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SPECIAL NOTICE

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NEW IMPORTER SECURITY FILING (ISF) REQUIREMENT

As many of you may know, U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) released the interim final rule on Importer Security Filing (10 + 2). Importers will be required to provide CBP with additional data elements concerning their anticipated ocean imports 24 hours prior to lading the freight on the vessel. The rule becomes effective January 26, 2009; 60 days after being published in the Federal Register.

This rule, also known as 10+ 2, will require the steamship lines to transmit 2 data elements relating to the stow plans and the container status, while the remaining 10 data elements will include the manufacturer, supplier, seller, buyer, consignee, the country of origin, HTS Tariff number, where the goods were stuffed into a container, the consolidator.

An Importer Security Filing is required for each shipment, at the lowest bill of lading (i.e. house bill of lading level, if applicable). The party required to submit the Importer Security Filing is the party causing the goods to enter the limits of a port in the United States. The ISF Importer may designate an authorized agent to file the Importer Security Filing on the ISF Importer's behalf. A party can act as an authorized agent for purposes of filing the Importer Security Filing if that party obtains access to ABI or AMS, and a bond must be posted for the Importer Security Filings.

To help explain the details a Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) from the Customs' website is also attached.

Rogers & Brown is working internally and externally on streamlining this process and ensuring that our service offerings meet our customers' needs and expectations. We will disseminate additional information as it becomes available.



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