



## U.S. Customs and Border Protection

Port of Philadelphia  
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Philadelphia, PA 19106

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### U.S. Customs and Border Protection Pipeline #003-2017 December 9th, 2016

**SUBJECT: Pilot Program / Advanced Qualified Unlading Approval Lane (AQUA Lane)  
U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP)**

In December, 2015, the Customs-Trade Partnership Against Terrorism (C-TPAT) program launched the AQUA Lane Pilot in four seaports. The pilot allows for C-TPAT carriers to unlade cargo in C-TPAT marine terminals prior to CBP boarding and processing the vessel. The pilot was expanded in September, 2016, to include five additional ports.


Beginning December 15, 2016, the seaports of Philadelphia, PA (including Southern New Jersey) and Wilmington, DE, will be added to the Pilot.

The following requirements must be met prior to the approval of vessel unlading through the Aqua Lane Pilot:

- Certified partner in the C-TPAT program (sea carrier)
- Compliant with Importer security filing requirements and Agriculture requirements
- All containers must be delivered to a C-TPAT terminal operator
- Receipt of CBP port approval prior to arrival

Please note that to request Aqua Lane privileges from CBP vessel agents must complete and submit an Application-Permit-Special-License-Unlading-Overtime Services (CBP Form 3171) with the Notice of arrival for every for every unlading 24 hours prior to arrival. Section 9, Box "5" must state "Aqua Lane Requested".

Please reference U.S. Customs and Border Protection Pipeline #011-2016 dated September 28, 2016 for further information. For questions regarding the AQUA Lane Pilot for the Area Port of Philadelphia please contact Chief Bruce Albright at 215-717-5892.



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