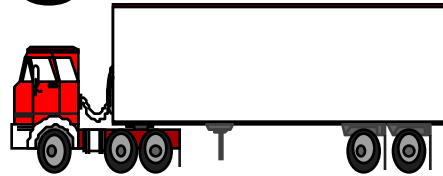


# Trade Memo



To: **OUR VALUED CLIENTS**  
Date: January 30, 1999  
Re: **Pre-Arrival Review System (P.A.R.S.)**

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Many Importers, Exporters and carriers use the Pre-Arrival Review System (PARS) to facilitate the customs clearance of **northbound cross-border truckload shipments**. Until now Canada Customs has printed and provided **bar codes** beginning with '2ITN' to the carriers or exporters using this system.

Beginning in January 1999, Customs discontinued printing and distributing these bar codes. They will continue to accept 2ITN bar codes during a period of administrative tolerance to allow carriers to adjust. At some point in 1999 (yet to be determined), Customs will start to disallow the use of 2ITN bar codes.

In order to assist Revenue Canada's Contraband Targeting in their efforts to expand their targeting capabilities to include highway traffic, they are requiring all regular carriers register and print their own PARS bar codes. Customs offices throughout Canada will be providing information to assist carriers with the change throughout 1999.

We are encouraging our customers to communicate with their carriers to ensure that they are aware of this policy and that they are in the process of registration. If we can help, or if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call us. Carriers should contact the Release Policy Section of Revenue Canada at (613) 952-1074 for application forms.

Regards,

*Paul Courtney*