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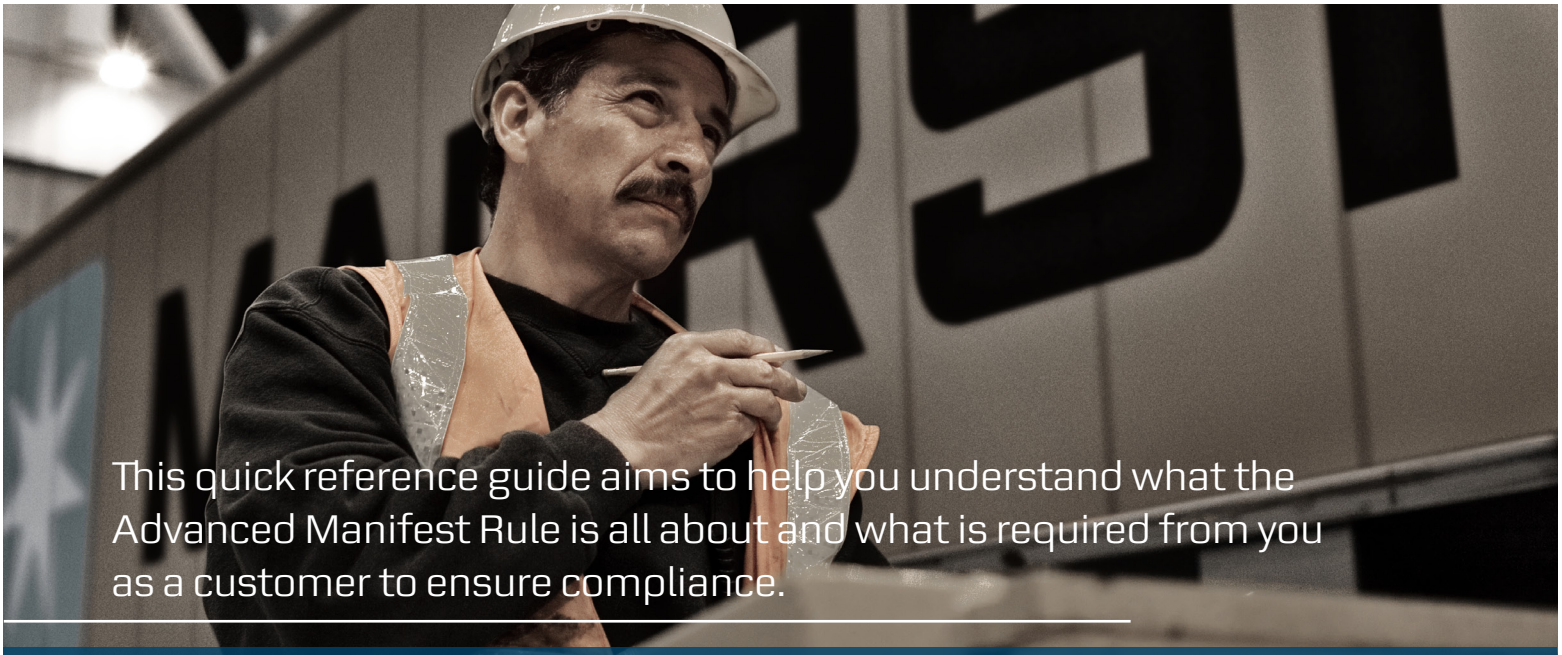
EU Customs Advanced Manifest Rule
Quick Reference Guide



This quick reference guide aims to help you understand what the Advanced Manifest Rule is all about and what is required from you as a customer to ensure compliance.

EU Customs Advanced Manifest Rule General Information

What is the EU Customs Advanced Manifest Rule?

The Rule aims to ensure that security risk assessment is performed before any goods enter the EU. Ocean carriers are therefore required to submit cargo declaration – called Entry Summary Declaration (ENS) – 24 hrs before cargo is loaded onboard a vessel that will enter the EU.

When does the rule come into effect?

Rule will be effective 1 January 2011. All cargo loaded from 1 January 2011 onwards that will enter the EU is subject to this rule.

What is the Entry Summary Declaration – ENS?

It is a cargo declaration submitted to EU customs 24 hours before cargo is loaded aboard a vessel that will enter the EU. The carrier or shipping line issuing the bill of lading for a particular shipment is responsible for the timely submission of the ENS.

What types of cargo require the ENS?

ENS is required for all cargo destined to the EU, to be transhipped at EU ports, in-transit via an EU port to a non-EU destination and freight remaining onboard a vessel that will call an EU port.

How does this rule affect me?

You should provide us with accurate and complete shipping instructions within the established deadlines as this will enable us to comply with the Rule without any impact to your shipment.

What is an EORI?

EORI stands for Economic Operators Registration and Identification number.

Any economic operator established in the EU needs to have an EORI number. Economic operators established outside the EU have to be assigned an EORI number if they lodge a customs declaration, an Entry or an Exit Summary Declaration.

Who can apply for an EORI?

Economic operators located in the EU or abroad can apply for an EORI, regardless if they are a company (legal person) or a natural person.

