

**MEMO FROM: Executive Director, Trade Compliance and Facilitation Office of Field Operations, 08/10/04:**  
**SUBJECT: Reporting of All Line Items on Northern Border Entries (TC# TCF 04-1585)**

Under current U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) policy regarding Border Cargo Selectivity (BCS) processing along the U.S./Canadian border, entry filers are not required to report all line items when submitting entry documentation to CBP. Instead, entry filers are only required to report those line items that are equal to, or exceed \$2000 in value. For those entries for which all line items are valued at less than \$2000, entry filers must report at least one line item to process the entry through BCS.

The U.S. Customs Service originally implemented this policy of not requiring all line items to be reported in 1992 as a means of easing the transition to BCS processing along the northern border. This policy was never intended to be permanent and its continuation seriously undermines CBP efforts to increase the security of imported merchandise crossing the border.

As a result, CBP will change its northern border BCS policy on October 1, 2004. For any entry filed on or after that date, entry filers will be required to report all line items associated with the entry regardless of the line item value. The Northern Border Customs Brokers Association was notified of this change on March 22, 2004. This change will be fully implemented on the October 1, 2004 deadline.

Directors, Field Operations should notify all CBP Officers within their area of responsibility of this change in policy immediately. Port Directors should determine if any local processing changes are required as a result of this policy change and disseminate this information to the trade and CBP Officers no later than September 15, 2004.

Any questions or comments on this policy change may be directed to James Swanson of my staff at (202) 344-2576 or via email.

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