



Are You Ready? Less than **30 Days Remain for ACE M1 Transition!**



As of August 30, 2012, 99% of ocean carriers and 94 % of ABI software developers impacted by the required transition to M1 have either completed testing or are in the on-boarding process. If you are part of the 1% of the ocean carriers or the 6% of the ABI software developers who are **NOT** yet testing ACE e-Manifest: Rail and Sea, you must contact your Client Representative immediately for assistance. All rail carriers are either in production or currently testing.

Simplified Entry/Cargo Release Expansion

Simplified Entry is the first phase of Cargo Release being developed in the Automated Commercial Environment (ACE). On August 14, 2012, U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) published a Federal Register Notice announcing further expansion of the pilot test of Simplified Entry for the Air Mode of Transportation. Please refer to CSMS 12-000302 for explicit eligibility requirements and program participation details. Remote Location Filing (RLF) will not be supported at this time, however CBP is working to include RLF in future Pilot deployments. Prior applicants who were not accepted to participate in the initial test must re-apply for consideration. Applications to participate in this test must be received by CBP by close of business on September 4, 2012.

Based on the success of the Simplified Entry/Cargo Release pilot, on August 15, 2012, CBP announced the expansion of the pilot to nineteen additional airports. On August 14, the first Simplified Entry was filed at the port of Seattle. CBP will deploy Simplified Entry to additional airports using a regional approach. San Francisco and Oakland received their first Simplified Entries later in the week with Los Angeles following on August 20th. During the week of September 10, 2012, Simplified Entry will expand to airports in the south and southeast including Dallas/Ft. Worth, Houston and Miami. Simplified Entry will expand to airports in the northeast including New York/JFK, Newark and Boston the week of September 17, 2012. Please refer to CSMS 12-000308 for additional information.

For information on further development and updates on the status of the pilot, please check the CBP website at:
http://www.cbp.gov/xp/cgov/trade/trade_transformation/simplified_entry/



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

Creating and Maintaining Ocean Conveyances in ACE

The new Create and Maintain Ocean Conveyances user guide has been posted to CBP.gov. The user guide contains step by step instructions for creating, viewing and maintaining ocean conveyance records in the Automated Commercial Environment (ACE).

Effective September 29, 2012, ACE will be the only CBP approved Electronic Data Interchange for transmitting required advance ocean and rail manifest information to CBP. After September 29, 2012 ocean carriers should be using the ACE Portal functionality to add all new conveyance records and to edit any existing conveyance records that are under their ACE account. If you have not established your FREE ACE Portal Account, you need to apply for your ACE account now. The ACE Portal Application is available on CBP.gov and may be submitted electronically.

http://www.cbp.gov/linkhandler/cgov/trade/automated/modernization/ace_app_info/ace_portal_app.ctt/ace_portal_app.pdf

During the transition period between now and September 29, 2012, ocean carriers need to become familiar with the ocean conveyance functionality in ACE. During this transition, carriers should continue to send their Lloyds email requests to ams.sea.lloyds@dhs.gov when it is known that the vessel is not on file with CBP or if any of the following information changes: Name, Owner, Flag or Registry, Draft and Tonnage (Gross/Net).

To access the Create and Maintain Ocean Conveyance user guide, use the URL listed below:

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

Export Ocean Manifest Pilot Expansion

CBP has begun expanding the pilot project to have export ocean manifests filed via e-mail into the Document Imaging System (DIS) in place of the physical paper document being presented at the port. The expansion is taking place as follows:

- August 20, 2012 – Florida and all Gulf Coast ports to Brownsville, Texas and Puerto Rico.
- September 4, 2012 – All East Coast ports and Buffalo, Chicago and Detroit.
- September 17, 2012 – All West Coast ports including Alaska and Hawaii.

Current pilot participants may presently file export ocean manifests via e-mail into DIS at all Florida and Gulf Coast ports to Brownsville, Texas and Puerto Rico in addition to the initial pilot ports in the Atlanta Field Office.

Pilot participants will **NOT** be required to present a paper copy of their CBP Form 1302A and/or their paper Bill of Ladings (BOLs) to the ports listed above during the pilot.



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- Pilot participants will submit a readable PDF copy of the paper export manifest via email to CBP.
- The e-mail must contain key manifest data elements in the subject line and body of the e-mail.

This pilot is an interim step to the full development of an electronic export manifest that will replace the current paper process. This process should help to alleviate some of the cost (printing, mailing, couriers, etc) incurred by the trade associated with the presentation of the paper export manifest to CBP.

If you are interested in participating in the pilot or would like additional details, please contact Mr. Robert Rawls, Outbound Branch Chief, Export Control Branch, at Robert.Rawls@dhs.gov or Mr. Adi Abel, Program Manager, Cargo Control and Release, ACE Business Office, at Adi.Abel@cbp.dhs.gov.

2012 East Coast Trade Symposium

CBP has moved the date for the East Coast Trade Symposium to October 29-30 to maximize participation. The conference will feature updates on CBP's trade process modernization, expansion of global partnerships, the changing role of the broker and much more.

Watch CBP.gov for further updates including information on participating via webcast.

Recent ACE Updates

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

Updated ACE Business Rules and Process Document – Trade

The Office of International Trade has issued Version 3.3 of the ACE Business Rules and Process Document-Trade. The updated document was edited for clarity, including renumbered chapters and additional processing details. The document has been posted to cbp.gov. Please refer to CSMS 12-000298 for additional details. A summary of changes to the document can be found on pages 41 and 42 of the document.

