



The complete guide to filing Electronic Export Information in the Automated Commercial Environment (ACE) AESDirect

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### 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 5K185, Washington, DC 20233. You may e-mail comments to itmd.askregs@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 Information on Shipments**

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

## Sections in each shipment



#### 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 Mode of Ttransports: Vessel, Rail, Truck, Air)



### **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 to Puerto Rico – The following is required:

- Port of unlading for vessel and air shipments
- Addresses should be listed with
  - City List municipality in Puerto rico
  - State Indicate Puerto Rico (PR)
  - Country Indicate United States (U.S.)
  - Postal Code Indicate a valid postal code in Puerto Rico

### Shipments From Puerto Rico – The following is required:

- Port of unlading for vessel and air shipments
- Addresses should be listed with:
  - City Indicate city of destination
  - Country Indicate the country of destination

For **Transshipments** through Mexico, Canada or another foreign country, the mode of transportation is the mode of the carrier transporting the goods out of the United States.

**Sold en Route -** If the Ultimate Consignee is unknown at the time of export because your cargo will be sold while at sea, click the **Sold en Route** box. If selected, you must update all consignee information within **four** calendar days of export. Information should be stated as:

- Ultimate Consignee Company Name: Sold en Route
- Address 1: Sea
- **City:** City of First Port of Call
- Country: Country of First Port of Call

**Mail** - If the carrier is the United States Postal Service (USPS), select "Mail" as the mode of transportation. Leave the Carrier SCAC/IATA and Conveyance Name/Carrier Name fields blank.





# Parties Involved in an Export Transaction

<ul> <li>The USPPI is the person or entity in the United States that receives the primary benefit, monetary or otherwise, from the export transaction.</li> <li>Ultimate Consignee The ultimate consignee is the person, party or designee that is located abroad and actually receives the export shipment. This may be the end-user or FPPI.</li> <li>Foreign Principal Party in Interest (FPPI) The party abroad who purchases the goods for export or to whom final delivery or end-use of the goods will be made. This may be the ultimate consignee.</li> <li>Intermediate Consignee The intermediate consignee is the person or entity in the foreign country that acts as an agent for the principal party in interest with the purpose of effecting delivery of items to the ultimate consignee.</li> <li>Freight Forwarder – Authorized Agent</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>U.S. Principal Party in Interest (USPPI)</li> </ul>
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The person in the United States who is authorized by the principal party in interest to facilitate the movement of the cargo from the United States to the foreign destination and/or prepare and file the required documentation.

# **Getting Started with AESDirect**

Note: Please disable your browser's pop-up blocker in order to access all of the features of the ACE Portal. For optimum performance, please use Internet Explorer v10 or above.

### Log in to Account

Step	Action			
1	Go to <u>https://ace.cbp.dhs.gov</u> .			
2	Enter Username and Password			
3	Click <b>Continue</b> .			



### Accessing ACE AESDirect





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### **AESDirect Interface**

### **Colors and Symbols**

- \* RED asterisk indicates a mandatory field (Required)
- • BLUE diamond indicates a conditional field (May be required)
- No asterisk indicates an optional field (Not required)

### Help 🚺

Available to the right of most fields to determine what is needed for each field and when fields are required.



# **Shipment Manager**

The Shipment Manager is the first screen you see after logging in to ACE and accessing the AESDirect portal. This screen allows users to create, submit, and amend EEI and will show the high level information on previously filed shipments. The information is listed under sortable columns which include:

- Filer ID
- Shipment Reference Number/Count
- State
- Last Action
- ITN
- Last Updated
- Last Updated By

- Export Date
- USPPI
- USPPI ID
- Consignee
- Destination
- Shipment Action

### Page Navigation

The Page Navigation feature allows users to navigate to the First, Last, Previous and Next pages. The filer can also type in the desired page number manually.



### Show Filters

The Filter feature allows users to search for previously transmitted ACE AESDirect EEI based on one or more search criteria. These include USPPI Name, USPPI ID, Consignee Name, Country of Destination, Port of Export, Carrier SCAC/IATA, User Name, and Filings Updated in. Select Show Filters at the top of the screen to be able to access the filter criteria.

Shipment Manage	er
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# **Create Export Filing**

Step	Action
1	Log in to the ACE account.
2	Access ACE AESDirect.
3	Create Export Filing ▲ Create from Template ▲ Amend Accepted Filing Search ③ Search ④ Reset USPPI ID Consignee III Destination II Shipment Actions Click 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.

