

AUTOMATED MANIFEST SERVICE™



HELPING CUSTOMERS DELIVER™

DESCARTES AUTOMATED MANIFEST SERVICE™

MEETING U.S. CUSTOMS MANIFEST REQUIREMENTS

Today, companies must comply with the U.S. Department of Customs' Container Security Initiative (CSI) 24-hour reporting rule. Companies whose internal business processes rely on faxing, telephoning, or sending courier packets of documents are finding themselves ill prepared for this regulatory requirement.

For carriers, freight forwarders, non-vessel operating common carriers (NVOCCs), and shippers, the Descartes Automated Manifest Service offers a complete solution to enable firms to comply with U.S. Customs' CSI. To accommodate customers' varying technical capabilities, Descartes offers options that range from a user-friendly Web form that permits manual entry of cargo manifest information to a tightly integrated system-to-system electronic data interchange (EDI) connection. Regardless of service type, with the Descartes Automated Manifest Service, required manifest information, including shipper details, is electronically transmitted to U.S. Customs' Automated Manifest System (AMS).

Descartes Automated Manifest Service is part of the Descartes Global Logistics Network™ (GLN), which enables the world's leading transportation providers to connect to their trading partners and reliably exchange information to drive delivery performance and high levels of customer satisfaction. The Descartes GLN helps companies better manage their logistics book-to-bill process, track inventory, meet regulatory requirements, optimize fleet performance, and effectively communicate with their logistics partners.

EXPERIENCED PROVIDER

Descartes has provided U.S. Customs AMS services to top global shippers and carriers for more than five years.





THE DESCARTES AUTOMATED MANIFEST SERVICE is a solution that helps users easily manage shipment information electronically and enables compliance with the requirement to electronically submit shipment information to the U.S. Customs Department's Automated Manifest System for ocean cargo. Three different service delivery options accommodate a customer's existing in-house technology set-up:

Option 1 - Traditional value-added network (VAN) services. This service transmits electronic information to Customs authorities in their required proprietary data format (known as CAMIR) or in the ANSI X12 format.

Option 2 - In-network translation services. Beyond the VAN services, this option can also convert information from other electronic formats to meet AMS requirements.

Option 3 - Web forms. For customers that cannot create an electronic structured message to supply to AMS, Descartes offers a Web form product that allows users to manually enter data before converting it into the required format and submitting it to U.S. Customs and local Customs authorities where required.

BENEFITS

The Descartes Automated Manifest Service helps manage an ever-increasing amount of legally required containerized shipment information in a small window of time. It helps shippers, carriers and intermediaries:

- Ensure compliance with U.S. Customs' CSI programs.
- Deploy quickly across an organization.
- Have a solution suited to users' existing technology.
- Have a single point of contact for data connectivity
- Have easy-to-use Web forms.

FEATURES

Status querying. Lets users electronically submit queries in a Web form to determine the status of an individual cargo manifest. Enables searches using the same basic information included in the actual paper document, including bill of lading, container number, and port of origin. Can print a list of status information, such as "released," "on hold," etc.

Flexible templates. Uses the Web form option to present shipment information in templates that can mimic existing paper documents. Allows authorized users to add, modify and delete cargo manifest templates to accommodate the fields important to their customers and business processes. Descartes offers similar services for the VAN and in-network translation options.

Reference and reporting. Captures shipment information from the electronic manifest and stores it in a secure data repository. Lets users select optional extended storage that permits historical review of the information and customized reporting such as shipment volume by customer, by type of cargo or by port.

Information privacy. Transmits information via the secure Descartes GLN, protecting the privacy of all parties. Links information to trading partners or regulatory agencies as specified by the customer.

“It does not take much effort to identify the potential scrutiny and delay that a high-risk container has upon your supply chain. The legal burden is on the user that must retire manual, less-reliable global trade management processes and institute a more robust framework that improves the end-to-end supply chain.”

AMR Research Alert, "New Customs Regulations Require a Global Trade Management Strategy"

THE DESCARTES DIFFERENCE

The Descartes Systems Group Inc. (TSX: DSG) (NASDAQ: DSGX), a leading provider of software-as-a-service logistics solutions, is delivering results across the globe today for organizations that operate logistics intensive businesses. Descartes' logistics management solutions provide messaging services between logistics trading partners, "book-to-bill" services of contract carriers and private fleet management services for organizations of all sizes. These solutions and services help Descartes' customers reduce administrative costs, billing cycles, fleet size, contract carrier costs, and mileage driven and improve pick up and delivery reliability. For more information, visit www.descartes.com.

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