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Revision Number	Date of Change	Section(s) Affected	Brief Description of Change
3	March 18, 2023	Introduction \$1 Input Record Usage Map \$1 Input Record \$3 Input Record \$4 Input Record \$6 Output Record	<p>Added text describing new capability to submit message to update the ZIP or Postal code for a manufacturer.</p> <p>Added usage map for Update Manufacturer Postal Code input message</p> <p>\$1 Input Record:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Added new update action code 'U' Update postal code for manufacturer - Added Note 3 explaining new functionality provided with update action code ='U'. - Changed Country ISO code and Manufacturer name fields to be conditional. They are not required for new update action code 'U'. <p>\$3 Input Record:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Changed record from mandatory to conditional. It is not required for new update action code 'U'. <p>\$4 Input Record:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Changed ZIP/Postal code field from mandatory to conditional. It is required when update action code = 'A' only when country is US, Canada, or China. It is not required for other countries. It is required for new update action code = 'U'. - Changed Manufacturer ID Code from optional to conditional. It is required for new update action code = 'U'. - Added Note 2 explaining business rules specific to manufacturer ID code field. <p>\$6 Output Record:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Added ZIP or Postal Code field in position 51-60. It is required in response when update action code 'U' - Added Notes 1 and 2 explaining business rules for manufacturer ID code and new Zip/Postal code field.
2	November 2022	\$4	Postal Code required for Chinese Manufacturers
1	November 1, 2016	All	Initial Draft



Add Manufacturer Name & Address – Introduction

Automated Commercial Environment (ACE) users who are operational have the capability to add manufacturer name and address data to the ACE data base and update the postal code for an existing manufacturer.

A manufacturer should be updated prior to cargo release or entry summary processing so that the most accurate data is reflected in the ACE database.

Adding manufacturer name and address

When adding a manufacturer, ACE derives the manufacturer identification (ID) code using the submitted data according to the standard manufacturer ID algorithm. For additional information on the standard manufacturer ID algorithm, refer to CBP Directive 3500-13 dated November 24, 1986.

If a match is not found in ACE for the manufacturer ID, a new record is created, and the ACE database is updated. An acknowledgment providing information on the update, manufacturer ID and company name is system generated.

If a match is found in ACE for the manufacturer ID but no name and address is on file, the name and address data is added to the database. An acknowledgment providing information on the updated data, manufacturer ID and company name is system generated.

If there is a match in ACE for the manufacturer ID and the name and address is already on file, there will not be any updates in ACE. An acknowledgment of the add request, manufacturer ID and company name as well as an informational message is system generated.

Updating manufacturer postal/zip code

When updating the postal code for an existing manufacturer, ACE uses the manufacturer ID code provided in the input data to update the postal code.

If a match is not found in ACE for the manufacturer ID, the postal code update cannot be made in ACE. An acknowledgment of the update request, manufacturer ID, and an informational message is system generated.

If a match is found in ACE for the manufacturer ID and the postal code submitted is valid, the postal code is updated in ACE. An acknowledgment providing information on the updated postal code, manufacturer ID and company name as well as an informational message is system generated.

If a match is found in ACE for the manufacturer ID but the postal code is invalid, the postal code will not be updated in ACE. An acknowledgment of the update request, manufacturer ID and an error message is system generated.



Input: Record Identifier \$A is an optional input record for user data. Record Identifier \$1 is a mandatory input record. Record Identifiers \$2, \$3 and \$4 are conditional input records.

The application identifier on Record Identifier B is \$I. For additional information on Record Identifier B, refer to the Application Control chapter of this publication.

Output: Record Identifier \$A is a conditional output record for user data. Record Identifier \$5 is a mandatory output record that indicates if update action was successful. Record Identifiers \$6 and \$7 are conditional output records that provide manufacturer update information and error messages, respectfully.

The application identifier on Record Identifier B is \$R. For additional information on Record Identifier B, refer to the Application Control chapter of this publication.

Record Layout Key

The following key describes the columns of the record layout definitions that follow.

Data Element:

Contains the name of the reported data field.

Length:

Indicates the maximum, allowed length of the reported data element.

Class:

Defines the domain of values accepted for the data element. The class definition represents the accepted domain to be used in **all** filing scenarios. Class codes are as follows:

S = Space ONLY.

A = Alphabetic Data. Consists of characters A through Z (uppercase ONLY).

N = Numeric Data Only. Consists of numerals 0 through 9.

