



Next ACE Release: e-Manifest: Rail and Sea

Building on the foundation of e-Manifest: Trucks, U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) will be deploying new capabilities later this summer that will allow rail and sea carriers to transmit electronic manifest data to the Automated Commercial Environment (ACE). Ultimately, CBP will replace the Automated Manifest System with ACE as the CBP-approved Electronic Data Interchange system for rail and sea data submissions. The e-Manifest: Rail and Sea release will:

- Enable CBP to place and remove holds at the conveyance, container and master bill level;
- Inform carriers which Participating Government Agency (PGA) has held their merchandise;
- Extend Broker Download to the sea environment;
- Increase number of possible Secondary Notify Parties to 25;
- Allow carriers to create list of trade partners who are authorized to use their type two custodial bond through the ACE Portal;
- Allow carriers to create and maintain sea conveyance information through the ACE Portal;
- Send a status notification of disposition code “95” to Carriers and subsequent Secondary Notify Parties such as Port Authorities when a Paperless Master In-bond (IT, T&E, IE) has been deleted by the carrier;
- Provide 12 new reports for rail and sea carriers along with seven new reports for brokers and two for importers;
- Provide the ability to share customized reports with any user within the portal account, and
- Allow filers to create and maintain rail line release Entry Banks through the ACE Portal.

New rules and edits will also be in place with the deployment of e-Manifest: Rail and Sea. Changes include the following:

- A Unique Voyage Indicator can be reported in the original ocean manifest submission.
- Place of receipt and foreign port of lading will become mandatory reporting data elements.
- Harmonized Tariff (HTS) numbers will be edited for validity to the sixth position.
- Valid bonds will be edited when carriers request in-bond moves or Permits to Transfer (PTT).
- Manifest unit of measure will be validated in both modes of transportation (currently only in rail).
- Hazardous Material Code Qualifier, Flashpoint Temperature, Flashpoint Temperature Unit of Measure and Negative Indicator will be edited for valid data.
- Quantity field will be added to the PTT (TI/356) transaction set to allow a PTT to be optionally reported at less than full bill quantity.



Projected Timeline for e-Manifest: Rail and Sea

PROJECTED DATE	MILESTONE
May 2, 2011 (Completed)	Initiation of Trade Testing Interested trade parties should contact susan.maskell@cbp.gov to begin testing.
September, 2011	Trade pilot begins <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Parties who have completed trade testing file all rail and sea manifests in ACE- Shared reports available for ACE accounts- Rail entry banks available for rail carrier accounts- Conveyance data loaded and available for carriers- In-bond authorization edit available for ACE manifest filers
October, 2011	Initiation of CBP Port rollout in Buffalo, Blaine and Brownsville

CBP plans to announce via FRN a six-month timeframe for ACS to be decommissioned for rail and sea manifests. This six month period will initiate from operational acceptance by CBP's Executives, following rigorous review and testing, of ACE as the replacement system for rail and sea manifests. At this time, CBP anticipates that ACS will be decommissioned for rail and sea manifests by July 1, 2012.

* The move to ACE e-Manifest: Rail and Sea will result in the decommissioning of certain ABI applications. ABI filers and vendors should reference the CSMS messages posted on CBP.gov.

e-Manifest: Rail and Sea Federal Register Notice Update

On Tuesday, July 19, 2011, CBP published a Federal Register Notice announcing that the National Customs Automation Program (NCAP) test concerning the transmission of required advance ocean and rail data through the Automated Commercial Environment is scheduled to begin no earlier than August 1, 2011 (see 76 FR 42721). CBP previously announced that this test would begin no earlier than December 22, 2010. This notice advises the public of the updated timeline for the test and announces that applications are still being accepted

Importer Security Filing (ISF) Update

On July 13, 2011, new ISF capabilities were deployed. These new capabilities include the following:

- Importers now have access to the ISF progress reports through ACE; to date, these reports have only been available via email subscription.
- These ISF progress reports, previously available only to importers, are now also available via ACE to ISF filers and sureties.
- Importers who file 12 or fewer ISF transactions per year are now able to file and track their ISF transactions directly via the ACE portal instead of filing via the Electronic Data Interchange (EDI).

Access from the ACE Portal to the ISF Portal is found under the “References” tab. The “Task Selector” portlet opens with “Links” displayed. Select the **Launch ISF** button to display the ISF Portal. Please note only the Trade Account Owner (TAO) will initially see the link. The link will display to other users when they have been granted access by the TAO.



After selecting the “Launch ISF” button the ISF Portal will display five tabs for the TAO under the importer view. The first four tabs are for use by importers in creating, viewing and searching for an ISF through the ISF Portal. Remember this is for importers who file 12 or fewer ISF transactions per year. The “Reports” tab is where the ISF reports are located. Users will need to subscribe to a report before it is generated. Reports will be delivered once a month and should be available for viewing no later than the 10th calendar day.

