Attention All Entry and Entry Summary Filers:
Take action to ensure you are ready for the November 1, 2015 ACE mandatory filing date

Filers must ensure they are fully prepared to file all electronic entries and corresponding entry summaries in ACE by the November 1, 2015 ACE filing deadline, just over six months away.

Filers have advised CBP that they understand their entries are filed in ACE, when in fact they are transmitting ACE Entry Summary data and **certifying corresponding cargo release data in the Automated Commercial System (ACS).** These transmissions do not constitute an ACE entry filing, which is required for the November 1, 2015 mandatory date.

The ability to transmit both ACE cargo release (entry) and ACE entry summary requires specific software changes that address the new data requirements. For example, there are additional party reporting requirements such as the Buyer and Seller for ACE cargo release (entry). There are also new requirements for split shipments as well as corrections and cancellations for ACE Cargo Release.

Please contact your software vendor or service bureau to verify that your software program can successfully transmit both ACE Cargo Release (SE transactions) and ACE Entry Summary (AE transactions). Being approved to transmit in ACE and having the appropriate software application to file **both** ACE Cargo Release and ACE Entry Summary will be necessary to ensure compliance with the November 2015 ACE filing deadline.

At present, only 4 percent of all entries are filed in ACE. 100 percent of entries must be filed in ACE by November 1, 2015. Please take immediate action to confirm that your entries are being filed in ACE, and if not, determine when your entries will be filed in ACE to meet the November 1, 2015 deadline. Below are examples of entry and entry summary filing submission methods transmitted through the Automated Broker Interface (ABI) available today, and available as of November 1, 2015:

Filing Methods	Available Today	Available as of 11/1/15
ACE Cargo Release Entry (Simplified Entry) followed by ACE Entry Summary (two step filing method) - **SE** and **AE** transactions processed entirely in ACE	✓	✓
ACE Entry Summary Certified for ACE Cargo Release (one step filing method) - **AE** transaction with certification processed entirely in ACE	✓	✓
ACS Cargo Release Entry followed by ACS Entry Summary (two step filing method) - **HI** and **EI** transactions processed entirely in ACS	✓	X
ACS Entry Summary Certified for Cargo Release (one step filing method) - **EI** transaction with certification processed entirely in ACS	✓	X
ACS Border Cargo Release Entry (BCS) followed by ACS Entry Summary (two step filing method) - **HN** and **EI** transactions processed entirely in ACS	✓	X

Filers who are unsure about whether their software supports the November 1, 2015, mandatory requirements, should contact their software vendor or service bureau as soon as possible. Once you confirm your software is updated, please contact your assigned CBP Client Rep to advise that you want to be approved for ACE Cargo Release.

CBP regularly updates the following references on CBP.gov/ACE:
- List of certified software vendors
  http://www.cbp.gov/document/guidance/abi-software-vendors-list

- ACE Cargo Release Capabilities by Mode (Entries currently available to be filed in ACE Cargo Release or to be Certified from Summary in ACE Cargo Release)
  http://www.cbp.gov/document/guidance/ace-cargo-release-capabilities-mode