



Mandatory Use of e-Manifest: Rail and Sea Scheduled September, 2012

On March 29, 2012, U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) published Federal Register Notice (FRN), (77 FR 19030), announcing a six month transition period after which time ACE will be the only CBP-approved EDI for submitting required advance information for ocean and rail cargo. The publication date of the FRN starts the six month clock for mandatory filing of rail and sea manifests in the Automated Commercial Environment (ACE). The decommissioning is planned for September 29, 2012. With this timeline in mind, **all rail and sea carriers** should immediately begin making preparations to file their manifest in ACE.

This deployment will result in mandatory changes to functionality that will not only impact **rail and sea carriers, but also terminal operators, Automated Broker Interface (ABI) developers and filers, port authorities and others.** The ABI changes are found in Application Identifiers QP and WP (ABI In-Bond for ocean, rail and truck), BD (Broker Download), and NS (Status Notifications). These changes **MUST** be made in advance of the six month timeframe specified in the FRN.

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Update on Simplified Entry

In preparation for the Simplified Entry pilot, CBP conducted meetings in March with the nine pilot participants at the first three pilot port locations: Atlanta, Chicago and the Indianapolis FedEx Express Consignment Operation. The port visits were well-attended by both trade pilot participants and local CBP personnel. These visits set the stage for the initial test of Simplified Entry.

Pilot for Export Ocean Manifest

CBP will begin a pilot project to have export ocean manifests filed via email into the Document Image System (DIS) in place of the physical paper document being presented at the port. The paper manifest for those pilot participants would be submitted via a readable PDF attachment to an email. The initial phase of this pilot will be conducted at the following Atlanta Field Office ports:

- o Ports of Norfolk and Newport News, VA;
- o Ports of Wilmington and Beaufort-Morehead City, NC
- o Ports of Charleston and Georgetown, SC
- o Ports of Savannah and Brunswick, GA

For more information on the pilot, please refer to CSMS # 12-000102 (issued March 22, 2012) or CBP.gov

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



March 2012 Update

ACE / Microsoft IE 8 Security Patch Issue Resolved

Compatibility issues between ACE and Microsoft Internet Explorer version 8 security patch KB2585542 have been resolved. Users should no longer experience ACE Portal issues with this patch installed.

Users should report ACE Portal issues to the CBP Technology Service Desk at 1-866-530-4172 or cbp.technology.service.desk@cbp.dhs.gov

CBP Trade Day at the Area Port of Boston

CBPs Area Port of Boston is pleased to extend an invitation to the greater Boston international trade community to attend Trade Day on Friday, April 13, 2012. This event will provide an opportunity for members of the trade community to meet with CBP and Participating Government Agency officials who are responsible for facilitating the importation of their goods.

The Trade Day activities will take place in the auditorium of the Thomas P. O'Neill Federal Building located at 10 Causeway Street in Boston, MA from 9:30 to 11:30 am. There is no cost to attend this event, but advance on-line registration is requested. Please go to <http://bostontradeday2012.eventbrite.com> to register for this event.

2012 West Coast Trade Symposium

CBP will be presenting the 2012 West Coast Trade Symposium in Long Beach, California on May 10, 2012 at the Long Beach Convention Center. The theme for this Symposium is "Transforming Trade for a Stronger Economy." The Symposium will also be available via a live webcast. For additional information please visit:

http://cbp.gov/xp/cgov/trade/trade_outreach/2012_symposium/symposium12.xml

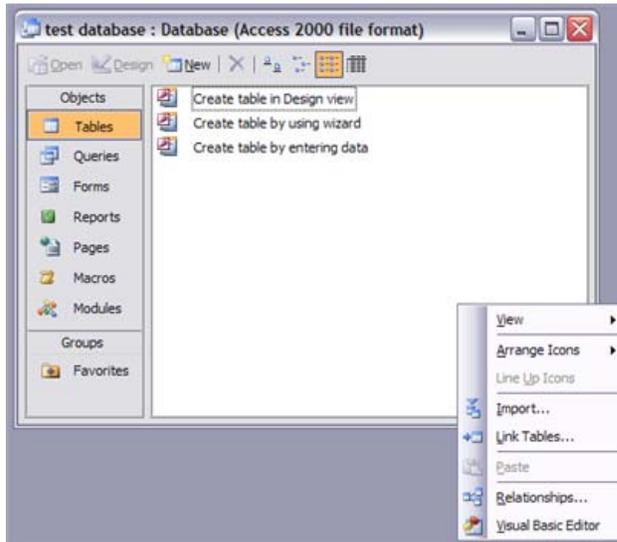
Please note it may be necessary to copy and paste the URL to your web browser.

