



TSN Plenary Session

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Director's Overview

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Cargo Release

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ACE Cargo Release Updates

Today, we will provide an overview of the current status of:

- Remaining cargo release entry types & MOTs
- ACE Cargo Release
- Entry status & bill disposition code messaging
- Release data calculation
- Document required entry status & DIS
- CATAIR updates

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Break

10:15 – 10:30 AM

PGA Integration

ACE Business Office Representatives

Vincent Annunziato | Director, PGA Integration, ABO

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PGA Panel Representatives

Sandra Abbott | Food & Drug Administration (FDA)

Pamela Bennett | Animal & Plant Health Inspections Service (APHIS)

Clint Lindsay | National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA)

Roy Chaudet | Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)

Doug Bailey | Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS)

PGA Correction Overview (CA Transaction)

- Allows submission of PGA corrections apart from the entry
- Ability to submit a full replace
- Ability to submit by agency
- Future Vision: Only actual changed data submitted

PGA Correction Overview (CA Transaction)

- PGA standalone corrections may be submitted up until 10 days after release
- Corrections to CBP entry will affect the whole entry as it does today
- Qualifiers in PG01: Add, Replace, Delete
- If less than full replace, only those agencies submitted will have their rules re-run
- PGA holds will remain in place at the CBP line level



FDA: ACE Update

Sandra Abbott

- As of 3/24/2016 FDA has processed over 155,843 entries and 399,916 lines through ACE, with over 1050 filers currently filing FDA ACE entries through the system. On Average over FDA is receiving 5,000 entries per day through ACE.
- FDA is in full production accepting ACE filings across all commodities and ports.
- The latest Supplemental Guide 2.4.1 has been transmitted to CBP.
- FDA has awarded a contract to provide 24/7 ACE support to trade. The ACE Trade Support Center will be operational in about a month.
- FDA is prioritizing all ACE entries for review.
- FDA has implemented a DUNS portal to assist trade in identifying DUNS numbers: <https://fdadunslookup.com/>
- For further communication and assistance on production calls or other questions associated with FDA ACE implementation contact ACE_Support @FDA.HHS.GOV



APHIS – Lacey ACT / PGA Integration

Pamela Bennett

- APHIS Lacey Act Program
- Pilots began on October 2, 2015
- Almost 24,000 Lacey entries filed as of March 28, 2016
- Working with software developers, brokers and importers as the Lacey Act IG matures



NHTSA Pilot:

August 21, 2015 -
March 27, 2016

Quick Stats:

- *51,836 total entries*
- *383 active Customs brokers*
- *Peak: 1,945 entries (3/21/16)*

Progress To-date:

- Worked with trade to resolve concerns
- Continue to answer brokers' ACE-related questions
- Follow-up with brokers when errors occur
- Anticipate increased entries from 3/31 onward
- Overall, NHTSA pilot was successful

EPA ACE Pilots

Roy Chaudet

Import Pilot	Status	What you should do!
Vehicles and Engines (non-road, 3520-21)	FULL – limited to 9 importers.	<i>Test in CERT</i> , get key data from importer
Vehicles and Engines (on-road, 3520-1)	OPEN – unlimited importers, all ports, initial pilot call needed.	Test in CERT, get key data from importer, file in PROD
Pesticides	FILLING UP – limited to 9 importers (must be approved by EPA), initially limited ports, initial pilot call needed.	<i>Test in CERT</i> , get key data from importer
ODS	OPEN – unlimited participants, all ports, no pilot call needed.	Test in CERT, file in PROD
TSCA	OPEN – unlimited participants, all ports, no pilot call needed.	Test in CERT, file in PROD

EPA ACE Pilots (Con't)

Export Pilot	Status	What you should do!
Hazardous Waste	OPEN – limited to 9 exporters (must be approved by EPA), all ports, no pilot call needed.	Test in CERT, get key data from exporter, file in PROD

For More Information



Roy Chaudet

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- The AMS schedule for accepting PGA messages under the pilot are as follows:

MESSAGE	DESCRIPTION	DEPLOYMENT STATUS
MARKETING ORDER QUALITY INSPECTION COMPLIANCE		
AMS-MO1	REQUEST FOR INSPECTION	January 1, 2016
AMS-MO2	PRODUCTS PREVIOUSLY INSPECTED	March 1, 2016
AMS-MO6	REPORT EXEMPTED TYPE OR VARIETY	March 1, 2016
AMS-MO7	REPORT SEASONALLY EXEMPT PRODUCT	March 1, 2016
AMS-MO8	REPORT MINIMUM WEIGHT EXEMPT PRODUCT	March 1, 2016
AMS-MO3	EXEMPT PER EXISTING FV-6	April 1, 2016
AMS-MO4	REQUEST AN INSPECTION EXEMPTION	April 1, 2016
AMS-MO5	REQUEST PISTACHIO AFLATOXIN TESTING	June 5, 2016
IMPORT EGG INSPECTION		
AMS-EG1	EGG INSPECTION REQUEST	May 1, 2015
AMS-EG2	LPS-222 PREVIOUSLY APPROVED	May 1, 2015
PEANUT INSPECTION		
AMS-PN1	REQUEST PEANUT AFLATOXIN TESTING	July 15, 2016

AMS Update (Cont'd)

- Currently, AMS messages do not support the special use PGA records PG50, PG51, PG55, and PG60
- Support for the PG60 will be added and announced as soon as available.
- Pilot filings are currently limited to the ports of Philadelphia and Long Beach.
- Pilot filings are open to all eligible HTS codes once an AMS message is deployed.
- An updated AMS CATAIR Guide dated March 2016 will be posted to the CBP site.

Exports and Export Manifest

CBP Representatives

Bill Delansky | Director, Export and Manifest Processing, ABO

Ed Moriarty | Office of Field Operations

Robert Rawls | Office of Field Operations

Census Bureau Representatives

Theresa Gordon | Trade Ombudsman, Bureau of the Census

AESDirect

- November 30, 2015 - Beginning of the transition from the legacy *AESDirect* application to the Refactored *AESDirect* in ACE.
 - During this transition period, both the legacy and the ACE *AESDirect* application are available for export filing. Take advantage of this time and begin transitioning your users to the new system.
- If you have ACE Exporter Account access, you can begin filing using the new system.
- If you have not yet obtained ACE Exporter Account access, please go to cbp.gov on procedures on how to establish and ACE Portal Export Account
- Export Reports can also be assessed via ACE/AESDirect
- Transition from the AES Legacy System to the new ACE/AES platform.
 - Census has issued Bulletins and CBP has issues CSMS notices on the schedule for this transition.

