

Importer Security Filing 101



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Pieces of Data Required from the Importer

- Manufacturer (or supplier) name and address
- Seller (or owner) name and address
- Buyer (or owner) name and address
- Ship-to name and address
- Container stuffing location
- Consolidator (stuffer) name and address
- Importer of record number/foreign trade zone applicant identification number
- Consignee number(s)
- Country of origin
- Commodity Harmonized Tariff Schedule number to six (6) digits



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Pieces of Data Required from the Carrier

- Vessel stow plan
- Container status messages

Who, When, Where, Why?

Who: Supplier/Shipper must provide Buyer/Importer with required data elements and Buyer/Importer must file ISF or arrange for ISF to be filed by broker/agent

When: ISF information must be provided and filed at least 24 hours prior to vessel sailing from port of origin

Where: ISF must be filed through the Automated Commercial Environment (ACE) through an ABI processing system

Why: Failure to comply with the rule could result in monetary penalties, increased inspections and delay of cargo.