HOW (AND WHY) TO SEND AN ADVANCE SHIPPING NOTICE

What is an Advance Shipping Notice?

An advance shipping notice (ASN) is a collection of information in an electronic format that provides detailed information about a Meat Messaging shipment (email, data files and access to data via APIs). The purpose of an ASN is to notify the receiving party (Importer of Record, customer, buyer, non-packer exporter, third-party cold store, import inspection facility) when shipping has been sent, and provide the physical characteristics of the shipment.

The concept of ASNs can be traced back to the need for businesses to enhance communication and transparency in the shipping process.

As global trade expanded and supply chains grew more complex, there was an increasing demand for methods to keep all parties informed about shipment details. The ASN emerged as an answer to this, serving as an anticipatory document about incoming deliveries.

An ASN is not merely a notification; it's a comprehensive collection of information that details specifics about the shipment, right down to the individual case barcodes. Furthermore, the ASN is intrinsically linked with the associated packing list and other export documents for a shipment of meat, ensuring that the contents of the shipment match the previously provided details, thereby minimising discrepancies.

In today's digital era, the transmission of ASNs has embraced the realm of electronic data interchange (EDI). Meat Messaging has the ASN function built in – an ASN can be triggered manually by a user or automatically by API.

For details on what is available via the Meat Messaging ASN API look here:
https://api.meatmessaging.info/swagger/ui/index#!/Message/Message_Download
https://meatmessaging.org/json_api_format

This method is particularly advantageous for ASNs, as it facilitates real-time updates and instant communication. By using Meat Messaging ASNs, businesses ensure that the data on the ASN remains consistent and quickly accessible to all relevant parties.

Why use an Advance Shipping Notice?

The benefits of using ASNs include:

- Speed and efficiency – ASNs allow for faster processing of shipments, ensuring that recipients are prepared for the incoming goods, leading to quicker unloading and warehousing.
- Enhanced communication – with the use of ASNs, suppliers and customers maintain open lines of communication, leading to smoother operations, with the buyer always informed about what to expect and when.
- Accuracy and reduced errors – by correlating the ASN with the packing list, discrepancies can be spotted and addressed promptly, ensuring that errors are minimised and the receiving process remains efficient.
- Support for Advanced Inventory Management – prepopulating inventory with the shipment details to have inventory visibility at the time of shipping.

As a user of Meat Messaging, you should send the ASN either manually or automatically (via APIs) as soon as the shipment details have been uploaded to Meat Messaging.

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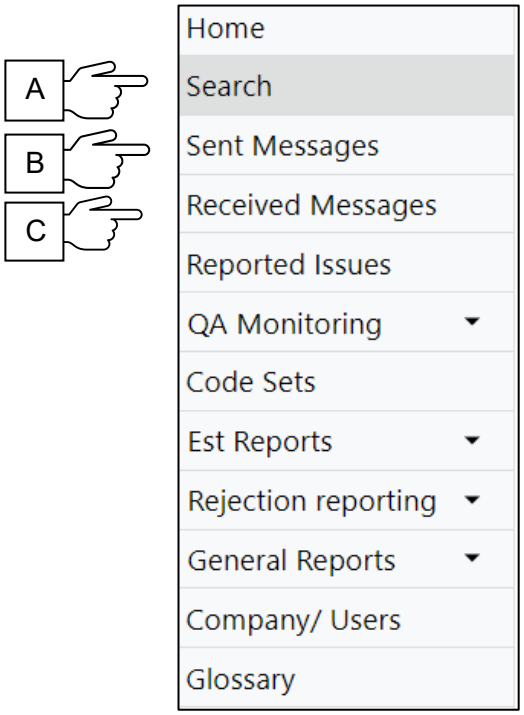
Step 1:

Log in to Meat Messaging https://www.meatmessaging.org with your usercode and password. If you do not have your username or password, please email info@meatmessaging.com



Step 2:

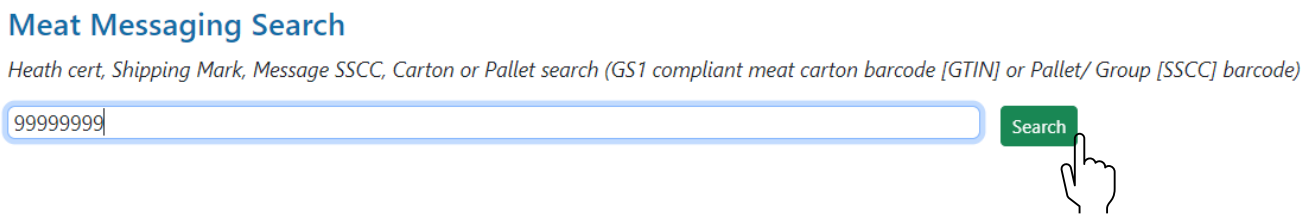
On the side panel bar, click either **'Search'**, **'Sent Messages'** or **'Received Messages'.**



A. When searching for a specific consignment use the search page to locate the shipment.
B. For establishments that send eMTCs, all the messages will be located on the Sent Messages page.
C. For establishments that have received an eMTC, your messages will be in the Received Messages section.