<http://www.cbp.gov/document/guidance/ace-development-and-deployment-schedule>



Export PGAs

CBP is currently working with the below PGAs for Export Processing:

- Bureau of Industry & Security (BIS), Department of Commerce
- Directorate of Defense Trade Controls (DDTC), Department of State
- Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)
- Office of Foreign Assets Control (OFAC), Department of the Treasury
- Agriculture Marketing Service (AMS), USDA
- Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA)
- Fish & Wildlife Service (FWS)
- Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms & Explosives (ATF)
- Alcohol, Tobacco, Tax and Trade Bureau (TTB)
- National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS)

Export AESTIR Chapters

Draft AESTIR Chapters for New PGA Records

- Draft Appendix F – License and License Exemption Type Codes and Reporting Guidelines
- Draft Appendix Q – PGA Record Formats
- Draft Commodity Formats
- Draft Export Shipment Information
- AESTIR Introduction and Guidelines (Updated 1/08/2016)
- DDTC Licensable Shipment Reporting Requirements Matrix

Export Manifest

- CBP will be developing the export manifest by Modes of Transport (MOT) for: Air, Rail, Ocean and Truck.
- Export manifest capabilities will be rolled out as pilots and CBP has published Federal Regulation Notices (FRNs) announcing the pilots by MOTs for Air, Rail and Ocean.
- The pilots will be rolled out at selected ports depending on the trade entities that volunteer for the pilots and their locations around the country.
- The initial pilot will be concentrating on the stages:
 - Test Phase
 - Data Quality and analysis phase
 - Operational phase



Census: ACE Exports Update

- Exporter role and ACE export reports deployed on June 27, 2015
- Current ACE account holders (import)
 - Contact TAO to add exporter role
 - No further vetting required for existing EINs
- New ACE Exporter Accounts
 - Complete exporter account registration form and request reports access



Census: ACE Export Reports

26,000 reports since deployment, an average of **1,000/week**

- 3 Reports Available
 - Filers can view **all** information they have filed
 - USPPIs can view:
 - All information filed where their EIN is listed as the USPPI ID
 - Those elements they provided for Routed Export Transactions
- Free without limitation
- 5 years plus current
- On demand and scheduled reports with customizable features
- Census vetting required for reports authorization for new export accounts but AESDirect is accessible once account is created



Census: Refactored *AESDirect*

On November 24, 2015, we deployed the *AESDirect* soft launch, with the official deployment occurring a week later on November 30th.

As of March 23:

- **10,030** filers in the system (21k+ users, 60k+ USPPIs)
- **203k+** party profiles
- **84.5k +** templates
- **542k+** filings (19.4k accepted on 3/18 and 25k+ created in **one** day)
- *AESDirect* Portal includes key features from legacy *AESDirect* and *AESPcLink*.
- Beta Release for portal to a small group of filers in ACE ran from September 21, 2015 through the November 30th launch.
- Legacy *AESDirect* accounts are not being migrated.



Census: Refactored *AESDirect*

- **Transition period** for *AESDirect* portal/AESPCLink/Bulk EDI
 - Upload at-will through 2/29/16; accounts will then be closed out in 5 phases by EIN prefix (every 2 weeks from February 29 through April 25, 2016).
 - Group 4 (Prefix 60-79): Monday, April 11th.
- **EDI and VPN** filers must submit a Letter of Intent through CBP's website by 3/15/16. Transition by 4/30/16. SFTP available in April.
- As of February 18, **weblink** and bulk EDI upload test environment available to trade. Weblink transition by April 30, 2016.
- **Transition to ACE** (site and documents updated regularly):
www.census.gov/aes/aesdirect/transitiontoace.html



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Lunch

12:30 – 1:30 PM



Trade Support Network Plenary Session
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Post Release

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Protest

Protest in ACE

- Development of Protest in ACE was centered around 3 main goals:
 1. Provide an electronic mechanism for the submission of Protests that would allow for broader trade participation
 2. Allow for seamless movement of work that can be equally effective when used at a port or nationwide at a CEE
 3. Reduce the need for the submission of paper

Protest in ACE

- Protest Processing in ACE provides enhancements to current processes, including:
 - A Protest Filer Account to allow for trade to access the Protest module for purposes of electronically submitting protests to CBP, as well as viewing Protests they have submitted
 - A Protest workflow for CBP, allowing work to move throughout a team seamlessly based on where the protest exists in its lifecycle
 - Integration with DIS, to allow for documents to be uploaded by the user and attached to a protest with visibility nationwide.
 - Electronic notifications to the protest filer based on specified protest events (Protest Added, Amended, Denied, etc.)

Protest Filer Account

- In order to submit a protest electronically through ACE, trade must obtain a Protest Filer Account
 - If already in possession of an ACE account, users may add Protest Filer to their list of business partners
 - If not ACE account users already, users may obtain a Protest Filer account using the web form on CBP.gov (still to be published)
- With this account, trade users will be able to access the protest module to:
 - Add Protests and supporting documentation
 - Amend Protests they have already submitted
 - Respond to CBP requests for more information related to a Protest
 - View Protests they have already submitted
- Use of the Protest Filer Account's ability to input Protests into ACE will also require use of electronic supporting documentation and electronic receipt of Protest-related notification



Liquidation

ACE Liquidation Highlights

- Entry Summaries will no longer display liquidated when the liquidation date is in the future
- Liquidations will process weekly. Entry Summaries will liquidate every Friday.
- Liquidations will post weekly to the electronic bulletin notice.
- The system will allow liquidation of unpaid summaries.



Reconciliation

Types of Reconciliation

No Change, Change, and FTA

Aggregate and Entry-by-Entry

No Change	Change	FTA
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Aggregate• Association file• No line item data	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Aggregate or entry-by-entry• Association file• Line item data	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Entry-by-entry• Association file• Line item data• FTA declaration statement



Items that will be EDI transmitted

- **FTA Declaration Statement**
 - Qualifying good free trade declaration
 - Summary documentation provided statement
 - NAFTA article 303 claim statement
 - Protest or Petition filed statement
- **Classification Pending Action**
 - Administrative ruling
 - Protest
 - Court action
- **Prior Disclosure Indicator**
 - Prior disclosure has been made on one or more of the associated entry summaries
- **Underlying ES Line Pointer**
 - Identifies the affected line # of the flagged entry summary being reconciled
- **HTS change due to value indicator**
 - An indication that, due to the unique 'value' nature of the original HTS number(s), a changed HTS number(s) is needed to reconcile for value
- **Aggregate Refund Waiver Indicator**
 - Filing an aggregate with a refund on the Line Item Data
- **Filer Contact Information**
 - Name & phone number



Drawback

Overview of Drawback

- Electronic Submission of Entire Drawback Package via ABI transmission or DIS upload
- Filings at the 10 digit HTS line level
- System Validations
- Tighter integration with post release processes
- Improve system controls for preventing over refunding



Quota

Quota in ACE

- Deploying in late July
- No paper will be required in ACE
- Quota module is currently in CERT Environment
- Conducting controlled opening moment scenarios



HTS & Statement

HTS & Statement Highlights

HTS

- HTS will migrate from ACS to ACE
- Draft CATAIR of HTS ABI Query (pending)

Statements

- All Statements will be processed in ACE
- Statement view for Trade will continue to be via Report

Application Performance Monitoring

Tom Mills | Office of Information Technology (OIT)

Cybersecurity:

How CBP & Trade Partners Can Address the Cybersecurity Threat

Shaun Khalfan | CISSP, CEH, Chief Systems Security Officer, OIT

How does cybersecurity impact trade?

Working directly with its trade partners, CBP facilitates approximately **\$2.4 trillion** in trade revenue each year.

Weak
cybersecurity
can have
significant
implications for
trading partners



\$445B

Estimated losses to the global economy in 2013 due to cyber crimes, including both the gains to criminals and the cost of recovery and defense



456

Hours to restore one vessel's seaworthiness due to malware



90%

Percentage of world's goods on 400,000 ships left potentially vulnerable to GPS spoofing, jamming, or interception

Cyber threats will only continue to increase.

