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## CUSTOMS MEMORANDUM ORDER (CMO)

No. 30-2020

**SUBJECT: GUIDELINES FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE GENERAL TRANSPORT BOND THRU THE AUTOMATED BONDS MANAGEMENT SYSTEM (ABMS)**

### Section 1. Objectives.

- 1.1. To implement the Automated Bonds Management System (ABMS) for General Transport Surety Bonds (GTSB) in all Customs Ports.
- 1.2. To provide detailed instruction to declarants, brokers, importers, accredited Value-Added Service Providers (VASPs), surety companies and BOC personnel on the Customs processes to be observed under the ABMS for GTSB.

**Section 2. Scope.** This Order shall apply to all Transit Bond Accounts opened under the E2M Customs System in all Collection Districts, including sub-ports and other BOC offices.

**Section 3. Automated Bonds Management System (ABMS).** An Automated Bonds Management System (ABMS) is a bureau-wide system for processing bond transactions established pursuant to CMO No. 14-2012. It monitors and ages bond balances and flags those that have matured.

To fully implement the ABMS the following guidelines shall be complied with:

- 3.1. All Surety Companies must be registered in the Client Profile Registration System (CPRS) of the Electronic to Mobile (E2M) Customs System. Pursuant to CMO No. 13-2018, the responsibility for the activation of the E2M-CPRS registration shall be done by the Collection Service under the Revenue Collection Monitoring Group.
- 3.2. Transit bond policies filed shall be approved at the Bonds Division of the port.
- 3.3. Approved bond policies filed on the current year at the port of discharge will expire on the 31st day of January of the following year.

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- 3.4. Surety companies shall apply for GTSB in the port where the goods are discharged and shall only be used at the port it was applied for. When creating a bond account with the VASP, the port must be explicitly specified. A bond policy number cannot be used if it already exists in the system.
- 3.5. Approved Transit bond policy can be applied to multiple electronically lodged goods declaration of the Importer as long as the policy bond has sufficient funds or available amount.
- 3.6. Only the approved bond policy can be used on the Terms of Payment (TOP) upon filing of the Transit Single Administrative Document (TSAD) in the E2M system and Bond Credit as payment instrument (payment code 52) shall be used. Upon registration of the TSAD, the ABMS shall change the status of the bond policy to CHARGED if there is available fund balance.
- 3.7. All Transit shipments transferred to Free Zones from the Port of discharge must be Tagged Arrived in the e2m Transit System by the authorized Customs Officer on the following period:
  - 3.7.1. for single containers, within twenty-four (24) hours from arrival of the shipment at the Free Zone;
  - 3.7.2. for multiple containers, within twenty-four (24) hours from arrival of the **last container** of the shipment at the Free Zone.
- 3.8. Once the TSAD is **Tagged Arrived** by the authorized Customs Officer at the port of destination, the ABMS shall automatically revert the amount charged to the original bond balance.
- 3.9. Any alarm raised in the Electronic Tracking of Containerized Cargo (e-TRACC) system must be reported accordingly pursuant to the CMO No. 04-2020.
- 3.10. The failure of the importer to cause the timely arrival of the GTSB-secured containers at the designated destination without valid reason shall be a sufficient ground for the forfeiture of the bond.

**Section 4. Effectivity.** This Order shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its complete publication in the Official Gazette or a newspaper of general circulation.

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