

19 U.S. Code § 1499 - Examination of merchandise

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§ 1499.

Examination of merchandise

(a) Entry examination

(1) In general

Imported merchandise that is required by law or regulation to be inspected, examined, or appraised shall not be delivered from customs custody (except under such bond or other security as may be prescribed by the Secretary to assure compliance with all applicable laws, regulations, and instructions which the Secretary or the Customs Service is

to be inspected, examined, or appraised shall not be delivered from customs custody (except under such bond or other security as may be prescribed by the Secretary to assure compliance with all applicable laws, regulations, and instructions which the Secretary or the Customs Service is authorized to enforce) until the merchandise has been inspected, appraised, or examined and is reported by the Customs Service to have been truly and correctly invoiced and found to comply with the requirements of the laws of the United States.

(2) ExaminationThe Customs Service—

(A)

shall designate the packages or quantities of merchandise covered by any invoice or entry which are to be opened and examined for the purpose of appraisal or otherwise;

(B)

shall order such packages or quantities to be sent to such place as is designated by the Secretary by regulation for such purpose;

(C)

may require such additional packages or quantities as the Secretary considers necessary for such purpose; and

(D)

shall inspect a sufficient number of shipments, and