



***TSN MONTHLY COMMITTEE
ACTIVITY REPORT
April, 2009***

Account Management Committee

The Account Management Committee held a conference call on April 29, 2009 to discuss a referral from the Entry Committee on post summary corrections as well as to discuss whether certain requirements and GIFs previously submitted by the Committee could be closed. As a result, the Account Management Committee will be preparing two GIFs related to post summary corrections: one GIF will address portal capabilities being requested by the trade community and the second GIF will address report requirements. Portal capabilities being requested will cover the ability for the authorized trade user to submit post summary corrections through the ACE Portal. The report requirement will include data elements needed by the trade community to identify post summary corrections. The target date to have the two GIFs completed is the end of June. The Accounts Committee will be working on these two GIFs with the Trade Ambassadors who attended the March 2009 trade workshop, where post summary corrections was discussed. A follow up meeting is scheduled for May 14, 2009.

Broker Account Subcommittee

The Subcommittee will be holding their next conference call on May 7; the discussion will include the draft *Broker Evaluation and Analysis Report* GIF as well as post summary corrections through the ACE portal.

Entry Committee

On April 15th CBP held a conference call with the Entry and Transition Committee to review the latest iterations of the *ACE 7501 Instructions* and *Business Process Document*. CBP indicated that although these documents are no longer considered "DRAFTS" they will remain living documents. The documents have already been sent to the port of Buffalo; CBP intends to send these documents out formally to the District Field Offices in the next few weeks and subsequently they will be posted on CBP.gov.

The second part of the conference call on April 15th was dedicated to Entry Committee business. Art Litman, the current Committee trade co-chair, announced that Cindy Allen would be assisting him as trade co-chair for the Committee until Art resigns this position. Additionally, Jeff Laxague was announced as the new trade co-chair for the AD/CVD Reconciliation subcommittee; the CBP co-chair will be Christine Furgason. During this meeting CBP also provided Committee members with feedback on the deployment of A2.2 functionality and the filing of ACE Entry Summaries. CBP indicated that 23 ACE entry summaries (types 01 and 11) were successfully filed at the port of Buffalo and that the new "Batch & Block" rules were also implemented with this deployment. Despite a few glitches (which are currently being worked by CBP), the deployment was considered a success. Additional topics addressed during this meeting included a summary of the Strategic Planning Session held with the TLC and Trade Ambassadors on March 3 and a summary of the March 31- April 1 ESAR Trade Ambassador Work Session.

The Committee's next course of business will be to continue to revise outstanding requirements and to draft a mission statement/charter for the Committee.

Foreign Trade Zone Subcommittee

The subcommittee held a conference call on April 28th to discuss a new Great Idea Form (GIF) requesting functionality that would provide for the electronic payment of Harbor Maintenance Fees (HMF) via a system already in use by the trade (ACH Credit/Debit). Two options were discussed: (1) OPTION 1: CBP could build the statement from the data on e214 transactions with the ability for the HMF responsible party to override as needed, or (2) OPTION 2: The HMF responsible party could submit the HMF payment amount to CBP from which the statement would be built. Subcommittee members voted in favor of Option 2.

The GIF is currently before the subcommittee for final comments before it is submitted to CBP.

Warehouse Subcommittee

No activity to report for this month.

Release Subcommittee

On April 7th Cindy Allen, Trade Co-Chair and Steve McQueary, AST Business Lead, held a small conference call with three of the new Trade Ambassadors (Tim Perry, Pierre Clement, Randy Carpenter) to explain the purpose of the Release Subcommittee and to review current subcommittee GIFs.

Export Committee

The Outbound Manifest user requirement working group continues to work on the outbound manifest user requirements for ocean, air, rail, and truck. When final drafts are complete, the Export Committee will work with the Multi-Modal Manifest Committee and the Cargo Control & Release team to coordinate effort on the final requirement.

The Export Reports working group developed and submitted a user requirement for creating Export (AES) Reports via the ACE Portal (EXP-010) to the CBP and Census Co Chairs for review and comment. CBP and Census are discussing the feasibility of developing this capability.

