# AESDirect USer



The complete guide to file Electronic Export Information to the Automated Export System

### About the Automated Export System (AES) and the Data

The AES is the primary instrument used for collecting export trade data, which are used by the Census Bureau for statistical purposes. The AES record provides the means for collecting data on U.S. exports. Public Law 107-228 of the Foreign Trade Relations Act of 2003 authorizes this collection. Title 13, U.S.C., Chapter 9, Sections 301-307, mandates the collection of these data. The data collected in the AES is confidential under Section 301(g), which prohibits public disclosure of export data collected by the Census Bureau unless the Secretary of Commerce determines that such exemption would be contrary to the national interest. The regulatory provisions detailing the mandatory reporting of these data are contained in the Foreign Trade Regulations (FTR), Title 15, Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), Part 30.

The official export statistics collected from these tools provide the basic component for the compilation of the U.S. position on merchandise trade. These data are an essential component of the monthly totals provided in the U.S. International Trade in Goods and Services (FT900) press release, a principal economic indicator and a primary component of the Gross Domestic Product.

In addition to developing the FT900, other federal agencies have used the data for export control purposes to detect and prevent the export of certain items by unauthorized parties or to unauthorized destinations or end users.

#### **Burden Estimate**

Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average approximately 3 minutes (.05 hour) per transaction for the Automated Export System, including the time for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering and maintaining the data needed, and completing and reviewing the collection of information. Send comments regarding this burden estimate or any other aspect of this collection of information, including suggestions for reducing this burden to: ECON Survey Comments 0607-0152, U.S. Census Bureau, 4600 Silver Hill Road, Room EMD-6K064, Washington, DC 20233. You may e-mail comments to ECON.Survey.Comments@census.gov. Be sure to use ECON Survey Comments 0607-0152 as the subject. This collection has been approved by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB). The eight-digit OMB approval number is 0607-0152. Without this approval we could not conduct this survey.

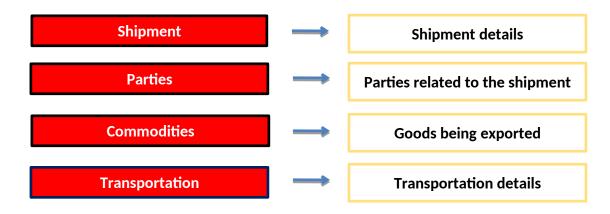
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### General

Before learning to file Electronic Export Information (EEI) using AESDirect, here is some general information regarding EEI. We will refer to EEI as "Shipments" from this point forward.

### Sections in each



### **Shipment**

Contains general shipment information. (Required for all shipments.)

### **Parties**

Contains information about the USPPI (the person or entity in the United States that receives the primary benefit, monetary or otherwise, from the export transaction), the Ultimate Consignee (the person or entity overseas who receives the product), and the Freight Forwarder and Intermediate Consignee (if applicable). (Required for all shipments.)

#### **Commodities**

Contains commodity information. (Required for all shipments.)

### **Transportation**

Contains transportation details for the shipment, including carrier information. (Required for all shipments.)

### **Special Shipments**

**Routed export transactions** - Transactions where the Foreign Principal Party in Interest (FPPI) authorizes a U.S. agent to facilitate export of items from the United States on its behalf and also prepare and file the shipment.



### **Shipments From Puerto**

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**Puerto** Rico

### **Parties Involved in**

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### **Transaction**

Definitions of Parties in the AES

- U.S. Principal Party in Interest (USPPI)
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### Getting Started with AESDirect

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 (2) RED asterisks indicates a conditional field (May be required)

