



Automated Commercial Environment (ACE) Entry Summary, Accounts and Revenue (ESAR) capabilities enhance accounts management functions and better integrate account-based financial and entry summary processing. Each phase of ESAR implementation improves trade processing automation, advances border security and fosters our nation's economic security. These improved account management capabilities will bring dramatic, comprehensive change to the way CBP conducts business, affecting nearly all CBP cargo processes.

ACE connects CBP, the trade community and participating government agencies through an online access point – the ACE Secure Data Portal. ACE portal account holders also have the option to receive and respond to CBP forms electronically through the ACE portal. Electronic messages are stored with associated entry summaries, enabling sharing of information within CBP nationwide.

As of October 2012, 117 filers and approved trade entities are authorized to file ACE entry summaries. More than 2.5 million ACE entry summaries have been filed since the capabilities were introduced. Entry summary filing in ACE has grown from three percent to nearly 20 percent during FY 2012.

Current ACE ESAR Features and Benefits

- ACE participants can file entry summaries in ACE for Consumption, Informal and Antidumping/Countervailing Duty (AD/CVD) entries (types 01, 03, and 11). These three types account for nearly 99 percent of all entry summaries. Benefits include:
 - Estimated savings of \$1.6 million per year in CBP processing.
 - Replaces paper process with automated Census overrides and warnings, increasing efficiencies and reducing costs for government and industry.
 - Enables CBP to screen incoming data, resulting in more efficient reviews and cost reductions for CBP and the trade community.
 - Allows Remote Location Filing for AD/CVD entry summaries.
- The AD/CVD case management system enhances the ability to track the life cycle of an AD/CVD case and facilitates trade compliance efforts by centralizing more information. Benefits include:



- An estimated \$0.6 million per year in CBP processing is saved by filing AD/CVD entries via ACE.
- Converts the paper-based process for CBP, the Department of Commerce and the trade community to provide online, nationwide visibility to data.
- More than 5,000 Post-Summary Corrections were filed as of October 2012. This capability automates the ability to submit corrections to ACE entry summaries and streamlines the acceptance process.
- All entries are now targeted via the more robust Automated Targeting System.
- The ability to electronically respond to CBP Forms 28, 29 and 4647, “Request for Information,” “Notice of Action” and “Notice to Mark or Redeliver,” respectively, via ACE automates a previously paper-based process.
- Unprecedented access to the importer’s CBP data via more than 125 customizable ACE reports can be used to identify compliance issues and monitor daily operations.
- ACE allows users to also create blanket declaration records in ACE, create entry banks and view and search bond information.
- More than 68 percent of all duties and fees are paid via ACE Periodic Monthly Statements, which allows duties to be paid on a monthly basis.

Future ACE ESAR Features and Functionality

- The addition of new Entry Summary edits in ACE will result in more accurate data.
- Remaining Entry Summary Types will allow all entry summary types to be filed and processed in ACE allowing CBP and the trade community to process in a single system, resulting in a reduction of redundant processes and costs.
- Drawback, Reconciliation, Protest and Liquidation will allow for modernized processes for trade users to submit and for CBP to process downstream adjustments and finalizations of importer liability.