

Customs Bond Application Instructions

Section I – Principal/ Indemnitor Information

Company Name: Complete company name as registered in home state
Company Type: Complete as registered in home state
Address: Physical Address
Importer Contact Name: Company Officer responsible for Import Dept
Previous Surety: If a continuous bond is/was in place: name the surety on that bond
Credit: Credit given by Broker to pay entry fees, etc prior to receiving payment from the Principal
Questions: Answer each question. Give explanation for any YES answers.

Section II – Customs Related Information

Importer Number: IRS #, Social Security #, or Customs Assigned #
Must provide the number registered with the State or with Customs to conduct business.
Previous Importer Number: List any # applicant conducted business under prior to the above listed number
Bond Type-STB: Single Transaction Bond
Bond Type-CTB: Continuous Transaction Bond
Bond Amount: STB* is Value, plus duties, taxes, & fees. CTB is 10% of Duties, taxes, & fees. CTB minimum of \$50,000 *General entry, other entry types vary.
Effective Date: The date bond will be effective
Activity Code: Choose one activity that the bond will be issued to cover
Entry Type: Choose the type of entry
Custodial Type: If applying for a Custodial bond(entry activity 2), please indicate which activities have been approved by CBP

Section III – Merchandise Information

Description Line: Detailed information about commodity, especially if STB
Country of Origin & Port of Entry are essential
FDA: Yes or No must be checked for each question
Value of Merchandise: Invoice Value. If a CTB, please complete last & current year information.
Duties & Taxes: Total of any duties, taxes, and fees assessed by USC.
If a CTB, please complete last & current year information.
AD/CVD: List margin as determined by US Department of Commerce
Duties/Taxes Paid: Check appropriate Payment Method

Customs Certification: Printed Name & Title, Date, and Signature required
Date: DD/Month/YY
Signature of Indemnitor: Printed Name & Title, Date, and Signature required under the appropriate business entity type section

Every line must be completed. All information is essential.

Bolded Lines must be completed by the **Principal**.

AVALON RISK MANAGEMENT, INC.

LINCOLN GENERAL INSURANCE COMPANY
YORK, PENNSYLVANIA

AEGIS SECURITY INSURANCE COMPANY
HARRISBURG, PENNSYLVANIA

CUSTOMS BOND APPLICATION & INDEMNITY

Return Completed **Customs Broker Name:** _____
Application to: **Contact Name:** _____
 Phone: _____ **Fax:** _____ **Email:** _____

Please sign and fax both sides of this document to Avalon at 847-700-8117 for final approval. Can also be used as Letter of Application.

Applicant/Principal/Idemnitor Information

Company Name: _____
☐ Individual/Sole Proprietorship ☐ Partnership ☐ Corporation, State of _____ Years in Business _____
Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
Telephone: _____ Fax: _____ Email: _____
Importer Contact Name: and Title: _____

Previous Surety: _____ How many years has principal been doing business with CHB? _____
Is Credit Extended? ☐ YES ☐ NO If yes, how much credit is extended? \$ _____

Has the Principal or any partner/officer ever filed any form of bankruptcy? ☐ Yes ☐ No
Has any surety ever paid a bond claim on your behalf? ☐ Yes ☐ No
Are you aware of any situations that could prompt a bond claim against you? ☐ Yes ☐ No
Has Customs ever suspended your immediate delivery privileges or are you currently on sanction? ☐ Yes ☐ No
Has Customs ever investigated the Principal or any partner/officer for fraud or negligence? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If you answer "yes" to any of the above questions, please provide details on a separate sheet of paper.

Customs Related Information

Importer Number: _____ Previous Importer Number: _____
☐ STB ☐ CTB Bond Amount: \$ _____ Effective Date: _____
Activity Code: ☐ 1-Importer ☐ 1A-Drawback ☐ 2-Custodial ☐ 3-Intl Carrier ☐ 3A-Intl Traffic ☐ 4 -FTZ ☐ 5-Public Gauger
1. Entry Type: ☐ General Merchandise ☐ TIB ☐ Warehouse ☐ Auto ☐ AD/CVD ☐ FDA ☐ Chapter 98 ☐ GSP/CBI
2. Custodial Type: ☐ Bonded Carrier ☐ Bonded Warehouse ☐ Container Freight Station ☐ Cartmen

Merchandise Information

Description of Merchandise: _____ Country of Origin: _____ Port of entry: _____
Merchandise Subject to FDA? ☐ YES ☐ NO Is FDA Merchandise Subject to Automatic Detention? ☐ YES ☐ NO
Value of Merchandise: Last Year: \$ _____ Estimated current year: \$ _____
Duties, Taxes & Fees: Last Year: \$ _____ Estimated current year: \$ _____
AD/CVD Margin (if applicable) _____ Duties/Taxes Paid: ☐ with entry ☐ with entry summary ☐ ACH payment

Customs 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.

