



Are You Ready for ACE e-Manifest: Rail and Sea (M1)?

Now is the Time to Get On Board!

The six month transition is in progress for ACE e-Manifest: Rail and Sea. Effective September 29, 2012, ACE will be the **only** approved EDI for transmitting required advance rail and sea cargo information and ABI in-bond transactions to CBP.

As of May 31, 2012, 88% of ocean carriers and 47% of ABI software developers impacted by the transition to M1 have either completed or are in the onboarding process. All rail carriers are either in production or currently testing. If you are part of the 12% of the ocean carriers or the 53% of the ABI software developers who are **NOT** yet testing ACE Rail and Sea Manifest, **NOW** is the time to contact your Client Representative for assistance.

It can take up to **twelve weeks** to complete the programming and certification testing required to begin transmitting rail and sea cargo information via ACE. If you submit sea cargo information or if you file ABI in-bond transactions or receive broker download information via ABI, you or your software provider must transition to ACE, and there is no time to waste.

In order to ensure that EDI messages for rail and sea manifest and ABI in-bond transactions do not fail, it is essential that by September 29, 2012:

1. The required programming changes are completed,
2. Certification testing in completed is coordination with your Client Rep, AND
3. The switch to production for ACE e-Manifest: Rail and Sea is made.

As of June 1, **less than four months remain** to complete all of the steps necessary to make the transition to ACE rail and sea manifest filing.