(S)N = Numeric Data Variation. May contain 'Numeric Data Only' **or** may consist of one or more spaces followed by numerals 0 through 9. Must consist of at least one right justified numeral. This variation of numeric class may be used for amounts, rates, and counts (where specified).

AN = Alphanumeric Data. Consists of characters A through Z (uppercase ONLY), numerals 0 through 9, and space.

D = Known Date. Consists of numerals 0 through 9 (format MMDDYY; month, day, year).

X = Special Data. Consists of characters A through Z (uppercase ONLY), numerals 0 through 9, space, and any other character found on a standard keyboard. The following characters are accepted:

! @ # \$ % ^ & * () - _ = + [{] \ | ; : ' " , < . > / ? ` ~

Generally, the numeric data class is reserved for a data element used as an integer. It may also include a data element used as a sequencer (e.g., a line number).

Generally, any identifier or code is classed as alphanumeric. Note that this would include an identifier or code that may be required to be reported as all numerals.

Position:

Indicates the beginning and ending position, respectively, of the reported data element within the 80-character record.

Designation:

Indicates the reporting requirement as follows:

M = Mandatory. A value conforming to the listed class is required in all filing scenarios.

C = Conditional. A value conforming to the listed class may or may not be required for a particular filing scenario. The usage notes will describe the specific cases in which the data element is required or not allowed to be reported.

O = Optional. A value conforming to the listed class will be conditionally accepted if provided. An optional data element may be subject to validation, however.

Description:

Defines the data element and provides a further description of how it is to be reported. May include a list of acceptable values, an exception or further specification of the data class, and/or various rules regarding format, justification, and truncation.

Note:

Points to a further discussion regarding the reporting of the particular data element.



SI INPUT RECORD USAGE MAP

The following table illustrates how the automated interface expects repeating groups to be structured within a \$I, \$A through \$4 Manufacturer Name and Address input grouping message.

Add Manufacturer Name and Address Usage Map

Record ID	Name	Req. Des.	Max Loop		Notes
			Use	Repeat	
	Block Control Grouping	M		1	
	Transaction Control Headers (A,B)	M			
	Manufacturer Name and Address	M		999	
\$A	Record Type and User Data	O	1		
\$1	Update Action and Country Code/Name	M	1		
\$2	Name and Street Address	C	1		
\$3	Street and City	M	1		
\$4	City, Zip Code, and Manufacturer ID	C	1		
	Transaction Control Trailers (Y,Z)	M			

Designation: M = Reporting Mandatory; C = Reporting Conditional; O = Reporting Optional

Update Manufacturer Postal Code Usage Map

Record ID	Name	Req. Des.	Max Loop		Notes
			Use	Repeat	
	Block Control Grouping	M		1	
	Transaction Control Headers (A,B)	M			
	Manufacturer Name and Address	M		999	
\$A	Record Type and User Data	O	1		
\$1	Update Action and Country Code/Name	M	1		
\$2	Name and Street Address	O	1		
\$3	Street and City	O	1		
\$4	City, Zip Code, and Manufacturer ID	M	1		
	Transaction Control Trailers (Y,Z)	M			

Designation: M = Reporting Mandatory; C = Reporting Conditional; O = Reporting Optional



\$R OUTPUT RECORD USAGE MAPS

The following table illustrates how the automated interface expects repeating groups to be structured within a \$A through \$7 Manufacturer Name and Address output grouping message.

Manufacturer Name and Address Usage Map

Record		Req. Max Loop			
ID	Name	Des.	Use	Repeat	Notes
	Block Control Grouping	M		1	
	Transaction Control Headers (A,B)	M			
	Manufacturer Name and Address	M		999	
\$A	Record Type and User Data	C	1		
\$5	Manufacturer Update Status, Sequence,	M	1		
\$6	Manufacturer Firm Name and ID Code	C	1		
\$7	Error Message Identifier and Narrative	C	20		
	Transaction Control Trailers (Y,Z)	M			

Designation: M = Reporting Mandatory; C = Reporting Conditional; O = Reporting Optional



Record Identifier \$A (Input)

An optional input record that is provided for user data. ACE will not edit or validate the data. If used, it may be inserted anywhere within the sequence of \$I transaction input records.

<i>Record Identifier \$A (Input)</i>					
Data Element	Length /Class	Position	Status	Description	Note
Control Identifier	1X	1	M	Must always equal \$.	
Record Type	1A	2	M	Must always equal A.	
User Data	78X	3-80	M	This field is used for internal use.	

Record Identifier \$1 (Input)

A mandatory manufacturer name and address input record that provides data pertaining to the update action, update sequence number, International Organization for Standardization (ISO) country code, and firm name.

