

Automated Commercial Environment—Requirements Recommendation

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Requirement

Eliminate the requirement for the Trade to present hard copy preliminary statements daily to all ports of entry when filed and paid electronically except when documents are required. When documents are required, reduce the information to be presented to statement header and entry summary information. Consideration should be given to implementing this requirement immediately as it applies to both the ACS and ACE environment.

Business Need

Currently, filers who utilize the daily statement must print the daily preliminary statement by port, attach any entry packages required as indicated on the statement and deliver each statement and the entry packages to the specific port. The presentation must be made within 10 working days after entry of the merchandise. This is a significant burden that should be greatly reduced for filers and importers who daily process shipments received through numerous ports throughout the USA.

ACE holds all of the required data unless additional documents are requested. CBP will no longer be required to process significant paperwork that is a copy of what is in the CBP system.

Technical Need

CBP Port access via ABI or the Account Portal to statement and entry information filed through specific ports. In future ACE releases, it would be beneficial if both CBP and the Trade had access to preliminary and final statement screens or pages in the account portal (in addition to ABI or whatever future mechanism will provide this data electronically to the Trade).

Benefits

Cost savings to CBP and the Trade due to more efficient processing of electronic statement and entry information and the elimination of delivering, receipting, processing and storing hard copy statements and entries. In ACE the Periodic statement will be reviewed and processed on line.

Risks

Resistance to move away from a paper environment. There is a need to change Part 24 Section 25c of the Code of Federal Regulations.

Related Subcommittees

Account, Entry and Policy Committees.

Priority: Critical High Medium Low