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Mr. Harvey Monk

Dear Mr. Monk

In response to the proposed rulemaking published in the Federal Register on February 17, 2005. In the overall picture the changes to the current regulations are long overdue. There needs to be a greater enforcement of the regulations. In the past there has not been enough enforcement to exporters and forwarders that do not follow the regulations.

With the increase in penalties perhaps this will persuade exporters to become more compliant, with out stronger enforcement the penalties are to no avail. My area of concern is the liability of the forwarder; we can only report the information that is provided to us by the USPPI, and we do not always have the means to verify the information. If the information on the EEI is in fact not correct, but that information is what has been provided by the USPPI, what will be the penalty to the forwarder?

Regards,
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