Record Identifier \$1 (Input)					
Data Element	Length /Class	Position	Status	Description	Note
Control Identifier	1X	1	M	Must always equal \$.	
Record Type	1N	2	M	Must always equal 1.	
Update Action Code	1A	3	M	A (add) or U (update).	3
Update Sequence Number	5N	4-8	M	A number from 00001 to 99999 representing the sequence number of the update action (each set of Record Identifiers \$1 through \$4) contained within a block.	
ISO Country Code	2A	9-10	C	The International Organization for Standardization (ISO) country code representing the location of the firm for all countries except Canada. Valid ISO country codes are listed in Appendix B of this publication. This field is required when update action code is 'A'. Space fill when update action code is 'U'	1,2
Firm Name	70AN	11-80	C	A firm name can contain up to 100 positions. The first 70 positions are reported on Record Identifier \$1; the next 30 positions are reported on Record Identifier \$2. This field is required when update action code is 'A'. Space fill when update action code is 'U'	

Note 1

The province/territory codes are to be used for Canadian shippers/manufacturers instead of the ISO code. Valid Canadian Province/Territory Codes for purposes of the manufacturer ID are:

Code	Province/Territory
XA	Alberta
XB	New Brunswick
XC	British Columbia
XM	Manitoba
XN	Nova Scotia
XO	Ontario
XP	Prince Edward Island
XQ	Quebec
XS	Saskatchewan
XT	Northwest Territories
XV	Nunavut
XW	Newfoundland
XY	Yukon Territory

Note 2

For cities in the United States, only 'US' should be used as the ISO code. There are twenty-four ISO codes that match US State postal states. These should **NOT** be used when creating an MID for the United States: AR, AL, AZ, CO, DE, GA, ID, IL, IN, KE, LA, MA, MD, MN, MO, MS, MT, NC, NE, PA, SC, SD, TN, VA.

Frequent errors in country codes include:

Australia	AU
Austria	AT
Saudi Arabia	SA
South Africa	ZA
Belgium	BE
Bulgaria	BG
Switzerland	CH (Not a code beginning with 'S')
Kenya	KE
Korea	KR
Sri Lanka	LK
Sierra Leone	SL
Singapore	SG



Slovenia	SI
Senegal	SN
Indonesia	ID
Ireland	IE
Israel	IL
India	IN
Iraq	IQ
Iran	IR
Iceland	IS
Italy	IT
Morocco	MA
Macedonia	MK
Mongolia	MN
Malaysia	MY
Denmark	DK
Germany	DE
United Kingdom	GB (which includes Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland. The city of Belfast is in Northern Ireland, which is part of Great Britain)
Hong Kong	HK (including Kowloon, which is not in China 'CN')
The Netherlands	NL
Niger	NE
Nigeria	NG
The city of Belgrade	YU (is in the former Yugoslavia not 'CZ' or 'CS')
Slovakia	SK (was SQ prior to 1993)

Note 3

Update action code 'U' provides the ability to add or edit the postal code for an existing manufacturer ID. The manufacturer ID and a valid postal code must be submitted in the \$4 input record. If the manufacturer ID exists in ACE and the postal code passes all validations, the postal code is updated. The submitted manufacturer ID and postal code are returned to the filer in the \$6 output record.



Record Identifier \$2 (Input)

This is a conditional add manufacturer name and address input record that provides data pertaining to the continuation of a firm's name and street address.

<i>Record Identifier \$2 (Input)</i>					
Data Element	Length /Class	Position	Status	Description	Note
Control Identifier	1X	1	M	Must always equal \$.	
Record Type	1N	2	M	Must always equal 2.	
Firm Name	30AN	3-32	C	A firm name can contain up to 100 positions. The first 70 characters of a firm name are reported on Record Identifier \$1; the next 30 positions are reported on Record Identifier \$2.	
Street	43AN	33-75	C	A street name can contain up to 94 positions. The first 43 positions are reported on Record Identifier \$2; the next 51 positions are reported on Record Identifier \$3.	
Filler	5AN	76-80	M	Space fill.	

Record Identifier \$3 (Input)

This is a conditional add manufacturer name and address input record that provides data pertaining to the firm's street address and city name. It is mandatory when adding a manufacturer designated by an update action code of 'A' in the \$1 record.

