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NRA Management System (NRAMS)

A paperless, all-inclusive NRA solution in full compliance with FMC regulations

What are NRAs?

The FMC implemented a new filing option in April 2011 - the Negotiated Rate Arrangement or NRA. This new ruling offers an exemption for qualified NVOCCs from filing and publishing tariff rates in their FMC tariff. An NRA is a written agreement between an NVOCC and an NRA Shipper used to document the agreed rate for the shipment or shipments of a specific cargo quantity. NRAs may act as a substitute for tariff rate filings - rates filed as NRAs do not need to be filed into your FMC tariff.

What is required to file NRAs?

In order to qualify and begin filing NRAs, the FMC requires NVOCCs be **licensed** (NVOCCs in the USA) or **registered** (NVOCCs outside of the USA), with **posted notice** in your FMC tariff indicating your company's use of the NRA filing option. DPI's suggested [NRA Rule](#) helps many our customers quickly satisfy this notice requirement. You must also **end all tariff access charges** to your rules tariff. Many of the NRA qualification requirements are already satisfied by DPI's standard services provided to our customers.

Regarding the requirements for NRA Filing, qualified NVOCCs must:

- Create NRA offers in compliance with FMC regulations and offer these to NRA shipper customers.
- Agree to an NRA in writing with the NRA Shipper before receiving the cargo.
- Maintain NRAs on file for 5 years for FMC review and audit.

NVOCCs are required to adhere to the FMC regulations regarding the creation and maintenance of these NRAs. See [Code of Federal Regulations, Title 46, Part 532 - NVOCC NEGOTIATED RATE ARRANGEMENTS](#) for full details.

How can DPI help with these requirements?

We are pleased to offer our **NRA Management System (NRAMS)** to assist our Members with these requirements. NRAMS provides a menu driven procedure for creating new NRAs via a web browser, offering these to shippers, obtaining shipper acceptance, and updating status. It maintains NRA history in a secure database with appropriate data security. It works together with your tariff rules to provide you with everything required to satisfy the FMC requirements. [Click Here](#) for a quick tour of the NRA option.

[CLICK HERE to view a sample of an NRA created, saved and offered to an NRA Shipper via NRAMS](#)



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A paperless, all-inclusive service:

NRAMS provides all of the necessary tools to complete the NRA process efficiently and with confidence.

NRAMS features:

- Create and manage NRAs on a user-friendly web based platform.
- Offer and confirm NRAs to clients via automated emails.
- Maintain correspondence and NRA history automatically on our secure servers. No paper records are required with NRAMS.
- Automated email reminders for pending and expiring NRAs and NRA offers.
- NRA Shipper management system for easy storage and retrieval of shipper customer information.

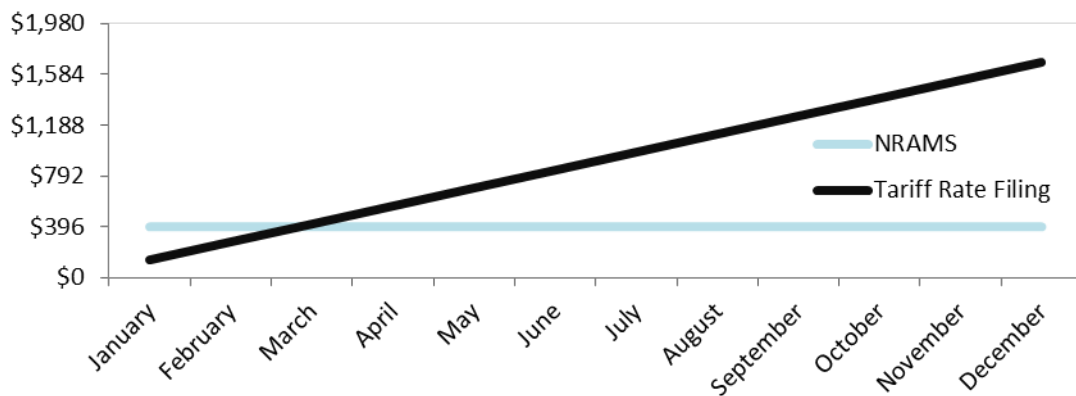
All of the features of NRAMS help you manage your NRA procedures efficiently while satisfying FMC regulations.

Cost Savings:

Traditional tariff rate filing is charged per commodity item filed, while NRAMS offers unlimited use for a fixed annual fee. NVOCC customers who normally file more than a few commodity items per month will enjoy significant cost savings.

For example, see the cost breakdown chart below for an NVOCC filing 10 commodity items per month.

**Total Costs: NRAMS vs. Tariff Rate Filing
(EXAMPLE)**



Many DPI customers continue to file and manage NRAs daily using this system. If you have any questions about this new filing option, please contact us here at DPI and we will be happy to help.



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