



NOTICE TO THE WILDLIFE IMPORT/EXPORT COMMUNITY



December 13, 2016

Subject: Issuance of Designated Port Exception Permits for Import at Non-Staffed Ports and ITDS

Background:

On October 18, 2016, the Service informed the import/export community that it would no longer issue DPEP's for non-staffed ports when the applicant is required to file a CBP entry. However, due to feedback received from the trade, the Service has rescinded that decision.

The Service has begun the process of consulting with CBP to determine the necessary programming changes to ACE needed to implement the DPEP process. This process may not be completed until the end of February.

Until this work is completed importers will not be able to pilot in ACE with the FWS at these non-staffed port locations. They will, however, be able to continue to obtain FWS clearance at these non-staffed ports, through eDecs, as they have in the past.

Action:

Effective immediately, the Service will issue DPEP's to authorize the use of a non-staffed port when the applicant is required to file a CBP entry.

We want to remind the trade that DPEP's are only issued to:

1. Accommodate imports or exports for scientific purposes;
2. Minimize or prevent deterioration or loss of the perishable wildlife; or
3. Alleviate undue economic hardship for you.

We will only issue DPEP's at non-staffed ports when we have Service officers available to travel to the port that has been requested.

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