



DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

U.S. CUSTOMS SERVICE

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TO : Customhouse Brokers, Importers, Carriers and Others Concerned

SUBJECT : Corrections to CF 3461 Information/Cargo Releases

This pipeline is being issued to clarify CF 3461 correction procedures. Proper completion of the CF 3461 is essential to ensure freight is released and the release is posted to the automated manifest.

Filers should make pen and ink corrections to the CF 3461 for the below listed items. ABI filers shall retransmit all corrections. Corrections must be transmitted within 15 days of the date of arrival. If the freight is imported by an AMS carrier and the filer is non-ABI, the filer should submit a corrected copy of the CF 3461 to the AMS basket at the informal desk at Liberty Business Park. Customs will not certify corrections to the CF 3461 for the below listed corrections. Filers should make the pen and ink corrections and stamp the CF 3461 with a stamp that indicates all information is correct and includes the filer's company name.

1. IT number.
2. Bill of lading/air way bill number (master, house and sub-house)
3. Carrier code
4. Quantity
5. Issuer code
6. Voyage/flight number
7. Location of goods/firms code
8. Estimated date of arrival (Note: The ABI filer cannot continually modify the estimated date of arrival in an effort to delay the start of the 10 day clock for filing the entry summary).

When the ABI filer retransmits the corrections, or Customs inputs the corrections for non-ABI filers, the manifest will be closed out and the AMS carrier will receive the correct release electronically.

Customs does not make corrections to CF 3461 information for the purpose of ensuring that information contained on the CF 3461 mirrors that contained on the CF 7501. When differing information appears at the time of entry summary, the correct information should be transmitted to ABI and shown on the CF 7501. If the entry release was certified on a CF 7501,

corrections to the CF 7501 must be transmitted prior to entry summary submission. An add slip should be included in the entry summary package explaining the discrepancies. However, Customs at Liberty Business Park will make corrections to the CF 3461 information if the freight has not yet been released and the change may have a direct impact on selectivity processing. Examples of these items are:

1. Country of origin.
2. Harmonized tariff numbers.
3. Value.
4. Ultimate consignee.
5. Manufacturer identification number.

In cases where the filer has determined that a correction is necessary for a non-paperless entry that has not yet been presented to Customs for processing, pen and ink corrections should be made to the CF 3461 and "PEN AND INK" should be prominently noted on the top of the CF 3461. The entry should be delivered to Customs for regular entry processing.

All carriers, cargo terminal operators and bonded warehouse proprietors should be aware that the following are valid releases:

1. White copy of a CF 3461 that has been perforated by U.S. Customs.
2. White copy of a CF 3461 that has been signed by U.S. Customs in the "Delivery Authorized" portion of block 28.
3. A CF 3461 stamped by the filer indicating the shipment has been electronically released through ACS. (Paperless release or conditional release).
4. A corrected copy of a CF 3461, signed or perforated in block 28 and stamped by either U.S. Customs or the entry filer.
5. A FAX copy of any of the above, providing the necessary authorization is legible.

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