

Customs Seeks Comments on Proposed Rule Regarding Additional Importer and Carrier Filing Requirements

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On January 2, 2008, U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) published a notice of proposed rulemaking regarding Importer Security Filing and Additional Carrier Requirements. Currently, under the 24-hour rule, a manifest must be submitted electronically through the vessel automated manifest system 24 hours prior to lading of cargo at a foreign port. Additionally, the SAFE Port Act requires the electronic submission of additional data elements to enhance security analysis. The proposed rule builds on these enhancements and would require both importers and carriers to electronically submit additional information pertaining to cargo before it is brought into the United States by vessel. Written comments must be submitted to CBP on or before March 3, 2008.

Kelley Drye's [International Trade](#) Practice Group has prepared this client advisory, which provides further information on this proposed rule.