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Western Hemisphere Travel Initiative (WHTI) and ACE e-Manifest:Trucks

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The following is compiled by Russell A. Farrow (U.S.) Inc. based on a broadcast email from U.S. Customs & Border Protection.

As of June 1, 2009 manifests submitted without approved Western Hemisphere Travel (WHTI) documents will be rejected.

To date, support of WHTI compliant travel documents in the ACE Secure Data Portal is limited to FAST card, Passport, Laser Visa, U.S. Visa, Permanent Resident Card, Reentry Permit and Refugee Permit. If your drivers have one of these WHTI compliant travel documents and you are reporting them in your e-Manifests no further action is required.

On April 11, 2009, however, the ACE Portal will be updated to accommodate the following seven additional WHTI compliant travel documents:

- Enhanced Driver's License (EDL)
- SENTRI Card
- NEXUS Card
- U.S. Passport Card
- Native American Indian/INAC
- U.S. Military ID Document
- U.S. Merchant Mariner Document

Please note: The number of the referenced documents listed above is the data element that will be transmitted with the e-Manifest.

An Enhanced Driver's License (EDL) is a state issued driver's license that provides additional information not included in a traditional driver's license or a commercial driver's license (CDL) such as citizenship information. An EDL has a radio frequency identification (RFID) chip and a Machine Readable Zone (MRZ) or barcode that CBP Officers can read electronically if the RFID is not available. An EDL will satisfy both requirements to supply a driver's license and a travel document in an e-manifest. Not all states currently offer an EDL; please check with your state licensing/Department of Motor Vehicle office for additional information.

Additionally, the following changes to the naming convention for existing travel documents will be implemented on April 11, 2009:

- "Reentry Permit" will be changed to "DHS Re-Entry Permit"
- "Refugee Permit" will be changed to "DHS Refugee Travel Document Number"
- "U.S. Visa Number" will be changed to two separate documents: the "U.S. VISA Immigrant Number" and the "U.S. VISA Non-Immigrant Number".



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• The “Permanent Resident Document Number” will be separated into the “A1-US Alien Registration Card Number,” “A-2- U.S. Alien Registration Card Number,” the “C1-Permanent Resident Card Number (1998-2003),” and the “C2-Permanent Resident Card Number”

Carriers are encouraged to review their ACE driver accounts to ensure their drivers have one of these WHTI approved documents prior to June 1, 2009.

Note: The driver must have the actual travel document that is reported in the e-Manifest available to show CBP upon arrival, if requested.

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