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10+2 PROGRAM—*CHANGES TO DOCUMENTATION FOR INBOUND US HOUSEHOLD GOODS SHIPMENTS*

One of the many changes that have come about due to the tragic events of September 11, 2001 is increased security measures by the US Customs and Border Protection (CBP). While security measures at airports and borders were increased, seaports remained relaxed in comparison.

On November 25, 2008, US Customs and Border Protection (CBP) published an interim final rule entitled “Improper Security Filing and Additional Carrier Requirements”. This rule requires both importers and shippers to submit additional information pertaining to cargo to CBP before the cargo is brought into the United States.

The 10+2 program is set for final implementation on January 26, 2010 and requires anyone importing goods (including household goods) into the United States by vessel to submit a set of 12 data elements to CBP 24 hours prior to loading on the vessel at the foreign port.

Following is a description of the new data that will be required from the importer:

1. Importer of Record #: For US residents, a Social Security Number may be provided as long as it has been recorded by CBP. In the alternative (and for non US residents), a passport number, with country of issuance and a date of birth must be provided.
2. Consignee #: May be the same as Importer of Record #
3. Seller (Owner): Owner’s name and last foreign address
4. Buyer (Owner): Owner’s name and new address in the United States
5. Ship to Party: Generally, the importer’s new address in the United States
6. Manufacturer (Supplier) name/address: Owner’s last foreign address
7. Country of Origin: Country code from Owner’s last foreign address
8. Commodity HTS-6: 9804.00 for household goods and personal effects
9. Container Stuffing Location: Normal requirements apply
10. Consolidator (Stuffer) name/address: Normal requirements apply

Plus two data elements Carriers must transmit to CBP are:

1. Vessel stow plan
2. Container status message

With this new rule the CBP is trying to establish a framework that will enable the screening and identification of insecure supply chains and/or hazardous cargo prior to loading at foreign ports.

What does this mean to your employees returning from assignments overseas?

Additional paperwork and data on each returning shipment will be required. Failure to provide all the necessary information will result in shipment delays and penalties.

It is important now more than ever, that the carrier handling your International household goods shipments be well versed on all the requirements and able to implement the new reporting program by the deadline.

A. Arnold's International Division, Sterling International is fully versed with the new 10+2 program and available to answer any questions you might have regarding this program.

By being informed and prepared for new reporting requirements you can ensure that your returning employee's household goods arrive in the United States safely and efficiently.

You can find additional information regarding the new CBP requirements by visiting their website at www.cbp.gov or by calling your Sterling International representative at 800-989-2198.