US Customs Regulations – Advance Electronic Presentation of Cargo Information

Further to our <u>Circulars</u> dated <u>17</u> and <u>20 February 2004</u>, the CBP has issued updated <u>FAQ'S</u> reflecting a number of recent changes to these new regulations.

One change of particular note is that the transmission rules now contain no requirement for the submission of AMS declarations for cargo <u>loaded in</u> US ports. This exclusion reflects reports from the US attorneys assisting the effort to clarify a number of issues arising from the new rules, which indicated that the CBP has (contrary to the its earlier advice) determined that at this time such declarations need not be made. However, the attorneys understand that the CBP intend to introduce such a requirement in the future – possibly towards the end of this year or early in 2005.

Developments in this matter will continue to be monitored and this website updated as further news becomes available.