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## **Importer Security Filing “10 + 2”**

U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) published on January 2, 2008 a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM) requiring importers and carriers to electronically submit additional information on cargo before it is brought into the United States by ocean vessel. The Security Filing, also known as “[10+2](#),” is another step in the Department of Homeland Security’s (DHS) strategy to better assess and identify high-risk shipments to prevent terrorist weapons and materials from entering the United States

Importers are required to submit an “Importer Security Filing” **24 hours before cargo is laden on board the ocean carrier**. The filing consists of 10 data elements provided by the importer (listed below) and 2 additional elements provided by the carrier.

- Manufacturer (or supplier) name and address
- Seller (or owner) name and address
- Buyer (or owner) name and address
- Ship-to name and address
- Container stuffing location
- Consolidator (stuffer) name and address
- Importer of record number/foreign trade zone applicant identification number
- Consignee number(s)
- Country of origin
- Commodity Harmonized Tariff Schedule number

Clients are encouraged to contact our local office for more details on the proposed changes. The proposed changes will require importers to make decisions regarding the methods they will use to provide the information required. This will dramatically affect how you will ship goods to U.S. in the near future.

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