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Dear Valued Customer,

Since the announcement of the U.S. Customs 10 + 2 policy on January 23, 2009, we have received many questions relating to the topic. In preparation of the 10+ 2 full enforcement date (January 26, 2010), On Time Express has compiled the following list of frequently asked questions and answers for your reference.

Question	Answer
<p><b>What is the 10 + 2 Rule?</b></p>	<p>The 10+2 rule is a CBP regulation that requires importers and vessel operating carriers to submit additional advance manifest information. The 10 portion of the regulation is known as the Importer Security Filing (ISF-10), which the importer is required to transmit no later than 24 hours prior to cargo loading the vessel that is coming to the US. These data elements must be filed at the lowest Bill of Lading level are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Importer of Record</li> <li>• Consignee number</li> <li>• Seller (Owner) name/address</li> <li>• Buyer (Owner) name/address</li> <li>• Ship to Party</li> <li>• Manufacturer (Supplier) name/address</li> <li>• Country of Origin</li> <li>• Commodity HTS-6</li> <li>• Container Stuffing Location*</li> <li>• Consolidator (Stuffer) name/address*</li> </ul> <p>*required to be sent to CBP ASAP, but no later than 24 hours prior to arrival into the first US port. The 2nd portion of the regulation (the +2 portion) is the carrier requirement to submit a vessel stow plan and container status messages. Please note On Time Express has been submitting these in accordance to the rule since January 26, 2009. Also, if the cargo is transshipping via USA but final the place of delivery is another foreign country, the carrier is required to submit the ISF-5 to Customs. The ISF - 5 includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Booking party</li> <li>• Foreign port of unloading</li> <li>• Place of delivery</li> <li>• Ship to party</li> <li>• Commodity HTSUS number</li> </ul> <p>On Time Express has been submitting any necessary ISF-5 information in accordance to the rule since January 26, 2009.</p>
<p><b>How does the carrier submit the ISF-5?</b></p>	<p>The carrier submits the ISF-5 as a unified filing with their manifest submission.</p>
<p><b>When will a Bill of Lading number be provided for each shipment?</b></p>	<p>When the shipment is a simple one booking / one bill of lading, the booking number is the bill of lading number with the OTE HAWB in front. For all other scenarios, the bill of lading number should be provided within 24 hours of the receipt of the shipping instructions.</p>

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<b>Will US Customs &amp; Border Protection (CBP) put Do Not Loads on Bill of Ladings that do not have ISF-10 filed and will the carrier hold it?</b>	CBP has the right to place Do Not Loads based on the ISF-10 at their discretion. For incomplete or missing ISF-10 entries, CBP can withhold the release of the customs entry at destination. If CBP places a Do Not Load based on the ISF-10 filing, as a carrier, On Time Express must hold the container at the load port until Customs releases the hold.
<b>If I have a transportation document with 2 containers, but I want to divert one container to a different location resulting in a split Bill of Lading, do I need to file an ISF-10 for the split BL?</b>	Yes. U.S. Customs requires an ISF filed on all Bills of Lading manifested.
<b>Will On Time Express verify whether the ISF-10 has been filed prior to loading the cargo, and do we have visibility to the ISF-10 filing information?</b>	No, the filing relationship is between the importer and Customs and On Time Express will not have visibility to the filing status.
<b>Is it a requirement that there be an ISF confirmation number provided to On Time Express by the exporter / importer or their agents to load a container?</b>	There is no requirement for this.
<b>Is On Time Express prepared to send the required data elements to Customs as required per the 10+2?</b>	Yes. On Time Express has been doing so since the interim implementation of 10+2 began on January 26, 2009.
<b>Where can I find more information on the 10+2 regulation?</b>	US Customs has a webpage completely dedicated to the regulation. Please <a href="#">click here</a> to access the page. This web page includes great information and On Time Express highly recommends reviewing the 10+2 FAQ and the Importer Presentation.

If you have any questions regarding this information, please contact your sales representative or On Time Express International Department at 1- 866-688-3927. We thank you for your business and look forward to continually serving your global transportation needs.

Thank You,

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