## Step 1: Shipment

Step	Action				
1	Step 1: Shipment	Step 2: Parties	Step 3: Commodities	Step 4: Transportation	
1	Select Step 1: Sl	hipment			



Effail Response Address(es) + 💽	Shipment Reference Number * 🕄	Filing Option * 🕄
ENTER COMMA (,) SEPARATED ADDRESS	ES	2 - PREDEPARTURE
Mode of Transport (MOT) * <b>1</b>	Port of Export * 🕄	Port of Unlading 🕈 🕄
Please Select	▼ Please Select	▼ Please Select
Departure Date * 🕄	Origin State * 🕄	Country of Destination * 🕄
MM/DD/YYYY	Please Select	▼ Please Select
Inbond Type * 🕄	Foreign Trade Zone 🔷 🕄	Import Entry # 🔶 🕄
70 - MERCHANDISE NOT SHIPPED INBON		
Original ITN 🕄		
Is this a Routed Transaction? * 🕄 🌼 Yes	© No	
Are USPPI and Ultimate Consignee compa	anies related? * 🜖 🔍 Yes 🔍 No	
Does shipment contain hazardous materi	al? * 🟮 🔍 Yes 🔍 No	

Explanation of Data Fields for this section:

**E-mail Response Address** – This is where the AES Response will be sent. More than one e-mail address can be added if separated by commas.

Shipment Reference Number – This is a unique identification number (1 - 17 alphanumeric characters) used to identify each shipment. The reuse of a Shipment Reference Number is prohibited. We recommend that you establish a unique format to create Shipment Reference Numbers and maintain a log of those already used.

Filing Option – Select the filing option you wish to use for this EEI: 2 – Predeparture 3P- AEI – Partial

4 – Postdeparturefiling.

This field will default to Option 2. Postdeparture and Advanced Export Information (AEI) filing is only available with approved USSPPI IDs and for EEI that meet the requirements for postdeparture (AEI) filing.

**Mode of Transport (MOT)** – The method by which goods arrive in or are exported from the United States by way of seaports, airports, or

Required: at least one e-mail

*Required:* unique number used to identify each shipment; cannot be re-used

*Required:* state the filing option of this EEI

*Required:* how the goods will be transported out of the U.S.



land border crossing points. Methods of transportation include vessel, air, truck, rail, or other.

For shipments crossing through Canada or Mexico to another destination, report the mode of transportation for the movement of the goods out of the United States.

**Port of Export** – Seaport or airport where the goods are loaded on the exporting carrier that is taking the goods out of the United States, or the port where the exports (by overland transportation) cross the U.S. border into a foreign country.

**Port of Unlading** – First port where the goods will be removed from the exporting carrier.

**Departure Date** - Report the date of export out of the U.S.

**Origin State** - Indicate where the goods begin their journey to the port of export. If a shipment is coming from more than one warehouse located in different states, provide the state with the commodity of greatest value. If this is unknown, provide the state where the commodities are consolidated for export.

**Country of Destination** - Country where the goods will be consumed, further processed, stored or manufactured as known at the time of export. For shipments with the ultimate destination of Puerto Rico, select 'Puerto Rico' from the drop-down.

**Inbond Code** – The code indicating whether the shipment is being transported under bond, and if so, the type of withdrawal.

**Foreign Trade Zone (FTZ)** - Provide the alphanumeric code assigned by the Foreign Trade Zone Board from where goods are withdrawn for export. Foreign Trade Zones are specially licensed commercial and industrial areas or areas near ports of entry where foreign and domestic goods may be brought in without being subject to payment of Customs duties.

**Import Entry #** – If an Inbond Code is specified, report import entry number

*Required:* port where the goods are loaded on the exporting carrier

*Conditional:* required for all vessel shipments and air shipments between the U.S. and Puerto Rico.

Required: date leaving the U.S.

*Required:* state where the goods begin their journey to the port of export

*Required:* country where the goods will be consumed

**Required:** Inbond shipments may not require an AES filing per FTR 30.2(d)(1)

*Conditional:* only required if goods are removed from the FTZ and not entered for consumption

*Conditional:* only required if Inbond Code is reported



Original IT The Origin shipment shipment( certain sco route or c the shipm FTR 30.28	TN - nal ITN is the ITN associated with a previously filed that is replaced or divided and for which additional (s) must be filed. The original ITN field can be used in enarios, such as, but not limited to, shipments sold en argo split by the carrier where the succeeding parts of ent are not exported within the timeframes specified in	Optional			
Is this a R A shipmer in interest facilitate t	outed Transaction? It is considered "Routed" when the foreign principal party (FPPI) authorizes a U.S. Freight Forwarder or U.S. agent to the export of items, prepare and file the EEI on its behalf.	<mark>Required:</mark> ind or No if stana	icate Yes if routed lard		
Are USPI When US 10 perce	PI and Ultimate Consignee related? SPPI and/or Ultimate Consignee owns directly or indirectly nt or more of either party.	<i>Required:</i> ind	icate Yes or No		
Does shipment contain hazardous material?Specify if there isRequired: indicate Yany hazardous merchandise (as defined by theDepartment of Transportation).					
<u>Step 2: F</u>	Parties				
Step	Action				

