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2011 Canadian Fishing Vessels

Requirements for Entering and Leaving the United States

Preface: As of this date the following are the requirements for Canadian Fishing Vessels, crew and their cargo entering and leaving the United States. Gallagher Transport is available to assist you with these requirements.

Requirement #1 –Customs 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 U.S. funds. Please keep in mind that it takes a between 10 to 20 working days for this bond to be approved. 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.

Bonds must be in the name of the owner listed on the vessel documentation. If your name on your bond and vessel documentation is different please contact us at once.

Requirement #2 – SCAC Code

Each carrier using its own bond must obtain a “Standard Carrier Alpha Code (SCAC Code)” which is the means by which you will be identified. This is not required for every vessel but for every company. **This code must be renewed annually by June 30th**. You may apply for a new SCAC Code or renew your SCAC Code via email, mail or fax. The SCAC application fee is \$70.00 (\$78.00 if payment is made by check in U.S. dollars payable through a Canadian bank). Applications maybe submitted online at <https://secure.nmfta.org/> at a reduced fee of \$62.00 you must have a credit card and email address.

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Once you receive your SCAC code, please send a copy to us so we can activate both it and your Bond in the CBP Automated Manifest System (AMS). This must be done prior to arrival in a United States port.

Requirement #3 – 24 Hour Advance Cargo Manifest Requirement

The Customs & Border Protection (CBP) requires that all vessel manifests be filed electronically. CBP Regulations require all vessels to transmit their electronic manifests 24 hours prior to loading. Because this is not feasible for fishing vessels, we asked CBP to come up with some procedures that will be workable for the Canadian fishing vessels. As soon as you are within communication range, notify us so we can file the 24 hour Manifest with CBP.

Note: A Cargo Manifest is required, even if the cargo will remain on board the vessel.

Requirement #4 – NOA/D 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.

Requirement #5 – NOA/D 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.

Requirement #6 – Food and Drug Administration - Prior Notice *Major Change*****

The "Anti-bioterrorism" regulations require that shipments of food products imported via vessel must be reported to the FDA at least 8 hours prior to arrival of that food product into the United States. You must know who the buyer is going to be prior to arrival.

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Requirement #7 – Prior to Vessel arrival

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

Requirement #8 – 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, 1303 and 1304.

Requirement #9 – Clearance (vessel departure)

Customs and Border Protection Regulations require you to obtain a "clearance" from CBP prior to departure. Form CBP 1300 and I-418 is used to clear your vessel from the port.

Requirement #10 – Customs and Border Protection Entry for Cargo/Food and Drug Entry

Every shipment must be released by both Customs and Border Protection (CBP) and the Food & Drug Administration (FDA) before it can be moved from the dock. We work with the processing company in this process.

Requirement #11 – Passport *****A MUST*****

Everyone needs a valid passport to enter the United States, with some exceptions for specialized travel documents. Also you must provide a readable copy of the passports to Gallagher Transport Int'l Inc, so we can transmit and prepare documentation for you.

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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 except 4 & 5.* **You must notify CBP of your arrival and departure.**

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 tuna catch: Customs and Border Protection advance notification, electronic AMS filing, FDA prior notice, International Carriers bonds, SCAC code application or electronic Crew & Passenger Manifest. We will be happy to assist you with whatever you may need.

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

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