

Simplified Entry

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Simplifying the Entry Process

The Simplified Process joint industry-CBP Workgroup was established April 2011 with the goal of formulating viable solutions that are mutually beneficial and diminish the administrative burden related to importing into the U.S. An outgrowth of that work was Simplified Entry, which reduces the number of duplicative data elements required to obtain release of products for cargo, eliminating the current entry (CBP Form 3461).



Simplified Entry Overview

1. Filers will Submit a Streamlined Data Submission

Filers will submit a reduced amount of information—12 required and three optional data elements—prior to the arrival of the merchandise for transporting the cargo to the U.S.



2. Filers can Provide the Information in Advance

The simplified entry can be filed earlier in the import process, allowing an expanded window of opportunity to identify potential risks earlier.

3. Filers can Update the Data for Accuracy

It will also allow pilot participants to update entry information, providing CBP more accurate data and enhancing cargo security.



This simplifies the merchandise release process, allows for more streamlined electronic transmission for the filer, and assists importers in finalizing cargo movement logistics.



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Simplified Entry Benefits

- **Enhances Cargo Security**

- Allows CBP and the Trade to identify and address potential risks earlier in the process

- **Reduces Transaction Costs**

- Reduces transaction costs for importers and CBP by requesting filing data once
- Greater predictability; allows importers to make logistical arrangements in advance of arrival
- Reduces “exceptions” needing special processing after arrival

- **Expedites Cargo Release**

- Expedites data submission and cargo release decisions



Simplified Entry Pilot

FRN Announcement

- CBP received a total of 40 applications in response to its November 9 Federal Register notice announcing the pilot. In December 2011, U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) selected nine brokers to participate in its pilot test of Simplified Entry for air cargo. Pilot participants will file entries for their clients.

Schedule

- CBP has developed a pilot schedule that begins with system development, including ongoing testing and implementation, allowing for robust systems testing for both CBP and the Trade. The pilot will not impact the ACE M1 schedule.

Goals

- The goals of the Simplified Entry Pilot are to reduce transaction costs, expedite cargo release and enhance cargo security.



Pilot Participant Requirements*

- Air Mode of Transportation (MOT)
- Brokers must be C-TPAT certified
- Basic consumption entries only (Entry Type = 01 or 11)
- Only shipments covered by a continuous bond
- No split shipments
- No other government agency requirements
- Port of Unlading, Port of Entry, and Port of Arrival must be the same
- Manifest quantities must equal the release quantities
- Simplified Entry & Summary transactions must be filed in ACE



Simplified Entry Pilot Participants

Pilot Participants

1. A.N. Deringer, Inc.
2. Expeditors
3. FedEx Trade Network
4. FH Kaysing
5. Janel Group of New York
6. Kuehne + Nagel Inc.
7. Livingston International
8. Page & Jones, Inc.
9. UPS

Importers Participating*

- Nike, USA Inc.
- GE Energy
- Chrysler Group, LLC
- New Balance Athletic Shoe, Inc.
- Ford Motor Company
- Boeing
- LL Bean
- Lear

