



## U.S. Customs and Border Protection

# ACE Overview for Foreign Trade Zone Operators

U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) is encouraging all Foreign Trade Zone (FTZ) Operators to establish Automated Commercial Environment (ACE) Secure Data Portal accounts. FTZs are approved by the Foreign Trade Zones Board (FTZB) of the Department of Commerce and activated by the CBP port director, as provided under 15 CFR 400, 19 CFR 146 and 19 CFR 113.73, with regard to the requirement for coverage by a continuous Type 4 FTZ Bond.

An FTZ operator with a portal account can view account information at both the General Purpose site and subzone site level. Additional account management benefits include:

- Improved communications with CBP and a consolidated management approach facilitated by a single, comprehensive, account based view
- Update information associated to the site such as mailing addresses and points of contact
- View the status of any documents (e.g., blueprints) and certification types (e.g., annual inventory certification) required by regulation or policy, as stipulated by CBP and/or the FTZB
- Add and update any document or certification
- Access port code and country code reference data
- Utilize the “Business Activity Log” to attach additional information (e.g., scanned documents, word files, Excel files, pdf files) to the account as deemed appropriate by CBP or the FTZB
- Access to ACE information via the “News” portlet on the “Home” tab



### Additional Information

For more information on ACE and how to apply, visit the ACE: Modernization Information Systems page or send an e-mail to [CBP.CBPCSP0@dhs.gov](mailto:CBP.CBPCSP0@dhs.gov) (ACE Modernization Information Systems).