



Automated Commercial Environment (ACE) Portal Capabilities for Rail and Sea Carriers

Building on the foundation of e-Manifest: Trucks, U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) will begin deploying new capabilities that will allow rail and sea carriers to transmit electronic manifest data to ACE in late summer, 2011. CBP is planning to replace the Automated Manifest System with ACE as the CBP-approved Electronic Data Interchange system for all rail and sea data submissions in 2012. As such, now is the time to apply for your free ACE Portal Account. Rail and sea carriers with ACE Portal Accounts will enjoy the following benefits:

- create and maintain your custodial bond authorization file;
- designate those entities that are authorized to obligate the bond principal's custodial bond;
- create and maintain vessel conveyance information as well as download conveyance data into an Excel spreadsheet;
- run various standard bill of lading, in-bond, manifest and equipment reports;
- modify standard reports by adding and deleting data objects as well as creating customized reports from scratch;
- save reports to a "shared folder" for use by others within your account;
- confirm that continuous bond information in the account is properly on file with CBP;
- view and maintain account information such as company name, address; and points of contact for ease of reference by CBP and Participating Government Agencies, and
- search and display United Nations Location Codes.

How do I apply for a free ACE Portal Account?

- To apply for your free ACE Portal Account, go to [CBP.gov](http://www.cbp.gov). The ACE Portal Application is available on-line and may be submitted electronically. The URL for the online application is:
http://www.cbp.gov/linkhandler/cgov/trade/automated/modernization/ace_app_info/ace_portal_app.ctt/ace_portal_app.pdf
- Please note it may be necessary to copy the URL to your internet browser.
- For application assistance, please call 1-866-530-4172

Where can I find additional information about ACE?

- For additional information or questions please send an e-mail to CBP.CBPCSP@dh.gov.