



U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) is encouraging all carriers, including all Non-Vessel Operating Common Carriers, to establish Automated Commercial Environment (ACE) Secure Data Portal accounts.

Although carriers will continue to file manifests as they currently do today, the establishment of an ACE portal account will provide ocean and rail carriers with enhanced functionality via ACE. Benefits of an ACE portal account include:

Reports and References

- Run ACE Manifest Reports
 - Run the *Near Real Time BOL Status* report (updated every two hours)
 - Run the new MMM 6005 UN Location Code Report that provides physical location and attributes data for use on BAPLIE/Vessel Stowage Plan manifest transactions
 - Run a customized manifest report and save it to the Shared Reports folder for access by other authorized reports users of the account
- Access ACE Reference Files (including Port Code, Country Code, and Manufacturer ID information)

Account Management

- Attach electronic information (e.g., pdf, Word, Excel, etc.), track or respond to CBP on compliance and operational issues via the Business Activity Log
- Verify that the continuous bond information in the account is properly on file with CBP
- Control and maintain usage of type 2 custodial bonds through the in-bond authorization feature (currently limited to cargo arriving in the United States by ocean or rail):
 - Limit business partners that can obligate your bond
 - Limit business partners' use of your bond by date range
 - Limit business partners' use of your bond by in-bond arrival and destination port
- View and maintain account information such as, company name, addresses and points of contact for ease of reference by CBP and other Participating Government Agencies
- Send copies of the shipment records to the customs broker (commonly referred to as "broker download")
- View, create and maintain ocean conveyance (vessel) information that is on file with CBP (*Note: Changes to vessel information made by the trade in ACE prior to the spring 2009 release will not be retained; during this period any necessary changes should be made in ACS via current procedure. After the spring 2009 release, changes to vessel information will be maintained and stored in ACE.*)



Additional Information

For more information on ACE and how to apply, visit the ACE Modernization website at www.cbp.gov/modernization or send an e-mail to CBP.CSPO@dhs.gov.