1	Step 1: Shipment	Step 2: Parties	Step 3: Commodities	Step 4: Transportation					
-	Select Step 2: Parties								
2	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)**

The person or legal entity in the United States that receives the primary benefit, monetary or otherwise from the export transaction. Generally, that person or entity is the U.S. seller, manufacturer, or order party, or the foreign entity while in the United States when purchasing or obtaining the goods for export.

USPPI *		Load from Profile
ID Number Type *	ID Number *	Company Name *
Please Select	•	
IRS Number 🔶	First Name *	Last Name *
Phone Number *	Address Line 1 *	Address Line 2
Postal Code *	City *	State *
Please Select	•	Please Select 💌
Clear USPPI		Save to Profile

Explanation of Data Fields for this section

<b>ID Number Type</b> – Select either Employer Identification Number (EIN), DUNS or Foreign Entity ID (ex: passport number).	Required
<b>ID Number</b> – Employer Identification Number (EIN) or Foreign Entity ID (ex: passport number).	Required
Note: Foreign party must be in the US when goods are obtained for export.	
<b>Company Name</b> - Provide the company's name.	Required
<b>IRS Number</b> - If you select 'DUNS' as the ID Number Type, then the EIN would also be required.	<i>Conditional: required if ID</i> <i>Number Type is DUNS</i>
<b>First and Last Name</b> - Provide the first and last name of the contact person. Names must have at least two letters and can not have special characters such as accents or punctuation.	<i>Required:</i> names must have at least two letter; special characters are not allowed
Phone Number - Provide the contact telephone number.	Required



<b>Address Line 1</b> - Indicate address (no P.O. box number) of the location from which the merchandise actually began its journey to the port of export.	Required
Example: Goods loaded in a truck at a warehouse in Georgia for transport to Florida to then be loaded on a vessel for export to a foreign country must show the address of the warehouse in Georgia.	
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.	
Address Line 2 – Enter the second line of the address.	Optional
<b>Postal Code</b> - Enter the postal code for the corresponding address.	Required
<b>City</b> - Enter the city for the corresponding address.	Required
State - Enter the state for the corresponding address.	Required

# **Ultimate Consignee (mandatory)**

The Ultimate Consignee section is always required. Please complete each data field as required.

Ultimate Consignee *		
Sold En Route? * O Yes  No	Consignee Type *	v
ID Number Type	ID Number	Company Name *
First Name	Last Name	Phone Number
Address Line 1 *	Address Line 2	Country *
Postal Code	City *	Please Select
Please Select	* 1	Please Select
Clear Ultimate Consignee		Save to Pro

Explanation of Data Fields for this section

Sold en Route - If you do not know the ultimate consignee because

Required: indicate yes or no



Consignee information must be updated within 4 (four) days of exportation or as soon as the information is known. *Required:* select consignee type **Consignee Type** - Select Consignee Type based on the from the drop-down menu 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 • Government Entity - a government-owned or government-controlled agency, institution, enterprise, or company. Reseller - a non-government reseller, retailer, wholesaler, • distributor, distribution center or trading company Other/Unknown - an entity not previously indicated, as • defined above, or whose ultimate consignee type is not known at the time of export **ID Number Type** – Select either Employer Identification Number Optional (EIN), DUNS, or Foreign Entity ID (ex: passport number). **ID Number:** Employer Identification Number (EIN), DUNS, or Foreign Optional Entity ID (ex: passport number). **Company Name** - Enter the company's name. If you select 'Sold en *Required:* company name or sold en route indicator Route', all consignee information must be updated within 4 calendar days from the departure date. Optional First and Last Name - The contact person's name. Optional **Phone Number** – The contact person's telephone number.

your cargo will be sold while in transit, select 'Yes'.

