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CUSTOMS NOTICE N-507

Mandatory Change for FIRST Release Option

1. This notice is a follow-up to Customs Notice N-452 issued on July 4, 2002, on the requirement for drivers requesting release under the FIRST option to be registered under the Commercial Driver Registration Program (CDRP).
2. The requirement for drivers reporting under the FIRST option to present a CDRP card scheduled to take effect April 1, 2003, is postponed indefinitely.
3. All aspects of the FIRST release process will remain unchanged, including the normal processing of drivers at the primary inspection line (PIL).

4. Drivers are strongly encouraged to apply under the CDRP program so that they will be in compliance when this requirement is re-introduced.

5. Any question regarding this notice should be directed to:

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