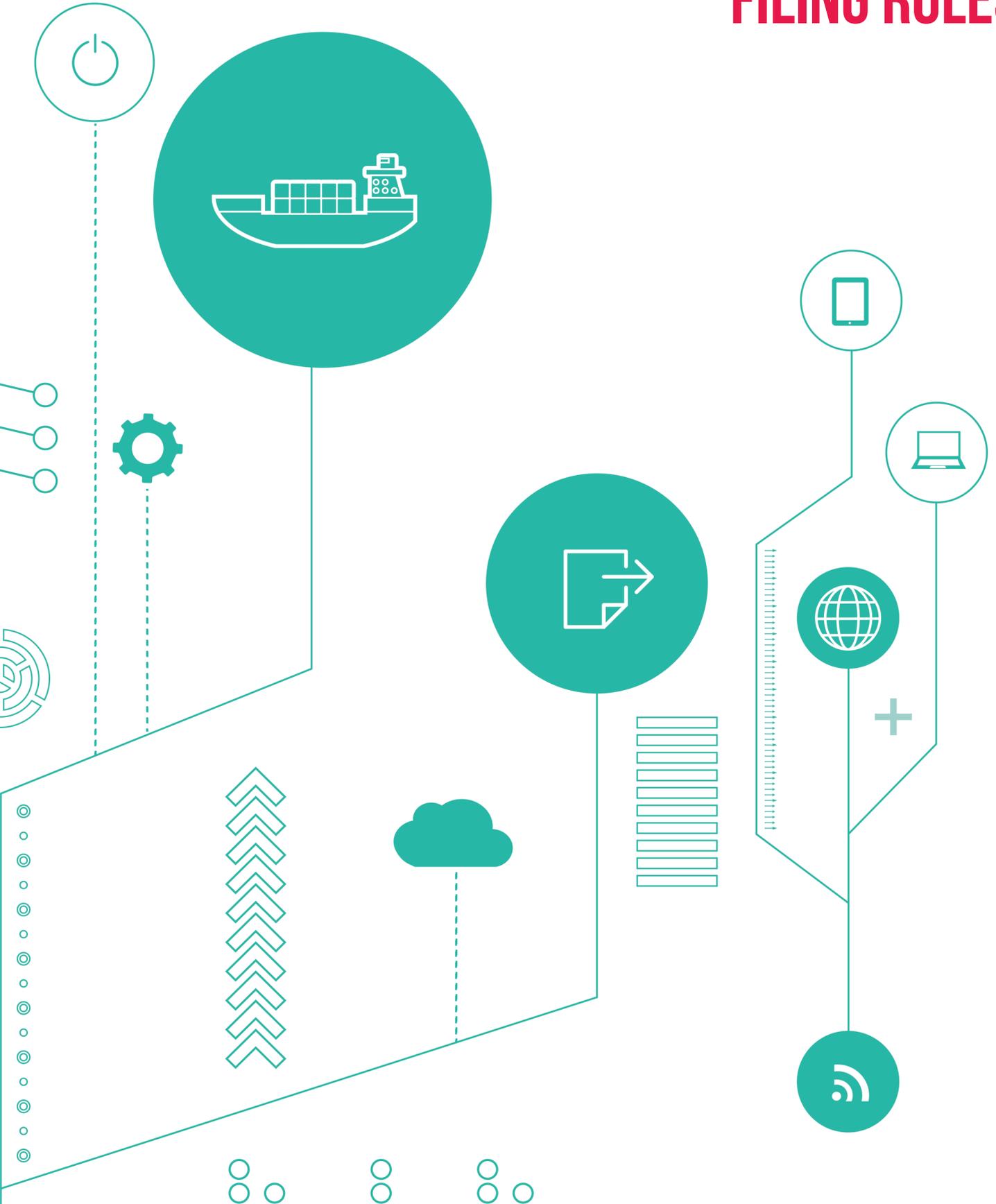


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In **March 2012**, a change to Japan's Customs Law stipulated the new Advance Filing Rules (**AFR**) on Maritime Container Cargo Information. These rules require vessel operators (or carriers) and Non-Vessel Operating Common Carriers (**NVOCCs**) to provide electronic cargo information to Japan Customs, no later than **24** hours before departure of the vessel from a port of loading.

WHY THE NEED?

Following the **2001 September 11** terrorist attacks in the United States, the World Customs Organization (**WCO**) developed their "SAFE Framework of Standards to Secure and Facilitate Global Trade". Similar to other countries such as United States and European Union members, Japan's Advance Filing Rules now require cargo information to be filed electronically as outlined in the "SAFE Framework".

WHAT WE OFFER?

In order to comply with Japan's new Advance Filing Rules, vessel operators and **NVOCCs** can send their cargo information electronically through an authorised service provider. Such service providers offer a connection to Japan Customs through the Nippon Automated Cargo and Port Consolidated System (**NACCS**).

