

New ILA Strike Extension Deadline

Due to the year-end holiday season, the ILA (International Longshoremen's Association) and the USMX (United States Maritime Alliance) have come to an agreement to postpone the Master Contract extension from January 28 to February 6, 2013. DSV will continue to follow the contract talks closely and keep you advised.

To keep up to date on the latest developments, DSV suggests adding the following links to your list of favorites:

ILA: <http://www.ilaunion.org/>

USMX: <http://usmxlaborupdates.com/>

Schedule B and Harmonized Tariff Schedule (HTS) Updated in the Automated Export System (AES)

The Schedule B and Harmonized Tariff Schedule (HTS) tables have been updated for 2013 in the AES (Automated Export System) with immediate effect.

The AES System will only accept outdated 2012 codes during a 30-day grace period beyond the expiration date of December 31, 2012. Thereafter reporting an outdated 2012 code after the grace period has expired will result in a fatal error in AES.

Exporters are advised to ensure that the Schedule B or Harmonized Code numbers used for export shipment are current and valid. Keep in mind, reporting incorrect information in the AES record may be considered a violation and subject exporters to fines and penalties. If the Schedule B / HTS has expired, the AES record will receive a fatal error. Fatal errors must be corrected prior to export to avoid a violation. It is just as important to ensure that your Schedule B or HTS Number has not changed. You may have a valid Schedule B or HTS number, but it may no longer apply to your product. DSV recommends a thorough review to ensure current and accurate coding.

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The 2013 Schedule B and HTS tables are available at: <http://www.census.gov/foreign-trade/aes/documentlibrary/index.html#concordance>

For a list of HTS codes no longer valid in AES go to: <http://www.census.gov/foreign-trade/aes/documentlibrary/hts-not-for-aes.html>

For more information on the Schedule B or HTS codes, exporters are encouraged to contact the U.S. Census Bureau's AES Branch by one of the following methods:

- Telephone: 800-549-0595, Select Option 1 for AES
- Email: askaes@census.gov
- On Line: www.census.gov/trade
- Blog: blogs.census.gov/globalreach

For more information on this newsletter, please contact your local DSV Air & Sea representative.

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