



**DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY
U.S. CUSTOMS SERVICE**

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**TO : Exporters, Forwarders, Carriers, Customhouse Brokers, Importers and Others
Concerned**

SUBJECT : Outbound Informed Compliance Workshop

The U.S. Customs Service has recently reorganized and identified the Outbound Process as one of three "Core Processes".

As you may be aware, Customs has been identifying significant problems in the area of timely outbound documentation submission in Chicago. We have also determined that some members of the exporting community are confused about when documents must be available for review and presentation to Customs. Results of a Customs nationwide outbound manifest survey "snapshot" confirm that these problems are not unique to Chicago, but are nationwide.

The outbound program areas currently regulated by Customs will be receiving close scrutiny in the near future and we in Chicago believe that the outcome of this study will dramatically highlight the benefits of participation in the Automated Export System.

For the above reasons, and in keeping with Customs policy of Informed Compliance, we are requesting the presence of one or more of your export personnel to participate in a meeting to be held on January 23, 1997 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. (noon) at the Best Western Midway Hotel, 1600 Oakton Street, Elk Grove Village, Illinois. This is the third of three Outbound Compliance Workshops being offered to the trade community. The two previous sessions were held on December 12 and 17, 1996.

We will review general results of the outbound manifest survey, cover specific outbound regulations, provide information on the Automated Export System, provide information on proper documentation preparation/submission, provide an overview of Chicago's outbound Customs operations you may expect in the near future and their impact on your operations and finish with a generous question and answer period.

Please direct any questions to Marcia Youanis, EXODUS Office, at 847-616-4078.

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