

# Southern Currents



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

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Date January 2, 2019

No.: 19-010

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**SUBJECT: Extended Blanket Delay in Departure Due to Daily LMR Closures – Fog and Revetment Operations**

**Blanket Delay in Departure:**

The CBP Area Port Director has **extended** a blanket **Delay in Departure** for those vessels unable to depart the lower Mississippi River because of daily U.S. Coast Guard River Closures due to fog and ongoing U.S. Army Corps of Engineers revetment operations at Mile Markers 80 – 83.

- Closed 9:15 PM, 29 Dec 2018 - Re-opened 2:37 PM, 30 Dec 2018.
- Closed 3:13 PM, 30 Dec 2018 - Re-opened 5:07 AM, 31 Dec 2018.
- Closed 12:30 AM, 01 Jan 2019 - Re-opened 6:36 AM, 01 Jan 2018.
- Closed 01:30 AM, 02 Jan 2019 – Remains Closed

This blanket Delay in Departure grants **an additional 48 hours** for vessels to depart port **after 11:59 PM on Wednesday January 2, 2019.**

**All vessels currently held in port due to river closures have until Friday January 4, 2019 at 11:59 PM to depart without having to surrender and cancel previously granted clearances.**

There is no requirement to have a Vessel Entrance and Clearance Specialist (VECS) stamp/annotate a vessel's clearance "Delay in Departure" when a blanket Delay in Departure is authorized.

A delay in departure **does not provide** additional time for filing complete outbound manifests and export declarations.

Direct questions about this trade notice to Acting Area Port Director Mark Choina at (504) 670-2287 or via e-mail at [mark.s.choina@cbp.dhs.gov](mailto:mark.s.choina@cbp.dhs.gov).

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Date: October 30, 2014

No.: 14-020

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**SUBJECT: New Orleans Tri-Port Vessel Entrance and Clearance Timelines**

**Vessel Formal Entry:**

Reference: (19 CFR 4.3(a)).

Within **48 hours** after the arrival at any port or place in the New Orleans Tri-Port, vessels are required to make formal entry at the New Orleans, Gramercy, or Baton Rouge Marine Divisions

- *Saturdays, Sundays and holidays do not count when calculating the 48 hours for vessel entry.*

**Vessel Departures from the Tri-Port / Delay in Departure:**

Reference: (19 CFR 4.60d)

Vessels have 48 hours to depart the Tri-Port after clearance is granted at the New Orleans, Gramercy, or Baton Rouge Marine Divisions.

In the event that a vessel departure is delayed beyond 48 hours after clearance, the delay shall be reported (via telephone and fax) to the Marine Division which granted clearance. A **delay departure** may be granted by annotating the CBP clearance. A delay in departure will allow an additional 24 hours for the vessel to depart the New Orleans Tri-Port.

There may be times when a **blanket delay in departure** would be granted to all vessels due to port issues (port closures, weather conditions, etc...)

In the event that a vessel departure is delayed beyond 72 hours the vessel should notify the Marine Division which granted clearance to cancel and surrender the original clearance.

- *Saturdays, Sundays and holidays count when calculating the 48 or 72 hours for vessel departures.*
- *If the Gramercy or Baton Rouge Marine Division is closed, coordinate the delay in departure with the New Orleans Marine Division.*

**Filing Complete Outbound Manifests and Export Declarations:**

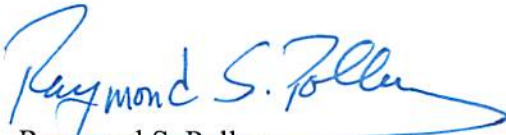
Reference: (19 CFR 4.75b)

Vessel Masters/Agents shall file complete outbound manifests and export declarations either electronically or **to the Marine Division which granted clearance** not later than the fourth (4<sup>th</sup>) business day after clearance is granted.

The timeframe to calculate the four (4) business days to file complete outbound manifests and export declarations begins on the first day after clearance is granted.

- *Saturdays, Sundays and holidays do not count when calculating the four (4) business days to file complete outbound manifests and export declarations.*

Please direct questions or issues to Supervisor George Rizk at (504) 623-6684.



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