the exporter that the article is inedible.

§ 4.75 Incomplete manifest; incomplete export declarations; bond.

(a) **Pro forma manifest.** Except as provided in §4.75(c), if a master desiring to clear his vessel for a foreign port does not have available for filing with the port director a complete Cargo Declaration Outward with Commercial Forms, Customs Form 1302–A (see §4.63) in accordance with 46 U.S.C. 91, or all required shipper's export declarations (see 15 CFR 30.24), the port director may accept in lieu thereof an incomplete manifest (referred to as a pro forma manifest) on the Vessel Entrance or Clearance Statement, Customs Form 1300, if there is on file in his office a bond on Customs Form 301, containing the bond conditions set forth in §113.64 of this chapter relating to international carriers, executed by the vessel owner or other person as attorney in fact of the vessel owner. The "Incomplete Manifest for Export" box in item 17 of the Vessel Entrance or Clearance Statement form must be checked.

(b) **Time in which to file complete manifest and export declarations.** Not later than the fourth business day after clearance from each port in the vessel’s itinerary, the master, or the vessel's agent on behalf of the master, shall deliver to the director of each port a complete Cargo Declaration Outward with Commercial Forms, Customs Form 1302–A, in accordance with §4.63, of the cargo laden at such port together with duplicate copies of all required shipper’s export declarations for such cargo and a Vessel Entrance or Clearance Statement, Customs Form 1300. The statutory grace period of 4
§4.76 Procedures and responsibilities of carriers filing outbound vessel manifest information via the AES.

(a) The sea carrier’s module. The Sea Carrier’s Module is a component of the Automated Export System (AES) (see, part 192, subpart B, of this chapter) that allows for the filing of outbound vessel manifest information electronically (see, 15 CFR part 30). All sea carriers are eligible to apply for participation in the Sea Carrier’s Module. Application and certification procedures for AES are found at 15 CFR 30.60. A sea carrier certified to use the module that adheres to the procedures set forth in this section and the Census Regulations (15 CFR part 30) concerning the electronic submission of an outbound vessel manifest information meets the outward cargo declaration filing requirements (CF 1302-A) of §§4.63 and 4.75, except as otherwise provided in §§4.75 and 4.84.

(b) Responsibilities. The performance requirements and operational standards and procedures for electronic submission of outbound vessel manifest information are detailed in the AES Trade Interface Requirements handbook (available on the Customs internet web site (www.customs.gov)). Carriers and their agents are responsible for reporting accurate and timely information and for responding to all notifications concerning the status of their transmissions and the detention and release of freight in accordance with the procedures set forth in the AES Trade Interface Requirements handbook. Customs will send messages to participant carriers regarding the accuracy of their transmissions. AES participants are required to comply with the recordkeeping requirements contained at §30.66 of the Census Regulations (15 CFR 30.66) and any other applicable recordkeeping requirements. Where paper SEDs have been submitted by exporters prior to departure, participant carriers will be responsible for submitting those SEDs to Customs within four (4) business days after the departure of the vessel from each port, unless a different time requirement is specified by §§4.75 or 4.84. Upon written agreement with participant sea carriers, Customs and Census can provide for an alternative to the location filing requirement for paper SEDs set forth in §4.75(b) by which the participant carriers are otherwise bound.

(c) Messages required to be filed within the sea carrier’s module. Participant carriers will be responsible for transmitting and responding to the following messages:

(1) Booking. Booking information identifies all the freight that is scheduled for export. Booking information will be transmitted to Customs via AES for each shipment as far in advance of departure as practical, but no later than seventy-two hours prior to departure for all information available at that time. Bookings received within seventy-two hours of departure will be transmitted to Customs via AES as received;

(2) Receipt of booking. When the carrier receives the cargo or portion of the cargo that was booked, the carrier will inform Customs so that Customs can