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NRA Management System (NRAMS)

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

What are NRAs?

A **Negotiated Rate Arrangement (NRA)** is a written arrangement between an NVOCC and an NRA Shipper to provide specific transportation service for a stated cargo quantity, from origin to destination, on and after receipt of the cargo by the NVOCC.

NRAs may act as a substitute for tariff rate filings – this means rates in NRAs do not need to be filed into FMC tariffs. This offers an exemption for qualified NVOCCs from filing and publishing tariff rates in their FMC tariffs. The FMC authorized this option for all NVOCCs in July 2013 and updated the regulations in August 2018 to allow more flexibility for NVOCCs to use NRAs. For more details please visit [DPI's NRA Information Page](#).

What is required to use NRAs?

NRAs are available only to NVOCCs that are **licensed** (NVOCCs in the USA) or **registered** (NVOCCs outside of the USA), with a **posted notice** in a publicly accessible FMC tariff indicating your company's use of the NRA filing option. DPI's suggested [NRA Rule](#) helps many of our customers quickly satisfy this notice requirement. NVOCCs must also **end all tariff access charges** to their FMC rules tariff. DPI's standard tariff publishing services help satisfy many of these requirements.

To start using NRAs, qualified NVOCCs must:

- Create NRA offers which clearly specify rates and terms, as well as shipment(s) to which such rates will apply
- Ensure that the terms of the NRA are agreed to by both parties with a written acceptance or with booking of shipment by the NRA Shipper as specified in [e-CFR 532.5](#).
- Maintain NRAs on file for 5 years for FMC review and audit

If NRAs are not 'all inclusive', the NRA must specify whether additional charges, including pass-through charges, will apply. See [Code of Federal Regulations, Title 46, Part 532 – NVOCC NEGOTIATED RATE ARRANGEMENTS](#) or [DPI's NRA Information Page](#) for full details.

How can DPI help with these requirements?

DPI developed 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.





A paperless, all-inclusive service:

NRAMS provides all 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.
- Create NRAs with multiple commodities, port pairs and rates in a single NRA document.
- 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 the features of NRAMS help you manage your NRA procedures efficiently while satisfying FMC regulations.

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NRA Management System

Use DPI's menu-driven NRA Management System (NRAMS) to create new NRAs and offer these to shippers. Watch a video tutorial on DPI's [NRA Information Page](#)

> [NRAMS Configuration](#) > [Create New NRA](#)
> [NRA Help](#) > [NRA History](#) > [Shipper List](#)

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.

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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