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Freight Carrier Code Now Part of the Ship Schedule

Effective March 7, 2006, Harley-Davidson (H-D) began transmitting the freight carrier code (also known as the Standard Carrier Alpha Code (SCAC)) on all manufacturing ship schedules (EDI 862). This enhancement communicates to the supplier the freight carrier that is to be used when shipping material and the carrier code that is required to be entered in the Advanced Ship Notice (ASN / EDI 856). In conjunction with this enhancement, the ASN edit program has been modified to validate the ASN's carrier code against the carrier code transmitted in the ship schedule.

Below are some frequently asked questions and their answers.

How is it determined what carrier code to transmit in the ship schedule? The carrier code that is transmitted in the ship schedule is pulled directly from the H-D Purchase Order and should match to the freight carrier that is currently being used to ship the material.

What does the supplier do if the ship schedule contains a carrier code that does not reflect the freight carrier being used to ship the material? If the ship schedule does not contain the freight carrier that your company is currently using, please contact the H-D site's purchasing representative to have the purchase order updated with the correct freight carrier.

What if the shipment is small and it is cost effective to ship it with a different carrier (i.e. UPS), which was not transmitted in the ship schedule? Whenever there is a deviation from the ship schedule, the H-D site's purchasing representative should be part of that discussion. It is up to the purchasing representative if they are to be involved each time there is a deviation or whether to fall back on a pre-existing agreement.

What is the impact to the supplier if the ASN contains a carrier code that was not transmitted in the ship schedule? A critical carrier code error will generate. However, if the ASN does not generate any fatal errors, the ASN will be accepted and there will be no impact to the supplier's performance rating.

Are the carrier codes universal? Most codes are universal, but there are a few that are not. Please reference Appendix C of the EDI standard for a complete listing of the carrier codes used by H-D.

For additional information on this tip or any H-D EDI/Bar Coding business requirement contact the Harley-Davidson EDI Department at HD-EDIAdmin@harley-davidson.com.

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