Country: Country of First Port of Call (ISO Code)

City: City of First Port of Call

Input data as follows:



Address Line 1 - Enter the first line of the address.	Required
Address Line 2 - Enter the second line of the address.	Optional
<b>Country</b> - Enter the country of ultimate destination. Select 'United States' for shipments with ultimate destination of Puerto Rico.	Required
<b>Postal Code</b> - Required for U.S. and Puerto Rico consignees, must be a valid code for the state reported.	<i>Conditional: required for shipments between U.S. and Puerto Rico</i>
<b>City</b> - Enter the city for the corresponding country of ultimate destination	Required
<b>State</b> - You must enter a valid state code for Mexican and U.S. Consignees. Select 'PR-Puerto Rico' for shipments with ultimate destination of Puerto Rico.	<i>Conditional: required for shipments to Mexico and between U.S. and Puerto Rico</i>

### **Intermediate Consignee Section (conditional)**

The intermediate consignee is the person or entity in the foreign country that acts as an agent for the principal party in interest with the purpose of effecting delivery of items to the ultimate consignee. Please complete this section if applicable. See 'Ultimate Consignee' section for explanation of data fields.

### **Freight Forwarder (conditional)**

If you are the freight forwarder or authorized agent, you will need to enter your information into the Freight Forwarder section, and the exporter's information into the USPPI section.



Freight Forwarder 🔶			Load from Profile
ID Number Type	ID Number	Company Name	
Please Select	·		
First Name	Last Name	Phone Number	
Address Line 1	Address Line 2	Postal Code	
		Please Select	Ŧ
City	State		
	Please Select	Ŧ	
Clear Freight Forwarder			Save to Profile

Explanation of Data Fields for this section

<b>ID Number Type</b> – Select either Employer Identification Number (EIN), DUNS or Foreign Entity ID.	Required
ID Number – Enter either Employer Identification Number (EIN) DUNS or Foreign Entity ID.	Required
<b>Company Name</b> - Provide the company's name.	Required: company name
First and Last Name – Provide the contact person's first and last name	<b>Required:</b> names must have at least two letter; special characters are not allowed
Phone Number – The contact person's telephone number	Required
Address Line 1 – Enter the address for the freight forwarder's location	Required
Address Line 2	Optional
<b>Postal Code</b> - Enter the postal code for the freight forwarder's location	Required
<b>City -</b> Enter the city for the freight forwarder's location	Required
<b>State</b> - Enter the state for the freight forwarder's location. It must correspond to the postal code entered.	Required



### **Step 3: Commodities**

)	Action				
	Step 1: Shipment         Step 2: Parties         Step 3: Commodities         Step 4: Transportation				
	Select Step 3: Commodities				
	Add Line				
	Select <b>Add Line</b> to open up a new commodity line.				
	Complete all of the commodity details as required.				
	Line Summary Line 1 Details				
	Line 1 Details	Add New Line			
	Export Information Code * Schedule B or HTS Number ◆ Comm Please Select *	odity Description *			
	Please Select     ▼       1st Quantity ◆     1st UOM ◆     2nd Quantity ◆     2nd UOM ◆   Origin	of Goods 🗣			
	Value of Goods (whole US Dollars) • Shipping Weight (whole Kilograms) • ECCN	•			
	License Type Code/License Exemption				
	Please Select    Please Select				

Explanation of Data Fields for this section

**Export Information Code** - Select the code that identifies the type or condition of the export transaction being made.

Schedule B or HTS Number – Report commodity classification codes. Some HTS Numbers are not valid for Export (see "<u>Invalid HTS</u>"). Provide 10 digits without periods. If you do not have a Schedule B number, use the 'Schedule B Search Engine' link to locate it. *Required:* type of export

*Conditional:* Not required if Export Code HH (personal and household effects and tools of the trade) is selected.



**Commodity Description** - Report an appropriate description for the commodity.

1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Quantity - Report the total quantity of the commodity being exported for each commodity code classification. Report in the unit of measure as required by the Schedule B or HTS Number.

**1**<sup>st</sup> and **2**<sup>nd</sup> **UOM**- The Unit of Measure (UOM) is determined by the Schedule B or HTS number entered. When a valid Schedule B or Harmonized Tariff number is entered, the unit of measure required will automatically populate.

**Origin of Goods** - Select "domestic" if commodity is grown, produced or manufactured in the U.S. Select "foreign" for goods grown, produced or manufactured in foreign countries, but have not been changed in form or condition in the U.S.

Value of Goods - In general, the value to be reported in the EEI shall be the value of the goods at the U.S. port of export in U.S. dollars. The value shall be the selling price (or the cost, if the goods are not sold), plus inland or domestic freight, insurance, and other charges to the U.S. seaport, airport, or land border port of export.

**Shipping Weight** - Must be reported in kilograms. Include the weight of the commodity and weight of normal packaging. For details, see Foreign Trade Regulations 30.6(a)(16).

