



# The American Companies

## "NEWS-UPDATE"

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### Importer Security Filing Update "Tools of the Trade"

It has been approximately two months since the effective date for complying with the new Importer Security Filing requirements (1/26/09). The American Companies (TAC) has most of our clients up and running utilizing one of several ISF Supply Chain methods. With so many of our clients requiring various methods to implement their style approach on complying with the new requirement, TAC thought it may be helpful to advise the import community as to the various methods currently being deployed by TAC so that we can insure that each client is using the method best suited for their needs.

#### **ISF e-Doc**

This method is a simple form based method in Excel® format that any party in the supply chain completes and sends to one of 4 TAC global ISF processing centers. Any TAC ISF Processing center will accept the form from one party or from multiple parties. We process the Importer Security Filing and then return to the sender(s) via e-mail the ISF Status Report showing that Customs has accepted the ISF and confirming all data elements filed.

#### **ISF Web Portal**

This method is a fully functional tool that allows anyone in the supply chain (Usually the suppliers) to input all required data elements directly into the TAC ISF Web Portal, process immediately and receive an immediate response from Customs. The Web Portal processes Importer Security Filings 365 days a year 24 hours a day. Importers can monitor all activity all participate in the ISF process if preferred.

#### **ISF Web Spreadsheet Upload**

This method allows a user to upload ISF data through our Web Portal in a standard spread sheet format (Must be in the format we provide). This tool is favorable for large shipments with many product codes where a shipper may be able to auto-populate or pre-populate a spread sheet easier and then simply upload to our systems. Once uploaded the user would manage the transmissions via our Web Portal and get an immediate response from Customs. A TAC ISF processing center can also manage the upload process if need be.

#### **ISF EDI Platform**

This method allows for a "Computer to Computer" transaction where TAC can accept a standard EDI file (Must be in the format we provide) and our system will automatically ingest the data, process the ISF and return an EDI message back to the sender's computer.

All the above methods are currently deployed and are currently in use by TAC clients. We welcome you to inquire about one or more of these methods to learn what approach may be best for you and your supply chain. General Information on 10 + 2 ISF is: [10plus2@shipamerican.com](mailto:10plus2@shipamerican.com)

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