



Ottawa, December 1, 2005

CUSTOMS NOTICE 630

Advance Commercial Information – Updates on the Implementation of Cargo and Conveyance Reporting for Air Mode and Marine Shipments Loaded in the United States

1. This notice updates the implementation date given in Customs Notice N-605, *Advance Commercial Information – Updates on Cargo and Conveyance Electronic Reporting for Air Mode and for Marine Shipments Loaded in the United States*, which was issued on February 10, 2005, and announced the implementation date of Phase 2 of the Advance Commercial Information (ACI) initiative and provided the requirements.
2. The systems for Phase 2 of the ACI will be available on December 12, 2005, to receive the electronic transmission of cargo and conveyance data for air mode and marine shipments loaded in the United States instead of December 5, 2005, as previously announced.
3. Marine carriers will not be requested to transmit electronically the information on the vessel stowage (bay plan data) as of December 2005 as previously announced in Customs Notice N-605. Future bay plan requirements will be announced in a separate Customs Notice.
4. Other than the implementation date and the bay plan requirements, all reporting requirements for Phase 2 of the ACI as outlined in Customs Notice N-605 remain unchanged. Detailed requirements are available in the ACI Client Document (formerly Participants' Requirements Document).
5. References made in the following paragraphs to freight forwarders within the context of "report electronically" are limited to the provision of supplementary information to Canada Border Services Agency (CBSA) in an electronic format (as applicable). Freight forwarders will continue to report the deconsolidation of freight in a paper format to the CBSA as per existing procedures.

Air

6. Air carriers and freight forwarders who are not fully prepared to report electronically to the CBSA on December 12, 2005, have until June 26, 2006, to fully comply with ACI reporting requirements. Affected clients must prepare an action plan detailing how they plan to implement ACI and must contact an ACI policy representative to have their action plan approved prior to

December 5, 2005. The action plan requirements will be detailed on the ACI Web site at www.cbsa.gc.ca/aci. The completed action plan must be submitted to the Manager of Program and Policy Development at the address listed in paragraph 14.

7. All air carriers and freight forwarders must be reporting 100% electronically by June 26, 2006. Clients who have not submitted an action plan to an ACI representative by December 5, 2005, must submit all pre-arrival data electronically starting on December 12, 2005.

8. In order to ensure that the CBSA will be able to perform effective risk assessments of air shipments during this implementation period, those who are transmitting EDI (electronic data interchange) air reports to the CBSA will have to continue to submit paper air waybills at the local CBSA office upon arrival up to and including June 25, 2006. Secondary documents, such as house bills, abstracts and remanifests, will remain paper-based until a future phase of ACI.

Transborder Marine

9. Marine carriers and freight forwarders reporting marine shipments loaded in the United States who are not fully prepared to report electronically to the CBSA on December 12, 2005, have until June 26, 2006, to fully comply with ACI reporting requirements. Affected clients must complete a readiness report that indicates they have taken the steps required to have their systems/processes ready to transmit by June 26, 2006. The readiness report requirements will be detailed on the ACI Web site at www.cbsa.gc.ca/aci. The completed readiness report must be submitted prior to December 5, 2005, to the Manager of Program and Policy Development at the address listed in paragraph 14.

10. All marine carriers and freight forwarders must be reporting 100% electronically by June 26, 2006. Clients who have not submitted a completed readiness report to an ACI representative by December 5, 2005, must submit all pre-arrival data electronically starting on December 12, 2005.

11. In order to ensure that the CBSA will be able to perform effective risk assessments of marine transborder shipments during this implementation period, those who will begin to transmit EDI marine reports to the CBSA will have to continue to submit paper cargo and conveyance reports, to the local CBSA office upon arrival up to and including June 25, 2006. Secondary documents, such as

house bills, abstracts and remanifests, will remain paper-based until a future phase of ACI.

12. Those who, prior to December 12, 2005, are only transmitting electronic conveyance and cargo reports for United States loaded cargo are exempt from the dual reporting requirements, i.e., paper conveyance and cargo reports would not be required.

Other Information

13. The ACI Client Document (formerly Participants' Requirements Document) is now available and can be obtained from:

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Innovation, Science and Technology Branch
Canada Border Services Agency
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14. Inquiries and written comments about the ACI initiative should be directed to:

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