



U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) is encouraging all carriers, including all Non-Vessel Operating Common Carriers, to establish a free Automated Commercial Environment (ACE) Secure Data Portal account.

Although carriers will continue to file manifests as they currently do today the establishment of an ACE portal account will provide ocean and rail carriers with enhanced functionality via ACE. Benefits of an ACE portal account include:

Reports

- Run ACE Manifest Reports
 - Run a variety of reports that range from standard reports to ones that are fully tailored to your needs.
 - Print, download and save reports for later use, further manipulation, or to share within your account.
 - Access to 11 Multi-Modal Manifest (MMM) reports for carriers as well as other reports which can be customized to meet your specific needs. MMM reports cover bill of lading, in-bond, manifest, equipment and party information.
 - Reports can be scheduled to run on a recurring basis.
 - Data retrieved from a report can be used to automatically create charts or graphs.
 - Share customized reports with all users within your account who have access to reports. Reports can be saved in an Excel, PDF or CSV format.
 - Access ACE Reference Files (including UN Loc Code, Port Code, Country Code, and Manufacturer ID information).

Account Management

- Create an account based on your company's organizational structures including subsidiaries.
- Attach electronic information (e.g., PDF, Word, Excel, etc.), track or respond to CBP on compliance and operational issues via the Business Activity Log.
- Verify that the continuous bond information in the account is properly on file with CBP.
- Control and maintain usage of type 2 custodial bonds through the in-bond authorization feature (currently limited to cargo arriving in the United States by ocean or rail):
 - Limit business partners that can obligate your bond
 - Limit business partners' use of your bond by date range
 - Limit business partners' use of your bond by in-bond arrival and destination port
- View and maintain account information such as, company name, addresses and points of contact for ease of reference by CBP and other Participating Government Agencies.
- Grant Cross Account Access that allows users to access multiple ACE Portal accounts.
- View, create and maintain ocean conveyance (vessel) information that is on file with CBP

Additional Information

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

