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Western Hemisphere Travel Initiative (WHTI) – Implementation is here!



CBP is preparing for the implementation of requirements for the Western Hemisphere Travel Initiative (WHTI). Informational messages are being published via the Cargo Systems Messaging Service (CSMS) with regard to enhancements that have been made to ACE to accommodate WHTI requirements.

On June 1, the Western Hemisphere Travel Initiative (WHTI) will go into effect at land and seaports of entry, requiring travelers – including U.S. and Canadian citizens – to present an approved travel document to enter the United States.

WHTI-compliant documents are:

- U.S. or Canadian passports;
- Trusted Traveler Card (NEXUS, SENTRI, or FAST);
- U.S. Passport Card;
- State - or province -issued Enhanced Driver's Licenses (when and where available);
- Form I-872 American Indian Card, or (when available) enhanced tribal cards;
- Military identification cards presented by members of the U.S. armed forces traveling on official orders; and
- U.S. Merchant Mariner Document (for U.S. citizens, when conducting official maritime business).

WHTI-compliant document rules apply to U.S. and Canadian citizens. All other documentary requirements (visas, etc.) will still remain in place.

As of June 1st, carriers filing ACE e-Manifests are required to provide at least one of the following travel documents and country of citizenship when reporting crew and passenger information.

- Enhanced Driver's License (EDL)
- SENTRI Card
- NEXUS Card
- Passport
- Visa (Non Immigrant)
- Visa (Immigrant)
- Laser Visa (Border Crossing Card)
- Permanent Resident Card (C1)
- Permanent Resident Card (C2)
- U.S. Alien Registration Card (A1)
- U.S. Alien Registration Card (A2)
- U.S. Passport Card
- DHS Refugee Travel Document
- DHS Re-entry Permit
- Enhanced Tribal Card / INAC
- U.S. Military ID Document
- U.S. Merchant Mariner ID Document
- NOTE: Although FAST ID Cards are WHTI compliant documents, Portal filers are reminded that FAST drivers are not to be stored in ACE Portal driver accounts. FAST



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drivers are to be added to the manifest through “Add Crew Member by ID,” selecting “Travel Document” “Fast Card” as the ID type and then entering the FAST Card number.

E-Manifests can be rejected for failure to transmit these required data elements at anytime after June 1, 2009, however the ACE e-Manifest rejection functionality will not be deployed on June 1st as originally planned. It is important to take action regarding any of the following ACE e-Manifest warning messages to insure that your drivers are not delayed at the border as of June 1st or that your e-Manifests are not rejected in the future.

Via ACE Portal, Trade Account Owner’s access to the “Transactions Tab” – (description in parenthesis will not be displayed in the Portal)

“Drv Acct No Citznshp”

(Driver account information needs to be updated with country of driver’s citizenship)

“Drv Act No WHTI doc”

(Driver account needs to be updated with an approved WHTI travel document)

Via EDI -

STV- Driver account info needs to be updated with country of driver’s citizenship

SUV- Driver account info needs to be updated with an approved WHTI travel document

Transmission of document information does not relieve the driver from the requirement of having the physical documentation in their possession upon arrival in the United States.

For more information regarding ACE e-Manifest WHTI warning messages, please refer to CSMS message number 09-000217. For more details regarding the Western Hemisphere Travel Initiative, go to www.getyouhome.gov

Brokers Responding to a Post Summary Request for Documents

A CBP employee can initiate an electronic post summary request to the filer for additional documentation. The “*Documents Required*” message will be received in ABI and will contain an “Action Number.” The ABI message can be a request for one or more specific types of documents, as specified in the remarks text in the ABI E3 record. Providing a response to the request can be accomplished using the “*Upload Documents*” feature in the ACE Portal. Brokers responding to a “*Documents Required*” message on behalf of their clients can use the “*Upload Documents*” link located on the “*Home*” tab in the broker’s ACE portal account.

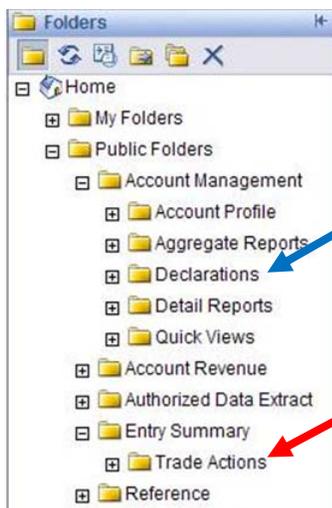




Brokers will receive a UC outbound message from ABI when the CBP import/entry specialist takes action based on the documents they receive. The "7" in position "3" of the E1 record indicates "Document Receipt Acknowledgement." For additional information, please refer to the "Receiving and Responding to CBP Forms" User Guide posted on CBP.gov under ACE Modernization/ACE Training and Reference Guides/ACE Portal Account Management.

