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CUSTOMS NOTICE 12-006

Mandatory Electronic Reporting Policy for Marine Carriers

1. This notice provides information on mandatory electronic reporting for marine carriers exporting containerized cargo.
2. Under the *Reporting of Exported Goods Regulations*, marine carriers are required to report to the Canada Border Services Agency (CBSA) their conveyance (A6) prior to departure and cargo (A6A) within three working days after vessel departure.
3. As part of a commitment made during consultations with external stakeholders, the CBSA will begin to mandate electronic export reporting for marine carriers. The receipt of marine carrier electronic reports will provide the CBSA and its partners with improved data quality. Electronic reporting is consistent with the overall direction of the CBSA's commercial program and aligns Canada's Export Program with the reporting processes in other countries.
4. Phase 1, a voluntary transitional period, will be implemented on September 1, 2012 to provide the shipping lines sufficient time to map and test their systems with the Electronic Commerce Unit. The reporting of the (A6) and (A6A) for containerized cargo for all destinations will be completed using the existing CBSA Advanced Commercial Information (ACI) conveyance and export cargo maps.
5. Phase 2 will begin with the implementation of revised *Reporting of Exported Goods Regulations*. The revised Regulations, which will include the requirement to report electronically, are targeted to come into effect December 2014 at which time non-compliance will result in the issuance of administrative monetary penalties.

6. Information on becoming an ACI participant may be obtained by accessing: <http://www.cbsa-asfc.gc.ca/eservices/eccrd-eng.html>. For policy guidance please contact the Export Programs Unit at the following email address: export@cbsa-asfc.gc.ca.

Notes:

- Electronic reporting does not change the requirement to present a printout of the A6 to the CBSA at each port of exit where goods are loaded. The CBSA collects and transmits information including the Crew List (IMM0200), the Crews' Effects (BSF552) and Ship Stores (E1) declarations.
 - In addition, shipping lines are required by international customs authorities to retain a stamped copy of the A6 and this document is presented upon arrival in the foreign port of entry.
 - This policy direction applies to marine carriers exporting containerized cargo.
 - This notice does not impact bulk cargo.
7. For additional information regarding this notice, please contact:

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