



Short Term Recommendation¹

To comply with the US CBP Final Rule for Required Electronic Presentation of Cargo Information amendments to existing standard forms and messages will be required in the longer term.

However, with the US CBP deadline fast approaching, the recommended procedure to follow at this time is:

Maintain current paper processes for both import and export, including ULD content by house waybill.

1. THE EDI ENVIRONMENT

Direct/Agency Shipments

- The forwarder sends the FWB to the Carrier
The FWB should include:
 1. Forwarders must indicate the number of pieces tendered, e.g. 1 ULD in the AWB Consignment Details line of the FWB
 2. Forwarders Must use the SLAC field in the FWB Rate Description line to indicate the actual number of pieces within the tendered ULD
- The Carrier reports the air waybill to Air Automated Manifest System (Air AMS)

Consolidations

Where the Carrier reports house waybill data

- The Forwarder sends the Air Waybill Data (FWB) message and the Consolidation List (FHL) message with full house waybill details to the carrier prior to tender
- The Carrier reports the master air waybill and house waybills to Air Automated Manifest System (Air AMS)
- Master Airway bill
 1. The Other Service Information (OSI) line in the FWB will contain “FIRMS-” in the first position followed by the Facilities Information and Resource Management System code *when in-bond Container Freight Station (CFS) movements are necessary*
 2. Forwarders must indicate the number of pieces tendered, e.g. 1 ULD in the AWB Consignment Details line of the FWB
 3. Forwarders Must use the SLAC field in the FWB Rate Description line to indicate the actual number of pieces within the tendered ULD
- House Airway bill
 1. The Free Text Description of Goods (TXT) line in FHL *will* be used to contain the full specific cargo description or “HTS-” in the first position followed by the

US Harmonised Tariff Schedule code to identify the goods. Carriers will use this description to populate the description of goods for customs (although the HWB Manifest Description of Goods is mandatory it is usually inadequate for Customs reporting purposes). When multiple HTS codes are required, they are to be separated by a space.

2. Forwarders must indicate the actual number of pieces (SLAC), not skids, in the House Waybill Summary Details line of the FHL message
3. Forwarders must indicate the number of pieces tendered, e.g. 1 ULD in the Master AWB Consignment Details line of the FHL messages (the same piece count number to appear in the FWB AWB Consignment Details).

Where the Forwarder Reports House Waybill data

- The Forwarder sends the house waybill data directly to Air AMS
- The Forwarder sends the FWB and the FHL with summary house waybill information to the carrier prior to tender
- The first occurrence of the OSI line in the FWB will contain “AGT-” in the first position followed by the ABI filer code or the FIRMS code *to indicate that the Forwarder reports the house waybill details directly to Air AMS*
- The second occurrence of the Other Service Information (OSI) line in the FWB will contain “FIRMS-” in the first position followed by the Facilities Information and Resource Management System code *when in-bond Container Freight Station (CFS) movements are necessary*
- The Carrier reports the master air waybill to Air AMS

2. THE PAPER ENVIRONMENT

Direct/Agency Shipments

- The forwarder provides the air waybill to the Carrier
The air waybill should include:
 1. Forwarders must indicate the number of pieces tendered, e.g. 1 ULD in the Number of Pieces box
 2. Forwarders must indicate the total actual number of pieces (SLAC), not skids, in the Nature and Quantity of Goods
- The Carrier reports the air waybill to Air Automated Manifest System (Air AMS)

Consolidations

- Forwarders must indicate “Consolidation” in the Nature and Quantity of Goods of the master air waybill
- Forwarders must indicate the total actual number of pieces (SLAC), not skids, in the Nature and Quantity of Goods of the master air waybill below “Consolidation”
- Forwarders must indicate the number of pieces tendered, e.g. 1 ULD, in the Number of Pieces box of the Master air waybill
- “House Information transmitted by: (the ABI filer code or the FIRMS code)” or “AGT- (the ABI filer code or the FIRMS code)” is entered in the Handling

Information box on the master air waybill *to indicate that the Forwarder reports the house waybill details directly to Air AMS* if that is the case

- “Local transfer at destination to: (the FIRMS code of the location to where the goods will be transferred)” or “FIRMS- (the FIRMS code of the location to where the goods will be transferred)” is entered in the Handling Information box on the master air waybill *when in-bond Container Freight Station (CFS) movements are necessary*
- The house waybill must contain a full specific cargo description or the US Harmonised Tariff Schedule codes to identify the goods

Where the Carrier reports house waybill data

- The Forwarder provides the master air waybill, house waybill manifest and individual house waybills including ULD content to the carrier
- The Carrier enters the house waybill data
- The Carrier reports individual house waybills and master air waybill to Air AMS

Where the Forwarder Reports House Waybill data

- The Forwarder provides the master air waybill and house waybill manifest including ULD content to the carrier
- The Carrier reports master air waybill to Air AMS

3. IN CASE OF COMMUNICATION ERROR IN AN EDI ENVIRONMENT

- Fall back to the maintained current paper process

4. FDA SHIPMENTS

In addition to ensure compliance with the Bio-Terrorism Act (BTA), US CBP is tasked to collect an indication of prior notice of all foodstuffs at the simple air waybill and house waybill Level. Carriers will only receive informational status codes when the FDA prior notice data is not on file. Clarification is being sought to establish when such notice might not have been given and recorded.

In the event the indication is required the following will be proposed:

- The “EAT” code should be recorded in the Special Handling Details of the FWB or the Special Handling Requirements of the FHL as appropriate;
- The “EAT” code or a clear indication that the nature of goods qualifies under the BTA should be recorded in the Handling Information boxes of the air waybill and house waybill as appropriate.

¹ This document will be updated as necessary and can also be found at the IATA web site (http://www.iata.org/NR/ContentConnector/CS2000/Siteinterface/sites/cargo/file/Advance_Cargo_Information.pdf) and the FIATA web site (www.fiata.com).