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CUSTOMS NOTICE 12-025

Adherence to the 999 Line Limitation as set out in the Electronic Commerce Client Requirements Document (ECCRD)

1. This notice is to remind the importing community about the requirements and obligations for Electronic Data Interchange (EDI) transmissions for clients who transmit accounting information via Customs Automated Data Exchange (CADEX). More particularly, this pertains to CADEX clients who seek release of imported goods via the Accelerated Commercial Release Operations Support System (ACROSS).

2. In accordance with subsection 3.(1)(c) of the *Accounting for Imported Goods and Payment of Duties Regulations*, whenever a person chooses to account for goods by electronic means (including interim accounting), they must do so in accordance with the technical requirements, specifications and procedures for EDI that are set out in the *Electronic Commerce Client Requirements Documents* (ECCRDs can be found at: <http://cbsa-asfc.gc.ca/eservices/eccrd-eng.html>).

3. According to the ECCRD for the CBSA's electronic release system, ACROSS, EDI release will support a maximum of 999 invoices, and/or a maximum of 999 detail commodity description lines per transaction. Transactions must not exceed the limit of 999 lines, otherwise the transaction will be rejected.

4. Due to the frequency of system abends (process terminates abnormally), we are notifying the importing community that commencing October 29, 2012, occurrences of this specific type of abend that directly result in the inability to transmit confirming entries, will result in the issuance of AMPS penalty C070 for failing to account for goods in the prescribed time and manner.

5. Importers are advised that continued non-compliance with the line-limit may be indicative of problems with a client's system, which may result in participants having to be returned to testing mode for an extended period for systems evaluation purposes. This will result in temporary suspension of transmission via EDI.

6. Questions concerning B3 accounting documents should be addressed to: Assessment-Cotisation@cbsa-asfc.gc.ca

7. Questions concerning ECCRD requirements should be addressed to: Electronic Commerce Unit (ECU) hotline at **1-888-957-7224**, press option 1. e-mail: ecu.uce@cbsa.gc.ca.

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