

U.S. CUSTOMS AND BORDER PROTECTION
FIELD OPERATIONS, NEW YORK
PORT OF NEW YORK/NEWARK
INFORMATIONAL PIPELINE NO. 14-028-NWK

TO: All Importers, Carriers, Terminal Operators, CES Operators, Brokers and Others Concerned

SUBJECT: 4th Quarter Ocean Container Cycle Time Metrics

DATE: OCTOBER 17, 2014

References: *New York/Newark Informational Pipeline 12-004-NWK (Final Selection of Centralized Examination Station Operators in the Port of New York/Newark- dated 12/21/11); New York/Newark Informational Pipeline 12-007-NWK (AMS transaction flow for CES transfers-dated 1/6/12); New York/Newark Informational Pipeline 12-007-NWK Amendment #1 (AMS Transaction flow for CES transfers-dated 1/20/12)*

PURPOSE:

The purpose of this pipeline is to inform the trade community of cycle time measurements at Centralized Examination Stations (CES) within the Port of New York/Newark from October 1, 2013, until present. Cycle times referenced are for U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) Anti-Terrorism Contraband Enforcement Team (A-TCET) and agriculture examinations of ocean containers.

BACKGROUND:

With the consolidation of the CES locations, CBP has been closely monitoring time-based performance levels of ocean container arrivals through final examination completions. A cycle time measurement is defined as the time period that commences with a carrier-initiated actual vessel arrival date, as transmitted via the Automated Commercial Environment (ACE), and concludes with the CBP examination release date.

EXAMINATION CYCLE TIMES FOR ALL SITES:

- Fiscal Year 2014, 4th quarter cycle times were measured from July 2014 through September 2014.
- All measurements were calculated in calendar days.
- Data was extracted directly from official CBP systems of record.
- Actual arrival dates by carriers were utilized to represent the beginning of the cycle time, with the exception of Cold Treated commodities, whereby the USDA notification of passing initiates the cycle time.
- Examination release dates by CBP were utilized to represent the end of the cycle time.
- Some vessel arrival dates occurred during weekends and holidays, and those days will be added to the examination cycle times of affected cargo shipments.
- Agriculture data excludes pest interception/safeguarding delays, entry document delays, and required USDA permit issuance delays.
- Agriculture seal checks are now separated between electronic and actual physical releases for greater transparency.
- Future pipelines will continue to include cycle time quantification on a quarterly basis.

Anti-Terrorism Contraband Enforcement Team (A-TCET)

Averaged Cycle Time Measurements (days):

	*NII	Full-Strip
4th Quarter – July 2014 through September 2014	4.52	7.82

**Non-Intrusive Inspection*

Agriculture

Averaged Cycle Time Measurements (days):

	Seal Check Electronic	Seal Check Physical	Full Strip	Back-In	Back-In Cold Treatment
4th Quarter – July 2014 through September 2014	-0.10*	1.52	6.42	4.06	2.83

**A negative number indicates a release before actual vessel arrival*

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