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What is ISF?

The Importer Security Filing (ISF) is also known as “10+2”. This is another step in the Department of Homeland Security’s (DHS) strategy to better assess and identify high-risk shipments to prevent terrorist weapons and materials from entering the United States. The effective date for the interim Final Rule is January 26, 2009, with a flexible enforcement policy that will last for twelve months after the effective date.

ISF regulations mandate that the Importer, as defined by the interim Final Rule, or its agent, transmit via, the carrier Automated Manifest System (AMS) or Automated Broker Interface (ABI), ten (10) data elements per ocean house bill of lading to CBP 24 hours prior to lading goods on a vessel destined to the United States. Carriers must submit to CBP an additional two (2) categories of data elements (vessel stow plans and container status messages) via AMS 24 hours prior to vessel loading in a foreign port. The data elements are described below.

ISF and the Carrier Security Filing have different data elements that consist of two from the carrier and ten from the importer. These data elements are as follows:

Carrier Elements:

- **Vessel Stow Plans** – Stow plans advise where a particular shipment is located on the vessel.
- **Container Status Messages (CSM)** – CSM are nothing more than messages/emails telling the steamship operator about the status and location of a given container.

Importer Elements:

- **Manufacturer (Supplier) Name and Address** – the name and address to report are of the entity that last manufactures, assembles, produces, or grows the commodity; if that is not known and cannot be determined through due diligence, or may not apply, then report the name and address of the supplier of the finished goods in the country from which the goods are leaving.
- **Seller name and address** – of the last known entity by whom the good are sold or agreed to be sold; if there is no sale then the name and address of the owner is to be reported.
- **Buyer name and address**- the last known entity to whom the goods are sold or agreed to be sold; again if there is no sale, report the owner of the goods.
- **Ship to name and address** – report the first deliver to party scheduled to physically receive the goods after release from Customs’ custody.
- **Container stuffing location** – name and address of the physical location(s) where the goods were stuffed; for break bulk goods it is the physical location(s) where the goods were made shipment ready.
- **Consolidator (stuffer) name and address** – of the party who stuffed the container or arranged for its stuffing; for break bulk goods, it is the shipment ready party.
- **Importer IRS number** – including the Foreign Trade Zone applicant ID number, Consignee IRS number.



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- **Country of origin** – to include the country of manufacture, production or growth, based upon the import laws, rules and regulation of the U.S.
- **Commodity HTS number**- required to the 6 digit level but allowed to be reported to the 10 digit level.

Listed below are the elements that are required when filing ISF-10 or ISF-5.

Importer Security Filing Information (ISF-10)

1. Manufacturer Name and Address
2. Seller Name and Address
3. Buyer Name and Address
4. Ship to Name and Address
5. Scheduled Container Stuffing Location
6. Consolidator name and address
7. Importer of record number
8. Consignee identification number (IRS, SSN, Customs-assigned, CBP encrypted ID)
9. Country of origin where goods were manufactured, produced or grown
10. Harmonized Tariff Schedule at minimum 6-digit level

Importer Security Filing Information For FROB, T&E, IE (ISF-5)

1. Booking Party Name and Address
2. Foreign Port of Unlading
3. Place of Delivery
4. Ship to Name and Address
5. Harmonized Tariff Schedule at minimum 6-digit level

The interim final rule provides some flexibility on the filing requirements. The manufacturer or supplier, ship to party, country of origin, and HTSUS number must be filled within the same 24 hour period, however, the importer may submit an initial response using the best available data and make subsequent corrections or updates when precise or accurate information is available, but not later than 24 hours prior to arrival at a U.S. port. Additionally the importer must file the final two data elements, the stuffing location and the consolidator in the same 24 hours timeframe.

For additional reference and information use the links below:

The *Federal Register* notice on the topic of this bulletin (Vol. 73, No. 228 / Tuesday, November 25, 2008 / Rules and Regulations) can be accessed at the following URL:

<http://edocket.access.gpo.gov/2008/pdf/E8-27048.pdf> .

The Department of Homeland Security's FAQs on the 10+2 Interim Final Rule can be accessed at:

http://www.cbp.gov/linkhandler/cgov/trade/cargo_security/carriers/security_filing/import_faq.ctt/import_faq.pdf .