

**APRIL 22, 2003**

**SERVICE PIPELINE #2003-13**

**ADDENDUM TO PIPELINE REGARDING 24 HOUR RULE**

This pipeline provides direction to the trade community concerning the second phase of the implementation of the enforced compliance strategy under the so called "24-Hour Rule", which went into effect on December 2, 2002. The course of action listed below will help assist Customs and Border Protection (CBP) in obtaining accurate and complete cargo declaration information, 24 hours prior to cargo being loaded onto a vessel in a foreign port.

Note, all carriers and NVOCCs should have programmed their systems to receive a "DO NOT LOAD" message from CBP by March 4, 2003.

The CBP Port of Philadelphia will be holding an Outreach on Phase II of the enforcement actions under the 24-Hour Rule that are listed in this pipeline and additional information for carriers and NVOCCs for Inbond cargo and General Order time requirements. The Outreach will be a public meeting on Monday April 28, at 10:00 a.m. in Room 320 of the Philadelphia Customhouse.

Starting on May 4, 2003, all CBP ports will be responsible for identifying, selecting and initiating "Do Not Load" messages for cargo whenever an invalid description of cargo is given. There is a Frequently Asked Questions "FAQ" section on the CBP website detailing what is considered "valid and invalid". (<http://customsnet/xp/cnet/home.xmlt>). Please consult Question # 30 of the FAQs as a guide of appropriate cargo descriptions; however, this is not a complete list of appropriate descriptions. The main objective of this initiative requires that the valid description be placed on the description field and no other.

Also, the Trade Community is encouraged to place the valid description of cargo on the first or second line of the manifest, or the HTS field as appropriate. CBP will accept the first six digits of a U.S. Harmonized Tariff Number (the first four digits followed by zeros is insufficient data). The CBP Port of Philadelphia will continue outreach to all those involved and immediately notify and work with local trade representatives to seek compliance before enforcement actions become necessary.

On May 4, 2003, the CBP Port of Philadelphia may begin issuing monetary penalties for egregious violations of timeliness.

In May 15, 2003, the CBP Port of Philadelphia may begin to take action against egregious Consignee name and address violations. Though most have complied with these issues, it is still somewhat of a problem. "To the order of" or "Order of Shipper" will no longer be accepted without corresponding information in the Notify Party Field or Consignee Field. The same will apply to an incomplete address (e.g. only city name and state).

On May 15, 2003, CBP Port of Philadelphia has the option to assess Monetary Penalties for Foreign Remaining On Board (F.R.O.B) material that has been incorrectly manifested and not filed within the time requirements under the 24-hour rule.

CBP hopes that this will give some insight on the upcoming changes that are to take place. Any questions or concerns can be directed to MRU/ATCET Philadelphia @ (215) 597-0337 or questions can be answered by using the Website listed above.

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