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CUSTOMS RESPONSE MESSAGE FLAT FILE SPECIFICATION

This flat file format can be used to receive U.S. Customs responses from the e-Clear system. It defines a ASCII text file containing fixed length fields. Each record will have an ASCII carriage return/line feed character. The file has the following general structure:

- **Record Identifier** : 4 characters
- **Data Fields** : Following its specification each field has a fixed length, is left justified and blank filled.

Segment HDR : Message Header

Field	From	To	Description
Record ID	1	4	"HDR"
HDR01	5	10	Document Name "AMS "
HDR02	11	20	Sender ID
HDR03	21	30	Receiver ID
HDR04	31	36	Control Number

Segment MSG : Beginning Segment

Field	From	To	Description
Record ID	1	4	"MSG "
MSG01	5	5	Message Type (E=Error, P=Posting)
MSG02	6	13	Message Date (ex. 20021024)
MSG03	14	17	Message Time (ex. 2201)
MSG04	18	24	Vessel Code (Lloyds Code)
MSG05	25	29	Voyage Code
MSG06	30	33	Port Code (Schedule D Code)
MSG07	34	45	B/L Number
MSG08	46	47	Posting Code (message type P only)
MSG09	48	97	Message
MSG10	98	147	Message
MSG11	148	197	ISF-Shipment ID
MSG12	198	212	ISF-CBP Transaction Number

Notes:



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Customs may post errors at the vessel level (ex. Invalid Lloyds code), the port level (ex. Invalid arrival date), or the B/L level (invalid bond number). When the error is against the vessel, MSG06 and MSG07 will be blank. If the error is against the port, MSG07 will be blank.