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SERVICE PIPELINE 2007- 08
VESSEL USER FEE CHANGES

Effective March 1, 2007, the APHIS user fee exemption for commercial vessels that have sailed exclusively between Canada and the United States for two years will be removed. Therefore, beginning March 1, 2007 no exemption from APHIS user fees will be given to vessels that have sailed exclusively between Canada and the United States for the preceding two years.

Also, effective April 1, 2007 commercial vessel inspection user fees for Customs processing will increase from \$397.00 to \$437.00 per arrival with no change in the \$5955.00 yearly maximum. The current user fee of \$100.00 charged for barges and other bulk carrier arrivals from Canada or Mexico will increase to \$110.00 with no change in the \$1500.00 maximum.

Therefore, if a vessel arrives often enough to activate the calendar yearly maximum from only ports that require the \$437.00 payment, thirteen payments (13) will be made at \$437.00 and one final payment at \$274.00 will be made to reach the cap of \$5955.00.

If a vessel barge or bulk carrier has arrived from Canada or Mexico (including coastwise arrivals where the voyages began in Canada or Mexico) throughout the calendar year, thirteen (13) payments will be made at \$110.00 and one final payment at \$70.00 will be made to reach the cap of \$1500.00.

For vessel barges and bulk carriers that have been subject to both the \$437.00 and \$110.00 throughout the year, all payments will be combined to reach the cap of either \$5955.00 or \$1500.00 depending upon the immediate circumstances of the arrival.

The authorization for the collection of vessel user fees for APHIS, Customs and Immigration processing is restricted to officers and specialists from U.S. Customs and Border Protection. Any questions regarding the above should be directed to the Vessel Entrance and Clearance Specialist, Mrs. Anna Marie McKeever, at (215) 717-5846.

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