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### ***EPA Provides Flexibility to Support Implementation of e-Manifest by Receiving Facilities***

EPA recently decided to grant extra time for receiving facilities to submit paper manifests during the initial months after system launch. Specifically, EPA will allow receiving facilities to submit paper manifests they receive between June 30, 2018, and September 1, 2018, by September 30, 2018. This effectively provides receiving facilities up to 60 additional days, over the existing 30 days provided in the regulations, to submit paper manifests to EPA.

EPA believes that this additional time will allow receiving facilities to complete any steps necessary to modify their software systems and integrate them with e-Manifest so that they are in a better position to take advantage of the lower user fees for paper manifests submitted as “data plus image” uploads. Thus, this flexibility reduces costs to industry as well as reduces processing burden for EPA.

EPA encourages receiving facilities not to wait until September 30 and to go ahead and submit paper manifests once reaching their optimal submission type. This will help both the receiving facility and EPA best manage, process, and bill for any manifests accumulated during this period.

Beginning on September 1, 2018, receiving facilities must submit all paper manifests to EPA within 30 days of receipt by the facility, as required by the regulations.

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