

summary data. Such data is referred to as “certified”.

(f) *Data*. “Data” when used in conjunction with immediate delivery, entry and/or entry summary means the information required to be submitted with the immediate delivery, entry and/or entry summary, respectively, in accordance with the CATAIR and/or Customs Headquarters directives. It does not mean the actual paper documents, but includes all of the information required to be in such documents.

(g) *Documentation*. “Documentation” when used in conjunction with immediate delivery, entry and/or entry summary means the documents set forth in §142.3 of this chapter, required to be submitted as part of an application for immediate delivery, entry and/or entry summary, but does not include the Customs Forms 7501, 3461 (or alternative forms).

(h) *EDIFACT*. “EDIFACT” means the Electronic Data Interchange for Administration, Commerce and Transport which provides an electronic capability to transmit detailed CF 3461, CF 7501 and invoice data.

(i) *Electronic immediate delivery*. “Electronic immediate delivery” means the electronic transmission of CF 3461 or CF 3461 alternate (CF 3461 ALT) data utilizing ACS in order to obtain the release of goods under immediate delivery.

(j) *Electronic entry*. “Electronic entry” means the electronic transmission of CF 3461, CF 3461 ALT, or CF 7501 data utilizing ACS in order to obtain the release of merchandise from Customs custody.

(k) *Electronic entry summary*. “Electronic entry summary” means the electronic transmission of CF 7501 data utilizing ACS for the purpose of duty assessment and the collection of statistical data.

(l) *Filer*. “Filer” means the party certifying the electronic filing of the application for immediate delivery, entry or entry summary. Filer may be a broker or an importer of record filing his own entries through ABI without the use of a broker.

(m) *Preclassification/binding ruling number*. “Preclassification/binding ruling number” means the system by which classifications are approved and

assigned a unique identifying number. This number may be transmitted as part of the ABI data.

(n) *Records*. “Records” means the records as defined in part 163 of this chapter, which are required to be maintained pursuant to this chapter.

(o) *Selectivity criteria*. “Selectivity criteria” means the categories of information which guide Customs judgment in evaluating and assessing the risk of an immediate delivery, entry or entry summary transaction. Based upon these criteria, immediate delivery or entry transactions will be subject to either general examination, general examination with document review, or intensive examination. Entry summary transactions will be subject to either system review or summary document review. General examination (entry/immediate delivery) and system review (entry summary) procedures will constitute electronic processing provided all conditions necessary for electronic processing contained in this part are met.

(p) *Statement processing*. “Statement processing” means the method of collection and accounting within, ACS which allows a filer to pay for more than one entry summary with one payment. ACS/ABI generates the statement, which is transmitted electronically to the filer, consisting of a list of entry summaries and the amount of duties, taxes or fees, if any, due for payment. Upon payment and collection of the statement, those entry summaries designated as electronic will be scheduled for liquidation (see §24.25 of this chapter).

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§ 143.33 Eligibility criteria for participation.

To be eligible for electronic immediate delivery, electronic entry and electronic entry summary, the filer must be qualified to use the ABI feature of ACS, as prescribed in §143.5. To be eligible for electronic entry summary processing, filers must be authorized to use the ABI statement processing system. Filers not so authorized would have to follow the electronic entry summary with the submission of

an entry summary in paper form along with any duties, taxes or fees accruing.

§ 143.34 Procedure for electronic immediate delivery or entry.

To file immediate delivery or entry electronically, the filer will submit certified immediate delivery or entry data electronically through ABI. Data will be validated and, if found error-free, will be accepted. If it is determined through selectivity criteria and review of data that documentation is not required to be physically submitted in paper form, merchandise will be released and Customs will electronically notify the filer.

§ 143.35 Procedure for electronic entry summary.

In order to obtain entry summary processing electronically, the filer will submit certified entry summary data electronically through ABI. Data will be validated and, if the transmission is found error-free, will be accepted. If it is determined through selectivity criteria and review of data that documentation is required for further processing of the entry summary, Customs will so notify the filer. Documentation submitted before being requested by Customs will not be accepted or retained by Customs. The entry summary will be scheduled for liquidation once payment is made under statement processing (see § 24.25 of this chapter).

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§ 143.36 Form of immediate delivery, entry and entry summary.

(a) *Electronic form of data.* If Customs determines that the immediate delivery, entry or entry summary data is satisfactory under §§ 143.34 and 143.35, the electronic form of the immediate delivery, entry or entry summary through ABI shall be deemed to satisfy all filing requirements under this part. Further, the filer will not be required to produce or physically submit any official Customs forms of immediate delivery, entry or entry summary. The filer is responsible for the accuracy of the data submitted electronically to the same extent as if the documents were produced, signed and physically submitted by the filer (see § 111.32 of this chapter).

(b) *Accuracy of data.* Participation constitutes declaration by the electronic filer that, to the best of his knowledge, all transactions filed electronically fully disclose prices, values, quantities, rebates, drawbacks, fees, commissions, and royalties, which are true and correct, and that all goods or services provided either free or at a reduced cost to the seller of the merchandise are fully disclosed (see § 111.32 of this chapter).

(c) *Submission of invoice.* The invoice will be retained by the filer unless requested by Customs. If the invoice is submitted by the filer before a request is made by Customs, it will not be accepted or retained by Customs. When Customs requests presentation of the invoice, invoice data must be submitted in one of the following forms:

- (1) Paper form;
- (2) AII or EDIFACT format.

(3) In appropriate cases where a party has obtained a preclassification/binding ruling number covering the merchandise being entered, or is a participant in a pre-approval program, and information is electronically transmitted which is adequate for the examination of the merchandise and the determination of duties, and for verifying the information required for statistical purposes by § 141.61(e) of this chapter, such information will satisfy the invoice requirement of this part and part 141 of this chapter.

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§ 143.37 Retention of records.

(a) *Record maintenance requirements.* All records received or generated by a broker or importer must be maintained in accordance with part 163 of this chapter.

(b) *Termination of broker's responsibility.* If the broker is discharged by the importer, he shall retain the documentation for those deliveries, entries or entry summaries filed by him prior to such discharge. Documentation in possession of a broker at the time of