

Getting Started

This edition of *Customs Automated Manifest Interface Requirements (CAMIR) - Intermodal* replaces all previous editions and incorporates all previous Amendments.

General Organization

CAMIR - Intermodal is organized by subject with tabs for convenient reference. The Table of Contents lists all topics included in this publication. These topics match chapter headings and tabs. Each chapter contains references for input or output transactions, corrections, updates, and supplemental information. Each chapter also has its own table of contents that lists the topics in that chapter.

Each record is shown in its entirety, printed across one or more pages in an easy-to-read chart format. The entire record can be viewed as an open page spread without having to refer back to previous pages. Any explanatory notes immediately follow the record.

The appendices provide reference material. Among the topics included are amendment codes, U.S. district and port codes, foreign port codes, error messages, and container/equipment description codes.

This chapter provides a detailed explanation of the structure and format of this document.

Introductory Chapters

The Introduction, Overview, Program Flow, and Requirements chapters contain explanatory information and do not contain record identifiers.

Chapter Structure

Each chapter in this document relates to a particular AMS process and has three primary

sections.

- Chapter contents
- Introductory text
- Record layouts

The chapter contents list all the record identifiers, record descriptions and topics contained within the chapter. Introductory text follows the chapter contents and provides an overview of the chapter. Individual record layouts follow the introductory text and explanatory notes for the record follow the record layout. User notes pages are included (where appropriate) for the convenience of the user. These pages are handy for jotting down comments or notes pertaining to the record layout for quick reference.

Each record layout consists of the record identifier, the data elements, the length and class of the data elements, the number of positions, the status of the element (mandatory, conditional, optional), and a brief description of the data elements. Notes pertaining to the data elements follow the record layout. This format allows an entire record layout to be viewed without turning pages. Data elements and status codes used in the record layouts are described in the following section.

Data Elements

All data elements transmitted through AMS records must conform to formatting rules, and records must be transmitted in the order specified.

The data element symbols are defined as:

Code	Description
A	The data element is alphabetic only.
AN	The data element accepts alphabetic and/or numeric values.
N	The data element is numeric only.
X	The data element is alphanumeric or special characters.

The data field length specified is fixed length format. If all positions are not filled, the formatting rules are:

Code	Description
A	Left justify and space fill remaining positions.
AN	Left justify and space fill remaining positions.
N	Right justify and zero (0) fill remaining positions, except in specifically noted instances.
X	Left justify and space fill remaining positions.

Note: If a data element is not input for a specific data field, the field must be filled by spaces or zeros (0), as appropriate. This also applies to data fields marked "For Future Use".

Status Codes

Status codes ensure that the appropriate data is transmitted. Codes must be used where indicated or errors will occur. The status indicators of data elements are as follows:

Code	Description
M	Mandatory data element and must be included in the data transmission.

- C Conditional data element and must be included in the data transmission if other relevant data is being transmitted.
- O Optional data element and may be included in the data transmission.

Note: Because there are a number of possible conditions, no attempt has been made to include them here. For most data elements and records, conditional means that the information is not always required for all entry types and functions, but it may be required for many entry types and functions.

Page Numbering

Each chapter pertaining to an AMS module or process has been assigned a three-letter code that identifies the subject. For example, MAD represents the Manifest Amendments chapter and IBA represents the In-bond and Conveyance Arrival Message chapter.

The pages for each chapter are numbered independently for ease of reference and to accommodate the need for updating information. The page number format is AAA-NN. The first three positions are the three-letter chapter code that identifies the chapter. The next one or two positions are the consecutive page number(s) within the chapter.

For example, the Manifest Amendments chapter is numbered MAD-1 through MAD-6.

Chapter Dividers

A tab divider labeled with the chapter name and appendices separates each subject chapter in this document.

Updates

Notices of changes to this document are issued as they occur through administrative messages from the Manifest group of Field Systems Development.

User Notes: