

Southern Currents



Notice to the Area Port of New Orleans Trade Community

Date June 6, 2020

No.: 20-032

SUBJECT: Blanket Delay in Departure - Tropical Depression Cristobal

In preparation for Tropical Depression/Storm Cristobal, a blanket delay in departure is approved for the New Orleans Tri-Port (New Orleans, Gramercy and Baton Rouge) **until the Lower Mississippi River [LMR] is opened** by the River Pilots and the USCG Captain of the Port.

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. *Reference Southern Currents 19-028 July 10, 2019.*

As a reminder, Saturdays, Sundays and holidays **do not count** when calculating timeframes for:

- Vessel formal entrance after arrival [48 hours] (19 CFR 4.3a);
- Filing complete manifests and export declarations [4 days] (19CFR 4.75b).

Any **emergent** marine division issues this weekend, or questions about this trade notice, should be relayed to Assistant Port Director Mark Choina via email at mark.s.choina@cbp.dhs.gov.

Mark S. Choina
Assistant Port Director
New Orleans, Louisiana