**ECCN** - This number is used to identify items on the Commerce Control List (CCL).

A complete listing of license codes and descriptions for the U.S. Department of Commerce, Office of Foreign Assets Control (OFAC), Nuclear Regulatory Commission, U.S. Department of State and other Partnership Agency licenses, can be found under Appendix F of the <u>AES Trade Interface Requirements</u> (AESTIR). Required: commercial description

*Conditional:* Not required if Export Code is HH (personal and household effects and tools of the trade) is selected.

*Conditional:* Not required if *Export Code is HH.* 

*Conditional:* not required if Export Code is HH. If the origins vary for the same classification number, report foreign goods separately from domestic goods.

*Required:* selling price in whole numbers, no symbols. Only report US dollars.

Conditional: Required when transportation is vessel, rail, truck or air. Not required for other modes of transport.

*Conditional:* Only required for certain commodities





**License Type Code/License Exemption Code** - Select the appropriate license type for the commodity. You may be required to enter additional information based on the license type selected.

**Does the filing include used vehicles?** - A used vehicle, according to <u>Customs and Border Protection CFR 192.2</u>, is defined as "any self-propelled vehicle the equitable or legal title to which has been transferred by a manufacturer, distributor, or dealer to an ultimate purchaser." You will be required to complete additional information if you are reporting a used vehicle.

**Does this filing require Participating Government agency data** -Does the filing require a Participating Government agency permit or equivalent document?

### Adding more than one commodity

Commodity lines should be separated based on their commodity classification code, origin of goods, commodities valued at over \$2500, or requiring an export license per commodity classification code. After saving the first commodity, select "Add Line" to open a new Commodity Line.

*Required:* determines if other fields need to be reported

*Required: indicate yes or no* 

*Required:* indicate yes or no, complete additional fields as required.

### Step 4: Transportation

Step	Action		
	Step 1: Shipment Step 2: Part	ies Step 3: Commodities	Step 4: Transportation
L	Select Step 4: Transportati	on	
	Carrier SCAC/IATA	Conveyance Name/Carrier Name 🔷	Transportation Reference Number 🔷
	Transportation Reference Number, Equipment Numb	er, and Seal Number can only be added for the foll	owing modes of transport:
2	• Air • Rail • Vessel • Truck		

### Explanation of Data Fields in this section

**Carrier SCAC/IATA** – Carrier Code that identifies the transportation company. Contact your transportation company to obtain their carrier code.

**Conveyance Name/Carrier Name** – Provide the vessel name for ocean shipments and the carrier name for air, truck, and rail. You may not report UNKNOWN for the Conveyance Name.

**Transportation Reference Number** - This is the reservation number, or booking number, assigned by the ocean carrier to hold space on the vessel for the cargo. Optional for air shipments and it would be the air waybill number

**Seal Number** – The seal number uniquely identifies each sealed unit. This number is ordinarily imprinted on the seal itself. Equipment seals are placed on equipment to identify that the contents of a shipment has not been tampered with. Conditional: only required for Air, Vessel, Rail, and Truck shipments. Not required for USPS shipments.

*Conditional:* only required for Air, Vessel, Rail, and Truck shipments. Not required for USPS shipments.

*Conditional:* only required for vessel shipments. Optional for air shipments.

*Conditional: Optional and only for vessel shipments.* 



### **Shipment Print View**

When you are filing the EEI you can preview the shipment information by pressing the Print View button at the bottom of the shipment to preview. You can also view the shipment once you have successfully submitted it and it will display the ITN.

		Sens	sitive Informat	ion			
		Electronic ITN: XTN: 1234/ Si Filing Op	c Export Info X20170501123 56789-SAMPLE tatus: Accepted ption: 2 - PREDEP/	rmatio 456 SHIPM RTURE	on ENT1		
N	DTIFICA	TION:974:SHIPMENT ADDED					
1a. U. 12 1	S. PRIN 13 COM PROFIT	ICIPAL PARTY (USPPI) IPANY PLACE, MARLOW HEIGHTS, MD 20746, US	ь. USPP 1234	EIN (IRS 156789	) or ID Num 00	ber	
c. REL No	ATED P	ARTIES TO TRANSACTION ted	2a. DATI 2017	OF EXP	ORTATION		
b. ITN 20	CREATE	ED 01	c. ITN LA 2013	ST UPD4 7-05-01	ATED		
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8. ME 40	THOD C	OF TRANSPORTATION	9. EXPO AC A	RTING C	ARRIER/CON	VEYANCE NAME	
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13. C/	ARRIER	IDENTIFICATION CODE	14. SHIF SAM	MENT R	EFERENCE N	0.	
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19. R( N		EXPORT TRANSACTION					
to.sc	H B/HTS	DESCRIPTION of COMMODITIES					
a. LINE SEQ NBR	b. D/F	c. SCHEDULE B/HTS NUMBER	d. QL - U	IANTITY NIT(S)	e. SHIPPING WEIGHT (KG)	f. VIN/PRODUCT NUMBER/VEHICLE TITLE NUMBER	g. VALUE (U.S. Dollars, omit cents) Selling price or cost if not sold
1	D	MINIATURE CHOCOLATE CHIP COOKIES EXPORT INFO CODE: 05 HTS: 1905.31.0000		840 KG	840		3500
		LICENSE NUMBER: NLR LICENSE CODE: C33					



