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

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**PORT OF SAVANNAH PIPELINE# 2009-11**

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**TO: Port of Savannah Terminal Operators, Centralized Examination Station (CES) Operators, Carriers, Vessel Agents, Freight Forwarders, Brokers, Importers, and Other Interested Parties**

**FROM: Area Port Director  
Savannah, Georgia**

**SUBJECT: Evidence of Stowaway Activity**

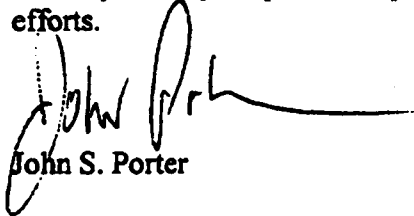
U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) has worked diligently to create a layered enforcement approach to cargo and carrier security by implementing national targeting, the Container Security Initiative, and the Customs-Trade Partnership Against Terrorism programs. Despite efforts, on occasion, stowaways are discovered aboard inbound vessels at ports of entry. It is essential that when this occurs, CBP be notified immediately, even if the stowaways are no longer present.

Accordingly, this Notice is being distributed as a reminder to terminal operators, CES operator and other interested parties of the importance of immediate notification to CBP when any evidence of stowaway activity is discovered either onboard a vessel or within a container, such as the presence of blankets, mattresses, food, water, etc. The peak period of human smuggling in sea containers is October through May, and extra attention and vigilance is expected during this season of opportunity.

CBP would also like to take this opportunity to again remind Terminal Operators, Carriers, and CES operator of our Port of Savannah 24-hour contact number for notification of any security issues. The 24-hour contact number is 912-232-7507. It is requested that all company security plans have this CBP number listed, and include instructions to notify CBP immediately in the event of stowaways, security incidents or other issues.

This does not negate the need to notify local police, fire or the U.S. Coast Guard as appropriate. Please ensure that all company staff is advised of this contact number and the need to notify CBP immediately if they know of a security issue.

Thank you for your partnership efforts and continued cooperation in these security efforts.



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