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Notice to Importers of shipments from USA:

PARS and RMD

As of **October 15, 2007**, the CBSA will no longer accept paper versions of either the release on minimum documentation (RMD) or the Pre-arrival Review System (PARS) service options.

Why are these changes happening?

Eliminating paper for release purposes will allow border services officers to move away from data capture to an environment that focuses on safety, security and facilitation of trade. Further, the CBSA's goal is to move the commercial program forward and ensure clients and stakeholders are better positioned for the third phase of the Advance Commercial Information (ACI) program known as eManifest.

Exceptions

The EDI alternatives have some limitations and it is not possible to use the electronic method in all situations and locations. As the systems continue to improve and stakeholders and other government departments (OGDs) or agencies move towards using EDI service options, the following exceptions will be updated.

1. Goods are subject to the requirements of another government department or agency and there is no EDI link between the CBSA and the other government department or agency:
2. The invoice for the release transaction contains more than 999 invoice lines:
3. There is a CBSA, importer and/or broker system outage:

What will replace paper service options?

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EDI PARS release requests can be transmitted up to 30 days before the arrival of shipments. In situations where the carrier has not notified the importer or broker before the arrival of shipments, the release request can be transmitted as an EDI PARS with the driver waiting (DW) indicator once the carrier has arrived. At the primary inspection line, the border services officer will issue a Y28, *Report to Warehouse*, to the driver. Once the importer/broker has transmitted the PARS DW service option, and it has been processed by the CBSA, the importer/broker will receive a processed message from the CBSA. The drivers must then present themselves to the CBSA commercial office with a copy of their cargo report (i.e. cargo control document) and the Y28 to obtain the release decision.

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