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FOR FURTHER

INFORMATION CALL:

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SUBJECT: Temporary Restrictions on Crew Shore Leave Rescinded

This notice rescinds the temporary restrictions specified in Public Information Notice 20-005 dated March 23, 2020 that were implemented to address the public health emergency and community spread of COVID-19.

Crew shore leave processing and inspection will now return to previously established procedures.

At this time, crew sign-offs (D-2) will still be reviewed and granted if the crewmember has direct and continuous travel out of the United States, the crewmember is not exhibiting symptoms of COVID-19, the crewmember has valid travel documents, and there is no other restriction on the crewmember's travel.

Please note, due to evolving travel restrictions worldwide, this activity is subject to change on short notice. A trade notice will be sent if CBP Houston/Galveston Area Port implements any major changes.

Local questions regarding issues related to this notice should be directed to Assistant Port Director Greg Vawter or a Watch Commander at 713-454-8002.

/s/

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