

The Census Bureau had interpreted the Foreign Trade Regulations (FTR) to exclude shipments addressed to APO, FPO, or DPO addresses from filing in the Automated Export System (AES). However, as a result of discussions between Department of State (DOS) and Bureau of Industry and Security (BIS), the United States Postal Service (USPS), and the Census Bureau, it was confirmed that, while unlikely, the DOS and BIS may license shipments going to APO/FPO/DPO addresses. So, if a United States Principal Party in Interest (USPPI) has a licensed shipment going to an APO/FPO/DPO address they need to file an Electronic Export Information (EEI) via the AES.

The USPS will modify its shipping pamphlets and forms highlighting that license shipments destined to APO/FPO/DPO addresses require an EEI. The Census Bureau will revise its Frequently Asked Questions to reflect this new interpretation of the FTR.

If you have questions, please contact the Regulations Outreach and Education Branch of the Census Bureau's Foreign Trade Division at 800.549.0549 option 3.

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