GE AVIATION IMPORTER SECURITY FILING (ISF) PROCESS

U.S. import via ocean?

Yes

GE U.S. importer of record?

No

STOP
No GE ISF form or filing required

Yes

Forwarder emails pre-alert to GE ISF agent within 72 hrs before vessel departure

Yes

Forwarder completes this step before final booking and prior to stuffing cargo into container

No

STOP
No GE ISF form or filing required

GE ISF agent files data no later than 24 hours prior to vessel sailing

GE ISF agent sends form/acceptance to forwarder, ITC & Transportation

Forwarder loads container onto vessel after receipt of ISF acceptance

GE ITC audits ISF compliance (timely, accurate and complete)

Process Complete

IMPORTANT: When GE Aviation is the U.S. importer, international suppliers or shippers will use carriers certified in the Customs-Trade Partnership Against Terrorism (C-TPAT) supply chain security program. For more information on the GE Aviation C-TPAT program:
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1. The ISF requirement applies only when ocean mode of transportation is used to deliver products into the United States. ISF is not applicable for U.S. import cargo arriving by air, truck, and rail. Will international import cargo shipment arrive into the U.S. by vessel?

IF NO, ISF is NOT REQUIRED.
IF YES, ISF is a mandatory requirement to be filed by the U.S. importer or their designated agent.

2. Is GE the U.S. importer of record (IOR)? Check contractual or otherwise agreed delivery terms or Incoterms rule and refer to International Chamber of Commerce (ICC) Incoterm 2010.

Each GE Aviation business acting as a U.S. “importer of record” and their international partners (shippers, suppliers, customers, etc.) are responsible to exercise reasonable care in exporting and importing activities & have reliable procedures to ensure customs compliance including accurate and complete invoices and other documentation required for ISF and clearance. Check the contractually agreed upon delivery terms or Incoterms rule to verify the correct party responsible as U.S. IOR.

If GE agreed to be the U.S. IOR with customs clearance in GE’s name and EIN or importer ID, the approved customs broker is the ISF agent who files ISF data for ocean imports. If a GE U.S. buyer issued a PO to a foreign supplier with flow down of remark C64 terms of delivery on Free Carrier or FCA Incoterms (per Article 4), the GE buyer or legal entity issuing the PO is responsible for arranging/paying for international transportation and customs clearance costs as U.S. IOR. The following steps are required if GE is the U.S. IOR for shipments arriving by vessel. **Regardless of who selects the C-TPAT certified forwarder/carrier, the steps below are required if GE Aviation is U.S. IOR for international cargo arriving U.S. by vessel.**

3. **ISF Pre-alert:** Prior to stuffing ocean cargo destined for GE U.S. IOR the forwarder completes the top portion of the GE Aviation ISF form and emails it with shipping documents to the GE ISF agent designated on the form before 72 hours prior to vessel departure. **Contact GE Aviation with questions on ISF agents.** The forwarder completes top section of the ISF form: standard carrier alpha code (SCAC) code, date, lowest level bill of lading number and type, estimated sale date, container stuffing location (name and address) and consolidator/stuffer (name and address). The forwarder must HOLD container for receipt of ISF “acceptance” from the GE ISF agent before finalizing booking details and must CHANGE booking to next vessel departure if ISF acceptance is not received before 24 hours prior to vessel departure.

4. **ISF Data Submission to CBP:** Within 24 hours of email receipt from forwarder but not later than 24 hours prior to vessel departure, the GE ISF agent submits to CBP electronically the 10 required data elements with exception of missing ISF data. **The ISF agent should contact GE ITC or import focal with exception requests for missing ISF data and should not file any ISF transaction on behalf of GE Aviation later than 24 hours prior to vessel departure.**

5. **ISF Acceptance:** The GE ISF agent receives CBP ISF acceptance, adds data to the ISF form (date and transaction number), and emails complete ISF form to the forwarder, GE Aviation ITC and Transportation.

6. **Load Shipment:** Receipt of an ISF acceptance and transaction number/date is the trigger and authorization for the forwarder to load the container onto vessel.

7. **Compliance Audit:** GE import focal and ITC will audit ISF transactions to ensure compliance with CBP requirements (timely, complete and accurate).