Information Notice for the Trade Community ACE Deployment E

U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) is working to complete the development of core trade processing capabilities in the Automated Commercial Environment (ACE) and decommission corresponding capabilities in legacy systems by the end of 2016. This notice documents the new capabilities that will be delivered to trade community users as part of the second release of ACE Deployment E scheduled for June 27th. Some capabilities included in this deployment will operate in parallel with legacy ACE for the next four weeks and not become available to users until later July. This deployment strategy will allow CBP to conduct end to end testing and further performance testing at production level volumes prior to migrating these capabilities to the new ACE platform.

Capabilities Available June 27, 2015

Mail, Passenger (hand-carried), and Pipeline Entries

Beginning June 27th, ACE will process entries from the mail, passenger, and pipeline modes of transportation types 50, 60, and 70, respectively.

Quota Validations

Until November 1, 2015, entries that are subject to quota must be filed in the Automated Commercial System (ACS). Effective June 27th, a new system validation will automatically reject ACE Cargo Release entries that are subject to quota and entered without the correct entry type.

ACE Exporter Accounts and ACE Trade Export Reports

Beginning June 27th the ACE Secure Data Portal will support a new account type, "exporter", for trade users. Establishing an exporter account will facilitate access to ACE Trade Export Reports that include export commodity data (current year and five years of historical data). An exporter account will be required to access the ACE AESDirect filing portal once it is available later this year. To establish an exporter account, see the instructions below:

- Current ACE Portal Account Users
 - The Trade Account Owner (TAO), the highest level of access within your company's ACE Portal account, can create the ACE Exporter Business Partner (BP) Account, including any EINs that are appropriate for exports.
 - o For existing (EINs), i.e., those currently matching Importer of Record (IR) numbers in the Company's Importer Account:
 - To create the ACE Exporter Account, the TAOs must navigate to the Accounts tab, then in the Task Selector portlet select **Account Type View** drop down box and select "Exporter", click "GO" and then select the "Create Exporter" link from the **Select Task** list.
 - On the right side, an **Exporter** portlet displays and users will be prompted to provide their corporate information and complete details.
 - After saving the exporter's corporate information and refreshing the list for Accounts, the newly added EIN will display in the **Account Selector List** portlet.
 - Select the EIN hyperlink to view the details for the Exporter Account.
 - All EINs that have been established in the Exporter Account that match corresponding IR numbers in the Importer Account will automatically be authorized for inclusion in ACE Trade Export Reports.
 - o For new EINs (not matching IR numbers in the Importer Account):
 - To create the Exporter Account, the TAOs must navigate to the Accounts tab, then in the Task Selector portlet select **Account Type View** drop down box and select "Exporter", click "GO" and then select the "Create Exporter" link from the **Select Task** list.

- On the right side, an **Exporter** portlet displays and users will be prompted to provide their corporate information and complete details.
- After saving the exporter's corporate information and refreshing the list for Accounts, the newly added EIN will display in the **Account Selector List** portlet.
- Select the EIN hyperlink to view the details for the Exporter Account.
- From the Exporter view, the TAO will need to select the "Request EIN Reports Authorization" button in the **Exporter** account portlet.
 - **Please note:** "Authorization for Reports" status is initially set to *Not Authorized* and will change to *Pending* upon selecting the "Request EIN Reports Authorization" button. The exporter must comply with the Census request to provide additional account information before Census will approve the exporter's EIN for inclusion in ACE Trade Export Reports.
- Once approved by Census, "Authorization for Reports" changes to *Authorized* for the specified EIN.
- Note: The *Authorization for Reports* steps must be completed for each EIN in order for the data for that EIN to appear in the ACE Trade Export Reports.
- To run ACE Trade Export Reports, users will select "Reports" from the Exporter view's Task Selector portlet, and select the "Launch Tool" button in the Launch Reports and Quickview Tool portlet

• New ACE Portal Account Users:

- To establish an Exporter Account in the ACE Portal, please visit CBP.gov/ACE and complete the Exporter Account web form application to establish your Exporter Account. The person identified in the ACE Account Owner section of the application form will be designated as the Trade Account Owner (TAO) for the Exporter ACE Portal account.
- Once the Exporter ACE Portal account is established, the TAO will receive an ACE email notification with instructions on retrieving their password in order to login to the ACE Portal and access their account. The Account ID will be identified as well.
 - Please note: The system will subsequently prompt you for a shared secret value when obtaining your temporary password. The shared secret value is the same as your Account ID and also becomes your User ID for logging in to the ACE portal.
- o To request approval for the inclusion of the EIN in ACE Trade Export Reports, select the EIN hyperlink to view your Exporter Account details.
- o Then select the "Request EIN Reports Authorization" button in the **Exporter** account portlet.
- "Authorization for Reports" status is initially set to *Not Authorized* and will change to *Pending* upon selecting the "Request EIN Reports Authorization" button. The exporter must comply with the Census request to provide additional account information before Census will approve the exporter's EIN for inclusion in ACE Trade Export Reports.
- o Census' vetting process will begin once all steps have been completed. The requests will be handled in the order in which they are received.
- Once approved by Census, "Authorization for Reports" changes to *Authorized* for the specified EIN.
- o **Please note:** These Authorization for Reports steps must be completed for each EIN in order for the data for a given EIN to appear in the ACE Trade Export Reports.

