

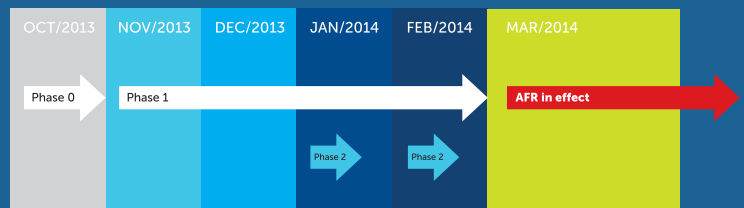
ADVANCE FILING RULE (AFR) FOR JAPAN CARGO

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WHEN THE AFR STARTS?

- Connection tests from October 2013
- In effect as from March 2014



Phase 0

= elementary connection test between providers and NACCS (the Japan Customs)

Phase 1

= data transaction test between providers and NACCS

Phase 2

= filing / replying rehearsals by NVOCCs, NACCS and providers, scheduled each 5 days in January and February 2014

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APPLICABLE FOR

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EXCLUDED

Empty containers, cargo loaded on platforms (i.e. break bulk cargo) and foreign remaining on board (FROB) cargo.

FILING TIMING

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SHIPPING COMPANY

Responsible for submitting information at Master B/L level.

NVOCC

Responsible for submitting information at House B/L level.

PENALTIES

Failure to comply and not submit the cargo manifest within the required time frames can result in prison terms of up to one year or fines of up to JPY 500,000.

BILL OF LADING DATA REQUIRED

In addition to the information already provided on shipping instructions for cargo moving to Japan, the following detail will be required:

- Full name, address, postal code and telephone number for the Shipper, Consignee and Notify Party.
- Precise cargo information and six (6) digits Harmonized System Code.
- For hazardous cargo the applicable IMDG and UN Number.

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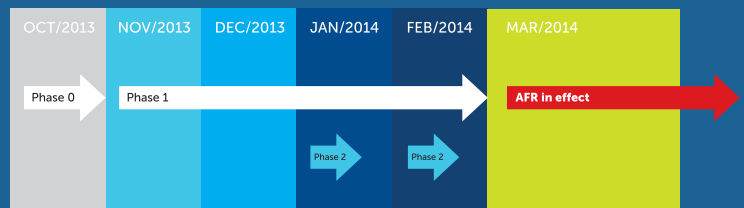
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