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MEMORANDUM

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RE: Bonding requirements for European Union Sanctions

The U.S. Customs Service, via its Informational Pipeline, released the following information, quoted herein in its entirety, explaining the bonding requirements of European Sanctioned goods. Please note that the following explanations do not override any existing higher bond amount requirements for merchandise subject to other governmental agency requirements.

On an entry which only has affected merchandise, an importer of record may use a Single Transaction Bond (STB) equal to the entered value of the merchandise.

-or-

If the importer of record provides a statement at the time of entry (release) certifying that it has reviewed its continuous bond and has added to it an amount equal to 10 percent of the total of the entered value imported by the importer for the preceding year of the merchandise presently subject to the sanctions, the Area Director will accept the continuous bond.

-or-

If the importer of record provides a STB at the time of entry (release) for only the lines of merchandise on a single entry for the affected merchandise with the remaining non-affected merchandise remaining on a continuous bond, the Area Director will accept the STB and the continuous bond if the importer of record attaches a statement certifying that both bonds are backed by the same surety.

-or-

If the importer of record provides a statement at the time of entry (release) certifying that it has reviewed its continuous bond and has determined that the existing bond is sufficient to cover all prior and pending Customs transactions, the Area Director will accept the continuous bond.

-or-

On an entry which has affected merchandise as well as unaffected merchandise, an importer of record may use a Single Transaction Bond (STB) equal to the entered value of all the merchandise.

Should you have any questions or wish additional information, please do not hesitate to call us either at our Long Island office (516) 549-1938, our New Jersey office (201) 946-1200, our New York office (212) 233-6630, or contact us by e-mail at customs@idt.net, customs-2@idt.net or tarifflaw@aol.com.

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