

## Product Information

# Descartes Air Automated Manifest Service Direct Filing Service



### Helping You Meet U.S. Customs Electronic Manifest Requirements

Automated Manifest System (AMS) is a means of speeding the flow of import cargo into the United States. Air AMS is a U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) electronic interface and release notification system designed to allow Air Waybill information to be filed with CBP, and to provide responses back to the filing company regarding the acceptance and status of Air Waybill data.

Descartes' Air AMS service is a unified customs filing solution for airlines, deconsolidators or freight forwarders. This service helps customers comply with CBP regulations and procedures, including the Trade Act of 2002 and subsequent regulations, and is certified and approved by the CBP. To accommodate customers' varying technical capabilities, Descartes offers options that range from a user-friendly Internet-based service that permits manual entry of cargo manifest information to a more automated and integrated global EDI connection to securely transmit Air AMS filing data.

Since the implementation of the regulations, more and more freight forwarders and carriers have seen the benefit of the freight forwarders filing their own House Air Waybills. Descartes has joined with several major freight forwarders to help them manage their air cargo customs compliance processes. The Descartes AMS Direct Filing service allows freight forwarders to work as a full partner with carriers to meet US Customs compliance requirements.

By leveraging the Descartes AMS Direct Filing Service, freight forwarders can improve the control over their data and gain direct visibility to the status of filings as well as manage customs compliance processes directly. The Descartes Air AMS Direct Filing Service guarantees the quality of data submitted to customs authorities. The service provides complete control over updates to the data, resolution of errors and offers the option of maintaining confidentiality of Shipper and Consignee information.

Descartes' Air AMS Direct Filing 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.

## Potential Benefits

- A flexible, carrier by carrier, implementation process
- Consistent global visibility to the status of cargo
- Control of AMS House Air Waybill data quality
- Ability to amend House Air Waybill details
- Full control of release of proprietary information to carrier
- Automatic visibility to carrier splits
- Paperless in-bond process
- Lower direct Air AMS filing costs
- Lower in-direct compliance costs through consistent, single-source accurate AMS status
- Full cargo arrival and House Air Waybill details for Container Freight Station operations

## Features

The Descartes Air AMS Direct Filing Service is full of the same features found on all Descartes Customs Compliance Applications:

- Comprehensive administration and access control
- Commercially sensitive data is kept secure and confidential
- Interactive messaging and EDI global access
- Dedicated redundant broad band, secured connections to/from CBP Systems
- 7/24 hour availability, system monitoring and customer service hotline
- Network connectivity to all major air carriers available
- Ability to create multiple AMS filing accounts under a unified account
- Preload and easily maintain party profiles
- White label capability
- Scale existing infrastructure with data capture flexibility from keyed entry to completely automated EDI process
- Sophisticated tools to improve customer service by enabling the distribution of customs messages and status information to logistics partners and clients
- Integration with Descartes Air ACI service, a service for freight forwarders and carriers to file in-bound manifest, export cargo and conveyance information to the Canadian Customs (CBSA) ACI System, for a comprehensive customs filing solution