



Attention: ACE ABI Software Developers

The revised Customs and Trade Automated Interface Requirements (CATAIR) chapters for the next Entry Summary, Accounts and Revenue (ESAR) release have been posted to the CBP website at:

http://www.cbp.gov/xp/cgov/trade/automated/modernization/ace_edi_messages/catair_main/abi_catair/future_esar/

Once on this site, select the link to any of the three revised chapters listed. These chapters address the implementation of Post Summary Correction entry summary filing and additional enhancements. This update includes:

- Entry Summary Status Notification CATAIR Chapter
- Entry Summary Query CATAIR Chapter
- Entry Summary Create/Update Chapter

Filers are reminded that the revised Entry Summary Query chapter contains a new version of this application; this revised version is not compatible with the current version in production for the Entry Summary query.

ABI software vendors may use these chapters to program for this release, which is currently scheduled for the spring of 2011.

Questions regarding these chapters may be directed to Susan Maskell via email at:

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Adding Columns for Fees to the AR 006 Report

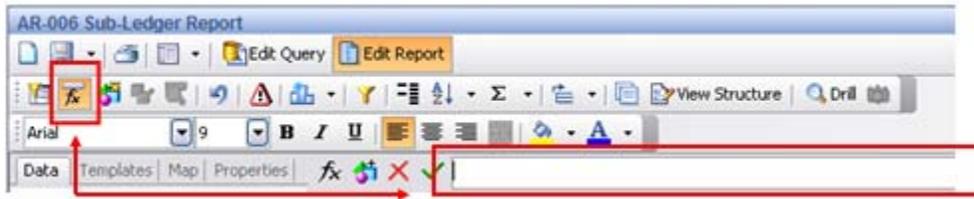
We have recently received questions on how to add separate columns for individual fees in the AR 006 report. The instructions below are reasonably complex; be certain to follow carefully.

1. Run AR-006 (Sub-Ledger Report) under "Modify." When the "Prompts" box displays, select "Cancel" and then "Edit Query."
2. Add the following data objects from "Receivables" to the "Result Objects" portlet: *Class Text, Entry Number, Entry Date, Duty, Fees, and Total.*
NOTE: If you are running the report to receive only totals during a specified time period, without viewing the individual entry numbers, it is not necessary to add the Entry Number or Entry Date object. You may also wish to change the "Posting Date" in the "Query Filters" portlet to a more meaningful date.
3. Once the report includes the data objects and filters you want select the "Run Query" button.



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4. In the Prompt window, for the “Desired Status?” prompt, select “open and closed” only. You do not want “Deleted” entries included in the report.
5. Run the report and add the new data object to the results. It may be easier to wait until you have added the fees before adding the Entry Number and Entry Date.
6. Insert a blank column into the report for each type of fee, for example, MFP and HMF. Add an additional blank column for any other fees, e.g. cotton assessment and MPF for informal entries.
7. Left click in the first cell under the “Class Text column” and select the “fx” button on the second line of the tool bar. That will open up a formula box (as seen below).



8. The formula will default to “=[Class Text].” Replace that formula with the following formula to isolate HMF

=Sum(If([Class Text]=("HMF Formal Entry Imports");[Total];0))

9. Validate the formula by selecting the green check mark to the left of the formula box.
10. Then select the first cell under one of the blank columns you added in step 6. In the formula box enter the same formula entered in the “Class Text” column in step 8. If you copy and paste the formula, make certain the formula begins with the “=” sign.
11. Left click the header of the column and in the formula box, enter the name you want to appear as the header for this column, e.g. HMF, and click the green check mark to the left of the formula box.
12. To isolate the next fee type, left click in the first cell under the “Class Text” column again and repeat steps 7 through 11 above for each unique fee using the formulas shown below.

- **=Sum(If([Class Text]=("Merchandise Processing Fe");[Total];0))**
(NOTE: In the Class Text record, fee is spelled with a single “e”)
- **=Sum(If([Class Text]=("MPF Informals");[Total];0))**
- **=Sum(If([Class Text]=("Cotton Import Assessment-");[Total];0))**
(NOTE: In the Class Text record, the cotton import assessment contains a “-” immediately after the word assessment)

13. After you have added the columns for each fee breakout, remove the “Class Text” column by left clicking in the column header and selecting the “Remove Column” option.
14. You can total each new column by clicking on the “Σ” icon on the tool bar, immediately below and to the right of “Edit Report.”

For additional assistance in modifying AR 006, please call the Technology Support Desk at 1-866-530-4172 and request that someone from the Account Services Desk contact you to walk you through the process.



Save the Date for the 2011 Trade Symposium

U.S. Customs and Border Protection is proud to announce that the 2011 Trade Symposium is scheduled for April 13 - 14, 2011 and will be held at the Ronald Reagan Building and International Trade Center in Washington, DC. The theme for the Trade Symposium is "Working Together to Strengthen Economic Competitiveness". Please be sure to mark your calendars for this event. The Symposium will also be available via a live Webcast and recorded for subsequent on-demand viewing over the Internet again this year. Please feel free to share this information with interested members of your organizations and associations. Further information regarding registration procedures for in-person attendance and webcast details will be made available in February.

