

Changes to Remote Location Filing Prototype Two

Brokers may now use RLF for T&E and IT movements of merchandise

CBP published in the March 31, 2005, Federal Register, a general notice ([html](#) or [pdf](#)) detailing changes it is making to the merchandise eligibility requirements for participation in Remote Location Filing (RLF) Prototype Two. RLF will now be permitted for cargo that will be moved using immediate transportation (IT) and transportation and export (T&E) in-bond procedures. CBP has determined that the security risks previously associated with in-bond transactions have been greatly reduced due to the significant security and cargo processing gains accomplished by the advance cargo information regulations set forth in CBP Dec. 03-32, published in the Federal Register ([68 FR 68140](#)) on December 5, 2003. CBP also realizes that as in-bond transactions are a mainstay of international transactions, permitting RLF in an in-bond context will enhance the Prototype's usefulness to the trade while simultaneously furthering CBP's modernization objectives.

CBP also clarifies the Federal Register notice through its March 31, 2005, Administrative Message 05-0349. In that message, CBP announced that until it implements necessary ACS programming changes, CBP is not capable of accepting IT and T&E transactions. CBP will advise the trade via ABI Administrative Message when programming is complete and ACS is capable of accepting these transactions.

About RLF...a pilot program that allows an approved participant to electronically file entries with CBP from a location within the United States, other than the port of arrival or location of examination. For example, a brokerage firm located in Baltimore can file an entry for merchandise that will arrive in Houston and be shipped to Minneapolis.

Benefits include:

- Expanded business reach
- Quicker and more consistent cargo processing
- Simplified record keeping (e.g., just one database)
- Reduced overhead costs
- Better utilization of automation resources
- Importers may use one broker for importations nationwide
- Centralization of services
- Closer working relationship with CBP
- Reduced cycle times

For more information regarding RLF, please visit CBP's [website page](#). This page has links to various RLF subjects, including eligibility requirements, application for participation, release procedures and operational notes.

This document may be found at <http://www.roanoketrade.com/topics/Changes to RLF.pdf>.
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