



ATA Carnets Exempt from EEI/AES Filing

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Dear Sea Shipping Line customers,

There has been verbal confirmation from both U.S. Customs and Border protection (CBP) and U.S. Census Bureau securing exemption from the Electronic Export Filing (EEI) filing requirement for ATA Carnets. U.S. Census is currently working on revising the rules, which should be published very soon. October 2nd is no longer a looming deadline for ATA Carnets.

March 2013, several changes were made to the U.S. Census Bureau's Foreign Trade Regulations (FTR) pertaining to the filing of export documentation under the Automated Export System. One significant change was the removal of the exemption that ATA Carnet shipments benefited from. These changes would have been effective and subject to a vigorous enforcement regime by US Customs and Border Protection (CBP) on October 2.

Until further notice ATA Carnet shipments will continue to include "CARNET" as an exemption statement on required manifest documents. In the event that the cargo carrier refuses the shipment due to missing exemption code, we recommend, only during this period of informed compliance, reverting back to the former exemption code "CARENT NO EEI per 30.37(q)" for U.S. ATA Carnets and "30.37(r)" for foreign ATA Carnet shipments. Once the revised rules are officially published we will know how to handle ATA Carnet shipments. Please be aware that these exemptions only apply to ATA Carnets that cover commodities that do not require export licenses. All exports from the U.S. that require a participating government agency export license have never been exempt from the EEI filing requirement.

Regards,
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