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To: All Aeronet Clients Who Import to the United States

The following important notice is to inform you of new requirements established by the U.S. Customs and Border Protection for all imports to the U.S. arriving by ocean vessel. Please take time to become familiar with this information. For questions regarding this requirement or for assistance with your imports, please contact your Aeronet Business Development Manager.

*****Please deliver this important notice to the individual responsible for imports at your company*****

Important Notice to All Importers

Importer Security Filing

Beginning January 26, 2010, importers will be required to provide U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) with advance notification for all ocean vessel shipments inbound to the United States. This advance notification is known as the Importer Security Filing, also commonly referred to as the ISF 10+2 Program.

Failure to comply with the new rule could ultimately result in monetary penalties, increased inspections and delay of cargo.

Why the new rule?

To improve U.S. Customs and Border Protection's (CBP) ability to identify high-risk shipments in order to prevent smuggling and ensure cargo safety and security.

What is Importer Security Filing?

Under the new rule, before merchandise arriving by vessel can be imported to the United States, the "Importer Security Filing (ISF) Importer," or their agent (e.g., licensed customs broker), must electronically submit certain advance cargo information to CBP in the form of an Importer Security Filing. This requirement only applies to cargo arriving in the United States by ocean vessel; it does not apply to cargo arriving by other modes of transportation.

Who is responsible for Filing?

The ISF Importer is required to submit the Importer Security Filing. The ISF Importer is the party causing the goods to arrive within the limits of a port in the United States by vessel. Typically, the ISF Importer is the goods' owner, purchaser, consignee, or agent such as a licensed customs broker. The ISF Importer is ultimately responsible for the timely, accurate and complete submission of the ISF filing.

What must be Filed?

Shipments consisting of goods intended to be entered into the United States and goods intended to be delivered to a Foreign Trade Zone. ISF Importers, or their agent, must provide eight data elements, no later than 24 hours before the cargo is laden aboard a vessel destined to the United States and two additional data elements must be submitted as early as possible, but no later than 24 hours prior to the ship's arrival at a U.S. port. That comprises the first "10" requirements". The Carrier must also file two additional requirements within specific time limits, completing the "10+2 Program"

What is my next step?

For your convenience, Aeronet has posted additional information on Aeronet's website at www.aeronet.com or you may:

- Contact your Aeronet Business Development Manager
- Contact your licensed customs broker
- Visit the CBP website at http://www.cbp.gov/xp/cgov/trade/cargo_security/carriers/security_filing/.

We appreciate your business and look forward to continue to serve both your domestic and international logistics and transportation needs.