# Medium-Term Guarantee Disbursement Process

**Credit Administration** 



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# **Key Presentation Highlights**

- Introduction to Credit Administration
- Required Disbursement Documents
- Electronic Compliance Program: Medium-Term Guarantee Disbursements
- Credit Administration Resources





# Introduction to Credit Administration

Responsibilities of Credit Administration, a division under the Office of Board Authorized Finance (OBAF):

- Approves medium-term guarantee disbursements
- Approves L/Cs and reimbursements for loans and long-term guarantees
- Acts as "Gatekeeper" for foreign content and other EXIM policies
- Ensures compliance with U.S. flag shipping requirements as per P.R. 17
- Provides training and assistance to lenders, borrowers and exporters before and after disbursements begin



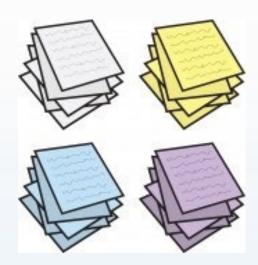


## Required Disbursement Documents for U.S. Exports

"Disbursements against documents and certifications" is the underlying premise of EXIM financing.

Five standard required documents for U.S. exports:

- U.S. invoice
- Evidence of payment
- Evidence of export
- Exporter's Certificate







## Disbursement Documents: U.S. Invoices

### Invoice requirements:

- Issued by a U.S. exporter approved by EXIM
- U.S. address
- Addressed to foreign buyer approved by EXIM
- Requests payment for U.S. goods/services approved by EXIM
- Commercial/payment invoice not pro forma
- Copies are acceptable





## Disbursement Documents: U.S. Invoices

Pre-export Payment Invoices: Additional Requirements

- Invoice for work performed by U.S. exporter prior to export of specialized goods
- Pre-export payments must be pre-authorized by EXIM
- Disbursements for pre-export payments prior to export may not exceed percentage set by EXIM
- Value of work performed must equal amount invoiced per certification in Exporter's Certificate





## Disbursement Documents: Evidence of Payment

### Acceptable evidences of payment:

- Copy of commercial bank's advice of payment to U.S. exporter
- Copy of both sides of a canceled check made payable to U.S. exporter
- Letter from U.S. exporter confirming payment of invoices
  - List of invoices and amounts paid
- Invoice stamped "paid" and paid stamp signed by U.S. exporter
- Copies are acceptable







## Disbursement Documents: Evidence of Export

Examples of evidence of export for U.S. goods:

- Signed, dated, clean onboard ocean bill of lading
- Signed, dated air or rail waybill
- Signed, dated truck bill of lading
  - For Mexico, truck bill of lading may show delivery to U.S. border city if goods are consigned to Mexican buyer or their freight forwarder
- Copies are acceptable







## Disbursement Documents: Evidence of Export

Helpful information about bills of lading and waybills:

- Must show shipment from the U.S. to buyer's country approved by EXIM
  - Transshipment is acceptable
- Must be signed by third-party: carrier, freight forwarder or shipping agent
  - "Signed" includes handwritten, electronic, digital signature, or other methods of authentication
    - Refer to UCP 600 for Documentary Credits, Article 3, for a useful description
- Freight forwarder's receipts and customs documents (e.g., pedimentos) are not acceptable



# Evidence of Export: U.S. Flag Shipping

- Shipment on U.S. flag vessels is required for:
- All Direct Loans
- Guarantees over \$20 million (excluding EXIM Exposure Fee) or (with some exceptions) repayment period of greater than seven (7) years
- US Maritime Administration (MarAd) offers facilitation services to assist exporters and foreign buyers with obtaining suitable shipping arrangements on U.S.-flag vessels
- EXIM strongly encourages exporters/buyers to contact U.S. flag carriers as early
  as possible to obtain bids for transporting their ocean-bound cargos in order to
  obtain the most favorable rates and shipping schedule





# Evidence of Export: U.S. Flag Shipping

- In some limited circumstances, foreign flag shipping will be permitted under a MarAd certification or determination (formerly known as "waiver").
- For additional information, refer to: <a href="https://www.maritime.dot.gov/cargo-preference/civilian-agencies/shipping-guidance-%E2%80%93-ex-im-bank">https://www.maritime.dot.gov/cargo-preference/civilian-agencies/shipping-guidance-%E2%80%93-ex-im-bank</a>
- More details regarding EXIM's shipping policy can be found at <a href="http://www.exim.gov/policies/us-flag-shipping-requirements">http://www.exim.gov/policies/us-flag-shipping-requirements</a>
- Contact U.S. Maritime Administration at 202.366.4610 or <a href="mailto:cargo.marad@dot.gov">cargo.marad@dot.gov</a>







## **EXIM'S Content Policy & the Exporter's Certificate**

### For each U.S. exporter approved by EXIM:

EXIM cover is available <u>for the lesser of 85%</u> of the aggregate U.S. export value (Net Contract Price) of the U.S. goods and services <u>or 100% of the U.S. Content</u> in the U.S. exporter's supply contract(s)

- All items must be shipped from the U.S. to be considered eligible (i.e., part of the Net Contract Price)
- Local costs and goods shipped from a third country are ineligible/excluded and are not part of the U.S. export value (Net Contract Price)
- Exporters may utilize annual average content certification for recurring export sales in consultation with EXIM's Engineering & Environment Division
- Each U.S. exporter must execute an Exporter's Certificate certifying to content and other EXIM and U.S. Government certifications and representations prior to disbursement/loan funding





The Exporter's Certificate is a document unique to EXIM.

