



April 2013 Update

ACE Software Developer Session (CSMS# 13-000161)

On March 29, 2013, U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) announced that the National Customs Broker & Forwarders Association of America (NCBFAA) will be hosting a conference engaging software developers interested in obtaining more information about the Automated Commercial Environment (ACE) and upcoming technical changes related to the Partner Government Agency (PGA) Message Set, Entry Summary Validations, Entry Corrections/Cancellations and AES Re-Engineering/Manifest Baseline development.

These sessions will be very valuable in preparing importers, exporters, brokers, and their software developers for the upcoming deployments of ACE functionality. CBP encourages everyone's participation in this session. Registration is currently open on <http://www.ncbfaa.org>

CBP ACE Software Developer Session

Tuesday, May 21, 2013

Location: Sheraton Baltimore Washington Airport-BWI

Hotel Rate: \$119+ tax/night

Registration Fee: \$235 through May 17; on-site fee of \$275 applies after that date

NCBFAA would like an approximation of the number of anticipated attendees as well as those needing sleeping accommodations. Please click on the link below and complete the required information.

<http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/CN7SB5C>

Any questions should be submitted to NCBFAA representatives:

Barbara Reilly at br@ncbfaa.org (202-466-0222)

Kim O'Beirne at meetings@ncbfaa.org (202-466-0226)

Questions can also be sent to Frank Korpusik (CBP) at Frank.J.Korpusik@cbp.dhs.gov (571-468-5477)

Customs Broker Webinar Session (CSMS# 13-000189)

CBP would like to share the basic outline for CBP's proposed continuing education requirement with the customs brokerage community as part of the 19 CFR Part 111 overhaul. CBP will also be sharing the high level framework developed as a co-creation effort between CBP and the brokerage community.



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CBP will be hosting two webinars on May 2nd: 10A.M. EDT and 4P.M. EDT. The content for both webinars will be the same and questions will be taken live, at the time of the webinars. There is no need to register in advance for the webinars. Simply click on the link a few minutes before the start time to join. For the link to this webinar, please visit our website at:

http://cbp.gov/xp/cgov/trade/trade_transformation/broker_role/brokerregs.xml

CBP will continue to conduct public webinars of the proposed rule for 19 CFR Part 111. This is part of CBP's "Role of the Broker" initiative, which looks to meaningfully transform the relationship between the customs broker and CBP.

Active Antidumping/Countervailing (AD/CVD) Case Postings (CSMS# 13-000169)

CBP advised the trade community that current data from CBP's Active AD/CVD Case file has been posted to CBP.gov. This data is current as of March 21, 2013 and includes associated case number, ISO country code, tariff number, and the short description of the case.

This information alone should not be relied upon in determining whether an AD/CVD case is currently active, or whether merchandise falls under the scope of AD/CVD order. For current AD/CVD information, consult the ACE Case Management module, Department of Commerce Federal Register Notices, and ADDCVD Search on CBP.gov.

CBP Centers of Excellence and Expertise Expansion Announcement

On April 4, 2013, CBP published a Federal Register Notice (see 78 FR 20345) announcing the plan to modify and expand its test for the Centers of Excellence and Expertise (CEEs), originally published in the Federal Register (77 FR 52048) on August 28, 2012. This document announces that six new CEEs - Agriculture & Prepared Products; Apparel, Footwear & Textiles; Base Metals; Consumer Products & Mass Merchandising; Industrial & Manufacturing Materials; and Machinery—will be opened and tested to determine how they will operate with broad decision-making authority. This notice invites public comment concerning the methodology of the test program, identifies the purpose of the test and the regulations that will be affected, determines the length of the test, explains the application process and application timeframes, and provides the eligibility and selection criteria for voluntary participation in the test. To access this Federal Register notice, please click on the following link:

<http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2013-04-04/pdf/2013-07840.pdf>



Recent ACE Updates

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

Revised DIS Implementation Guide and DIS XML Schema Now Posted

The revised *Document Image System (DIS) Implementation Guide* and the *DIS XML Schema* have now been posted to the CBP.gov website at the following link:

http://www.cbp.gov/xp/cgov/trade/automated/modernization/ace_edi_messages/catair_main/abi_catair/catair_chapters/document_imaging_igs/

Changes include four new PGA forms as well as some additional minor updates:

- Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) Importation Permission Letter
- CDC Form 0728
- CDC Import Permit Exemption Letter
- Alcohol and Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau (TTB) Champagne Certificate of Origin

Schema/XSD change highlights:

- Added a flag , “DocPreviouslySubmitted,” to Document Header
- Added the four new forms

Implementation Guide (IG) change highlights:

- Updated the DIS SFTP and Web Services IP to 173.255.63.77
- Added the four new forms

CBP encourages the trade community to begin testing for DIS. Please contact your Client Representative.

Open ACE Programming Issues List Updated

CBP has updated the *ACE Entry Summary and Related Programming Issues* spreadsheet posted on CBP.gov. This document contains ESAR Release and other related programming issues and will be updated frequently to keep their statuses current.



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To review this posting, please visit:

http://www.cbp.gov/xp/cgov/trade/automated/modernization/programming_issues/
and click on “ACE Entry Summary and related programming issues.”

For details about the deployment of enhancements and fixes to ACE Production, please sign up for the Cargo Systems Messaging Service to receive system related information about ACE. These notifications are regularly published and issued after a deployment occurs during the ACE weekly maintenance window on Saturdays.

Periodic Monthly Statement Reminder

Importers and brokers with ACE portal accounts needing to request importer of record (IR) numbers to be flagged for periodic monthly statement, should do the following:

- If the importer has an ACE Portal Account, send an email to periodicstatement@dhs.gov with a list of IR numbers to be flagged. The subject of the email should read “Activation Request.” Also, please include the Importer’s ACE ID number found in the “View Top Account” portlet.
- If the Importer does not have an ACE Portal Account, send an email to periodicstatement@dhs.gov with a list of IR numbers to be flagged and a copy of the updated CBP Form 5106 with “Periodic Monthly Statement Activation” written on top of the 5106. The subject of the email should read “Activation Request.”

If the CBP Revenue Division responds back indicating that the Importer’s profile is not defined in ACE, please contact the Technology Service Desk at 1-866-530-4172 or via email at ACE.Support@cbp.dhs.gov and open up an ACE resolution ticket. Once the issue has been resolved, you will need to resubmit your activation request.

Newly Added IR Number, Filer or SCAC Code to an Existing ACE Portal Account

When a new IR number, filer or standard carrier alpha code (SCAC) is added to an existing ACE portal account, the Trade Account Owner (TAO) will immediately see the change to the account selector list. For the Proxy Trade Account Owner and Trade Account User, access will need to be granted by the TAO to allow them to view the IR number, filer, or SCAC code added to the account.

If you are unsure who your account TAO is, please visit your ACE portal account’s “View Top Account” portlet for a listing of your TAO’s telephone number and email address.



Your Questions:

Can multiple users log into the ACE portal account with the same User ID and Password?

No, all ACE portal users need to have an individual ACE User ID and Password. Security will allow only **one** user to be logged into the account using the same User ID and Password.

Is there a list available of ACE Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)?

Yes, an updated, comprehensive document listing ACE Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) is available at CBP.gov. The 141 pages of questions and answers are well organized and easy to navigate. Topics include e-Manifest, Periodic Monthly Statement, Reports, Portal Usage, ABI, Systems Background, etc. The FAQs can be found at the following link:

http://www.cbp.gov/linkhandler/cgov/trade/automated/modernization/ace/ace_faqs/ace_faq.ctt/ace_faq.pdf