

**Advance Electronic Cargo Information:  
CBP Announces Mandatory ACE e-Manifest at Ports in Vermont, New Hampshire and  
North Dakota Effective July 12, 2007**

U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) recently published a *Federal Register* notice to announce that truck carriers and other eligible parties will be required to use the Automated Commercial Environment (ACE) to transmit electronic cargo information (e-Manifest) at land border ports in the states of Vermont, New Hampshire and North Dakota. Effective July 12, 2007, the filing of e-Manifests prior to arrival will be mandatory at the following U.S. ports of entry.

- All land border ports in the state of Vermont
- All land border ports in the state of New Hampshire
- The North Dakota ports of St. John, Fortuna, Ambrose, Carbury, Noonan, Dunseith, Sherwood, Antler, Northgate, Westhope, and Portal.

CBP's Federal Register notice is available online at:

<http://a257.g.akamaitech.net/7/257/2422/01jan20071800/edocket.access.gpo.gov/2007/E7-6908.htm>

The mandatory e-Manifest policy will be implemented in a phased approach, and will eventually cover all ports. CBP will provide 90 days notice through publication in the Federal Register prior to requiring the use of ACE for transmitting the advance electronic truck cargo manifest at the remaining ports. The implementation schedule for the remaining groups of ports will be announced in the following order.

- All land border ports in the states of Idaho and Montana.
- All land border ports in the state of Maine.
- All land border ports in the states of Alaska and Minnesota.

CBP provides that the deployment sequence set forth above is subject to change.

Carriers may file e-Manifests with CBP through the web-based ACE Secure Data Portal, via a CBP approved electronic data interchange (EDI), or through a third party who may submit the electronic manifest information to CBP on their behalf via EDI or the web portal. We suggest that carrier companies become familiar with the mandatory e-Manifest implementation schedule and prepare to file e-Manifests by establishing an ACE carrier account, obtain certification to file via EDI, or arrange for a third party to transmit the e-Manifest on your behalf.

**Norman G. Jensen, Inc. has developed and made available a software application for submitting your ACE electronic truck manifest. Our NGJ software application has successfully completed the CBP testing process, and NGJ is listed on the CBP website as an ACE e-Manifest software developer. For more information about the software application, please contact your NGJ representative, or send an e-mail message to [compliance.us@ngjensen.com](mailto:compliance.us@ngjensen.com).**

**For parties who wish to have a third party submit e-Manifests on their behalf, NGJ is offering a "Create-a-Manifest" service. This service allows a carrier to fax manifest information to NGJ at a central location where the information will be sent to CBP in the form of an e-Manifest on the carrier's behalf. For more information about Create-a-Manifest and the fees associated with the service, please call (888) 645-9777, or send an e-mail to [mexpress@ngjensen.com](mailto:mexpress@ngjensen.com).**

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