



Acting Commissioner Announces Expansion of Simplified Entry/Cargo Release Pilot

Based on the success of the initial Cargo Release/Simplified Entry pilot, U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) is pleased to announce the expansion of the pilot for air cargo to additional participants and ports. Simplified Entry is the first phase of Cargo Release being developed in the Automated Commercial Environment (ACE).

On November 9, 2011 CBP published a Federal Register Notice (76 FR 69755), announcing the Cargo Release/Simplified Entry pilot for the air mode of transportation.

On June 4, 2012, CBP announced the delivery of Cargo Release/Simplified Entry with the first Simplified Entry filings at Indianapolis, Chicago and Atlanta. CBP initially selected nine filers to participate in the pilot: AN Deringer, Expeditors, FedEx Trade Networks, FH Kaysing, Janel Group of New York, Kuehne & Nagel, Inc., Livingston International, Page & Jones, Inc and UPS. Based on the success of the initial pilot, CBP has expanded the Cargo Release/Simplified Entry pilot.

On August 14, 2012, CBP published a Federal Register Notice (77 FR 48527), announcing the expansion of the pilot test of Cargo Release/Simplified Entry to additional participants. As a result, CBP has selected eleven new trade pilot participants: Alliance Customs Clearance Inc., Barthco International Inc. *dba* OHL International, CEVA Logistics, CSI Weiss-Rohlig USA Inc., Damco Customs Services, Inc., DHL Express, Inc. (USA), Future Forwarding Company, NEC Corporation of America, Scarbrough International, Ltd., Schenker, Inc., and UTC Overseas, Inc.

In addition to the three initial pilot ports, CBP has expanded the pilot to ten additional airports: Seattle, San Francisco, Oakland, Los Angeles, Dallas/Ft. Worth, Houston, Miami, JFK, Newark and Boston. In early November CBP will further expand the pilot to three additional ports, Detroit, Memphis, and Anchorage.

As of October 23, 2012, over 28,000 Simplified Entries have been filed for over 580 importers of record.

CBP will continue to build upon the Simplified Entry Pilot with future deployments of additional functionality until Cargo Release is fully available in ACE. For additional information on Simplified Entry/Cargo Release, including the Frequently Asked Questions, please continue to check the CBP website at:

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