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§ 144.0 Scope.

This part contains regulations pertaining to the entry and withdrawal of merchandise under the provisions of section 557, Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (19 U.S.C. 1557), which among other things provides that articles subject to duty may be entered for warehousing and deposited in a bonded warehouse at the expense and risk of the owner, importer, or consignee, and withdrawn from warehouse for consumption upon payment of duties and charges. The requirements and procedures set forth in this part are in addition to the general requirements and procedures for all entries set forth in part 141 of this chapter. Regulations pertaining to manipulation in warehouse, manufacturing warehouses, and smelting and refining warehouses are set forth in part 19 of this chapter.

§ 144.1 Merchandise eligible for warehousing.

(a) Types of merchandise. Any merchandise subject to duty may be entered for warehousing except for perishable merchandise and explosive substances (other than firecrackers). Dangerous and highly flammable merchandise, though not classified as explosive, shall not be entered for warehouse without the written consent of the insurance company insuring the warehouse in which the merchandise is to be stored.

(b) [Reserved]

(c) Merchandise previously entered. If merchandise has been entered under other than a warehouse entry and has remained in continuous Customs custody, a warehouse entry may be substituted for the previous entry. If estimated duties were deposited with the superseded previous entry, that entry shall be liquidated for refund of the estimated duties without awaiting liquidation of the warehouse entry. All copies of the warehouse entry shall bear the following notation: This entry is in substitution of _______; entry No.
§ 144.2 Liability of importers and sureties.

The importer of merchandise entered for warehouse is liable for the payment of all unpaid duties not only as principal on the bond filed on Customs Form 301, containing the bond conditions set forth in §113.62 of this chapter, but also by reason of his personal liability as consignee. Under the conditions of the bond, the sureties on the bond shall be held liable for the payment of duties and Customs charges not paid by the principal on the bond, whether such duties and charges are finally ascertained before the merchandise is withdrawn from Customs custody or thereafter. Liability may be transferred in part along with the right to withdraw the merchandise, in accordance with Subpart C of this part.


§ 144.3 Allowance for damage.

No abatement or allowance of duties shall be made on account of damage, loss, or deterioration of the merchandise while in warehouse, except as provided for by law (see part 158 of this chapter).

§ 144.4 Allowance for abandoned, destroyed, or exported merchandise.

Allowance in duties shall be made for merchandise in warehouse which is abandoned or destroyed in accordance with §158.43 of this chapter or exported in accordance with §144.37.

§ 144.5 Period of warehousing.

Merchandise must not remain in a bonded warehouse beyond 5 years from the date of importation or such longer period of time as the port director may at his discretion permit upon proper request being filed and good cause shown.


§ 144.6 [Reserved]

§ 144.7 Disposition of merchandise after expiration of warehousing period.

Merchandise remaining in a bonded warehouse after the expiration of the warehousing period shall be disposed of in accordance with §127.14 of this chapter.

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Subpart B—Requirements and Procedures for Warehouse Entry

§ 144.11 Form of entry.

(a) Entry. The documentation required by §142.3 of this chapter shall be filed at the time of entry. If the entry summary, Customs Form 7501, is filed at the time of entry for merchandise to be entered for warehouse, it shall serve as both the entry and the entry summary, and Customs Form 3461 or 7533 shall not be required. If the entry summary is not filed at the time of entry, it shall be filed within the time limit prescribed by §142.12 of this chapter. If merchandise is released before the filing of the entry summary, the importer shall have a bond on file, as prescribed by §142.4 of this chapter.

(b) Customs Form 7501. The entry summary for merchandise entered for warehouse shall be executed in triplicate on Customs Form 7501, appropriately modified, and shall include all of the statistical information required by §141.61(e) of this chapter. The port director may require an extra copy or copies of Customs Form 7501, annotated "PERMIT" for use in connection with delivery of the merchandise to the bonded warehouse.

(c) Designation of warehouse. The importer shall designate on the entry summary, Customs Form 7501, the bonded warehouse in which he desires his merchandise deposited.

(d) Specification list. When packages which are not uniform in contents, quantities, values, or rates of duties are grouped together as one item on an entry summary, a specification list (original only) shall be furnished with the entry summary, showing separately opposite the marks or numbers of each package, the quantity of each