Account Management Reports

All current Account Management and Account Revenue reports will include data for all entries/entry summaries, regardless of the system of record for the entry summary (ACE vs. ACS).



The Declarations report will be available to importers only.

Reports in the Entry Summary folder and the Trade Actions sub-folder will **only** include data for ACE entry summaries.

System of Record Indicator in Reports... A new field has been added to the standard report for the "System Control Code." When running any of the Account Management Detail Reports, the "system control code" field will provide information on the system of record. For entry summaries transmitted on or after April 12, 2009 the "System Control Code" field will either read ACE or ACS. For entry summaries transmitted before April 12, 2009 the field will be blank.



UOM	Qty	Entered Value	Estd Duty	System Control Code
NO	107,520	\$30,355.00	\$0.00	ACS
KG	22,150	\$5,920.00	\$0.00	ACS
X	0	\$7,957.00	\$0.00	ACE
K	44	\$13,555.00	\$0.00	ACE



ATTENTION ALL ACE ACCOUNTS: Until further notice, please do NOT attempt to add an Importer of Record (IR) number or Standard Carrier Alpha Code (SCAC) to your ACE Portal account. If you need to add an IR number or a SCAC, contact your Account Manager or open a trouble ticket and request that your account list be updated. Your request should include a list of IR numbers and SCACs to be updated. For IR numbers, please specify where in your account list the IR number needs to be added. If you attempt to add the IR number or SCAC to your own account, your ACE Portal account will be locked and you will need to open a trouble ticket to have it unlocked. A message will be posted to ACE Portal News when this issue is resolved.

CBP Acceptable Document Formats

CBP should be able to accept the following formats as attachments; however, all ports may not yet have all of the required software. Port personnel will contact the respondent if they are unable to open the attachment. Preferable formats are marked with an asterisk in the table below.

CBP can accept any of the following formats as attachments when responding to forms:

<u>Extension</u>	<u>Application</u>
123	Lotus 123 Application
*BMP	Windows Bitmap Format
*CSV	Comma Separated File
*DOC	Microsoft Word Application
FAX	Internal Format for TIFF Files
*GIF	Graphics Interchange Format
*HTM	Hypertext Markup Language Format
*JPG	Joint Photographic Experts Group format
LWP	Lotus WordPro Application
MDB	Database (Microsoft Access)
MOV	QuickTime Movie
MPP	Microsoft Project Application
MSG	Outlook Mails
*PDF	Portable Document Format
*PPT	Microsoft PowerPoint Application
*RTF	Rich Text Format
*TIF	Tag Image File Format
*TXT	Text Format
VSD	Visio Application



*XLS
XML

Microsoft Excel Application
eXtensible Markup Language



Individual attachment size cannot exceed 20 MB.

A2.2 Deployment Update

On April 28, 2009, CSMS Message #09-000207 was issued announcing the schedule for deployment of ACE Entry Summary functionality for the remaining ports. There are now some changes to the deployment dates for the 17 remaining ports listed in the Federal Register Notice (FRN) published on March 6, 2009.

The following ports were deployed on May 18, 2009:

- Houston, Texas;
- San Francisco, California;
- El Paso, Texas;
- Boston, Massachusetts;
- Newark, New Jersey;
- J.F.K. Airport, New York;
- Baltimore, Maryland;
- Detroit, Michigan;
- Atlanta, Georgia.

This was followed by the deployment of the next 6 ports on May 26, 2009.

- Miami, Florida;
- New Orleans, Louisiana;
- Seattle, Washington;
- San Diego, California;
- Tampa, Florida;
- Tucson, Arizona

The final 2 ports listed in the FRN will be deployed in June 2009. This deployment date will be announced when available.

- Philadelphia, Pennsylvania;
- Cleveland, Ohio

Insufficient Continuous Bond Notifications - Pilot Program Discontinued (CSMS#09-000225)

Effective May 22, 2009, the Revenue Division, Office of Finance will no longer post information about continuous bonds scheduled for insufficiency in ACE.

In February, 2009, the Revenue Division began a pilot program posting information about continuous bonds scheduled to be rendered insufficient to the surety's BAL (Business Activity Log) in ACE. Per message CSMS#09-000069, CBP agreed to evaluate this pilot process for at least 45 days before deciding whether or not to permanently adopt it.

Based on an overall 'success rate' of less than 50%, the Revenue Division, Office of Finance has decided to discontinue this pilot program at this time. If you have any questions about this message, please contact Casey Horn, Section Chief, Surety Bonds and Accounts, at (317) 614-4484 or via email at casey.horn@dhs.gov