"In 2013, 'cyber' bumped 'terrorism' out of the top spot on our list of national threats... **And cyber has led our report every year since.**"

*– James Clapper, Director of National Intelligence
January 29, 2016*



Who's targeting our networks?

Threat assessments show that CBP and its trade partners' networks are targeted by multiple threat actors that have both the capability and intent to mount sophisticated cyber attacks.

Organized Criminals: Cartels

- Organized criminal groups have a financial interest in breaching CBP networks to **facilitate drug and human trafficking**.
- These groups could exploit vulnerabilities in field technologies used by CBP field agents patrolling on the border to determine when and where to transfer illicit goods.

Nation States

- State-sponsored actors have been involved in several high profile government breaches **to steal national security and economic data**.
- CBP's networks are more likely to be targeted than other Federal agencies given its mission and the sensitive law enforcement and trade data it holds.

Organized Criminals: Black Market Entities

- Black market entities **anonymously sell counterfeit products or forged documents**, allowing criminals and terrorists to enter the country or pose as officials.
- Groups sell information on cybersecurity tools or vulnerabilities to other individuals that may compromise systems or networks, particularly databases that host valuable data.

Terrorists

- Terrorists are likely to target CBP field operations through cyber means **to advance ideology and undermine public security**.
- Terrorist organizations' cybersecurity capabilities continue to grow in sophistication and could exploit CBP data and infrastructure to further operationalize goals to traffic weapons and operatives into the United States.



How is CBP addressing these threats?



Data Protection

Personal identity verification (PIV) credentials physically and digitally match a user's identity to protect data confidentiality, integrity, and availability. By issuing PIV cards to CBP partners, it prevents and protects systems from unauthorized, potentially malicious actors.



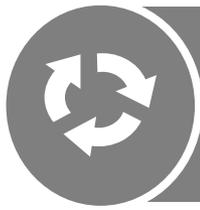
Proactive Threat Identification and Monitoring

Cyber threat intelligence (CTI) is evidence-based knowledge about an existing or emerging cyber threat that is timely, accurate, relevant, and predictive. CBP is establishing a CTI program to identify and defend against external attacks on its most critical assets.



Enhanced Information Sharing

CBP is renewing its efforts to educate its partners on how it is incorporating cybersecurity and privacy protection measures into existing requirements and programs, which protect the integrity and privacy of personally identifiable information and trade data.



Continuous Cyber Hygiene

CBP routinely updates its server and endpoint operating systems and automated security programs as part of a comprehensive effort to drive continuous cyber hygiene. These efforts proactively mitigate new vulnerabilities and risks as they arise.

How do CBP's cybersecurity efforts support effective and lawful trade?

Cybersecurity efforts underpin CBP's customs and trade mission by enabling secure transactions, strengthening trade enforcement operations, and protecting companies' brand reputation.



Transaction Integrity

CBP hardens its cyber infrastructure against a variety of threats to protect the confidentiality, integrity, and availability of data, systems, and equipment, such as ACE, non-intrusive screening equipment, and other manifest databases. This helps **ensure the integrity of transactions** and **prevents cargo from theft or compromise**.



Trade Enforcement

Trade enforcement operations rely on secure IT support and database connectivity for field agents and officers to conduct enforcement against counterfeits, unsafe products, and trade agreement violators. In 2014 alone, CBP's enforcement operations seized counterfeits with an **estimated value of \$1.2 billion**.



Brand Reputation

CBP protects legitimate trade through secure, data-driven decision making that supports intellectual property rights, import safety monitoring, and privacy to **protect companies' brand reputation**.

How can organizations enhance their cybersecurity posture?

While each industry and company are different, there are five common best practices that all organizations should take to set the foundation for a strong cybersecurity program. When implemented as part of a holistic risk management strategy, **these five practices can greatly increase an organization's resilience to cybersecurity threats.**



Asset Identification

Cybersecurity begins with an organization knowing what is connected to its network. Every piece of equipment has vulnerabilities and exposes an organization to risk; organizations can only protect assets they know exist.



Asset Protection

Organizations should ensure their most critical assets are protected by installing and anti-virus software, patching and updating operating systems and software regularly, and enabling a cyber-aware workforce.



Attack Detection

Understanding that a network has been compromised is the first step to attack response. Continuous monitoring and detection capabilities can provide insight into network anomalies.



Attack Response

Once an attack is detected, organizations should have a plan in place to quickly analyze the threat and take action. Organizations should also understand who to contact for help, if necessary.



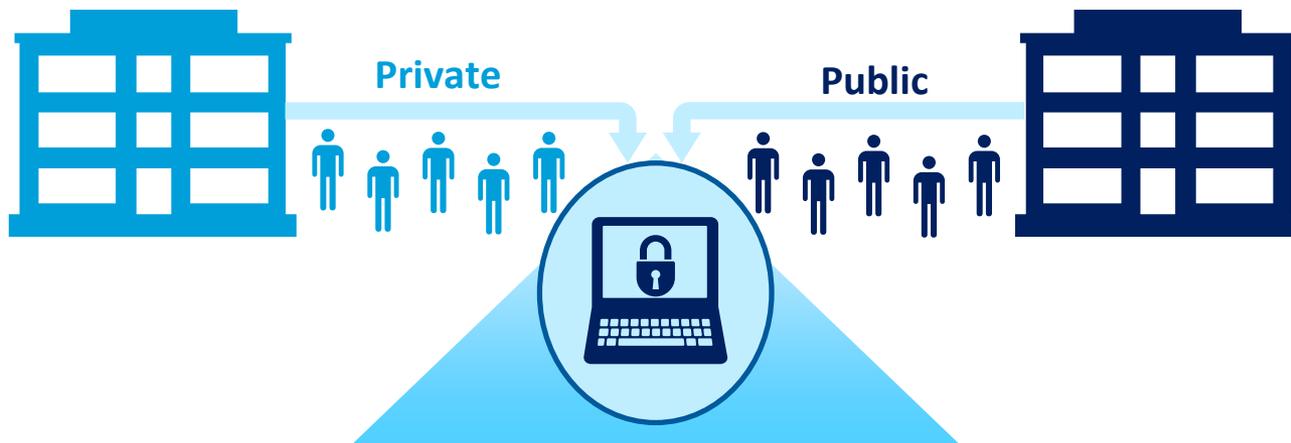
Attack Recovery

Recovering from an attack includes resuming regular operations but also incorporating lessons learned into protection, detection, and response plans.

