



Administrative Ruling Related to Domestic Warehouses and Fulfillment Centers

What is the Scope of this Ruling?

[19 U.S.C. § 1321\(a\)\(2\)\(c\)](#) enables CBP to admit qualifying merchandise duty- and tax-free, provided that the merchandise is imported by “one person on one day” and has a total fair retail value in the country of shipment of \$800 or less. On July 28, 2020, CBP issued an [administrative ruling](#) recognizing fulfillment centers and domestic warehouses as the “one person” for unsold merchandise. Under this ruling, foreign owners/sellers of unsold merchandise may also qualify as the “one person” provided their identity is presented to CBP and the total value of their merchandise imported on one day is \$800 or less.

What is CBP Doing to Enforce?

Through informed compliance, CBP is working closely with its trade partners to identify and educate entities who are affiliated with large volumes of ineligible shipments. CBP may take enforcement action, including against egregious and repeat violators, including placing holds on ineligible shipments, revoking Section 321 privileges, or requiring formal entry until sustained compliance is achieved.

What Can You Do to Facilitate Compliance?

- **Domestic Warehouse and Fulfillment Center Consignees** who receive over \$800 of unsold merchandise in one day can coordinate with merchandise owners to help ensure their shipments comply with Section 321 regulations.
- **Merchandise Owners** may qualify for Section 321 provided the total value of their shipments do not exceed \$800 in one day, and their identity (first and last name or name of company) is presented to CBP via the manifest or Entry Type 86 filing.
- **Shippers and Carriers** should refer to CBP’s [Customs Automated Manifest Interface Requirements \(CAMIR\)](#) and [Customs and Trade Automated Interface Requirements \(CATAIR\)](#) updates to ensure the merchandise owner’s identity is presented appropriately to CBP. See below examples.

Section 321 Manifest Filing Example

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FXC
JFKEXC
999-12345678-23456789
WBL/SZX/T15/L7/TSHIRT
CED/86/FLR123456789
ARR/EXC0099/28OCT
SHP/ABC LOGISTICS
/123 MAIN ST
/SHENZHEN
/CN
CNE/TSHIRT INC IN CARE OF XYZ WAREHOUSE
/456 FIRST ST
/MIAMI/FL
/US/12345/123-456-7890
CSD/CN/150-USD
RFA/21

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Entry Type 86 Filing Example

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SE101XY 12345678 86EI 00-000000XX40000000000202704 2704
SE11110120 FLIGHTNAME 000
SE13SHIPPER CONTACT 555-555-5555
SE15M12345678900 N
SE15H1234567890 00000001 N
SE30CN EI 00-000000XX
SE40001CN EARPHONES
SE50CN TECHNO INC IN CARE OF XYZ WAREHOUSE
SE5502456 FIRST ST
SE56MIAMI 33122 US
SE50SE TECHNO INC
SE5502789 CENTRAL BLVD
SE56GUANGZHOU 510000 CN
SE6061178030900000000020

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