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New International Shipping Requirements Effective Sept. 30 *U.S. Census Bureau Regulations Affect All Delivery Companies that Accept Outbound International Shipments*

WASHINGTON, DC — Effective Sept. 30, the U.S. Census Bureau is requiring mandatory filing of export information through the Automated Export System (AES) or through *AESDirect* for all international shipments, where a Shipper's Export Declaration (SED) was previously required.

The electronic filing requirement applies when any type of goods (per Schedule B Export Codes at www.census.gov/foreign-trade/schedules/b/) is valued at more than \$2,500 or requires an export license under U.S. law. The Electronic Export Information (EEI) must be filed through the Census Bureau's AES or *AESDirect* website by the mailer or an authorized agent. The Postal Service never acts as an authorized agent. Export information filed in hardcopy on Commerce Form 7525-V, *Shipper's Export Declaration* (SED), will no longer be accepted.

To file through *AESDirect*, customers can go to www.aesdirect.gov. More information on electronic filing is available at the Census Bureau's website www.census.gov/foreign-trade/aes, or by calling the toll-free hotline at 1-800-549-0595.

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