Information Notice

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TO: Carriers, Filers, Importers, Exporters, Brokers, and other interested parties

SUBJECT: Electronic information for truck cargo discrepancies

The Buffalo Field Office, Trade Operations Division has seen an increase in the number of manifest discrepancies submitted to Ports of Entry. As such, we wish to bring to your attention the requirements in found 19 CFR 123.92 – Electronic information for truck cargo required in advance of arrival.

Specifically, in 19 CFR 123.92 (d), the following sections have a high amount of non-compliance:

- Container number(s) (for any containerized shipment) (if different from the equipment number), and the seal numbers for all seals affixed to the equipment or container(s)
- The numbers and quantities for the cargo laden aboard the truck as contained in the bill(s) of lading (this means the quantity of the lowest external packaging unit; containers and pallets do not constitute acceptable information; for example, a container holding 10 pallets with 200 cartons should be described as 200 cartons)
- The weight of the cargo, or, for a sealed container, the shipper's declared weight of the cargo
- A precise description of the cargo or the Harmonized Tariff Schedule (HTS) numbers to the 6-digit level under which the cargo will be classified (generic descriptions, specifically those such as FAK ("freight of all kinds"), "general cargo," and "STC" ("said to contain") are not acceptable
- The shipper's complete name and address, or identification number, from the bill(s) of lading (for each house bill in a consolidated shipment, the identity of the foreign vendor, supplier, manufacturer, or other similar party is acceptable (and the address of the foreign vendor, etc., must be a foreign address); by contrast, the identity of the carrier, freight forwarder, consolidator, or broker, is not acceptable; and
- The complete name and address of the consignee, or identification number, from the bill(s) of lading (the consignee is the party to whom the cargo will be delivered in the United States, with the exception of "FROB" (Foreign Cargo Remaining On Board)

This information notice is also a reminder that violations of the above requirements will result in penalty actions initiated by U.S. Customs and Border Protection.

Any questions regarding this notice may be directed to the trade teams at your local ports of entry.

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