

Southern Currents



Notice to the Area Port of New Orleans Trade Community

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SUBJECT: Monetary Guidelines for Customs Bonds Activity Codes 3, 3A, and APIS Compliance

- *This notice reiterates Southern Currents 06-019 and 09-017.*

OVERVIEW

This notice is to provide trade entities with monetary guidelines for International Carrier Bonds (Activity Code 3 - Continuous and Single Entry), Advance Passenger Information System [APIS] Compliance, and Instruments of International Traffic (Code 3A) throughout the Area Port of New Orleans.

International Carrier Bonds- Code 3

Pursuant to 19 CFR §113.64

When the bond is to secure activities related to the entry or clearance of vessels, vehicles, or aircraft which arrive directly or indirectly from any place outside the Customs territory of the United States, the bond limit of liability amount will be fixed in an amount the Port Director may deem necessary to accomplish the purpose for which the bond is given.

The Port Director has determined that the minimum amount for these bonds is **\$100,000.00**. However, the Port Director may increase the bond amount up to **\$250,000.00** based on previous carrier violations or enforcement concerns.

Advance Passenger Information System [APIS]

Pursuant to 19 CFR §4.7b & §4.64

The minimum bond amount for CBP **Advance Passenger Information System [APIS]** compliance is **\$50,000.00**. Vessel agents may indicate the name and bond information of the operator responsible for transmitting APIS by providing the following statement at the bottom of the (CBP) Form 3171 (*Application-Permit-Special License Unlading-Lading-Overtime Services*): “**For APIS Compliance (Name) (Bond Number).**” *This bond designation is ONLY for APIS compliance.*

Control of Containers and Instruments of International Traffic – Code 3A

Pursuant to 19 CFR §113.66

When the bond is for the control of instruments of international traffic the bond limit of liability amount will be fixed in an amount the Port Director may deem necessary to accomplish the purpose for which the bond is given. The Port Director has determined that the minimum amount for these bonds is **\$20,000.00**.

Questions regarding this notice should be directed to Customs and Border Protection Assistant Port Director Mark Choina at (504) 670-2287 or mark.s.choina@cbp.dhs.gov.

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