

"10 + 2" Importer Security Filing - Overview

The Importer Security Filing, or "ISF", is a new security filing requirement imposed on all US importers for goods arriving at US seaports. Extensive information is required by numerous parties; here is an overview of the pertinent details to assist importers and all others interested in meeting the requirements of the new rule. Each ocean shipment is required to have an ISF filed no later than 24 hours prior to lading at a foreign port. The filing is to consist of ten data elements, and must be secured by a bond. Violations of the ISF regulations will result in a \$5000 penalty per violation.

The effective date of the filing requirement is for shipments loaded to vessel on or after Jan. 24th, 2009. There will be a 12 month flexible enforcement period, during which CBP will refrain from issuing penalties for violations, provided that the ISF Importer shows progress in meeting the requirements during that time.

- 1. *Seller* Name & address of the last known entity by whom the goods are sold or agreed to be sold.
- 2. *Buyer* Name & address of the last known entity to whom the goods are sold or agreed to be sold.
- 3. *Importer of record number* IRS, EIN, Social Security or CBP assigned number belonging to the entry importer of record.
- 4. *Consignee number* IRS, EIN, SSN or CBP assigned number of the party for whose account the merchandise is shipped (reported as the ultimate consignee for entry purposes).
- 5. *Manufacturer or supplier* Name & address of the entity that last manufactures, assembles, products or grows the commodity, or name & address of the party supplying the goods in the country from which the



goods are leaving. Alternately, the party currently required by import laws, rules and regulations for standard entry procedures may be utilized.

- 6. Ship to party Name & address of the first deliver-to party scheduled to physically receive the goods after release from Customs custody. A DUNS number is acceptable in lieu of the name & address, provided the DUNS number is registered to the actual location of the ship to party.
- 7. *Country of origin* Country of origin as required per existing laws, rules & regulations.
- 8. Commodity HTSUS number Tariff number of each invoice line, to the six digit level. The full ten digit statistical number may be used, but can only be used for both ISF and entry purposes if filed by the importer of record or its licensed Customs broker.
- 9. *Container stuffing location* Name & address of the physical location where the goods were loaded to the container.
- 10. *Consolidator (stuffer)* Name & address of the party who stuffed, or arranged for stuffing of, the container.

Please use the attached worksheet to provide us the above information. If this information changes for each shipment, we will need to be notified at the time of EACH BOOKING.

All information will be kept confidential and used for importing purposes ONLY.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact your local SEWW representative.