight forwarder, or manipulated in any form without first consulting with the CBP Officer who issued the hold or a CBP Supervisor. Cargo that is placed on a “CBP Hold” should remain on hold even if bookings are rolled to other vessels. When the examination(s) have been completed, CBP will notify the carrier and terminal operator of the “Hold Release” via email. In instances where cargo seals are broken, CBP will replace the broken seal with a CBP seal and notify the terminal and carrier of the new seal number.

CBP is dedicated to the enforcement of the laws and regulations that govern the exportation of cargo while simultaneously facilitating the export of legitimate cargo. Your cooperation in these matters will assist us in this effort and is greatly appreciated.

If you have any questions or concerns, you may contact Chief CBP Officer Amani Hanna at (310) 847-4769.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Sergio Espinoza', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Sergio Espinoza  
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