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To: U.S. Customs Service Headquarters, Customs Management Centers, Port Directors, Foreign Trade Zone Operators, Department of Commerce District Offices, U.S. Principal Parties in Interest, Freight Forwarders, Exporting Carriers, Consolidators, and All Others Concerned

From: U.S. Census Bureau (Census Bureau)

Subject: Reporting Requirements for Exports through Canada

This is to emphasize the reporting requirements contained in the Foreign Trade Statistics Regulations (FTSR), Title 15, Code of Federal Regulation (CFR), Part 30 concerning U.S. exports transshipped through Canada to a third country of ultimate destination. There is concern among Census Bureau and U.S. Customs Service (Customs) officials that merchandise is being exported from the United States and transshipped through Canada without the proper export documents being filed with Customs at the U.S. port of export.

In accordance with the FTSR, a Shipper's Export Declaration (SED) or Automated Export System (AES) record is required for all exports of merchandise originating in the United States when the country of ultimate destination is other than Canada. Also, a SED or AES record is always required for exports, to any foreign country including Canada, that require a Department of Commerce export license, Department of State, Office of Defense Trade Controls, export license under the International Traffic in Arms Regulations (ITAR-22), CFR, Parts 121-130, a Department of Justice, Drug Enforcement Administration, export declaration (Title 21, CFR, Part 1313), or any Federal Government export control license.

The FTSR requires that all U.S. exports moving through Canada for export to a third country be reported in the same manner as for all other exports at the Customs port of export on the SED or electronically using the AES. For exports out of the United States, the U.S. Principal Party in Interest (USPPI) must follow the instructions as contained in the FTSR for preparing and filing the SED or AES record.

Every effort should be made by the USPPIs, forwarding agents, and carriers to comply with these requirements. If you have questions concerning these requirements, please contact the Regulations, Outreach, and Education Branch, Foreign Trade Division, U.S. Census Bureau, on (301) 457-2238, or the Automated Export System Branch, on (301) 457-3539.

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