PACER STACKTRAIN
NEWS ALERT

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NEW REQUIREMENTS FOR RAIL SHIPMENTS AT U.S./MEXICO AND U.S./CANADA BORDERS AUTOMATED MANIFEST SYSTEM -
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To Pacer Stacktrain Customers:

This notice is to serve as a reminder of the upcoming policy being enforced by U.S. Customs. Effective May 2, 2001, customers will be required to include additional information in their EDI, Web site and manual rail billing to Pacer Stacktrain on northbound Mexico and southbound Canada shipments.

U.S. Customs' Automated Manifest System (AMS) is an electronic system that automates the customs clearance process for rail import shipments. Whether moving northbound from Mexico or southbound from Canada, shipments can be processed for clearance with U.S. Customs in advance of physical interchange.

AMS permits Rail Carriers (EDI transactions), Brokers (ABI System), and U.S. Customs via AMS to electronically exchange shipment information, allowing Customs to review documentation and determine in advance whether shipment merits examination or release.

For the new process to work, customer shipments arriving from Mexico or Canada must be billed at the time of departure and prior to arrival at the U.S. border.

Requirements for AMS Implementation: COMPLETE SHIPPING INFORMATION

- Equipment initial and number
- Shipper name, street address, city, province/state, postal/zip code
- Ultimate consignee, street address, city, province/state, postal/zip code - Importer name, street address, city, province/state, postal/zip code
- Customs broker's name and city, province/state - Total number of pieces and unit of measure
- Total weight and unit of measure
- Complete and accurate description of all goods (as example "FAK" no longer acceptable)
- Country of origin of the goods
- Value and currency (to be provided by Broker) - Complete rail routing
- If shipment moving in-bond, the six position harmonized code is required - If shipment is hazardous then advance notice is required

*SHIPMENTS MUST BE BILLED AT TIME OF DEPARTURE AND PRIOR TO ARRIVAL AT U.S.
BORDER.

*ENTRIES FILED BY U.S. BROKER WITH U.S. CUSTOMS PRIOR TO ARRIVAL AT U.S.
BORDER.

Pacer Stacktrain's EDI system has been enhanced to include the new required fields for the AMS System implementation. In addition, we have attached our new modified Rail Billing Form. Please use the attached form for any manually faxed rail bills.

Please be advised that any rail billing submitted without the AMS required information will be put on hold until the information is received by Pacer Stacktrain. We will work with our customers to ensure a smooth transition. Thank you for your support.

Rail Billing Form

PACER STACKTRAIN

Contact Name/Phone#

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Shipper Name

_____

_____

Shipper Address (City, Province/ST, Postal/Zip Code)

_____

Cust Code _____ Quote _____ Svc Origin _____ Svc
Destination _____

Svc Type: (Circle One) RR   RP   PR   DP   Inbond: Y or N   IT#, TE# , or IE#
(specify) _____

Vessel/Voyage#_____   Port of Discharge _____
          Ref/Booking#   _____

Notify Party Name: _____ Notify Phone#_____
Notify Fax#_____

Fumigate? Y or N   Stop off ? Y or N   City

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Container#	Box Type	Box Size Length/Height	Cargo Wt	Empty?	D & N?	# of D & H pages
				Y or N	Y or N	
				Y or N	Y or N	
				Y or N	Y or N	
				Y or N	Y or N	
				Y or N	Y or N	
				Y or N	Y or N	

Overdimensional?   Size _____   Log# if applicable

_____

Commodity _____   STCC

_____

If Running Reefer, Temperature _____

Ultimate Consignor Name

_____

_____

Ultimate Consignor Address (City, Province/ST, Postal/Zip Code)

_____

Ultimate Consignee Name

_____

_____

Ultimate Consignee Address (City, Province/ST, Postal/Zip Code)

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Mexican Customs Broker Name & Phone#

_____

Mexican Customs Broker City, Province/ST

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U S Customs Broker Name & Phone#

_____

U S Customs Broker City, Province/ST

_____

Canadian Customs Broker Name & Phone#

_____

Canadian Customs Broker City, Province/ST

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Total Piece Count _____   Unit of measure: (i.e. Bags, Bales, Units)

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Total Weight _____   Unit of measure _____

Complete and accurate description of all Goods

_____ (FAK not acceptable)

Country of origin of Goods _____