§ 41.85 Release from customs custody of imported tobacco articles.

(a) The provisions of this section apply only to tobacco products, cigarette papers, and cigarettes tubes, which are not put up in packages, i.e., not placed by the manufacturer or importer in packages in which the products will be sold to consumers. Tobacco products manufactured in a foreign country, the Virgin Islands, or a possession of the United States may be released by the Port Director of Customs or authorized customs officer from customs custody, without payment of internal revenue tax, for transfer to the factory of any manufacturer of tobacco products under the internal revenue bond of the manufacturer to whom such articles are released. Cigarette papers and tubes manufactured in a foreign country, the Virgin Islands, or a possession of the United States may be released by the Port Director of Customs or authorized customs officer from customs custody, without payment of internal revenue tax, for transfer to the factory of any manufacturer of tobacco products under the internal revenue bond of the manufacturer to whom such articles are released.

(b) Articles received into the factory of a manufacturer under the provision of this section are subject to the provisions of part 40 of this chapter.

§ 41.85a Release from customs custody of returned articles.

(a) Domestically produced tobacco products (classifiable under item 9801.00.80 of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States, 19 U.S.C. 1202) exported from and returned to the United States without change to the product or the shipping container may be released, under the bond of the
§ 41.86 Procedure for release.

(a) Every manufacturer of tobacco products and cigarette papers and tubes and every export warehouse proprietor who desires to obtain the release of tobacco products and cigarette papers and tubes from customs custody, without payment of internal revenue tax, under its internal revenue bond, must prepare a notice of release, Form 5200.11, in triplicate, and file the three copies of the form with the appropriate TTB officer. The appropriate TTB officer will not certify Form 5200.11 covering the release of tobacco products and cigarette papers and tubes unless the manufacturer is authorized, under part 40 of this chapter, to receive, without payment of tax, the kinds of articles set forth in the form.

(b) Importers who are either manufacturers of tobacco products and cigarette papers and tubes or export warehouse proprietors, or their authorized agents, who request the release of tobacco products or cigarette papers and tubes from customs custody in the United States under this section, using customs electronic filing procedures, must not request such release until they have received the TTB Form 5200.11 certified by the appropriate TTB officer. Once Customs releases the tobacco products or cigarette papers and tubes in accordance with 19 CFR Part 143, Customs Directives, and any other applicable instructions, the importer will send a copy of the TTB Form 5200.11 along with a copy of the electronic filing and customs release to the appropriate TTB officer at the address shown thereon. The importer will retain one copy of the TTB Form 5200.11 to meet TTB recordkeeping requirements and one copy to meet customs recordkeeping requirements.

(c) Importers or their authorized agents requesting release of tobacco products or cigarette papers and tubes from customs custody in the United States under any other authorized procedure will submit all copies of the TTB Form 5200.11 to the appropriate customs officer along with their request for release. The customs officer will verify that the TTB Form 5200.11 has been certified by the appropriate TTB officer and return all copies to the importer or the importer’s authorized representative.

(d) Once Customs releases the tobacco products or cigarette papers and tubes in accordance with 19 CFR Part 143, Customs Directives, and any other applicable instructions, the importer will send a copy of the TTB Form 5200.11 along with a copy of the customs release to the appropriate TTB office at the address shown thereon. The importer will retain one copy of the TTB Form 5200.11 to meet TTB recordkeeping requirements and one copy