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LATEST NEWS

AESDirect Filing Capabilities in the ACE Portal are Now Available!

On September 21, 2015, trade representatives began beta testing the new Automated Commercial Environment (ACE) AESDirect functionality in preparation for the rollout of electronic export information filing to all ACE Secure Data Portal trade users later this Fall. In conjunction with Census, U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) conducted an ACE Exporter Accounts and Reports Webinar with the trade community to provide an overview of the exporter account application, export reports and transition plans for migrating to the new ACE AESDirect. Later in October, Census conducted an ACE Refactored AESDirect Webinar providing exporters instructions on how to file electronic export information in the ACE Secure Data Portal.

An ACE Exporter account is required to file in ACE AESDirect. Also, Census' legacy AESDirect system will no longer be supported beginning October 2016, so all users are encouraged to start the transition to ACE AESDirect in the coming months.

To support the deployment of the new ACE Exporter Account type view and associated Automated Export System (AES) report capabilities deployed to the ACE Portal, CBP has posted new training materials to CBP.gov/ACE. In this page, you will find:

- ACE Exporter Account Quick Reference Guide (QRG)
- Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) for Exporters
- Three instructional videos

The new exporter QRG, FAQs and the three short videos were developed to provide instructions to both existing and new ACE Portal users on applying for an exporter account, and requesting access to an Employer Identification Number (EIN) required to run reports.

To access the new Exporter Account QRG, FAQs and instructional videos, please reference the [Getting Started with the ACE Portal](#) or "[ACE Training and Reference Guides](#)" pages of CBP.gov/ACE. You may also review the [ACE Exporter Accounts and Reports Webinar](#). To learn more about electronic export commodity filing in the ACE Secure Data Portal, please review the new [ACE Refactored AESDirect Capabilities Webinar](#).

MORE ACE INFORMATION

→ Visit www.cbp.gov/ACE

→ Subscribe to the [Cargo Systems Messaging Service \(CSMS\)](#) for Email Updates

→ [ACE Development/Deployment Schedule](#)

→ [ACE Training](#)

→ [List of ABI Vendors, including those certified to file in ACE](#)

MAY
2015

Mandatory use of ACE for all electronic manifest filing

NOV
1
2015

FEB
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2016

JUL
TBD
2016

Mandatory use of ACE for all electronic entry and entry summary filing

OCT
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2016

Mandatory use of ACE for all remaining electronic portions of the CBP cargo

UPDATE ON ACE DEPLOYMENT F

CBP is working to complete development of core trade processing capabilities in ACE and decommission corresponding capabilities in legacy systems by the end of 2016. Below is a listing of new ACE capabilities impacting the trade community that were deployed into Production:

Partner Government Agency (PGA) Integration

- **Food and Drug Administration (FDA) Prior Notice (PN) (September 19, 2015)** - CBP deployed capabilities to support FDA PN transactions on ACE Cargo Release and Entry Summary in the ACE Certification and Production environments.
- **Multiple Holds (October 15, 2015)** - ACE is able to process multiple holds on either a manifest or entry in the ACE Certification and Production environments.
- **One USG Message (October 31, 2015)** - A “One USG” entry status notification was deployed in ACE and sent to filers to indicate that merchandise has arrived, that all data required for entry has been submitted to the U.S. Government, that all PGAs that regulate the merchandise have issued “May proceed” status messages and that CBP has conditionally released the merchandise from its custody.

