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Customs Notice 15-027

Mandatory electronic notification of conveyance arrival (air, marine and rail)

1. This notice replaces Customs Notice 15-019. It provides new information regarding the timeframes for when penalties may apply for failure to transmit electronic conveyance arrival messages in the air, marine and rail modes.
 2. The purpose of this notice is to inform carriers operating air, marine, and rail conveyances that the requirement for electronic Conveyance Arrival Certification Messages (CACM) became mandatory on **May 6, 2015** under amendments to the [Reporting of Imported Goods Regulations](#).
 3. This mandatory requirement applies to air, marine, and rail carriers who operate conveyances arriving in Canada from a foreign country and must report to the Canada Border Services Agency (CBSA) under Section 12(1) of the [Customs Act](#).
 4. To align with timeframes related to new regulatory requirements for highway cargo and conveyance data, air, marine and rail carriers who do not comply with electronic conveyance arrival requirements may be issued zero-rated penalties (non-monetary) under the CBSA's Administrative Monetary Penalty System (AMPS), effective July 10, 2015. This period of zero-rated penalties will end on January 10, 2016. Air, marine and rail carriers who do not comply with electronic conveyance arrival requirements past this date, may be issued monetary AMPS penalties.
 5. The electronic CACM message must be transmitted by registered participants using an Electronic Data Interchange (EDI) method, after the commercial conveyance arrives in Canada. The following provides policy requirements for CACM messages for each mode of transport:
 - (a) **Marine mode** – The CACM must be transmitted electronically to the CBSA when the marine vessel lands at a CBSA office upon arrival in Canada. The marine vessel will meet the definition of landing when it first comes to rest in Canada; whether at anchor, at dock or berthed alongside at the nearest CBSA office designated for that purpose. The CACM can be transmitted and received by the CBSA within a two (2) hour window prior to arrival, allowing marine carriers to transmit their arrival request up to two hours in advance of their actual arrival at a Canadian port. This two-hour window is conditional on the vessel being within Canadian waters at the time the arrival request is submitted to the CBSA.
 - (b) **Air mode** – The CACM must be transmitted electronically to the CBSA without delay after the aircraft that is transporting cargo (specified goods) is cleared by NAV Canada to land at an airport following arrival in Canada.
 - (c) **Rail mode** – The CACM must be transmitted electronically up to 30 minutes in advance of the actual arrival of the conveyance at the Canadian border.
 6. Carriers who are not compliant with the mandatory electronic arrival notification process may be subject to penalties.
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7. Marine and air conveyances exempt from transmitting electronic conveyance data to the CBSA are also exempt from transmitting CACM. This also applies to rail conveyances for an appropriate period of time.
8. To request a copy of the Electronic Commerce Client Requirements Document (ECCRD) and for the application process for Conveyance Arrivals, you may contact the Technical Commercial Client Unit (TCCU) by e-mail at TCCU-USTCC@cbsa-asfc.gc.ca or by calling **1-888-957-7224**.
9. Clients may experience delays in release processing should the CACM be delayed or not received at all from the carrier.
10. For e-mail support on eManifest policy and processes, contact the eManifest Help Desk at eManifest-manifestelectronique@cbsa-asfc.gc.ca.