



MARITIME ON-LINE TRACS® PPT SPECIFICATION

General

Permit to Transfer (PTT) requests for within-port movements of cargo may be uploaded into TRACS using the following file specification. The file generated based on this PTT upload specification provides the bill of lading number, container number, FIRMS code of the destined transfer location, and bonded carrier identification number. PTT upload requests are transmitted to CBP, and the authorization for a PTT movement is recorded in the BOL Status and the Permit to Transfer screens.

- The PTT transfer request cannot be made in the original manifest transmission.
- PTT requests can only be uploaded if the bill of lading is in a CBP accepted status.
- PTT requests will not be authorized against bills of lading that are on hold by CBP or Partner Government Agencies.

Data Elements

All data elements must conform to formatting rules, and records must be transmitted in the order provided in the specification.

The data element symbols are:

Code	Description
A	Alpha Characters (A-Z and spaces) only, left justify, space fill
AN	Alpha/Numeric, left justify, space fill
N	Numeric (0-9) only, right justify, zero fill remaining positions
X	Alpha/numeric and special characters, left justify, space fill

Valid characters are:
!"#\$%&'()+,-./0123456789:;<=>?@ABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZ[^_`{|}~

Status Codes

Status codes provided in the specification ensure that the appropriate data is transmitted. If the code descriptions are not followed in the PTT upload, errors will occur. The status indicators of data elements are as follows:

Code	Description
M	Mandatory data element: must be included in the data transmission at all times.
C	Conditional data element: must be included in the data transmission when other relevant elements are being transmitted.
O	Optional data element: may be included in the data transmission at the filer's discretion.

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Record Identifier M01

Manifest Record

This is a mandatory record used to transmit vessel information and specific manifest data.

Data Element	Length/ Class	Position	Status	Notes
Record Type	3AN	1-3	M	Must = M01
Carrier SCAC Code	4AN	4-7	M	A Standard Carrier Alpha Code (SCAC) representing the automated carrier/ MVOCC/NVOCC initiating the PTT
Mode of Transport	2N	8-9	M	10 = Vessel, Non-containerized 11 = Vessel, Containerized
Vessel Country Code	2A	10-11	M	ISO Code for Vessel Flag
Vessel Name	23AN	12-34	M	
Voyage Number	5AN	35-39	M	
Filler	5AN	40-44	M	Space fill
Manifest Sequence Number	6N	45-50	O	Future use
Filler	1AN	51	M	Space fill
Vessel (Lloyds) Code	7AN	52-58	M	
Type of Transmission Code	2A	59-60	M	Must = T1

Record Identifier P01

Port Record

This is a mandatory record used to transmit port data.

Data Element	Length/ Class	Position	Status	Notes
Record Type	3AN	1-3	M	Must = P01
Port of Unlading Code	4N	4-7	M	CBP Schedule D Code in CAMIR Appendix E
Original Estimated Date of Arrival	6N	8-13	M	MMDDYY (month, day, year) format

Record Identifier J01

Issuer Code Record

This is a mandatory record used to transmit data pertaining to the issuer of the bill(s) of lading. This record is transmitted only once within a manifest transmission for each different issuer.

Data Element	Length/ Class	Position	Status	Description
Record Type	3AN	1-3	M	Must = J01
Issuer SCAC Code	4AN	4-7	M	The SCAC of the issuer of the bill(s) of lading. The actual bill of lading number is the combination of this code and the bill of lading sequence number transmitted on the T01 record.

Record Identifier T01

Permit to Transfer Record

This is a mandatory record used to transmit bill of lading information needed to process a Permit to Transfer request. This record can be repeated as many times as necessary up to 9999 records.

Data Element	Length/ Class	Position	Status	Description
Record Type	3AN	1-3	M	Must = T01
Bill of Lading Number	12AN	4-15	M	The bill of lading number (do not include issuer SCAC code) for which the PTT is being requested must already be on file in ACE as an accepted bill. The transfer request cannot be made in the original manifest transmission.
Container Number	14AN	16-29	C	If the container number is left blank, by default, a PTT authorization will be issued for all containers associated with the bill. Not valid to report against non-containerized (NC) cargo.
FIRMS Code	4AN	30-33	M	The Facilities Information and Resources Management System (FIRMS) code representing the location where the cargo will be transferred. The FIRMS location must be bonded and on file in ACE.
Bonded Carrier ID	12X	34-45	M	<p>The identification (ID) number of the bonded carrier. It must include any embedded hyphens. Valid formats are:</p> <p>NN-NNNNNNXX = IRS Number,</p> <p>YYDDPP-NNNNN = CBP assigned Number</p> <p>NNN-NN-NNNN = Social Security Number</p> <p>The system will validate that the ID is on file and has a valid bond type. The bonded carrier ID must be on file in ACE as an active bond.</p>

Record Identifier T02

Permit to Transfer Continuation Record

This is a conditional record used to transmit the PTT quantity when less than the full manifested quantity of the bill of lading.

Data Element	Length/ Class	Position	Status	Description
Record Type	3AN	1-3	M	Must = T02
PTT Quantity	10N	4-13	M	This field is required when reporting a PTT quantity less than the full BOL quantity. PTT quantity cannot exceed full bill of lading quantity.