

THE ACE BASICS

HOW TO GET STARTED WITH CBP'S AUTOMATED COMMERCIAL ENVIRONMENT

How it Works

ACE offers the trade community a simplified process for submitting data and interacting with CBP and Partner Government Agencies (PGAs). The graphic below provides a snapshot of how to file and access data in ACE.

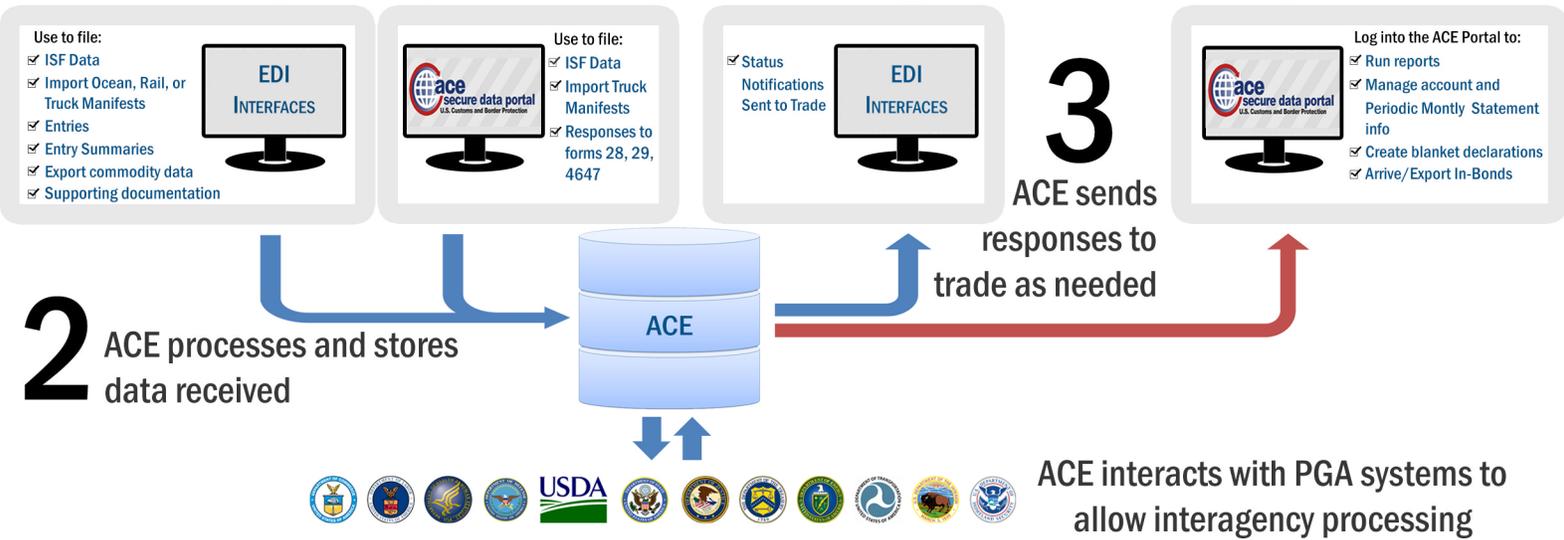
Transmit

1 Trade community files data directly to ACE



View

Use reports to query data in the ACE Portal



How to Get Started

New to electronic filing?

- Set up an EDI connection:
1. Send a Letter of Intent (LOI) to letterofintent@cbp.dhs.gov to begin the process.
 2. You will be assigned a client representative who will guide you through EDI connection process.

Business entities that wish to communicate via EDI to CBP may:

- 1) use an approved software provider,
- 2) contact a service center or
- 3) develop software in-house

Already filing electronically and ready to transition to ACE?

Call your client representative

Need an ACE Portal account?

Fill out an application on CBP.gov to get an ACE Secure Data Portal account

For details on how to get started, visit www.cbp.gov/trade/automated/getting-started

DATES TO KNOW

The deadlines below are important to know as you transition to ACE. Don't wait...Migrate!

May 1, 2015

Mandatory use of ACE for all electronic import manifest filings for all modes of transportation

Feb. 28, 2016

Divestment of trade support for ACS: limited support, maintenance performed at peak business hours

Mar. 31, 2016

Mandatory use of ACE for:

- Entry summaries for the following entry types: 01, 03, 11, 23, 51, 52 without PGA data
- Entries and corresponding entry summaries for the entry types above, with APHIS Lacey Act or NHTSA data

May 28, 2016

Mandatory use of ACE for:

- Entries for the following entry types: 01, 03, 11, 23, 51, 52 without PGA data
- Entries and entry summaries for entry type 06

Summer 2016

Mandatory use of ACE for:

- Entries for the following entry types: 02, 07, 12, 21, 22
- Entry summaries for the above entry types and for types: 31, 32, 34, 38

Functionality for filing remaining electronic PGA data in ACE

Oct. 1, 2016

Mandatory use of ACE for all remaining electronic portions of the CBP cargo process



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