Federal Register Notice Published on Post Summary Corrections

On June 24, 2011 CBP announced the deployment of new ACE Entry Summary, Accounts and Revenue (ESAR IV) capabilities (76 FR 37136). Specifically, importers will be allowed to use the Automated Broker Interface (ABI) to file post-summary corrections (PSCs) on certain pre-liquidated ACE entry summaries. As the PSC procedure replaces the existing Post Entry Amendment (PEA) hard copy process for entry summaries filed in ACE, PEAs will no longer be accepted for entry summaries filed in ACE effective September 22, 2011.

In addition, this notice clarifies that for any PEA which results in Antidumping/Countervailing Duty (AD/CVD) cash deposits due (or bond, if allowed), such deposits or bonds are due with the submission of the PEA. Lastly, this notice announces that the PEA test is extended for an additional three-year period.

Please refer to the specific language in these Notices for additional details and/or eligibility requirements.

Recent ACE Updates

Please note you may need to copy and paste the URLs below into your internet browser.



July 2011 Update

Frequently Asked Questions Updated to Include Post Summary Corrections

An updated version of the ACE Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) has been posted to CBP.gov. The FAQs now include questions and answers on post summary corrections. The URL is:

http://www.cbp.gov/linkhandler/cgov/trade/automated/modernization/ace/ace_faq.ctt/ace_faq.pdf

Periodic Monthly Statement Designation Month

CSMS Message 11-000114 advised filers that the calculation for the periodic monthly statement month designation is based on the RELEASE DATE of the shipment.

CSMS Message 11-000150 advised filers that the ACS and ACE ABI CATAIR documents will have the "DESCRIPTION" field changed to the following language to reflect the PMS month designation: The numeric month (MM) when the entry summary will appear on the preliminary periodic monthly statement.

Ex: The merchandise was released in the month of June, then this field will be entered as 07 (July).

Description Fields to be changed:

ACS CATAIR Document: (EI) Entry Summary Application - Record 30, Positions 51-52

ACE ABI CATAIR Document: (AE) Entry Summary Create/Update Application, Record 10, Positions 58-59

CSMS Message 11-000166 advised filers that quota entries should use the DATE OF PRESENTATION instead of release date for determining the PMS month.

Questions should be directed to your Client Representative.

ACE Ocean and Rail Update of Changes Documentation

The CHANGES pages for the recent Implementation Guide updates (6/14/11) have been posted and are available on the CBP website. The URL is:

http://www.cbp.gov/xp/cgov/trade/automated/modernization/ace_edi_messages/ace_guidelines/

Cargo Release Update

CBP has completed the Operational Requirements Document and Cargo Release Concept of Operations. The documents are currently under formal review. The Office of Information and Technology will set the stage for the next phase of this development cycle with the completion of the functional requirements. The design and acquisition phase will begin with an anticipated contract award in early 2012 (this assumes adequate funding is available).

Several Trade Ambassadors attended the June 29 – 30 cargo release work session. During the work session CBP reviewed operational requirements, current business process flows and the Cargo Release Concept of Operations, all of which incorporate the



trade's cargo release user requirement recommendations. CBP will continue to involve Trade Ambassadors as it moves forward in these processes.

Your Questions:

Is there a difference between the PGA Message Set and the Standard Data Set?

Yes, there is a difference between the PGA Message Set and the Standard Data Set (SDS). The PGA message set is a subset of the SDS and applies only to importer supplied data on imports. The SDS represents import and export data needs.

How can I find the status of an ACE entry summary so I know if it can be replaced?

The Entry Summary Query will provide the status (see the JC record).

Can you clarify when an entry summary can be replaced?

- When an ACE entry summary is in trade control (that is, the entry summary has been submitted but it has not yet appeared on a statement), trade can replace it.
- When an entry summary appears on a preliminary daily statement but not the final, the entry summary can be removed from that statement and made a single payment or it can be moved to another statement within the 10 day business cycle from the release date. (NOTE: Remote location filing entry summaries are an exception as they must remain scheduled for payment by statement processing at all times).
- After an entry summary appears on a final statement, it cannot be replaced unless rejected by CBP.

Can you provide further clarification regarding entry summary versioning in ACE?

A complete replace of the entry summary will result in an increase in the major version number, followed by .00 (e.g., 4.00). The number to the right of the decimal point signifies a correction by CBP to the entry summary; the number to the left of the decimal signifies replacements made by the trade. Therefore, when the trade submits a PSC, this increases the major version number; using our example, the version would change to 5.00. If CBP makes an additional correction, the version number would change to 5.01.

What Account Management report contains information on post summary corrections?

Post summary correction information does not display as a standard data element in any Account Management report. However the PSC indicator, PSC Filer Code and PSC Filer Name can be added to any entry summary report. Available PSC data elements are found in the Entry Report sub-folder.