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Background:
o ACE is the United States Single Window, the primary processing system through which the trade-related data required by all Government agencies is submitted and processed.[1]
o To date, CBP has completed six of seven primary deployments established to achieve core trade processing in ACE, and is on track to complete core trade processing in ACE by early 2018. Currently:
- 100 percent of import manifest, cargo release processing, Partner Government Agency (PGA) integration, and export processing functionality has been deployed in ACE.
- All manifest, entries, entry summaries and export commodity filings must be filed in ACE.
- In addition, more than 85 percent of post release capabilities are available in ACE.
  ▪ Protest capabilities were deployed in ACE in August 2016.
  ▪ In accordance with the December 2016 Final Rule, the Official Notices of Liquidation, Suspension, and Extension are now electronic and posted on the CBP.gov home page.

Issue:
o With the replanned approach for the final ACE deployment, CBP divided the capabilities into four releases, each followed shortly by deployments of the corresponding reporting capabilities.
o CBP will have all core trade processing capabilities in ACE as of February 2018 and remains committed to providing a highly available and reliable system to support industry business processes.

Next Steps:
- On September 16, 2017, CBP successfully deployed the following capabilities as part of Deployment G, Release 2: Non-ABI Entry Summary/Lineless (for CBP only); Reject/Cancellation Entry Summary UI Update (for CBP Only), Duty Deferral; and Importer Security Filing (ISF).
  o The ACE reports capabilities following Deployment G, Release 2 were successfully deployed on October 7, 2017.
- CBP is on track for the next release of Deployment G, Release 3, scheduled for December 9, 2017.
  o This release will include – Statements, e214 (electronic Foreign Trade Zone admission) and Manufacturer ID Creation
- The final release of Deployment G, Release 4, is scheduled for February 24, 2018.

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[1] The initial capability deployed and piloted for U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) was suspended and the COAC has formed a working group that has been consulting with CBP and FWS on both and interim and longer term solution.

- o This release will include – Reconciliation, Liquidation, Automated Surety Interface (ASI), ACE Core Drawback and Trade Facilitation and Trade Enforcement Act (TFTEA) Drawback.
  - o With respect to drawback, CBP intends to deploy TFTEA drawback capabilities in accordance with the legislative mandate.
- Following the delivery of core trade processing capabilities in ACE in 2018 deployment, the system will transition to the Operations and Maintenance (O&M) phase of its life cycle.
- There are no ACE Program funds for developing new or enhanced capabilities. CBP continues to explore funding strategies and sources to support development of any new capabilities beyond O&M.
- Resources for the remaining life cycle of the core ACE system are dedicated to promoting supply chain predictability by ensuring ACE system availability and reliability through timely system bug fixes, program management, software sustainment, and infrastructure support for deployed core capabilities.
- The trade community can help by quantifying and articulating the trade benefit of desired CBP trade program enhancement initiatives, including those requiring automation.
- The process for submitting trade's input and automation requests to CBP has and continues to be coordinated via the Trade Support Network (TSN) and approved by the Trade Leadership Council as the governing body of the TSN.
  - o All trade community requests should be sent to the TSN, which are then vetted by the appropriate TSN committee.
  - o If agreed to, the TSN committee will complete and submit a Great Idea Form (GIF) to CBP. CBP will then assess feasibility, potential impacts, and alignment to priorities as defined by the CBP mission and program offices.
  - o If CBP accepts the GIF, funding will then need to be identified before any work can begin. Please note that as stated above there are currently no ACE Program funds for developing new or enhanced capabilities.

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