



**PORT OF SAN FRANCISCO  
INFORMATION NOTICE**

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**Importer Security Filing (ISF) Enforcement Procedures:**

**PURPOSE:**

The purpose of this Public Bulletin is to notify the Area Port of San Francisco Seaport importing community of the commencement date for enhanced enforcement for non-compliance of the Importer Security Filing (ISF or 10+2) requirements.

**BACKGROUND:**

As previously posted on the CBP website on June 7, 2013, U.S. Customs and 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 203 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. Due to instances of continued non-compliance with ISF requirements, the Oakland Seaport will now apply enhanced enforcement measures to improve ISF compliance.

**ACTION:**

On July 15, 2013, CBP in Oakland started making use of the newly activated cargo holds in the Automated Cargo Environment (ACE) system to address non-compliance with the ISF rule. CBP will hold all non-compliant ISF shipments at the terminal until the required ISF is filed. Once the ISF data is received and a security assessment is made, additional enforcement actions including Non-Intrusive Inspection (NII) and/or intrusive exams may be initiated. CBP may also assess liquidated damages of up to \$5,000 per violation as warranted. Costly and untimely delays in cargo processing can be avoided through compliance with the ISF rule.

Questions regarding this information notice should be directed to the Oakland Advanced Targeting Team 510-273-4336 x206.

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