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**U.S. CUSTOMS & BORDER PROTECTION  
TRADE INFORMATION NOTICE**

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**SUBJECT:** Enhanced Enforcement for Non-Compliance of the Importer Security Filing

**DISTRIBUTION:** Customs Brokers, Filers, Importers, Freight Forwarders, Interested Parties

The purpose of this Trade Information Notice is to notify the Area Port of Seattle importing community of the commencement date for enhanced enforcement for non-compliance of the Importer Security Filing (10+2 or ISF) requirements.

As previously reported and posted on the CBP.gov website on June 7, 2013, U.S. Customs & Border Protection (CBP) has completed preparations to begin the next phase of the Importer Security Filing (ISF) enforcement process. The ISF rules require importers and vessel-operating carriers to provide additional advance trade data on cargo shipments to CBP 24 hours prior to vessel lading, pursuant to Section 302 of the Security and Accountability for Every Port (SAFE Port Act) of 2006.

The Interim Final Ruling (IFR) was officially published in the Federal Register with an effective date of January 26, 2009. The IFR included a 1-year delayed enforcement (informed compliance) period which concluded on January 25, 2010. As of July 9, 2013, the Area Port of Seattle Seaport began enhanced enforcement measures to improve ISF compliance.

Effective immediately: CBP, in all seaports falling under the purview of the Area Port of Seattle, will place holds to address non-compliance with the ISF regulation for shipments departing a foreign port destined for the U.S. CBP will hold all non-compliant ISF cargo shipments at their respective terminal until the required ISF data is filed. Once the ISF data is transmitted and a security assessment is determined, additional enforcement actions including Non-Intrusive Inspection (NII) and/or intrusive examinations may be initiated. CBP may also assess liquidated damages of up to \$5000 per violation as warranted by 19 CFR Part 194. Complying with the ISF rule will prevent costly and untimely delays in cargo processing.

The chart below explains the updated codes:

Code	Name/Disposition	Action
2O	ISF Hold for no ISF on file	Informs the carrier that shipment has a manifest hold.
2P	ISF Hold for ISF Compliance Issue	Informs the carrier that shipment has a manifest hold.
4O	ISF Hold Removed for no ISF on file	Generated to remove the ISF Hold identified in 2O
4P	ISF Hold Removed for ISF Compliance Issue	Generated to remove the ISF Hold identified in 2P

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