Principal's Signature (must be owner/officer/director) _____

Typed or Printed Name & Title of Principal _____

Corporate Seal _____

Indemnity Agreement

The Undersigned hereby declares the truth of the representations herein, and that they are made to induce LINCOLN GENERAL INSURANCE COMPANY and/or AEGIS SECURITY INSURANCE COMPANY (hereinafter referred to collectively as the "Surety") to issue the Bond(s) applied for. The Undersigned agrees that the Surety may decline the Bond(s) applied for or may cancel or terminate same without incurring any liability whatsoever to the Undersigned. In consideration of the issuance of the Bond(s) herein applied for, or any Bond(s) in substitution for or in succession of the said Bond(s), or any increase or extension of time of the said Bond(s), the undersigned hereby agrees (*Continued on Reverse*):

This Section for Surety Approval Only

Bond Approved:	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	By:	Date:
Requirements:	<input type="checkbox"/> Collateral Amount: \$ _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Financial Statement	<input type="checkbox"/> Signed Indemnity <input type="checkbox"/> Long-form Indemnity
	<input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____		

- (1) To hereby authorize the Surety to make such pertinent inquiry as may be necessary from financial institutions, persons, firms and corporations in order to confirm and verify information referred to or listed herein;
- (2) To pay to the Surety the agreed premium upon execution of the Bond(s) and annually in advance thereafter;
- (3) To furnish the Surety with satisfactory and conclusive termination evidence that there is no further liability on the Bond(s);
- (4) To perform all the conditions of said Bond(s) and will indemnify and save the Surety harmless from demands, losses, costs, damages and expenses, including attorney's and counsel fees deemed necessary by the Surety, which Surety may sustain or incur by reason of the issuance of such Bond(s), or obtaining a release of or evidence of termination under such Bond(s);
- (5) That the Surety shall have (i) the exclusive right to adjust, settle or compromise any claim under such Bond(s), and (ii) the right, at its sole option and sole discretion, to increase or decrease the penalty(s) of any such Bond(s), to change the obligee(s) therein, to execute any continuations, enlargements, modifications and renewals thereof or substitute the same or different conditions, provisions and obligee(s) therein, it being agreed that this Indemnity Agreement shall cover such new or changed Bond(s) or renewals even though the Surety's action or consent may or does substantially increase the liability of the Applicant and the Undersigned;
- (6) That the voucher or other evidence showing payment made by the Surety in good faith by reason of such Bond(s) or any renewal, extension or substitution thereof shall be conclusive and in any event prima facie evidence of such payment and the property thereof and of the liability of the Undersigned thereto to the Surety;
- (7) To agree to the following general provisions:
- a. Any property which may have been, or may be, pledged as collateral security for any bonds may, at the Surety's discretion, be retained as collateral security on any bond falling under the scope of this Indemnity Agreement, whether or not executed, and whether or not executed or reinsured by the Surety, and for the full and complete performance of the Undersigneds' covenants under this Indemnity Agreement. In the case of any breach of the Undersigneds' covenants, or in case the Surety finds it necessary to raise money to meet any actual or prospective claim or demand under any bond, or to pay any expense incurred in connection therewith, the Surety has full power and authority, without notice to the Undersigneds, to negotiate or redeem any checks or certificates of deposit, or to draw upon any letters of credit, and to use any or all of the proceeds, in order to protect itself against loss, costs, damages, attorneys' fees and expenses. After deducting all legal and other costs, and all loss, costs, damages, attorneys' fees and expenses, and all premiums due the Surety for any bond or bonds, the Surety shall return the remainder of the collateral, if any, to the person or persons legally authorized to receive it. The Surety shall not be responsible for any loss to the property from any cause other than the act or neglect of its officers or employees. The Surety shall not be responsible for paying interest, or loss of interest, to depositor or any other party on such deposits;
- b. Where a bond has been executed for the importation of merchandise, or transportation in-bond of imported merchandise, to consent to service of process upon the Customs broker or agent who executed the bond on behalf of the Principal. Principals further consent to such service, at the Surety's sole option, at the original port of entry, the final port of entry, or other place, as may be a place of business of the Customs broker or agent. The Principal consents to jurisdiction at the place of service;
