ACCELERATING ACE AT A FASTER PACE

WHAT IS ACE

The key to Custom and Border Protection's (CBP) trade transformation initiatives, the Automated Commercial Environment (ACE) modernizes commercial trade processing systems with features designed to consolidate and automate border processing, forming the backbone of trade processing risk assessment capabilities. ACE facilitates the collection and distribution of data required by all Federal agencies via the International Trade Data System (ITDS) initiative and will ultimately become the "single window" that connects CBP, Partner Government Agencies (PGAs), and the trade community.

CAPABIILITIES

PROCESS	CURRENT STATE	END STATE
PRE-ARRIVAL	Provides truck, rail, and sea manifest data for assessment of safety, security, and compliance	Expansion to air manifest and integration of all modes of transportation for better risk management and targeting
ARRIVAL	Enables speedier release of legitimate imported cargo via Cargo Release / Simplified Entry pilot	Implementation of the "single window" and streamlining of data requirements to expedite release of all cargo
POST RELEASE	Enables filing and automated corrections of most common entry types	Modernization of entry summary process from initial filing through final liquidation for all entry types, enabling account-based processing and resulting in reduced costs and increased efficiencies for CBP and trade
EXPORTS	Allows for email submission of export manifest in ocean mode of transportation	Establishes a single automated export platform for all manifest and commodity filings to streamline movement of shipments through the supply chain and help ensure high risk shipments are identified with issues resolved prior to export
FINANCE	Allows monthly, interest-free payments of duties and fees	Simplifies the payment and collection of duties and fees and promotes account-based operations

ACE GOING FORWARD

Using the Agile development methodology, CBP will deliver remaining core ACE features that enable (1) full and complete cargo processing in ACE and (2) decommissioning of the Automated Commercial System within approximately 3 years. CBP began Agile development in January 2013, with 4 teams and plans to scale up to 12 teams by 2014. CBP will continue to work closely with Government and international trade community stakeholders to modernize and streamline processes for the 21st century.

PLANS FOR 2013

ENTRY CORRECTIONS/ CANCELLATIONS
Automates manual cargo release process

ENTRY SUMMARY VALIDATIONS
Increases accuracy of incoming data

PGA MESSAGE SET
Enhances communication with partner agencies

AUTOMATED EXPORT SYSTEM RE-ENGINEERING
Establishes a single automated export processing platform