APPLIES TO THE PORT(S) OF: San Juan Area Port
ORIGINATING OFFICE: San Juan Area Port

U.S. Customs and Border Protection
Trade Information Notice

NUMBER: 2020-
DATE: March 24, 2020

SUBJECT: Request for extension to submit payment of duties, taxes and fees due to the Novel Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19) emergency

DISTRIBUTION: Customs Brokers and Others Concerned

PURPOSE:
To inform all brokers, filers and importers that due to the COVID 19 emergency, Customs and Border Protection (CBP) will be evaluating written request for extension of the required timeframes already established by the agency for payment of duty, taxes and fees on a case-by-case basis.

ACTION:
The San Juan Area Port hereby notifies our stakeholder that in accordance to CSMS #42097586, the Agency will consider the approval of written request for additional days to submit payment of duties taxes and fee due to the current health and safety emergency caused by COVID-19.

In addition, CBP has confirmed that the March 20, 2020 debit authorizations for the Periodic Monthly Statements and the Daily Statements, have been successfully transmitted to the Department of Treasury.

Please work directly with your financial institution if you wish to prevent these funds from being withdrawn. These particular requests should be directed to the Office of Trade, Trade Policy and Programs at OTradeSummary@cbp.dhs.gov.

Be further advised that failure to submit a written request for payment extension, ten (10) days period for cargo released under the Immediate Delivery provision or for the immediate payment requirement for Live entry summaries, will result in the assessment of liquidated damages due to no-file or late file of entry summary/statement. Filers and brokers must ensure they obtain written approval and from this office prior the payment due date.

Questions arising from this Notice should be address to Entry Branch Chief Sheila Maldonado at (787) 729-6998.

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