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Exporters could ditch paper bills of lading under a new bill

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- [ ] **List the paper originals you courier.** Note which trade documents, such as bills of lading, you still send overseas on paper, and what each shipment costs in courier fees.
- [ ] **Ask your freight forwarder about digital records.** Find out whether they, your customs broker and your bank can work with electronic transferable records.
- [ ] **Note which of your markets are on the list.** Check whether your main export or import markets include the United Kingdom, China, Singapore, India or Canada, which the Government says have passed or are pursuing similar reforms.
- [ ] **Don't drop paper originals yet.** Keep sending them until the eTRADE Bill becomes law and takes effect.

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