



Importer Security Filing

TDS, Inc., is certified to file your ISF transactions with US Customs. ISF filings must be done prior to your shipment being on board the vessel at its origin point. A few items may be updated in transit; however, it is incumbent on the US Importer to ensure that the filings are done timely and correctly. PWS works in conjunction with its overseas offices and partners to ensure your ISF information is filed properly, thereby protecting you from a **possible (\$5000) penalty** customs may assess for failing to or incorrectly filing your ISF information.

As the global economy has evolved, supply chains have grown more sophisticated, requiring advanced knowledge of complex international regulations. Allow us the opportunity to demonstrate our service capabilities. We would be happy to discuss and provide you with a comprehensive proposal to ensure your success in moving international freight to Market.

ISF is composed of 10 data elements which are required to be sent to US Customs on all import shipments arriving via sea-freight into the United States.

This information is in addition to and distinct from the AMS data elements that the Steamship lines are required to file with US Customs.



10 data elements required for ISF filing

1. Supplier or Manufacturer
2. Seller
3. Consolidator/Forwarder
4. Container Stuffing Location
5. Importer of Record or FTZ Applicant
6. Buyer
7. Ship to Party/Consignee Number
8. AMS Waybill Number
9. HTS Number
10. Country of Origin

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- Importer of Record is ultimately responsible for filing
- Mandatory for all Imports by Sea Freight (as of Jan 2010)
- Penalties: \$5000 per shipment
- Customs Power of Attorney Required
- ISF Customs Bond Required
- ISF must be filed no less than 24 hours prior to your shipment loading on board the vessel overseas
- ISF and Customs Clearance are separate transactions
- No ISF filing is required for air or road freight shipments
- Shipments without ISF data on file may be issued "DO NOT LOAD" messages at origin

ISF 10 + 2
File Quickly and Easily

Expanding Your Business!™