

the articles manufactured or produced, or have obtained a specific manufacturing drawback ruling (see §191.8), as appropriate.

(d) *Certificate; Drawback entry; Certificate of manufacture and delivery*—(1) *Contents of certificate; when filing not required.* Principals and agents operating under this section are not required to file a certificate of delivery (for the merchandise transferred from the principal to the agent) or a certificate of manufacture and delivery (for the articles transferred from the agent to the principal). The principal for whom processing is conducted under this section shall file, with any drawback claim or certificate of manufacture and delivery based on an article manufactured or produced under the principal-agent procedures in this section, a certificate, subject to the recordkeeping requirements of §§191.15 of this subpart and 191.26 of this part, certifying that upon request by Customs it can establish the following:

- (i) Quantity, kind and quality of merchandise transferred from the principal to the agent;
- (ii) Date of transfer of the merchandise from the principal to the agent;
- (iii) Date of manufacturing or production operations performed by the agent;
- (iv) Total quantity and description of merchandise appearing in or used in manufacturing or production operations performed by the agent;
- (v) Total quantity and description of articles produced in manufacturing or production operations performed by the agent;
- (vi) Quantity, kind and quality of articles transferred from the agent to the principal; and
- (vii) Date of transfer of the articles from the agent to the principal.

(2) *Blanket certificate.* The certificate required under paragraph (d)(1) of this section may be a blanket certificate for a particular kind and quality of merchandise for a stated period.

§ 191.10 Certificate of delivery.

(a) *Purpose; when required.* A party who: imports and pays duty on imported merchandise; receives imported merchandise; in the case of 19 U.S.C. 1313(j)(2), receives imported merchan-

dise, commercially interchangeable merchandise, or any combination of imported and commercially interchangeable merchandise; or receives an article manufactured or produced under 19 U.S.C. 1313(a) and/or (b): may transfer such merchandise or manufactured article to another party. The party shall record this transfer by preparing and issuing in favor of such other party a certificate of delivery, certified by the importer or other party through whose possession the merchandise or manufactured article passed (see paragraph (c) of this section). A certificate of delivery issued with respect to the delivered merchandise or article:

- (1) Documents the transfer of that merchandise or article;
- (2) Identifies such merchandise or article as being that to which a potential right to drawback exists; and
- (3) Assigns such right to the transferee (see §191.82 of this part).

(b) *Required information.* The certificate of delivery must include the following information:

- (1) The party to whom the merchandise or articles are delivered;
- (2) Date of delivery;
- (3) Import entry number;
- (4) Quantity delivered;
- (5) Total duty paid on, or attributable to, the delivered merchandise;
- (6) Date certificate was issued;
- (7) Date of importation;
- (8) Port where import entry filed;
- (9) Person from whom received;
- (10) Description of the merchandise delivered;

(11) The HTSUS number with a minimum of 6 digits, for the designated imported merchandise (such HTSUS number shall be from the entry summary and other entry documentation for the merchandise unless the issuer of the certificate of delivery received the merchandise under another certificate of delivery, or a certificate of manufacture and delivery, in which case such HTSUS number shall be from the other certificate); and

(12) If the merchandise transferred is substituted for the designated imported merchandise under 19 U.S.C. 1313(j)(2), the HTSUS or Schedule B commodity number, with a minimum of 6 digits.

(c) *Intermediate transfer*—(1) *Imported merchandise*. If the imported merchandise was not delivered directly from the importer to the manufacturer, or from the importer to the exporter (or destroyer), each intermediate transfer of the imported merchandise shall be documented by means of a certificate of delivery issued in favor of the receiving party, and certified by the person through whose possession the merchandise passed.

(2) *Manufactured article*. If the article manufactured or produced under 19 U.S.C. 1313 (a) or (b) is not delivered directly from the manufacturer to the exporter (or destroyer), each transfer after the transfer from the manufacturer (which shall be documented by means of a certificate of manufacture and delivery) shall be documented by means of a certificate of delivery, issued in favor of the receiving party, and certified by the person through whose possession the article passed.

(d) *Retention period; supporting records*. Records supporting the information required on the certificate(s) of delivery, as listed in paragraph (b) of this section, must be retained by the issuing party for 3 years from the date of payment of the related claim or longer period if required by law (see 19 U.S.C. 1508(c)(3)).

(e) *Retention; submission to Customs*. The certificate of delivery shall be retained by the party to whom the merchandise or article covered by the certificate was delivered. Customs may request the certificate from the claimant for the drawback claim based upon the certificate (see §§ 191.51, 191.52). If the certificate is requested by Customs, but is not provided by the claimant, the part of the drawback claim dependent on that certificate will be denied.

(f) *Warehouse transfer and withdrawals*. The person in whose name merchandise is withdrawn from a bonded warehouse shall be considered the importer for drawback purposes. No certificate of delivery is required covering prior transfers of merchandise while in a bonded warehouse.

§ 191.11 Tradeoff.

(a) *Exchanged merchandise*. To comply with §§ 191.21 and 191.22 of this part, the use of domestic merchandise taken in

exchange for imported merchandise of the same kind and quality (as defined in § 191.2(x)(1) of this part for purposes of 19 U.S.C. 1313(b)) shall be treated as use of the imported merchandise if no certificate of delivery is issued covering the transfer of the imported merchandise. This provision shall be known as tradeoff and is authorized by § 313(k) of the Act, as amended (19 U.S.C. 1313(k)).

(b) *Requirements*. Tradeoff must occur between two separate legal entities but it is not necessary that the entity exchanging the imported merchandise be the importer thereof. In addition, tradeoff must consist of an exchange of same kind and quality merchandise and nothing else (the exchange may be of different quantities of same kind and quality merchandise, but may not involve the payment or receipt of cash payments or other than same kind and quality merchandise). If the quantities of merchandise exchanged are different, the lesser quantity shall be the quantity available for drawback. If the quantity of domestic merchandise received is greater than the quantity of imported merchandise exchanged, the merchandise identified for drawback shall be the portion of the domestic merchandise equal to the quantity of imported merchandise which is first received.

(c) *Application*. Each would-be user of tradeoff, except those operating under an approved specific manufacturing drawback ruling covering substitution, must apply to the Duty and Refund Determination Branch, Office of Regulations and Rulings, Customs Headquarters, for a determination of whether the imported and domestic merchandise are of the same kind and quality. For those users manufacturing under substitution drawback, this request should be contained in the application for a specific manufacturing drawback ruling (§ 191.8). For those users manufacturing under a general manufacturing drawback ruling (§ 191.7), the request should be made by a separate letter.

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