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ACE — THE FINAL STEP TO A SINGLE WINDOW

On February 19, 2014, the signing of the Executive Order, regarding **Streamlining the Export/Import Process for America's Businesses**, directed U.S. Federal Agencies with a role in trade to complete development of the electronic “Single Window” by December 2016.

- The “Single Window” concept eliminates redundancy, dramatically reducing paper waste and facilitates faster, more efficient processing of imports and exports.

WHAT IS ACE?

The **Automated Commercial Environment (ACE)** is a U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) system designed to promote legitimate trade while enhancing border security. ACE improves the collection, sharing, and processing of information submitted to CBP and government agencies.

- ACE provides a single, centralized access window for the trade community to connect with CBP and its **Partner Government Agencies (PGAs)**.
- Information transmitted to CBP & the PGAs flows to the ACE Portal where importers can request many reports to verify the information was filed correctly.

THE ACE PORTAL

The ACE Portal allows multiple user types (**Broker, Importer, Exporter, or Carrier**) to file certain required information, and the access to electronic document submission or the Report Repository, which holds records for five years to meet CBP Regulations on record retention. ACE has four components:

- Manifest Visibility & Assessment
- Cargo Release
- Post Release
- **Partner Government Agencies (PGAs)**

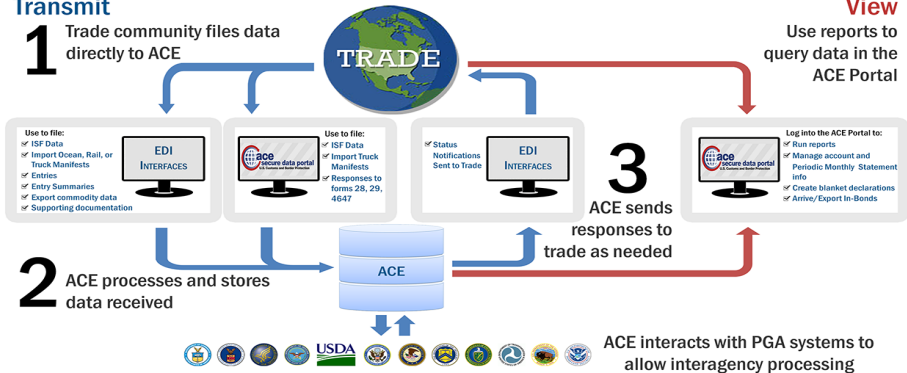
ACE FOR EXPORTS

The **Automated Export System** has been re-engineered and incorporated into ACE as well. This update resulted in the creation of a single automated export processing platform for all export manifest, commodity, licensing, export control, and export targeting transactions, reducing costs for CBP, PGAs, and the trade community as well as improving facilitation of export shipments through the supply chain.

HOW ACE WORKS

Transmit

1 Trade community files data directly to ACE



- The graphic provides a snapshot of how to file and access data in ACE.
- ACE offers the trade community a simplified process for submitting data and interacting with CBP and PGAs.

THE HISTORY OF ACE

APRIL 2001

U.S. Customs Service announced the move towards Customs Modernization taking the first steps to implement ACE

2011

Import Ocean Manifests Tested in ACE

2016

Mandatory ACE Entry & Cargo Filing

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2003

ACE Web Portal Designed & Tested

2014

ACE Entry Summary & Cargo Testing

2017

Implementing the Single Window

FLOW OF INFORMATION WITHOUT ACE

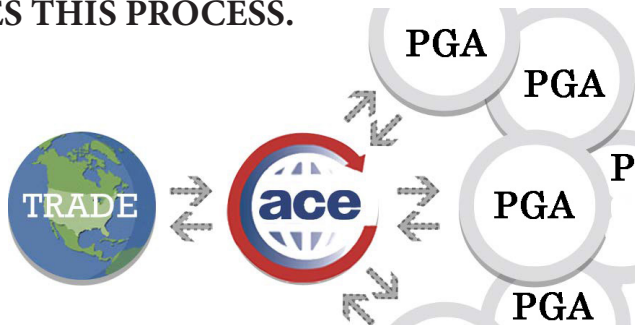


- Traders must submit the same information to multiple PGAs, multiple times through processes, which are largely paper-based and manual.
- 47 PGAs, requiring nearly 200 forms

SINGLE WINDOW VISION

THE SINGLE WINDOW STREAMLINES THIS PROCESS.

