



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

The 60 day countdown has begun!

In **less than 60 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 July 31, 2012, 96% of ocean carriers and 83% 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 4% of the ocean carriers or the 17% 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. ****

CBP is finding that many software developers have misinterpreted sections of the Implementation Guidelines that have resulted in programming changes to trade software. If you have not been in touch with your Client Representative to begin certification testing, please do so **immediately!**

If you submit sea or rail cargo information, file ABI in-bond transactions, or receive broker download information via ABI, you or your software provider must transition to ACE, **or your transactions will fail** when the current Automated Manifest System (AMS) for rail and sea is decommissioned.

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 July 29, only 60 days remain to complete all of the steps necessary to make the transition to ACE rail and sea manifest filing.

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