

# Southern Currents



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## Notice to the Area Port of New Orleans Trade Community

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### **SUBJECT: Use of e-Allegations to Report Possible Violations of the Jones Act**

Please see the attached pamphlet on using CBP's e-Allegations web page ([www.cbp.gov/eallegations](http://www.cbp.gov/eallegations)) to report possible violations of the Jones Act. The public may still report possible violations to the nearest port of entry.

If you have questions regarding this notice, please contact Merlin Hymel, Assistant Port Director, Trade, at 504-670-2088.



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**YOU CAN HELP!**

Suspected Jones Act violations can now be reported electronically to CBP.

Go to: [www.cbp.gov/eallegations](http://www.cbp.gov/eallegations)

## CBP Mission Statement

We are the guardians of our nation's borders.

We are America's frontline.

We safeguard the American homeland at and beyond our borders.

We protect the American public against terrorists and the instruments of terror.

We steadfastly enforce the laws of the United States while fostering our nation's economic security through lawful international trade and travel.

We serve the American public with vigilance, integrity and professionalism.

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# Jones Act Suspected Violations

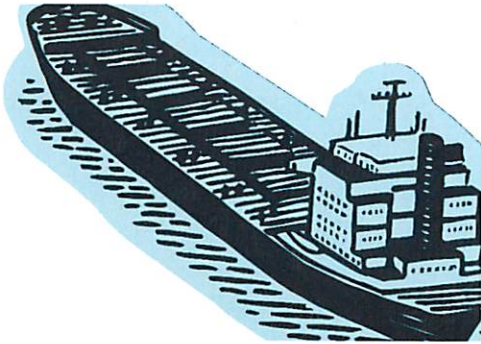
**Online Reporting  
Now Available**

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## What is the Jones Act?

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- The Jones Act prohibits vessels not entitled to engage in coastwise trade (i.e. vessels with foreign registry over 200 gross tons, foreign-built/rebuilt vessels) to transportation, either directly or by way of a foreign port, any passenger or merchandise between points in the United States.



Title 46, United States Code, 55102  
(recodified from former 46 U.S.C. App. 883  
Pub. L. 109-304, October 6, 2006)

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## What is e-Allegations?

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- E-Allegations is an electronic system used for receiving and tracking of Trade violations. The system allows members of the public to directly submit allegations of certain trade violations directly to CBP at [www.cbp.gov/eallegations](http://www.cbp.gov/eallegations).

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## Who can report suspected violations?

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- Anyone can submit an allegation. CBP receives allegations from citizens, corporations, importers, legal firms, and other US or international governmental bodies.

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## What does CBP do with the information provided?

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- CBP does not share any details of allegations. CBP cannot disclose the status or outcome of any particular allegation, but if a problem is confirmed, CBP can take a variety of enforcement or monitoring actions.

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## What information does CBP collect?

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- e-Allegations collects information about the person submitting the allegation (optional, not required); the proposed allegation and the proposed violator. The more information provided, the better CBP will be able to make a determination if a violation has occurred.

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## What personal information do I have to provide?

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- All e-Allegations can be submitted anonymously.

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## What if I prefer to report an allegation in-person?

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- e-Allegations is meant to be a tool of convenience, but if you prefer to report in person, you may go to [www.cbp.gov/contact](http://www.cbp.gov/contact) to locate a Port of Entry near you.