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Dear Valued Customer,

Please see below information just received from US customs. Please note that ISF will be fully enforce by DHS, please be so kind to advice or inform your customer/Shippers that DHS will start sending Penalties and or fines of 5000.00 for late filling or no filling.

**\*please note that this information is subject to change without notice at the sole discretion of DHS.**

“U.S. Customs & Border Protection (CBP) recently updated the trade community on new Importer Security Filing (ISF) enforcement guidelines presently going into effect nationally. Customs is now entering a new enforcement phase for ISF compliance.

U.S. importers and other parties should note the following important changes and guidelines:

1. CBP HQ will no longer review ‘Liquidated Damages’ penalty requests by the port offices;
2. CBP port offices will no longer need to issue compliance warnings prior to issuing penalties;
3. CBP port offices will maintain their flexibility in managing ISF compliance and enforcement;
4. ISF timeliness will be measured against the carrier’s Vessel Departure Message (VDM);
5. CBP will consider no match between the B/L and ISF data as the ISF having not been filed;
6. Guidance for assessing penalties include significantly late filings and repeat violations;
7. \$5,000 penalties may be assessed per violation - to a maximum of \$10,000 per transaction;
8. Penalty mitigation to \$1,000 and \$2,500 for first and second violations respectively may be granted;
9. C-TPAT participants may receive a further 50% reduction in penalty amounts assessed;
10. An importer’s ISF compliance record may impact ongoing or future C-TPAT eligibility.

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Importers and other affected parties should continue to ensure their ISF-10 ('10+2') data is filed timely to avoid penalties and non-compliance. ISF-5 transmissions (for FROB cargo) are not subject to liquidated damages at this time.

Delmar International maintains comprehensive international and domestic solutions to provide both timely and compliant ISF transmission services for ocean freight arriving in the U.S.

Clients and all importers are encouraged to review the above information for applicability to their U.S. trade program. Additional information is available at [www.dhs.gov](http://www.dhs.gov)

Thank you.

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