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A Newsletter for Clients of Sharretts, Paley, Carter & Blauvelt, P.C.

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Reminder: Have You Protected Your Confidential Inward Manifest Information?



Our clients are often surprised to learn that confidential business information on their shipping manifests is routinely being published by import/export data reporting services, which provide this information to their customers. We would like to remind all of our clients that it is possible to secure confidentiality for the information appearing on their inward manifests.

We regularly submit official requests to U.S. Customs & Border Protection (CBP) that the names and addresses of our importing clients, as well as all foreign shipper names, be withheld from publication by reporting services. We work with our clients to ensure that all possible variations of the company names are included in the request, to prevent the information from appearing on the reports. Upon approval of such a request, CBP deletes the confidential information from what is made available to the public for a period of two years.

If you are concerned that your company's manifest information is being reported to your competitors by these reporting services, please contact Gail T. Cumins at gcumins@spcblaw.com or Donna L. Shira at dshira@spcblaw.com or call us at 212-425-0055, to discuss protecting its confidentiality.

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