

# Update Timing of Entry Type 86 Release Messages (1C) in Air Environment (Non-Express)

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On **January 27, 2024**, U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) will deploy the *Update Timing of Entry Type 86 Release Messages (1C) in Air Environment (Non-Express)* enhancement to the Automated Commercial Environment (ACE). This update will modify the timing of the automatic release message (1C) for non-express air cargo for entry type 86 (ET86) to ensure that CBP has sufficient time to review entries and notify filers of holds. The change is necessary to enable CBP to effectively manage risk and to ensure that the trade community receives hold requests from CBP in a timely manner and are able to effectively respond.

## What will change for trade users?

- Currently when the flight departure message is received, it causes the 1C release message to be transmitted back to the trade almost instantaneously.
- Following this enhancement, ET 86 release messages will not be issued until CBP arrives the associated flight in ACE. There will be no change to trade receiving SO message for intensive hold. The change only impacts release messages.
- This enhancement will prevent ET86 air cargo (Non-Express) from being released outside of port hours. If a flight arrives at a port outside of operating hours or outside of hours when personnel are onsite to process the flight, movement of cargo will not be permitted until CBP personnel are onsite to review the information, place any necessary holds, and arrive the flight.
- Cargo is not permitted to move off site until release messages are received.
- Release times will still be significantly faster than manual release of low value shipments under \$800 from the manifest.

## Background Information

- The growth in e-commerce has resulted in an influx of shipments that clear under the Section 321 de minimis exemption, which allows for the duty-free import of up to \$800 in goods per importer per day. CBP expects more than one billion de minimis packages will be processed this year.
- CBP created the ET 86 test to provide an automated mechanism for the filing and release of these low value shipments and to also provide Partner Government Agencies (PGA) visibility into the movement of these goods.
- Instantaneous release of ET 86 shipments has resulted in shipments leaving ports of entry before CBP has reviewed the entries.
- This change is necessary to enable CBP to effectively manage risk with this segment of shipments and to also ensure that the trade community receives hold requests from CBP in a timely manner that allows them to respond and comply with those requests.



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## What additional resources are available?

- [Informational flyer](#)
- **Biweekly Trade Support Call**
  - CBP hosts a biweekly support call to address ACE technical topics. This enhancement will be discussed during the following calls.
    - January 4 and 18, 2024, 2 to 3 p.m. ET
      - WebEx Meeting: [ACE Biweekly Trade Support Call](#)
      - Meeting Password: ACE1 (2231 from phones)
  - Please note this is a recurring event link that can be used for all upcoming biweekly trade support call sessions.
- **Additional Support**
  - Cargo Release, Manifest, and Export Product Division questions: Contact [crem@cbp.dhs.gov](mailto:crem@cbp.dhs.gov)
  - Technical issues: Contact the ACE Account Service Desk (ASD) at 866-530-4172 or [ace.support@cbp.dhs.gov](mailto:ace.support@cbp.dhs.gov).

