



Importer Security Filing (ISF) Information

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Dear Valued Supplier,

US Customs & Border Protection (CBP) implemented the Importer Security Filing (ISF) program outlined under the Security and Accountability for Every (SAFE) Port Act of 2006 on January 25, 2009. This program creates an additional layer of security and safety for all ocean shipments heading to the United States. This is done with the filing of the ISF prior to the freight being loaded on the vessel.

Importer Security Filing (ISF) with CBP is required to be filed by the importer for all ocean shipments destined for the United States or transiting the United States on route to final destination (e.g. Mexico). Failure to file the ISF timely exposes the shipment to additional delays and possible penalties. Customs enforcement grace period has ended and they are ramping up enforcement practices.

Continental Automotive Systems (Continental) as the U.S. importer of record requires our supplier's assistance in providing the timely and accurate ISF submission. Suppliers must ensure that a valid ISF submission has been filed and accepted by U S Customs and Border Protection (CBP) prior to the freight leaving their facility on Less than Container Load (LCL) shipments. Full Container Load (FCL) shipments must not be loaded on the vessel until a compliant ISF is confirmed.

CBP requires that the ISF is filed 24 hours prior to loading on the vessel. In order to ensure that this deadline is met Continental requires the ISF to be completed and accepted by CBP no later than two working days prior to vessel loading at point of origin. This is critical to avoid delays, returned shipments or penalties.

The supplier is responsible for providing the necessary ISF data elements to the approved US Customs broker. Please complete the brokers ISF form to ensure timely and accurate ISF filing. The ISF form must be sent to the US customs broker 72 hours prior to sailing to allow the ISF to be processed to meet Continental's requirements.



ISF Form
Instructions.xls

Please note that without express written consent from Continental absolutely no shipments are to be loaded onto ocean vessels prior to the ISF filing. The supplier will be liable for any penalties, or expedited freight costs (e.g. air shipments) that results from not following the above instructions.

Any questions can be sent to Continental@ohl.com.

Sincerely,

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