

Ocean House Bill of Lading Release

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On **June 4, 2023**, U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) will deploy the Ocean House Bill of Lading (OHBOL) Release enhancements to the Automated Commercial Environment (ACE). OHBOL will implement functionality within ACE to release ocean cargo at the lowest shipment level. This enhancement includes electronic data interchange (EDI) impacts.

What changes are coming with the OHBOL Release enhancements?

- This enhancement allows CBP authorized movements (Entry/Release (1C/4C/1B), In-Bond movements (1J), and Permits to Transfer (1W) at the house bill level.
- Once each house bill has its own authorized movement, the master bill will receive a new “Ocean Terminal Release (1Z)” status and the cargo can move from the terminal.
- House bills will be matched to a master bill if the master is already on file or when it comes on file. The same data elements currently sent for entries are filed with both the master bill number and the house bill number, per validation in Cargo Release and sent to ACE M1. Entries will be posted at the house bill level, BOL transactions are written, and master bill quantities will also be updated. After all house bills on a master bill have been closed, the master bill will be closed.
- Entry/Release of a house bill will require the house bill number to be provided.
- In-bonds can move on the house-bill level or master-bill level. In-bond movements of a house bill will require the trade community to use a new declaration of “NVOCC in-bond” (non-vessel operating common carrier) when filing the ocean house bill BOL.
- A new Container Freight Station (CFS) User Interface (UI) was developed to facilitate non-automated CFS’s utilization of OHBOL Release. The trade community will be able to access the new CFS UI through the "References" tab in the ACE Secure Data Portal. For more information on the CFS UI, please review the CFS UI Information Notice available at <http://www.cbp.gov/ace> under “What’s New in ACE”.
- When filing a simple or house bill of lading, trade users will have the following declaration options available to declare the bill is a Section 321 release or a planned Section 321 release. This will include in-bond filings.
 - Section 321 Release Bill
 - Section 321 Release House Bill
 - Section 321 Release Bill with In-bond
 - Section 321 Release House Bill with In-bond
 - House In-Bond TE/IE with Security Filing
- New Permit to Transfer (PTT) Event Advisory Codes will be added:
 - O - Arrive PTT by Container/Equipment
 - U - Arrive PTT by Bill of Lading
 - M - Cancel PTT Arrival by Bill of Lading
 - N - Cancel PTT Arrival by Container/Equipment

What additional resources are available?

- **FAQ page**
 - Users can reference the new [OHBOL Release FAQ page](#) on CBP.gov.
- **Deployment Support Calls**



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- The Trade Transformation Office (TTO) will conduct Deployment Support Calls for trade users on the following dates:
 - Pre-deployment Support Call for OHBOL Release
 - Wednesday, May 31, 2023
 - 3:00 p.m. EDT
 - A link will be provided once available.
 - Post-deployment Support Call for OHBOL Release
 - Wednesday, June 7, 2023
 - 3:00 p.m. EDT
 - A link will be provided once available.
- Separate pre-deployment and post-deployment calls will be held for CFS UI users. Links to these calls will be available in the CFS UI Information Notice available at <http://www.cbp.gov/ace> under “What’s New in ACE”.
- Participants are encouraged to join at the start of the call when TTO will provide a brief deployment status update. A question-and-answer segment will follow. Calls may end early if all questions have been addressed.
- Additional calls may be scheduled if demand warrants. More details will be announced on the support call and via CSMS message.
- Additional information can be found on the [OHBOL Release](#) FAQ page.
- **Additional Support**
 - For questions about OHBOL, contact Cargo Security and Control Division at OceanHBOL@cbp.dhs.gov.
 - For technical issues, contact the ACE Account Service Desk (ASD) at 866-530-4172 or ace.support@cbp.dhs.gov.

