



**Press Release**

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## **NACCS CONCLUDES SERVICE PROVIDER AGREEMENT WITH 'Conex' REGARDING ADVANCE FILING RULES**

**Kawasaki, Japan- 23 July 2013-** Nippon Automated Cargo and Port Consolidated System, Inc. (NACCS Center) concluded service provider agreement with 'Conex' (Orchies, France) on 18 July 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.

NACCS has been working on the development of relevant environment to enable overseas filers in the various seaports with Japan bound vessels through the partnership with service providers. While NACCS Center has already held a number of seminars with authorized service providers who have local presence in the region, participation of Conex, headquartered in Europe, will contribute to further enhancing the environment where potential filers in the region to be compliant to the Japan's Advance Filing Rules.

With 15 service providers (13 overseas and 2 Japanese) in total including Conex, NACCS Center is building a cooperative framework to be fully ready for the electronic filings from overseas.

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For further information, please visit Advance Filing Rules website. NACCS Center opens this site as an integrated information platform of the rules. Information on operational issues of the rules, list of authorized Service Providers, and information on 'Advance Filing Rules Educational Seminars' at major cities in the world will be available on this site. <http://www.naccscenter.com/afr/>.

## **Conclusion of Service Provider Agreement**

### **◆ Message from Chief Executive Officer of Conex, Mr. Alban Gruson**

After successfully deploying a solution for security declarations throughout Europe (Import Control System) and Israel (Cargo Report Import), CONEX further expands its expertise in customs-related declarations by offering a solution for the Advanced Filing Rule (AFR) of Japan.

Both NVOCC at export and carriers will be obliged to lodge these security declarations for all containerized maritime freight, and this before the departure of the vessel from the country of export. These messages will need to be sent to Japan Custom via NACCS. In order to assist its clients and partners in this connection, CONEX has signed an agreement with NACCS enabling us to be an official service provider for the AFR declarations.

CONEX's client base expands all of the European Union and beyond. Working directly with customs administrations across Europe since 1985, CONEX represents over 1600 freight forwarders and carriers and this number is expanding within and outside of Europe thanks to our professionalism and quality solutions.

Japan is one of Europe's and America's key trading partners. CONEX has often returned to this market both bringing its expertise in the form of conferences as well as its security declaration offer. We are very pleased to be able to work with NACCS in bringing quality security information from abroad to the service of Japanese Customs. This enters into a logic of regional presence through our continued bilateral discussions with members of the Pan-Asian e-commerce Alliance (of which, NACCS is a member) and local contact points within the region of which the first was established in Shanghai, China over five years ago and now the second is in Yokohama, Japan.

CONEX shall continue to develop its connections across the globe in order to bring a global one-stop shop for security declarations, using insofar as possible recognized international standards like the Data Model of the World Customs Organization.