



April 2010 Update

CBP Forms for ACS Entry Summaries Not Posting to the “Task List”

U. S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) is aware that CBP Forms 28, 29 and 4647 created in the Automated Commercial Environment (ACE) for Automated Commercial System (ACS) entry summaries are NOT being posted to the importer’s ACE account portal. CBP is making every effort to identify the cause of this issue and will notify trade participants as soon as it is resolved. Forms created in ACE for ACE entry summaries are not impacted and will be posted to the “Task List,” under the “Forms” portlet if the importer has selected portal as one of their modes of communication.

In the meantime, to ensure timely receipt of CBP forms, importers are reminded to select both portal and U.S. postal mail as the modes of communication for receiving CBP forms. While the form is not being posted to the “Task List,” importers can still run ESM 7025 (CBP Form 28, 29, 4647 Status Report) to view ALL forms that have been issued for their importer of record numbers (IRs). ESM 7025 report can also be scheduled to run weekly using date objects and the report will display all forms issued for the previous week. For additional assistance in scheduling reports and using date objects, select either the “Help” folder under “Public Folders” in the reporting tool to view the “Trade Reports User Guide” or go to CBP.gov and select the “ACE Training and Reference Guides” section and then “ACE Reports.”



Portal Access Reminder

You must log into your ACE Portal Account every 45 days. Failure to do so will result in deactivation of your sign-on.

You will be prompted to change your password every 90 days. When you change your password you will not be able to reuse the last six passwords.

ACE Reports Update

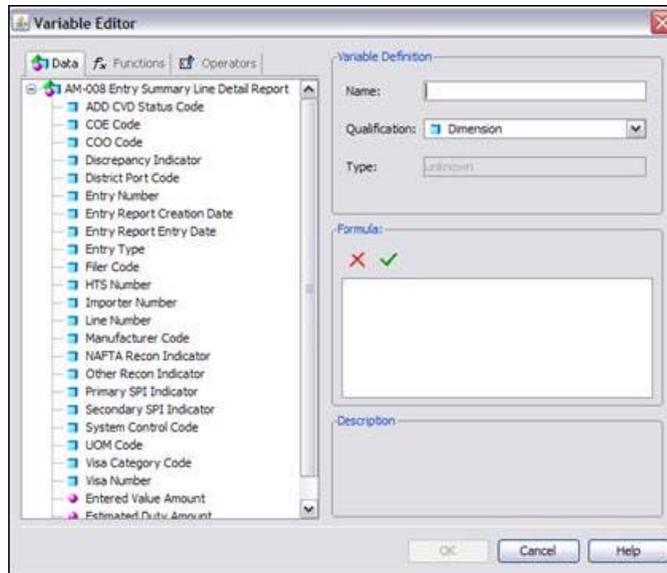
ACE Report Fixes

On September 1, 2009, CBP notified all users that an issue had been discovered with the entry summary count in Quick View Reports. The number of entry summaries was correct when running the filer Activity Summary – Top 5 HTS Number report; however, for all other Quick View reports for filers and importers, the number of entry summaries was potentially overstated when the report was run. CBP has now corrected this issue. The number of entry summaries is now correct in all Quick View reports for both filers and importers.

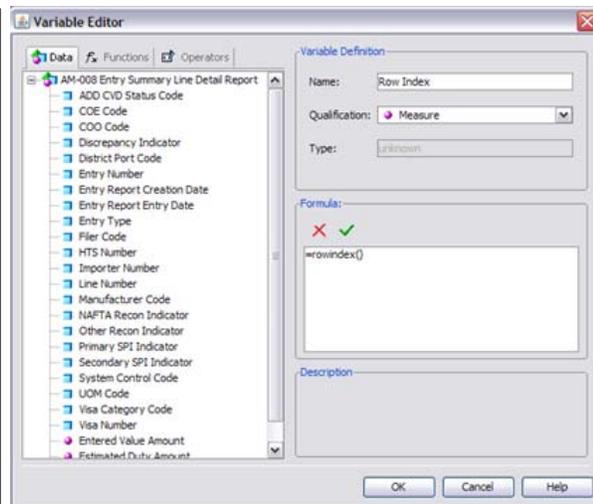
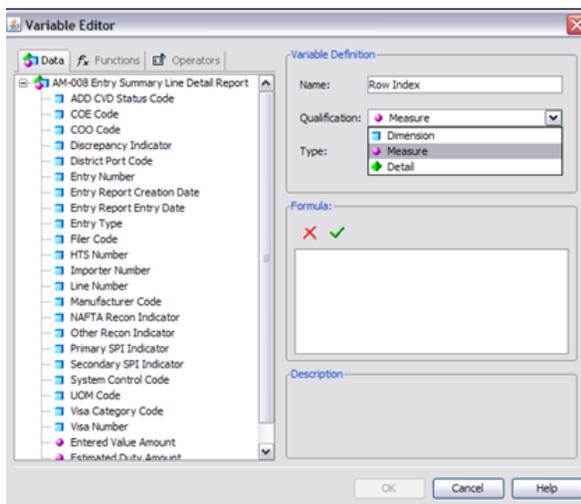
ACE Report Tips

To count the number of rows in a report after it is run, use the “Variable Editor”  if you run the report using the “modify” option. Follow the steps below to add the number of rows to the report.

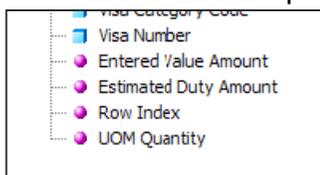
1. Select the “*Variable Editor*” icon. The “*Variable Editor*” portlet displays.