Updated Simplified Entry/Cargo Release Pilot FAQs Posted

CBP has posted updated versions of the Simplified Entry Pilot Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) on [CBP.gov](http://cbp.gov). To locate the updated copies of the FAQs, *Policy and Simplified Entry Pilot Frequently Asked Questions: Technical; Policy and Simplified Entry Pilot Frequently Asked Questions: Policy*, use the URL listed below:

http://www.cbp.gov/xp/cgov/trade/trade_transformation/simplified_entry/



Volunteers for Cut Flower Pilot in Miami

CBP is looking for volunteer importers and their filers to participate in an upcoming pilot that will combine the Simplified Entry filing with selected data elements from the PGA Message Set. The focus will be cut flowers imported by air through the Miami Airport. Filers who volunteer will need to fulfill the qualifications for Simplified Entry and be able to submit the additional PGA Message Customs and Trade Automated Interface Requirements (CATAIR) records.

Applications to participate in Simplified Entry and the Cut Flower Pilot must be sent via email to cbpsimplifiedprocess@dhs.gov and must include a statement regarding the wish to participate in the Cut Flower Pilot in Miami. The closing date for new participants is September 4, 2012. Please refer to CSMS 12-000321 for additional information.

Cargo Exam Reports

On August 8, CBP notified report users through an ACE Portal News tab posting that there was an issue whereby both Aggregate and Detail Cargo Exam Reports were not returning data after March 2012. CBP continues working to resolve the issue. A notification will be posted to the ACE Portal News tab when the issue is resolved.

ACE Milestones

Periodic Monthly Statement

Periodic Monthly Statement reached a record high this month when 68% of all duties and fees on eligible entry summaries were paid using the periodic monthly payment feature of ACE. To participate in Periodic Monthly Statement, brokers must have an ACE Portal account. Importers can establish their own ACE Portal account to participate in Periodic Monthly Statement or participate as a Non-Portal Account through their participating broker.

Simplified Entry/Cargo Release Update

Over 11,800 Simplified Entries have now been filed as part of the Simplified Entry/Cargo Release Pilot at the ports of Atlanta, Chicago, Indianapolis, Los Angeles, Oakland, San Francisco and Seattle.

Manufacturer Identification (MID) Search

When searching for an MID from the “References” tab, remember the manufacturer name must be an exact match for results to be returned. Partial names or an asterisk for wild cards are not allowed.



Your Questions:

Is there a way for carrier who has established an ACE portal account and does not have a type 2 bond to see information on other bonds through the ACE Portal?

Yes. If you do not have a type 2 bond but want to be able to view other bond data in your account you need to contact the Technology Service Desk and request an importer view. Please provide your Standard Carrier Alpha Code (SCAC) and your importer of record number(s). CBP will then add an importer view to your account. Once the importer view has been added to your account, you will need to be under the importer view to view non-type 2 bond information. To open a trouble ticket with the Technology Service Desk to request your importer view, call 1-866-530-4172 or send an e-mail to:

CBP.Technology.Service.Desk@cbp.dhs.gov.

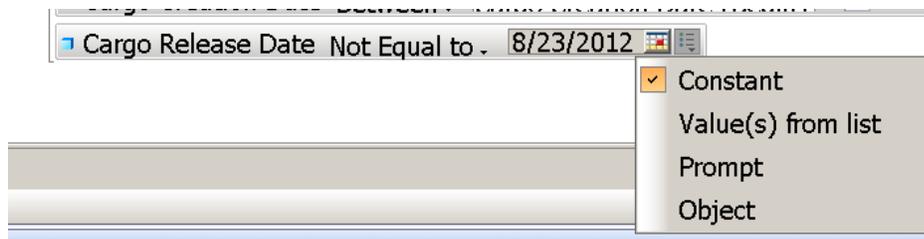
I am receiving the following in-bond error message: "NOT AUTH TO USE CUST BOND." Who do I contact to get this issue resolved?

You should first contact your Client Representative for assistance. If you cannot reach your client representative, please contact the Technology Service Desk either by phone at 1-866-530-4172 or by e-mail at CBP.Technology.Service.Desk@cbp.dhs.gov.

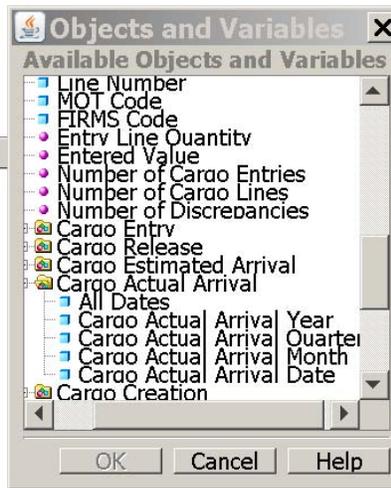
When running Cargo Entry reports, can I set up a query filter whereby the "Release Date" is not equal to the "Cargo Actual Arrival Date?"

Yes, please follow the steps below to create that query filter:

1. Select **Modify** under the report you want to run.
2. When the "Prompt" box displays, select **Cancel** and then **Edit Query**.
3. Select the **+** beside Cargo Release.
4. Move the **Cargo Release Date** into the query filter panel.
5. Change the dropdown from "*In list*" to **Not Equal to**.
6. Select **Object**.



7. Select the **Cargo Entry Report** folder then select the **+** beside "Cargo Actual Arrival."



8. Select the **Cargo Actual Arrival Date**; then select **OK**.



9. Select **Run Query**.
10. Fill in prompts as needed and select **Run Query**.