What are the benefits of an EORI?

- Will facilitate risk analysis of goods traffic
- Greater administrative simplicity, i.e. preparing and processing documentation related to the traffic of goods will be easier, as each operator will be known by a single identifier number (the EORI) throughout the EU
- Less administration for operators, a single EORI will lead to a reduced admin burden on operators, as less cross-referencing of numbers will be required in customs documentation
- Streamlined customs processing, as they will have easy and reliable access to operator's registration and identification data when processing entry and exit summary declarations.

What is an Exit Summary Declaration (EXS)?

EXS stands for Exit Summary Declaration, which requires a manifest submission for certain export shipments out from the EU.

What is an AEO?

AEO stands for an authorised economic operator who is reliable throughout the EU in the context of his customs-related operations.

Who can apply for an AEO?

Authorised Economic Operator (AEO) status is granted by Member States to economic operators. AEO status can be granted to any economic operator established in the EU that meets specific common criteria stipulated under customs law.

What are the benefits of an AEO?

- Fewer physical and document-based controls
- Easier admittance to customs simplifications
- Reduce data set for summary declarations
- Possibility of prior notifications related to security controls if shipment has been selected for it
- Priority treatment if selected for control
- Possibility of selecting a convenient place for consignment to be controlled

What do I need to do as a customer?

Provide Shipping Instructions within the specified time

In order to be able to timely submit the cargo declaration to EU customs, we would require you to submit accurate and complete shipping instructions in accordance with the deadlines provided by your local Maersk Line office.

Inaccurate and/or incomplete data may compromise the cargo manifest submission which may cause cargo not to be approved for loading or to be placed on hold at the port of entry/discharge in the EU.

What are the Shipping Instructions elements?

The EU requires some elements from the Shipping Instructions for the ENS. Therefore, you must submit the mandatory information provided below:

Mandatory	To be provided if available
• Consignor -Shipper	• Consignor / Shipper and consignee's EORI number
• Consignee	• Shipping marks for packaged goods (not necessary for containerized goods)
• Notify Party, when "To Order" B/L	• Seal number
• HS4 or HS6 codes or acceptable goods descriptionbased on EU guidelines*	• Transport charges method of payment code (to be provided only where available)
• Type and number of packages	
• Container number	
• Gross weight (kg)	
• UN code for dangerous goods	

** We encourage our customers to preferably provide the HS code in order to prevent any inconvenience as some EU countries' customs might require the commodity descriptions in local languages if HS code is not provided. We kindly ask our customers to include at the cargo description field the HS code for us to be able to capture and submit it to customs properly. Link to the acceptable goods description document is available at the useful links below*

Useful Links

European Commission website
HS codes
EU member states
European Commission ENS FAQ
Guidelines on acceptable and unacceptable terms for description of goods
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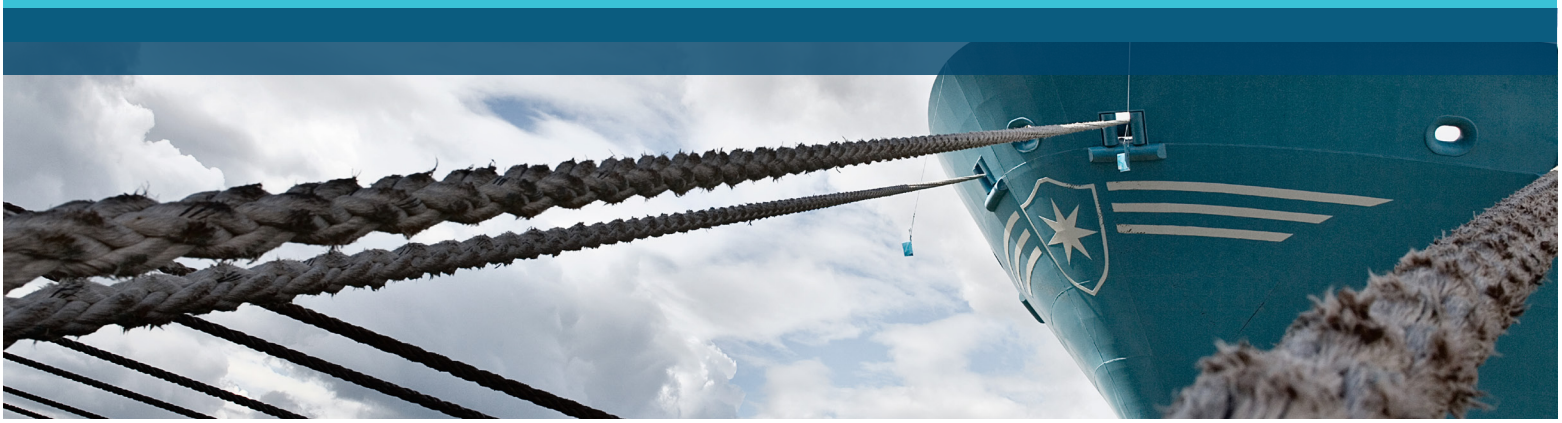
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