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Fatal Error Response Code:
118

When a shipment is filed to the AES, a system response message is generated and indicates whether the shipment has been accepted or rejected. If the shipment is accepted, the AES filer receives an Internal Transaction Number (ITN) as confirmation. However, if the shipment is rejected, a Fatal Error notification is received.

To help you resolve AES Fatal Errors, here are some tips on how to correct the most frequent errors that were generated in AES this month.

Narrative: Carrier Code Missing

Reason: The Carrier ID (SCAC/IATA) is missing

Resolution: The Carrier ID identifies the carrier that transports the goods out of the United States. The Standard Carrier Alpha Code (SCAC) is valid for vessel, rail, and truck shipment. The International Air Transport Association (IATA) code is valid for air shipments.

Verify the Carrier ID and Mode of Transport, correct the shipment by reporting the Carrier ID and resubmit.

Narrative: USPPI Country Must Be US

Reason: The Country reported for the United States Principal Party in Interest (USPPI) is not US (United States).

Fatal Error Response Code:
250

Resolution: The country for a USPPI's address must be US (United States). Verify the USPPI Country, correct the shipment and resubmit.

For a complete list of Fatal Error Response Codes, their reasons, and resolutions, see [Appendix A - Commodity Filing Response Messages](#).

It is important that AES filers correct Fatal Errors as soon as they are received in order to comply with the [Foreign Trade Regulations](#). These errors must be corrected prior to export for shipments filed predeparture and as soon as possible for shipments filed postdeparture, but not later than ten calendar days after departure.

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