

"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