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eManifest requirements for highway carriers

Canada Border Services Agency (CBSA) has announced that eManifest requirements for highway carriers will be mandatory on November 1, 2012.

Now that all transmission options (Electronic Data Interchange and the eManifest Portal) are available and operating efficiently, the 18-month implementation timeline will begin November 1, 2011. In accordance with the eManifest implementation approach, the following key dates will apply to eManifest implementation in the highway mode:

- November 1, 2011, to November 1, 2012 – Highway carriers have 12 months to incorporate eManifest requirements into their business processes.
- November 1, 2012, to May 1, 2013 – eManifest requirements are mandatory. Highway carriers deemed to be non-compliant will be denied entry to Canada and issued zero-rated penalties.
- May 1, 2013 – The implementation timeline is complete. Highway carriers deemed to be non-compliant will be denied entry to Canada and issued monetary penalties.

I would also like to draw to your attention that the eManifest section of the CBSA Web site has been updated to better organize the content, accommodate the posting of policy decisions and interim highway processes, and include user information on, and access to, the eManifest Portal. I encourage you to remind your members that the information they require is available in the eManifest section of the CBSA Web site and to subscribe to the eManifest RSS news feed to keep abreast of important updates.

I am confident that you will share in my enthusiasm at seeing the eManifest initiative cross over the planning threshold into implementation and I thank you for your valuable input and continued support.

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