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This chapter provides record formats and procedures for ACE ABI filers to submit override codes in response to Census warnings.

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Revision Number	Date of Change	Section(s) Affected	Brief Description of Change
1	May 19, 2008	Table of Contents	Added a new table of contents to the document.

Census Warning Override - Introduction

The Census Warning Override transaction provides Automated Commercial Environment (ACE) Automated Broker Interface (ABI) filers the capability to submit a Census Warning “Override” code if warranted upon receipt of Census warnings. Census warnings may result when data validations are performed in ACE entry summary processing. Please see ACE ABI CATAIR Chapter “*Entry Summary Create/Update*” for instructions on filing an entry summary in ACE.

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. If a Census warning is received, the filer must review the entry summary data and determine a course of action to resolve the Census warning. Census warnings do not always mean an entry summary is in error, just that the information given is *unlikely* to be true.

There are three options for filers to resolve Census warnings.

First, if filers know in advance of submitting an entry summary to ACE that the data will generate a Census warning from the entry summary validations, the filer may submit Census warning override codes along with the originally filed entry summary. Instructions are provided in the ACE ABI CATAIR Chapter “*Entry Summary Create/Update*” on how to submit Census warning override codes along with an originally filed entry summary.

Secondly, after an entry summary has been submitted to ACE and the filer has received Census warnings in response, the filer should review the entry summary data for accuracy. If the filer's review of the data that generated the Census warning indicates that there was an error in the initial entry summary transmission, the entry summary data must be corrected and resubmitted.

Thirdly, if the filer finds that the originally transmitted data is correct, no changes to the entry summary data need to be made, but the filer must transmit the appropriate override code to resolve the Census warning for acceptance by the Census Bureau.

Filers should only use the Census Warning Override transaction for entry summaries containing an unresolved Census warning. Incorrect data should be replaced appropriately through the use of the entry summary transaction.

The cross reference list of Census warnings and their respective override codes can be found in ACE ABI CATAIR “*Appendix H - Census Warning Messages and Override Codes*”. Only the specific override codes associated with a warning will be accepted to resolve the warning. Careful consideration must be made to determine the proper override code to use as an explanation as to why the entry summary data are correct and to resolve the warning.

Filers may receive up to seven Census warnings per entry summary line item from the entry summary data validations. Filers need only submit one appropriate override code to resolve each Census warning. Assuming the originally filed entry summary data is correct and the filer receives seven warnings for a single line item, the filer must submit an override code to resolve each of the seven warnings.

Input: Record Identifier CW01 is a mandatory Census warning override input record which is used to identify the specific entry summary to which override codes in record CW02 will be applied.

Record Identifier CW02 is a mandatory Census warning override input record which is used to identify specific entry summary line items which have a Census warning and for which the override code is being applied.

The application identifier on Record Identifier B is CW. For additional information on Record Identifier B, refer to the Application Control chapter of the ACE ABI CATAIR.

Output: Record Identifier CW03 is an ACE output record provided in response to each Census warning override transaction.

The application identifier on Record Identifier B is CO. For additional information on Record Identifier B, refer to the Application Control chapter of the ACE ABI CATAIR.

Record Layout Key: A new description of the contents of each column of the record layouts has been developed for ACE. Please refer to ACE ABI CATAIR Appendix Q for a description of this new record layout key.

Input Record Descriptions

Record Identifier CW01 (Input)

Record Identifier CW01 is a mandatory Census warning override transaction input record that identifies the entry summary for which Census override codes in the CW02 record are being filed to respond to unresolved Census warnings as generated in entry summary processing. This record may be repeated (along with at least one CW02 record) as often as necessary to resolve Census warnings for additional line items on the same entry summary or for additional entry summaries.

Record Identifier CW01 (Input)					
Data Element	Length/ Class	Position	Desig	Description	Note
Control Identifier	2AN	1-2	M	Must always equal CW.	
Record Type	2AN	3-4	M	Must always equal 01.	
Entry Filer Code	3AN	5-7	M	Entry Filer's identification code (as assigned by CBP).	
Filler	2S	8-9	M	Space fill. (Reserved filler for possible future expansion of Entry Filer Code and/or Entry Number.)	
Entry Number	8AN	10-17	M	Unique identifying number assigned to the Entry by the filer.	
Filler	63S	18-80	M	Space fill.	

