
[355-219.]

ARTICLE XII

Warehousing of Merchandise

SECTION 1453. *Establishment and Supervision of Warehouses.* — When the business of the port requires such facilities, collectors of customs shall designate and establish warehouses for use as general order stores, public and private bonded warehouses, sheds, or yards, or for other purposes.

All such warehouses and premises shall be subject to the supervision of the collector who shall impose such conditions as may be deemed necessary for the protection of the revenue and of the merchandise stored therein.

[355-229; 1782-3.]

SECTION 1454. *Responsibility of Government.* — The Government shall in no case be responsible for merchandise stored in any bonded warehouse.

[355-233.]

SECTION 1455. *Bonded Warehouses.* — Application for the establishment of bonded warehouses must be made in writing to the collector, describing the premises, the location and capacity of the same, and the purpose for which the building is to be used.

Upon receipt of such application the collector shall cause an examination of the premises to be made, with reference particularly to its location, construction, and means provided for the safe-keeping of merchandise, and if found satisfactory he may authorize its establishment, and accept a bond for its proper operation and maintenance.

[355-229.]

Collectors shall appoint storekeepers for such bonded warehouses, whose salaries shall be collected from owners of warehouses where the service is rendered.

[367-29.]

SECTION 1456. *Charges for Storage in Bonded Warehouses.* — The rates of storage in public or private bonded warehouses shall be subject to arrangement between the importer and the warehouse proprietor, but such rates