

Information Notice

Customs and Border Protection, Detroit Field Office
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TO : Carriers, Brokers, Importers and Other Interested Parties

FROM : Director, Field Operations
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SUBJECT: USDA Northern Border User Fees

On August 25, 2006, the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Services (APHIS) of the USDA published an Interim Final Rule in the Federal Register that removes exemptions from the payment of user fees for commercial vessels, trucks, railroad cars, aircraft, and international air passengers entering the United States from Canada. The rule will go into effect on November 24, 2006. Rail, aircraft and air passenger collections are performed directly by USDA. U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) will handle vessel and truck collections.

Effective **November 24, 2006**, the new per crossing fee for trucks without user fee decals arriving from Canada will be \$10.25 (\$5.00 for CBP and \$5.25 for APHIS). The APHIS fee for commercial vessels entering from Canada will be \$490. Truck carriers should encourage their drivers to have the exact amount whenever possible. **This fee must be paid in U.S. currency.** CBP will accept Master Card, VISA, American Express and Discover credit cards as well as U.S. debit cards at primary for collection of the fees.

Additionally, CBP has developed a procedure to lessen the impact of collecting the APHIS user fee for trucks arriving from Canada. Current annual fee purchasers with a valid transponder will be billed directly by the Office of Finance for each crossing for the period November 24 – December 31, 2006. Local ports will not collect the APHIS user fee for trucks arriving from Canada in possession of a valid user fee transponder.

Effective **January 1, 2007**, the annual user fee for trucks arriving from Canada will be \$205 (\$100 for CBP and \$105 for APHIS). All trucks possessing a valid user fee transponder as of January 1, 2007, will have met all applicable CBP and APHIS user fee requirements.

Please contact your local port office if you have any questions regarding this notice.

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