

**Advance Electronic Cargo Information:
CBP Announces Mandatory ACE e-Manifest at Land Border Ports in Maine and
Minnesota Effective October 16, 2007**

Yesterday, U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) published a *Federal Register* notice to announce that truck carriers and other eligible parties will be required to transmit electronic truck cargo information (e-Manifest) to CBP through the Automated Commercial Environment (ACE) at all land border ports in the states of Maine and Minnesota effective October 16, 2007.

The electronic cargo information must be received by CBP no later than 1 hour prior to the carrier's reaching the first port of arrival in the United States. For truck carriers arriving with shipments qualified for clearance under the Free and Secure Trade (FAST) program, the e-Manifest must be received by CBP no later than 30 minutes prior of the truck's arrival.

CBP's Federal Register notice is available online at:

<http://a257.g.akamaitech.net/7/257/2422/01jan20071800/edocket.access.gpo.gov/2007/E7-13848.htm>

The mandatory e-manifest policy has been implemented in a phased approach by CBP, and will eventually cover all ports. CBP provides that they have either required the use of ACE for the transmission of advance electronic truck cargo information, or provided 90 days notice that it intends to do so, at every land border port in which it originally planned, with the exception of the state of Alaska. Following the testing of the ACE truck manifest system in Alaska, CBP expects to announce in a Federal Register notice that it is providing 90 days notice for mandatory transmission of e-Manifests through ACE at all land border ports in the state of Alaska as well.

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 who have not already done so, 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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