# Submit Shipment to AES

Step	Action
1	Close Previous Next View Filing Submit Filing Click Submit Filing.
	Once processed, the system will provide your response from AES.
2	Successfully submitted to AES. Waiting for a response.
	Close



# **Retrieve and Amend an EEI/Edit a Draft**

From the Shipment Manager, you can search for shipments previously filed through ACE AESDirect by entering your search criteria into the **Search** box.

Step	Action
1	Navigate to Shipment Manager
2	Search: Enter your search criteria into the <b>Search</b> box
3	



# **Retrieve and Amend Previous Accepted Shipments**

Step	Action
1	Navigate to the Shipment Manager
2	In order to amend shipments that have disappeared from the ACE AESDirect Shipment Manager or shipments originally accepted through legacy AESDirect, you must click the 'Amend Accepted Filing' option: + Create Export Filing Create from Template Amend Accepted Filing
3	Once you have selected this option you need to enter the Internal Transaction Number (ITN), Shipment Reference Number (SRN) and Filer ID for the shipment. Your Filer ID may already be populated if you only have one Employer Identification Number (EIN) or have to select one from a drop-down menu if you file for multiple EINs. If you have more than one EIN registered, verify that you are logged in to the ACE under the EIN in which the shipment was originally filed. Amend Accepted Filing O The shipment Ref. No. The shipment Ref. No. The screen. At this point, you can view, amend and/or resubmit the export filing as necessary. This shipment will now appear in the Shipment Manager of ACE AESDirect.



# Print a Shipment

Step	Action						
1	Navigate to Shipment Manager						
2	Search: Enter your search criteria into the <b>Search</b> box						
3	Create Export Filing       Create from Template         Search:         Search:         Consignee       11       Destination       11       Shipment Actions         UC       AF <ul> <li>Amend</li> <li>Print</li> <li>Cancel EEI</li> <li>CONSIGNEE INC</li> <li>BM</li> <li>Edit   Print   Delete</li> <li>VAN CONSIGNEE</li> <li>FR</li> <li>Edit   Print   Delete</li> <li>Once you have located your shipment, you can print the filing by clicking the Print link to the right.</li> </ul>						

# **Cancel EEI/Delete Draft**

Step	Action
1	Navigate to Shipment Manager
2	Search: Enter your search criteria into the <b>Search</b> box



08/28/2015 10:55:35	08/28/2015 10:55:35	Create EEI   Delete
08/28/2015 10:53:30	08/28/2015 10:53:30	Create EEI   Delete
08/24/2015 11:08:29	08/24/2015 11:08:29	Create EEI   Delete
08/06/2015 13:54:30	08/06/2015 13:54:30	Create EEI   Delete
08/04/2015 16:39:23	08/04/2015 16:39:23	Create EEI   Delete
08/04/2015 09:28:15	08/04/2015 09:28:15	Create EEI   Delete
07/29/2015 13:35:09	07/29/2015 13:35:09	Create EEI   Delete
07/29/2015 10:12:42	07/29/2015 10:12:42	Create EEI   Delete
07/28/2015 14:57:54	07/28/2015 14:57:54	Create EEI   Delete

↓ ↓ Create Date

Template Actions

Previous 1 Next

Modified Date

Consignee	<b>Destination</b>	11	Shipment Actions	
UC	AF 👨		Amend   Print Cancel EEI	
CONSIGNEE INC	BM 🌃		Edit   Print   Delete	
VAN CONSIGNEE	FR		Edit   Print   Delete	

+ Create Export Filing

Note: If you cannot see the Shipment Actions on the right of the shipment information, look for a green circle with a 'Plus' sign on the left and click it to show the Shipment Actions.

