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Trade Tech Launches 1st Online Solution to Meet New 24-Hour Rule Requirements for Mexico

BELLVUE, Washington – Trade Tech, an Internet-based supply chain and transportation application service provider, announced today that it has developed a cost effective online application to meet the new 24-Hour Rule Advance Manifest System (AMS) for Mexico, which requires manifests be filed electronically 24 hours prior to cargo loading for Mexican Customs Authorities, effective September 1, 2007.

Known as its Mexico Cargo Security Filing solution, Trade Tech created the new application for freight forwarders, ship operators and beneficial cargo owners to help them save time and money and meet Mexico's specific online filing requirements. At the heart of the application, which is currently the only alternative to filing directly through the web site of the Asociación Mexicana de Agentes Navieros, A.C. (AMANAC), are specific data elements for creating an electronic manifest, including:

- Name and complete address of the shipper, consignee, and notify party, as stated in the bill of lading.
- Amount/number of packages and measurement unit. For merchandise transported in containers, the amount and measurement unit must be specified for each container.
- Gross weight or volume of the merchandise. For merchandise transported in containers, the gross weight or volume must be specified for each container.
- Merchandise description, avoiding general descriptions that do not allow proper identification of the nature of the merchandise, such as "general cargo", "dry cargo", "chemicals", "perishable items", "bulk merchandise", or "bulk minerals".
- Number, quantity, and dimensions of containers.
- Seal number(s) for each container.
- Type of service contracted (CY or CFS).
- For hazardous merchandise, class division (IMO class) and United Nations number (UN Nr) and contact telephone number in case of emergency.
- Fiscal area where the merchandise will be stored before loading or upon unloading.
- Ships' estimated date of arrival or departure.
- Vessel's name and voyage number.
- Vessel's radio call sign (not IMO number).
- CAAT Code.

Mexico's 24-Hour Advance Manifest System also requires that data be entered manually, which is one of Trade Tech's key service advantages. "Our expertise is in cargo security filing, so it was a natural for us to develop a solution to meet our customer's Mexico-related requirements," said Bryn Heimbeck, Trade Tech's CEO.



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“We are currently the only solution available on the market to meet Mexico’s AMS requirements and we are experts at manually entering data, which saves our customers valuable time and resources,” said Heimbeck. “What’s more, carriers will be charging forwarders and shippers fees ranging from \$25-\$30 per transaction. Trade Tech’s application is less expensive per transaction, we do all of the manual entry and our customers’ confidential shipper and consignee information is protected, so our customers are very excited about our new Mexico Cargo Security Filing solution.”

Trade Tech’s existing cargo security filing applications allow logistics providers and shippers to integrate operating systems with each country’s Customs to file cargo manifests, including the port of arrival/departure, numbers from the bill of lading, description and weight of cargo and names of shippers/consignees prior to loading (on ocean shipments) or prior to takeoff or landing (on air shipments depending on origins).

About Trade Tech

Trade Tech is a one-stop shop for Internet-based supply chain and transportation solutions owned and operated by logistics industry professionals. Trade Tech is an Application Service Provider (ASP) which licenses and delivers applications for NVOCCs, third party logistics providers and beneficial cargo owners in five key areas, including:

- Cost optimization/pricing/accounting
- Transportation Management
- Supply chain/purchase order visibility (tracking and tracing)
- Sales/operations
- AMS/ACI and security related to ocean and air transportation, including all Cargo Security Filing requirements.

Founded in 1997, Trade Tech’s applications help link shippers to consignees, carriers to customers, and truckers and warehouses to forwarders, so that everyone in the community has visibility to the movement of goods throughout the supply chain. The main advantage for Trade Tech users is having access to applications and data anywhere in the world, as well as receiving the latest versions of the applications every time they log-on – no software downloads are required.

Trade Tech is also at the forefront of the industry in searching for methods, processes, and technologies that will result in a cost effective and secure trading community such as AMS and the latest USCBP “10+2” cargo security filing requirements.

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