Merging ACE Reports Using Access

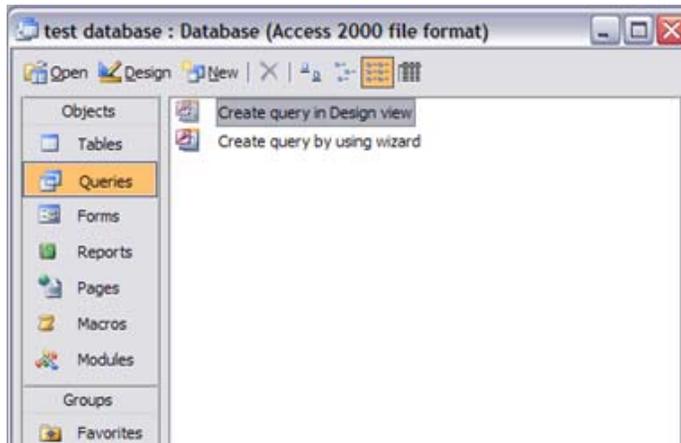
Problems are encountered when users attempt to add certain data elements to existing reports. For example, if you try to add the importer name to the ESM 7025 - CBP Form 28, 29, 4647 Status report, or try to add the Periodic Monthly Statement Number to an Account Management report, you will encounter a problem. You can, however, run two reports and merge them to obtain the results you need. ACE reports saved as Comma Separated Value (CSV) files can easily be merged using Access. As an example, to include the importer name in the CBP Form 28, 29, 4647 Status report, follow the steps below:

1. Run ESM 7025 report from your favorites and save as a CSV file to your computer. Please remember you will first need to run the report under modify and remove the System Control Code. You will then need to save the report to "Favorites."

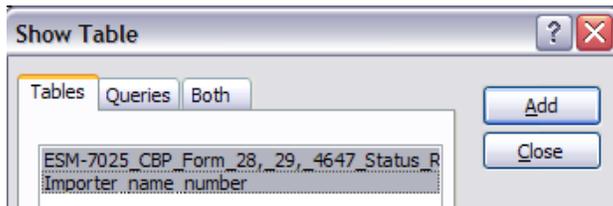
2. Create a report from scratch using the Account Management Universe by selecting importer number and importer name. Save the report to “Favorites.” For additional assistance in creating a report from scratch, please refer to the Running ACE Reports User Guide posted to CBP.gov.
3. Run the importer name report from “Favorites” and save as a CSV file to your computer.
4. Open Access and select **Create a new file**; then select **Blank database**. (Please note these instructions are for using Access 2003. Depending on the version of Access on your computer, you may need to modify the instructions.)
5. Assign a name to the blank database and save it to your computer.
6. You will next import the two files you have saved (ESM 7025 and the importer name file) into your new database. Right click in the white area of the box and select **Import**.



7. When the Import box displays, select the **Text** for “Files of type.”
8. Locate your CSV file you saved to your computer and double click on the file name.
9. Follow the Wizard to open the file. Make certain to check the box which indicates “first row contains field names.” If the “Text Qualifier” box does not default to show a double quotation, select the “ ” from the drop down.
10. Repeat steps 7 through 9 for the second file. Since in our example we will match the importer number from both files, please note the field number for the importer number.
11. Select **Queries** and double click on **Create query in Design view**.

