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**U.S. Customs and
Border Protection**

PORT OF SAVANAH PIPELINE #2009-08

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TO: All Customhouse Brokers, Freight Forwarders, Steamship Companies, Vessel Agents, Importers, All Services Warehouse and Other Interested Parties
Ports of Savannah and Brunswick, Georgia

FROM: Area Port Director
Savannah, Georgia

SUBJECT: General Order Warehouse Selection

In December 2008, U.S. Customs & Border Protection (CBP) in Savannah solicited for General Order (GO) Warehouse Proprietors. The solicitation was issued under Savannah Pipeline Notice 2009-01 dated December 31, 2008. In response to the solicitation Savannah Warehouse Services was the only eligible warehouse in this geographic area that met all the requirements to serve as a GO Warehouse. Therefore, effective with the date of this notice Savannah Warehouse Services has been approved to handle GO merchandise.

Savannah Warehouse Services contact information is as follows:

145 Distribution Drive
Savannah, Georgia 31322
(912) 963-0859
Contact: Will Cooley

The following are general reminders of Customs Regulations and procedures relating to G.O. timelines and the penalties for failure to properly report merchandise as G.O. eligible.

- There are strict timelines for G.O. merchandise established by Customs Regulations. Carriers (for direct arrival) or transferees (for in-bond arrival) may hold un-entered merchandise for 15 calendar days from arrival (direct landing or in-bond). No later than 20 calendar days from this date the carrier or transferee must notify both Customs and a G.O. warehouse. Failure to meet these deadlines may subject the carrier to a penalty per bill of lading up to \$1000 (for direct arrival) or the transferee or carrier to liquidated damages of \$1000 per bill of

lading (indirect arrival). The G.O. warehouse proprietor has 5 calendar days from date of notification to transport and store G.O. merchandise or be subject to liquidated damages of \$1000 per bill of lading. Depending on the mode of transport, the following regulations 19 CFR 4.37 (Vessel), 122.50 (Air) or 123.10 (Land) apply. The citation for the penalty is 19 USC 1448.

- Dual penalties and liquidated damages may be issued under the provisions listed above. For example, a bonded carrier arrives in-bond merchandise in the port. CBP and the GO warehouse are not notified. A CBP officer discovers this failure 30 days after arrival in the port. Liquidated damages of \$1000 may be assessed against the bonded carrier for failure to notify Customs within 20 days of in-bond arrival of un-entered merchandise. An additional liquidated damages assessment of \$1000 should also be issued for failure to notify the GO warehouse. These are two separate violations and two liquidated damage assessments. In addition, due to the failure to notify and CBP discovery of the violation, no mitigation will be afforded for these violations. Mitigation may only be afforded for late notification prior to CBP discovery of the violation. (Treasury Directive 99-29)

Any questions regarding this notice should be directed to the Savannah Trade Office at (912) 721-4840 Option 1 or Tracy Harris, Supervisory CBP Officer at (912) 721-4907.


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