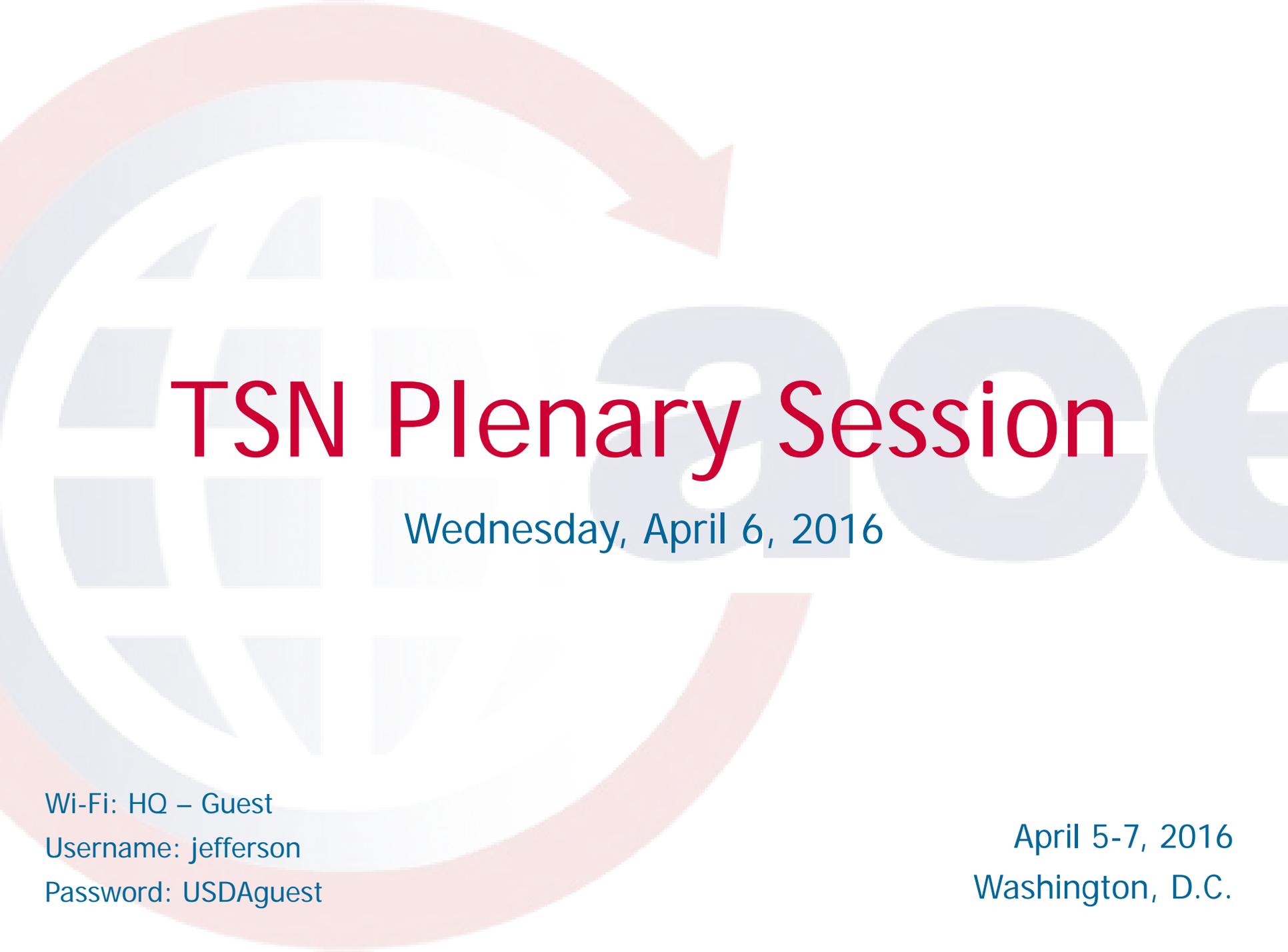


How can TSN and CBP collaborate on cybersecurity?

Recognizing the impact of cybersecurity on nearly every facet of society, the Federal Government offers a host of resources to help companies enhance their own cybersecurity posture. By leveraging these resources, **partners can help secure their systems, thereby decreasing the risk to CBP and other trading partners.**



<p>National Institute of Standards and Technology Cybersecurity Framework http://www.nist.gov/cyberframework/</p>	<p>Department of Homeland Security Critical Infrastructure Cyber Community Voluntary Program https://www.dhs.gov/ccubedvp</p>	<p>Department of Homeland Security <i>Stop.Think.Connect.</i> Campaign https://www.dhs.gov/stophinkconnect</p>	<p>Federal Bureau of Investigation Malware Investigator http://www.malwareinvestigator.gov/</p>	<p>U.S. Industrial Control Systems Cyber Emergency Response Team Assessment Tool https://ics-cert.us-cert.gov/Assessments</p>
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TSN Plenary Session

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Simplified Processes & Trade Facilitation and Trade Enforcement Act (TFTEA)

Cynthia Whittenburg | Executive Director, Trade Policy
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Simplified Process Initiative Background

Objective: Develop transformation strategy and manage implementation of policy, processes and technology recommendations to optimize the import and export process through collaboration with the Trade and CBP.

Background:

- In 2011, CBP launched the Simplified Processes Initiative, a collaborative effort to develop innovative solutions to critical issues emerging at the intersection of trade facilitation, enforcement, and national security.
- The successes resulting from the start of this initiative, to include the Simplified Entry pilot, established a foundation for new solutions aimed at simplifying the importation process.
- CBP reengaged the Simplified Processes Initiative in 2014 to advance border security and management; enhance U.S. competitiveness by enabling lawful trade and travel; and promote organizational innovation – all in line with Commissioner Gil Kerlikowske's CBP 2020 Vision and Strategy.

Approach: A Simplified Processes Working Group was established to identify challenges and discuss potential solutions to critical trade needs; gather requirements; and develop a proposed alternative.

July 2014

Summary and Revenue Collection

- ☑ Examined the import summary and revenue collections processes and identify opportunities for improvements.
- ☑ Developed a draft Simplified Processes concept, which included recommendations to improve the Entry Summary, payment, and adjustment processes.

March 2015

Other Post-Release Processes

- ☑ Conducted a research and development effort to **define the desired future-state of post-release processes.**
- ☑ Identified government and trade business needs and opportunities for improvement within the **reconciliation, liquidation, protest, drawback and remote location filing (RLF) processes.**

