



Client Alert I9A-2019

November 6, 2019

US Customs & Border Protection

CBP NY Restricted Shore Leave Policy Revoked

On October 28, 2019, ECM issued Client Alert I9-2019 advising our clients of a very restrictive shore leave policy instated by Customs and Border Protection New York (CBP NY) on October 2, 2019. They prohibited shore leave for any crew member in the ports of New York/New Jersey unless that crew member had served a minimum of five (5) contracts with the same fleet, with each such contract requiring at least one U.S. port call during the contract term.

ECM is pleased to report that CBP NY has revoked that policy via Informational Pipeline 20-002-NWK dated November 1, 2019, as attached.

Crew members with valid U.S. visas will now be permitted to take shore leave and sign off vessels in the ports of New York/New Jersey.

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**U.S. CUSTOMS AND BORDER PROTECTION
FIELD OPERATIONS, NEW YORK
PORT OF NEW YORK / NEWARK**

INFORMATIONAL PIPELINE NO. 20-002-NWK

TO: All Vessel Owners, Agents, Consignees, Charterers, Masters, Commanding Officers, Carriers, Terminal Operators, Brokers, and Others Concerned in the Port of New York/Newark

SUBJECT: Revocation of 5 Contract Shore Leave Policy for Crewmembers and Off Signers in the Port of New York/Newark

DATE: NOV 01 2019

Purpose: The purpose of this pipeline is to revoke the interim guidance, **effective November 1st, 2019**, by Customs and Border Protection (CBP) at the Port of New York/Newark which required a minimum of 5 completed contracts for crewmembers to be granted shore leave or off sign until further notice. CBP will revert to past practice.

Action: Shore Leave Policy: Upon the issuance of this pipeline, CBP will revert to the past practice of issuing conditional landing permits and processing off-signers before Pipeline No. 19-032 was issued on September 23, 2019 and Addendum Pipeline 19-032 which was issued on October 3, 2019.

D-2 Off-Signers: Upon the issuance of this pipeline, CBP will revert to the past practice for the safeguard requirements for off signers before Pipeline No. 19-032 was issued on September 23, 2019 and Addendum Pipeline 19-032 which was issued on October 3, 2019.

There were no incidents of deserters during the timeframe of September 23, 2019 until today. At this juncture, CBP in the Port of New York/Newark believes that the risk has been mitigated, however the agency reserves the right to implement similar policies in the future. CBP appreciates your continued partnership in this matter. For any questions or concerns please contact a Supervisory CBP Officer, Maritime Admissibility Unit, Port of New York/Newark at 201-436-2850 or e-mail MAU-NY-NWK@cbp.dhs.gov.



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