

- (1) **April 15, 2015** – All electronic export and import manifest data must be transmitted via ACE for all modes of transport.
- (2) **November 1, 2015** – Filing of all data associated with the release of imported cargo from the government’s custody, including data related to PGA interactions, and the associated entry summaries, will be required to be transmitted via ACE.
- (3) **October 1, 2016** - All electronic trade processing will be required to be transmitted via ACE including processes such as drawback and protest.

Who will benefit from ACE?

When fully deployed, ACE will help Logistics Service Providers (LSPs), CBP, PGAs and US citizens. It is anticipated that:

- LSPs will potentially be able to move freight at a faster pace and at a lower cost, file U.S. customs entries more effectively and achieve better access to numerous government agencies
- U.S. citizens may realize enhanced protection from potential security risks and unsafe goods
- CBP will have better access to information, reduce inter- and intra-agency paperwork and be more able to target and analyze high-risk shipments

How will ACE be deployed?

CBP has stated that it will implement the outstanding ACE deployments via an Agile development method. This means that CBP is rolling out ACE features in smaller, incremental stages. The agency is continuing to interface with the industry to encourage early transition to ACE. In addition to a series of outreach events, CBP is also collaborating with select service providers and their respective customer bases through a series of pilots.

What is the ACE Secure Data Portal?

The ACE Secure Data Portal is CBP’s interactive online tool that provides a single, user-friendly gateway to CBP and PGA information via the web. The portal offers features such as the ability to receive and respond to select forms, upload specified documents and run predefined reports.

Can U.S. Customs entries now be submitted through the ACE Secure Data Portal?

No. In a [recent trade update](#), CBP has noted that Automated Broker Interface (ABI) will remain as the **only approved method** available for filing entry and entry summaries in ACE. This means that entries and entry summaries **must still be filed** through a CBP-approved ABI software vendor, a self-developer or a service center.

The agency has additionally stated that the “ACE Secure Data Portal does not have entry and entry summary filing capabilities, nor are there plans for building such capabilities.” [More here.](#)

Descartes' Solutions for ACE

Descartes has developed solutions to help our customers transition to ACE in parallel to CBP advancements. As the North American leader in customs filing solutions, our comprehensive and modular solutions help to:

- Improve productivity with advanced EDI capabilities and options to connect to existing systems
- Reduce entry time and minimize errors through automated workflow processes and a series of targeted validations
- Increase connectivity through the Descartes Global Logistics Network™ (Descartes GLN™), the standard for multimodal, inter-enterprise electronic data and document exchange
- Ensure compliance by offering a flexible range of customs entry software solutions for companies with all levels of sophistication

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Additional Links & References

[CBP – More about ACE](#)

[CBP – ACEpedia](#)

[ACE-Related Federal Register Notices](#)