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NITL TO OFFER NEW "10+2" COMPLIANCE PROGRAM

The National Industrial Transportation League is pleased to announce a new program exclusively for affected NITL Members that will be subject to the new "Importer Security Filing and Additional Carrier Requirements," also known as "10+2."

Under this new program members have the opportunity to contract with an experienced, licensed U.S. Customs broker that has some 30 years experience in supply chain consulting, and international and domestic logistics. ABS Consulting led by Albert Saphir has entered into an agreement with the League to provide members with an assortment of services at a substantial discount so as to be compliant with the new 10+2 requirements.

Starting January 26, 2010 all ocean importers will be required to comply with a new federal regulation and file an "Importer Security Filing" (ISF) with the Bureau of Customs and Border Protection (CBP). The ISF (commonly referred to as 10+2) requires importers to submit 10 data elements (e.g., manufacturer's name and address; seller name and address; container stuffing location; country of origin; etc.) at least 24 hours (in most cases) before a shipment leaves a foreign port for the U.S. Failure to comply by January 26, 2010 could result in fines up to \$5000 per violation, the issuance of "do not load orders", or possible seizure of the cargo by Customs resulting in substantial delays and additional costs.

Under the League's program, interested Members of the Association may choose from one of three service options after a free consultation. The services are designed from a "full service plan"; an "assisted plan", or a "self service plan." In each of these programs the objective is for the ocean importer to identify the correct data elements that must be included in the ISF.

League President Bruce Carlton said regarding the new service, "we know that there are a number of small and medium sized ocean importers have yet to test their own capabilities in meeting the new 10+2 requirements. This service will help insure that their shipments reach their intended customers without undue liability exposure for not complying with the 10+2 rule.

Albert Saphir, principal of ABS Consulting added, "Given the potential magnitude of fines importers will face for non compliance with ISF, many importers that just sat on the sidelines in 2009 choosing to rely on a "BAND-AID[®]" for a quick fix solution, will wake up to the financial reality in 2010. It has been proven that ISF can be an opportunity to completely reinvent your import supply chain, resulting in much better visibility, reliability, compliance and cost savings of around 80% on external and internal ISF filing costs."

More information on this exclusive offer will be listed on the League's web-site at: <http://www.nitl.org>.

The NITL is an association of companies that conduct industrial and/or commercial shipping throughout the United States and internationally. Founded in 1907, the organization is one of the oldest and largest associations in the country representing some 600 member companies involved with the transport of all kinds of freight in domestic and international commerce including ocean carriage.

ABS Consulting, based in Weston, FL is a provider of highly customized and focused consulting services for logistics, transportation and trade compliance challenges. Its principal Albert Saphir, a licensed U.S. Customs broker, is a senior supply chain consultant with 30 years of management experience in international and domestic logistics, transportation management, trade compliance and supply chain security.