# CUSTOMS & BORDER PROTECTION U.S. CUSTOMS BOND APPLICATION

## GENERAL INFORMATION

| Applicant ☐ **Individual / Sole Proprietor**  ☐ **Partnership / LLC**  ☐ **Corporation** | Name | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Address | City | State | Zip Code |
| Phone Number | Email Address | Years in Business | |
| FEIN / CBP Number | Previous FEIN / CBP Number (if issued) | Name of Customs Broker (if used) | |
| Previous Surety Company(ies) | | | |

## Miscellaneous

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| 1. Has the Applicant ever filed for bankruptcy? | ☐ Yes  ☐ No | Explanations for fields marked **Yes** (If a longer explanation is necessary, attach to the end of this document) |
| 2. Has a surety ever paid or adjusted a claim for the Applicant? | ☐ Yes  ☐ No | |
| 3. Has US Customs ever suspended or sanctioned the Applicant? | ☐ Yes  ☐ No | |
| 4. Has US Customs ever investigated the Applicant for any reason? | ☐ Yes  ☐ No | |

## Activities

| Activity Code | Activity Name and CBP Regulations in which conditions codified | | Limit of Liability | Activity Code | Activity Name and CBP Regulations in which conditions codified | | Limit of Liability |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| ☐ 1 | §113.62 | Importer or Broker (Complete Merchandise Section 2) | $ | ☐ 8 | §113.70 | Detention of Copyright Material – *Single Transaction Only* – | $ |
| ☐ 1a | §113.65 | Drawback Payments Refunds | $ | ☐ 9 | §113.71 | Neutrality – *Single Transaction Only* – | $ |
| ☐ 2 | §113.63 | Custodian of Bonded Merchandise* – *Continuous Bond Only* – | $ | ☐ 10 | §113.72 | Court Costs for Condemned Goods – *Single Transaction Only* – | $ |
| ☐ 3 | §113.64 | International Carrier | $ | ☐ 11 | Part 113 App A | Airport Security Bond | $ |
| ☐ 3a | §113.66 | Instruments of International Traffic – *Continuous Bond Only* – | $ | ☐ 12 | Part 113 App B | International Trade Commission (ITC) Exclusion Bond | $ |
| ☐ 4 | §113.73 | Foreign Trade Zone – *Continuous Bond Only* – | $ | ☐ 14 | | In-Bond Export Consolidation Bond | $ |
| ☐ 5 | §113.67 | Public Gauger | $ | ☐ 15 | | Intellectual Property Rights (IPR) | $ |
| ☐ 6 | §113.68 | Wool & Fur Products Labeling Acts Importation – *Single Transaction Only* – | $ | ☐ 16 | Part 113 App D | Importer Security Filing (ISF) | $ |
| ☐ 7 | §113.69 | Bill of Lading – *Single Transaction Only* – | $ | ☐ 17 | | Marine Terminal Operator – *Continuous Bond Only* – | $ |

*includes bonded carriers, freight forwarders, cartmen, and lightmen, all classes of warehouse, container station operators)

## Merchandise Section 1

| Merchandise being Imported | |
|---|---|
| Country of Origin | |
| Merchandise Value (Current Year) $ | Merchandise Value (Last Year) $ |
| Duties / Taxes Paid (Current Year) $ | Duties / Taxes Paid (Last Year) $ |
| Number of Entries (Current Year) | Number of Entries (Last Year) |

## Merchandise Section 2

| Merchandise being Imported | |
|---|---|
| Country of Origin | |
| Is merchandise subject to antidumping/countervailing duties? ☐ **Yes** ☐ **No** | |
| Does applicant require a reconciliation rider? ☐ **Yes** ☐ **No** | |
| Merchandise Value (Current Year) $ | Merchandise Value (Last Year) $ |
| Duties / Taxes Paid (Current Year) $ | Duties / Taxes Paid (Last Year) $ |
| Number of Entries (Current Year) | Number of Entries (Last Year) |

# ACKNOWLEDGMENT

I certify that the information that I have provided in this application is true to my knowledge and belief. I understand that providing false or misleading information in an attempt to procure a bond or bonds may be penalized by criminal and/or civil process against me.

Acknowledged this _____ day of _____ , _____.

