



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

**Account Management Committee**

The Account Management Committee held a conference call on January 13, 2009 to discuss recommended changes to the *AD/CVD Report GIF*, the draft standard report layout for the *AD/CVD GIF* and the *Freezing Importer of Record Numbers via the ACE Portal GIF*. Today, the trade has the option to make a request to “freeze” importer of record numbers. This request is submitted to CBP in the form of a letter which identifies the sole parties in the company who are authorized to request changes to the importer of record number. The trade would like to request the ability thru the ACE portal to freeze/unfreeze importer numbers at the 11 digit level and to identify the users in a company that are authorized to request changes to the importer number.

As part of the September TSN, the Committee discussed whether now that the authorized data extracts and the ad hoc reports (which allow the user to customize reports) are available, was there a need to keep all of the current standard ACE reports? Several Committee members felt there was still a need for the standard or canned reports because they are the easiest reports to run, even for the newest report users. The question then becomes do we need all of the standard reports or can the number of standard reports actually be reduced? The Committee will be looking into trade usage of reports and providing recommendations for input by the TSN membership.

In response to CBPs request for the trade to quantify the benefits of ACE, the Committee has provided the following recommendations: (1) request to make the ACE portal the system of record for reconciliation. The trade now uses iTRAC data to ensure the proper filing of the reconciliation entry. This would be something tangible that could be measured; (2) ability to go into ACE and hit a button indicating “no change.” The Committee was asked to forward any additional recommendations to Don Huber.

**Broker Account Subcommittee**

Work continues on the *Broker Evaluation and Analysis Report (BEAR) GIF*. The trade would like to be able to generate the equivalent of the BEAR report in ACE. The BEAR report is currently provided to managed accounts by the National Account Managers to improve compliance through the reduction of repetitive errors. Additionally, the trade is requesting the ability to electronically transmit the International Trade in Arms Regulations (ITAR) exemptions via ACE cargo release and entry summary. The trade would like the ability to transmit only the code, for example, 22 CFR 123.4(a)(1). This information should also be made available to export filers when they reference the import entry number.

**Surety Account Subcommittee**

No activity to report for this month.

**Entry Committee**

The Entry and Transition Committee continue to hold follow up cross-committee conference calls to provide their comments to a revised CBP DRAFT of the “*ACE 7501 Instructions*” and “*ACE Entry Summary Business Process Document*.” CBP indicates that it will continue to make revisions to the document, taking into consideration trade comments as applicable.

**Foreign Trade Zone Subcommittee**

The Subcommittee continues to work on two new GIFs it would like to submit to CBP: *Payment of HMF on Periodic Monthly Statement* and *Payment of NAFTA on Periodic Monthly Statement*. The Subcommittee is currently reviewing comments submitted by the Revenue Committee in response to these GIFs.

### **Warehouse Subcommittee**

No activity to report for this month.

### **Release Subcommittee**

No activity to report for the month.

### **Export Committee**

The Outbound Manifest user requirement working group met on January 22 to work on the outbound manifest user requirements for ocean, air, rail, and truck. When final drafts are complete the Export Committee will meet with the Multi-Modal Manifest Committee and the Cargo Control & Release team to coordinate efforts.

The Export Committee working group developed and submitted user requirements for Export Reports and Export Account types to the CBP and Census Co Chairs for review and comment. The Committee is awaiting input on the requirements submitted. (*The Export Committee developed these requirements as a follow up to a request from Lou Samenfink, at the September 9<sup>th</sup> Export Committee meeting, to come up with some ideas on what type of export (AES) functionality CBP can automate or integrate in ACE in an expedited timeframe.*)

### **ITDS Committee**

No new business to report. The Committee continues to focus on the following issues and will convene conference call meetings to discuss these issues and identify new issues:

- The status of PGA integration into the ACE/ITDS system
- The status of Operational MOUs for those PGAs that will have “hold authority” in the M1 (sea and rail manifest) release.
- The status of issues being discussed by the Product Information Committee (PIC) chaired by Doug Bailey, USDA, Agriculture Marketing Service, and the impact on the trade community.
- The status of any issues being addressed by the Presidential Import Safety Working Group led by Cathy Saucedo.
- The continuing status of work of the DUNS working group led by Max Castillo. The use of the DUNS number is being evaluated by CBP and the PGAs as a secondary identifier for the manufacturer.

### **Standard Data Set Subcommittee**

The TSN ITDS Standard Data Set (SDS) Subcommittee continues to work with the CBP ITDS Data Harmonization Committee on enhancements to the standard data set trade report. The SDS Subcommittee is interested in any enhancements made to the ITDS SDS Trade Report for manifest, entry and entry summary data elements as discussed during the July and April Subcommittee work sessions with CBP. An additional focus is any new or revised data element requirements for the PGAs. Future meetings of both the ITDS Committee and the ITDS SDS Subcommittee will be scheduled to further work these issues.

### **Legal Policy Committee**

No activity to report for this month.

### **Liquidation Subcommittee**

The Subcommittee has revised its DRAFT proposed amendment to 19 U.S.C. 1501. This document has been shared with the TSN Legal/Policy Committee Co-chairs and will be the subject of a future conference call (time and date- TBD).

### **Multi-Modal Manifest (MMM) Committee**

No activity to report for this month.

### **Revenue Committee**

The Revenue Committee continued discussions on the two FTZ Subcommittee GIFs addressing inclusion of NAFTA entries and Harbor Maintenance Fees on Periodic Monthly Statements. The Committee provided comments for the consideration of the FTZ Subcommittee.

Office of Finance has named Mr. Jim Mich, Acting Director of Finance Management Division, as the Committee's Government Co-Chair. Bob Hamilton served in this role for years with Bruce Ingalls support. The Revenue Committee welcomes Jim.

**eBond Subcommittee**

No activity to report for this month.

**Name Change Subcommittee**

No activity to report for this month.

**Drawback Subcommittee**

No activity to report for this month.

**Supply Chain Security Committee**

The Committee held a teleconference on January 8, 2009. Discussion topics on this call included: (1) the upcoming implementation of the Importer Security Filing 10 + 2 requirements; (2) consolidation of "frequently asked questions" to submit to CBP; (3) CBP-proposed report card; and (4) establishment of a small working group to address the issue of bonds in relation to 10 + 2. The Committee also briefly discussed attendance for the upcoming TSN.

**Transition Committee**

See Entry Committee report above.