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Magaya's January issue brings you a step-by-step guide to transmitting import shipments to US Customs using Magaya AMS. We show you how to use your existing shipment data in your Magaya Explorer to file required Customs documentation and comply with Custom's AMS 24-hour manifest transmittal rule.

In the Works

Customized Filters

One of the new features in the next release of Magaya software will enable you to create *Customized Filters* with an *Advanced Filters* option. When you click on the Filter button in any screen, you can choose this option. A user-friendly screen opens, displaying all the fields you can select to filter by such as carrier, consignee, destination port, etc. and the conditions to apply to the selected fields such as equal to, not equal to, contains, greater than, less than, and many more. As you add each condition, you can group them so that the resulting set will match any of the conditions or all the conditions set by the filters. This filter works similar to the way that an SQL string queries a database, but with the Magaya software you do not need to know SQL!

PDF output

Another new feature in the next Magaya software release is the capability to output any document, list, or report you prepare in Magaya software in PDF format. This adds to the existing output formats, HTML and the Magaya Document format. This new PDF feature is built into the Magaya software so you do not need to install a PDF print driver

"How To"?

Transmitting Import Shipments to US Customs Using Magaya AMS

This month's how-to section explains how to transmit required ocean messages via the Magaya AMS software plug-in. Using your existing shipment data, the required information can be transmitted to Automated Manifest System (AMS) at the click of a button. Read on to find out how you can effectively implement this component from Magaya to streamline your ocean AMS functions.

Overview

As of December 2, 2002, United States Customs and Border Protection (CBP) requires ocean carriers to transmit detailed cargo declarations for all ocean freight on vessels destined for U.S. ports. A detailed description must be transmitted via AMS 24 hours prior to loading of the vessel at the foreign port.

There are three mandatory steps that must be completed to comply with CBP:

1. Transmit a manifest of the incoming goods.
2. Inform CBP when the vessel departs the foreign port.
3. Inform CBP when the vessel arrives at the U.S. port.

There are also additional procedures that you can complete using Magaya AMS such as permit to transfer (PTT), in-bond movements, and the CBP procedures for importing an empty container.

With Magaya AMS you can send your ocean shipment from the Magaya Explorer as soon as you create it, allowing for compliance with AMS's 24-hour manifest transmittal rule.

The following explains the required steps to transmit the manifest to US Custom's AMS:

1. Enter an ocean import shipment under the "Incoming Shipments" folder at the left-hand side of your Magaya Explorer. Note: The information entered on this shipment will be available in the Magaya software for any AMS messages you send that are pertinent to this shipment in the future.
2. Select the newly created shipment from the list under the "Incoming Shipments" folder after you are done creating it.
3. Click the arrow next to the "Customs" button in the shipment tool bar, then hover your mouse cursor over "AMS", and choose "Manifest Create" from the menu.
4. A screen will appear listing all the fields that will be transmitted to AMS. Note: This confirmation screen always appears prior to sending any AMS message. On this screen any mandatory fields that you have not entered will be labeled in red. Confirm all the fields are filled in and correct, then click "Send" to transmit the manifest.

If you need to edit a House Bill of Lading (B/L) that was previously transmitted, follow these steps:

1. Select the House shipment to edit at the left-hand side of the Magaya Explorer.
2. Click the arrow next to the "Customs" button on the shipment toolbar.
3. Hover the mouse cursor over the "AMS" item, and choose the item you need from the list: "Add bill of lading to AMS", "Delete bill of lading from AMS" or "Update bill of lading quantity".
4. Confirm the fields, and click "Send" at the bottom.

Transmitting In-Bond Movements

Every movement of goods that are considered in-bond must be reported to CBP through AMS. Filing in-bond movements using Magaya AMS solution is done with only a few clicks. Follow these steps:

In-Bond Movements

1. Select the shipment you are transmitting an in-bond movement for at the left-hand side of the Magaya Explorer.
2. Click the arrow next to the "Customs" button on the shipment toolbar.
3. Hover your mouse over the "AMS" item, and choose "In-Bond Movement".
4. Fill in the fields needed and click "Send" at the bottom. Note: There are several fields on this screen pertaining to the in-bond movement you are about to transmit.

Permit to Transfer (PTT)

Certain logistics providers have a licensed Container Freight Station (CFS) at their disposal. These logistics providers can transmit a Permit to Transfer (PTT) to move the goods to their facilities for the proper processing. These CFS facilities allow for goods to be processed by the logistics provider before they are cleared by Customs.

1. Select the shipment you are transmitting a PTT for at the left-hand side of the Magaya Explorer.
2. Click the arrow next to the "Customs" button on the shipment toolbar.
3. Hover your mouse over the "AMS" item, and choose "Permit to Transfer".
4. Review the fields in the screen and complete them as necessary. When you are ready, click "Send" to transmit the message.

What about the ITs, IEs, T&Es, etc?

