

Working in close coordination with the Department of Homeland Security, the Border Interagency Executive Council, and the White House, U.S. Customs and Border Protection has been actively tracking and assessing stakeholder readiness for the mandatory filing of all electronic entries and corresponding entry summaries in the Automated Commercial Environment (ACE). While significant progress has been made, continued concerns about stakeholder readiness have necessitated an updated timeline for the mandatory transition to ACE for electronic entry and entry summary filing. This updated timeline continues to align with our December 2016 deadline for full implementation of the Single Window via ACE.

Taking into consideration the input from our stakeholders, CBP has implemented a staggered approach to the mandatory filing of electronic entries and corresponding entry summaries in ACE, and the decommissioning of electronic entry/entry summary filing capabilities in the Automated Commercial System (ACS). For further information on the dates and impacts, please visit [www.cbp.gov/ace](http://www.cbp.gov/ace).

## **UPDATED ACE TRANSITION TIMELINE**

### **February 28, 2016**

Beginning February 28, 2016 CBP will start divesting the legacy Automated Commercial System (ACS) by:

1. Offering limited Client Representative and Technology Service Desk support to the trade for ACS entry/entry summary types that are available in ACE.
2. Performing ACS maintenance during peak business hours.
3. Providing processing priority to ACE entries where corresponding ACS entries are still available.

### **March 31, 2016**

Filers will be required to file in ACE and no longer permitted to file in ACS the following transactions.

1. Electronic **entry summaries**, associated with the following entry types, with no PGA data:
  - 01 - Consumption
  - 03 - Consumption - Antidumping/Countervailing Duty
  - 11 - Informal
  - 23 - Temporary Importation Bond (TIB)
  - 51 - Defense Contract Administration Service Region (DCASR)
  - 52 - Government - Dutiable
2. Electronic entries **and** corresponding entry summaries, associated with the entry types above, with data for the following agencies:
  - Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) for Lacey Act, unless paired with other Partner Government Agency (PGA) data
  - National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), unless paired with other PGA data

The implementation of these capabilities through ACE means that the filing of the following transactions **will no longer be accepted** in ACS:

- Electronic entry summaries (Entry types 01, 03, 11, 23, 51 and 52) with no PGA data
- Electronic entries and corresponding entry summaries (Entry types 01, 03, 11, 23, 51 and 52) with APHIS Lacey Act data, unless paired with other PGA data on the same transaction
- Electronic entries and corresponding entry summaries (Entry types 01, 03, 11, 23, 51 and 52) with NHTSA data, unless paired with other PGA data on the same transaction

### **May 28, 2016**

Filers will be required to file in ACE and no longer permitted to file in ACS the following transactions:

1. Electronic **entries, associated with the following entry** types, with no PGA data:
  - 01 - Consumption
  - 03 - Consumption - Antidumping/Countervailing Duty
  - 11 - Informal
  - 23 - Temporary Importation Bond (TIB)
  - 51 - Defense Contract Administration Service Region (DCASR)
  - 52 - Government – Dutiable

Required filing of these entries includes those with APHIS Lacey Act and NHTSA data, unless paired with other PGA data.

2. Electronic entries **and** corresponding entry summaries for the following transactions:
  - Entry type 06 - Consumption - Foreign Trade Zone (FTZ) with no PGA data
  - Entry types 01, 03, 06, 11, 23, 51, 52 with APHIS Lacey Act data, unless paired with other PGA data on the same transaction.
  - Entry types 01, 03, 06, 11, 23, 51, 52 with NHTSA data, unless paired with other PGA data on the same transaction.

Required filing of this entry type includes entries with APHIS Lacey Act and NHTSA data, unless paired with other PGA data.

The implementation of these capabilities through ACE means that the filing of the following transactions **will no longer be accepted** in ACS:

- Electronic entries associated with entry types 01, 03, 11, 23, 51 and 52 with no PGA data.
- Entries and corresponding entry summaries associated with entry type 06 with no PGA data.
- Electronic entries/entry summaries, associated with entry types 01, 03, 06, 11, 23, 51 and 52, with APHIS Lacey Act data, unless paired with other PGA data on the same transaction.

