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On Monday, August 01 2016, the CBSA at the port of Windsor will begin accepting electronic RMD packages for goods that have arrived in Canada but have not been cleared.

As we work toward a paperless environment, this is an important step that has benefits to all involved. We will no longer be sending drivers physically to the broker to get a paper package if the release is not in the system before they arrive. They will be able to call the broker and have the broker submit a RMD-EDI (service option 257/471). *If the goods are in Canada, we will **NOT** accept a pre-arrival request (125/463).*

Paper packages will still be accepted if it falls within the exception to submit electronic data. Reason for exception:

- Invoice lines in excess of 999 lines
- More than one warehouse sub-location code
- Goods being released from Queen's Warehouse
- OGD Paper Permit or Certificate required (no EDI link to CBSA)
- Multiple Highway Cargo Control Numbers at Frontier
- System Outage
- Courier Low Value Shipment rejected (Y50) from Consist Sheet
- Shortages, Entered to Arrive, Value Included, Provisional, etc.
- Bonded warehouse RMD (grey wrapper)
- Regulated goods qualifying for Tariff Classification 9813 or 9814 ("Canadian goods Returning")
- Release request is submitted to a non-automated Customs office

It is important to remember that release information should be in the system prior to a carrier crossing the border. It is not our intention to revert back to previous practices of allowing carriers to cross and then go see the broker to clear the goods. There will not be expedited service for carriers who cross the border without being line release ready.

We will *not* accept phone queries as to the status of a shipment.

We will *not* process Pre-arrival releases if it is not in the system prior to the carrier arriving at the border. You will be required to submit a PARS cancellation request and submit an RMD-EDI. This includes CFIA shipments.

As this is a new process, we will for the next 6 months, continue to accept paper if you are having difficulty submitting RMD-EDI.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

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