Recent ACE Updates

Attention Periodic Monthly Statement Users

Effective December 22, 2010, filers will not be able to specify (using the ACS HP transaction) that an ACE entry summary is to be paid on an individual basis (i.e., Payment Type Code = 1 on the input H-Record), until such time that the preliminary statement has actually been generated. This applies to an ACE entry summary scheduled for either a Daily statement or a Periodic Monthly statement. If the filer attempts to do so, the following error message will be returned: "ACE SUMMARY REQUIRED TO BE ON A STATEMENT."

Responding to Forms for ACE Entry Summaries

December 22, 2010 – ATTENTION ALL ACE PORTAL USERS: On November 15, 2010, CBP posted a message to the ACE Portal News tab indicating that importers were receiving an error message when attempting to respond to a CBP Forms 28, 29 and 4647 through the ACE Portal. That issue has now been resolved for ACE filed entry summaries. Trade will no longer receive the Team Management error when responding to CBP forms through the ACE Portal for ACE filed entry summaries. There is still an issue with trade responding to CBP forms through the portal for ACS filed entry summaries. CBP is making every effort to resolve this issue as quickly as possible. Until the issue is resolved, importers and brokers are reminded to respond to CBP forms for ACS filed entry summaries by U.S. mail. CBP will update the ACE Portal New tab when the new issue is resolved.



2011 Overview of Reports Posted

CBP has posted an updated version of the Overview of Reports presentation to CBP.gov for use by the trade community. Use the following URL to access the presentation:

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

Please note it may be necessary to copy and paste the link to your web browser.

2011 C-TPAT Supply Chain Security Training Seminars

Due to increased interest in the C-TPAT Supply Security Training Seminars, this year CBP will be hosting two seminars so that an expanded number of member companies will be able to attend. The first seminar will be held in San Diego, California on March 29-31, 2011. The second seminar will be held in New Orleans, Louisiana on June 8-9, 2011. This year's theme is "A Decade of Supply Chain Security and Innovation".

Registration is free, but only C-TPAT certified or validated companies may attend. CBP allows each company to have up to two (2) employees attend either event, but not both. The seminar in San Diego will be limited to 1,200 participants. The seminar in New Orleans will be limited to 600 participants. Check CBP.gov for more information.

Truck Manifest Tips

Remember to enter whole numbers only for the weight. When creating a truck manifest through the ACE Portal, the weight data will disappear if the user enters either a decimal point or a comma in the weight field.

Clicking on the "Helpful Hint links" found in the Manifest portlets will cause the "Lookup" and "Create One-time" links to disappear. Refreshing the screen will bring back the links but the data entered will be deleted.

ACE Reports Question:

Why am I seeing an SPI of "Q" when I run some of the ACE reports?

The "Q" Special Program Indicator means that a Generalized System of Preferences (GSP) claim was made during the time period when GSP had expired. CBP uses the "Q" as a means to refund duties when GSP is passed with a retroactive date of January 1.



Your Questions: (Forms and Declaration Records)

Who can see a blanket declaration record created in ACE?

Blanket declaration records created by an importer in ACE are only viewable by users who have access to the importer's portal account and by CBP. Similarly, blanket declaration records created by a broker in ACE are only viewable by users who have access to the broker's portal account and by CBP. If a broker creates declaration records for an importer who does not have a portal account and that non-portal account then establishes an importer portal account in the future, that importer will be able to see both the declaration records created on the importer's behalf by the broker as well as those the importer created himself. Brokers will always be able to view the blanket declaration records they created.

Would a Toxic Substance Control Act (TSCA) certificate qualify as an Importer Certifying Statement?

No, CBP does not consider a TSCA certificate as an importer certifying statement. According to the Business Rules and Process Document (Trade) posted on CBP.gov, an "Importer Certifying Statement is a statement by an importer to declare that they qualify for a Free Trade Agreement or tariff preference program. This is not a requirement of entry, but can be posted to the ACE portal to cover multiple shipments of identical goods over a period of time not to exceed 12 months.

Can you reinstate a cancelled declaration record if cancelled in error?

No, you cannot reinstate a cancelled declaration record; you must create a new record. You will first be asked if you are sure you want to cancel the declaration record; if you select "OK" the record is cancelled.

Will ACE send me an email when a new CBP Form 28, 29 or 4647 has been posted to my portal account?

No, ACE does not send the user an email or post a notification to the ACE Portal account when a new CBP Form 28, 29 or 4647 has been posted to the account. It is up to the account to sign into the portal to check for new CBP Forms.

Is there an advantage to responding to a CBP Form 28 through the ACE Portal?

The advantage of responding to a CBP Form 28 through the ACE Portal is that other ports in the country will also be able to view the response; this could mean fewer CBP Form 28s sent for that same issue.