



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

The 90 day countdown has begun!

In **less than 90 days**, 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 June 29, 2012, 91% of ocean carriers and 70% 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 9% of the ocean carriers or the 30% 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 is completed in coordination with your Client Rep, AND
3. The switch to production for ACE e-Manifest: Rail and Sea is made.

For additional information, please refer to the recently-conducted webinar available on CBP.gov at

<https://connect.hsin.gov/p67194661/?launcher=false&fcsContent=true&pbMode=normal>. Further information on ACE e-Manifest: Rail and Sea is available at http://www.cbp.gov/xp/cgov/trade/automated/modernization/manifest_railsea/.

As of June 29, **only 90 days remain** to complete all of the steps necessary to make the transition to ACE rail and sea manifest filing.