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ORIGINATING OFFICE: SEATTLE, WASHINGTON



**U.S. CUSTOMS & BORDER PROTECTION
TRADE INFORMATION NOTICE**

NUMBER: 14-02
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SUBJECT: Centralized Examination Station, Area Port of Seattle: Invitation for Public Comment

DISTRIBUTION: Importers, Customhouse Brokers, Freight Forwarders, Exporters, Carriers,
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Purpose:

On November 18, 2013, the Area Port of Seattle announced the opportunity for interested parties to apply to establish one or more Centralized Examination Station (CES) in the Area Port of Seattle (Trade Information Notice 13-24). This Trade Information Notice (TIN) will serve to provide information concerning the applications received and invites public comment upon the received application.

Background:

A CES is a privately operated facility at which merchandise is made available to Customs and Border Protection (CBP) officers for physical examination. The importer, carrier, exporter, or agent of the merchandise is responsible for paying any fees charged by the CES operator for its services.

On January 22, 1993, the Federal Register published a final rule amending Chapter 19 of the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) by enacting 19 CFR § 118, Centralized Examination Stations, effective February 22, 1993. This change was a result of CBP's efforts to improve productivity and service by focusing resources and minimizing travel time required to perform cargo examinations at multiple facilities within a Port of Entry (POE).

Under the provisions of 19 CFR § 118.12 (Action on Application) the Area Port Director will advise the public of the applications received and invite comments thereon. The Notice will set forth "the name of the applicant, the address of the facility proposed to be operated as the CES, the proposed fee schedule, the list of equipment at the facility, and the number of employees to be involved in the CES operation."

Public Comment Process:

The public is invited to submit written comments concerning the CES application described below to the Area Port Director as specified in 19 CFR § 118.2. Comments must be received within thirty (30) calendar days from the date of this Notice.

At the expiration of the aforesaid thirty (30) day period, the Area Port Director, based upon a review of all applications under the criteria set forth in 19 CFR § 118.11 and any public comments received in response to this Notice, shall determine whether a CES operator should be selected and, if a CES operator is to be selected, shall select the applicant that will best meet the examination needs of CBP and facilitate the movement of merchandise.

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Description of CES Applications Received

By January 16, 2014 the Area Port Director received six applications to operate a CES. Applications for a facility within the area of consideration were received from:

CEVA International, Inc

Horizon Lines

MacMillian-Piper

Mitco Limited

Mercer Distribution Services, LLC

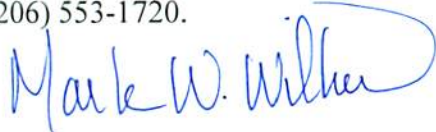
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Summaries of the applications received by the Area Port Director are presented as attachments to this Notice.

All comments on these applications to operate a CES within the Area Port of Seattle should be addressed to:

Area Port Director
U.S. Customs and Border Protection
1000 2nd Ave., Suite 2100
Seattle, WA 98104

If you have any questions, please contact Judy Staudt, Assistant Port Director, Trade Operations, at (206) 553-1720.



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