- CBP and PGAs will use ACE to collect track, and process required trade information.



PARTNER GOVERNMENT AGENCY (PGA)

A **Partner Government Agency (PGA)** is a U.S. government agency with a role in trade, which can have a significant impact on imports and exports. For example, CBP is a PGA and so is the U.S. Census Bureau.

- Each PGA sets specific responsibilities related to a particular commodity for entry.
- For trade regulations imposed by PGAs, documentation may require multiple submissions for the same data.
- ACE allows for the **data to be submitted once rather than separately to each agency.**

THE SINGLE WINDOW PROGRAM

The **Single Window** provides the trade industry with one access point for electronic submission of all international trade data required by PGAs.

- CBP and 47 PGAs worked together to modernize business processes through the implementation of the Single Window Program — **Automated Commercial Environment/International Trade Data System (ACE/ITDS)**.
- The Census Bureau works closely with CBP to collect import and export data through the Single Window.

SINGLE WINDOW PARTICIPATING PGAS

Department of Agriculture

- U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA)
- Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS)
- Foreign Agricultural Service (FAS)
- Grain Inspection, Packers & Stockyards Administration (GIPSA)

Department of Commerce

- Bureau of Industry and Security (BIS)
- United States Census Bureau
- Foreign Trade Zones Board (FTZB)
- Enforcement and Compliance (E&C)
- Import Administration (IA)
- National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS)

SINGLE WINDOW PARTICIPATING PGAS

Department of Defense

- Army Corps of Engineers (USAGE)
- Defense Contracts Management Agency (DCMA)

Department of Energy

- Office of Fossil Energy (OFE)
- Enforcement and Compliance (E&C)
- Office of General Counsel (OGC)

SINGLE WINDOW PARTICIPATING PGAS

Department of Health & Human Services

- Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)
- Food & Drug Administration (FDA)

Department of Homeland Security

- Customs & Border Protection (CBP)
- United States Coast Guard (USCG)
- Transportation Security Administration (TSA)

SINGLE WINDOW PARTICIPATING PGAS

Department of the Interior

- Fish & Wildlife Service (FWS)

Department of Justice

- Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms & Explosives (ATF)
- Office of General Counsel (OGC)

SINGLE WINDOW PARTICIPATING PGAS

Department of Labor

- Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS)

Department of State

- Bureau of Administration, Office of Logistics Management (A/LM)
- Directorate of Defense Trade Controls (DDTC)
- Bureau of Ocean and International Scientific Affairs (OES/OCM)
- Office of Fossil Energy (OFE)

SINGLE WINDOW PARTICIPATING PGAS

Department of Transportation

- Bureau of Transportation Statistics (BTS)
- Federal Aviation Administration (FAA)
- Federal Highway Administration (FHA)
- Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA)
- Maritime Administration (MARAD)
- National Highway Safety Administration (NHTSA)
- Pipeline Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA)

Department of Treasury

- Internal Revenue Service (IRS)
- Office of Foreign Assets Control (OFAC)
- Alcohol & Tobacco Tax & Trade Bureau (TTB)
- Financial Crimes Enforcement Network (FinCEN)

SINGLE WINDOW PARTICIPATING PGAS

Independent Agencies

- Consumer Products Safety Commission (CPSC)
- Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)
- Federal Communications Commission (FCC)
- International Trade Commission (ITC)
- Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC)
- U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID)
- Office of the United States Trade Representative (USTR)

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Do not get left behind as the U.S. Trade Industry shifts to a single electronic filing system.

Contact your OCEANAIR account manager for your solution to this change today!

- You will meet with your account manager and a member of our compliance team.
- We will help set-up your ACE Portal Account and assist in its use.





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