

SO YOU THINK YOU NEED A SCAC®

YOU MIGHT NEED A STANDARD CARRIER ALPHA CODE™ (SCAC®) IF YOU...



Cross the border and go through customs.

Want to participate in Customs and Border Protection's:

- Automated Commercial Environment (ACE)
- Automated Manifest System (AMS)
- Pre-Arrival Processing System (PAPS) Surface Transportation Board tariff filing system.



U.S. Customs and Border Protection



Do business with U.S. government agencies, including the Surface Deployment and Distribution Command (SDDC)



Do business with commercial shippers—including but not limited to—those in the automotive, petroleum, forest products, and chemical industries.



Are a supplier to major retailers like Walmart, Target, or Amazon and engaging in railroad piggyback trailer or ocean container drayage.



Enter ports and want to register with state port authorities.

YOU MIGHT NOT NEED A SCAC IF....

- You are an owner operator transporting your own goods to a customer.
- The company or customer you are doing business with does not require you to obtain a SCAC.
- You have never been asked for a SCAC, you may not need it.

Never arrive at a port before checking to see if your SCAC is valid and you have the necessary paperwork for entry.

Visit Customs and Border Protection website to ensure you have completed the appropriate forms for ACE/e-Manifest.

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