



Program Clarification: eManifest Processing of Highway Carrier Conveyance Data (Conveyance Reference Number) at First Point of Arrival

PURPOSE:

The purpose of this communiqué is to clarify the Canada Border Services Agency's (CBSA) requirements for processing eManifest conveyance data (Conveyance Reference Number) for highway carriers at the First Point of Arrival (FPOA).

CBSA PROGRAM CLARIFICATION:

Under eManifest, highway carrier cargo data and conveyance data are to be transmitted to the CBSA a minimum of one hour prior to arrival at the border. When eManifest becomes mandatory, "the owner or person in charge of the conveyance" will be required to transmit the Conveyance Reference Number (CRN) using their own carrier code. This carrier has the statutory obligation under section 12.1 of the *Customs Act* to provide advance information to the CBSA and the statutory obligation under section 12(1) of the *Customs Act* to report the goods. These statutory obligations cannot be shifted from one carrier to another.

During the early stages of eManifest there have been instances where the carrier that is "the owner or person in charge of the conveyance" has arrived at FPOA, and presented a CRN with a carrier code that does not appear to be their own (i.e. the logo on the truck is of a different carrier). This most commonly occurs when one carrier has contracted a load to another carrier. Under eManifest, a carrier arriving at FPOA using another carrier's carrier code in their CRN is not acceptable. The CRN must represent the carrier that is physically transporting the goods to Canada and reporting the goods at FPOA. When one carrier uses another carrier, the CRN (carrier code) on the electronic conveyance submission must always represent the carrier that will be arriving at FPOA, regardless of which party transmitted the related cargo data.

The CBSA is reaching out to carriers using these practices to advise that they should change their processes to comply with eManifest requirements.

Please ensure that the CRN presented at FPOA represents the carrier that is the owner or person in charge of the conveyance. Failure to provide the accurate CRN may result in delays in processing.