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2009 American Fishing Fleet
Requirements for Entering and Leaving the United States

Preface: As of this date the following are the requirements for Vessels and Crew, if you have visited a foreign country or picking up crew members at sea. Gallagher Transport is available to assist you with these requirements.

Requirement #1 – International Carrier’s Bond

Customs and Border Protection (CBP) requires every carrier to have an “International Carrier’s Bond.” CBP regulations require every carrier to have this bond in the amount of US\$50,000 minimum.

Please keep in mind that all vessels must be entered into the United States under an “International Carrier’s Bond” within the first 24 hours of arrival to avoid penalty. It is the vessel’s responsibility to see that this is accomplished in a timely manner.

In order to file a bond we must have a completed, signed application and a Power of Attorney these document must have original signatures. Also, we need a check for \$1,000.00. Please keep in mind that it takes a between 10 to 20 working days for this bond to be approved. Please contact us for the bond application and power of attorney forms. Please note that we are able to provide bonds only to carriers for whom we are filing the electronic manifests and/or the Customs entry for the cargo on all shipments. The premium cost for bonds is fully earned, which means no refunds will be issued once the bonds are filed with CBP.

Also please note that this bond only covers up to two vessels. If you have more than two vessels please contact us for a quote on a different size bond.

Requirement #2 - Electronic Crew & Passenger Manifest (Arrival)

All vessels arriving directly from a foreign port or from a foreign port via the fishing grounds must transmit arriving crew and passenger information no later than 24 hours (and up to 96 hours) prior to arrival.

For vessels, this can be accomplished via the US Coast Guard Notice of Arrival/Departure (NOA/D) However, in order to comply with this new CBP rule, the NOA/D must be done either via the NVMC website (www.nvmc.uscg.gov) or via email using a Microsoft INFOPATH template.

Requirement #3 – Electronic Crew & Passenger Manifest (Departure)

All vessels departing directly to a foreign port or to a foreign port via the fishing ground must transmit crew and passenger information no later than 60 minutes prior to the vessel’s departure.

For vessels, this can be accomplished via the US Coast Guard Notice of Arrival/Departure (NOA/D) However, in order to comply with this new CBP rule, the NOA/D must be done either via the NVMC website (www.nvmc.uscg.gov) or via email using a Microsoft INFOPATH template.

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Requirement #4 – Prior to Vessel arrival

The vessel must submit a permit to Customs and Border Protection (CBP) via form CBP3171, Advance Notice of Arrival and Immigration form I-418. Acceptance of the CBP3171 form by CBP provides an advance notice of arrival obligates a carrier's international carrier bond and authorizes unloading of cargo. These forms should be submitted prior to arrival to the CBP office at your intended port arrival as soon as possible. These forms can only be prepared by the vessel's owner or persons having a Power of Attorney.

Requirement #5 – Entrance (vessel arrival)

Within 48 hours after arrival, you must enter your vessel with the CBP office at your port of arrival. The forms required for entrance are CBP1300, CBP1303, CBP1304 and CBP226.

Requirement #6 – Clearance (vessel departure)

CBP regulations require you to obtain a "clearance" from Customs prior to departure if you are going to a foreign country. Form CBP3171, CBP1300 and I-418 is used to clear your vessel from the port.

In Conclusion

*Vessels arriving in distress or for the limited purpose of taking on bunker coal, bunker oil, sea stores, or ship's store and that **DEPART WITHIN 24 HOURS** after arrival without having landed or taken on board any passengers/crew, or any merchandise other than bunker coal, bunker oil, sea stores or ship's stores must **immediately report their arrival**, but are exempt from the all of the above requirements.*

All of these rules represent a significant amount of planning and effort on everyone's part. Our purpose at this time is to advise you of the rules, so that you can be prepared to meet these requirements.

Our company is ready to assist you with any need you have in connection with your arrival in the U.S. with your vessel and crew: CPB advance notification, customs bonds and electronic Crew & Passenger Manifest. We will be happy to assist you with whatever you may need.

PLEASE NOTE: Vessels going in and out of Hawaii. We can only file your electronic Crew and Passenger Manifest. All CBP documentation must be file by someone in Hawaii, per CBP in Hawaii.

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions at the following number.

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Thank you,

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