

Imports to USA: Automated Manifest System

Non AMS Certified Customer

For any customer, who is not participating as a direct filer in AMS, filing via the carrier takes place under the carrier's SCAC (Standard Carrier Alpha Code)- SUDU for Hamburg Süd.

The shipping instructions must meet the stringent requirements of US Customs and has to be provided duly in time before shipment.

Additional AMS documentation requirements:

- Shipper, consignee and notify needs to read the full name and address.
- The cargo description needs to be precise, general cargo is not accepted.
- Container number and seal number.
- Weight or volume
- Vessel/Voyage/Booking reference.

The documentation cut off is 96 hours prior to ETA at port of loading

The documentation cut off will be mentioned in your booking confirmation. However, please be aware of changes in the schedule after booking confirmation.

The documentation cut off is subject to changes in schedule.

Shipping instructions received after the cut off cannot be considered.

Master Bills and House Bills

Non AMS certified customers need to provide shipping instructions under above conditions. Whether it as a direct bill, including all necessary information, or as a master bill with general information and additional house bills with detailed information – master and house bills will be filed by the carrier.

Any bill filed in AMS by the carrier will be charged with a US security manifest charge of 25 USD.

AMS Certified Customer:

The AMS certified NVOCC is filing the house bills directly to AMS and Hamburg Süd files the corresponding master bill. The information of the house bills from the NVOCC and the Master bill from the carrier will be matched by US Customs.

The NOVCC's house bills need to include the bill number of the carrier's master bill and the carrier's SCAC. The carrier's master bill needs to include the SCAC of the automated NOVCC.

The Hamburg Süd SCAC is **SUDU** and the master bill will be received together with the booking confirmation.

Please provide the SCAC code under which the house bills will be filed in AMS.

The same documentation deadlines as for filing via the carrier are applicable for the receipt of the Master Bill of Lading.

Corrections to the Manifest:

Any manifest correction which is presented after the documentation cut off must be present in writing due to US Customs audit regulations. **AFTER** vessel arrival it is prohibited to change the manifest submitted to US Customs.

Please be aware that certain corrections to the manifest can cause delay of cargo delivery due to inspections by US Customs authorities. (e.g. change of seal number/weight)

In case of any further doubts please don't hesitate to contact our Export Customer Service.

Further information can also be taken from the official web page for Customs and Border Protection:

http://www.cbp.gov/xp/cgov/import/operations_support/