

ISF FULL ENFORCEMENT

CBP is to "Begin Full ISF Enforcement," – effective May 15, 2015. Which means that, as of May 15th, US Customs will start giving fines of up to \$5000 when ISF is late or wrong. We have been warned that this day would come, but now it is here. So it is EXTREMELY important for ISF to be sent:

- AT LEAST 48HOURS PRIOR TO SAILING
- BL NUMBER ABSOLUTELY NEEDS TO BE CORRECT (with SCAC code, no typo. Please make sure AMS is filed with that same BL number in order to have a match)
- ALL INFORMATION NEEDS TO BE ACCURATE (ETS, ETA, shipper info, loading address, HTS codes, etc)

On top of this new implementation, containers with wrong/late ISF will continue to be targeted for Customs exams and this will continue to negatively affect our record with US Customs.

Also if there is an AMS # assigned to the MBL # it must be on the ISF. This is then used for ISF filing instead of the MBL #. At that time ISF is to be correct, if not, You need to investigate about Who filed AMS and their AMS HBL # (the number is composed by filer scac code + HBL number used for AMS filing). In case AMS is filed by Carrier ... please remember to check which number they used to file it. Most of the time they file with MBL number but they can also file with slightly different number and You need to ask them for the AMS MBL number.

Best rgds