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### FAQ

*What is ELECTRONIC EXPORT INFORMATION (EEI) and why I should file?*

- The EEI is used by the Census Bureau for statistical reporting purposes. It is prepared by the US Principle Party in Interest (USPPI) or authorized agent

Do I Need to Submit an EEI for My Shipment?

The following facts can be used to determine whether or not the EEI (Formerly known as SED) is needed for shipment:

- The EEI must be filled out for any shipment valued at \$2,500 or above (If the shipment is valued at over \$2,500 but is made up of various commodities falling under several Schedule B numbers none of which is valued at \$2,500 or higher, no EEI is required.)
- An EEI is required for shipments to Puerto Rico, the U.S. Virgin Islands and the former Pacific Trust Territories even though they are not considered exports (unless each Schedule B item is under \$2,500).

What information will I need to file with AES DIRECT?

1. EIN Number for the shipper.
  2. The physical address of where the merchandise actually begins its journey to the port of export.
  3. Written Authorization to file on your behalf ( if the authorized agent files on your behalf)
  4. Schedule B number
  5. Unit of measure, piece count, and weight.
  6. Value of goods.
- Where can I obtain a Written Authorization form?
  - This is a link to our website to obtain a Written Authorization Form: [Written Authorization](#)

What is the Schedule B or Harmonized Tariff Number and why do I need it?

The Harmonized Tariff System (HTS) assigns a number to each product that is traded internationally to insure that customs officers and statisticians around the world are referring to the same thing when classifying a product. Almost all countries now use the harmonized tariff system. Each country can assign on its own four additional numbers, making the entire number 10 digits. The United States does this with its Schedule B system, which is used to describe exports from the U.S.

[Learn more about the HTS System](#)

### Search for your Schedule B Harmonized Tariff Number (HTS)

[Search the database](http://www.census.gov/foreign-trade/schedules/b/) at <http://www.census.gov/foreign-trade/schedules/b/> to determine your product's HTS number. The database is also searchable by keyword. If you have problems or need clarification, contact the Census Bureau toll free at: 1-800-549-0595. You will be guided through the following menu options:

1. For information on how to use AES Direct
2. For assistance finding a Schedule B Number or classifying your product
3. For regulatory questions

If you decide to file your own EINs via AES, you must do one of the following:

1. Obtain certification to file using an AES service center (such as *AESDirect.gov*) or AES-certified software. See AES filer certification.
2. Create your own software and obtain AES software certification.



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## Requirements for Self-Propelled Units to the following Islands: Tortola & Dominican Republic

### *What is required for vehicles or NIC (not in container) Units?*

- Shipper and Consignee must provide a copy of drivers license or passport.
- If self propelled unit is owned by a third party, the person signing the Power of Attorney must provide a letter on company letterhead, stating that they are authorized to sign the same
- Original Title/Certificate of Origin/Ownership, and 2 copies (front & back)
  - If the back of the title shows previous buyers, provide original Motor Vehicle Title Reassignment Form. (Copy of title for NIC Units)
- Original MSO (Manufacturer Statement of Origin) is required for **new units**
  - **Letter must contain** description, Vin#, owner's name, phone number of lien holder, signature and date.
- Copy of Letter of Intent ([Click here to obtain a Letter of Intent](#))
- If vehicle is financed, a notarized letter from the lien holder must be presented on company letterhead authorizing vehicle to be exported. (Bill of Sale for NIC Units)
- Export Power of Attorney ([Click here to obtain an Export Power of Attorney](#))
- Copies of photo ID's (Shipper and Consignee)

**Note:** All vehicles are placed on a 72-hour (business day) hold by U.S. Customs prior to export.

**Exception:** Customs only requires a 24 hour hold if cargo is moving In-bond, New vehicles delivered against the MSO, shipping from manufacture to dealer or from dealer to dealer.