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Measures to Increase the use of EDI

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The following is excerpted from the Canada Border Services Agency - Notices & Memos (CN07-008 Measures to Increase the use of EDI for Release Purposes).

Customs Notice 07-008 advises that FIRST (Frequent Importer Release System) will be eliminated on 31 January 2008

and

that paper RMD and paper PARS service options will not be accepted as of 15 October 2007.

With respect to the latter, CBSA has confirmed that:

1. This notice applies to all modes.
2. The policy applies to release as any port - border or inland. While carriers will still be entitled to move shipments in-bond, at the inland location the release must be transmitted through EDI unless the goods or release scenario falls into the exceptions list.

Customs Notice 07-008 is available on the CBSA website at:

<http://www.cbsa-asfc.gc.ca/E/pub/cm/cn07-008/README.html>