To run ACE Trade Export Reports, users will select "Reports" from the Exporter view's **Task Selector** portlet, and select the "Launch Tool" button in the **Launch Reports and Quickview Tool** portlet.

The following training materials for the trade for these capabilities will be posted to CBP.gov/ACE prior to the June 27th deployment and communicated via the Cargo Systems Messaging Service (CSMS):

An updated ACE Reports for Trade user guide, to include ACE Trade Export Reports

- A quick reference guide on applying for an ACE Exporter Account
- A series of videos on ACE Exporter Account set-up

For further information:

- For technical questions related to the application for an ACE Exporter Account or ACE Trade Export Reports access, please contact the CBP ACE Account Service Desk by calling 1-866-530-4172, selecting option 1, then option 2, or email ACE.Support@cbp.dhs.gov.
- For general questions on ACE Trade Export Reports, please contact Census at 800-549-0595, Option 5.

Capabilities Available Mid-July, 2015

Partner Government Agency (PGA) Pilot Rollout

CBP and the PGAs will conduct a series of pilots on the new PGA capabilities in ACE. All ports will be brought into the pilots in a phased approach, and the pilots are targeted to begin in mid-July 2015. The current PGA pilot schedule is posted on CBP.gov/ACE, and more information on the pilot rollout will be provided as it becomes available.

Capabilities Available July 25, 2015

Remote Location Filing (RLF) for ACE Entry Summaries Certified for ACE Cargo Release

Effective July 25th, RLF will be available for filers who submit ACE Entry Summaries certified for ACE Cargo Release. When you file ACE Entry Summary RLF transactions that are certified for ACE Cargo Release and receive a response message requiring invoice information, your response must be submitted to CBP via the Document Image System (DIS), in lieu of the Automated Invoice Interface (AII) filing method used today in support of ACS RLF submissions. As a reminder, two methods are available for submitting documents to CBP via DIS (Cargo Release document submissions are not supported through ACE Portal Upload functionality):

- 1. Transmitted in XML format via ABI. See the <u>DIS Implementation Guide</u> for more information on submitting via ABI.
- 2. Sent via email. For more details review the <u>Instructions for Submitting Docs Required in Support of ACE Cargo Release</u>.

Filing RLF Transactions that are certified for ACE Cargo Release will allow you to file single transaction bonds electronically via ACE eBond. For more information about ACE eBond, please visit the <u>eBond</u> <u>page</u>.

Single Pay Option for ACE Entry Summaries

To date, when a summary is submitted it has been required to be paid on statement. CBP has had a validation in place that rejects a summary being paid outside of a statement. Effective July 25th, CBP has eliminated this Header Single Pay Claim Restriction. As a result, trade will no longer have to perform workarounds for single pay for ACE Summaries. Trade will be able to select Single Pay or Statements as options for the pay basis for ACE Summaries.

Refactored Entry Summary Types 01, 03, and 11 in new ACE Platform

The way ACE processes Entry summary types 01, 03, and 11 will be updated or 'refactored' effective July 25th. Although this transition should be seamless for filers, CBP encourages testing in CERT prior to July 25th to identify and correct potential issues caused by this change.

Entry Type 52, Entry Summary Types 51 & 52

On July 25th, entry type 52 (Government – Dutiable) will be available for filing and processing in ACE. Also at this time, entry summary types 51 (Defense Contract Administration Service Region (DCASR)) and 52 will be available for filing and processing in ACE.

Reminder About CERT Testing

On May 20th, much of the code needed for the November 1, 2015 mandatory date was deployed to the Certification environment for testing by all trade filers. CBP strongly recommends trade filers work with their Client Reps to test new and existing entry and entry summary capabilities (including entry/entry summary types 01, 03, and 11) via the Certification environment to ensure they are ready well in advance of the November 1, 2015 mandatory date. Implementation Guides are posted to CBP.gov/ACE.

CBP is working to ensure that quota continues to be processed fairly, timely and consistently for all filers in both ACS and ACE as we approach the November milestone for mandatory use of ACE for electronic entries and related entry summaries. To that end, deployment of entry types on which quota merchandise may be filed will occur in conjunction with the October 31, 2015 deployment and includes the following entry types: 02, 06, 07, 12, 21, 22, 23, 31, 32, 34, and 38.