



## Press Release

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# NACCS SIGNS SERVICE PROVIDER AGREEMENT WITH 'CARGOSMART LIMITED' REGARDING ADVANCE FILING RULES

**Kawasaki, Japan- 18 December 2012-** Nippon Automated Cargo and Port Consolidated System, Inc. (NACCS Center) signed the agreement with Service Provider 'CargoSmart Limited' (Hong Kong SAR) to connect each other's system to enable Carriers and NVOCCs in foreign countries, the filers of the newly enacted Japan's Advance Filing Rules, to report electronically through NACCS to Japan Customs as details shown in the attachment.

\*Advance Filing Rules: On March 30, 2012, a bill to amend part of the Customs Law passed through the Diet in Japan. This amendment enacts the Advance Filing Rules, which require a vessel operator or a NVOCC to electronically submit information on maritime container cargoes to be loaded on a vessel intended to entry into a port in Japan, to Japan Customs in principle no later than 24 hours before departure of the vessel from a port of loading. The electronic report from foreign filers will be made through service providers authorized by NACCS Center.

For further information, please visit NACCS Center website. Advance Filing Rules page has information on such as operations of the rules and list of authorized Service Providers.  
<http://www.naccs.jp/e/afr/index.html>

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## Service Provider Agreement with 'CargoSmart Limited'

- ◆The date of Agreement: 18 December 2012
- ◆The place of Agreement: NACCS Center Headquarters  
(Solid Square West Tower 8th Fl. 580 Horikawa-cho,  
Saiwai-ku, Kawasaki city, Kanagawa, Japan)
- ◆Person signed the agreement

NACCS Center: Nippon Automated Cargo and Port Consolidated System, Inc.  
Mr. Takuo Yoshimoto  
President & CEO

Service Provider: CargoSmart Limited  
Mr. Steve Siu  
CEO

### 【Signing the agreement】



**◆ Nippon Automated Cargo and Port Consolidated System, Inc.**  
**Mr. Takuo Yoshimoto, President & CEO**

I am very pleased to share that NACCS Center and CargoSmart signed the service provider agreement on Advance Filing Rules at our headquarters today.

Japan's Advance Filing Rules, which will be implemented in March 2014, require a vessel operator or NVOCC to electronically submit detailed information on maritime container cargoes to be loaded on a vessel intended to entry into a port in Japan in principle no later than 24 hours before departure of the vessel from a port of loading. Therefore, NACCS Center focuses its effort to establish a network with service providers who have developed their businesses at major seaports which have Japan-bound container routes. Headquartered in Hong Kong, the third largest port in the world by the yearly container throughput, CargoSmart has considerable experience in customs and logistics solutions with numerous global customers. We are confident that partnering with CargoSmart makes a significant step to ensure smooth operations of Advance Filing Rules.

We are delighted that we conducted the signing ceremony today and look forward to cooperate even closer to build the system and be ready for March 2014.

◆ **Service Provider (CargoSmart Limited)**

**Mr. Steve Siu, CEO**

“Leveraging over 12 years of shipment management systems experience, CargoSmart offers comprehensive solutions throughout the entire shipment cycle including customs filings to help global customers keep their cargo moving,” said Steve Siu, chief executive officer of CargoSmart. “The cooperation between CargoSmart and NACCS Center allows us to extend our trade compliance solutions to help carriers and NVOCCs meet Japan Customs’ new requirements.”

CargoSmart Limited is a Software as a Service (SaaS) global shipping and logistics solutions provider that enables shippers, consignees, logistics service providers, and carriers to keep cargo moving and delivered on time. Through online tools and integration services, CargoSmart customers can plan, process, and monitor the critical path of multiple-carrier shipments and communicate in-depth, timely information to key supply chain associates. CargoSmart launched its services in October 2000 and has helped over 22,000 customers lower transportation management costs, streamline operations, and reduce the risk of late shipments.

CargoSmart currently offers solutions to help shippers, consignees, logistics service providers, and carriers comply with United States and European Union regulations and streamline their processes to collect, consolidate, and transmit shipment information. CargoSmart and NACCS Center will closely cooperate to integrate their systems before the new rules go into effect in March 2014.