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Ms. Lisa Burley
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Office of Trade, Regulations and Rulings
U.S. Customs and Border Protection

Dear Ms. Burley:

This letter is an amendment to the determination provided earlier today, pertaining to the request pending with you to waive the coastwise navigation laws as applied to cargoes designated by Valero Marketing and Supply Company (Valero) as requiring transportation absent the availability of coastwise-qualified vessels. Specifically, this amendment is in response to new information received from requestor Valero indicating that the ~300,000 barrels of petroleum products to be shipped from Corpus Christi, Texas, to Montreal, Canada, will subsequently be delivered in its entirety to destination(s) in the United States—thereby inducing the need for a waiver of the coastwise navigation laws prior to transportation onboard a foreign vessel.

Based upon the required load dates of May 14–16, it is our assessment that coastwise-qualified vessels are unavailable to lift the cargo destined for Montreal. The original letter is otherwise unchanged.

Please feel free to contact Mr. Tony Padilla at (202) 366-7045 if we could be of further assistance, and contact us as soon as possible if additional information becomes available.

Sincerely,

Lucinda Lessley
Acting Maritime Administrator