

GeTS



**Automated
Commercial
Environment
(ACE)**

**Importer
Security Filing
(ISF)**

Automated Commercial Environment (ACE)

What is ACE ?

The **Automated Commercial Environment (ACE)** was introduced by the **U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP)**. This initiative is a multi-modular cargo control and release notification system for ocean, air, rail and highway carriers. Through **ACE Ocean**, US Customs and Border Protection (CBP) and the trading community can communicate directly and track and manage information about marine cargo moving in and out of the US. Ocean carriers must use the ACE Ocean system to submit advance electronic manifest and other required documentation to CBP.

Cargo Transmission Time Frames

Cargo Data (including FROB)

24 hours before Loading of Cargo

24 hours prior to Arrival

Containerized
Break Bulk (non-exempt)

Bulk Cargo (voyage less than 24 hours)
Break Bulk (exempt)

Time of Sailing

Bulk Cargo (voyage less than 24 hours)
Break Bulk (exempt)

Getting Started with GeTS ACE

To get set up with ACE, the following bonds are required:

1. International Carrier (C3) bond. (MVOCC/NVOCC)
2. Federal Maritime Commission (FMC) bond or Ocean Transportation Intermediary (OTI) bond is required.

Once these bonds have been obtained by the company, sign up online with Global eTrade Services.

Importer Security Filing (ISF)

What is ISF?

10+2 regulation requires importers to submit an electronic **Importer Security Filing (ISF)** of 10 data elements 24 hours prior to the shipment being loaded. Additionally, it requires importers and freight forwarders to submit a **Vessel Stow Plan (VSP)** and a **Container Status Message (CSM)** no later than 24 hours prior to the shipment being loaded. In cases where the goods are in-transit, the carrier is required to enter 5 ISF data elements.

Parties involved in ISF

IMPORTER - the party causing goods to enter the U.S. (owner, purchaser, consignee, agent)

CARRIER - the party whose vessel the shipment is arriving on. During In-transit situations (FROB, IE, TE & FTZ), the carrier is considered to be the importer.

FREIGHT FORWARDER - the party who organises the shipment

SERVICE PROVIDER - the party who will potentially file on the importer's access to portal account for tracking submissions.

Features and Benefits

Secure Corporate Account

Security with high availability for enterprise class users

Multiple Plans & Connectivity Options

Enjoy cost savings with our selection of plans that fit your organization

Report Generation Capabilities

Data helps to track and analyze cargo movements

24/7 Customer Support

Expert advice and assistance on customs compliance matters

Streamlined & Easy-to-Use Application

Enjoy efficiency and time savings with less data entry

Notification for ACE B/L Match

Match alert when your ISF data links to the ACE submission.

Advanced Integration Options

Data can stream from multiple sources to a single transaction

Subscription Options

WEB

Get convenient access anywhere with Internet connection.
Reduce data entry with template creation.
Receive instant responses from CBSA and CBP.
Full audit trail and reporting capabilities.

eMANIFEST FILING SERVICE

Electronic processing of requests via fax or email.
Confirmation of acceptance from CBSA and CBP by phone, email or SMS.
Access to portal account for tracking submissions.

INTEGRATION

Electronic integration with in-house software systems.
Support partial data transfer to web portal account for completion and submission to CBP.

ISF Time Frames

CBP will assess liquidated damages against an ISF bond holder in the amount of \$5000 per violation in addition to penalties applicable under other laws. CBP may also issue "no load" messages for ISF violations.

SUBMISSION TYPE

TIME FRAME FOR SUBMISSION

Importer ISF (10 Data Elements)

24 Hours before cargo is laden

Carrier ISF (5 Data elements)

24 Hours before cargo is laden

Vessel Stow Plan

Within 48 hours after departure from last foreign port
If voyage is shorter than 48 hours then must be filed prior to arrival at US port

Container Status Message



When specific event occurs or no later than 24 hours after carrier enters CSM in its data tracking system (required for empty containers)

Our Customer Experience

Working with Global eTrade Services (GeTS) means you get more than leading edge technology, network and cloud-based systems. With offices located globally, you get a trusted partner that truly understands and commits to the unique needs of your business.

GeTS

Global eTrade Services (GeTS) is a CrimsonLogic subsidiary and a key growth engine for the Group. GeTS has a comprehensive suite of global trade connectivity services that helps traders meet regulatory and compliance requirements from Government agencies and trade associations around the world. Based on a SaaS model, GeTS is centred on a global trade platform that facilitates cross-border trade with Compliance Connectivity, eAdvisory and Data Analytics suite of services.

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