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### **AESDirect Interface**

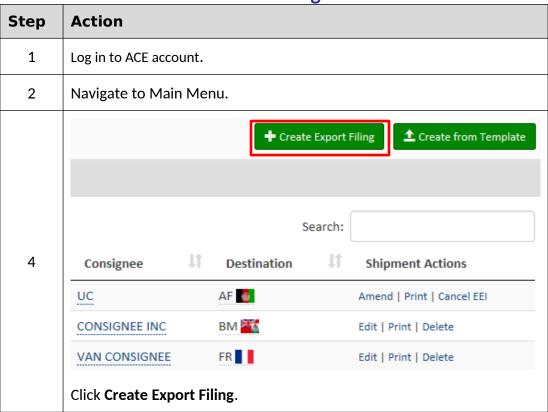
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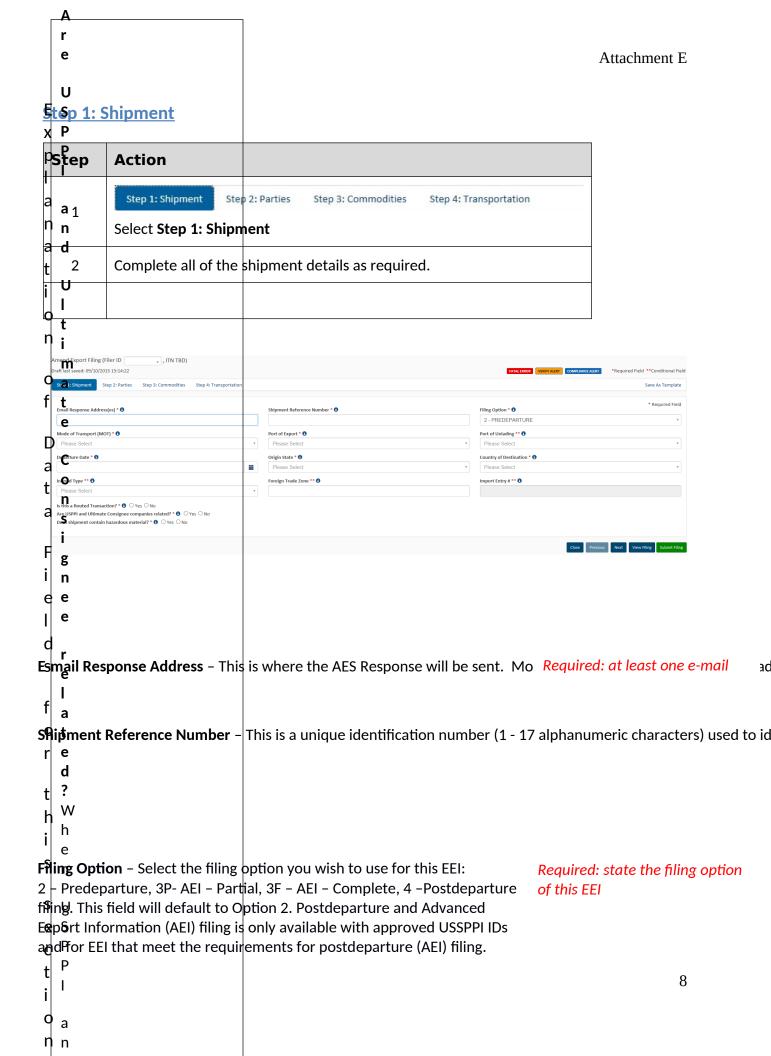
### Log in to Account

Step	Action
1	Go to <a href="https://ace.cbp.dhs.gov">https://ace.cbp.dhs.gov</a> .
2	Enter Username and Password
3	Click Continue.

# Create Export Filing



The following sections provide instructions for completing each of the required sections, as well as definitions of all of the data fields for each section.



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<b>Departure Date</b> - Report the da	te of export out of the U.S.	Required: date leaving the U.S.
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Country of Destination - Count	ry where the goods will be consumed, f	urther processed, stored or manufacture
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Import Entry # - If an Inbond Code is specified, report import entry numberational: only required if Inbond

Code is reported

### Is this a Routed Transaction?

A shipment is considered "Routed" when the foreign principal party in interest (FPPI) authorizes a U.S. Freight Fo

### Are USPPI and Ultimate Consignee related?

When USPPI and/or Ultimate Consignee owns directly or indirectly 10 percent or more of either party.

Required: indicate yes or no

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Does shipment contain hazardous material?

Specify if there is any hazardous merchandise (as defined by the ).

### **Step 2: Parties**

Step	Action				
1	Step 1: Shipment Step 2: Parties Step 3: Commodities Step 4: Transportation				
1	Select Step 2: Parties				
	Complete all of the information for the involved parties in this transaction.				
2	NOTE: You will need at least one USPPI and one Ultimate Consignee for each transaction.				

### **USPPI** (mandatory)



**Phone Number - Provide the contact telephone number.** 

Required: telephone number

for the port of export. DU location from which the merchandise actually began its journey

Required: address where the merchandise actually begins its journey to the port of export

Example: Goods loaded in a truck at a warehouse in Georgia for the Mumber of Florida to then be caded on a versell of Experient Entity ID Required for gas sountry Must show the address of the warehouse in the US when goods are obtained for export.