#### Forms:

- Current Exporter's Certificate form is EIB 11-05 dated 11/2021: <u>EXIM Exporter's Certificate (EIB 11-05)</u>
- Current Certifications and Covenants form is EIB 15-05 dated 11/2021: <u>Certifications and Covenants for Exporter's Certificate (EIB 15-05)</u>. These Certifications are incorporated into the Exporter's Certificate as if fully set forth therein.

### Basic Requirements:

- Issued by a U.S. company with a U.S. street address
- No alterations or changes allowed
- Signed by authorized representative of the U.S. company, including name and title
- Signature must match name of signatory
- Copy of signed original acceptable
- Lists U.S. company's contract(s) covered by EXIM transaction



SAMPLE U.S. CONTENT TABLE					
	Example 1		Example 2		
SUPPLY CONTRACT	\$	100.00	\$	140.00	
LESS EXCLUDED GOODS AND SERVICES	\$	-	\$	-	
LESS LOCAL COSTS	\$	-	\$	40.00	
NET CONTRACT PRICE	\$	100.00	\$	100.00	
LESS ELIGIBLE FOREIGN CONTENT	\$	10.00	\$	20.00	
U.S. CONTENT	\$	90.00	\$	80.00	
U.S. CONTENT PERCENTAGE		90.00%		80.00%	
DISBURSEMENT PERCENTAGE		85.00%		80.00%	





Calculating the EXIM financed amount at disbursement:

- Apply the Disbursement Percentage from the Exporter's Certificate to the U.S. exporter's invoice value for eligible U.S. goods and services
- The financed amount may be less than approved by EXIM in the Annex B letter if the Disbursement Percentage from the Exporter's Certificate is less than estimated in the Annex B letter
- The financed amount cannot exceed the amount on the Annex B letter for that U.S. exporter without EXIM's prior approval
- EXIM may require a higher cash payment





### **Material Changes to Part A Content**:

- Foreign content increases by more than 5% and exceeds 20% of the Net Contract Price
- Part A: Content table is recalculated using the Disbursement Calculator at: <u>Disbursement Calculator</u> |
   EXIM.GOV
- Amended Exporter's Certificate is required to be submitted
- Revised Disbursement Percentage applies to all of U.S. exporter's invoices going forward
- At the end of the day, only U.S. content is financed





### **Disclosures and Amendments**

- Disclosures or changes to the Exporter's Certificate (EIB 11-05) or the Certifications and Covenants (EIB 15-05) may require an amended Exporter's Certificate and prior EXIM approval
- Please refer to the "Changes" section of each form for specific guidance







## Medium-Term Guarantees: Electronic Compliance Program

The Electronic Compliance Program is currently in use for the following types of transactions:

- Medium-term guarantees
- Credit Guarantee Facilities
- Long-term guarantees that are \$25 million or less (excluding Exposure Fee, if financed)





## Medium-Term Guarantees: Disbursement Methods

#### Three Methods of Disbursement:

- Reimbursement to the borrower for the financed portion of payments to a U.S. exporter
- <u>L/C Payment</u> drawings by U.S. exporter under a letter of credit for the financed portion of goods and services
- <u>Direct Disbursement</u> direct payments by the lender to a U.S. exporter for the financed portion of goods and services
  - More than one disbursement method can be used under the same transaction
  - Disbursements may not occur until EXIM declares the transaction legally effective, i.e. operative!





## Medium-Term Guarantees: Electronic Compliance Program

Electronic Compliance Program-EXIM Online (ECP- EOL) provides for electronic disbursement approval

- Lender collects and reviews required disbursement documents for approved U.S. exporter(s)
- Lender disburses and wires Exposure Fee to EXIM (unless paid upfront)
- Lender submits disbursement information (ECP checklist) for approved U.S. exporter(s)
  electronically via secure website in EXIM Online (EOL)
  - EXIM relies on the Lender's compliance certifications which are contained in the ECP checklist
  - Contact person submitting request for disbursement approval binds the Lender
- Electronic system assigns a disbursement identification number





## Medium-Term Guarantees: Electronic Compliance Program

- Credit Administration receives electronic disbursement approval request
  - Reviews ECP checklist
  - Confirms receipt of Exposure Fee
  - Approves disbursement electronically
  - Disbursement approval posted on lender's ECP-EOL page
- Lender required to retain disbursement documents for 7 years beyond final repayment
- PEFCO may purchase disbursements approved under ECP-EOL
- Credit Administration conducts disbursement spot checks
- Compliance review function is managed by the Credit Review and Policy Division





## Credit Administration Information on the Web

EXIM website: www.exim.gov

Click on Resources, Select a Page, then Credit Administration and Disbursements:

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- EXIM Exporter's Certificate and Disbursement Calculator
- Fact Sheets
- Description of the Electronic Compliance Program
- Presentation on disbursement procedures
- Letter of credit sample proviso wording



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