



**U.S. Customs and
Border Protection**

Port of Chicago – Pipeline

Pipeline: 25-11

July 10, 2025

TO: Customhouse Brokers, Airlines, Importers and Others concerned
SUBJECT: Ensuring adherence to manifest requirements for all filer types in all modes of transportation

Purpose:

This pipeline is being issued to advise the trade community about their responsibilities when providing manifest information, per 19 C.F.R. § 122.48a. All trade entities that provide manifest information to U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) within the Area Port of Chicago (APoC) are responsible for ensuring the accuracy of required information including the number of manifested bills.

Background:

The trade community has a variety of ways to provide CBP the required manifest information to ensure CBP can effectively provide for the safety and security of the United States, its residents and its revenue. Commonly, air carriers populate master bill information and allow third party entities to provide house bill information. However, in some cases third party Automated Cargo Environment (ACE) software requires the population of a house airway bill (HAWB) to allow for the creation of a master bill. In these instances, the prepopulated bill, often referred to as a dummy bill, is not removed by the bill filer and presented to CBP as a legitimate bill.

Scope:

This pipeline applies to all shipments manifested that fall within the APoC's area of responsibility. All trade entities that file manifest information in ACE will be responsible for ensuring that all information presented to CBP will be complete, accurate and provided according to the regulations outlined in 19 C.F.R. § 122.48a. This includes removal of inaccurate bill information, place holder bills or dummy bill information.

Action:

All trade entities that submit manifest information to CBP via ACE must be compliant with 19 C.F.R. § 122.48a requirements. The manifesting of extra HAWB's or dummy bills by the trade community is not consistent with 19 C.F.R. § 122.48a and will be subject to compliance and enforcement action when the violation has not been corrected prior to statutory requirements for presentation to CBP and subsequently are subject to penalties per 19 C.F.R. § 113.64(a) or other applicable regulations.

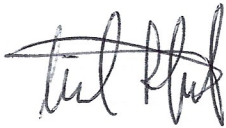
CBP is requiring all airline carriers/brokers and their respective contractors to proactively take action to ensure bills are transmitted correctly and corrected by the appropriate party prior to

review by CBP.

The APoC will provide the trade community with a thirty-day informed compliance period from the date of this pipeline to make necessary adjustments to adhere to these requirements. Any bill submitted within the APoC after that date will be subject to enforcement action.

If there are any questions regarding this pipeline, please contact Cargo Chief Eric J. Everson at eric.j.everson@cbp.dhs.gov or (312) 825-4503.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michael Pfeiffer", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Michael J. Pfeiffer
Area Port Director
Area Port of Chicago