1. Select the desired shipment from the left-hand side of your Magaya Explorer, and click on the arrow next to the "Customs" button on your shipment toolbar.
2. Choose "In-Bond Information" and fill in all the information in the screen appears.
3. Once the information is filled in, transmit the proper "in-bond" movement by following the steps described above for In-Bond Movements.

Reporting Empty Containers

When empty containers are imported to the United States, CBP requires an empty container message to be transmitted to them.

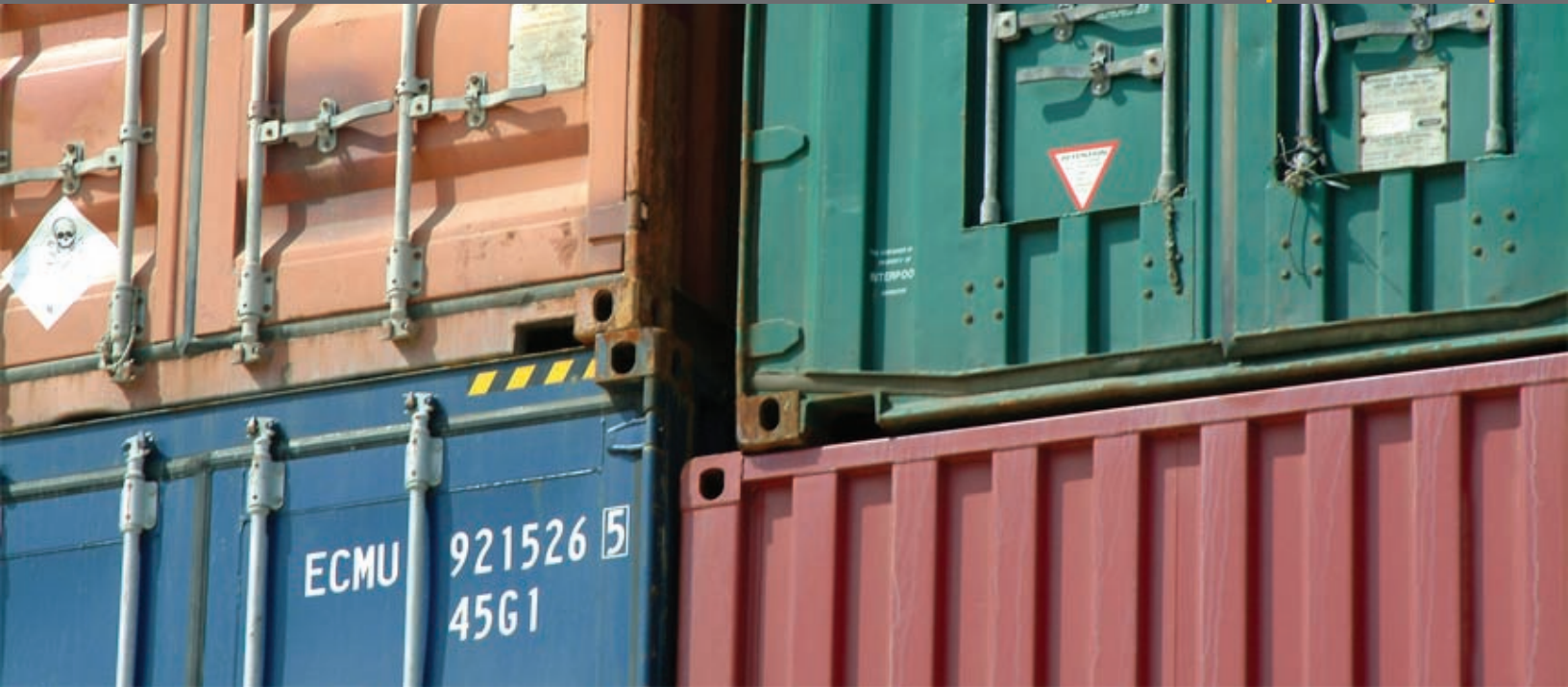
1. Select the shipment you are transmitting the movement for at the left-hand side of the Magaya Explorer.
2. Click the arrow next to the "Customs" button on the shipment toolbar.
3. Hover your mouse over the "AMS" item, and choose "Empty Containers".
4. Review the fields on the screen and complete them as necessary. When you are ready, click the "Send" button to transmit the message.

To View AMS Message History for one Shipment:

1. Select the shipment at the left-hand side of the Magaya Explorer you are requesting messages for.
2. Then click the arrow next to the "Customs" button on the shipment toolbar.
3. Choose "AMS Results..." This is a listing of all the messages for this particular shipment. The interface remains the same, affording you the ability of filtering your list of messages and retrieving the new messages.

That completes how to transmit required ocean messages via the Magaya AMS. To learn more about Magaya AMS, see the Magaya website:

http://www.magaya.com/products/magaya_ams.aspx



MAGAYA IMPLEMENTS

Inter-office Remote Access to Shipping Data

Magaya Cargo System and Magaya OnTheGo Solutions

When BG Logistics, an international logistics business, needed logistics software to transmit shipment data from their office in Miami to Central and South America and back, they selected the Magaya Cargo System and Magaya OnTheGo. Now their data is sent instantly and saves time for everyone - from accounting to warehousing. Magaya software provides a real-time view of transactions and eliminates redundant data entry.