For shipments of multiple cargo origins, report the address from where the commodity with the greatest value begins its export journey. If such information is not known, report the address in state where the merchandise is consolidated.

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Address Line 2 - Enter the second line of the address.

**Optional** 

First and Last Name - Provide the first and last name of the contact person. Names must have **Postad Corde** letters as the contact person. Names must have **Postad Corde** letters as the contact person.

**City** - Enter the city for the corresponding address.

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State - Enter the state for the corresponding address.

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Consignee Type - Select Consignee Type based on the business function from consignee that applies most often.

You can select from:

Direct Consumer - a non-government institution, enterprise, or company that will consume or use the exported good as a consumable, for its own internal processes, as an input to the production

Required: select consignee type from the drop-down menu

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government-controlled agency, institution, enterprise, or company.		
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**Postal Code -** Required for U.S. and Puerto Rico consignees, must be a valid - Conditional: required for shipments to and from Puerto Rico

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State - You must enter a valid state code for Mexican and U.S. Consignees. Select 'PR-Puerto R Conditional: required for shipments to Mexico and to and from Puerto Rico

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o n City - Enter the city for the freight forwarder's location

Required

State - Enter the state for the freight forwarder's location. It must correspond to Required

### **Step 3: Commodities**

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	Step 1: Shipment Step 2: Parties Step 3: Commodities Step 4: Transportation				
1	Select Step 3: Commodities				
2	Add Line  Select Add Line to open up a new commodity line.				
	Complete all of the commodity details as required.				
	Note: You may add multiple commodity lines by selecting <b>Add Line</b> .				

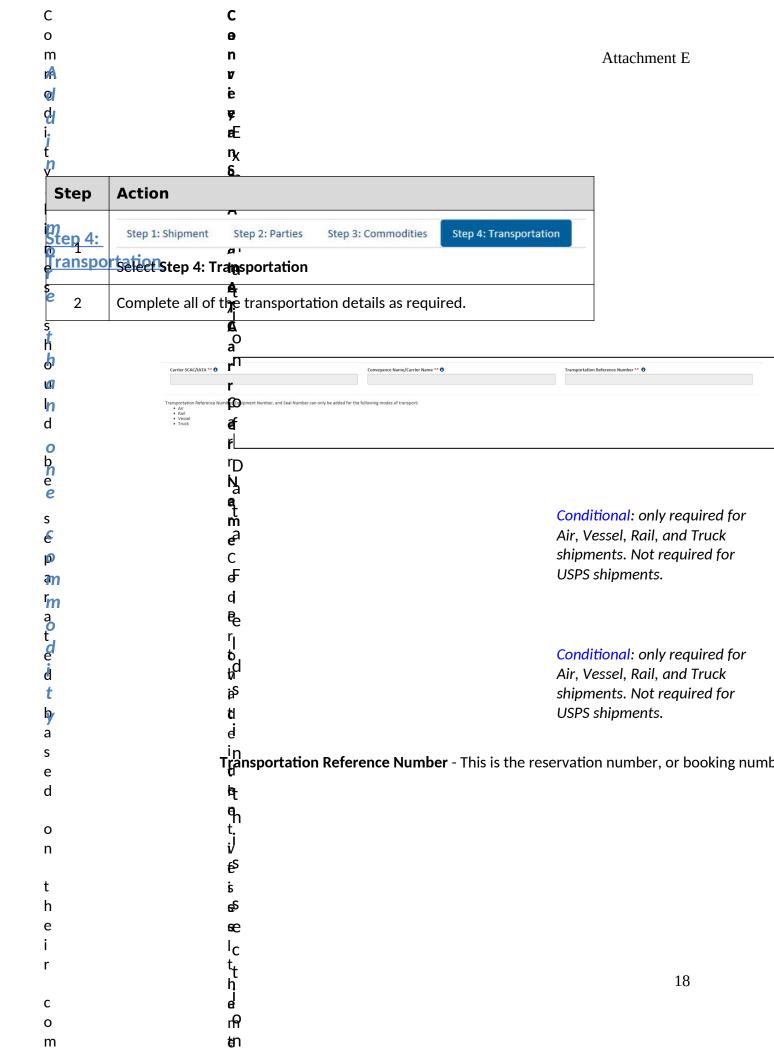


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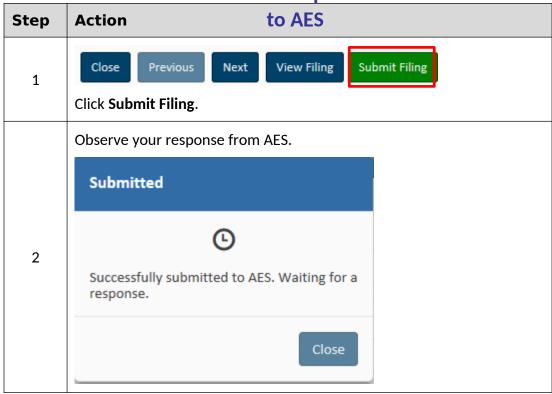
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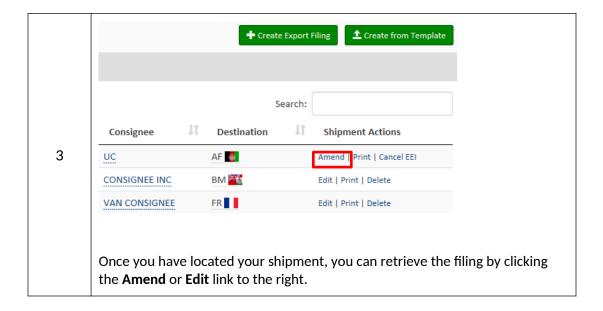
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### **Print a Shipment**

Step	Action
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2	Search:  Enter your search criteria into the <b>Search</b> box
	♣ Create Export Filing  ♠ Create from Template
	Search:  Consignee
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3	CONSIGNEE INC BM Edit   Print   Delete
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### **Delete/Cancel EEI**

Step	Action
1	Navigate to <b>Shipment Manager</b>
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3	Search:  Consignee Destination Shipment Actions  UC AF Amend   Print   Cancel EEI  CONSIGNEE INC BM Edit   Print   Delete  VAN CONSIGNEE FR Edit   Print   Delete  Once you have located your shipment, you can delete the filing by clicking the Delete or Cancel EEI link to the right.

### Template Manager

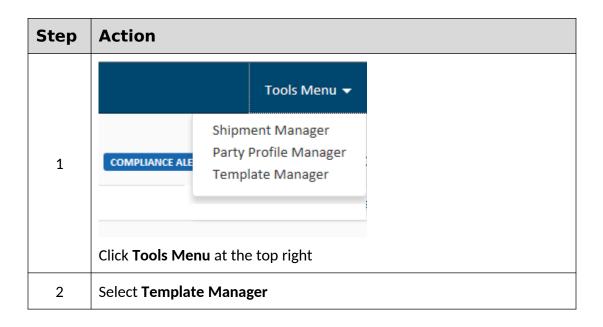
This feature saves frequent shipment information. The only fields not stored in a template are:

- Shipment
   Reference Number
- Transportation
   Reference Number
- Origin State
- Departure Date
- 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Quantity
- Value

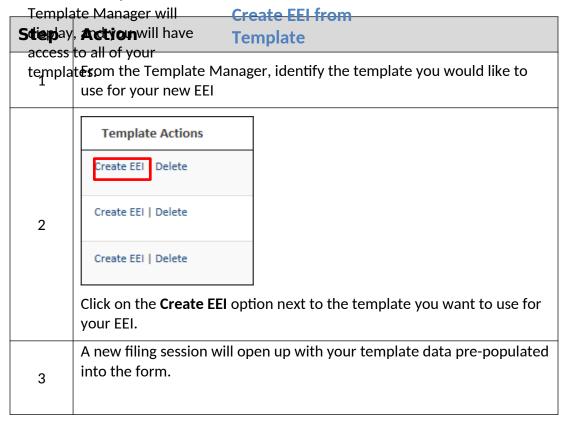
The Template Manage Gross Weight shows a preview of each template. The Create EEI, Edit or Delete options will allow you to manage your templates directly from this screen.



