



GKN Freight Services Information Bulletin

News from the US Census Bureau

Effective October 1, 2008 the US Census Bureau has mandated that all SED (Shipper Export Declarations) filings must be facilitated electronically via AES (Automated Export System). Hard copy SEDs will no longer be accepted. Carriers are not permitted to load any shipments on board vessels unless they have received shipping instructions indicating the Internal Transaction Number (ITN), an approved exemption legend or filing citation.

The primary responsibility for compliance to this regulation falls on the US Principal Parties of Interest (USPPI – i.e. the US Exporter), who will be required to present the ITN to the exporting carrier, no later than 24 hours before vessel loading from the US port of exit. Although the US Exporter is ultimately responsible for compliance, GKN Freight Services can support in this process by filing the AES on your behalf.

If you have any questions regarding how this impacts your US Export compliance, please feel free to contact GKN Freight Services.

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