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# ARPIN MOVING SYSTEMS RECEIVES NEW CUSTOMS CERTIFICATION

*Automated Commercial Environment (ACE) Certification Expected to Reduce Time to  
Clear U.S. Borders*

**EAST GREENWICH, R.I. (April 10, 2007)** – Arpin Moving Systems, Inc., the U.S. and Canada Customs Bonded Carrier division of Arpin Van Lines, this week received Automated Commercial Environment (ACE) Certification from U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP). This certification is expected to reduce the amount of time moving vans spend clearing customs.

“With our ACE certification, we hope to greatly reduce our processing times at the border, resulting in an efficient customs clearance for our drivers and an expedited service for our customers,” said Tom Stephens, Vice President of Arpin Moving Systems.

ACE is a new U.S. Customs and Border Protection shipment-reporting regulation designed to automate and consolidate inbound border processing. It uses next-generation technology designed to enhance national border security and expedite lawful trade. Through tools like the ACE Secure Data Portal, integration of information and communication between CBP, the trade community and other participating government agencies, is provided through a single, integrated, on-line access point.

Every truck shipment destined for the U.S. must input and transmit mandatory data to CBP via an eManifest, which includes:

- Information on the crew, equipment, conveyance, and shipments;
- driver's passport number, date of birth, driver's license number, driver's home address, VIN, license plate number, make and model of the vehicle;
- shipper information (name, address, etc);
- consignee information (IRS number, name, address, etc);
- shipment information (commodity description, piece counts, weights, etc).

The benefits of the ACE eManifest means that CBP can pre-screen the manifest before the truck arrives at the port, resulting in a reduction of processing times at ports and increased likelihood that trucks will be released at the primary booth. Regardless of shipment value, all carriers must file an eManifest, including empty trailers. The cost of non-compliance with the ACE program is \$5,000 for the first offense and \$10,000 for any offense thereafter.

Currently, this mandatory ACE program is in effect at U.S. land border port stretching from Blaine, Wash. to Pembina, N.D. ACE eManifest will become mandatory at all land border ports in Michigan and New York, effective May 24, 2007. As well, all land ports in Texas, New Mexico and California will follow suit, effective April 19, 2007.

### **About Arpin Group, Inc:**

Arpin Group, Inc. is the holding company for Arpin Van Lines, Arpin International Group, Arpin Moving Systems (Canada), Star Moving Network, and Intermodal Credit Corp. Headquartered in East Greenwich, R.I., Arpin Group is an industry leader in household goods moving, corporate, government and military relocation, and specialized transportation services. With over 100 years of experience and a reputation for excellent service, Arpin Group is the only family owned and operated company that has remained dominant and successful for more than a century. Arpin is the official mover of the LPGA, a member of the Customs Trade Partnership Against Terrorism, the American Moving and Storage Association and is fully accredited by the International Federation of International Furniture Removers (FIDI). For more information, please visit [www.arpin.com](http://www.arpin.com) and [www.arpinintl.com](http://www.arpinintl.com).