# **Template Manager**

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

- Shipment Reference Number •
- Transportation Reference Number •

USPPI Name

CENSUS COMPANY

CENSUS COMPANY

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MANI TEST DATA CO 00333333300

USPPI ID

003333333

003333333

00333333300

Ultimate Consignee

VAN CONSIGNEE

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- **Origin State** •
- Departure Date •

1 Template Description

CENSUS COMPANY

NEW TEMPLATE

TEST FILER ID VIEW

S LICENSES FILLED OUT A BIT

JUST SAVING SHIPMENT INFO SECTION EG

SLIC

LICENSE TEMPLATE ALL S LICENSES

Name

SLIC

TEST TEMPLATE

COMPLETE S LICENSES

TEMP-20150803

072915CUBAA

ACCEPTEDTEMPLATE ACC

Show 10 🔽 entries

FILER ID TEST

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Destination Country

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Value

1 Create from Template

Gross Weight •

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

Note: ACE AESDirect has a limit of 1000 Shipment Templates per Filer ID. Once the limit is reached, users will be unable to create additional templates. In this case, the user would need to delete a previously saved template in order to create a new one.

Port of Export

0901 - BUFFALO-NIAGARA FALLS

0901 - BUFFALO-

0901 - BUFFALO-

0901 - BUFFALO-NIAGARA FALLS

0401 - BOSTON, MA

0901 - BUFFALO-NIAGARA FALLS

0901 - BUFFALO-NIAGARA FALLS

0901 - BUFFALO-NIAGARA FALLS

1703 - SAVANNAH, GA



### **Open the Template Manager**

Step	Action				
1		Tools Menu 🔻			
	COMPLIANCE ALE	Shipment Manager Party Profile Manager Template Manager			
	Click Tools Menu at the top right				
2	Select Template	Manager			

Once selected, the Template Manager will display, and you will have access to all of your templates.

### **Create New Template**

At any point while filing your AES data, you can create a new template.

Step	Action								
1	Open up a new EEI Filing and begin entering the information.								
2	* Required Field  Conditional Field          Save As Template         Load from Profile         Company Name *         Once you have entered the desired information for your template, click         Save as Template at the top right.								



	Save As Template X
3	Template Name *         TEST TEMPLATE         Template Description *         CENSUS COMPANY
	Close Save Template Enter a name and description for the template. When finished, click

# Load an Existing Template

Step	Action
1	
	Search Search Search Reset
	In the 'Shipment Manager' screen, click Create from Template



	Create Shipment from Template
2	Select Template
3	Click the template name to load.
4	Complete the empty fields and submit the EEI.

# Create EEI from Template

Step	Action					
1	From the Template Manager, identify the template you would like to use for your new EEI					
2	Template Actions         Create EEI       Delete         Create EEI       Delete         Create EEI       Delete         Click on the Create EEI option next to the template you want to use for your EEI.					
3	A new filing session will open up with your template data pre-populated into the form.					



# Delete Template

Step	Action							
1	From the Template Manager, identify the template you would like to delete.							
2	Template Actions         Create EEI   Delete         Create EEI   Delete         Create EEI   Delete         Click Delete							
3	Delete Template       ×         Image: Cancel       Pelete Template         Confirm that you would like to delete this template.							



# Party Profile Manager

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

								-		
Party Profiles » All										
Showing 1 to 10 of 10 entries								Search:		
Profile Name	Party Type	🕸 Party ID	Party ID Type	Company Name	👫 Contact Info 🌐	Address	↓î Filer ID ↓î	Modified By	Last Modified	Actions
FF	Freight Forwarder	234234234	DUNS	ACME CORP	QAZI, MANI 7034681000	1800 CAKE ST ARLINGTON, VA	601601601	Danielson, Chris	09/08/2015 17:11:40	Delete
MY IC	Intermediate Consignee	23423423423	EIN	IRISH IMPORTS	QAZI, MANI 7034681000	123 DRAKE ST DUBLIN, IRELAND	601601601	Danielson, Chris	09/08/2015 17:11:04	Delete
CENSUS COMPANY	USPPI	003333333	EIN	CENSUS COMPANY	DOE, JOHN 8047099999	31ST STREET RESTON, VA USA	601601601	Reece, Sherrie	08/28/2015 10:44:01	Delete
CENSUS COMPANY	USPPI	003333333	EIN	CENSUS COMPANY	DOE, JOHN 8047099999	31ST STREET RESTON, VA USA	601601601	Reece, Sherrie	08/28/2015 09:59:43	Delete
PR COMPANY	Ultimate Consignee			PR COMPANY		CALLE SOL URB REPTO FLAMINGO BAYAMON, PR PUERTO RICO	601601601	TAYLOR, BRANDON	08/11/2015 13:25:51	Delete
CENSUS COMPANY	USPPI	895623124	DUNS	CENSUS COMPANY	GAUTHIER, ERIC 3017631391	4600 SILVER HILL WASHINGTON, DC USA	601601601	TAYLOR, BRANDON	08/11/2015 13:25:41	Delete

