

Southern Currents



Notice to the Area Port of New Orleans Trade Community

Date: February 15, 2021

No.: 21-029

SUBJECT: Marine Division Physical Closure and Blanket Delay in Departure – Weather Conditions

Marine Division Physical Closure: Due to meteorologist predictions for freezing rain, sleet and ice on roadways in the metropolitan area, the Marine Division at the New Orleans Customhouse will physically close at 2:00 PM on Monday 02.15.21 for walk-in transactions. The Customhouse, Gramercy and Baton Rouge Marine Divisions will remain closed until roadway conditions improve on Tuesday 02.16.21. *Virtual transactions (email entrances and clearances, lade orders, etc.) may continue to be submitted.*

As a reminder, while the Marine Division is **closed**, **hours/days 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).

Blanket Delay in Departure: Since MS River Pilots will cease vessel movements along the Lower Mississippi River (LMR) at noon today, 02.15.21, a **blanket delay in departure** is in effect.

When the MS River Pilots lift vessel movement restrictions on the Mississippi River, the Blanket Delay in Departure will be lifted. A Trade Notice will be disseminated.

Any **emergent** marine division issues or questions about this trade notice should be relayed to Denise Emmer, Chief of Trade, via email at denise.emmer@cbp.dhs.gov.

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