



U.S. Customs and Border Protection

ACE at a Glance

The Automated Commercial Environment is the commercial trade processing system being developed by U.S. Customs and Border Protection to facilitate trade while strengthening border security.

Integrated Online Access

The ACE Secure Data Portal, essentially a customized Web page, connects CBP, the trade community and participating government agencies by providing a single, centralized, online access point for communications and information related to cargo shipments.

Account Management

- The ACE portal enables users to monitor daily operations and identify compliance issues through access to more than 150 reports.
- ACE portal users can electronically update account data, merge accounts, access multiple accounts via one username, create a new importer identification record (the CBP Form 5106) and ensure the accuracy of all account information.
- The number of ACE account types now includes practically every entity doing business with CBP.
- There are more than 17,000 ACE portal accounts, including more than 3,000 importer and broker accounts and more than 14,000 carrier accounts.

Periodic Payments

- With the ACE account-based system, monthly payment and statement capabilities are available, meaning periodic payment participants have the ability to wait until the 15th working day of the next month to pay for shipments released during the previous calendar month.
- More than \$40 billion in duties and fees have been paid through the ACE monthly statement process since the first payment was made in July 2004.

Electronic Truck Manifest

- ACE electronic truck manifest capabilities enable CBP to pre-screen trucks and shipments to ensure the safety and security of incoming cargo.
- Electronic manifests detailing shipment, conveyance and carrier information are required when entering the nation's 99 land border ports.

- Truck carriers can self-file e-manifests through the ACE portal or via a CBP-approved electronic data interchange, or they can use third parties, such as brokers or border processing centers.
- E-manifests are currently processed 21 percent faster than paper manifests.

Entry Summary Filing

- ACE participants can file formal (type 01), consumption (type 11), and Anti-Dumping Countervailing Duty entries via ACE. These entries represent nearly 99 percent of all entries eligible to be filed via ACE.
- A new AD/CVD case management system enhances the ability to track the life cycle of an AD/CVD case; facilitates trade compliance efforts by centralizing more information; leads to increased efficiencies between CBP and the Department of Commerce; and makes ACE the system of record for AD/CVD cases.

International Trade Data System

- The International Trade Data System is a program that is ensuring inter-agency participation in ACE.
- Through ITDS efforts, ACE will provide a "single window" for collecting and sharing trade data with agencies that are responsible for ensuring the compliance of imported and exported cargo with U.S. laws.
- To date, there are 46 Participating Government Agencies in ITDS.
- More than 500 end-users from 27 PGAs have access to the ACE portal.



Looking Ahead: Future ACE Capabilities

Deployed in phases, ACE will be expanded to provide cargo processing capabilities across all modes of transportation. Future releases will result in further automation of entry summary processing and enhanced account management features.