

NEW RULE “10 + 2”

In January 2nd of this year, U.S. Customs and Border Protection (“CBP”) published a proposal for a new rule that will significantly affect the international supply chain. The proposal, commonly referred to as “10 + 2” or the Security Filing Initiative, will require the electronic transmission of numerous data elements a least 24 hours before the lading of ocean containers aboard vessels bound for the U.S. Acting under a 2006 SAFE Port Act mandate, CBP intends to use the data to enhance its targeting of high risk shipments for inspection.

10+2 will require the following 10 additional commercial data elements for ocean shipments prior to loading at the foreign port to be transmitted to CBP:

1. Manufacturer name and address
2. Seller name and address
3. Container stuffing location
4. Consolidator name and address
5. Buyer name and address
6. Ship to name and address
7. Importer of record number
8. Consignee number
9. Country of origin of the goods
10. Commodity HTS number to the 6th digit

In addition, CBP will require ocean carriers to provide the following two data sets:

1. Container status message
2. Vessel stow plan

Initially 10+2 will be ocean only, additional modes of transportation will be included eventually.