External Communique

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Trans-Border Air Shipments in Highway Service (Flying Truck) Exception

The purpose of this communique is to inform carriers that the cargo exception to transmit pre-arrival data for trans-border air shipments in highway service (flying trucks) will continue to remain in place until future regulatory amendments as part of the eManifest initiative.

The flying truck cargo exception also applies to freight forwarder requirements (where applicable) for consolidated air cargo transported in the highway mode.

Therefore, highway carriers will continue to report and present all documentation pertaining to flying truck cargo (consolidated or not) to the Canada Border Services Agency (CBSA) in paper format at the highway Primary Inspection Line (PIL), as per the current process and until further notice.

As part of eManifest requirements, highway carriers will continue to send conveyance pre-arrival information with the flying truck exemption code “04” as outlined in the Electronic Commerce Client Requirements Document (ECCRD), Chapter 4: ACI/eManifest Highway or Chapter 7: ACI/ eManifest Highway Portal.

As the ACI/eManifest program evolves, the highway conveyance operator will be required to provide pre-arrival cargo data for “flying truck” cargo. At that point in time, freight forwarders will also be required to transmit house bill data (if applicable) for consolidated flying truck cargo. The CBSA will provide notice to stakeholders prior to lifting this exception.

For additional information on Flying Trucks, please see Customs Memorandum D3-2-2 paragraphs 54(e) and 99 to 105 (http://www.cbsa-asfc.gc.ca/publications/dm-md/d3/d3-2-2-eng.html).

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