Step 3:

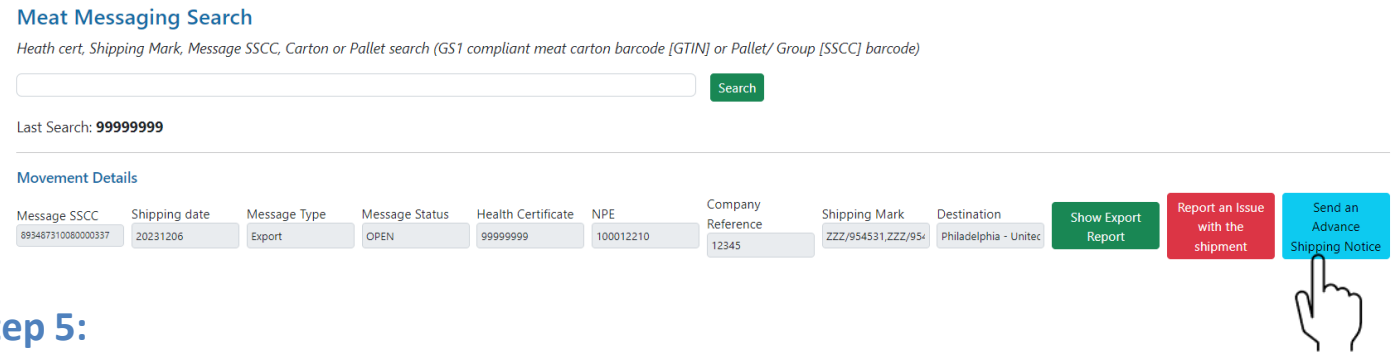
In the search bar, enter any of the following: Health Certificate, Shipping Mark, Message SSCC, Carton or Pallet search (GS1-compliant meat carton barcode [GTIN] or Pallet/Group [SSCC] barcode).



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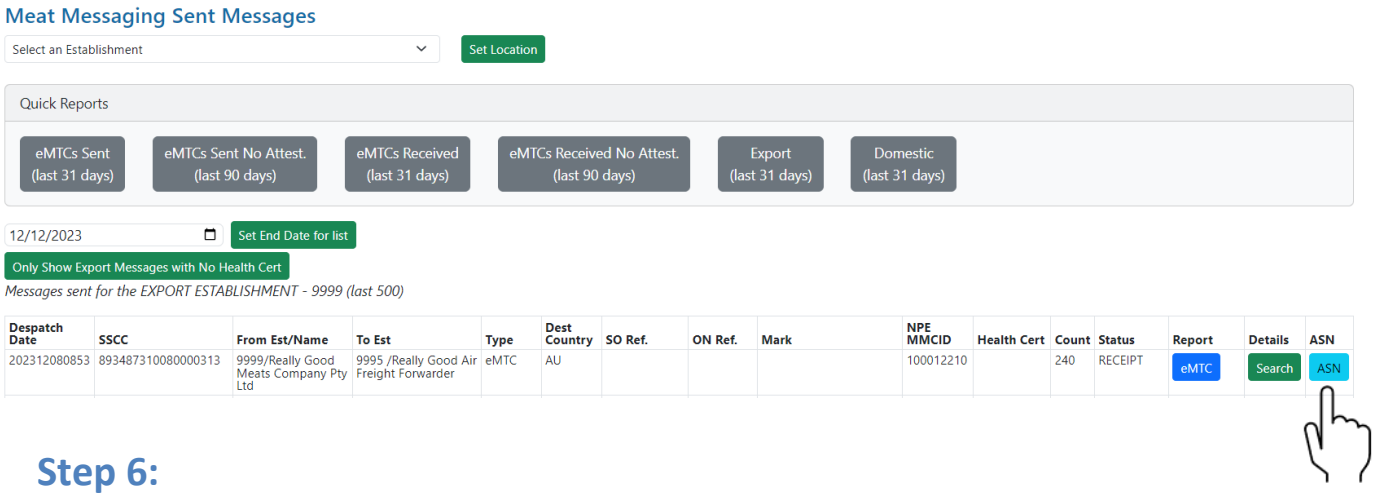
Step 4:

Details will be given of the searched consignment. Click the light blue **'Send an Advance Shipping Notice'** button.



