

TITLE 6: CRIMES AND CRIMINAL PROCEDURE
DIVISION 2: CONTRABAND OFFENSES

§ 2305. Tampering Prohibited.

If the owner, or his authorized representative, is the consignee of any cargo, commodities, merchandise or goods of any and all description, for personal use or for profit, entering the Commonwealth in crates, bundles, sea or land containers, or any other method of shipping, freight, transport, package, mail, systems of forwarding and receiving, and is advised by an official of the Customs Service not to open the package, and the Customs Service order is violated prior to the inspection of the contents, it is a violation of this chapter and is punishable pursuant to 6 CMC § 2301(b). The Customs Service may authorize containers to be removed from official points of entry to other locations as a matter of convenience prior to their inspection; provided, however, the containers may not be opened until officially released by an official of the Customs Service.

Source: PL 6-38, § 2 (§ 2305); amended by PL 7-42, § 9, modified.

Commission Comment: To enhance clarity in the amendment effected by PL 7-42, the Commission inserted “and” after “forwarding and receiving,” in the first sentence of this section. Concerning PL 7-42 generally, see the comment to 6 CMC § 2141.