

# AES Newsletter

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## **AESWebLink**

*AESWebLink* is an enhancement to *AESDirect*, the Census Bureau's free Internet-based filing of Shipper's Export Declaration information. *AESWebLink* will enable Internet application developers to pass data from their Internet applications to *AESDirect*. This allows the end users to enter data in *AESDirect* and eliminates double entry of the information. *AESWebLink* is intended as a plug-in capability for sharing information between an *AESDirect* certified Internet application and *AESDirect*, streamlining the electronic export data capture and information flow and reducing the data entry burdens. If you are interested in assisting in the testing of *AESWebLink*, contact Bob Foley on (301) 562-7790 ext. 12. Testing will start late April and be ready for implementation in June. ♦

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## **CUSTOMS' CORNER**

### **EXEMPTION LEGENDS**

Missing or invalid exemption statements may delay your shipments. The Automated Export Reporting Program, AERP, ceased existence on December 31, 1999. Therefore, neither AERP nor FTSR Section 30.39 can be referenced on Bills of Lading, Air Waybills or other shipping documents when a Shipper's Export Declaration is not filed. Carriers accepting documents containing either the AERP or FTSR Section 30.39 exemption legends will be subject to fines by the U.S. Customs Service for false manifesting. Carriers should make sure that their internal process rejects any such documents.

When placing the exemption legend on the shipping documents using the Export Transaction Number (XTN), make sure the Identification Number (EIN, SSN or DUNS) contains no spaces or dashes. Follow the formats as specified in FTSR Letter 168 (Amendment 1).

*AESDirect* filers, do not use the reference number assigned by *AESDirect* as part of the exemption legend. This number is to be used to recall a shipment for correction, deletion or use as a template for preparing similar shipments. *AESDirect* has been modified to return the ITN as the *AESDirect* reference number and can be used in the exemption legend. (Continued on page 2)



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### **STATE DEPARTMENT LICENSED SHIPMENTS (correction)**

State Department DSP-5 shipments can be reported through AES pre-departure (Option 2). The electronic copy of the license will be recorded automatically in the AES. The exporter will submit one copy of the Shipper's Export Declaration (SED) to U.S. Customs for forwarding to the Office of Defense Trade Controls. This SED must cite the license number and unique AES identification and **will not be authenticated by Customs**. The exporters or their agents **will not submit copies of the SED to the carriers** for inclusion in their manifests. Questions or requests for information regarding these shipments through the AES may be directed to Maritza Castro at (202) 927-0724.

### **PRESENTATION OF EXEMPTION LEGEND AT THE BORDER**

AES filers using truck as the method of transportation for shipments to Mexico should make sure that the carriers have available for presentation only to Customs at the border for inspection, shipping documents with the appropriate exemption legends. These documents are **not** to be left for Customs. ♦

### **IN-TRANSIT SHIPPER'S EXPORT DECLARATION DATA**

The AES does not as yet contain a module that allows for reporting the Shipper's Export Declaration for In-Transit Goods, Commerce Form 7513, data for outbound in-transit vessel shipments. The Automated Manifest System (AMS) allows for the electronic reporting of the 7513 data, if the shipper knows the name of the exporting vessel and the port of clearance at the time the carrier reports the bill of lading information. The Census Bureau is exploring the possibility of allowing the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to accept electronic reporting of these data directly to the Corps. ♦

### **We need your e-mail address**

Please send your e-mail address to:

[AESLOI@ccmail.census.gov](mailto:AESLOI@ccmail.census.gov)

Include in the message the name of the company and the name of the contact person. This helps us get information to you faster and timely. ♦

### **OPTION 4 AVAILABLE FOR BUREAU of EXPORT ADMINISTRATION (BXA) LICENSED SHIPMENTS**

The BXA will approve for participation in post departure filing through AES, those applicants who have met the Census Bureau's criteria and are not denied persons and if their exports are not destined to a country designated by the Secretary of State as supporters of international terrorism. In addition, the applicants must answer and provide in writing the questionnaire and certification form provided on the BXA web site,

[www.bxa.doc.gov/enforcement/](http://www.bxa.doc.gov/enforcement/)

The web site contains the address for mailing this information and a contact for more information. ♦

## AMERICAN GOODS RETURNED FROM PUERTO RICO

Shipments of goods being returned from Puerto Rico to the United States in the same condition as when shipped to Puerto Rico should be reported in terms of the commodity classifications shown below. A new edit is being put in place to generate a fatal error when these numbers are used and the country of destination is not the United States.

<u>Schedule B Number</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Schedule B Chapter</u>
000000.0001	<i>Animal and Vegetable Products</i>	01 – 24. 41 -43
000000.0002	<i>Wood and Paper; Printed Matter</i>	44 – 49
000000.0003	<i>Textile Fibers and Products</i>	50 – 63
000000.0004	<i>Chemicals and Related Products</i>	28 – 38
000000.0005	<i>Nonmetallic Minerals and Products</i>	25 – 27; 68 – 71
000000.0006	<i>Metals and Metal Products</i>	72 – 89
	<i>Machinery and Transport Equipment</i>	
000000.0007	<i>Specified Products; Miscellaneous and Nonenumerated Products</i>	39 – 40; 64 – 67; 90 – 97
000000.0008	<i>Specification Classification Provisions</i>	98
000000.0009	<i>Foreign Merchandise Returned to the United States</i>	

## NOTICES

### WARNING MESSAGES

Please correct all warning messages within the four-day time period. Some messages such as invalid ports for vessel shipments, air and overland are being ignored. These errors must be corrected.

