

December 30, 2020

**CBSA Announces UPDATED Effective Dates for eManifest House BL Filing
Requirement for Freight Forwarders and NVOCC's – Update no.1**

Canada Border Services Agency (CBSA) recently issued a new [Customs Notice 20-28](#) confirming the timetable for full transition of electronic house bill (eHBL) filing requirements that apply to **Freight Forwarders and NVOCC's**.

As of November 1, 2020

CBSA will promote the final piece of system enhancements that will enable FF/NVO to submit eHBL for **ALL** consolidated shipments including:

- Back-to-Back shipments (Shipment with 1 Shipper and 1 Consignee that is managed/controlled by an FF who issues an HBL)
- Buyer Consolidation shipments (Shipment with Multiple Shipper and 1 Consignee that is managed/controlled by an FF who issues an HBL)

Note: As a reminder, freight forwarders have been able to file eHBLs for consolidated shipments clearing out of a secondary warehouse since July 2017. However, eHBLs for back-to-back and buyer consolidated shipments were suspended, due to the need for CBSA to implement significant fixes to its processing systems.

Exceptions:

- Canada FROB must be reported using the legacy ACI Supplemental reports.
 - ONE can submit the legacy ACI Supplemental report on behalf of the Shipper if requested and provided by the 24hr advance manifest cutoff.
- Consolidated in-transit shipments moving from offshore through Canada and destined to the US may be reported using eHBLs or legacy ACI supplemental reports. Ex: Discharge Port: Vancouver and Delivery: Detroit.
 - ONE can submit the legacy ACI Supplemental report on behalf of the Shipper if requested and provided by the 24hr advance manifest cutoff.
- Consolidated in-transit shipments of US origin goods entering Canada for offshore export will continue to be exempt from the eHBL requirement. Ex: Place of Origin=Chicago and Load Port = Vancouver.

AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2020

The use of eHBLs for **all consolidated shipments will become mandatory** (excluding exceptions noted above):

- This will mark the beginning of a six-month informed compliance period, during which time CBSA will issue zero-rated penalties for non-compliance.
- **ONE will no longer submit HBL data for Canada imports on behalf of any FF/NVO effective Dec 31, 2020.**
- **Monetary penalties are expected to come into effect as of June 2021.**

General requirements are as follows:

- Freight Forwarders/NVOCC's must obtain a CBSA issued 8000 series carrier code (Four-character code beginning with an 8).
- Freight Forwarders/NVOCC's will be required to transmit ***within the current 24HR Advance Manifesting time frames:***
 - Advance House Bill data must be electronically transmitted to CBSA using the eHBL data set for import shipments.
 - House BL Close message set to CBSA to indicate all eHBLs have been transmitted to CBSA.
 - Shipments that will FROB over a Canadian port must be submitted to CBSA using the Supplementary Cargo data set.
- Freight Forwarders/NVOCC's can transmit Advance House Bill data using either an Electronic Data Interchange (EDI) method, CBSA's eManifest Web Portal, or by using a 3rd party service provider.

For more information, please see CBSA's D-Memo Regulation on eHBL (#17-22, 26-29, 43-109)

<https://www.cbsa-asfc.gc.ca/publications/dm-md/d3/d3-3-1-eng.html#wb-cont>

CBSA FAQ: <https://www.cbsa-asfc.gc.ca/eservices/faq-eng.html>

All Freight Forwarders/NVOCC's are urged to immediately investigate and take the necessary steps to ensure their ability to comply with this requirement.

Freight Forwarders/NVOCC's should contact CBSA with any questions about implementation.

We appreciate your business and thank you for choosing ONE!

Sincerely,

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