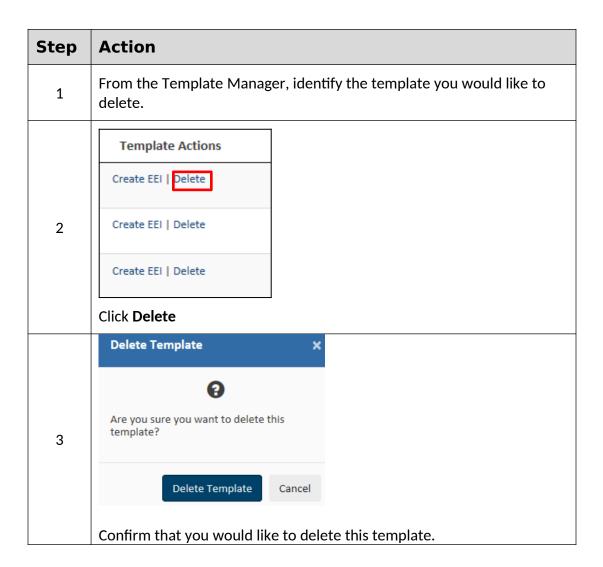
# Open the Template Manager



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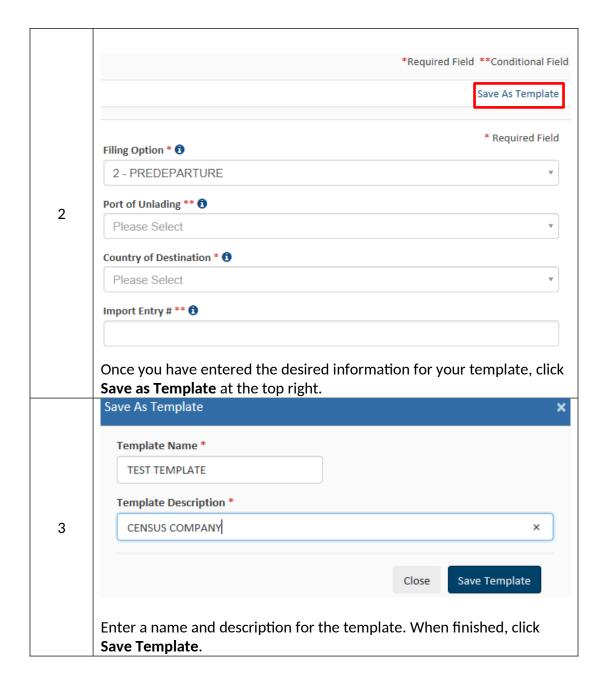


### **Delete template**

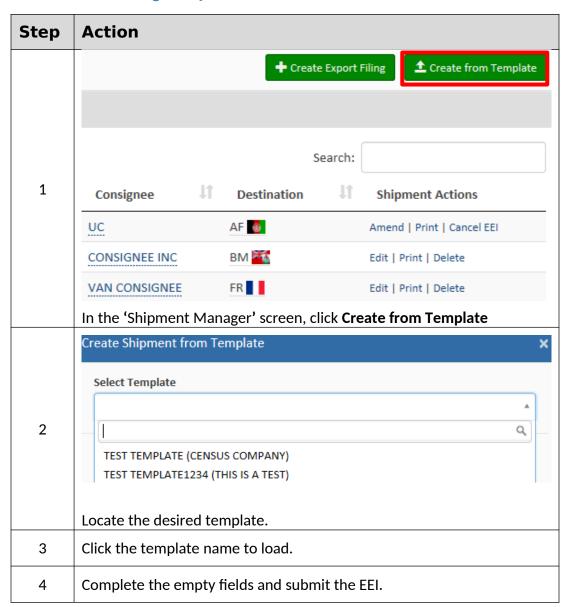


### **Create New Template**

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	1	Open up a new EEI Filing and begin entering the information.		



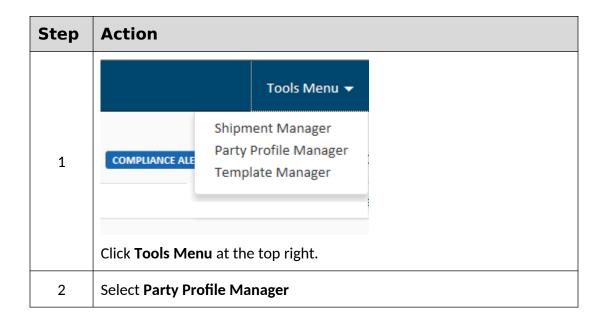
### **Load an Existing Template**



# Party Profile Manager

This feature saves company information for frequent USPPIs, Freight Forwarders and/or Ultimate Consignees.

