FACT SHEET

U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) invites importers to establish an Automated Commercial Environment (ACE) Secure Data Portal account free of charge. As an ACE Portal account holder, importers can pay duties and fees on a monthly basis, run customized transactional, liquidation and financial reports (effective tools in making real-time business decisions) and track import activity in a single, comprehensive, account-based view. Additional benefits to importers are in the following areas:

Periodic Monthly Statement for Duties and Fees
- Transition to an interest-free monthly statement process from a transaction-by transaction payment process
- Pay for eligible shipments released during a month by the 15th working day of the following month on a port monthly statement

Compliance, Transactional, Liquidation and Financial Data
- Access over 125 reports on company specific compliance, transactional, liquidation and financial data
- Schedule large customized bulk data download reports
- Review CBP entry summary data in near real-time
- Review the status of your bills of lading refreshed every two hours
- Share customized reports with all users within your account who have access to reports
- Link to the Importer Security Filing Portal to view ISF reports and for importers who file infrequently the ability to file up to 12 ISFs annually through the ISF Portal.

Simplified Entry
- Segregate filing of transportation information from the filing of the entry information which allows for the earlier filing of entry information and earlier release decisions
- Fulfill merchandise entry requirements with less required data
- Increase certainty for the Importer in determining the logistics of cargo delivery
- Update the entry information until the point that the conveyance arrives resulting in more accurate data for CBP and Participating Government Agencies (PGAs)
- Identify and address potential risks earlier in the entry and release process

Document Image System
- Submit documents electronically via EDI message
- Submitted documents are electronically processed and securely stored for review by CBP and PGAs
- Expedites the release and/or examination of imported cargo
- Reduces time and cost of paper process

Account Management
- Create an account *based on your* company's organizational structure
- Offer cross account access to other ACE portal accounts (e.g., brokers) while maintaining control over access privileges
- View, sort, and print account lists by name and number; create CBP Form 5106 (Importer ID Input Record) information; and access useful reference files, including port and country codes and Manufacturer ID
- Respond to a CBP Form 28, 29, and 4647 via the Portal for both ACS and ACE entry summaries
- Create blanket declaration records in ACE
- View and search bond information
- Search, display, track the life cycle, and print AD/CVD case information including duty deposit rates, summary suspension status, and bond/cash status
- Access AD/CVD messages with additional useful information in one easy location such as additional message header data elements (e.g., message status, Federal Register Notice cite, Federal Register Notice publication date, court order number)

Additional Information

For more information on ACE and how to apply, visit the ACE Modernization website at www.cbp.dhs.gov/modernizaton or send an e-mal to CBP.CSPO@dhs.gov.