

# The Vision ISF Portal

## Compliance - Visibility - Accuracy

### in an easy to use interface

The **Importer** is responsible for the timely and accurate submission of the Importer Security Filing (ISF). Consequences for failing to do so can range from cargo holds and/or examinations at the port of arrival in the U.S. to liquidated damages of up to \$5,000 for a late filing, \$5,000 for an inaccurate filing and \$5,000 for an inaccurate update or withdrawal. Additional statutory penalties can be assessed for serious or repetitive violations.

U.S. Customs has indicated that they will eventually compare the HTS classifications used in the ISF filing against those used in the Customs Entry. Mismatches could result in inquiries from Customs, shipment delays, exams, and even penalties.

Don't leave responsibility of the ISF filing in the hands of an overseas forwarder or other party, with whom you have no communication or relationship!

#### The best method for managing your ISF filings is through the V. Alexander Vision ISF Portal

- All parties (Seller, Importer, and Broker) have **full visibility** to the ISF filing process.
- **Full accountability** to all parties. Each of these parties play a part in the proper filing of an ISF. There is a record of who performed a certain task within the ISF filing, and exactly when they did it.
- The Vision ISF Portal is backed by an **exception management and automated communication system**. When certain steps happen (like when the ISF is Accepted by Customs or when there is a Bill of Lading Match), designated parties are immediately notified via email. Running in the background is our state of the art exception system that will remind the appropriate parties if certain steps need to be taken.
- The same V. Alexander personnel who produce your customs entry will file your ISF, using the same parts **classification database**.
- We continually run reports to insure that the HTS classifications in the ISF **match the Customs Entry**.
- We provide you with a **monthly ISF Performance Report** so that you can address any non-compliance with the appropriate parties.
- **Easier and more efficient** than completing spreadsheets or other manual forms.
- **Reduces cost** to all parties. Manual filings using spreadsheets take longer and cost more.
- You may **switch Freight Forwarders or Carriers any time** you like with no required changes to your ISF process.

#### The Vision ISF Portal provides control of the two most important aspects of your Supply Chain

- **Cargo visibility and control** - pre-shipment visibility in the Vision Global Desktop allows you to begin tracking your shipment and communicating with your V. Alexander Account Team while our Quality Assurance System helps to insure that all shipment related events happen in a timely fashion
- **Reduction in exposure to ISF penalties** - Full visibility, immediate, exception based communications, accountability and detailed reporting allow you to properly manage a compliant ISF program.

Best of all, it is **EASY TO USE!**

We even provide video, step by step training.

Learn more about the Importer Security Filing and about the Vision ISF Portal by going to:

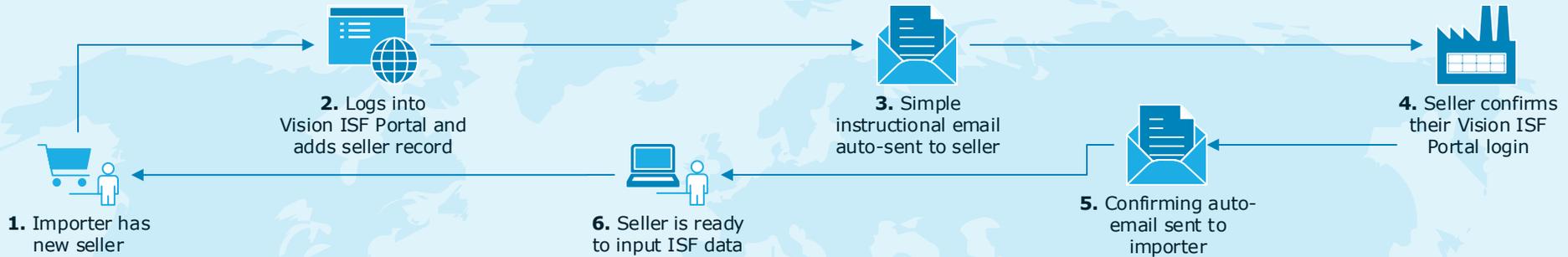
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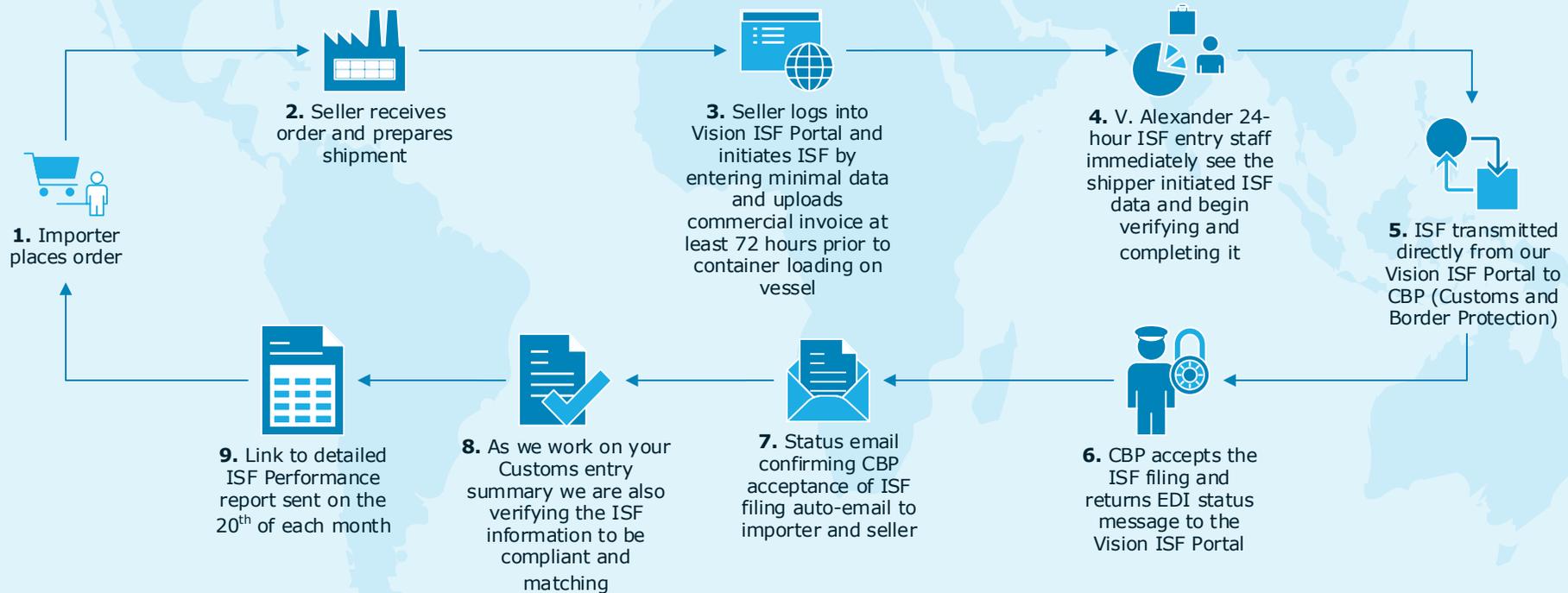
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## Step One: Seller Setup



## Step Two: Input Shipments



### Vision ISF Benefits:

- Shipper initiates ISF with very minimal data. We do the heavy work and file the ISF with CBP, including HTS data.
- CBP has said that eventually they will want to match entry classification data to ISF HTS data. Our staff receives and reviews daily tariff matching reports to insure your Customs entry summary and ISF data match.
- Bill of Lading "on file" or "not on file" status messages sent to importer and shipper.
- **TOTAL** visibility, accountability, data search, history and reporting in the Vision ISF portal