AUTOMATED COMMERCIAL ENVIRONMENT (ACE) AND SINGLE WINDOW IMPLEMENTATION
For July 2016 COAC

BACKGROUND:

- On February 19, 2014, President Obama signed an Executive Order to streamline the import/export process by calling for the completion of a "single window" that will allow businesses to electronically transmit the data required by the U.S. Government to import or export cargo by December 2016.
- ACE will become that "single window," the primary processing system through which the trade-related data required by all Government agencies is submitted and processed[1].
- To facilitate implementation of Single Window/ACE, CBP has established mandatory dates for the use of ACE.
- To date, the following ACE mandatory transition dates have been met:
    - **May 1, 2016:** use of ACE became mandatory for all electronic manifest filings.
    - **February 28, 2016:** CBP began divesting the legacy Automated Commercial System (ACS). This transition shifted technical and customer support resources away from the legacy ACS system, a necessary step to focus critical resources in support of the new system, ACE.
    - **March 31, 2016:** Filers required to file in ACE electronic entry summaries for the most commonly filed entry types, AND electronic entries and entry summaries with Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) Lacey Act and National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) data. The legacy system, the Automated Commercial System (ACS), is no longer available for these specific transactions.
    - **May 20, 2016:** Full transition of legacy AES*Direct* (export commodity filings via the portal) to ACE.
    - **May 28, 2016:** Filers required to file in ACE electronic entries (cargo release) for the most commonly filed entry types, and Foreign Trade Zone entries and entry summaries. The legacy system, ACS, is no longer be available for these specific transactions.
    - **June 15, 2016:** Mandatory filing of ACE electronic entries and entry summaries with Food and Drug Administration (FDA) data. At this point, all electronic entries and entry summaries that do not have quota merchandise should be filed in ACE.

Upcoming Transition Deadlines
- We will complete the mandatory transition to ACE in 2016.
    - **July 23, 2016:** Mandatory filing of ACE electronic entries and entry summaries for remaining entry types, specifically those entry types involving quota merchandise.
    - **August 27 2016:** Mandatory use of ACE for filing electronic Protests.

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[1] Application forms for permits and licenses excluded from the Single Window.

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- o **October 1 2016:** Mandatory use of ACE for all remaining electronic portions of the CBP cargo process: Duty Deferrals, Statements, Reconciliation, Drawback and Liquidation.
  - o **TBD 2016:** Mandatory use of ACE for electronic filing of remaining PGA data.
- Following the deployment of core trade processing capabilities in ACE in 2016, CBP will continue to enhance ACE capabilities in an operations and maintenance mode. New projects/requirements, however, will need to be approved through our established governance process in line with CBP's trade priorities and funded.

Trade Readiness/ACE Filing Activity
- During the week of July 2nd, we had all-time highs of 96 percent of cargo release and 99 percent of entry summary filings in ACE.
- In addition, based on May 2016 statistics:
  - o Approximately 92 percent of cargo release filers can file in ACE (*i.e*, have filed at least one entry/cargo release in ACE); and,
  - o Approximately 96 percent of entry summary filers can file in ACE (*i.e*, have filed at least one entry summary in ACE).

PGA Readiness
- 21 agencies have data requirements at entry/entry summary.
- 14 of 21 will have their data requirements met via PGA Message Set.
- 8 of the 14 have available PGA Message Set pilots; 4 are pending.
- 3 of the pilots have been closed.
- 133 PGA forms have been automated due to the implementation of ACE and the single window.