

Instructions

A Census warning results when entry summary data (such as gross shipping weight, quantity, or value) falls outside of pre-existing limits which have been established by the Census Bureau. Census warnings do not always mean an entry summary is in error, just that the information given is unlikely to be true. If a Census warning is received, importers must verify the accuracy of the information they have provided to Customs.

Tariff Classification

Tariff classification (HTSUS number) should be reviewed to ensure that an item is properly classified. Current HTS numbers can be found at <https://hts.usitc.gov/current>. Review the current description associated with the HTSUS number provided on the commercial invoice and make sure that the description accurately reflects the product shipped.

Value

The value reported should be the price actually paid or payable or, if the item was not sold, the value has been determined by application of Customs' valuation rules ([19 CFR Part 152](#)). Check the provided CBP 7501 to ensure that the appropriate value and currency have been reported.

Weight

A gross weight and net weight should be provided for each item on the commercial invoice. Weights can be provided in pounds but are converted to metric as required by Customs. Check that the correct gross weight in kilograms is provided in Field 30 of the CBP 7501. The correct net weight should be reported in Field 31 unless another quantity is required to be reported by Customs.

Reporting Quantities

Some Tariff numbers require the reporting of a quantity other than net weight in Field 31 of the CBP 7501. Make sure you understand what this quantity is by looking up your product's HTS classification. Check to make sure that the required second quantity has been accurately reported to Customs.

If you have determined that all of the information reported on the attached commercial invoice and CBP 7501 form is correct, you must select the likely reason your entry drew a Census Warning. The following is a list of possible Census Warnings:

Census Warning Condition	Census Warning Description	Reason
27A	Improbable country	An improbable country of Origin warning occurs when trade is unlikely with certain countries such as Cuba (CU) or North Korea (KP), or when both the country of origin and country of export are the United States (US). Also, this warning can result when a country of origin is unlikely to produce, mine or manufacture certain commodities.
27B	Qty 1/Qty 2	A quantity ratio warning occurs when the relationship between the two quantities "Quantity 1" and "Quantity 2" is above or below the Census range based on historical data.
27M	Qty 2/Qty 1	A quantity ratio warning occurs when the relationship between the two quantities "Quantity 1" and "Quantity 2" is above or below the Census range based on historical data.
27C	Lo Val/Qty (1)	For the reported tariff number, the value divided by the "Quantity 1" (value/"Quantity 1") ratio is below the Census range based on historical data.