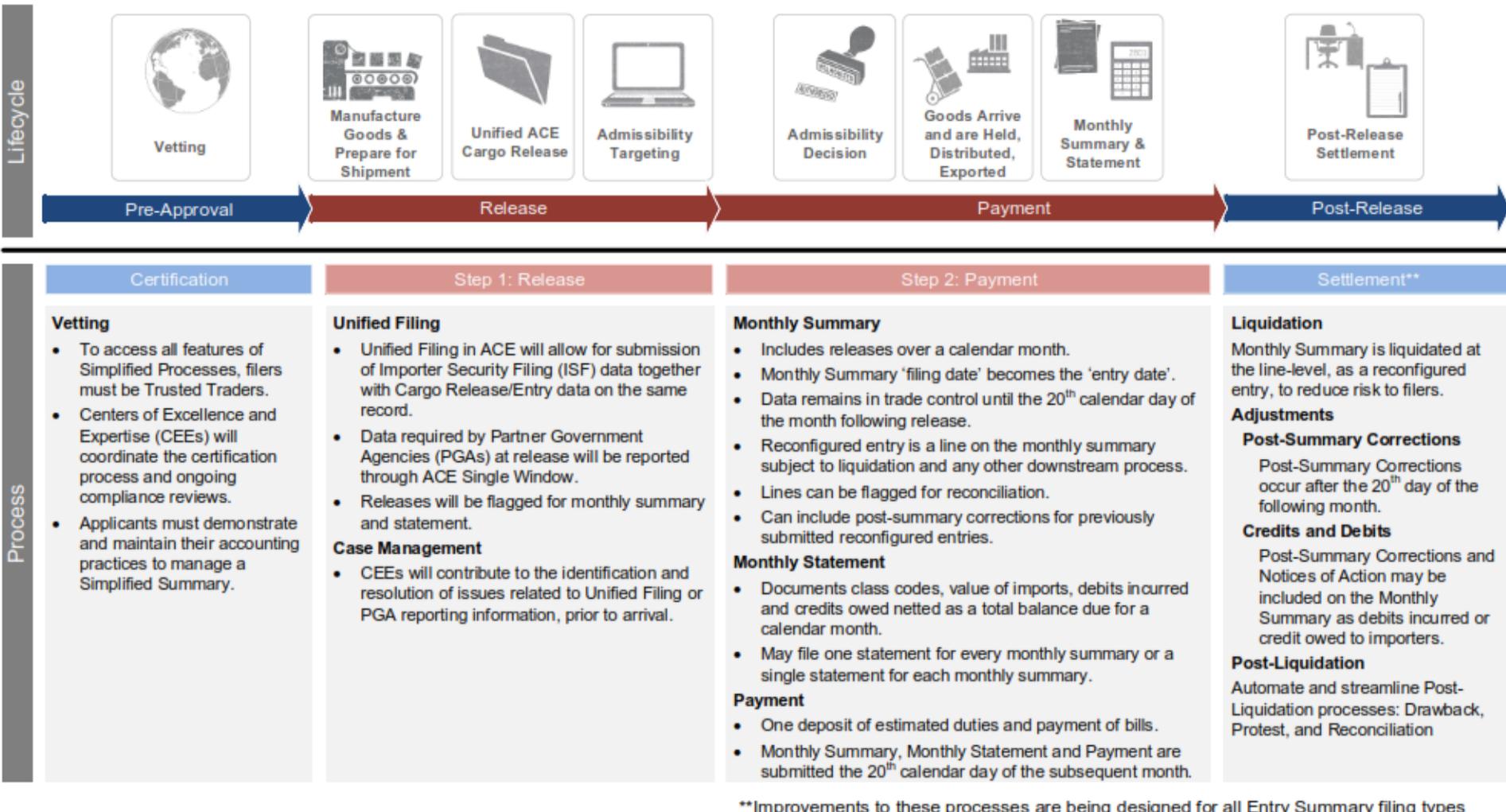
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Recommendations Refinement & Prioritization

- ☐ **Socialize recommendations** from Phase 1 and Phase 2 Working Group sessions with associations.
- ☐ **Prioritize recommendations** based on inputs and feedback
- ☐ Develop a multi-year **Simplified Processes Action Plan.**

Simplified Process Overview

As an account-based model for the Release, Payment, and Post Release activities, the graphic below highlights the various features provided in the proposed Simplified Processes concept.



The working groups from phase 1 & 2 proposed recommendations that transform existing programs and process

The working groups developed over 60 recommendations to improve the import process starting from the vetting of Trusted Trader programs, to filing an Entry Summary, the finalization of Drawback claims, to liquidating entries. Below represents several key recommendations across the functional areas analyzed by the working groups.

Functional Area	Key Recommendations
Monthly Summary & Monthly Statements 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Filers may submit a monthly summary that includes releases over a calendar month's time. Each line of a monthly summary is considered a "reconfigured entry" that is subject to liquidation, protest and any other downstream process. A monthly statement will include debits (duties, taxes, fees, bills and interest) and credits (refunds) netted as a total balance due for a calendar month.
Liquidation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Allow for deem liquidation of all consumption entries at one (1) year from the date of entry. Implement processes to accommodate line-level liquidation. Allow for the importer to obtain liquidation status details from their ACE portal account or CBP.gov.
Protest 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Transition the protest process to an electronic format. Expand the electronic protest filing to a broader range of trade stakeholders such as attorneys, importers, and sureties. Auto-populate numerous Entry Summaries onto one protest while providing protest statuses on ACE
Reconciliation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> File all reconciliation data electronically and only with necessary data elements. Eliminate the requirement of having to file an 09 entry and extend liquidation for flagged entries/lines an extra year from the date of entry. Manage reconciliation by account and permit filing at any CEE or POE.
Drawback 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Develop a process for the claimant to submit a "drawback profile" electronically along with automating other Drawback processes in ACE. Track/validate if the bond coverage is sufficient prior to processing an Accelerated Payment requests. Initiate the Desk Review and response processes electronically, to include DIS.

We are already implementing many of these recommendations as part of the ACE 2016 deployment

Liquidation



- **Official notice of liquidations (bulletins) will be entirely paperless** and will be posted on CBP.gov.
- **Liquidation will occur on weekly cycle** vice the bi-weekly cycle it currently follows.
- Importers have the **ability to obtain liquidation status** details from their ACE portal account.
- ACE has the **technical infrastructure to implement new updates** and liquidation processes modifications. For example, ACE has the capability to liquidate and account for changes in duties, taxes, and fees at the line level.

Reconciliation



- Reconciliation will be filed electronically. As a result, **CDs and spreadsheet are no longer required.**
- Trade will no longer need to provide original and reconciled amounts. **Trade will only need to provide reconciled amounts, as the system will automatically calculate duties, taxes, and fees of the original entry.**
- Working towards expanding Reconciliation processing beyond the 13 designated ports. The goal is to have the **reconciliation program expanded across all 10 CEEs.**

Protest



- Protest can be **submitted electronically** through a Protest Portal.
- Filers can **easily upload up 9,999 entries** using standard .xls or .csv files.
- ACE will **automatically generate a protest tracking** number.
- If a protest is submitted electronically, then the **approval or denial notification will be sent electronically.**
- The system will **provide an interim status** of submitted protest.

