



Trailer Bridge

In a Memorandum, FRT Letter No. 4, (below), the U. S. Census Bureau has provided an exemption for advanced filing of Electronic Export Information (EEI) through the Automated Export System (AES) for shipments between the U.S. and Puerto Rico. The exemption allows for the filing of Shipper's Export Declarations (SEDs) and presenting proof of filing to the carrier by the time the shipment arrives at the port of unloading. This exemption only applies to cargo between the U.S. and Puerto Rico and does not change the requirement for international cargo, i.e. Dominican Republic cargo, which requires the SED being filed 24 hours prior to loading onboard vessel.

SED Cut-Off Schedule * REVISED 4/24/09 *****

Puerto Rico Southbound - 1700 hours on day of sailing, 1700 Friday for all weekend sailings.

Puerto Rico Northbound - 1700 hours on day of sailing, 1700 Friday for all weekend sailings.

Dominican Republic Southbound – 1700 hours on Monday prior to sailing or 24 hours prior to cargo loading

Shippers who self file are required to provide proof with their Internal Transaction Number (ITN) or the SED filing exemption to Trailer Bridge. Alternatively, you can have Trailer Bridge file the SED on your behalf by following the below instructions.

If you choose to have Trailer Bridge complete the SED as your agent -

1. We must have a completed and signed copy of the attached power of attorney on file.
2. Provide complete and accurate SED information for each shipment.

This information must be sent to our Documentation Department, shipments from the U.S. should be sent to jaxdoc@trailerbridge.com or via fax at 904-751-7404. For shipments to the U.S. send paperwork to sanjuan@trailerbridge.com or via fax to 787-774-6394. Utilizing these email addresses or fax numbers will expedite your information being received by the appropriate Trailer Bridge personnel for timely processing.

The charge for Trailer Bridge preparing and filing a SED will be \$70.00 per SED. However, if you provide your commodity, schedule B number(s) and value(s) and Trailer Bridge files on your behalf, the charge will be \$25.00 per SED. (These charges are applicable on SEDs with 5 or less "Commodity Classifications". Any SEDs with 5 or more commodity classifications will be handled on a case-by-case basis, depending on the specific commodity classifications.)

If you choose to file directly with the Census Bureau, you may do so free of charge with AES Direct www.aesdirect.gov. By electing to self-file, your company is required to provide Trailer Bridge a confirmation of filing.

Please note if information is incomplete, inaccurate or not received in time, fines and penalties may be imposed by the U.S. Customs and Border Protection. Puerto Rico shipments will be held at the destination port, while Dominican Republic shipments will be held at origin port until the information is received. For further information visit www.census.gov

If you have any questions regarding any of this information please contact your Trailer Bridge Salesperson or your Customer Service Representative at 800-727-3859.

FTR Letter No. 4

MEMORANDUM FOR U.S. Customs Service Headquarters, Directors of Field Operations, Port Directors, Foreign Trade Zone Operators, U.S. Department of Commerce District Offices, U.S. Principal Parties in Interest, Freight Forwarders, Exporting Carriers, Consolidators, U.S. Customs Brokers, and All Others Concerned

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Subject: Filing Time-Frames Exemption for Puerto Rico

This letter further clarifies the Foreign Trade Regulations (FTR) Letter No. 1 issued September 4, 2008, requirement for advance filing of Electronic Export Information (EEI) through the Automated Export System for shipments between the United States and Puerto Rico. As specified in the FTR, Section 30.4(b)(2), the U.S. Principal Party in Interest (USPPI), or the authorized agent shall file the EEI when required, no later than the time period specified by the mode of transportation.

In reviewing this issue with the U.S. Customs and Border Protection, we have determined that the Trade Act deadlines do not apply to shipments within the U.S. Customs Territory, which include Puerto Rico. Therefore, Puerto Rico is exempt from the filing time frames in the FTR. After further consultation with the trade community servicing Puerto Rico, the proof of filing citation, postdeparture filing citation, or exemption citation must be presented to the carrier by the time the shipment arrives at the port of unloading for shipments between the United States and Puerto Rico.

This exemption from the required filing of advanced cargo information applies only to shipments between the United States and Puerto Rico. Shipments from the United States or Puerto Rico to the U.S. Virgin Islands or a foreign country are not exempt and must follow the required filing time frames as specified in Section 30.4(b)(2). The U.S. Virgin Islands is not a part of the U.S. Customs Territory.

Every effort must be made by the USPPI and authorized agents to comply with these requirements. If you have questions concerning these requirements, please contact the U.S. Census Bureau, Regulations, Outreach, and Education Branch, Foreign Trade Division, on 800-549-0595, option 3, or by email using ftdregs@census.gov.