



## U.S. Customs and Border Protection

### What is the SAFE Port Act?

The Security and Accountability for Every Port Act of 2006 (SAFE Port Act) became law on October 13, 2006. One of the required elements of the Act outlined that the Department of Homeland Security (DHS), through U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) is required to identify and request, the submission of additional data (manifest and entry data elements). This is designed to improve the targeting of high-risk cargo through the Automated Targeting System at CBP.

### Additional Data Elements Known as the “10 + 2”

CBP emphasizes that these data elements will be used for security and enhanced targeting and are not intended for commercial or trade enforcement purposes. The 12 data elements may be submitted to CBP via the Automated Broker Interface (ABI) system utilized by the Customs Broker, or the Automated Manifest System (AMS) utilized by the carrier or freight forwarder. The current proposal requires that the data is transmitted 24 hours prior to loading the U.S.-bound vessel. As both a freight forwarder and customs broker, Argents utilizes both the ABI and AMS systems.

### What are the “10+2” elements?

The following ten (10) data elements were selected because of their probative value and because of their ready availability in current logistics processes.

1. Manufacturer name and address
2. Seller name and address
3. Container stuffing location
4. Consolidator name and address
5. Buyer name and address
6. Ship to name and address
7. Importer of record number
8. Consignee number
9. Country of origin of the goods
10. Commodity Harmonized Tariff Schedule number (6 digit)

In addition to the data elements outlined above, CBP will require ocean carriers to provide two (2) additional data sets to complete the security filing:

1. Vessel Stow Plan
2. Container Status Messages

### Argents Can Assist You:

Planning for requirements in an uncertain trade environment can be difficult, as can determining the cost of these requirements. At Argents Express Group, we will be happy to discuss how we can assist you in meeting or exceeding all of the regulatory requirements in the trade arena, while facilitating the movement of your goods. To discuss your concerns or questions, please contact our Director of Compliance, Cindy Allen, at [callen@argents.com](mailto:callen@argents.com) or 734-326-9499, or your Sales Representative.

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