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Border Protection



What is ACE?

The Automated Commercial Environment (ACE) is the next generation of technology designed to enhance national border security and expedite lawful trade. It automates and consolidates U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) clearance processing. The ACE Secure Data Portal is a customized web-based system that connects CBP, the trade community and participating government agencies in one centralized, on-line access point.

What do I need to know about ACE?

ACE Portal Accounts:

By establishing a free ACE portal account directly with CBP, you will have access to numerous reports that will allow you to more closely monitor your compliance and will serve as an effective tool in making real-time business decisions. You will be able to create an account based on your company's organizational structure and restrict user access to select account information. Over 80 reports on entry data are available today for your analysis.

Periodic Monthly Statement Processing:

Duties and fees no longer have to be paid on a transaction-per-transaction basis but can be paid using a monthly statement, thus streamlining the accounting processes. Customs Brokers, like Argents, simply mark the entries they wish to be paid on the statement, and then submit payments through Automated Clearing House (ACH) processing.

eManifest Submission at Land Borders:

All carriers are required to submit manifests detailing shipment, carrier, and other information to enter the United States. e-Manifests are simply electronically filed manifests. The e-Manifest feature is available at all ACE land border ports. To date, more than 270,000 truck e-Manifests have been filed through an Electronic Data Interchange (EDI) or the ACE Secure Data Portal.

Argents Can Help:

Involvement in the Development Process:

Argents Director of Compliance, Cindy Allen, participates in the Trade Support Network (TSN) serving as the Release Sub-Committee Chair. The TSN is a trade group comprised of trade stakeholders who act as advisors to CBP in the ACE development process. Cindy is currently working to define and develop the release process in the new environment, giving Argents a unique advantage in assisting our clients with the current program as well as coming changes.

Contact Argents for a Better Understanding:

Planning for costs in an uncertain trade environment can be difficult. At Argents Express Group, we will be happy to discuss how these and other trade issues will affect your products and shipments. To discuss your concerns, please contact Cindy via email at callen@argents.com or by phone at 734-326-9499, or an Argents Sales Representative.

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