CrimsonLogic is an authorised service provider that enables vessel operators and **NVOCCs** to file their cargo information electronically with Japan Customs through our Japan gateway anytime, anywhere.

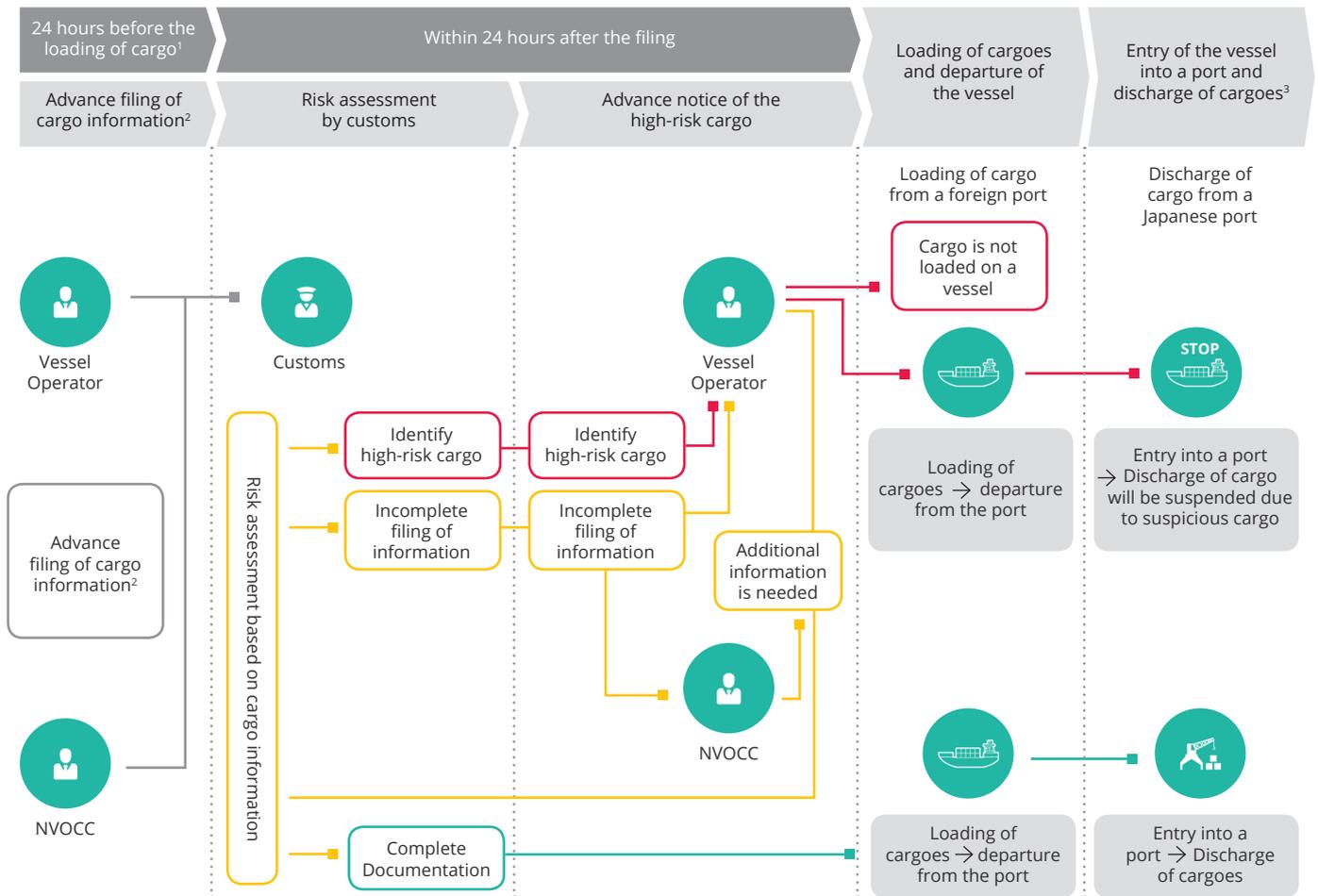
WHO ARE OBLIGED TO FILE?

Vessel operators must file cargo information based on the Ocean (Master) Bill of Lading, at least **24** hours before departure from a port of loading. Like-wise, **NVOCCs** must file cargo information based on the House Bill of Lading.

For cargo that is trans-shipped, information must be filed from the last port of loading. For example, if a cargo originating from Europe is trans-shipped in Singapore, then the cargo information must be filed at least **24** hours before departure from the port of Singapore.

According to Japan's Customs Law, vessel operators or **NVOCCs** who do not file cargo information by the filing deadline or have filed false information, may be "liable to imprisonment with labour for a term not exceeding a maximum period of one year or a fine not exceeding **¥500,000**".

