



## U.S. Customs Continuous Bond Application:

Mainfreight Inc. is pleased to provide this important service to our clients. The Customs Continuous Bond is the single most important qualification that Customs takes into account when:

- Approving your Customs entry for Immediate Delivery (i.e. “Paperless” Customs releases), and:
- Allowing your shipments to qualify for Remote Location Filing – a true value added Service that allows you one point of contact for most all of your import shipments.
- In addition, the yearly Customs Bond also covers your ISF Bond requirement.

The minimum amount for a continuous bond, per US Customs, is USD \$50,000. This value represents 10% of the estimated duties that would be paid, by you, over a 12 month period. So - that would actually cover \$500,000 in duty payments over 12 months! It also relieves you of the contingent liabilities you face on single entry and ISF bonds – because you are obligated up to the full value of each shipment + duty/fees for each and every entry cleared under a single entry bond up to liquidation. With a continuous bond, your liability to Customs is limited to the amount of the continuous bond- \$50,000.00 USD. A bond is needed even for duty free shipments.

We do need to obtain a valid Customs power of attorney from you in order to obtain a bond. However, once received, we can then apply for the continuous bond on your behalf. Though it only takes a few hours to obtain a new bond, it will only apply to those shipments that arrive into the USA on or after the effective date of the bond, which is not retroactive. So, time is of the essence so you don't incur unnecessary single entry or ISF bond fees any longer than necessary.

Attached is a basic form – the Application to Port Director US Customs Service to File C.F. 301 – Continuous. Although it may look somewhat daunting, we will only need to know the following:

- Importer Name
- Importer Number (EIN Number)
- Street Address
- City
- Country
- Contact Name/Phone/Fax/Email
- Describe Merchandise and provide the country/countries of origin.
- Number of shipments to the USA: How many shipments did you import in the past 12 months? Your estimate for the coming 12 months? Estimations are perfectly acceptable.
- Value of shipments sent to USA, in USD – the same as above – the approximate value for the past 12 months and an estimate of the values to be imported in the upcoming 12 months.



- Estimate of duties paid over the last 12 months and an estimate for the coming 12 months:
- How many years have you been in business with your current tax identification number?
- Under "Certification" - an officer of the firm (President, Managing Director or Director, etc) should complete this. They should print their name, title, and date the form.

That's it!

Once the form has been completed? Just scan it and email it to us at:

[chb@mainfreightusa.com](mailto:chb@mainfreightusa.com)

We will then make application with the surety firm for your bond! In certain instances, the surety may ask you to provide an audited set of financial statements for their review. But don't send a copy of your financials unless you are asked to do so. The vast majority of time it's not required.

Once in place, your new continuous bond will allow Mainfreight, Inc. to clear all of your US-bound consignments (with certain restrictions) - and the bond itself will renew automatically on an annual basis. We will invoice you accordingly.

If you have any questions, let us know. We can be reached at the email address above. And most importantly - thank you for your business. We look forward to serving you!

*Importing Isn't Easy. We Just Make it Easier®*

**APPLICATION TO DISTRICT DIRECTOR OF U.S. CUSTOMS SERVICE TO FILE C.F. 301 –  
CONTINUOUS BOND**

Bond Serial No. \_\_\_\_\_ CHB Name MAINFREIGHT, INC.  
 Importer Name \_\_\_\_\_ Importer No. \_\_\_\_\_  
 Street \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
 Contact Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

DESCRIBE MERCHANDISE (Attach Additional Sheet if Necessary)	Country of Origin
1.	
2.	
3.	
4.	
5.	
6.	

LAST 12 MONTHS			ESTIMATED NEXT 12 MONTHS			
MERCHANDISE	VALUE	EST. DUTIES	NO. ENTRIES	VALUE	EST. DUTIES	NO. ENTRIES

Importer requests that Customs approve the filing of C.F. 301  
 Continuous in an amount determined by Customs to be effective on \_\_\_\_\_

Activity Code	Activity Name and Customs Regulations in Which conditions codified	Amount Required by Customs	Activity Code	Activity Name and Customs Regulations in which codified	Amount Required By Customs
<input type="checkbox"/> 1	Importer or broker.....113.62		<input type="checkbox"/> 3	International Carrier..... 113.64	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1a	Drawback Payment Refunds..... 113.65		<input type="checkbox"/> 3a	Instruments of International Traffic..... 113.66	
<input type="checkbox"/> 2	Custodian of bonded merchandise..... 113.63 Includes bonded carriers, freight forwarders, cartmen and lightermen, all classes of warehouses, container station operators		<input type="checkbox"/> 4	Foreign Trade Zone Operator..... 113.73	

U.S. Customs district where bond is to be filed 9900  
 Other districts through which I import \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

List Current Term, Annual or Continuous Bonds –E.G. 7553, 7595, 3581, Etc. (Attach additional sheet if necessary)				
BOND TYPE	BOND AMOUNT	EFFECTIVE DATE	SURETY	WHERE FILED
1.				
2.				
3.				
4.				

Local district additional information \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

- Years in  
 Business  
 Proprietorship  
 Partnership  
 Corporation  
 Individual

**CERTIFICATION**

I certify that the factual information contained in this application is true and accurate and any information provided which is based upon estimates is based upon the best information available on the date of this application.

BY \_\_\_\_\_ TITLE \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
(SIGNATURE)