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

## **Open the Party Profile Manager**

Step	Action	
		Tools Menu 🔻
1	COMPLIANCE ALE	Shipment Manager Party Profile Manager Template Manager
	Click Tools Menu at the top right.	
2	Select Party Profile Manager	

### **Create Party Profile**

Step	Action
1	Create a new EEI Filing



2	Step 1: Shipment Step 2: Parti	Step 3: Commodities Step 4: Transportation			
	Navigate to Step 2: Parties				
3	Enter the information for the profile you would like to save				
4	Address Line 2 State *				
	Please Select	• Save to Profile			
	Once complete, select Save to Profile.				

# **Loading Profiles**

Step	Action		
1	Create a new EEI Filing		
2	Step 1: Shipment         Step 2: Parties         Step 3: Commodities         Step 4: Transportation		
3	Required Field      Conditional Field      Save As Template		
	Load from Profile Company Name *		
	Select Load from Profile.		
4	In the Search box, enter the first few characters of the profile name.		



	Load from Profile
	Profile Name *
5	CENSUS COMPANY * *
J	
	Close Load Profile
	Select your profile and click Load Profile.

### **Delete Profile**

Step	Action		
1	From the Party Profile Manager, identify the profile you would like to delete.		
2	Actions         Edit   Delete         Edit   Delete         Click Delete.		
3	Delete Party Profile X		
	Are you sure you want to delete this party profile?		
	Delete Party Profile Cancel		
	Confirm that you would like to delete this profile by selecting Delete Party Profile.		



# **AES Responses**

Once shipments are processed by the Automated Export System (AES), a response message will indicate the status of the shipment. You can access responses in your **response e-mail** or through the **Shipment Manager**.

E-mails are sent to the address listed in the Shipment section. If the filing has been accepted, then the Response E-mail will have your ITN included. If the filing has been rejected, the Response E-mail will provide you with a rejection statement.

# **AES Proof of Filing Citations**

The **ITN** (Internal Transaction Number) is a confirmation number that proves a shipment has been accepted by AES. This number is unique for every shipment and must be provided to the U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) at the port of export.

Exporters **must** cite the ITN on the first page of the bill of lading, air waybill, and/or other commercial loading documents.

**Predeparture and Advanced Export Information (AEI) Citations:** 

- AES ITN
  - Example: AES X20181004111111

### **Postdeparture Citations:**

- If an Authorized Agent files on behalf of an **approved** post-departure participant
  - AESPOST USPPI ID FILER ID Date of Export
  - Example: AESPOST 12345678900 987654321 10/04/2018
- If USPPI files shipments directly to AES
  - AESPOST USPPI ID Date of Export
  - Example: AESPOST 23456789000 10/04/2018



# CONTACT US



#### **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

#### **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 Outreach**

Toll Free: 800-549-0595- **Option 5** Hours: M – F: 7:30 AM - 6:00 PM, EST

E-mail: itmd.outreach@census.gov

- AES Compliance Seminars
- Vetting for Export Reports

#### **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

### **Trade Data**

#### Toll Free: 800-549-0595- Option 4

Hours: M - F: 8 AM - 5:30 PM, EST

#### E-mail:eid.international.trade.data@census.gov

- Questions about U.S. International Trade Statistics
- Help with USA Trade Online
- Trade Data Products and Subscriptions

### Accounts Service Desk

Telephone: 866-530-4172 Option 1 and then option 2

#### E-mail: ACE.Support@cbp.dhs.gov

- Password resets / Unlock accounts
- Account set up and permission issues



# **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 materials, and extensive details on the AES.

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

#### http://www.cbp.gov/trade/aes

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

- o AES
- o Blocked, denied and debarred persons lists
- 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.



# **Government Websites**

### United States Munition List (USML) & Commerce Control List (CCL)

U.S. Department of State Licenses Directorate of Defense Trade Controls: http://www.pmddtc.state.gov/licensing/index.html 202-663-2700

Bureau of Industry and Security http://www.bis.doc.gov/

Washington, DC: 202-482-4811 Western Regional Office: 949-660-0144 Assistance in Exporting Worldwide -U.S. Commercial Service: 1-800-USA-TRADE

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