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Ocean shipment arrival notice transactions

Ocean Shipment Arrival Notice, is an electronic message used by ocean carriers or freight forwarders to notify the shipper, manufacturer or, consignee when an ocean freight shipment is nearing or has arrived at its destination port. An Ocean Shipment Arrival Notice typically includes the estimated arrival date and time, details of the vessel and voyage, the port of arrival, and shipment and container identifiers. It also outlines customs clearance requirements and specifies any charges due before cargo arrival.

Timely arrival notices are critical for managing the secure and compliant handling of imported goods, particularly those that are temperature-sensitive or controlled. Advance notice enables importers—such as manufacturers, distributors, or third-party logistics providers (3PLs)—to prepare cold chain facilities, arrange quality inspections, verify regulatory documentation, and position staff for unloading as soon as the vessel arrives.

By replacing manual updates with a standardized electronic message, the Ocean Shipment Arrival Notice helps reduce delays, improve coordination, and protect product quality. This improves coordination between carriers, customs brokers, warehouse teams, and transport providers while helping prevent delays, protect product integrity, and maintain uninterrupted supply to patients.

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