



Are You Ready for e-Manifest: Rail and Sea?

U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) deployed the Automated Commercial Environment (ACE) e-Manifest: Rail and Sea on August 27, 2011. CBP began successfully accepting manifests from trade users in the ACE production system on November 28, 2011.

Attention Rail and Sea Carriers:

If you are not yet filing data via ACE e-Manifest: Rail and Sea, nor testing to become certified, the time to take action is NOW.

- Upon the acceptance of ACE as the replacement system for rail and sea manifests, CBP plans to announce, in a Federal Register Notice, that **ACE will be the only CBP-approved electronic data interchange (EDI) through which rail and sea manifests may be transmitted.**
- This Federal Register Notice, targeted for publication in March 2012, will also announce a six-month timeframe for the transition to ACE **and the decommissioning of AMS for rail and sea manifests.** The 6 month timeframe will commence from the date of Notice publication in the Federal Register.

CBP encourages additional EDI filers to participate in trade testing once they have completed programming per the e-Manifest Implementation Guides which can be found at http://www.cbp.gov/xp/cgov/trade/automated/modernization/ace_edi_messages/

This deployment impacts not only rail and sea carriers but also terminal operators, ABI filers, port authorities and other entities who receive secondary party notifications. These trade entities may also need to test with CBP prior to their transition to ACE.

Attention ABI Software Developers:

There are **mandatory** changes to functionality that impact ABI software developers and their users. These changes are found in ABI Application Identifiers QP and WP (In-Bond), BD (Broker Download), and NS (Status Notifications).

The ACE CATAIR Chapters with the new records layouts can be found at:

http://www.cbp.gov/xp/cgov/trade/automated/modernization/ace_edi_messages/catair_manifest/abi_catair/catair_manifest_processing/

Please note that the ABI Applications identified above are included in the functionality that will be decommissioned in ACS. Therefore, all software changes to these ABI applications **must** be made before the timeframe specified in the upcoming Federal Register Notice.

Please contact your Client Representative for information on testing these changes.



Upcoming ACE Programming Changes Meeting

CBP has been invited to speak at an upcoming National Customs Broker and Forwarder Association of America (NCBFAA) meeting on March 6-8 to address all of the upcoming ACE programming changes. The meeting will take place at the Sheraton National in Arlington, Virginia. CBP will be addressing the following:

1. CAMIR and X12 message formats that are required as part of the Simplified Entry/Cargo Release
2. Export Manifest
3. ACE Entry Summary filing including Post Summary Corrections
4. Participating Government Agency (PGA) Message Set
5. Document Image System
6. M1 Ocean and Rail Deployment

Visit the NCBFAA website at www.ncbfaa.org to register and for additional information.

Attention Truck Carriers:

CBP is advising that any carriers who have their type 2 carrier bond obligated for ACE Truck generated in-bonds **not** use the new ACE "In-bond Authorization" functionality at this time.

The ACE Truck application has not been enhanced to operate with the new "In-Bond Authorization" file in ACE e-Manifest: Rail and Sea (M1). The result for in-bonds created via the ACE Truck application is that, although the system may accept an in-bond shipment in ACE truck, the system will not issue the "movement authorized" message. This could result in a truck or shipment being delayed at the border until the issue is resolved.

If the QP functionality is used however, there should be no issues as all QP in-bonds use the ACE M1 "In-bond Authorization" function. Therefore, if the in-bond is accepted, the "movement authorized" message will be generated as normal.

CBP will issue a new CSMS when the functionality can be used for truck in-bond movements. Refer to CSMS 12-000053 for the initial notification.

ACE Truck Manifest Processing for ABI QP In-Bonds

A number of problems have recently been reported involving ABI QP in-bond entries for ACE Truck Manifest shipments. The most reliable method for processing ABI QP in-bonds, whether the ACE truck manifest is filed in the ACE Portal or by EDI, is for the carrier to report the shipment as a regular Pre-Arrival Processing System (PAPS) shipment with bill of lading details (shipper, consignee, quantity, description, etc), and allow the CBP system to attach the ABI QP in-bond to the ACE Truck shipment.



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When a QP in-bond fails to attach to an ACE Truck shipment, the carrier may elect to add in-bond entry information to the shipment in the ACE Portal. Carriers electing this procedure should assign a new 9-digit in-bond number to the shipment and advise the QP in-bond entry filer to delete the original QP in-bond from ABI. **Under no circumstances should an ACE Truck manifest shipment be converted to an in-bond shipment without a 9-digit in-bond entry number.**

Attention Mexican Truck Carriers

When renewing your license plate for your conveyances in January and you receive a new plate number, you **must** update your conveyance records in ACE and DTOPS (Decal and Transponder Online Procurement System) to avoid delays at the border. Additionally, if you buy or sell a conveyance, you must also update your conveyance records in ACE and DTOPS.

