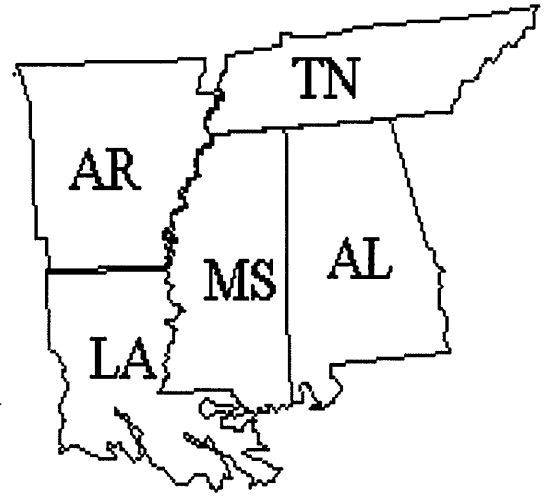


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Notice to the Area Port of New Orleans Trade Community

Date: November 6, 2015

No.: 15-016

SUBJECT: Notice of Increase for Agriculture Reimbursable Overtime

The purpose of this Trade Notice is to inform the trade community of the implementation of a fee increase for reimbursable overtime services performed by CBP Agriculture Specialists to expedite the movement of agriculture commodities at ports of entry. Agriculture reimbursable overtime is authorized at ports of entry when specifically requested by entities, importers, and brokers requiring the services for the inspections, supervised performance of prescribed remedial actions, and/or safeguarding of agriculture commodities being imported into the U.S.

CBP has been authorized to charge for full cost recovery for services as per final rule published October 2, 2015 in the Federal Register Volume 80, Number 191 (Docket No. APHIS-2009-0047) – Fee Increases for Overtime Services. Effective November 2, 2015, and until further notice, billing associated with reimbursable overtime services will be calculated by the Office of Administration, Financial Operations, Debt Management Branch based on the amount paid to the CBP Agriculture Specialist for performing the service(s), and not at the previous proscribed rates.

Any requests for agriculture reimbursable overtime should continue being made in accordance with established port policies. CBP will require reimbursable overtime payment in accordance with existing regulations. Any billing questions should be forwarded to the following mailbox - reimbsvcs@cbp.dhs.gov or at the reimbursable helpline at (317) 614-4520.

For questions regarding agriculture reimbursable overtime related to this trade notice and/or to address any CBP service related issue, please contact Mr. Dean Duval, Agriculture Program Trade Liaison- Senior Program Manager at (202)344-1319 or email at dean.duval@cbp.dhs.gov or Tara M. Ross, Office of Field Operations- Supervisory Mission Support Specialist at (202) 344-1031 or email at tara.ross@cbp.dhs.gov.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "V. T. Foret", written in a cursive style.

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