



## Importer Security Filing

Importer Security Filing went into effect on January 26, 2009. This rule applies to import cargo arriving into the United States by vessel. The ISF program requires Kohl's to file ten data elements electronically to US Customs prior to loading goods onto a vessel overseas. The information submitted in the ISF entry provides U.S. Customs and Border Protection with the ability to target high risk shipments. This information is used by CBP to ensure cargo safety and security. Failure to comply with the rule could ultimately result in monetary penalties, increased inspections and delay of cargo.

### **Importer Criteria**

1. Seller
2. Buyer
3. Importer of Record Number
4. Consignee Number
5. Manufacturer Name and Address
6. Ship to Party
7. Country of Origin
8. Harmonized Tariff Schedule
9. Container Stuffing Location
10. Consolidator

### **Carrier Criteria**

1. Stow Plan
2. Container Status Message (CSM)

Additionally, the shipping bill of lading (BOL) number will tie the importer and carrier information together.

As of May 15, 2015, CBP began **full** enforcement of all penalty actions for ISF violations; meaning monetary penalties, cargo inspections and holds for ISF non-compliance. Fines and penalties of up to \$5,000 will result per violation for non-submission, inaccurate, incomplete or untimely filings. Local ports are no longer required to issue 3 strikes before issuing penalties. If goods for which an ISF has not been filed arrive in the U.S., CBP may withhold the release or transfer of the cargo. For carrier violations of the vessel stow plan requirement, CBP may refuse to grant a permit to unlade for the merchandise. Additionally, noncompliant cargo could be subject to further inspection on arrival.

### **For more information**

- Customs & Border Protection Website ([cbp.gov](http://cbp.gov))
- Federal Register/Vol. 73, No. 228/Tuesday, November 25, 2008/Rules and Regulations
- Importer Security Filing and Additional Carrier Requirement; Interim Final Rule
- Code of Federal Regulations (CFR19), Part 149
- Contact your Import Broker or Customs Consultant