

## Product Information

# Descartes ACE Export Manifest™



## Helping to End Paper-Based Export Manifest Processing in The United States

As part of the U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) Automated Commercial Environment (ACE) initiative, electronic export functionality will help close the loop on the import-export process and bring more modernized standards to labor intensive export manifest procedures. An electronic export manifest will also allow CBP to better identify potential security concerns earlier in the supply chain and correct administrative issues. This may help reduce potential delays in exports while also speeding the flow of compliant shipments.

With over 30-years of domain expertise helping to streamline the regulatory complexities of global trade, the Descartes ACE Export Manifest™ solution can help carriers, freight forwarders and Non-Vessel Operating Common Carriers (NVOCCs) collect, prepare, validate and transmit the required manifest information to enable compliance.

As a web-based, Software as a Service (SaaS) offering, the Descartes ACE Export Manifest solution delivers highly sophisticated capabilities at a fraction of the cost of in-house systems. This advanced solution can also optionally integrate with existing back-office technology and scale to meet the demands of organizations, from small independent operations to global enterprises. Our web-based solution is offered by mode of transport including:

- Descartes ACE Export Manifest™ for Air (currently in pilot mode)
- Descartes ACE Export Manifest™ for Ocean (currently in pilot mode)
- Descartes ACE Export Manifest™ for Rail\*
- Descartes ACE Export Manifest™ for Truck\*

\* Pending additional information from CBP.

Descartes offers users a choice of flexible access and connectivity options to facilitate compliance including:

*Option 1* – An advanced, tightly-integrated, system-to-system Electronic Data Interchange (EDI) connection

*Option 2* – For customers who cannot create an electronic, structured message or who prefer manual data entry, Descartes also offers web-based options that allow users to key-in information

### Potential Benefits

With the Descartes ACE Export Manifest solution in place, carriers, freight forwarders and NVOCCs can potentially:

- Reduce the risk of errors, delays and possible penalties
- Improve efficiency and productivity by leveraging a single point-of-access
- Centrally collect, audit and manage critical filing information
- Attain a higher-level of visibility with real-time access to cargo status messages
- Minimize training and eliminate the costs associated with an on-premise solution
- Leverage the Descartes Global Logistics Network™ (Descartes GLN™) to optionally distribute messages and status information to clients and more

### Features

- Full EDI and Extensible Markup Language (XML) data-integration capabilities
- Optional integration with back-office systems increases data-quality and minimizes manual intervention
- Capability to jump between modes of transport with a click
- Ability to expand to other compliance modules in parallel to business growth
- Existing filings may be easily duplicated to jumpstart data entry
- A comprehensive search & query functionality helps to speed customer service
- An intuitive user interface mirrors the same basic fields commonly found in trade documentation, including Airway Bills (AWBs) Bills of Lading (BOLs), container numbers and more
- Reference and reporting capabilities in a familiar Microsoft® Excel-driven format
- As part of the Descartes GLN, all information is securely transmitted