

If your company files paper Shipper's Export Declarations (SEDs), STOP!

The U.S. Census Bureau has issued the final rule, which is requiring mandatory filing of export information through the Automated Export System (AES) or through AESDirect for all shipments where a Shipper's Export Declaration (SED) is required, effective July 2, 2008.

The SED is used for compiling U.S. trade statistics and for export control purposes. It is required when any one or more Schedule B line items is valued at \$2,500 or more, and for all shipments of hardware requiring an export license controlled under the Export Administration Regulations (EAR) and contained in the Commerce Control List (CCL) or hardware controlled under the International Traffic in Arms Regulations (ITAR) and contained in the U.S. Munitions List (USML), or when an exception (EAR) or exemption (ITAR) is claimed as authority for export of hardware or certain types of technology.

There will be a 90-day implementation period, which ends September 30, 2008. After that, you must file your export information electronically through the AES or AESDirect. These new regulations, published in the Federal Register on June 2, 2008, have tougher penalty provisions that affect everyone in the export process. Penalties may be imposed per violation of the Foreign Trade Regulations (FTR) from \$1,100 to \$10,000 both civil and criminal. Anyone submitting paper SEDs after September 30, 2008, will be in violation and subject to penalties. For more information on this important rule, please visit: <http://www.census.gov/foreign-trade/aes/mandatory/index.html>