To: Vessel Agents/Operators and Terminal Operators  
Subject: Use of Personal Protective Equipment During CBP Inspections.

This notice is to provide an update on crew processing procedures in place in the Area Port of Philadelphia during the COVID-19 public health emergency.

Effective immediately all crew members, vessel agents or other individuals interacting with CBP personnel during the inspection process must wear a mask covering their nose and mouth unless directed otherwise by a CBP Officer or Agriculture Specialist. CBP Personnel will similarly be masked during their inspections. This step will protect CBP Personnel, crew members and the Trade Community from unnecessary risk of a transmission of COVID-19.

If you have any questions regarding this memorandum, please contact Chief Sean Butler at (215) 783-7444.

Respectfully,

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