



The American Companies

"News Flash"

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10 + 2 and what The American Companies is doing for you!

If you have read our previous news letters and flashes, you should all be aware that the new requirement for the Importer Security Filing (ISF) is coming and will be effective sometime by 4Q 2008. March 18th 2008 was the final day that US Customs and Border Protection accepted comments from the public before issuing the final rule which is expected sometime this summer.

Sister to the 24 hour AMS rule, the new ISF (also known as the "10 + 2" rule) will require that "Importers" shipping cargo destined to the United States by Maritime Vessel file **a separate filing** "in advance" of cargo being loaded on its exporting vessel. This separate filing or ISF will require 10 of the 2 data elements as detailed in our previous news flash of [February 10th 2008](#) ([Click link for copy](#)). If the ISF is not filed and accepted by US Customs Cargo will either not be loaded and/or a monetary penalty will be issued to the importer.

The American Companies (TAC) wants its customers to know that we have spent the last many months developing systems to compliment the already existing infrastructure that will allow TAC to file the ISF under several different scenarios regardless of what services we provide you. Some examples of how we will offer the filing of the ISF are as follows:

- Via TAC Data Center in Shenzhen China (For all Asia Origins)
- Via TAC USA Branch Offices (For all EU, North/Central/South American Origins)

TAC has the capability to handle the ISF as your Customs Broker, or as your NVOCC or Consolidator. Our process will allow for commercial documents or data to be sent to any TAC processing center for the ISF filing and the sender will receive an acknowledgement that the data or documents have been received for processing and either an acceptance message or error message will be generated back to the sender. Creation of **Standard Operating Procedures** for all scenarios are in the process of being formulated and once the final rule is issued TAC will finalize and make available to all clients along with the associated ISF fee schedules.

Get Started Now! Because the HS Tariff Classification number is one of the required data elements, TAC recommends that all clients begin working with their TAC representative to develop/provide a "Product Code Data Base" by SKU or Style Number. The Product Code data needs to be correlated with the appropriate Harmonized Tariff Code to insure there are no delays in the processing of the ISF during "Off Hours".

If you have any questions concerning 10 + 2 and the ISF filing requirement please address your questions to 10plus2@shipamerican.com and we will be happy to assist you in any way.

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