Record Identifier \$3 (Input)					
Data Element	Length /Class	Position	Status	Description	Note
Control Identifier	1X	1	M	Must always equal \$.	
Record Type	1N	2	M	Must always equal 3.	
Street	51AN	3-53	C	A street name can contain up to 94 positions. The first 43 positions are reported on Record Identifier \$2; the next 51 positions are reported on Record Identifier \$3.	
City	23AN	54-76	M	The city name can contain up to 67 positions. The first 23 positions are reported on Record Identifier \$3; the next 44 positions are reported on Record Identifier \$4.	1
Filler	4AN	77-80	M	Space fill.	

Note 1

Use the English/American spelling of the city. For example, send "Vienna" not Wien, "Cologne" not Koln or Koeln, "Munich" not Muenchen, "Florence" not Firenze. "Copenhagen" not Kobenhaven.

For cities in the United States, only 'US' should be used as the ISO code in the first two positions of the MID. There are twenty-four ISO codes that match US State postal states. These should **NOT** be used: AR, AL, AZ, CO, DE, GA, ID, IL, IN, KE, LA, MA, MD, MN, MO, MS, MT, NC, NE, PA, SC, SD, TN, VA.

Do not use "Flughafen", "Flugplatz" (Airport), "Postfach" "Cedex" (Post Office) or Postal Codes like D-NNNN in front of city names.

In Ireland, do not use "County" or "Co" in front of the city name.



Record Identifier \$4 (Input)

This is a conditional add manufacturer name and address input record that provides data pertaining to the firm's city name, ZIP or postal code and manufacturer ID. It is mandatory when adding a manufacturer (update action code = 'A') located in the U.S., Canada, or China and when submitting an update manufacturer postal code request (update action code = 'U').

Record Identifier \$4 (Input)					
Data Element	Length /Class	Position	Status	Description	Note
Control Identifier	1X	1	M	Must always equal \$.	
Record Type	1N	2	M	Must always equal 4.	
City	44AN	3-46	C	The city name can contain up to 67 positions. The first 23 positions are reported in Record Identifier \$3; the next 44 positions are reported here.	1
ZIP or Postal Code	10AN	47-56	C	The ZIP or postal code. Zip or postal code is required when adding a U.S, Canadian, or China manufacturer (when update action code = 'A' in \$1 record). ZIP or postal code is required when updating manufacturer postal code (when update action code = 'U' in \$1 record)	
Manufacturer ID Code	15AN	57-71	C	Manufacturer ID Code is required for update manufacturer postal code requests. Manufacturer ID is optional for Add manufacturer request	2
Filler	9AN	72-80	M	Space fill.	



Note 1

Use the English/American spelling of the city. For example, send “Vienna” not Wien, “Cologne” not Koln or Koeln, “Munich” not Muenchen, “Florence” not Firenze. “Copenhagen” not Kobenhaven.

For cities in the United States, only ‘US’ should be used as the ISO code in the first two positions of the MID. There are twenty-four ISO codes that match US State postal states. These should NOT be used: AR, AL, AZ, CO, DE, GA, ID, IL, IN, KE, LA, MA, MD, MN, MO, MS, MT, NC, NE, PA, SC, SD, TN, VA.

Do not use “Flughafen”, “Flugplatz” (Airport), “Postfach” “Cedex” (Post Office) or Postal Codes like D-NNNN in front of city names.

In Ireland, do not use “County” or “Co” in front of the city name.

Note 2

Manufacturer ID is optional when transmitting an add manufacturer name and address message (update action code = ‘A’ in \$1 input record). If manufacturer ID is submitted in \$4 record, ACE will compare it with the ACE-generated Manufacturer ID for the name and address transmitted. If the submitted manufacturer ID does not match the ACE-generated manufacturer ID, ACE will return a response message indicating that the transmitted MID is invalid. ACE will use the system-generated manufacturer ID to continue to process the add manufacturer request. If a new manufacturer ID is generated, the valid manufacturer ID is returned to the filer in the \$6 output record.

Manufacturer ID code is required for an update manufacturer postal code message (update action code = ‘U’ in \$1 record). ACE verifies manufacturer ID and updates postal code if the manufacturer ID exists, and the postal code submitted passes validations. ACE returns a warning message if the manufacturer ID is not found.



Record Identifier \$A (Output)

A conditional output record that is provided for user data. If the \$A input record is used ACE will return the user data in the \$A output record exactly as transmitted.

Record Identifier \$A (Output)					
Data Element	Length/ Class	Position	Status	Description	Note
Control Identifier	1X	1	M	Must always equal \$.	
Record Type	1A	2	M	Must always equal A.	
User Data	78X	3-80	M	This field is used for internal use. Data will be returned exactly as transmitted in the \$A input record.	

