

Glossary

The Glossary identifies Customs Automated Manifest Interface Requirements (CAMIR) - Intermodal-related and Automated Commercial System (ACS) terminology and is provided for reference.

ABI	Automated Broker Interface. ABI is the means by which brokers or importers, port authorities, and independent service bureaus transmit entry and release data electronically to the U.S. Customs Service.
ACS	Automated Commercial System. ACS, composed of many different modules, is the comprehensive tracking, controlling and processing system of the U.S. Customs Service for commercial information.
AMS	Automated Manifest System. A module of ACS through which carriers, port authorities, or service bureaus transmit the cargo declaration portion of the inward foreign manifest electronically to Customs.
Alpha/Alphabetic	All letters, A through Z, and spaces.
Alphanumeric	Having only letters, numbers, and spaces.
Amendment Code	A numerical code supplied by the carrier, port authority, or service bureau in a manifest amendment format referencing a standard explanation for the manifest correction being submitted.
Application Identifier	A 2-position code referencing the type of application data in the transaction file and the work to be performed.
Applications Password	An up to 6-position alphanumeric code that is designated by the user that permits that user to access the AMS database.
Automated Manifest	The cargo declaration portion of the inward foreign manifest transmitted by carriers, port authorities, or service bureaus to U.S. Customs via electronic computer interface.
Bill of Lading	A negotiable instrument that allows the carrier to transport a merchandise shipment from a shipper to a consignee.

Bill of Lading Number	The alphanumeric code issued by a carrier that references an individual cargo shipment in a manifest.
Bill of Lading Type	A 2-position code signifying the class of the bill of lading as regular, master in-bond, or space charter.
Broker or Filer	An individual or firm licensed by the U.S. Customs Service to act as an agent for others in the transaction of Customs business.
Cargo Selectivity	A module of ACS concerned with the establishment of criteria for the examination and the release of cargo shipments.
Character	Having letters, numbers, or special characters such as @, -, \$ and spaces.
Classification	The selection of an item number from the Harmonized Tariff Schedule which legally describes the merchandise being imported in order to arrive at the appropriate rate of duty.
Closed Bill of Lading	A bill which has been posted and requires no further action by Customs.
Closed Manifest	A manifest containing closed bills of lading.
Communications Password	An up to 8-position alphanumeric code beginning with a letter that permits the user to establish a communications protocol with the U.S. Customs Data Center.
Consignee	The person or firm to take final delivery of the merchandise.
Country of Origin	The country in which an article is grown, produced, or manufactured.
Create Date/Create Time	The date and time AMS accepted a manifest transmission or a manifest amendment transmission.
Disposition Code	A 2-position alphanumeric code transmitted in AMS in a status notification message indicating the action that has been taken against the bill.
District	The geographic area of the United States under the jurisdiction of a Port Director of Customs.

Entry	The Customs documentation that secures the release of merchandise upon importation. An AMS entry package can consist of the Customs Form (CF) 3461, Entry/Immediate Delivery, or CF-3461A; CF-7512, Transportation Entry and Manifest of Goods Subject to Customs Inspection and Permit, or the invoice, citations from tariff, any special release forms and a packing list.
Entry Number	A unique 11-position alphanumeric identifier assigned by an entry filer to each entry transaction. The first 3 positions identify the filer. The next 7 positions are the number assigned to the entry by the filer. The last position is a check digit.
Error Code	A numeric code in the manifest error (W01) message corresponding to the error explanation.
Foreign Port of Lading	The last overseas port in which a cargo shipment is laden on board a vessel for transportation to the U.S.
G.O.	General Order. A storage area under the control of Customs where cargo shipments that have not been entered within the layorder period are consigned.
HTS	Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States Annotated. International system of classifying commodities using numerical designations.
Hard Copy Manifest	The paper inward foreign manifest prepared by the carrier and filed with Customs.
Hazardous Materials/ Substances	Substances or materials deemed by the Secretary of Transportation to be capable of posing unreasonable risk to health, safety and property when transported in commerce.
Header Record	Transaction Control Header (ACR) record signaling the beginning of a transaction file.
Hold	Denial of delivery authorization by Customs pending examination or the fulfillment of other government agency requirements.
House Bill Number	An alphanumeric identifier that references an individual cargo shipment consolidated under a master bill of lading.

