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CUSTOMS NOTICE 652

Advance Commercial Information (ACI) – Updates on the Implementation of ACI Phase II Air and Marine

1. This notice is further to Customs Notice N-630, *Advance Commercial Information — Updates on the Implementation of Cargo and Conveyance Reporting for Air Mode and Marine Shipments Loaded in the United States*, which was issued on December 1, 2005 and which announced the planned implementation of phase II of the Advance Commercial Information (ACI) initiative.
2. Due to a disruption in the client-testing environment, the implementation period of ACI phase II for both the air and marine modes was extended until July 26, 2006.
3. All other requirements for the reporting of cargo and conveyance details for the air and marine modes remain unchanged. Please see Customs Notice N-630 for more information on the reporting requirements.
4. When an examination is required in the air mode, the Canada Border Services Agency (CBSA) will advise carriers if the examination will take place at the First Point of Arrival (FPOA) or at the cargo's destination. The FPOA is the first place the goods arrive and become available for CBSA examination. Examinations will be conducted at the FPOA for shipments deemed to pose a national security or public safety threat. Although the CBSA retains the legislative right to examine any shipment at the FPOA, the traditional practice of allowing movement to destination airports will be followed in most circumstances unless otherwise advised.
5. Once a shipment has been referred for examination and a notice sent to the carrier, the shipment must remain in the carrier's warehouse and not transferred in bond to a secondary customs warehouse. Once the examination has been completed, the CBSA will advise the carrier that the shipment is authorized to move, at which time the shipment can be transferred in bond or released if proper documentation requirements have been met.
6. The ACI reporting requirements for United States-loaded Freight Remaining on Board (FROB) cargo, in the marine mode, will not be mandatory as of July 26, 2006. Although carriers are encouraged to report FROB shipments, this will not be mandatory until a future date which will be announced in a customs notice.

7. Air and marine clients who are able to fully integrate ACI into their business processes, as outlined in the *Reporting of Imported Goods Regulations*, by July 26, 2006, will be provided with a grace period from ACI Administrative Monetary Penalties (AMPs) up to and including June 26, 2007. Those clients who have not fully complied with ACI by July 26, 2006 will be in a penalty situation effective July 27, 2006.

8. The updated client document can be obtained from:

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Electronic Commerce Unit
Innovation, Science and Technology Branch
Canada Border Services Agency
15th Floor, Sir Richard Scott Building
191 Laurier Avenue West
Ottawa ON K1A 0L8

Telephone: 1-888-957-7224

9. Inquiries regarding acknowledgement and rejections of Electronic Data Interchange transmissions should be directed to the Electronic Commerce Unit hotline.

Telephone:
Monday to Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Eastern
Standard Time, 1-888-957-7224 within North America,
613-946-0762 outside of North America.

Outside of the above-noted hours:
613-239-5880

10. For inquiries regarding risk assessment notices for air shipments arriving at Pearson International Airport, Oshawa or Barrie-Orillia, please direct your questions to the Greater Toronto Area Risk Assessment Unit hotline, which is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week:

Telephone: 905-676-5513
E-mail: TargetingUnit.SOR-PIA-Cargo3@cbsa-
asfc.gc.ca

11. For inquiries regarding risk assessment notices for air shipments arriving at other Canadian airports, and all marine shipments, please direct your questions to the National Risk Assessment Centre hotline, which is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week:

Telephone: 1-800-523-5072

12. Inquiries and written comments about the ACI initiative should be directed to:

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