

DESCARTES "10+2" IMPORTER SECURITY FILING (ISF) SERVICE

As announced on January 2, 2008, CBP's proposed regulation, referred to as "10+2", will require 10 data elements from importers or their agents 24 hours prior to vessel departure. The proposed additional data elements are: manufacturer name and address; seller name and address; container stuffing location; consolidator name and address; buyer name and address; ship to name and address; importer of record number; consignee number; country of origin of the goods; and Commodity Harmonized Tariff Schedule number. CBP also proposes that ocean carriers provide two new data sets. The new data sets are the Vessel Stow Plan, which contains information about containers loaded aboard a vessel; and Container Status Messages, which identify container movements or changes in load status.

Under the proposed regulation, vessel operators must submit their stowage plans identifying the onboard location of each container within 48 hours of vessel departure from the foreign port and submit container status messages on an ongoing basis. CBP said it would allow carriers to send all status messages to the Automated Manifest System, regardless of whether the containers are bound for the United States or other global locations, to spare carriers the cost of sorting messages.

Data submitted by importers identifies the foreign manufacturer or supplier, seller, consolidator, container stuffing location and the consignee. The party that submits the filing is required to update the filing if any of the information changes prior to arrival at a U.S. port. CBP has indicated that it will take into consideration whether the importer is in position to verify the information when determining whether there is any fault for an inaccurate filing.

Shippers with cargo remaining on board the vessel or intending to be shipped inland under bond for exportation through another port must submit five pieces of information related to the cargo and destination. The security filing for Freight Remaining on Board can be submitted any time prior to lading as they are frequently loaded by the carrier at the last minute.

Companies whose internal business processes rely on faxing, telephoning, or sending courier packets of documents are finding themselves ill prepared for this regulatory requirement. For importers, customs brokers, carriers, freight forwarders, non-vessel operating common carriers (NVOCCs), and shippers, the Descartes ISF service offers a complete solution to help them comply with the new regulations. To accommodate customers' varying technical capabilities, Descartes offers options that range from a user-friendly Web solution that permits manual entry of data information to a tightly integrated system-to-system electronic data interchange (EDI) connection. Regardless of service type, Descartes ISF service submits required data information, including shipper details, electronically to CBP.

Descartes ISF service is part of the Descartes Global Logistics Network™ (GLN), which enables the world's leading transportation providers to connect to their trading partners and reliably exchange information to drive delivery performance and high levels of customer satisfaction. The Descartes GLN helps companies better manage their end-to-end shipment management processes, track inventory, meet regulatory requirements, optimize fleet performance, and effectively communicate with their logistics partners.



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THE DESCARTES IMPORTER SECURITY FILING SERVICE helps users easily manage shipment information electronically and comply with the requirement to electronically submit shipment information to CBP for ocean cargo.

Three different service delivery options accommodate varying customer needs:

DESCARTES ISF: This simple web user interface (UI) enables customers to login via the Internet and enter all the data required for an ISF filing (5 or 10). This service sends the data directly to CBP and provides a view of the filing status. Customers have the option of receiving the status updates via EDI if they choose. E-alerts can also be used to notify the customers via email if there is a problem with the filing.

DESCARTES ISF - CONNECT: This service enables customers to gather the complete data set for the ISF filing in their own systems for submission to CBP. The service transmits the data for each ISF filing and provides a status of the filing via electronic message for posting in the customer's own system. All transmissions are made via the Descartes GLN's secure connection to CBP.

DESCARTES ISF - PREMIER: This service enables the customers to collect the data needed for the ISF filing from multiple electronic document submissions or parties, including data sources such as a Purchase Order or ASN. Once the data is collected for the partial ISF filing, the customer can complete the remaining required fields and submit the filing to customs via the UI as needed.

BENEFITS

The Descartes ISF service helps manage an ever-increasing amount of legally required containerized shipment information in a small window of time. It helps shippers, carriers, intermediaries and customs brokers:

- Ensure compliance with CBP ISF programs
- Rapid deployment across an organization
- Solution options vary according to user's existing technology
- Provides a single point of contact for data connectivity
- Easy-to-use Web forms

FEATURES

- ISF (10) & ISF (5) validations
- Provides ISF filer full control of data acquisition from 3rd parties
- Allows third party ISF data providers their own account type and provides the ability to see and provide ISF data to many ISF filer accounts
- Ability to collect ISF data over time, and allows incomplete ISF data to be saved
- Alert e-mail service to auto request delinquent data from 3rd party providers
- Easy-to-use account linkage administration between ISF filer account and ISF provider accounts, controlled by filer account
- Ability to collect data using filer account defined reference number, enabling data to be collected prior to issuing a bill of lading
- Option to capture ABI data (to export with ISF data), provides added value to filer's information chain
- Full and partial ISF EDI data acquisition via GLN XML bridge
- Ability to export ISF data and status information to 3rd parties via the GLN XML bridge
- White label affinity capability
- Flexible, exception based reporting of ISF status information (on-screen, CSV download, e-alerts)
- Share ISF status with Descartes Ocean AMS accounts
- Enables users to electronically submit queries in a Web form to determine the status of an individual shipment
- Uses the Web form option to present shipment information in templates that can mimic existing paper documents
- Captures shipment information from the electronic data and stores it in a secure data repository
- Transmits information via the secure Descartes GLN, protecting the privacy of parties

THE DESCARTES DIFFERENCE

Descartes' logistics management solutions combine a multi-modal network, the Descartes Global Logistics Network, with component-based applications to provide messaging services between logistics trading partners, shipment management services for contract carriers and private fleet management services. These solutions and services help Descartes' customers reduce administrative costs, billing cycles, fleet size, contract carrier costs, and mileage driven and improve pick up and delivery reliability. Our hosted, transactional and packaged solutions deliver repeatable, measurable results and fast time-to-value.

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