

## **Canada Border Services Agency (CBSA) change announcement**

Dear valued customer,

CBSA has announced a final change regarding security filing for Canada. As per January 4<sup>th</sup>, it will become **mandatory** to file shipments under the **E-manifest Forwarder eHBL electronic system** and previous **legacy ACI filing process will no longer be acceptable**.

Please find below official announcement of CBSA for your reference followed by further guidance through Q&A.

Ecu worldwide is already compliant for **CBSA's new ruling** for LCL security filing.

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### **Implementation of the R2 Release Concerning Electronic House Bills**

**Ottawa, October 2020**

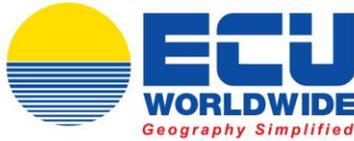
The purpose of this communication is to remind freight forwarders that as of November 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020 the Canada Border Services Agency (CBSA) will be implementing system enhancements that will allow the transmission of electronic house bills.

It is critical that all trade chain partners, who are not yet able to transmit electronic house bills (unless exempt) to the CBSA, work with the Technical Commercial Client Unit (TCCU) to get properly set up to do so or hire a service provider to do so on their behalf. Paper house bills and supplementary reports will continue to be accepted, however, freight forwarders are encouraged to switch to electronic house bills. Failure to submit electronic house bills by November 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020, may result in shipment delays. Therefore, we encourage freight forwarders to communicate and work closely with all trade chain partners regarding the requirements outlined in R2 Release Customs Notice 20-28.

**Starting January 4<sup>th</sup>, 2021, a six (6) month period of informed compliance will begin, where instances of non-compliance will result in the issuance of zero-rated penalties. Following the six (6) month period, on July 4<sup>th</sup>, 2021, informed compliance measures and zero-rated Administrative Monetary Penalties (AMPs) will cease and monetary AMPs may be applied. For more information on AMPs contraventions related to ACI and freight forwarders or carriers acting as freight forwarders, please refer to the ACI Category within the Master Penalty Document.**

For additional information regarding eManifest requirements, please visit the [Commercial Importing Reporting Requirements](#) on the CBSA website. For additional support regarding eManifest policy, please contact the eManifest Help Desk [here](#).

For technical information, please visit [EDI Services Supported by the Technical Commercial Client Unit](#). For technical support (for non-urgent correspondence), please contact the TCCU [here](#).



Should you have any further compliance-related questions or concerns, please contact Carrier, Postal & Courier Compliance [here](#).

Thank you,

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## **Q&A**

Can a forwarder still file ACI for their filing activity as from January 4<sup>th</sup>?

No, this is not possible anymore. CBSA has imposed this date as a deadline to be electronically linked to the E-manifest Forwarder eHBL filing.

Can a forwarder ask the NVOCC to file on his behalf?

No, it is not possible. As the NVOCC also needs to file under his E-manifest Forwarder eHBL account on shipment level, they cannot do a secondary filing on their CBSA registration number. Each party that is issuing a house bill of Lading is obliged to file their own.

The NVOCC used to be able to file on behalf of the forwarder as the NVOCC could issue an ACI filing for the forwarder linking this filing to the NVOCC's E-manifest Forwarder eHBL. However as January 2020, ACI will be stopped by CBSA and this process will not possible anymore.

Is there a possibility for the forwarder not to file the shipment under E-manifest

Yes, however, the forwarder must use the NVOCC's eHBL as the master bill of lading indicating the actual Shipper and Consignee/Notify details. This would result in having the eManifest Consolidation indicator be set to "NO" (meaning no further eHBL will be presented to CBSA)

Will ACI system still be used by the NVOCC after January 4<sup>th</sup> 2021?

The only time that the NVOCC can still use the ACI system is when container is discharged in a Canadian port but transferred cross-border to be de-vanned in USA.  
(example: POD: Halifax, de-van CFS Chicago)

A second possibility is when the vessel enters territorial waters (or US port) for a container remaining on board to be discharged afterwards in a non-US port.



These scenarios are known as FROB (Freight remaining on board)

Is there a possibility that origin forwarder office does not file and still issues a HBL for the shipment?

In order for a forwarder to be allowed to issue its own house bill of lading, they will need to ensure that a proper and accepted registration to the CBSA portal account has been established for direct electronic submission. This would further require a registered Forwarder 8000 Bond Carrier Code to be available in order to do so.

It is recommended that Origin Forwarders ensure their Canadian counterpart have such set up established.