

the affected entry numbers if the GSP is renewed with retroactive effect.

While reprogramming is strictly voluntary, continued use of the SPI "A" has some benefits: one already mentioned is that the filer will not have to request a refund of deposited duties in writing should the GSP be renewed with retroactive effect; another is that ACS will perform its usual edits on the information transmitted by the filer, thereby ensuring that GSP claims are for acceptable country/tariff combinations and eliminating the need for statistical corrections.

Importers may not use the SPI "A" if they intend to later claim drawback, because claiming both the refund of duties deposited and drawback would be to request a refund in excess of duties actually deposited. Importers who are unsure as to whether they will claim drawback are advised not to use the SPI "A". If the GSP is renewed with retroactive effect, and the importer has not claimed drawback or enabled another person to claim drawback, then the importer may request a refund of duties deposited by writing to the port director at the port of entry. Also, importers may not use the SPI "A" if they have made an alternative duty-free treatment claim to GSP (for example, the Andean Trade Preference Act or the Caribbean Basin Economic Recovery Act).

Refunds

1. Automatic

If an ABI entry summary was filed with the SPI "A", should the GSP be renewed with retroactive effect, then Customs will liquidate or reliquidate all affected ABI entry summaries with a refund for the GSP line items with no further action needed to be taken by the filer to request a refund.

2. Need for written request

If an ABI entry summary was filed without the SPI "A", then the request for a refund must be in writing. Further, all non-ABI filers must request refunds in writing. Instructions on how to request a refund in writing will be

issued if the GSP is renewed with retroactive effect.

Informal Entries

Refunds on informal entries filed through the ABI with the SPI "A" designation will be processed in accordance with the automatic refund procedure outlined above.

Baggage declarations and non-ABI informals

When merchandise is presented for clearance, travelers and importers will be advised verbally that they may be eligible for a refund of GSP duties. Travelers/importers desiring such refund should request the Customs Officer to annotate the receipt of payment to indicate that the merchandise would be eligible for GSP duty-free treatment. Then, should the GSP be renewed with retroactive effect, the traveler/importer must request the GSP duty refund in a letter that includes the copy of the receipt of payment and submit the request to the appropriate Customs port of entry.

Mail entries

Should the GSP be renewed with retroactive effect, those addressees who received GSP eligible merchandise (identified on the CF 3419A, (Mail Entry)) may be eligible for a refund of GSP duties and should submit a separate written claim for a refund. The request for the refund and a copy of the CF 3419A should be submitted to the appropriate International Mail Branch identified at the bottom right-hand corner of the CF 3419A. (The copy of the CF 3419A must be included with the request, as the information contained on the form will be the only record of the GSP merchandise entered and whether the duties and fees were paid).

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Fiscal Service

Surety Companies Acceptable on Federal Bonds: Correction—International Fidelity Insurance Company

AGENCY: Financial Management Service, Fiscal Service, Department of the Treasury.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This is Supplement No. 3 to the Treasury Department Circular 570; 2001 Revision, published July 2, 2001, at 66 FR 35024.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Surety Bond Branch at (202) 874-6765.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The underwriting limitation for International Fidelity Insurance Company, which was last listed in Treasury Department Circular 570, July 2, 2001 revision at 66 FR 35044 as \$3,402,000, is hereby corrected to read \$3,600,000, effective today.

Federal bond-approving officers should annotate their reference copies of the Treasury Circular 570, 2001 Revision, at page 35044 to reflect this change. The Circular may be viewed and downloaded through the Internet at <http://www.fms.treas.gov/c570/index.html>. A hard copy may be purchased from the Government Printing Office (GPO), Subscription Service, Washington, DC, telephone (202) 512-1800. When ordering the Circular from GPO, use the following stock number: 769-004-04067-1. Questions concerning this notice may be directed to the U.S. Department of the Treasury, Financial Management Service, Financial Accounting and Services Division, Surety Bond Branch, 3700 East-West Highway, Room 6A04, Hyattsville, MD 20782.

Dated: September 20, 2001.

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