

## News In Brief

### Our Miami Branch Office Has Moved to a New Location

Please note the new address for Carmichael International Service's Miami office below:

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Branch Manager – Ivonne Sola

### IMPORTANT NOTICE TO IMPORTERS

The Code of Federal Regulation (CFR 19) Section 111.29 (b) mandates that a broker will provide once a year the following written notification:

If you are the importer of record, payment to the broker will not relieve you of liability for Customs charges (duties, taxes, or other debts owed Customs) in the event the charges are not paid by the broker.

Therefore, if you pay by check, Customs charges may be paid with a separate check payable to the "Customs and Border Protection" which will be delivered to Customs by the broker.

The payment of Customs duties or fees can also be accomplished by opening an ACH account with an authorized bank (details available upon request). The account must be timely funded, as Customs will access it directly.

Duty statements are provided by CIS to all clients using the ACH method of payment at least three days before the duties and taxes are due.

The Periodic Payment program allows for one month's entries to be paid by the 15th working day of the following month. Payment by ACH is required.

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### FDA Issues Guidance for Shipments from Tianjin

Using U.S. Customs and Border Protection's (CBP's) CSMS messaging system, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) has issued guidance on entry for shipments of food, drug, and medical device shipments from or through the Binhai New Area industrial center in Tianjin, China. Binhai was the location of the chemical explosion, including containers of various hazardous chemicals.

The FDA will require the submission of entry and shipping documents, including bills of lading, airbills, commercial invoices, etc. that have indications of having either originated from or were stored in or transited through the Binhai New Area industrial center after August 12, 2015.

For shipments that left Tianjin after August 12, 2015, importers should be prepared to submit the following additional information:

- If the importer is not the commercial end user of the product, provide a list of all know intended recipients of the product.
- An explanation of the physical disposition of the product at the time of the explosion and for the time from the explosion until the present, including the where the product was located and how the product was packaged at the time of the explosion and after the explosion.
- Did your company do a risk assessment to determine the impact of the August 12 explosion? If so, explain the methodology and results.
- Explain what testing has been conducted or is planned to be conducted.

This information should be sent to Carmichael for submission using the FDA's electronic IT ACS system. The CBP CSMS Message can be found at: [http://apps.cbp.gov/csms/viewmssg.asp?Recid=21083&page=&srch\\_argv=&srctype=&btype=&so rtby=&sby=](http://apps.cbp.gov/csms/viewmssg.asp?Recid=21083&page=&srch_argv=&srctype=&btype=&so rtby=&sby=).



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