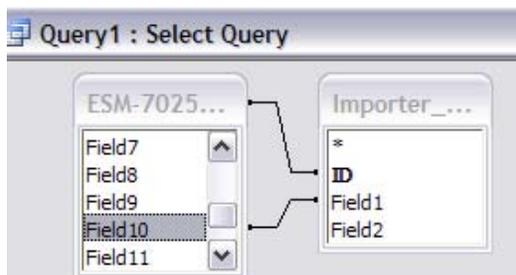


12. Select both file names by highlighting them and then select **Add** and then **Close**.



13. If a line appears between any of the two fields, remove it.

14. Since field 10 (file on the left) and field 1 (file on the right) both contain the importer number, drag one importer number on top of the other importer number. This will merge your files in Access.



15. Place each field name in the report. You can mix field name from both reports as you create your report display. When you have completed your report display,



select the red “!” to run the report.

16. Results will be displayed which include the importer name as part of the report.



Stay Up To Date with ACE

Two new documents have been posted to CBP.gov to help the trade community stay up to date with ACE. The *Current Status of ACE*, which is updated monthly, has been enhanced to include information such as the ACE overview and business case, the ACE budget and financial status as well as a list of deployed capabilities and ACE priorities.

The *ACE Priorities and Work Plan* depicts planned ACE priorities, delivered capabilities and deployed capabilities. Capabilities shown in bold red represent program priorities, capabilities shown in blue remain to be delivered. Please use the link below to access the webpage:

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

Recent ACE Updates

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

Trade Benefits from ACE by Industry Segment

CBP has posted a comprehensive list of ACE trade benefits by industry segment to CBP.gov. This paper was requested by the Commercial Operations Advisory Committee (COAC). Please use the link below to access the web page that has the "Trade Benefits from the Automated Commercial Environment" PDF document.

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

ACE Software Developers Seminar Presentations Posted

The National Customs Brokers and Forwarders Association of America hosted the Trade Software Developer Technical Seminar March 6 – 8, 2012. The seminar included information on a variety of ACE initiatives including e-Manifest: Rail and Sea (M1), Export Manifest, Cargo Release/Simplified Entry, Document Image System (DIS), PGA Message Set, and ACE Entry Summary and related functionality including Post Summary Corrections (PSC). The presentations used during this seminar are now available on CBP.gov at:

http://www.cbp.gov/xp/cgov/trade/automated/modernization/trade_support_network/session_highlights/march_tsdt_seminar/

e-Manifest: Rail and Sea Webinars Posted

The rail and sea carrier portal navigation webinar has been posted to CBP.gov. The webinar provides a walk-through of the available capabilities on each portal tab including in-bond authorization, ocean conveyances, assigning access privileges, references and tips and tricks on effectively managing your account.



The second webinar, *Running the New Multi-Modal Manifest Reports*, has also been posted to CBP.gov. The webinar provides tips and tricks for running standard MMM reports as well as how to modify existing MMM reports. Please use the link below to access both webinars.

http://www.cbp.gov/xp/cgov/trade/trade_outreach/outreach_webinar.xml

Your Questions:

How will a de minimus change be reflected in ACE reports if, for example, the duty amount changes from \$170 to \$187?

If the Import Specialist agrees with the post summary correction (PSC) submission, no change will be made. The entry summary will liquidate as no change. ACE Account Management and Entry Summary reports will reflect the changes submitted via the PSC because reports only display the latest version of the entry summary. Therefore they will reflect a duty amount of \$187. The AM-100 Courtesy Notice of Liquidation report will reflect the liquidation duty amount of \$170. Trade should use the liquidation amounts from the Courtesy Notice of Liquidation report for further processing of drawback claims, reconciliation, protests, etc. The liquidation notice and report is CBPs final assessment.

Is there a way for an importer to determine if the brokers or steamship lines are filing their data via ACE? I was looking for some kind of flag in the ACE portal or something so we can track to ensure they are using ACE.

Yes, there is a way for the importer to determine if their broker is filing ACE entry summaries on their behalf. You can run any of the Account Management Detail reports, as for example, AM 008. This standard report contains the System Control Code field which indicates either ACS or ACE as the source of the entry summary filing. You can also run Entry Summary reports ESM 7008 or ESM 7068. These reports display ACE entry summaries only. If you see results, you will know your broker(s) is filing your entry summaries using ACE.