OVERVIEW OF THE ADVANCE FILING RULES



1. Vessel operators and Non-Vessel Operating Common Carriers (**NVOCCs**) to provide cargo information electronically to Japan Customs prior to loading the cargo, no later than **24** hours before departure of the vessel from a port of loading.

2. It is mandatory to fill the **NACCS** form.

3. If the cargo information is not filed by the filing deadline, penal provisions may apply and the cargo will not be unloaded without the permission of discharge by the Customs.

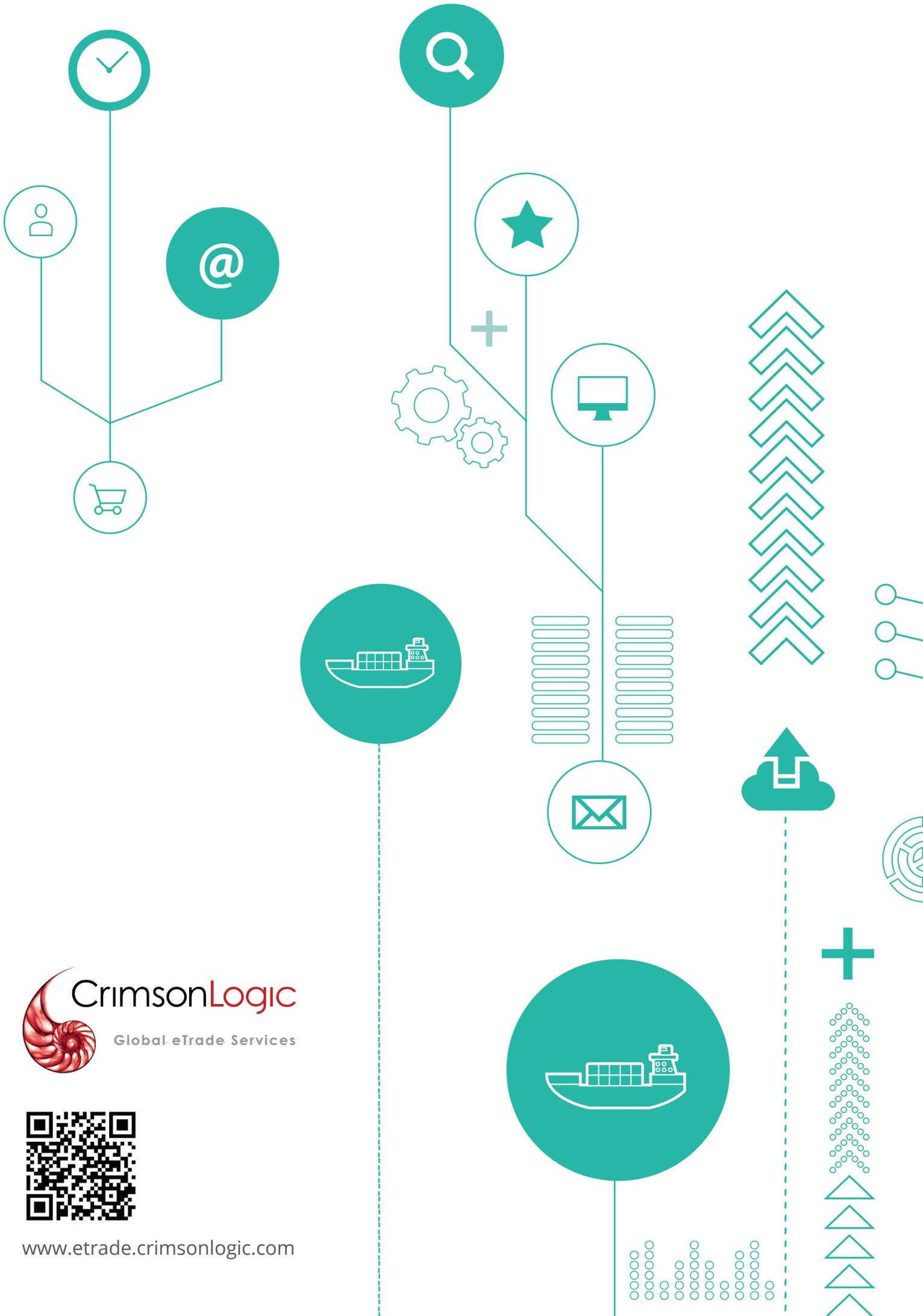
HOW TO CONNECT?

Vessel operators and **NVOCCs** can submit Japan AFR to **NACCS** via **CrimsonLogic's system**. User can subscribe to our online portal to create and submit Japan AFR as well as receiving the responses from Japan Customs.

We provide host-to-host direct system connectivity for electronic data exchange on Japan AFR submission. For high volume users, we also support system integration with your existing ERP/Freight Management Systems.

We actively work with our partners around the world to support our customers globally.

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