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CUSTOMS NOTICE N-508

Measures to Reduce Paper Burden When Importing Commercial Shipments Into Canada

1. This notice is for the attention of all parties involved in importing commercial shipments into Canada and is a follow-up to Customs Proposal P-012, issued February 21, 2002. This notice is being issued following the review of both internal and external client input and comments received in response to the proposal.

2. The first subject discussed in the proposal was the "Cancellation of Return of Importer/Broker Copy of PARS (Prearrival Review System) documentation." This concept will not be implemented, as this would not allow non-CADEX participants to utilize a PARS service option.

3. The second subject discussed in the proposal was the "Elimination of Release Notification Report." This report lists released transactions from the previous business day and is distributed by the local customs office to the applicable importer, broker, or sub-agent. The report is supplementary to the importer or broker receiving notification of release through RNS or CADEX. As a result of input and comments received, this report will no longer be printed and provided to the account security holder at the customs office of release. This change will take place effective November 1, 2003.

4. Customs brokers who are concerned that they will not receive notification of customs releases that they transact as sub-agents of distant brokers are strongly encouraged to participate in the Release Notification System (RNS), which will allow them access to the release status of transactions.

5. The information contained in this notice will be incorporated into Memorandum D17-1-5, *Importing Commercial Goods*, which is currently under revision.

6. Any questions regarding this notice should be directed to:

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7. To become an RNS participant, or to obtain a copy of the RNS participant's requirements document, please contact:

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