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I.E.	Immediate Exportation. In-bond movement that retains a foreign cargo shipment within the port of unloading under bond for exportation without duty.
ISO Code	International Organization for Standardization (ISO) Country Code. A 2-position alphabetic code representing a valid country of origin.
I.T.	Immediate Transportation. In-bond movement transporting a cargo shipment from the port of unloading to the port of destination under bond for entry or disposition.
Importer Number	A unique 9- to 11-position alphanumeric code assigned by Customs to identify a person or company that imports merchandise.
In-bond Carrier ID	The Internal Revenue Service (IRS) number of the carrier that transports the paperless master in-bond shipment to destination.
In-bond Number	The numeric code corresponding to the numeric code on a CF-7512 that identifies a cargo shipment moving under bond.
In-bond Movement	The act of transporting a cargo shipment from the port of unloading to another port for entry or disposition under bond.
Issuer Code	The Standard Carrier Alpha Code (SCAC) of the issuer of the bill of lading.
Lading	The act of loading cargo shipments on board a vessel for transportation to the United States.
Layorder	The period of time a cargo shipment may remain on the dock after discharge without an entry before it is consigned to General Order (G.O.) storage.
Layorder Extension	A specific period of time granted to an individual shipment to remain on the dock without an entry after the expiration of the layorder.
MIB	Master In-bond Movement.
Manifest	A written instrument containing a true account of imported cargo. It must contain a list of all packages or separate items of freight including distinguishing marks or numbers.

Manifest Amendment	A format that allows a carrier, port authority or service bureau to add or delete bill of lading data or to substitute quantities in a bill.
Manifest Edit	A format that allows a carrier, port authority or service bureau to add or delete bill of lading data from the manifest prior to the arrival of the vessel in the port of unloading and prior to any posting against the bill.
Manifest Response Message	Transaction Acceptance (W02) or Rejection (W01) Message. A response transmitted by the Automated Manifest System (AMS) to the carrier, port authority, or service bureau to indicate that all records have been received.
Master In-bond Movement (MIB)	The act of transporting multiple cargo shipments from a Customs port of unloading to a single port of destination under the control of one in-bond document.
Notify Date/Notify Time	The date and time that appears in a status notification message informing the carrier, port authority or service bureau when the Automated Manifest System (AMS) transmitted the result of a transaction.
Open Bill of Lading	A bill of lading requiring some action taken against it that reflects disposition according to law.
Open Manifest	A manifest in which one or more bills of lading require some action that reflects disposition according to law.
PTT	Permit to Transfer. The electronic request for authorization for in-port movements of cargo.
Paperless Master In-bond Movement	The act of transporting one or more cargo shipments from a Customs port of unloading to a single port of destination under one unique number issued by the carrier and controlled by computer transactions.
Permit to Transfer Request	Also referred to as PTT. The electronic request for authorization for in-port movements of cargo.
Place of Pre-receipt	The foreign port in which a cargo shipment originates before it is transported to the port of lading.

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Port	A United States port of call designated to accept and release entries of merchandise, collect duties and enforce the various provisions of Customs laws.
Port Code	The numeric code contained in the Tariff Act that identifies each Customs port. The code listing is maintained by the Bureau of Census and is commonly known as Schedule D.
Port of Unlading	The U.S. port of call in which cargo shipments are discharged.
Posting	The act of joining coded information to a bill of lading that reflects the action taken against it.
Position	Spaces allotted for the placement of letters, numbers, or characters in a data field.
Record	A collection of data elements.
Release of Merchandise	The transfer with Customs permission of merchandise from carrier or warehouse proprietor to importer.
SCAC	Standard Carrier Alpha Code. The carrier identifier issued by the National Motor Freight Traffic Association (NMFTA) or the Intermodal Association of North America.
Secondary Notify Party	The entity designated by the carrier to receive status notifications. Up to two notify parties may be designated on one bill of lading.
Shell Record	The result of entry data being submitted in cargo selectivity referencing a bill of lading that has not been transmitted. The Automated Manifest System (AMS) creates a minimal bill of lading shell record and notifies the carrier that the shell bill exists.
Space (Slot) Charter	A carrier leasing space on a vessel owned or operated by another carrier.
Status Notification	A response message transmitted by the Automated Manifest System (AMS) to carriers, port authorities and service bureaus informing them of the action taken against the bill.

T.E.	Transportation and Exportation. In-bond movement transporting a cargo shipment from the port of unloading to the port of destination for exportation from the United States.
TIB	Temporary importation under bond. A bond to allow a shipment into the United States temporarily for a specific purpose other than consumption.
Trailer Record	Transaction Control Trailer (ZCR) Record denoting the end of a transaction file.
Unloading	The act of discharging cargo shipments in a U.S. port.
V-Number	A unique 11-position alphanumeric identifier, starting with the letter V, generated by a carrier to control a paperless master in-bond movement.
Vessel Code	A unique alphanumeric code issued by the Lloyds of London registry that positively identifies a vessel for data processing purposes.
ZCR Record	Transaction Control Trailer Record denoting the end of a transaction file.

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