

CANADA BORDER SERVICES AGENCY

**Canada Customs EDI Test Framework
for
ACI EDIFACT Marine Cargo & Conveyance**

INTRODUCTION

It is expected that clients using this acceptance test package will have an existing EDI relationship with the CBSA for transmitting information electronically.

Clients that do not have an existing EDI relationship with CBSA should contact the Electronic Commerce Unit (ECU) at the following address to obtain further information.

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OVERVIEW

The following is an overview of the testing framework.

Testing will have three stages:

1. The participant will begin testing by establishing that they have a stable and reliable communications link with the Canada Customs Electronic Commerce Platform (CECP)
2. The second stage will have the objective of getting the participants data through the CECP and onto the Customs Mainframe with a zero error rate. This will ensure that the participant has a firm grasp of the syntax and information requirements.
3. The next stage will require the participant to send transmissions with several different purposes. This could include, but is not limited to change, add and delete requests. The participant will be requested to make specific changes to the data to ensure that they can effectively manipulate their system while still meeting Customs requirements. The extent and duration of this testing will depend on the particular application being tested and the confidence level of the client representative.

ACI EDIFACT EDI TEST PROCEDURES

This Acceptance Test Package for ACI EDIFACT Marine Cargo and Conveyance was designed for clients who have an existing EDI relationship with the CBSA and who can provide release and accounting information electronically. It is understood that those clients, who do not meet these requirements, may be required to take the steps necessary to electronically transmit release and accounting data.

The Acceptance Test Package for ACI EDIFACT Marine Cargo and Conveyance is specifically related to stage three of the CBSA EDI Test Framework, in which the client is required to transmit a variety of business scenarios.

For stage 3 there are six components, depending upon the customs procedure being reported. Within each component there are sections on Original, Change and Delete Procedures:

1. **Marine Cargo Import** – Primary Cargo Reports for Bills of Lading
(Service Option ID 83)
2. **Marine Cargo Import** – Primary Cargo Reports for Empty Containers
(Service Option ID 695)
3. **Marine Cargo Import** – Supplementary Reporting for Primary Cargo Reports
(Service Option ID 687)
4. **Marine Cargo Export** – Primary Cargo Reports for Bills of Lading
(Service Option ID 711)
5. **Marine Conveyance Inward** – Conveyance Vessel Report for Inward vessels
(Service Option ID 91)
6. **Marine Conveyance Outward** – Conveyance Vessel Report for Outward vessels
(Service Option ID 703)

The following tests should be orchestrated through your Customs Client representative. Please note that the client representative may ask for tests other than those listed.

Whenever possible, the use of live data in the test transmission would be appreciated, as the use of real data will more accurately test the capabilities of the participant's system.