Recent ACE Updates

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

Update ACE User Guides

Updated versions (2012) of all the ACE user guides for the trade community have been posted to CBP.gov. The URL to locate all training and reference material is:

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

Updated Bonded Warehouse Manual Posted to CBP.gov

CBP has posted an updated Bonded Warehouse Manual for CBP Officers and Bonded Warehouse Proprietors. Bonded Warehouses provide storage facilities for imported cargo that is pending importation into or exportation from the United States. The Bonded Warehouse Manual was last updated in 1990. Use the following URL to access the updated manual:

http://www.cbp.gov/xp/cgov/newsroom/news_releases/national/02062012_3.xml

Simplified Entry Pilot Questions: Technical Updated on CBP.gov

CBP has updated the Simplified Entry Pilot Questions: Technical. Simplified Entry has been identified as the first phase of establishing ACE cargo release functionality. Use the following URL to access the updated questions and answers:

http://cbp.gov/linkhandler/cgov/trade/trade_transformation/simplified_entry/simplified_entr_y/sep_technical.ctt/sep_technical.pdf

New Importer Security Filing (ISF) Report Available

A new ISF Report is now available for importers and filers. Users will need to subscribe to the "Late ISF Importer Report (PDF)." Use the steps below to subscribe to the new report:



1. After logging onto the ACE Secure Data Portal, select the References Tab.
2. Select Launch ISF.
3. Select Reports.
4. Select Subscribe to Reports.
5. Select the Late ISF Importer Report (PDF).

Filers are reminded that the “By Filer By Importer Report” is available in both a PDF and an Excel format.

Proposed Changes to the In-Bond Process

On Wednesday, February 22, 2012, CBP published a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, (77 FR 10622), announcing proposed changes to the in-bond process that would enhance CBP’s ability to regulate and track in-bond merchandise and to ensure that the merchandise is properly entered and duties are paid or that the in-bond merchandise is exported. Among other things, the proposed changes would eliminate the paper CBP Form 7512 and require carriers or their agent to file electronically. A six digit Harmonized Tariff Schedule number would be required. A 30 day maximum time to transport in-bond merchandise between U.S. ports, except pipeline, would be established. Carriers would be required to electronically request permission from CBP before diverting in-bond merchandise from its intended destination port to another port. Carriers would also be required to report the arrival and location of the in-bond merchandise within 24 hours of arrival at the port of destination or port of export.

Comments must be received on or before April 23, 2012. Please refer to the NPRM for additional information.

Your Questions:

What do I need to do to apply for periodic monthly statement for my clients?

If the importer has an ACE Portal account and the broker is applying on the importer’s behalf, follow the steps listed below:

1. Send an e-mail to periodicstatement@dhs.gov stating the importers interest in participating in periodic monthly statement.
2. Provide a list of Importer of Record (IR) numbers being requested for periodic monthly statement activation.
3. Provide the ACE ID from the Top Account and the ACE ID number for each IR being requested.
4. The subject of the e-mail should be “Activation Request.”

If the importer does not have an ACE Portal account, follow the steps listed below:

1. Send an email to periodicstatement@dhs.gov stating the importers interest in participating in periodic monthly statement.



2. Provide a list of Importer of Record (IR) numbers being requested for periodic monthly statement activation.
3. Send a scanned image of the CBP Form 5106 with "Periodic Monthly Statement Activation" written at the top of the form. Please include no more than five CBP Forms 5106 on a single e-mail.
4. The subject of the e-mail should be "Activation Request."

**How can we learn if an importer is authorized for Periodic Monthly Statement?
Sometimes the importer does not know!**

Contact the Technology Service Desk and open a trouble ticket. They will respond to you. The email address is: CBP.Technology.Service.Desk@cbp.dhs.gov.

What software vendors are approved for ACE?

In response to trade community requests, the Office of Information and Technology has assembled a list of companies/persons offering data processing services to the trade community for the Automated Broker Interface (ABI). Inclusion on this list does not constitute any form of an endorsement by CBP as to the nature, extent or quality of the services that may be provided. Use the URL shown below to access the Data Processing Services list:

http://www.cbp.gov/xp/cgov/trade/automated/automated_systems/abi/getting_started/

Please note that it may be necessary to copy and paste the URL into your internet browser.

Is it possible to automate the AR 007 report so I don't have to enter the data each month?

Yes, you can schedule the report but before doing so, you will need to ensure you are using "Date Objects." "Date Objects" allow reports to be run and updated with variable date ranges such as "45 Days Ago" and "Today." This eliminates the need to filter by date each time you choose to run a report. You will want to save the report you modified with "Date Objects" to the "Favorites" and schedule the report from there. Remember to also check the "Status" field (All, Open, Closed, Deleted) to ensure you have included all of the information you need in the report. When the scheduled report is run, it can be found by selecting the "History" link under the name of the report you scheduled from your "Favorites." For additional information on ACE Reports, please refer to the reports user guides posted to CBP.gov. The URL for the reports user guides is:

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