ACE Cargo Release/Entry Summary Updates

- **Entry and Entry Summary Types 06 and 23 (October 17, 2015)** - ACE now accepts entry and entry summary types 23 (Temporary Importation Bond [TIB]) and 06 (Consumption – Foreign Trade Zone [FTZ]) in the ACE Certification and Production environments. Entry type 06 and 23 are currently unavailable for HTS numbers with quota requirements. ACE FTZ entries (entry type 06) allow for:
 - Submitting active and inactive Harmonized Tariff Schedule (HTS) codes
 - Filing ACE Entry Summary, certified for ACE Cargo Release
 - Filing weekly FTZ “estimates” (not allowed if certified from summary)
 - Designation of privileged foreign status
- For further information on filing TIB entries (entry type 23) in ACE, please visit the [“ACE Technical News and Supplemental Guide”](#) page of CBP.gov/ACE.
- **National Sanctions List (October 31, 2015)** - CBP deployed functionality to support requirements for the National Sanction List. As a reminder, National Sanction List requirements mandate filing of a live entry and entry summary will full payment of duties, taxes, and fees prior to release of cargo.
 - **Expedited Release Programs: Border Release Advance Screening and Selectivity (BRASS), Line Release (October 31, 2015) and Free and Secure Trade (FAST) (November 14, 2015)** – Trade participants of BRASS, Line Release and FAST programs have the benefit of an automated and immediate release of their secure, repetitive and high-volume shipments. ACE Cargo Release has developed functionality to support:
 - Acceptance of compliance exam entries resulting from BRASS and Line Release manifest transactions.
 - BRASS and Line Release - Trade has the ability to file ACE Entry Summaries as a result of expedited release (BRASS and Line Release) transactions.
 - FAST/National Customs Automation Program [NCAP]) - Trade will have the ability to file ACE Entry Summaries as a result of expedited release (FAST) transactions.
 - **Bond Type “0” – Bond Waiver (November 14, 2015)** - CBP deployed functionality to accept bond type “0” for ACE Cargo Release entry type filings 11,12,21,22 and 23. However, with this deployment, Cargo Release entry types currently available in Production for processing with bond type “0” are 11,23 and 52.
 - **Bill of Lading Type - Truck Mode of Transport (MOT) (November 14, 2015)** - ACE will only allow a “simple” bill of lading for ACE Cargo Release entries with truck MOT. Previously, master and house bills were accepted for ACE Cargo Release entries under the truck MOT.

As a reminder, testing new capabilities in the Certification environment ahead of filing in the Production environment is recommended. For more information on ACE Deployment F, please review the updated [Information Notice for the Trade Community Fall Capabilities](#) article posted in the “News” section of the [“ACE and Automated Systems”](#) page of CBP.gov/ACE. You may also click on the hyperlinks provided.

ACE REPORTS INTERFACE CHANGES

On October 31, 2015, CBP updated ACE Reports to include a new landing page, a tabular reports structure and revised training resource page. Through the updated interface, users will see more streamlined features, thereby allowing users to find reports more quickly and with greater ease.

Between November and December 2015:

- Both the legacy and the new reports layout will be available
- The Documents tab will remain the default/initial view to display
- The new landing page content can be viewed via the ACE Home folder in the Documents tab

Effective December 7, 2015:

- Both the legacy and the new reports layout will be available
- The updated Home tab will be the default/initial view to display
- The legacy folder layout can be accessed via the Documents tab

Please note: In January, a significant percentage of legacy public/canned reports will be retired due to infrequent use. ACE Report users will have the option to save canned reports to their “Favorites” folder to continue using them after some of them are retired.

To familiarize users with the new ACE Reports features and layout, CBP has published an ACE Reports Webinar and an ACE Reports Quick Reference Card (QRC). The [ACE Reports webinar](#) provides a review of the enhancements to ACE Reports. The [ACE Reports QRC](#) provides tips on how to navigate the new ACE Reports Landing Page. To review the new ACE Reports training materials, please visit the “[ACE Outreach Events for Trade](#)” and “[ACE Reports Training and User Guides](#)” pages of [CBP.gov/ACE](#).

RECENTLY PUBLISHED FEDERAL REGISTER NOTICES (FRN)

During the months of October and November, CBP and PGAs published several Federal Register Notices (FRNs) concerning ACE entry, entry summary, and export manifest filing, exporter accounts, Document Image System (DIS) and the PGA Pilots. The FRNs include:

- [80 FR 59721](#), dated October 2, 2015 - The U.S. Department of Agriculture’s Animal and Plant Health Inspection service (APHIS) announced a test concerning the use of the PGA Message Set component of ACE for electronic submission of trade data required at time of importation and regulated by APHIS.
- [80 FR 61278](#), dated October 13, 2015 - CBP announced that ACE will become the CBP-authorized Electronic Data Interchange (EDI) system for electronic entry and entry summary filing and will replace the Automated Commercial System (ACS).
- [80 FR 62082](#), dated October 15, 2015, - CBP announced a modification of the National Customs Automation Program (NCAP) test concerning DIS regarding eligibility, future eligibility updates, and information on the new method of submission of accepted documents to DIS.
- [80 FR 63575](#), dated October 20, 2015 - CBP announced a correction to a previously issued FRN concerning the Export Manifest test for Vessel Cargo.
- [80 FR 63576](#), dated October 20, 2015 - CBP announced a modification of the NCAP test concerning the deployment of entry type 52 (Government-Dutiable) and certain modes of transportation to ACE Cargo Release.
- [80 FR 63815](#), dated October 21, 2015 - CBP announced a modification of the NCAP test concerning the deployment of entry types 51 (Defense Contract Administration Service Region [DCASR]) and 52 (Government-Dutiable) and certain modes of transportation to ACE Entry Summary.
- [80 FR 63817](#), dated October 21, 2015 - CBP announced a modification of the NCAP test that expands the ACE Secure Data Portal to allow the trade community to establish Exporter Accounts.
- [80 FR 72686](#), dated November 20, 2015 - The Enforcement and Compliance Agency of the Department of Commerce, International Trade Administration announced an International Trade Data System (ITDS) test concerning documentation required for Uranium from the Russian Federation using the Document Image System (DIS).

To review the entire FRN messages, please click on the hyperlinks above.

NEW AND UPDATED ACE INFORMATION POSTED ON CBP.GOV

CBP has posted new and updated ACE documentation to CBP.gov. The new and updated ACE information includes:



The [ACE Basics](#) is a new one-pager graphically depicts how ACE works to receive and make trade data available through the Secure Data Portal. It also contains information about how to get started and the ACE mandatory use dates.



The [ACE Basics – DIS](#) is a new one-page information graphic that depicts how DIS works in ACE. It also contains information about how to get started with DIS, how to submit to DIS, and how the process works.



The updated [ACE Development and Deployment Schedule](#) provides details on when upcoming ACE capabilities will be developed and deployed into the ACE production environment.



The [DIS Implementation Guide \(IG\)](#) provides record layouts, interface requirements, and communication protocol for the submission of electronic documentation to CBP and PGAs.



The [ACEpedia](#) update provides an overview of ACE, Single Window implementation details, benefits by trade business process, current functionality and planned future development.



The [ACE Adoption Rate Monthly Report \(October 2015 version\)](#) provides ACE onboarding statistics, cargo release and entry summary rates, PGA Pilot Status, and deployed core capability percentages.

To access the new and updated ACE information, please visit the [“ACE and Automated Systems”](#) and [“ACE Automated Broker Interface \(ABI\) and CBP and Trade Automated Interface Requirements \(CATAIR\)”](#) pages of [CBP.gov/ACE](#). You may also click on the hyperlinks provided.

TIP OF THE MONTH

Saving Canned ACE Reports to the Favorites Folder

ACE Report users can save a copy of any available canned, modified or customized report to the **My Favorites** folder from the **My Documents** drawer of the Navigation pane. To save a copy of an ACE report, please follow these simple steps:

1. After running an ACE report, click on the “Save” icon
2. The “Save” icon may be accessed from any of the available report modes:

A. **Reading Mode Toolbar** – in the first group of icons



B. **Design Mode Toolbar** – in the “File” tab



3. Select an option from the “Save” icon’s drop-down menu:

- A. **Save** saves the report without renaming it or changing its location. This is only available in the **My Favorites** folder.
- B. **Save As** allows you to save the current report to a new name or location

For more information on saving ACE Reports, please review the [“ACE Reports User Guide”](#) available in the [“ACE Reports Training and User Guides”](#) page of [CBP.gov/ACE](#). You may also click on the hyperlink above.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Can an Importer with an ACE Portal Account add additional Importer of Record (IR) numbers to their account’s Importer view?

Yes, The Importer will need to contact the ACE Account Service Desk (ASD) to inform them that a new IR Number will need to be added to their ACE Portal Account. If the IR number contains a new suffix only and is part of an existing IR in the ACE Portal account, the ASD will immediately add the IR number to the Importer’s account. However, if the IR number is new, the ASD will request additional documentation to authenticate ownership of the company and forward the importer’s request to the ACE Application Team for further processing.

Why am I not seeing the last two weeks of entry summary data in my Entry Summary Account Management (AM) Detail Reports?

The Entry Summary AM Detailed Reports contains a prompt called “Include Entries with No Entry Date”, which defaults to “No”. If a user forgets to change the value for this prompt to “Yes”, entry summary records without entry dates will be omitted from the AM Entry Summary, Detail Reports. The entry date for entry summaries in ACE Reports populates when the transaction is paid and collected.