Drawback



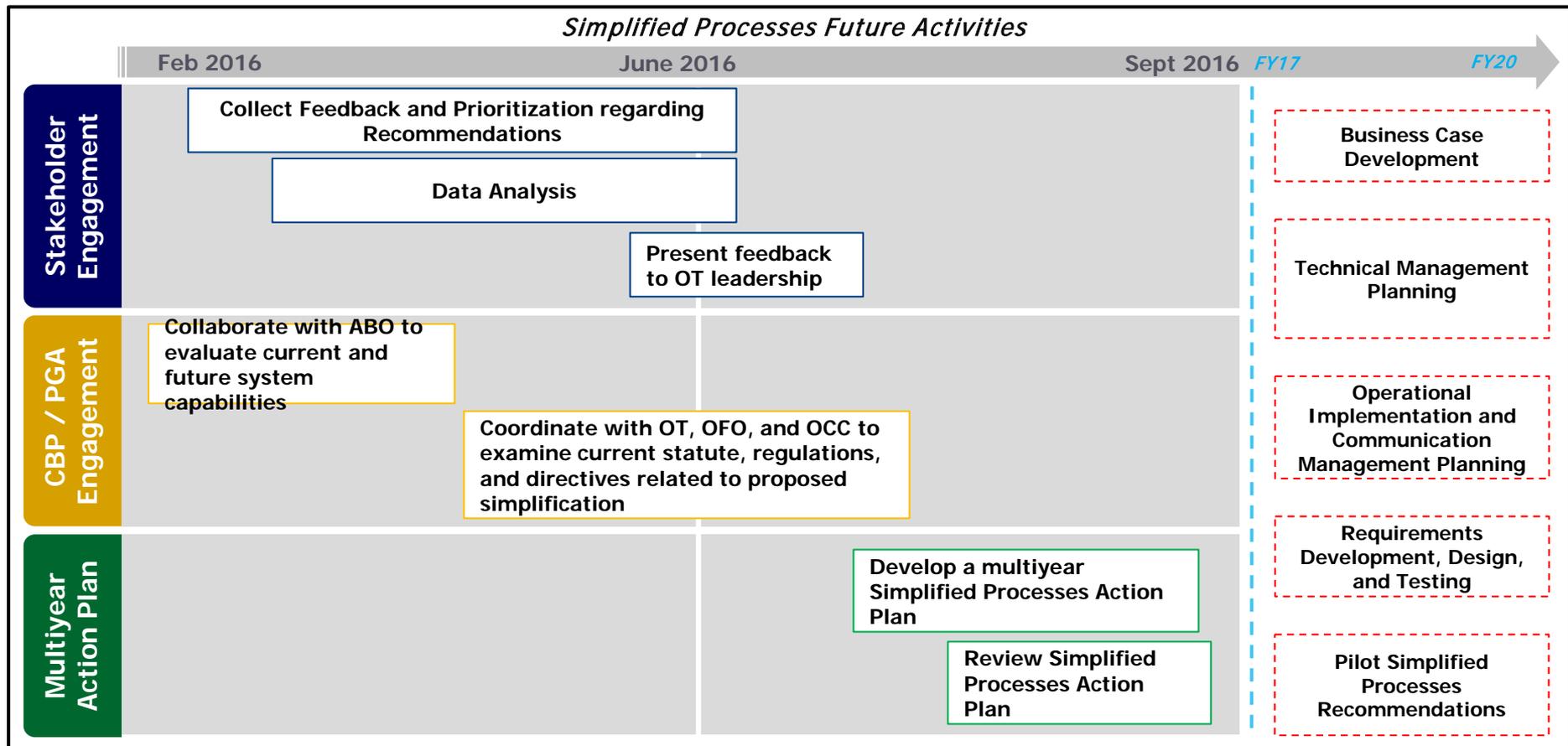
- ACE controls will **track and validate if the bond coverage is sufficient** prior to processing an Accelerated Payment requests.
- ACE will have a **manufacturing ruling screen** where users can input ruling numbers into the system to review ruling and approvals.
- **CBP Form 7552 will be eliminated** with respect to Certificate of Manufacture and Delivery (CM&D).
- The **desk review and response process will be electronic** and will include DIS capability.

Simplified Processes - our plan for the remaining part of 2016

Recommendations Refinement and Prioritization Objectives:

- Socialize and prioritize the recommendations with industry through direct engagement with trade associations.
- Collaborate with CBP/PGA to assess technical, operational, legislative, and regulatory requirements.
- Develop a multiyear Simplified Processes Action Plan based on prioritized recommendations.

Do you want to meet with us? Have thoughts on our recommendations? Send us an email:





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Center Mission Statement

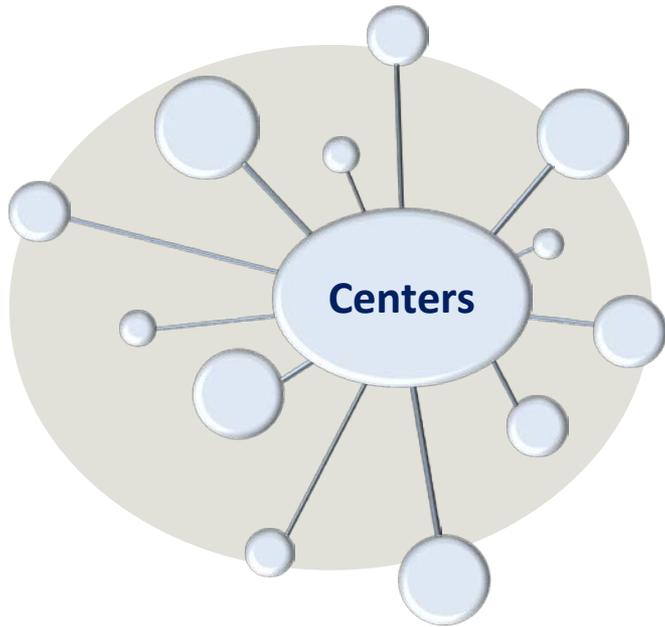
The Centers of Excellence and Expertise strengthen America's economic competitiveness and security through integrated industry knowledge and expertise, innovative trade processing procedures and trend analysis, global collaboration, and strategic and impactful trade enforcement actions.

The Centers:

- Strategically process post-release trade activities within industry sectors on a national basis
- Focus on industry-specific efficiencies to facilitate trade, reduce transaction costs, and increase uniformity and consistency
- Serve as an industry-focused resource for the public and private sectors
- Assess trade risks on an account and industry-wide basis to increase compliance with import laws, protect the American public and economy, and enhance the effectiveness of enforcement efforts



What are Centers of Excellence and Expertise?

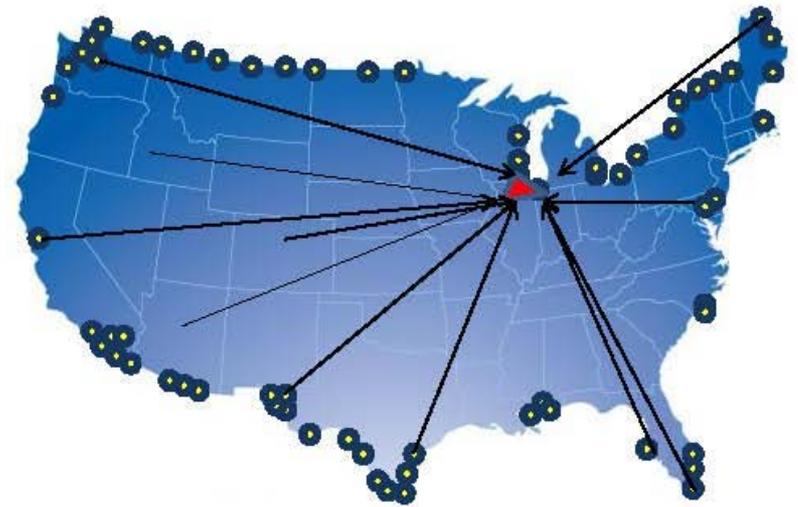


- **Industry-focused** and **account-based** points of virtual processing for post-release trade activities
- Aligned by 10 key industry sectors in strategic locations
- Consolidate existing expertise and build industry-specific education to authoritatively facilitate trade
- Provide national overview of accounts (importers) to identify areas for further facilitation or corrective action
- Serve as a resource to the broader trade community and to CBP's U.S. government partners

Centers will be integrated into every facet of the trade process; from pre-arrival to final liquidation

