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CUSTOMS NOTICE N-516

Mandatory Change for FIRST Release Option

1. This notice is a follow-up to Customs Notice N-507 which was issued on April 11, 2003, and detailed the requirement for drivers requesting release under the Frequent Importer Release System (FIRST) option to be registered under the Commercial Driver Registration Program (CDRP).
2. This requirement will become effective on August 1, 2003. There will be no grace period.
3. Drivers reporting at the border with FIRST lead sheets but without a CDRP card will be required to contact the appropriate customs broker to arrange clearance under another release option.

4. For information regarding the FIRST release option, please contact:

Betty Lou Daye
Release Policy
(613) 952-1074

For further information on FAST or the Commercial Driver Registration Program, please call the FAST information line at 1-866-340-FAST (3278) or email the Canada Customs and Revenue Agency at fast-express@ccra-adrc.gc.ca

Application forms are available on our Web site at www.ccra.gc.ca/fast or at www.ccra.gc.ca/customs/business/importing/csa/menu-e.html

You can also contact one of the following officers:

Georgia Gull (905) 994-6093
Laurie Parsons (613) 952-1424

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