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TO: Importers, Customs Brokers, Air Carriers and Other Interested Parties

SUBJECT: Agriculture Air Cargo Inspection Services

The purpose of this information bulletin is to inform the trade community of changes to the Agriculture Inspection Program at the Miami Service Port that will affect requests for services for cargo subject to U. S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) agriculture inspection and processing.

Beginning June 26, 2005, and until further notice, CBP will implement regular tours of duty for Agriculture Specialist staff on a 24-hour, 7 days per week basis. This scheduling change will expand the period during which cargo inspection services may be available without overtime reimbursement. However, when workload requirements exceed our staffing capabilities, CBP will continue to rely on overtime staffing and require reimbursable overtime payment in accordance with existing regulations. When this situation occurs, the party requesting CBP services will be informed prior to the inspection that reimbursable overtime charges may be incurred and advised of options available to defer inspection to a later time, when reimbursable overtime may not apply.

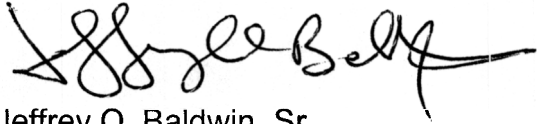
CBP staffing and scheduling of regular tours of duty for agriculture inspections are subject to change. In the future, in the event it becomes necessary for CBP to alter regular hours of operations again, the trade community will be given notification in advance of these operational changes, including any impact on reimbursable overtime charges.

As a reminder, requests for agriculture inspection services from the Miami Service Port should be directed to the Agriculture Inspection Operations Desk at (305) 526-2933. Please contact the Operations Desk for questions related to this bulletin and to address any CBP service-related issues with respect to agriculture inspections.

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this information may not be considered reasonable care. Refer to Treasury Decision 97-96, which was published in the Customs Bulletin of December 17, 1997, for in-depth information on the concept of reasonable care.

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