



DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY
U.S. CUSTOMS AND BORDER PROTECTION
LAREDO, TEXAS

PORT OF LAREDO TRADE NOTICE

DATE: June 10, 2024

FILE: LRN-TN-24-001

TO : International Carriers, Drayage Carriers, Freight Forwarders, Customs Brokers
and Other Interested Parties

SUBJECT : 19 U.S.C. § 1584: Falsity, or lack of Manifest; Penalties

U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) at the Port of Laredo is advising the trade community that starting July 01, 2024, CBP will apply the stipulations of 19 U.S.C. § 1584 for falsity, or lack of manifest. Pre-penalty notices and actual penalties will be assessed to the responsible party in accordance with the above-mentioned law. CBP is advising and reminding the trade community that data transmitted to CBP, as well as physical merchandise arriving at the primary booths to enter the commerce of the U.S., need to be verified for accuracy and completeness as well as reconciled to its appropriate manifest.

BACKGROUND:

Manifest Discrepancies such as omitted entries and missing entries have been handled through the assessment of penalties based on statutory provisions provided by 19 U.S.C. § 1436 for violation of 19 U.S.C. § 1433. These penalties are customarily issued to the master or person in charge of the conveyance, and in care of the Carrier company that hired that driver.

PROCEDURES:

To provide precise application of the law, **effective July 01, 2024, CBP will apply the stipulations of 19 U.S.C. § 1584 against the responsible party for the Manifest Discrepancy violations in accordance with the provisions of this law.** The last party in possession of the trailer/merchandise with the ability to verify its contents and reconcile against trade-related border crossing documents will be legally responsible for what is presented to CBP. CBP will assess pre-penalty notices and/or penalties as well as liquidated damages in accordance with applicable laws and regulations.

If there is any question, please contact CBP Trade Managers at (956) 794-9325 or (956)794-9341 at the World Trade Bridge.

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