



MONTHLY TRADE UPDATE

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LATEST NEWS

ACE 101 Webinar Update

U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) recently announced an upcoming Automated Commercial Environment (ACE) webinar scheduled for June 3, 2014. Due to the overwhelming response received from stakeholders, CBP scheduled an additional session of this webinar on June 4 to accommodate all parties who had registered. This ACE 101 Webinar will provide an understanding of the ACE Plan Forward in preparation for the transition to ACE for all electronic filings. Topics include:

- ACE Plan Forward - Mandatory use dates, deployed and upcoming capabilities
- Getting Started with ACE
 - Filing transactions in ACE via EDI
 - Taking advantage of ACE Portal benefits

CBP is planning to follow the ACE 101 webinar with a series of more in-depth webinars. All webinars, including ACE 101, will be recorded and posted to CBP.gov/ACEoutreach.

IMPORTANT DATES

MANDATORY USE DEADLINES

May 1, 2015	Mandatory use of ACE for all electronic manifest filing
Nov 1, 2015	Mandatory use of ACE for all electronic cargo release and related entry summary filings
Oct 1, 2016	Mandatory use of ACE for all remaining electronic portions of the CBP cargo process

UPCOMING EVENTS

June 3-4, 2014	ACE 101 Webinars*
June 19, 2014	Chicago Trade Outreach*

*Visit CBP.gov/ACEoutreach for more details

MORE ACE INFORMATION

- Visit www.cbp.gov/ACE
- Subscribe to the [Cargo Systems Messaging Service \(CSMS\)](#) for Email Updates

QUICK LINKS

- [ACE Development/Deployment Schedule](#)
- [ACE Training](#)
- [List of ABI Vendors](#)

TIP OF THE MONTH

CBP.gov Website Content Blending into the Page Background

After launching the newly redesigned CBP.gov website on March 11, 2014, CBP received reports from the trade community that certain pages of CBP.gov were difficult to read and that the content and images were blending into the background of the page. CBP investigated and determined that the cause for this display issue was related to compatibility between Internet Explorer and CBP.gov. To ensure that the CBP.gov website displays properly, CBP recommends that all impacted users enable their Internet Explorer browser's "Compatibility View" setting. For instructions on how to enable the "Compatibility View" setting, please visit Microsoft's website via the hyperlink below.

- [How to Change Internet Explorer Compatibility View Settings](#)

ACE DEPLOYMENT D UPDATE

CBP has updated the delivery strategy for the next group of core trade processing functionality scheduled to be implemented into ACE as part of Deployment D. Rather than waiting for the January 2015 deployment date to deliver all Deployment D features, CBP has decided to divide the next upcoming deployment into three separate release dates to avoid holding on to workable functionality that is ready for users. CBP will deploy new capabilities for ACE Deployment D in July 2014, October 2014, and January 2015.

Deployment Features

Pre-Arrival - ACE Import Manifest

- Air Manifest Processing (01/15)

Arrival - ACE Cargo Release

- Expansion of the ACE Cargo Release pilot that includes:
 - Single transaction processing for both cargo clearance and Importer Security Filing (ISF) (07/14)
 - Automated diversion processing (10/14)
 - Advanced truck processing to include in-bonds, partial quantities and certification from entry summary (01/15)
 - Entry query capabilities for trade (01/15)

Post Release - ACE Entry Summary (ES) and Accounts

- Additional entry summary validations for: (07/14)
 - Informal entry restrictions
 - Charges restrictions
 - Taxes
 - Other fees
- Entry summary framework and foundation stabilization, maintenance and improvement (10/14)
- Statement processing (01/15)
- Electronic bond processing for: (01/15)
 - Single transaction
 - Continuous bonds
- A portion of the remaining entry summary types not including quota and reconciliation (01/15)
- Exporter & freight forwarder account types (01/15)

Exports

- Air (10/14) , Ocean and Rail Manifest Processing (01/15)

For more information on Deployment D capabilities and deployment dates, please download a copy of the ACE Development and Deployment Schedule by visiting the "ACE and Automated Systems" page of CBP.gov/ACE.

FINDING GSP AND LIQUIDATION DATE INFORMATION IN ACE REPORTS

Generalized System of Preferences (GSP)

With the Generalized System of Preferences (GSP) program expiring on July 31, 2013, Importers were advised to continue to use the Special Program Indicator (SPI) code “A” to claim GSP but to pay the duty owed to CBP subsequent to that date. The intent was to be able to process refunds automatically in the event of a retroactive renewal of the program. As a result, CBP enhanced ACE Reports and included a “Q” in all “Primary SPI Indicator” fields to indicate that a GSP claim was made during the period of GSP expiration. CBP uses the “Q” as a means to identify those impacted entry summary lines in the ACS and ACE systems. To monitor entry summaries flagged for GSP, ACE Report users can run the following standard reports from the Account Management (AM) and Entry Summary (ESM) folders:

- AM 008 Entry Summary line Detail Report
- AM 064 Entry Summary Line by Entry Nbr Report
- ESM 7008 Entry Summary Line Detail Report

Liquidation Date

On August 17, 2011, CBP published a Final Rule in the Federal Register announcing that it would discontinue mailing paper versions of CBP Form 4333A Courtesy Notice of Liquidation ([see 76 FR 50883](#)) to importers who do not file their own electronic entry summaries. To support the discontinuation of paper notices, CBP developed an ACE report that provides the same liquidation information previously found in the paper version of the Courtesy Notice of Liquidation. CBP continues to send paper courtesy notices to importers who file non-electronic entry summary transactions and to send electronic notifications to brokers when an entry summary is liquidated. To locate liquidation date information, importers and brokers with access to an ACE Portal account can run the following reports from the Account Management (AM) and Entry Summary (ESM) folders:

- AM 100 Courtesy Notice of Liquidation Report
- AM 068 Entry Summary Report
- ESM 7068 Entry Summary Report

The above reports may also be modified to include additional data objects not found in the standard versions of the reports. For more information on running ACE Reports or to access ACE Reports training documentation and webinars, please visit the [ACE Reports Training and User Guides](#) page of CBP.gov.

REDESIGNED ACE DEVELOPMENT AND DEPLOYMENT SCHEDULE

The ACE Business Office has posted an updated ACE Development and Deployment Schedule with a new look! The new schedule provides:

- Easier identification of feature launches
- New feature descriptions
- Updates on Partner Government Agency (PGA) activities

To access the new look schedule go to [CBP.gov/ace](#) or click this link: [ACE Development and Deployment Schedule](#)

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTION

Can the Document Image System (DIS) be used for all entry summaries to respond to a request from CBP for additional documents?

No, DIS is only available to ACE entry summary filers and for ACE entry summaries only. This includes ACE entry summaries certified for release.