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## **PORT OF COLUMBUS PIPELINE**

**TO:** Importer, Brokers, Freight Forwarders, Carriers, Container Freight station  
Operators, and Other Members of the Trade Community

**SUBJECT:** New Message Broadcasting System

Customs and Border Protection (CBP) has launched a new mechanism for issuing technical communications to the trade community. This free broadcast messaging system, Cargo Systems Messaging Service (CSMS), offers the trade community two new ways to get information from CBP. CSMS functions as both a database available through [cbp.gov](http://cbp.gov) and as an email "list serve", to deliver information to the subscribers via e-mail.

To benefit from the new list serve capability, members of the trade community can subscribe to receive messages via e-mail and/or view messages on the CBP web site on the following topics:

- Automated Broker Interface (ABI)
- Automated Commercial Environment (ACE) Outreach Events
- ACE Portal Accounts
- ACE Reports
- Air Manifest
- Ocean Manifest
- Rail Manifest
- Truck Manifest
- Cuentas en el Portal de ACE (ACE Portal Account-Spanish)
- Transportistas de Camion (Truck Manifest-Spanish)

The new list serve will replace the previous message system, which broadcast only to users of the ABI. Messages issued under the ABI Administrative Message system were converted to CSMS on February 11, 2008 and will no longer be available, making the CSMS the official communication service between CBP and the trade community. Past ABI message recipients will need to subscribe to the new list serve in order to continue receiving messages.

Trade community members who would like to receive information updates on CBP cargo processing systems via e-mail can subscribe to the new list serve via the CBP web site at [http://apps.cbp.gov/csms/csms.asp?display\\_page=1](http://apps.cbp.gov/csms/csms.asp?display_page=1).

Messages sent to list serve subscribers will also be available as a database on the CBP web site at the above listed address. The web site allows anyone to search for messages by subject area, date, message number, or keyword.

Should you have any questions concerning this pipeline, please contact Craig L. Vette at 614-497-1865, extension 115.

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