



**DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY  
U.S. CUSTOMS AND BORDER PROTECTION  
LAREDO, TEXAS**

**PORT OF LAREDO TRADE NOTICE**

**DATE: AUG 05 2009  
FILE: TRD09-011**

**FOR:** Importers, Brokers, Carriers and other interested parties

**SUBJECT:** Notice of modification of a HQ Ruling 113129 allowing containers containing residual chemicals to be entered as empty containers.

**REFERENCES:** HQ 113129 dtd July 12, 1994; Customs Bulletin and Decision Vol 43, No 28 July 17, 2009

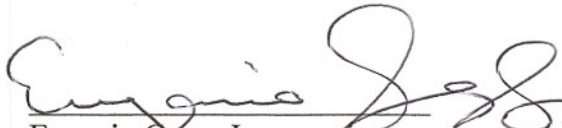
**BACKGROUND:**

A notice was published in the Customs Bulletin, Vol. 42, No. 35, on August 20, 2008, proposing to modify HQ 113129, dated July 12, 1994, which allowed containers meeting the requirements of 19 U.S.C. 1322(a) and 19 CFR 10.41a as instruments of international traffic (IITs) and containing residual chemicals to be entered as empty containers. In order to be consistent with CBP's treatment of similar commodities, such as petroleum slops, and to ensure the safety and security of the transportation of such containers and CBP Officers who examine them, CBP proposed that the containers should not be entered, nor manifested, as empty, and the chemical residue contained should be classified, entered, and manifested.

**PROCEDURES:**

Accordingly, pursuant to 19 U.S.C. 1625(c)(1), for the reasons stated herein, CBP is modifying HQ 113129 and any other ruling not specifically identified that is contrary to the determination set forth in this notice. Effective August 16, 2009, containers entering the U.S. with residual chemicals or other contents are to be classified, entered, and manifested.

For questions or further information, please contact (956) 794-9400.

  
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