



# CUSTOMER ADVISORY

## CBP ISF FILING CRITERIA CHANGE IN EFFECT

October 23, 2020,

**Dear Valued Customer,**

Please be advised that the U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) agency issued a change to the data format for Importer Security Filing (ISF). This change went into effect yesterday, Thursday October 22.

The change pertains to the use of an IRS Employee Identification Number (EIN or IRS number) for the importer of record number (IOR#). The number format is two digits followed by a dash and seven more digits (i.e. 95-1234567). This number can have a two-digit suffix, numbers or letters (i.e. 95-1234567AB). CBP will now require the IOR# to include the last two suffix digits. If your IRS number does not include suffix numbers, you can add two zeros to your number (i.e. 95-123456700). Please note that this change does not apply to social security numbers or for Customs assigned numbers, only for IRS/EIN numbers.

APLL encourages you to communicate with your surety company and ISF data sources to ensure your IOR#s are accurate and meet the CBP requirements. Please notify your APLL representative of any changes so that we can update our records accordingly.

APL Logistics' ISF support team has proactively reviewed our ISF clients' records to ensure the IOR#s we have on file meet the specified requirements.

If you have any further questions or concerns, please contact your APL Logistics Representative.

Sincerely,

APL Logistics