### INVALID PORTS FOR EXPORTS

Do not use ports 7925 and 7121 as ports of export. These are Canadian pre-clearance ports and are not valid ports of export. Report ports of exports as specified in Schedule D, Port Classification Schedule.

### SCHEDULE B NUMBERS

Please make sure you are using valid Schedule B numbers for your shipments as specified in the Schedule B Commodity Classification Schedule. We do not collect data on exports of electricity, therefore make sure you do not use Schedule B number 271600.0000.

### UNIT OF MEASURE

The new unit of measure for jewels in the X12 format is "JA". It was formerly "86". Please update your files accordingly.

## **AES and AESDirect on the Road**

Staff from the AES Branch will be making presentations and conducting workshops at various trade shows and meetings. Some of these trade shows and meetings are sponsored by private concerns and a fee may be charged. Our participation is intended to dispense information and does not imply endorsement of the sponsor.

<b><u>Date</u></b>	<b><u>Trade Show/Meeting</u></b>	<b><u>Contact Phone No.</u></b>
Apr 05-08	NASA Annual Export Meeting, Monterrey, CA	(301) 457-6855
Apr 13-15	Puerto Rico Manufacturers Association San Juan, PR	(787) 749-4315
Apr 27	AES Public Meeting, New York, NY	(301) 457-3787
May 22-23	AAEI, New York, NY	(301) 457-6855
May 31- Jun 02	Ports America Conference, Philadelphia, PA	(301) 457-6855
May 31	AES Public Meeting, San Antonio, TX	(301) 457-3787
Jun	Symposium of the Americas, Miami, FL	(301) 457-6855
Jul 10-11	BXA Update - East, Washington, DC	(301) 457-2238
Jul 12	AES Public Meeting, Washington, DC	(301) 457-3787
Sep 13-15	Virginia Conference on World Trade Roanoke, VA	(301) 457-6855
Nov 12-14	TRANSCOMP 2000 (NITL) Fort Lauderdale, FL	(301) 457-6855
Nov 15	AES Public Meeting, Fort Lauderdale, FL	(301) 457-6855

If you or any organization you know of would like to sponsor a meeting or desire our participation in a meeting, please contact:

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## Schedule B, Export Commodity Classification Schedule

The 2000 Schedule B and the Harmonized Tariff Classification numbers that cannot be used for exports are available on the foreign trade web site:

[www.census.gov/foreign-trade](http://www.census.gov/foreign-trade)

## AES and AESDirect Statistics

### AES – March 30, 2000

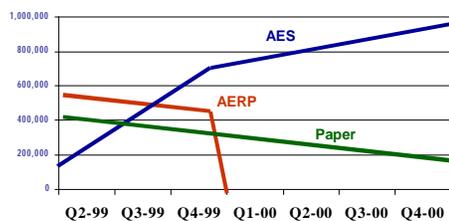
Filers – 589  
Letters of Intent – 1,056

### AESDirect – March 29 2000

Registered Filers – 517  
Former AERP – 112  
Operational Filers – 188  
Former AERP – 71  
SEDs Received – 118,816

## AES Growth

Data sources



## AES PUBLIC MEETINGS

We have scheduled the following AES Public meetings:

Thursday, April 27, 2000  
9:00am – 4:00pm  
Oval Room, 43<sup>rd</sup> floor  
Port Authority of NY & NJ  
World Trade Center One  
New York, NY 10048

Wednesday, May 31, 2000  
9:00am – 4:00pm  
Hilton San Antonio Airport  
611 Northwest Loop 410  
San Antonio, TX 78216

Wednesday, July 12, 2000  
9:00am – 4:00pm  
Department of Commerce  
Auditorium  
14<sup>th</sup> Street and Constitution  
Avenue NW  
Washington, DC 20230

## REGULATORY UPDATES

### EXPORTER OF RECORD REGULATION

The Exporter of Record Regulation is still being routed for signatures. We expect it to be published in the Federal Register as a final rule late April.

### MANDATORY REPORTING OF CERTAIN SHIPMENTS THROUGH AES

The certification working group continues to meet. AES and AESDirect systems will be certified through a GSA contractor. The feasibility working group met and a report with the recommendations will be sent to the appropriate committees of the Senate and House. ♦

## AES-PASS EXPIRED

AES-PASS expired March 15, 2000. Customs accepted AES-PASS exemption legends through March 31. Please cease using this exemption legend to avoid delays at the port of export. The AESTIR is being updated to remove all references to AES-PASS.

## AESDirect Batch Filing

AESDirect now accommodates batch filing in the Customs Proprietary and X-12 formats. ♦

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NON-DURABLE GOODS:	(301) 457-3484	
BUREAU OF EXPORT ADMINISTRATION (LICENSING QUESTIONS)		
WASHINGTON, DC	(202) 482-4811	
WESTERN REGIONAL OFFICE	(714) 660-0144	
U.S. CUSTOMS		
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## WEB SITES

CENSUS BUREAU, FOREIGN TRADE DIVISION	<a href="http://www.census.gov/foreign-trade/www">HTTP://WWW.CENSUS.GOV/FOREIGN-TRADE/WWW</a>
U.S. CUSTOMS SERVICE	<a href="http://www.customs.treas.gov/aes">HTTP://WWW.CUSTOMS.TREAS.GOV/AES</a>
BUREAU OF EXPORT ADMINISTRATION:	<a href="http://www.bxa.doc.gov">HTTP://WWW.BXA.DOC.GOV</a>