

# HOW TO APPLY FOR A EIN- REQUIRED TO EXPORT FROM USA

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**EFFECTIVE SEPTEMBER 4<sup>TH</sup> 2009, AES DIRECT WILL NO LONGER ACCEPT SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER FOR ITN FILING. A VALID EIN/TAX ID NUMBER WILL BE REQUIRED TO EXPORT GOODS FROM THE USA. THE EIN IS FREE AND THE PROCESS ON HOW TO OBTAIN ONE IS DESCRIBED BELOW:**

## How to Apply for an EIN

Apply Online at:

<https://sa1.www4.irs.gov/modiein/individual/index.jsp>

The [Internet EIN](#) application is the preferred method for customers to apply for and obtain an EIN. Once the application is completed, the information is validated during the online session, and an EIN is issued immediately. The online application process is available for all entities whose principal business, office or agency, or legal residence (in the case of an individual), is located in the United States or U.S. Territories. The principal officer, general partner, grantor, owner, trustor etc. must have a valid Taxpayer Identification Number (Social Security Number, Employer Identification Number, or Individual Taxpayer Identification Number) in order to use the online application.

### Apply By EIN Toll-Free Telephone Service

Taxpayers can obtain an EIN immediately by calling the Business & Specialty Tax Line at (800) 829-4933. The hours of operation are 7:00 a.m. - 10:00 p.m. local time, Monday through Friday. An assistor takes the information, assigns the EIN, and provides the number to an authorized individual over the telephone. Note: International applicants must call (215) 516-6999 (Not a toll-free number).

### Apply By FAX

Taxpayers can FAX the completed [Form SS-4](#) (PDF) application to their state FAX number (see [Where to File - Business Forms and Filing Addresses](#)), after ensuring that the Form SS-4 contains all of the required information. If it is determined that the entity needs a new EIN, one will be assigned using the appropriate procedures for the entity type. If the taxpayer's fax number is provided, a fax will be sent back with the EIN within four (4) business days.

### Apply By Mail

The processing timeframe for an EIN application received by mail is four weeks. Ensure that the [Form SS-4](#) (PDF) contains all of the required information. If it is determined that the entity needs a new EIN, one will be assigned using the appropriate procedures for the entity type and mailed to the taxpayer.

**If you are exporting cargo from the USA you will now be required to have this number. If you have any questions, please let us know.**

Regards

Oceane Marine Shipping Inc

