

The purpose of the fcB2B 856 Advance Shipping Notice, commonly referred to as the ASN, is to electronically communicate the contents of a shipment to another trading partner. It is sent from the supplier at the time of shipping and is typically available prior to the shipment arriving at the trading partners facility. In addition to detailing the contents of a shipment, the ASN includes order information, product descriptions, tracking numbers and more. The ASN provides information at 4 levels, including:

- 1. Shipment level such as bill of lading number, total quantity and weight**
- 2. Order level such as purchase order numbers**
- 3. Package level such as roll numbers or package numbers**
- 4. Item level that provides items and quantities**

What does the fcB2B 856 include?

- Ship date and time
- Total shipping quantity and weight
- Account number with supplier
- Bill of lading or tracking number
- Method of payment for shipment
- Location information of Ship to
- Customers Purchase Order number
- Vendor order number
- Location information of buying party
- Buying party contact information
- Package/Roll identification
- Purchase order line number associated with package/roll
- SKU information associated with package/roll
- Quantity and UOM associated with package/roll
- Product Classification (same as sent on the 832)