2. Enter the variable name, for example “Row Index”
3. Select the “Qualification” which in this case would be “Measure” for the row count, then enter the formula. In this case we will use “=rowindex()” as the formula.



4. Select “OK.”
5. “Row Index” now displays in the “Data” panel to the left of the report.





6. Add “Row Index” as a new column in the report.

Entry Nbr	Entry Line Nbr	Row Index	Importer Nbr	Entry Type
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You may need to sort the “Row Index” column in either ascending or descending order to view the last row number. Since the index always starts with zero, you will need to add one to the final count for a precise count. For example, if the “Row Index” count shows a total of 15,253 lines, the final row count is 15,254.

ACE Report Reminders

Including Entry Summaries with No Entry Date in Reports

CBP would like to remind all users that when running Aggregate and Detail Entry Summary Account Management reports if the default is changed to “Include Entries with no Entry Date” from “No” to “Yes,” data from test district port code 8888 and test filer codes may be included in the report. At this time ACE Entry Summary reports are not impacted. While not all IR numbers will include data from test district port code 8888 or test filer codes, importers will need to verify whether their IR number is impacted. To do that, CBP recommends taking the following actions:

To use the district port code as the filter to remove data for test district port code 8888, first ensure that the district port code is available in the report. If not, add the district port code before the report is run. If the district port code is not displayed when the report is generated, simply drag and drop the district port code into the report. Use the district port code as the filter to easily remove entry summaries with district port code 8888.

Repeat the above process using the filer code to remove test filer codes from the report. Test filer codes include filer code 8888 and any filer code beginning with either an “X” or a “Y.” Since there are entry summaries with no district port code as well as entry summaries for district port code 8888 with no filer code, filtering by both the district port code and the filer code should remove all test data.

Missing Entry Numbers and Entry Line Numbers in AM-058 and AM-059 Reports

Entry numbers and entry line numbers are missing when the following Account Management Detail Cargo Exam reports are run: AM 058 (Cargo Exam Details by Date Range) and AM 059 (Cargo Exam Details by Entry Number - Trade). Users will need to select the modify option when running AM-058 and AM-059 and drag and drop the entry number and entry line number into the reports. Entry number and line number information is available; it is simply not displaying when the standard report is run. AM-066 (Cargo Exam Details – Trade) are not impacted and are properly displaying the entry numbers and entry line numbers.

For additional information on filtering a report or running a modified report, select either the “Help” folder under “Public Folders” in the reporting tool to view the “Trade Reports User Guide” or go to CBP.gov and paste the following URL to access the guide.

http://www.cbp.gov/xp/cgov/trade/automated/modernization/ace_welcome/ace_reports/



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Updated ACE Resources

ACE Resource Contact Guide

CBP has posted an updated “ACE Resource Contact Guide” to CBP.gov under the “What is ACE” section. The guide provides a list of appropriate email addresses and phone numbers for contacting CBP with general or technical questions related to ACE. Cut and paste the following URL to access the updated guide.

<http://www.cbp.gov/xp/cgov/trade/automated/modernization/ace/>

Web Based Training Available for Reports and e-Manifest: Trucks

Updated versions of “ACE Reports for the Trade Community” and “e-Manifest: Trucks” web based training (WBT) are now available on CBP.gov. To take the WBTs, visit the “Training and Reference Guides” section on www.cbp.gov/modernization. Cut and paste the following URL for the ACE Web Based Training:

https://nemo.customs.gov/ace_online/

CBP recommends the WBTs for both new users as well as those interested in refresher training.

ACE Outreach Presentation

An updated ACE Overview of Reports presentation has been posted to CBP.gov. The Overview of Reports presentation focuses on running a modified report with screen shots showing the process. Cut and paste the following URL to access the presentation:

<http://www.cbp.gov/xp/cgov/trade/automated/modernization/ace/toolkit/>

Air In-Bond

As reported in earlier Cargo System Messaging Service (CSMS) messages, there have been delays with the implementation of the ABI Air In-Bond functionality.

CBP is aware of the importance of this functionality and is working to deploy these capabilities as soon as possible. This functionality is currently scheduled to deploy in late spring. A CSMS message will be sent out once a definitive deployment date is available.



Why do I sometimes not find the case message when I do an AD/CVD Message Search in ACE? I know liquidation instructions have been issued.

When liquidation instructions are entered in ACE, the Import Administration has the ability to denote the message as either being “Public” or “Non-Public”. Trade can only view public messages which are noted as “Public” in the Access Type on the “View AD/CVD Message” portlet. If the liquidation message has, for example, company specific rates or if the message identifies a customer(s) then these messages are considered non-public and trade users will not be able to see the liquidation instructions in ACE. The government has a legal obligation to protect company specific information.



AD/CVD Case Search

When searching by either the 10 digit AD/CVD case number or the 7 digit AD/CVD case number followed by an asterisk (A428201) no additional search criteria is needed to return results.*

Looking Ahead to Cargo Control & Release

In the winter of 2010 CBP will deploy a common “multi-modal” database and shared cargo control software for ocean and rail modes of transportation. Volunteer participants wishing to participate in this pilot will be required to use software programmed in the new EDI formats and for which Certification testing has been completed. CBP posted the new formats on CBP.gov on February 1, 2010. A Federal Register Notice will be published to announce eligibility requirements for participation as well as an anticipated schedule for deployment of participating ports. At the end of the pilot test all ocean and rail manifest filers will be required to use the new ACE EDI formats. ABI filers using QP/WP (In-Bond) or receiving Status Notifications (NS) or Broker Downloads (BD) may also be required to use updated software.