Click the **Tools** menu from the Main Menu and select Party Profile Manager. Open the Party Profile Manager



Once selected, the Party

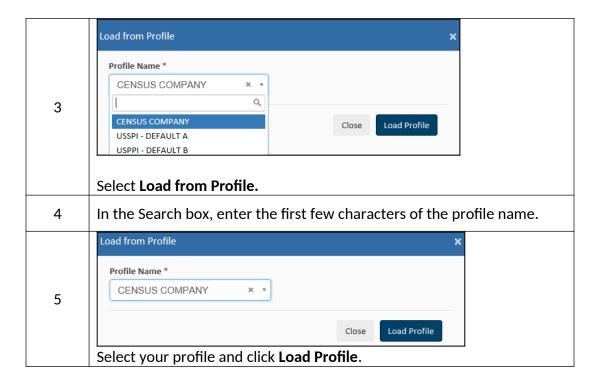
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3	Enter the information for the profile you would like to save				
4	Once complete, select <b>Save to Profile</b> .				

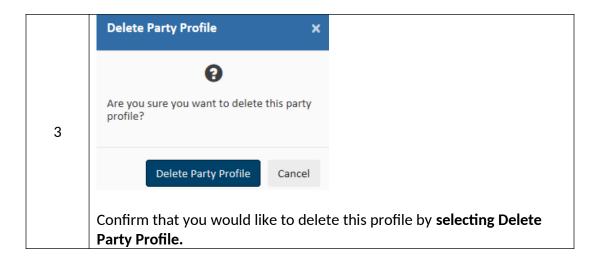
**Loading Profiles** 

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2	Step 1: Shipment	Step 2: Parties	Step 3: Commodities	Step 4: Transportation		
	Navigate to Step 2: Parties					



### **Delete profile**





### **AES Responses**

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**AES Proof of Filing Citations** 

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### **Additional**

### Resources

Under the "Related Sites" section on the Homepage, you can find useful links to Government Sites and Partner Agency Websites.

### Government Websites

Census Bureau – International Trade Management Division (ITMD)

http://www.census.gov/trade

Provides information on Foreign Trade Statistics, Regulations, reference

### **Customs and Border Protection (CBP)**

http://www.cbp.gov/xp/cgov/trade/ automated/aes

Provides access to the Customs Export section, including information on:

- o AES
- O Blocked, denied and debarred persons lists
- O Export documents, licenses and requirements

### Department of Commerce - Bureau of Industry and Security (BIS)

http://www.bis.doc.gov

Provides information on export control basics, export administration policies and regulations, compliance and enforcement, seminars and training, and links to Export Administration Regulations (EAR), including the Commerce Control List.

### Department of State - Directorate of Defense Trade Controls (DDTC)

http://pmddtc.state.gov/

Provides information for registering with the DDTC and applying for a license to ship items on the U. S. Munitions List (USML). Includes a link to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations (ITAR).

### Department of the Treasury - Office of Foreign Assets Control (OFAC)

http://www.ustreas.gov/offices/enforcement/ofac

Provides information regarding specially designated nationals (SDN), blocked persons lists, sanction programs and country summaries.

### Export.gov - U.S. Commercial Service, International Trade Administration (ITA)

http://trade.gov/cs/ http://export.gov

Provides access to all export-related assistance and market information offered by the federal government.



Call the ACE Support Help Desk for help with:

- Account Registration help
  - Username and Password issues

### **ACE Support Help Desk**

Toll Free: 1-866-530-4172 E-mail: ACE.Support@cbp.dhs.gov

#### U.S. Census Bureau

### **Automated Export System (AES)**

Toll Free: 800-549-0595- Option 1 Hours: M - F: 7:30 AM - 5:30 PM, EST E-mail: itmd.askaes@census.gov

- **AES Filing Problems**
- AES Fatal Errors
- **AES Monthly Reports**
- Filing Post-Departure

### **Commodity Classifications**

Toll Free: 800-549-0595- Option 2 Hours: M - F: 8 AM - 5:30 PM, EST E-mail: eid.scheduleb@census.gov

- Schedule B Classification Assistance
- Commodity related reporting issues
- Parameter Change Requests

### **Regulations on Filing Export Data**

Toll Free: 800-549-0595- Option 3 Hours: M - F: 7:30 AM - 6:30 PM, EST E-mail: itmd.askregs@census.gov

- Clarifying Regulations
- Responsibilities of the Parties in Export Transactions

#### **Trade Data**

Toll Free: 800-549-0595- Option 4 Hours: M - F: 8 AM - 5:30 PM, EST

eid.international.trade.data@census.gov

- Questions about U.S. International Trade
- Help with USA Trade Online
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