Name and Title: _____     Signature: _____

A customs bond is required by Customs and Border Protection (CBP) to guarantee a principal's obligations under a specific "Activity Code". An importer of goods, bonded warehouse, international air or maritime carrier and security zone access activities are examples of the regulated activities. Read more about these below.

## CUSTOMS ACTIVITY CODE 1 – IMPORTER OR BROKER

Deployed by an importer of merchandise to guarantee to the government that duty is paid in the proper amount, and that the goods imported are in compliance with the laws of the United States.

Offered on a 'Continuous' basis only - Bond amount is usually equal to 10% of the duty and other import taxes paid in the previous year, in multiples of $10,000 if the duties are less than $1,000,000 or multiples of $100,000 if the duties are over $1,000,000. Currently, the minimum bond amount required by U.S. Customs is $50,000. Further, care should be taken to insure that the bond is sufficient to cover the duty, not the value, on any single shipment of merchandise.

## CUSTOMS ACTIVITY CODE 1A – DRAWBACK PAYMENT REFUNDS

Used to secure a demand for refund on duties previously paid on imported goods which have been exported. An exporter may claim drawback under either exporter's summary or accelerated payment.

## CUSTOMS ACTIVITY CODE 2 – CUSTODIAN OF BONDED MERCHANDISE

Covers ops. which carry or hold merchandise not yet entered into the commerce of the United States, for export or entry at a later time or place; also known as "Bonded Merchandise." Operations such as bonded warehouses, cartmen, carriers, container stations are covered under this activity. Also, importers carrying their own bonded merchandise would be required to obtain this coverage.

## CUSTOMS ACTIVITY CODE – INTERNATIONAL CARRIER

The bond ensures that operators of ships, airlines and other conveyors of international merchandise properly manifest the goods they are carrying, pay for overtime services, and comply with other Customs regulations related to the clearance of the vessel.

## CUSTOMS ACTIVITY CODE – INSTRUMENTS OF INTERNATIONAL TRAFFIC

Covers the movements and clearances of containers which move internationally. Without this provision each container moved into the United States would have to be entered and duty paid upon entry.

## CUSTOMS ACTIVITY CODE – FOREIGN TRADE ZONE

A FTZ is considered non U.S. territory for Customs' purposes and foreign goods placed into the FTZ may be manufactured, manipulated, repacked or exported without paying duties. The continuous FTZ bond has been amended to secure Importer Security Filing.

## CUSTOMS ACTIVITY CODE – AIRPORT SECURITY BOND

Required of outsourced service companies to enter secured areas of airports (like cleaning services not employed by the airlines to clean planes or maintenance individuals not employed by the airlines to fix something).

In order to provide a quote your customs surety bond need we generally need the following:

 • Customs Bond Application
 • Credit Release Form
 • CBP Issued Identification Number
 • Owner's Personal Financial Statement
 • Applicant's Business Financial Statement

Submit the surety bond application materials to Underwriting@SuretyOne.com for immediate review of your request seven days per week. Applicants that may not meet the financial and credit requirements for bonding can obtain the customs bond through our non-standard program.

# WE'VE MADE IT EASY FOR YOU TO COMPLETE AND SUBMIT THIS APPLICATION

## TWO EASY WAYS TO COMPLETE THIS APPLICATION — PRINT OR DIGITAL

### For PRINT completion:

1. Print this PDF.

2. Complete the application with a black pen by legibly writing your responses in the applicable fields.

3. Use one of the following ways to submit the completed application:

    a. Scan, then email the pages to Underwriting@SuretyOne.com or your assigned underwriter

    b. Mail the pages to our Raleigh NC address (listed above)

    c. Fax the pages to 919–834–7039

### For DIGITAL completion:

1. Download this PDF to your computer.

2. Open the file in a PDF editor, such as Adobe Acrobat Reader DC
   (available for free here: https://get.adobe.com/reader/).

3. Complete the application by typing and clicking your responses in the applicable fields.

4. Save your updated file to your computer by going to File > Save as…

5. Use one of the following ways to submit the completed application:

    a. Attach the PDF to an email, and send to Underwriting@SuretyOne.com or to your assigned underwriter

    b. Upload the PDF to the form on www.suretyone.com/contact-us

### Note: Incomplete applications may result in processing delays.