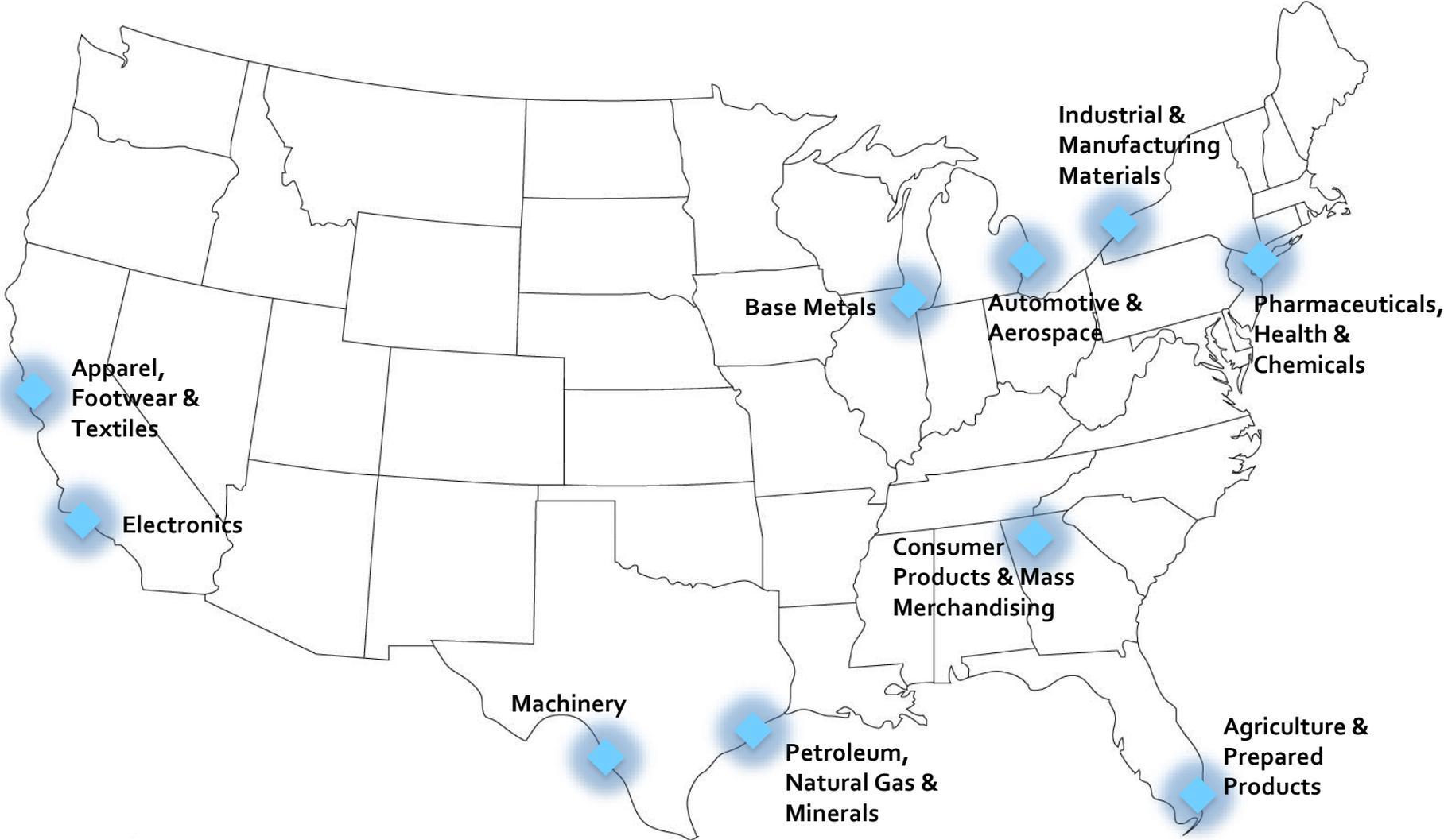
Why Centers?

- Objective:
 - Focus on industry-specific issues
 - Facilitation
 - Reduce transaction costs
 - Increase compliance
 - Increase uniformity of treatment
- Past processing:
 - Company imports into 60 ports of entry
 - 60 ports conduct entry summary reviews



- Centers
 - Company imports into 60 ports of entry
 - Single Center conducts entry summary reviews

Centers of Excellence and Expertise



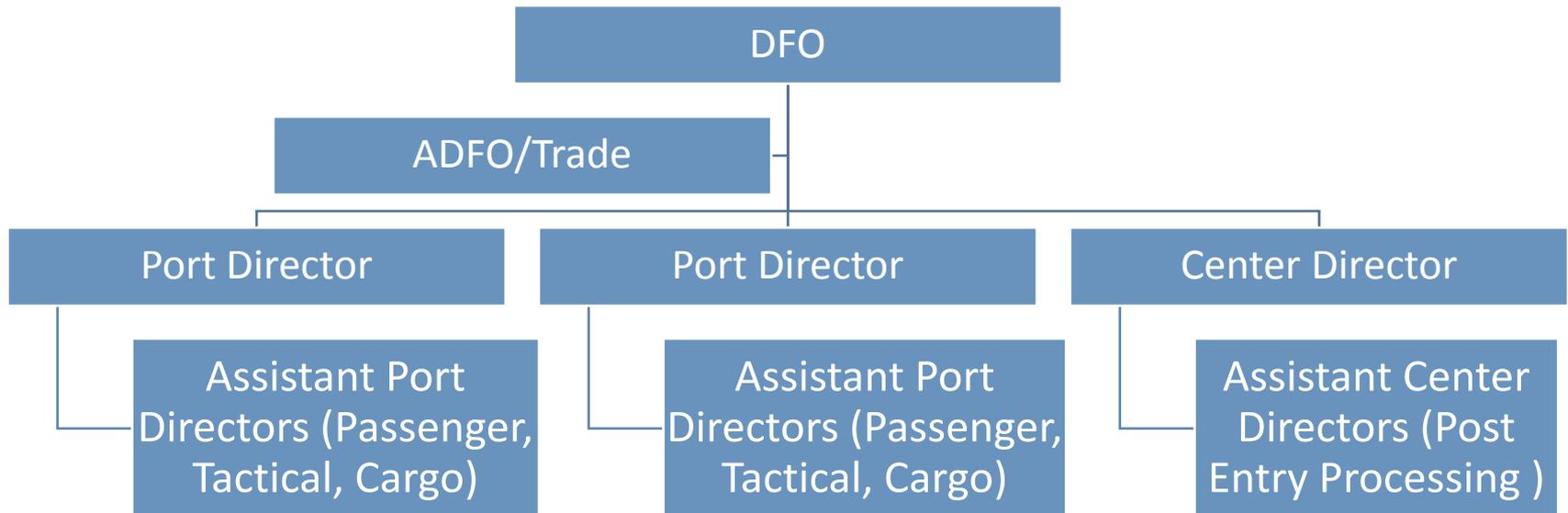
Center Organizational Structure

Center Director

- Authority for nationwide trade processing
- Equal to a Port Director and reports to the Director, Field Operations

Assistant Center Director

- Manages a division within a center
- Equal to an assistant port director



Trade Community and Centers

- Increased Industry Level Expertise
 - Centers provide centralized points of contact across the nation
 - Increased knowledge of business realities
 - Better commodity and value assistance
 - Improved compliance rates
- Enhanced Uniformity
 - Approaching transactions at the account (importer) level provides predictability in determinations
 - Transparency and consistency in the post-release process
 - Fewer cargo delays for compliant importers
- Improved Relationship with Trade Community
 - Streamlined inquiry process for resolving issues
 - Environment for two-way sharing information and cross-functional training



