



ADVANCE COMMERCIAL INFORMATION COMPLIANCE

Turn-around Policy Extension

As you are aware, eManifest requirements for Highway carriers are now mandatory. Carriers who fail to comply with eManifest requirements may experience processing delays and/or be issued a penalty under the Administrative Monetary Penalty System (AMPS). In order to reduce any delays and/or penalties, carriers are encouraged to review the following information.

On June 1, 2017, the Canada Border Services Agency (CBSA), implemented a 90 day evaluation period, allowing drivers in the highway mode, who arrive without Advance Commercial Information (ACI) to turn around and return to the United States to wait for ACI. The CBSA is extending the evaluation period and will continue to allow highway carriers to return to the United States to avoid ACI penalties until midnight December 31, 2019.

Carriers are reminded that they are liable to ensure all ACI provided to the CBSA is true, accurate, and complete, which includes a detailed cargo description. Providing a clear and concise description allows the CBSA to complete risk-assessment in advance thereby facilitating the movement of low-risk shipments.

Please refer to the CBSA website for more information on [Detailed Commodity Descriptions](#), including a list of acceptable and non-acceptable descriptions. We recommend that carriers work with their business partners (i.e., shippers), to ensure they are provided with a sufficient description for CBSA purposes.

To assist carriers with respect to commodity description, the CBSA sent an electronic communication (TCC17-235) on December 11, 2017 to all registered EDI clients to request that the shipping community assist the carrier community in meeting their requirements by providing more fulsome documentation including a plain language description of the goods.

The CBSA would also like to remind carriers in the highway mode, that conveyance and cargo ACI must be received and validated, a minimum of one hour prior to the conveyance arriving at a border point.

Questions or concerns related to commercial ACI compliance activities can be directed to the Transporter Compliance Unit:

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