

eManifest

Making the border smarter and more secure

eManifest is an extension of the Advance Commercial Information (ACI) initiative, and will require carriers, freight forwarders and importers to electronically provide the Canada Border Services Agency (CBSA) with cargo, conveyance, crew/passenger, secondary and importer trade data within specified time frames before the goods reach Canada.

By getting the right information at the right time, eManifest will:

- modernize the processing of commercial goods coming into Canada;
- improve the CBSA's ability to detect shipments that pose a high risk before they arrive in Canada; and
- expedite the movement of low-risk shipments.



To help the trade community comply with eManifest requirements, the CBSA is developing an eManifest Portal for submitting advance information free of charge. Trade partners will have the option to report through the eManifest Portal or by using existing electronic data interchange (EDI) systems. Information on the CBSA's EDI systems is available on the CBSA's Web site.

For each phase there will be a 12-month period for trade partners to incorporate eManifest requirements into their business processes. This will be followed by a 6-month grace period during which administrative monetary penalties will not be applied for non-compliance with eManifest regulations.



eManifest will be implemented in phases over a number of years.

Key dates are:

- **September 2010** – The eManifest EDI function to begin transmission of cargo and conveyance data will be available in the highway mode. The eManifest Portal will be available for highway carriers in winter 2011.
- **Winter 2011** – The eManifest EDI function to begin transmission of cargo and conveyance data will be available in the rail mode.
- **Summer 2011** – The function for freight forwarders to begin transmission of eManifest information (secondary cargo/house bill data) will be available.
- **Spring 2012** – The function for importers to begin transmission of advance trade data will be available.
- **Spring 2014** – eManifest fully implemented.



Changes are coming – stay informed!

For more information about eManifest, visit the CBSA Web site regularly at www.cbsa.gc.ca.

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