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In a continued effort to work with the trade community through the national emergency challenges resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic, U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) issued Cargo Systems Messaging Service (CSMS) message [42097586](#) on 3/20/2020, requesting case-by-case need for additional days for payment of estimated duties, taxes and fees.

In addition, on 3/26/2020, CBP issued CSMS message [42161666](#) to (a) notify the trade community that CBP is no longer accepting requests for additional days for payment, and (b) provide guidance to Brokers (including brokers that made requests on behalf of importers), Importers and Sureties on processing the universe of entries affected by the previous message.

This message is to provide additional language for CSMS message [42161666](#) based on questions received since issuance. **Additional language is in bold text.**

Message [42161666](#) applies to **ALL** parties who have submitted a request to CBP in writing for additional days for payments, in response to CSMS [42097586](#), **from 3/20/2020 through 3/26/2020, whether or not a response was received from CBP.**

Timeframe For Payment:

ALL single payments, daily and periodic monthly statement payments of estimated duties, taxes and fees that should have been tendered from 3/20/2020 through 3/26/2020, **but were deferred based on CSMS message 42097586**, must be initiated by 3/27/2020.

If a trade member did not pay CBP for estimated duties, taxes and fees due 3/20/2020 through 3/26/2020, payment should be initiated via FedWire or ACH credit by 3/27/2020.

Payment Instructions:

If ACH Debit Authorizations were stopped by your financial institution, FedWire should be used to submit payments for amounts owed between 3/20/2020 and 3/26/2020 as CBP is not able to re-debit your account. If paying via FedWire, please follow the attached instructions. For payment of Periodic Monthly Statement, include the Periodic Monthly Statement numbers in the Originator to Beneficiary Information Line 2. If paying a daily statement please enter the daily statement number. If paying multiple statements, please send the list of those statements to debitvoucherteam2@cbp.dhs.gov. Alternatively, parties who are current ACH Credit participants may pay via ACH Credit following normal business practices.

Please Note: Although the temporary option was provided to extend payment due dates, if the money was withdrawn from the account, these funds are legally owed to CBP and a refund will not be issued. Trade users need to work with their financial institutions to ensure that future ACH debit and ACH credit payments to CBP are processed appropriately.

Future Payments:

ALL single payments, daily statement and periodic monthly statement payments of estimated duties, taxes and fees due to CBP on or after 3/27/2020 should be made in accordance with normal business practices. CBP is no longer accepting deferral requests.

Additional Information:

CBP is continuing to work with our federal and private sector partners to identify appropriate mechanisms to manage the operational impacts of COVID-19. The trade community should monitor CSMS for additional changes related to COVID-19.

Policy questions should be directed to the Office of Trade, Trade Policy and Programs at OTentrysummary@cbp.dhs.gov.

- [Fedwire_instructions_CBP_\(2\).pdf](#)



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