

Suspension from filing import declarations by using manifest / the Pre-arrival Examination System

With increasing e-commerce imports, some customs brokers have misused customs procedures and have filed improper import declarations, such as those involving IPR-infringing goods. Customs therefore needs to further strengthen border enforcement while ensuring prompt clearance. To rectify the improper practices of such brokers, Customs will suspend their use of import declarations by using manifest (hereinafter referred to as “the manifest declaration”) and the Pre-arrival Examination System, effective April 1, 2026.

Scope of Restriction

All customs brokers except AEO brokers are subject to this measure.

Note: Suspension and reinstatement will be implemented by all Customs offices nationwide at the same time. Also, decisions on the suspension of the use of the manifest declaration and the Pre-arrival Examination System are made separately.

Conditions for Suspension

Where a customs broker engages in any of the practices below, Customs will suspend the broker’s use of the manifest declaration / the Pre-arrival Examination System.

- **Repeatedly filing of import declarations with incorrect information**
- **Other practices causing difficulties in the proper customs clearance**

Examples may include the following practices.

Inclusion of IPR-infringing goods or shipments ineligible for the manifest declaration

A sharp increase in import-declaration errors and other inaccuracies

Frequent errors in shipper information, goods descriptions, value, or other entry data

Removal of cargo prior to import permission when using the Pre-arrival Examination System

Note: Before suspension, Customs will first request the broker to take corrective actions and then determine whether to suspend its use. However, if the improper practices are found to be intentional, suspension will be imposed immediately.

Conditions for Reinstatement

Customs will allow the broker’s use once **the reasons for suspension have been resolved** and the broker is confirmed **to be able to file import declarations in a proper manner**.

We appreciate your efforts to ensure proper business operations.

