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**ACAS – Air Cargo Advance Screening **

New U.S Customs Regulations

Dear Valued Customers:

The Air Cargo Advance Screening (ACAS) Program went into effect on June 12, 2018, and the enforced compliance period is ending on June 11, 2019. It is required to submit advanced air cargo information on shipments arriving in the United States from a foreign location. This is a necessary measure as the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) continues to raise the standard on aviation security worldwide. The data elements are similar requirements for CAMIR- (Air AMS/ACE) and should be transmitted **before** loading cargo on the aircraft; this should allow enough time for the ACAS system to send the carrier any responses such as Do Not Load messages and stop cargo from being exported.

Enforcement Date:

- June 12, 2019

Filing Deadline:

- Before loading cargo onto aircraft

Filing Method: (Three scenarios)

1. Information to be provided by forwarder via FWB/FHL messages *before acceptance to the warehouse*
2. Data to be submitted by airline at acceptance and trigger FWB/FHL upon completion.
3. CBP is allowing parties other than the inbound air carrier to file because in some cases, these other parties will have access to accurate ACAS data sooner. If your company chooses this option, please send us a compliance letter confirming this.

Filing Contents:

There are currently six mandatory data elements to submit for MAWB and HAWB. Data integrity is key, if any of the below is missing or inaccurate, we will receive an error message and could delay the movement of your shipment.

- Shipper name and address
- Consignee name and address
- Cargo description
- Total quantity based on smallest packing unit (SLAC COUNT)
- Total weight of cargo
- Air way bill number/house bill number with airport codes

To avoid delays and penalties from U.S Customs, please submit this data correctly and in advance for MAWB and HAWB. If you have any questions, please contact local Customer Service.