ITDS Committee

The ITDS Committee and ITDS Standard Data Set Subcommittee held a conference call meeting on April 21 to discuss various ITDS and ITDS Standard Data Set issues. Doug Bailey, Agriculture Marketing Service, briefed the Committee on the final report and recommendations from the Product Information Code working group. The ITDS and ITDS Subcommittee continue to work on documenting questions and issues concerning PGA integration and functionality in the ACE/ITDS environment. The Committee is maintaining a list of ITDS/PGA issues, i.e. the "ITDS Issues List" that documents specific CBP/ITDS and PGA/ITDS issues, from the trade community. The "ITDS Issues List" is a working document that will allow committee members to document issues, questions, or concerns related to PGA functionality in ACE/ITDS. These issues are submitted to Susan Dyszel for review and coordination with appropriate CBP and ITDS Board staff for resolution or action, or if appropriate, a user requirement GIF will be developed to address the issue. Susan Dyszel provided input to the latest "Issues List" and that input was distributed to the ITDS and ITDS SDS committees. ITDS issues focus on the following areas:

General ITDS Committee

- General PGA integration into the ACE/ITDS system
- Status of Operational MOUs for PGAs that will have "Hold Authority" in the CCR M1 (sea and rail manifest) release.
- Product Information Code (PIC) Working Group (Doug Bailey)
- Presidential Import Safety Working Group (Cathy Saucedo)
- DUNS Working Group (Max Castillo)

ITDS Standard Data Set Subcommittee Issues

- Status of work on the ITDS SDS Trade Report
- Trade input regarding status of PGA data elements contained in the Trade Report for manifest, entry and entry summary filing.

The next committee conference call meeting is scheduled for May 28, 2009.

Legal Policy Committee

No activity to report for this month.

Liquidation Subcommittee

On April 3rd the subcommittee sent members of the Trade Leadership Council (TLC) two white papers, trade and CBP, respectively, addressing a proposed amendment to 19 U.S.C 1501. TLC members were asked to provide their comments to the trade white paper by the middle of the month. The intent of the subcommittee is to achieve trade consensus on the trade white paper before reconvening the Legal Policy Liquidation Subcommittee and determining "next steps."

Multi-Modal Manifest (MMM) Committee

On April 20th the committee was invited to submit items, issues and questions for the next MMM Working Group meeting which will be held on June 24th. The meeting will be held at the Association of American Railroads (AAR), 50 F Street NW, Washington, DC. Topics that have been submitted for discussion by MMM committee members and others are:

Release R4 Production Baseline Enhancements – e-Manifest: Trucks

- “Entry on file” messages sent earlier in the process
- A message be sent to the carrier regarding port diversion restrictions
- Same sort capability in the ACE portal as Ocean carriers will have for conveyances

Release M1 Ocean and Rail Manifest update

- Status of testing, expected delivery date, review of expected changes
- Anticipated effects of the “big-bang” delivery approach and how the trade should prepare
- Importer Security Filing (ISF) (5 data and 10 data elements) and their impact on ACE M1
- “Wildcard” authorization for “custodial bond user validation”
- New ACE report for viewing established “custodial bond user validation” business partners

ACE release for Exports

- Plans for the transition from existing export manifest transportation module

General ACE issues

- Is the ACE manifest system fragmented by mode instead of a truly “Multi Modal Manifest” system
- Will there be tracking, releasing and visibility at the House Bill level in all modes of transportation

Committee business

- Discussion regarding the MMM committee’s charter

ACE Release M1, Sea and Rail Update:

M1 will not be implemented into ACE production in June 09. The M1 program is being technically evaluated at this time and it’s future course will be determined before the end of May 09.

Revenue Committee

The Committee reinitiated discussions with CBP and trade members on the requirement that re-establishes the periodic daily statements. CBP has requested the GIF be split into two requirements. The Committee is developing a new GIF requesting the capability to file a protest electronically via ACE and also working with other TSN committees on providing input into GIFs already in development that have revenue impact (e.g., penalties and other financial reports).

eBond Subcommittee

No activity to report for this month.

Drawback Subcommittee

No activity to report for this month.

Supply Chain Security Committee

No activity to report for this month.

Transition Committee

See Entry Committee input above as pertains to the review of the *ACE 7501 Instructions* and *Business Process Policy Document*.

Technical Advisory Group

The Group was requested to provide their review of the ABI CATAIR Chapter for the AD/CVD Case Query.