

Section 321 – Does not exceed \$800 in Aggregated Shipments – Release 2

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On January 11, 2025, U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) will deploy the second release of the Section 321 – Does Not Exceed \$800 in Aggregated Shipments enhancement to the Automated Commercial Environment (ACE). This enhancement will provide a warning in ACE when a de minimis shipment may exceed the \$800 per person/per day threshold. This release will include electronic data interchange (EDI) impacts.

What will change for trade users?

- ACE will provide a warning when a shipment may exceed the \$800 per person/per day threshold for the administrative exemption under Section 321. The threshold will be based on the estimated date of arrival (EDA) for entry type 86 (ET 86) submissions and de minimis shipments to be released off the manifest.
- A warning will be issued if a shipment's value or the aggregated value of shipments to a consignee exceed the threshold.
- This will apply to all modes of transportation, excluding mail.
- The warnings are advisory only; no action is *required* but action is encouraged by recipients in response to a warning.
- The warnings will be sent through EDI messaging as follows:
 - In response to de minimis shipments released off an **air** manifest, carriers will receive:
 - Express carriers will receive Warning Code 098: VALUE MAY EXCEED CONSIGNEE DAILY MAX ET86.
 - All carriers will receive Notification Disposition code 2M: VALUE MAY EXCEED CONSIGNEE DAILY MAX ET86 for each bill of lading (BOL) when a previously accepted BOL may exceed the threshold.
 - In response to de minimis shipments released via an ET 86 through Cargo Release, an **ocean, air or rail** carriers will receive:
 - Disposition code 2M: VALUE MAY EXCEED CONSIGNEE DAILY MAX ET86 for each bill of lading (BOL) when a previously accepted BOL may exceed the threshold.
 - In response to de minimis shipments released off a **truck** manifest, the filer will receive warning messages
 - Status Notification Code SN517: Section 321's maximum daily value exceeded by Consignee.
 - Disposition code 95: Section 321 max value exceeded.



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- In response to an ET86 submission, brokers will receive:
 - A cargo release response message (SX) with a 284 warning condition DE MINIMIS VALUE EXCEEDED.
 - A cargo release status message (SO) for any associated entries with a 30 disposition code with text of DE MINIMIS VALUE MET.

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- For more information, see the implementation guides listed under Technical Information below.
- This release will be available in the ACE certification environment on December 11, 2024, and in the ACE production environment on January 11, 2025.

Background

The growth in e-commerce has resulted in an influx of shipments that clear under the Section 321 de minimis exemption, which allows for the duty-free import of up to \$800 in goods per importer per day. More than one billion de minimis packages were processed in FY2024. This enhancement is necessary to enable CBP to effectively manage risk with this segment of shipments.

Release 1 of this enhancement on July 25, 2024, added the requirement for estimated date of arrival for all ET 86 submissions in ACE. For more information on that requirement, see [CSMS # 61421135](#) (Entry Type 86 Estimated Date of Arrival Requirement Deploys July 25, 2024) and the [ACE Cargo Release CATAIR](#).

Release 3 will provide notification and withhold release of shipments ineligible for de minimis clearance when the \$800 per person/per day threshold has been exceeded.

Withheld shipments will not be released until appropriate entries are filed. The specific deployment date for Release 3 will be no sooner than February 11, 2025. An announcement and any necessary implementation guide updates will be provided in advance.

What additional resources are available?

- **Frequently Asked Questions**
 - For more details on how specific scenarios will be handled by CBP and additional information, Frequently Asked Questions are forthcoming.



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- **Deployment Support Calls**
 - The Trade Transformation Office (TTO) will conduct deployment support calls on the following dates:
 - **Pre-deployment Support Call**
 - **January 6, 2025 at 1:00 PM ET**
 - Join via [Microsoft Teams](#)
 - **Post-deployment Support Call**
 - **January 23, 2025 at 1:00 PM ET**
 - Join via [Microsoft Teams](#)
 - Participants are encouraged to join at the start of the call when CBP will provide a brief deployment status update. A question-and-answer segment will follow. Calls may end early if all questions have been addressed.
 - Additional calls may be scheduled if demand warrants. More details will be announced on these support call/s and via CSMS message.

- **Technical Information**
 - ACE implementation guides have been updated in advance of this deployment.
 - Documents updated on www.cbp.gov/trade/ace/catair:
 - [DRAFT ACE CATAIR CARGO RELEASE](#) v38.2 under Future Capabilities
 - After deployment, updates to this document will be reflected in the ACE Cargo Release CATAIR under Current Capabilities.
 - [ACE Cargo Release Status Notification](#) under Current Capabilities
 - [Cargo Release Error Codes](#) under Supporting Documentation
 - Documents updated on www.cbp.gov/trade/automated/technical/ace-import-manifest-documentation
 - [Air CAMIR Appendix A](#) under Air CAMIR Appendices
 - [Ocean CAMIR Appendix D](#) under Ocean CAMIR Appendices
 - [Standard Truck Manifest Customs Response Message \(CUSRES\) Status Notification](#) under Truck UNEDIFACT Standard.
 - [Truck Manifest 350 Message](#) under Truck ANSI X.12
 - Any additional updates to these or other technical documents will be communicated by CSMS.

- **Additional Support**
 - Cargo Release, Manifest, and Export Product Division questions: Contact crem@cbp.dhs.gov
 - Technical issues: Contact the ACE Account Service Desk (ASD) at 866- 530-4172 or ace.support@cbp.dhs.gov