- Electronic entries/entry summaries, associated with entry types 01, 03, 06, 11, 23, 51 and 52 with NHTSA data, unless paired with other PGA data on the same transaction.

Food and Drug Administration (FDA) filings will continue to be allowed in ACS to provide more time for industry to transition to ACE. Further information will be provided on the mandatory filing in ACE for FDA data.

**Summer 2016 (Specific dates to be provided)**

Filers will be required to file in ACE and no longer permitted to file in ACS the following transactions.

1. Electronic **entries and entry summaries, associated with the following entry** types, with no PGA data (except for APHIS Lacey Act or NHTSA) will be deployed and must be filed in ACE:

**Entry Types:**

- 02 - Consumption - Quota/Visa
- 07 - Consumption - Antidumping/Countervailing Duty and Quota/Visa Combination
- 12 - Informal - Quota/Visa (other than textiles)
- 21 - Warehouse
- 22 - Re-Warehouse

**Entry Summary Types:**

- 02 - Consumption - Quota/Visa
- 07 - Consumption - Antidumping/Countervailing Duty and Quota/Visa Combination
- 11 - Informal
- 12 - Informal - Quota/Visa (other than textiles)
- 21 - Warehouse
- 22 - Re-Warehouse
- 31 - Warehouse Withdrawal Consumption
- 32 - Warehouse Withdrawal - Quota
- 34 - Warehouse Withdrawal Antidumping/Countervailing Duty
- 38 - Warehouse Withdrawal - Antidumping/Countervailing Duty & Quota/Visa Combination

2. Throughout summer 2016, the following agencies will provide, if they have not already done so, functionality for filing electronically in ACE:
  - Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS);
  - Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms and Explosives (ATF);
  - Remaining APHIS data (APHIS Core);
  - Centers for Disease Control (CDC);
  - Defense Contract Management Agency (DCMA);
  - Directorate of Defense Trade Controls (DDTC);

- Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA);
- Enforcement and Compliance Commission (E&C);
- Environmental Protection Agency (EPA);
- Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS);
- Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS);
- National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS); and
- Alcohol and Tobacco, Tax and Tariff Bureau (TTB).

Agencies will provide further information regarding the conclusion of their pilots. For details on the current deployment status and how to participate in PGA pilots, please reference the PGA documentation [at cbp.gov/ace-pga](http://cbp.gov/ace-pga).

The implementation of these capabilities through ACE means that the following transactions **will no longer be accepted** in ACS:

- Electronic entries associated with entry types 02, 07, 12, 21, or 22
- Electronic entry Summaries associated with entry types 02, 07, 12, 21 and 22, 31, 32, 34 or 38

Further information will be provided on the deployment of remaining core trade processing capabilities in ACE, and the mandatory use of ACE for all remaining electronic portions of the CBP cargo process.

#### **Optional and Available ACE Functions during Transition**

In addition to the specified filing requirements for each mandatory date, electronic filings will be permitted for those wishing/opting to file in ACE prior to the mandatory filing requirements in ACE for the following:

- Entry summaries associated with entry types 01, 03, 11, 23, 51, and 52, until March 31, 2016 when they are required in ACE
- Data for APHIS Lacey Act or NHTSA, until March 31, 2016 when it is required in ACE
- Entries associated with entry types 01, 03, 11, 23, 51, and 52, until May 28, 2016 when they are required in ACE
- Entries and entry summaries associated with entry type 06, until May 28, 2016 when they are required in ACE

We would like to reiterate that the updated transition timeline aligns with the December 2016 deadline for full implementation of the Single Window via ACE. CBP appreciates all efforts from the CBP, trade community, and PGA stakeholders as we continue to work together toward the complete and successful transition to ACE.