



DEPARTMENT OF TREASURY
U.S. CUSTOMS SERVICE

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CHICAGO DISTRICT PIPELINE

94-18

To : Customhouse Broker, Importers, and Other
Concerned Parties

Subject : Accuracy of Statistical Information

PURPOSE

To provide information concerning the accuracy of statistical reporting including verification of data and using the ABI Census error messages.

SUPERSEDURE

Chicago District Pipeline 92-13 dated May 22, 1992

ACTION

Error messages are received by ABI filers when a transmission of statistical data on a summary is not consistent with the parameters that are set in the system by the Bureau of Census. An aid for interpreting the error messages is attached. Also attached is a new sheet you may use for duplication of the blue ABI Census reject sheets. This shows all of the error codes that currently exist. Old supplies may be exhausted prior to using the new sheet. However, if you have an error code that does not exist on your old form, please pen and ink them in at the bottom as they occur.

All brokers and importers are reminded of the ongoing responsibility to provide accurate and timely trade statistics. The Chicago District receives many entry summaries that are in ABI Census Reject status. These Census warnings frequently show misclassifications, clerical errors and improbable relationships between values and quantities (for example, four books valued at \$8,000,000 or charges of \$5,000,000). These types of errors need to be corrected prior to transmission. To do so, filers should review the data subject to the warnings. If the resolution is not contained in the documents, filers should contact the knowledgeable party for (1) verification of the data

(A) TARIFF# (B) Quantity (C) Value.

and (2) an explanation of any unusual conditions which may explain why certain transactions are outside of the Census parameters. For instance, vintage wines or prototype pharmaceuticals are often subject to Census warnings due to their high value. This explanation should be noted on the bottom of the blue warning sheet in the "Brokers Comments" area.

We will continue to (3) require that the entry filer provide Customs with the name and telephone number of the person who substantiated the data, for Census warnings returned to Customs without change. Adequate information, such as method of computation, reason for unusual value, etc., must be provided. Please remember, if you change the entry, you must also change the ABI transmission. If Customs receives an entry with a Census warning sheet that has not been annotated with the information required in this paragraph, the entry will be rejected. Please note 19 CFR 141.61 and the General Statistical Notes of the Harmonized Tariff Schedules. As part of our continuing review of entry filers, the entry compliance unit will continue to place emphasis on statistical accuracy. Frequent or repetitive errors will be addressed through the existing policy for warnings and penalties.

In addition to the ABI Census warnings, filers need to be attentive to the way in which statistical information is submitted. If an entry is transmitted via ABI, then a statistical copy (the yellow hard copy of the CF 7501) should never be attached to the summary. By doing so, duplicate submissions of statistical data could result. Conversely, if a summary is not transmitted via ABI, then a statistical copy of the CF 7501 should always be submitted so that Customs may manually forward it to Census. If there is not an ABI transmission, and a statistical copy is not attached to the summary, then no data on the importation will be submitted to Census. If a non-ABI entry summary is rejected and statistical data is changed, a corrected statistical copy must be submitted with the corrected entry. Errors in the past concerning these issues have resulted in large discrepancies in the balance of trade statistics.

With your cooperation these measures will go a long way to ensuring timely and accurate statistical reporting from the Chicago District. Please contact Supervisory Import Specialist Vicki Fagerstrom at 312-353-9311 with questions.


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District Director

Attachments

ABI-CENSUS REJECT

A B I - CENSUS ERROR MESSAGES

Entry Number _____

INSTRUCTIONS: When a CENSUS warning message is received, verify that the transmitted information is correct. If it is incorrect, a corrected CF 7501 should be transmitted. If the data is correct as shown, attach this sheet to the top of the CF 7501. Note which line item is in question and list the appropriate error message.

ERROR MESSAGES

27A *CENSUS* Improbable Country	28A *CENSUS* QTY2/QTY1 (TSUSA 2)
27B *CENSUS* QTY1/QTY2 (TSUSA 1)	28B *CENSUS* QTY2/QTY1 (TSUSA 3)
27C *CENSUS* OR-LO VAL/QTY (1) TSUSA 1	28C *CENSUS* OR-LO VAL/QTY (1) TSUSA 2
27D *CENSUS* OR-HI VAL/QTY (1) TSUSA 1	28D *CENSUS* OR-LO VAL/QTY (1) TSUSA 3
27E *CENSUS* OR-HI VAL/QTY (1) TSUSA 2	28E *CENSUS* OR-LO VAL/QTY (2) TSUSA 1
27F *CENSUS* OR-HI VAL/QTY (2) TSUSA 1	28F *CENSUS* OR-LO VAL/QTY (2) TSUSA 2
27G *CENSUS* Improbable Air TSUSA 1	28G *CENSUS* OR-LO VAL/QTY (2) TSUSA 3
27H *CENSUS* Gross Weight - Air	28H *CENSUS* OR-HI VAL/QTY (1) TSUSA 3
27I *CENSUS* Gross Weight - Vessel	28I *CENSUS* OR-HI VAL/QTY (2) TSUSA 2
27J *CENSUS* OR-AGR VALUE/CHARGES	28J *CENSUS* OR-HI VAL/QTY (2) TSUSA 3
27K *CENSUS* QTY1/QTY2 (TSUSA 2)	28K *CENSUS* Improbable Air TSUSA 2
27L *CENSUS* QTY1/QTY2 (TSUSA 3)	28L *CENSUS* Improbable Air TSUSA 3
27M *CENSUS* QTY2/QTY1 (TSUSA 1)	

LINE #	ERROR MESSAGE #	IMPORT SPECIALIST ACTION
_____	_____	Allowed Corrected to _____
_____	_____	Allowed Corrected to _____
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REMARKS: