

**Advance Electronic Cargo Information:
CBP Announces Mandatory ACE e-Manifest at Ports in Idaho and Montana Effective
August 6, 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 all land border ports in the states of Idaho and Montana effective August 6, 2007.

CBP's Federal Register notice is available online at:

<http://a257.g.akamaitech.net/7/257/2422/01jan20071800/edocket.access.gpo.gov/2007/E7-8707.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 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 state of Maine
- All land border ports in the states of Alaska and Minnesota

Although further changes to this order are not currently anticipated, CBP provides that if a change occurs it will be announced in future Federal Register notices.

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.

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.

If you have any questions, please contact your nearest NGJ office or e-mail us at compliance.us@ngjensen.com.

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