“IT IS A VERY COMPLETE SYSTEM AND WE FOUND EVERYTHING THAT WE WERE SEARCHING FOR.”

Julian Scottolini, General Manager, BG Logistics

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AT A GLANCE

BG Logistics
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INDUSTRY
 Full-Service Logistics
SOLUTION
 Magaya Cargo System
 Magaya OnTheGo

BG Logistics incorporated in 2003 in Miami, FL. The executive office is located in Santiago de Chile and has agents throughout Latin America, Africa, Asia, Europe and the Middle East. They provide domestic and international air, road, and ocean freight forwarding, customs brokerage, warehousing and distribution services.

CHALLENGE

The Right System for the Job

BG Logistics, an international logistics business, is a division of A.J. Broom & Co. of Santiago de Chile. They first evaluated logistics software and chose the Magaya Cargo System. They needed a system that would handle inter-office communications and the wide range of logistics services they provide for import and export, including warehousing, distribution, and domestic ground transportation.

SOLUTION

What Makes the Right System?

BG Logistics researched different types of logistics software and purchased the Magaya Cargo System after a brief demonstration. The demonstration of the Magaya Cargo System showed BG Logistics that they did not need multiple systems to run their business; they could manage everything from top to bottom under “one roof”. The software comes with a full solution for everything from the warehousing, to the trade documentation, a full accounting solution, and the revolutionary “Magaya Network” to integrate their multiple offices.

With the help of the Magaya Cargo System, BG Logistics today runs a smooth operation that has allowed them to focus their resources on raising the bar for customer service instead of wasting time on the redundant data entry that is done on conventional systems. The Magaya Cargo System also proved to be user friendly, facilitating the training procedure of BG Logistics’ staff.

RESULTS

How it’s Done

By implementing the Magaya Cargo System in all their international offices, BG Logistics has streamlined inter-office operations like never before. Using the built-in Magaya Network, BG Logistics now transmits data between offices at the click of a button. This has already dramatically reduced redundant data entry for BG Logistics since shipments sent internationally from one of their offices to another are sent electronically for processing. For example, any shipments from Chile to Miami are prepared almost entirely in Chile. A representative at the Chile office enters data in a warehouse receipt during the week. When the shipment is ready for export, the Chile office uses the shipment wizards in the Magaya Cargo System to prepare the export shipment in minutes. Once completed, the Chile office transmits the entire consolidation with all of its documentation at the click of a button to the Miami office where it appears as an import shipment. This is done instantly when the shipment is created in Chile, long before the vessel ever departs from port.

Imports and AMS procedures

When the Miami office receives the shipment electronically in the Magaya Cargo System, they review the attached documents and add any additional information needed. The completed shipment is sent to US Customs Automated Manifest System (AMS) electronically via the Magaya Cargo System. Customs requires the manifest be transmitted 24 hours prior to the vessel being laden at the foreign port. After the manifest is transmitted to AMS for processing, there are two mandatory steps that follow:

- Once the vessel departs the foreign port, a departure message is transmitted via the AMS informing Customs that the vessel is incoming. This is important for Customs to ensure that the goods can be pre-screened before they arrive in the U.S.
- Once that cargo arrives on U.S. soil, an arrival message is transmitted as well.



RESULTS (cont.)

Liquidating Shipments

After the shipment is processed, it is ready for billing. BG Logistics runs the liquidation steps in the Magaya Cargo System. The software automatically analyzes the charges on the entire shipment and generates all necessary financial transactions. Based on the shipment charge and liquidation results, all the financial transactions are posted, including expenses to bills, incomes to invoices, and any pre-determined agent profit splits.

Gateway to your global offices

BG Logistics gained another advantage by using Magaya – managing several BG Logistics offices with Magaya On The Go, the remote version of Magaya software. With Magaya OnTheGo, they can access any of the ten databases spread across the globe. Once a manager connects to one of the databases, they have full access to reports. Based on the information they pull out of the reports, they assign tasks to the appropriate individual at that office. In this manner, managers can monitor and maintain full production at not just one office, but all offices no matter where on the globe they are located. This great benefit comes at no additional cost, and is done without the purchase of third party software allowing VPN or other types of remote connections.

IN CLOSING

Conclusion

Using the Magaya Cargo System, BG Logistics found one solution for all of their logistics needs. Since first incorporating in 2003, they have grown to include ten offices across South and Central America. By choosing to implement Magaya at all of their locations, they integrated their international offices into the Magaya Network. With this integration, BG Logistics' multiple offices can transmit any transaction to each other at the click of a button. The Magaya Network allows for the efficient management of their international offices, ensuring that their global presence is operating at maximum capacity.

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