*Additional importers will be identified by their filers as the pilot continues



Simplified Entry Data

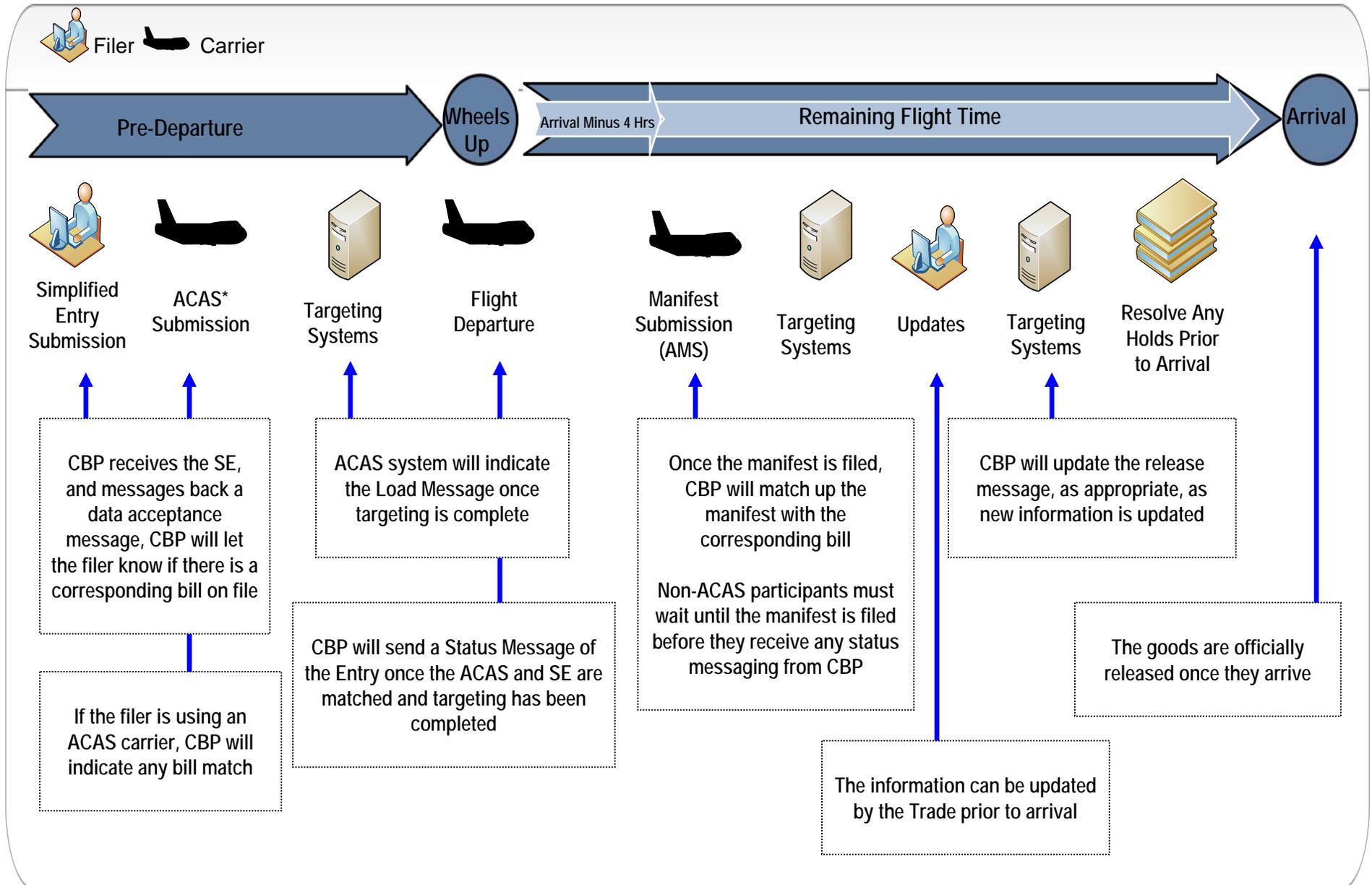
Simplify Entry streamlines the data elements on CBP's 3461 entry form

- This promotes the concept of “the owner of the data knows the data best”, resulting in more accurate information.
- After the streamlining, the following Simplified Entry data set replaces the CBP 3461:

- ✓ Importer of Record Number
- ✓ Buyer Name and Address
- ✓ Buyer EIN
- ✓ Seller Name and Address
- ✓ Manufacturer/Supplier Name and Address
- ✓ HTS 10-Digit Number
- ✓ Country of Origin
- ✓ Bill of Lading/House Airway Bill Number
- ✓ Bill of Lading Issuer Code
- ✓ Entry Number
- ✓ Entry Type
- ✓ Estimated Shipment Value
- Ship to Party Name and Address (*optional*)
- Consolidator Name and Address (*optional*)
- Container Stuffing Location (*optional*)



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Simplified Processes Next Steps

- CBP is working with participants on its pilot test of Simplified Entry for air cargo. The Office of International Trade (OT) has developed a pilot schedule that allows for robust systems testing for both CBP and the Trade, which will not impact M1 development.
- OT is also set to begin work on Simplified Summary, and has reconvened the Simplified Processes Working Group to determine the framework necessary for piloting that project.





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