Record Identifier CW02 (Input)

Record Identifier CW02 is a mandatory Census warning override transaction input record that provides Census override codes to respond to unresolved Census warnings as generated in entry summary processing. This record may be repeated as often as necessary for additional line items for the entry summary identified in record CW01.

Record Identifier CW02 (Input)					
Data Element	Length/Class	Position	Desig	Description	Note
Control Identifier	2AN	1-2	M	Must always equal CW.	
Record Type	2AN	3-4	M	Must always equal 02.	
Filler	2S	5-6	M	Space fill. (Reserved filler for future expansion of the Line Item Identifier when fully ACE compatible.)	
Entry Summary Line Item Identifier	3X	7-9	M	The filer/transmitter's identity of the specific line item within an Entry Summary.	
Census Warning Condition Code (1)	3AN	10-12	M	The Census Warning code generated during ACE entry summary validations for which the override code is being submitted to resolve.	1
Census Warning Condition Override Code (1)	2AN	13-14	M	The Census Override code that identifies the reason the submitted entry summary data values caused the Census warning condition.	1
Census Warning Condition Code (2)	3AN or 3S	15-17	C	An additional Census Warning condition code and override code. Space fill if not used.	
Census Warning Condition Override Code (2)	2AN or 2S	18-19			
Census Warning Condition Code (3)	3AN or 3S	20-22	C	An additional Census Warning condition code and override code. Space fill if not used.	
Census Warning Condition Override Code (3)	2AN or 2S	23-24			
Census Warning Condition Code (4)	3AN or 3S	25-27	C	An additional Census Warning condition code and override code. Space fill if not used.	
Census Warning Condition Override Code (4)	2AN or 2S	28-29			
Census Warning Condition Code (5)	3AN or 3S	30-32	C	An additional Census Warning condition code and override code. Space fill if not used.	
Census Warning Condition Override Code (5)	2AN or 2S	33-34			

Record Identifier CW02 (Input)					
Data Element	Length/ Class	Position	Desig	Description	Note
Census Warning Condition Code (6)	3AN or 3S	35-37	C	An additional Census Warning condition code and override code.	
Census Warning Condition Override Code (6)	2AN or 2S	38-39		Space fill if not used.	
Census Warning Condition Code (7)	3AN or 3S	40-42	C	An additional Census Warning condition code and override code.	
Census Warning Condition Override Code (7)	2AN or 2S	43-44		Space fill if not used.	
Filler	36S	45-80	M	Space fill.	

Note 1

The cross reference list of Census warnings and their respective override codes can be found in ACE ABI CATAIR “*Appendix H - Census Warning Messages and Override Codes*”.

Output Record Descriptions

Record Identifier CW03 (Output)

Record Identifier CW03 is an output record from ACE which informs the filer of the disposition of Census warning override transaction records or the disposition of each submitted override code. This record is provided in response to records CW01 and CW02 and is repeated as often as necessary to respond to each and every override code, line item, and entry summary provided as input in a transmission.

Record Identifier CW03 (Output)					
Data Element	Length/Class	Position	Desig	Description	Note
Control Identifier	2AN	1-2	M	Always equals CW.	
Record Type	2AN	3-4	M	Always equals 03.	
Entry Filer Code	3AN	5-7	M	Entry Filer's identification code (as assigned by CBP).	
Filler	2S	8-9	M	Space fill. (Reserved filler for possible future expansion of Entry Filer Code and/or Entry Number.)	
Entry Number	8AN	10-17	M	The number assigned to the entry. For additional information on valid entry number formats, refer to Appendix E in the ACS ABI CATAIR document.	
Filler	2S	18-19	M	Space fill. (Reserved filler for future expansion of the Line Item Identifier when fully ACE compatible.)	
Entry Summary Line Item Identifier	3X	20-22	M	The filer/transmitter's identity of the specific line item within an Entry Summary.	
Census Warning Code	3AN	23-25	M	The Census Warning code being overridden.	
Census Override Code	2AN	26-27	M	The Census Override code being used in response to the warning.	
Condition Code	3AN	28-30	M	A code that identifies the condition regarding the disposition of this override code.	
Narrative Text	40AN	31-70	M	A narrative message indicating whether the Census Warning Override was performed or an error condition exists.	
Filler	10S	71-80	M	Space fill.	