Record Identifier \$5 (Output)

This is a mandatory add manufacturer name and address output record that provides data pertaining to the update status, update sequence number, International Organization for Standardization (ISO) country code, and firm name.

Record Identifier \$5 (Output)					
Data Element	Length/ Class	Position	Status	Description	Note
Control Identifier	1X	1	M	Must always equal \$.	
Record Type	1N	2	M	Must always equal 5.	
Update Status	1A	3	M	A code representing the status of the update. Valid Update Status Codes are: U = Update Acknowledgment. Record Identifier \$6 is system generated if an error-free condition exists. E = Error Condition. Record Identifier \$7 is system generated if an error condition exists.	
Update Sequence Number	5N	4-8	M	A sequential number from 00001 to 99999.	
ISO Country Code	2A	9-10	M	The International Organization for Standardization (ISO) country code representing the location of the firm for all countries except Canada. Valid ISO codes are listed in Appendix B of this publication.	1
Firm Name	70AN	11-80	M	A firm name can contain up to 100 positions. The first 70 positions are reported on Record Identifier \$5; the next 30 positions are reported on Record Identifier \$6.	



Note 1

The province/territory codes are to be used for Canadian shippers/manufacturers instead of the ISO code. Valid Canadian Province/Territory Codes for the purposes of the manufacturer ID are:

Code Province/Territory

XA	Alberta
XB	New Brunswick
XC	British Columbia
XM	Manitoba
XN	Nova Scotia
XO	Ontario
XP	Prince Edward Island
XQ	Quebec
XS	Saskatchewan
XT	Northwest Territories
XV	Nunavut
XW	Newfoundland
XY	Yukon Territory

Record Identifier \$6 (Output)

A conditional add manufacturer name and address output record that provides data pertaining to the continuation of the firm's name, the manufacturer identification (ID) code and ZIP or postal code. This record is required when update action code is 'U'.

Record Identifier \$6 (Output)					
Data Element	Length/Class	Position	Status	Description	Note
Control Identifier	1X	1	M	Must always equal \$.	
Record Type	1N	2	M	Must always equal 6.	
Firm Name	30AN	3-32	C	A firm name can contain up to 100 positions. The first 70 positions are reported on Record Identifier \$5; the next 30 positions are reported on Record Identifier \$6.	
Filler	1AN	33	M	Space fill.	
Manufacturer ID Code	15AN	34-48	C	The new manufacturer ID code generated based on the submitted manufacturer name and address is displayed when an Add ('A') update action message is successful. The manufacturer ID code submitted in the \$4 Input record for an Update manufacturer postal code ('U') update action message. This field is required in response to an Update Manufacturer Postal Code message.	1, 2
Filler	2AN	49-50	M	Space fill.	
ZIP or Postal Code	10AN	51-60	C	The ZIP or postal code submitted in \$4 record of an update manufacturer postal code message (update action code = 'U' in \$1 Input record). This field is required in response to an Update Manufacturer Postal Code message.	2
Filler	20AN	61-80	M	Space fill	

Note 1

The first two positions of the manufacturer ID for Canadian manufacturers/shippers are the Canadian province/territory instead of the International Organization for Standardization (ISO) country code. Refer to

Customs Directive 3500-13 dated November 24, 1986, for instructions on determining the manufacturer ID. See list of Canadian province/territory ISO codes in Note 1 of the \$5 output record within this document. The manufacturer ID code displayed in \$6 output record is the:

- new manufacturer ID code created for an Add manufacturer name and address request (when update action code = 'A' in \$1 input record).
- existing manufacturer ID code for which a postal code update was requested (when update action code = 'U' in \$1 input record).

Note 2

When a request to update the ZIP or Postal code for a manufacturer is submitted, the \$6 output record is mandatory and provides the manufacturer ID and postal code information submitted in \$4 input message.



Record Identifier \$7 (Output)

This is a conditional add manufacturer name and address output record that provides an error message identifier and a narrative explanation of the error condition when an invalid attempt has been made to add a manufacturer name and address to the Manufacturer file.

Record Identifier \$7 (Output)					
Data Element	Length/ Class	Position	Status	Description	Note
Control Identifier	1X	1	M	Must always equal \$.	
Record Type	1N	2	M	Must always equal 7.	
Error Message Identifier	3AN	3-5	M	A code identifying the error message.	
Filler	1AN	6	M	Space fill.	
Narrative Message	40AN	7-46	M	A narrative explanation of the error condition.	
Filler	34AN	47-80	M	Space fill.	



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