



# ALLEGIANCE

## CUSTOMS BROKERAGE

This is a courtesy reminder of the Importer Security Filing (ISF) / 10 + 2 program...

Importers have until January 26, 2010 to become ISF compliant for all cargo arriving by ocean into the USA. After this date, U.S. Customs & Border protection will assess penalties in the amount of \$5,000 per violation.

Allegiance has our ISF/10 + 2 program in place, and we are ready to assist with your ISF/ 10+2 filing needs. If you would like for us to file on your behalf, please complete and return the attached Authorization form, allowing us to do so. Please note there is an additional charge for this service.

Also attached is the ISF Cover Sheet to request filing for a shipment. You are not required to use this particular format, however, it provides an example of all of the pertinent information that is needed in order to correctly transmit the filing information to Customs. The law requires the ISF be filed no later than 24 hours prior to the shipment being laden onboard the vessel destined for the U.S. With this in mind, we must have this information in our office no later than 72 hours prior to vessel departure, in order to be compliant and have the information filed timely.

If you do not have a Continuous Bond already in place, now would be a very good time to get one. The new US Import Security Policy requires an Importer Security Filing ISF bond. In plain English, if you do not have a Continuous Bond, you will have to have a Single Entry Bond for both the Customs Entry for your shipment, AND a separate Single Bond for the ISF Transmission, which will double your costs for Single Entry Bonds. We can assist you in obtaining a Continuous Bond as well. Contact us for more information regarding the Continuous Bond Application and fees.

I hope this helps with any questions you may have. If you need any assistance, or have further questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

We thank you for your business in 2009, and look forward to continuing to serve you in 2010.

Best wishes for a safe, prosperous and Happy New Year!!!!