



# Happy Holidays!

## New in January 2009

In preparation for the Ocean and Rail Manifest (M1) release scheduled for the spring of 2009, CBP will deploy several portal enhancements in January. Some enhancements will impact the way users currently operate in the Portal. For example, users will be required to select an "Account Type" view and click "Go" in order to navigate to their desired view. Other enhancements include aesthetic changes, changes to the sign-on and sign-off process, access to an additional reference file, and new reporting capability for ocean carriers. Details of these enhancements and additional features will be provided via ACE Information Notices as the deployment date approaches.



*Inauguration Day is not considered a federal holiday for Periodic Monthly Statement. New Year's Day (1/1) and the birthday of Martin Luther King, Jr. (1/19) are federal holidays and therefore January 23, 2009 is the January Periodic Monthly Statement due date.*

## New HTS Online Reference Tool Now Available

The International Trade Commission (ITC) announced that the new Harmonized Tariff Schedule (HTS) Online Reference Tool is now available at <http://hts.usitc.gov>. This new reference tool provides the most current U.S. tariff rates and interactive navigation capabilities for the user. The new HTS Online Tool website offers navigational tools such as word searches, links to Chapters 98 and 99, thesaurus capabilities and legal text and notes.



*Reminder - Do not add an Importer of Record (IR) number or a Standard Carrier Alpha Code (SCAC) to your Portal account. If you attempt to add an IR or SCAC, your account will become locked. If you need to add an IR or SCAC, please contact your Account Manager or open a trouble ticket with the Technology Support Center, 1-866-530-4172, and request your account list to be updated.*

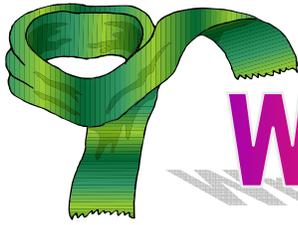
## Port and Calendar Information Available

CBP and trade users are now able to view port and calendar information on the ACE Secure Data Portal. To do so, follow the steps below after logging into the Portal:

1. Select the Activity "Reference," and click on the Port tab.
2. Search for your port by entering the port ID or using the state search option.
3. The port information displays.
4. Click on the Calendar tab and the calendar for the selected port displays.



*Trade Account Owners – If you see the message, "Account is locked. Please try again later." when you click on either the Add or Edit button in your Account List, please contact the ACE Technology Support Center and request your account list to be unlocked.*



# Wrap Up of ACE 2008

- December
- Approximately 1,500 new ACE Portal Accounts were added in 2008. To date, there are nearly 15,000 ACE Secure Data Portal Accounts and 50,000 users who are able to sign into the Portal.
- November
- Periodic Monthly Statement reached its highest collected amount of \$1.3 billion, accounting for over 54% of all paid duties and fees.
  - The Decal / Transponder Online Procurement System was relaunched. This is a website that allows owners of commercial vehicles, private aircraft and vessels to purchase annual user fees. This interface with Fast and Secure Trade and ACE solved previous license plate discrepancy issues.
  - Four new Trade ACE Ambassadors, representing ocean, rail, and air manifest were selected by CBP, bringing this influential group of trade ACE champions to 24.
- September
- With the certification of 103 new ACE Ambassadors, there are now a total of 267 ACE Ambassadors nationwide whose mission is to help educate and assist the CBP workforce on ACE.
  - The ACE Reports Tool was greatly enhanced by allowing users to click and drag desired data fields into a report to create a modified or fully customized, useful report. Initial enhancements were delivered in June.
- July
- To better serve ACE users, CBP launched the new Technology Support Center.
- May
- CBP began nationwide enforcement of the e-Manifest: Trucks policy.
- April
- Trade Account Owners and Proxy Trade Account Owners started scheduling Authorized Data Extracts (ADE) reports. ADE allows reports with over 65,000 rows of data to be scheduled for display.
  - The ACE Portal Reports Dictionary, a reference document that defines ACE reports and its corresponding data elements, was published.
  - The Cargo System Messaging Service which allows subscribers to choose the type of information and notices they would like to receive was launched.
  - Importers and sureties were provided with the capability to search bonds by bond number, bond activity code, and bond status.
- February
- Functionality to allow ACE users with more than one ACE Portal account to access multiple ACE accounts with one ACE user ID and password was delivered.
  - A feature in ACE truck e-Manifest was updated to allow electronic in-bond requests that are filed via the Automated Broker Interface to automatically update a shipment record that is reported as a Pre-Arrival Processing System shipment release type.