Collaboration with the Trade Community

- CBP continues to collaborate with the trade community resulting in the development of unified processes as well as technical instructions for operating in a virtual and transparent environment.
 - Provide transparency into Center staff across the nation
 - Organize contact email addresses in ACE portal for transparency and ease of communication.
 - Develop a searchable master directory with employee locations, their supervisors, email address and phone numbers



The Path Forward

- What can you, as members of the Trade Support Network do as we move forward?
 1. Continue to understand there will be a transition period as we work together through this major change to post release processes and procedures
 2. Continue to share ideas for streamlining processes and increasing transparency
 3. Identify mechanisms for bi-directional training
 - Trade Community becomes more aware of CBP and other Government Agency requirements (what, when, why)
 - CBP truly becomes **industry experts**

Center Mailbox

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Breakout Sessions

ACE Portal & Reports Technical Assistance Session

Jefferson Auditorium

- Carlos Rodriguez and Rob Kossowsky will be available to answer questions and provide support
- Please sign up at the registration desk
- Please return to this room at your designated time

Trade Leadership Council Meeting (TLC) Cafeteria Breakout Rooms 1&2

- Open to TLC and Technical Advisory Group members only
- Session will begin at 11:30 in the rooms located at the back of the USDA cafeteria

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Lunch

12:30 – 1:30 PM



Trade Support Network Plenary Session
April 5-7, 2016

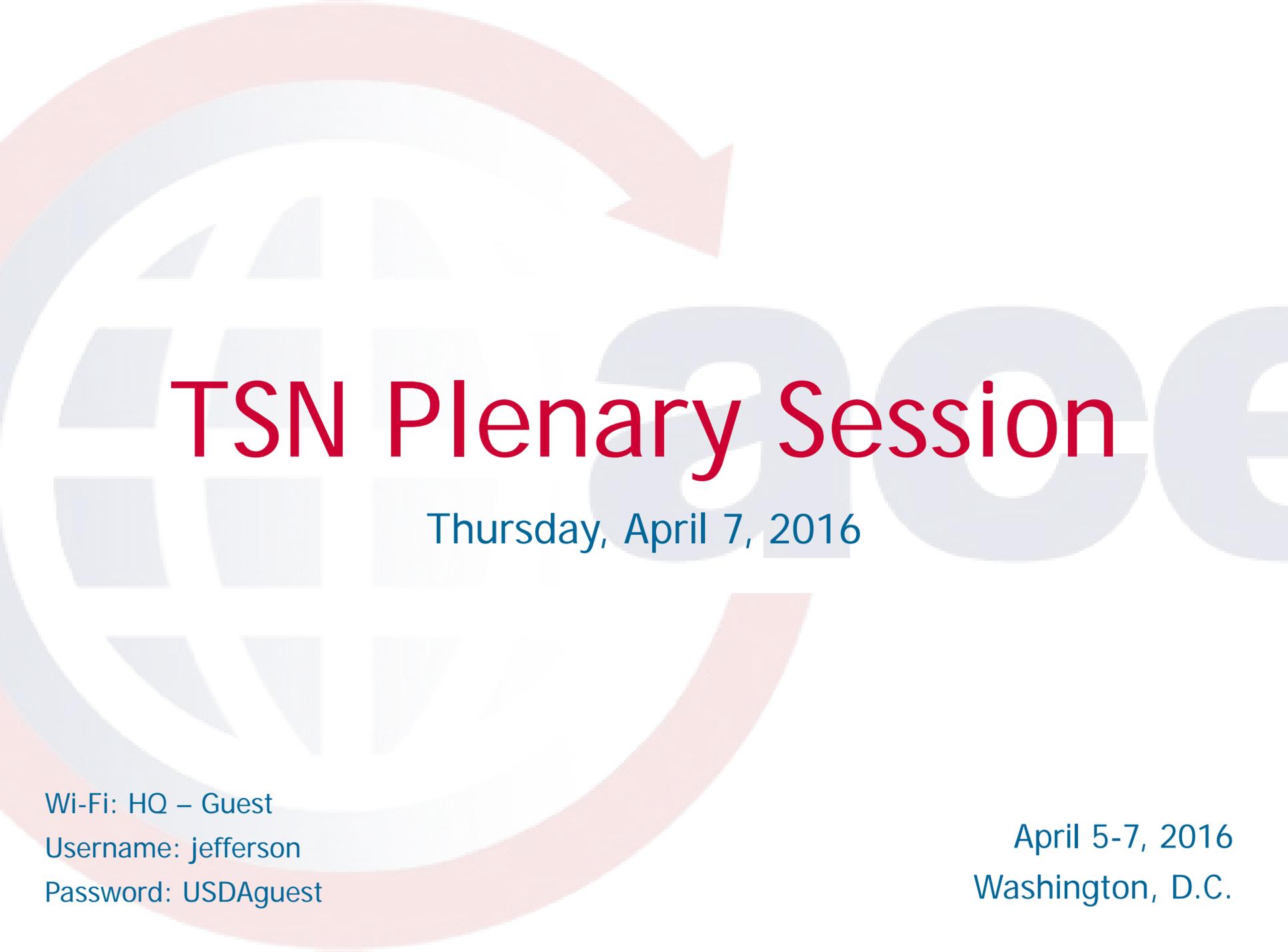
Afternoon Breakout Sessions

ACE Portal & Reports Technical Assistance Session (1:30 – 3:30) Jefferson Auditorium

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TSN Committee, Subcommittee & Cross-Committee Meetings *Cafeteria Breakout Rooms*

Time	Rooms 1 & 2	Room 3
1:30 – 3:00 PM	Entry & Legal Policy Committee	Supply Chain Security Committee: C-TPAT Portal Discussion
3:00 – 4:00 PM	World Customs Organization Technical Advisory Group <u>only</u>	ITDS Committee (Import PGAs)



TSN Plenary Session

Thursday, April 7, 2016

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U.S. International Trade Commission (ITC) HTS System Demo

Jim Holbein | ITC

Joel Moeller | ITC

HTS System Demo Highlights

HTS Data Management System

- Introductions
- What we have done, and why
 - Data Management System (paper to database)
 - Every data point of HTS in database
 - Includes provisions effective dates
 - Uniform PDF presentation
 - Search all chapters, including 98 & 99
 - View notes – no search yet
 - Upgrades later, depending on funding

HTS System Demo Highlights (Con't)

HTS Data Management System

- HTS Search
 - Google look & feel
 - User guide at upper right
 - Banner at bottom with links
 - Tariff Help: feedback
 - CBP links
 - Other government links
 - Tabs for functions: Search, View, Export, Feedback
- Export Functions

Breakout Sessions

TSN Committee, Subcommittee & Cross-Committee Meetings <i>Cafeteria Breakout Rooms</i>		
Time	Rooms 1 & 2	Room 3
8:30 – 10:00 AM	Export Task Group Meeting (Export, MMM, ITDS & Committees)	Revenue Committee (8:30 – 9:15 AM) Surety Accounts (9:15 – 10:00 AM)
10:00 AM	Break	
10:15 – 12:00 PM	Transition Committee	Drawback Subcommittee