- c. Where the bonded merchandise is a motor vehicle, a condition of executing the bond is the immediate delivery of the vehicle to a Surety-approved bonded conversion facility. The delivery must occur directly from the port of entry to the conversion facility in order to perform all conversions necessary to bring the vehicle into conformity with United States Environmental Protection Agency and Department of Transportation emission and safety standards;
- d. The Principals agree to give the Surety prompt written notice of any and all facts which may give rise to any action against the Surety relating to any bond. If the Principals fail to petition, protest, defend or settle any such action taken by the Obligor, pursuant to the bond, the Principals agree that the Surety may petition, protest, defend or settle such action to protect its interests by whatever means it considers appropriate. The determination as to whether any such action is petitioned, protested, defended or settled is binding and conclusive upon the Principals, and the result of any such petition, protest, defense or settlement is binding in whole or in part, as if it were the act of the Principals. Evidence of payment is prima facie evidence of the fact and extent of the Principals' liability to the Surety. Liability hereunder extends to, and includes, the full amount of any and all monies paid by the Surety in settlement or compromise of any action, in good faith under the belief that it was liable therefore, whether liable or not, as well as any and all disbursements for attorneys' fees, costs, and expenses as aforesaid, which may be made under the belief that such were necessary, whether necessary or not. The Principals understand that any action taken to petition, protest, defend or settle any action by the Obligor under the bond, whether the action is initiated by the Principals or the Surety, does not excuse the Principals from the timely payment of bills for the bond or for amounts paid in pursuance thereof.
- e. The Surety has every right, defense, or remedy available, including the right of exoneration and replevin or to take possession of the bonded merchandise upon notification of any violation of the terms and conditions of the bond. The Surety has specific lien rights as to both real and personal property, including merchandise in which the Undersigneds' is the owner and/or has ownership interest in, including merchandise in transit and/or in a warehouse.
- (8) To consent to provide the Surety, any bond Obligor and/or Customs broker, any and all information relative to entries or other transactions under any bond;
- (9) To consent to their lawful agent or attorney-in-fact executing and filing bonds, by electronic or such other means as is elected instead of paper documents, and agree in those instances to be bound by this Indemnity Agreement and the terms and conditions of any bonds as fully and completely as they would be if paper documents had been used and manually executed;
- (10) The Principals understand and agree that the bond or undertaking is subject to termination if the Principals no longer use a licensed Customs broker satisfactory to the Surety;
- (11) The Undersigned further agrees to reimburse the Surety for all expense, counsel and attorney fees incurred by the Surety in enforcing any provision of this agreement.

Regardless of the date this Indemnity Agreement is signed, it is effective as of the date of the execution of the above mentioned Bond(s).

Dated _____ day of _____ 20_____.

SIGNATURES

If Applicant is an **INDIVIDUAL** or **PROPRIETORSHIP**, sign here:

Name of Individual or Proprietorship

Witness

Individually and as Proprietor

If Applicant is a **PARTNERSHIP**, sign here:

Name of Partnership

Individually and as Partner

Individually and as Partner

If Applicant is a **CORPORATION** or **LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC)**, sign here:

Name of Corporation or Limited Liability Company

Attest: _____
Secretary/Witness

By: _____
President or Managing Partner (for Limited Liability Company)

ALL OWNERS, (STOCKHOLDERS) AND ADDITIONAL INDEMNITORS MUST SIGN BELOW

In consideration of executing the Bond(s) applied for by Applicant, the Undersigned, now referred to as Indemnitor(s), acknowledge(s) that the above Indemnity Agreement has been read and the Indemnitor(s) is (are) aware of the contents of the Indemnity Agreement. The Indemnitor(s) agree(s) to be bound by the Indemnity Agreement to the same extent as the Applicant. The obligation imposes individual liability on the Indemnitor(s) as well as joint liability with the Applicant. The Indemnitor(s) has(have) sufficient interest in the performance of this obligation to execute this agreement and is (are) fully empowered to exercise this agreement.

INDEMNITOR NAME

INDEMNITOR SIGNATURE