

Revision to the Timing of Inspection Notification under the Pre-arrival Examination System

In import declarations by using manifest (hereinafter referred to as “manifest declaration”) under the pre-arrival examination system, Customs has recently identified certain serious violations, including the misuse of notifications to verify whether imported cargo was subject to examination or inspection, and then replacing the inappropriate cargo. Accordingly, Customs needs to further strengthen border enforcement while ensuring prompt clearance.

Key Changes (Scheduled to apply on and after July 2026)

- Inspection notification will be provided **after formal import declaration.**
- For all manifest declarations under the pre-arrival examination system **except** those submitted by **AEO importers and AEO customs brokers,** and **other parties specifically recognized as appropriate by Customs.**



Conditions for Application

- Ability to submit advance cargo information through NACCS
 - Expected approval or certification as AEO operators
- In addition, Customs takes into account past compliance history, including misdeclaration records and the results of inspections.

Flow of Pre-arrival import declaration

Before

Pre-arrival import declaration

Inspection notification

Formal import declaration

① No inspection

② Document Examination

③ Inspection

Import permission

border

After

Pre-arrival import declaration

Receipt Notification

Formal import declaration

Inspection notification

① No inspection

② Document Examination

③ Inspection

Import permission

