

Shipper's Export Declaration (SED)

For Mexico Bound (Southbound) Traffic

Purpose of the SED

The Shipper's Export Declaration (SED), Commerce Form 7525-V, is used for compiling the official U.S. export statistics for the United States and for export control purposes. The regulatory provisions for preparing, signing and filing the SED are contained in the Foreign Trade Statistics Regulations (FTSR), Title 15 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 30.

Form or Method of Data Collection

(a) Paper

The Commerce Form 7525-V and its continuation sheet may be purchased from the Government Printing Office, (202) 512-1800, local Customs District Directors, or can be privately printed. Privately printed SEDs must conform in every respect to the official form. The SED Form 7525-V can also be downloaded from the Foreign Trade Division website at www.census.gov/foreign-trade on buff (yellow) or goldenrod colored paper. Customs will not accept SEDs on white paper.

(b) Electronic: Automated Export System (AES)

The US Census Bureau and the US Customs Service jointly offer an electronic method for filing shipper's export declaration information known as the Automated Export System (AES). Participants in the AES include exporters (US principal party in interest), forwarding or other agents, carriers, non-vessel operating common carriers (NVOCCs), consolidators, port authorities, software vendors, or service centers. Once certified by the Census Bureau, participants may file shipper's export data electronically using the AES in lieu of filing an individual paper SED for each shipment. The Census Bureau also offers a free Internet service for filing SED information through the AES called AESDirect. For additional information on AES and AESDirect go to the Foreign Trade Division web sites at www.census.gov/foreign-trade or www.aesdirect.gov.

For regulatory requirements on filing shipper's export information electronically through the AES refer to the FTSR, Sections 30.60 through 30.66.

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