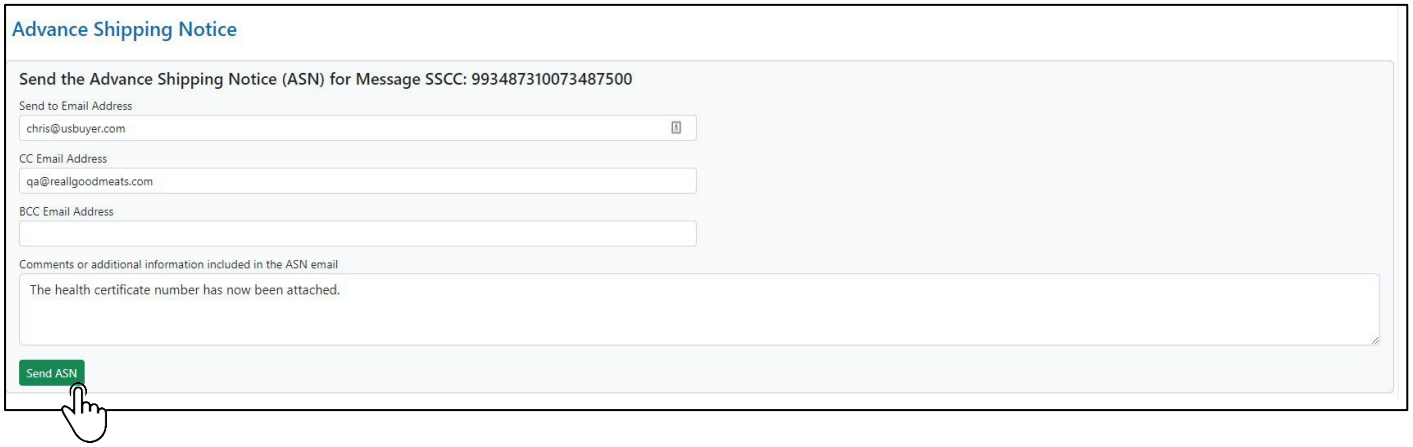
Step 5:

Click the light blue **'ASN'** button on the consignment to open the Advance Shipping Notice for this message.



Step 6:

Enter the consignee email address, any cc or bcc emails and provide comments by giving a small description explaining the reason for sending the ASN. Then click **"Send ASN".**



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Check:

Check to see if the ASN was sent at the bottom of the page under **'Previous ASNs sent for this Message'.**

This is a record that shows all sent ASNs attached to the shipment.



Previous ASNs sent for this Message

Date	Email To	Email CC	Email BCC	Comments
13 Jan 23	chris@usbuyer.com	qa@reallgoodmeats.com		The health certificate number has now been attached.

ASN Example:

Below is an example of an Advance Shipping Notice that will be sent to the recipient selected in the email address box.



Meat Messaging Advance Shipping Notice - Message SSCC 893487310080000146

admin@meatmessaging.info
To ReallyGoodImporterInspection@Meatmessaging.com
Cc info@meatmessaging.com

Reply | Reply All | Forward | ...
Fri 8/12/2023 1:51 PM

Meat Messaging Advance Shipping Notice - Message SSCC 893487310080000146

You have been sent this **Meat Messaging ASN** from **Really Good Meats Company Pty Ltd**
(This is an auto-generated email. Please do not reply directly. Reply or contact the sender on Email: info@meatmessaging.com Phone +61733333333)

A

Click on this link to see this Message (Domestic, eMTC or Export) as a PDF:
https://meatmessaging.info/report.aspx?reporttype=barcodes&sscc=893487310080000146

Click on this link to download a CSV of the Case/Carton details and barcodes for this Message:
https://reports.meatmessaging.info/barcodes/893487310080000146/csv

B

Click on this link to show the Message (Domestic, eMTC or Export) in the Meat Messaging search page and to send the **Meat Messaging ASN** for this message to a trading partner.
https://meatmessaging.org/cartonsearch?search_value=893487310080000146

For more information on Meat Messaging or to contact Meat Messaging go to: https://meatmessaging.org

To see the Meat Messaging Terms and Conditions go to: https://meatmessaging.org/terms

To see the Meat Messaging Privacy Statement go to: https://meatmessaging.org/privacy

A. This link will provide a PDF of the eMTC, export or domestic documentation that is attached to the consignment.
B. This link will provide a downloadable spreadsheet copy of the Case/Carton details and barcodes attached to the consignment.
C. This link will take you to the Meat Messaging website which will show the details of the eMTC, export or domestic documentation and provide the option to send an ASN back to the trading partner.

If you have any issues or questions, please contact Meat Messaging support:
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