THE ACE BASICS

HOW IT WORKS

ACE offers the trade community a simplified process for submitting data and interacting with CBP and Partner Government Agencies (PGAs). The graphic below provides a snapshot of how to file and access data in ACE.
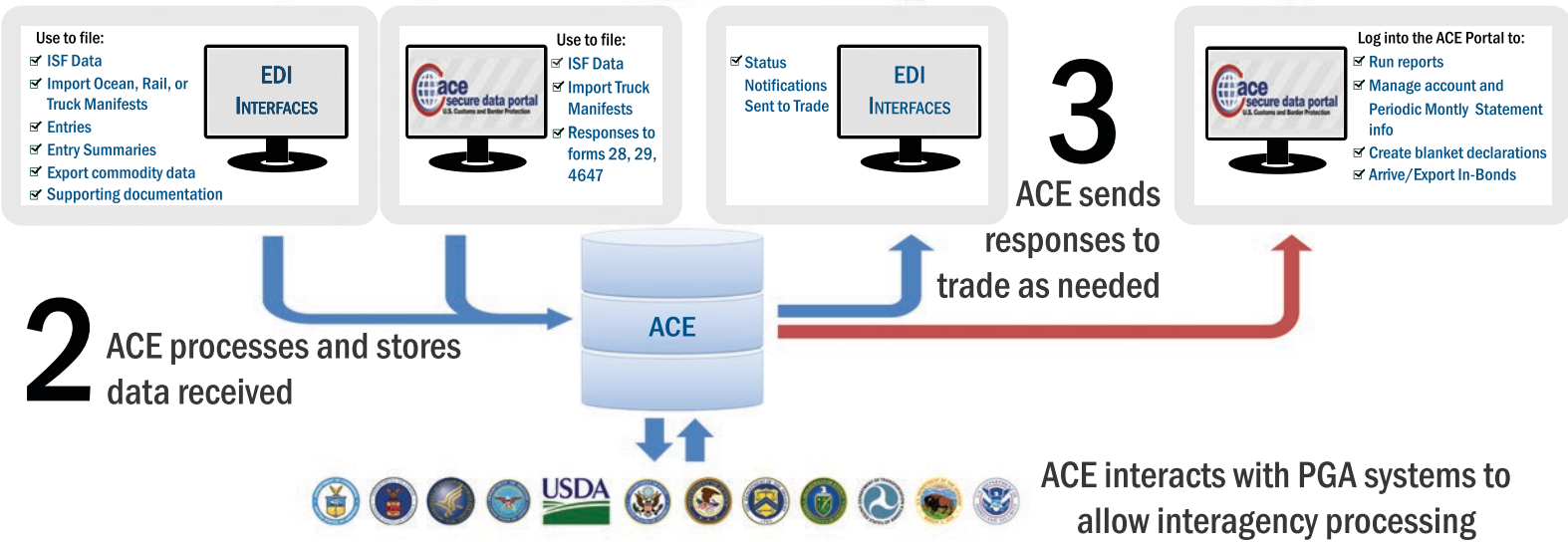
Transmit

1 Trade community files data directly to ACE

View

Use reports to query data in the ACE Portal

TRADE

Use to file:
- ☑ ISF Data
- ☑ Import Ocean, Rail, or Truck Manifests
- ☑ Entries
- ☑ Entry Summaries
- ☑ Export commodity data
- ☑ Supporting documentation

EDI INTERFACES

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Use to file:
- ☑ ISF Data
- ☑ Import Truck Manifests
- ☑ Responses to forms 28, 29, 4647

- ☑ Status Notifications Sent to Trade

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3 ACE sends responses to trade as needed

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Log into the ACE Portal to:
- ☑ Run reports
- ☑ Manage account and Periodic Montly Statement info
- ☑ Create blanket declarations
- ☑ Arrive/Export In-Bonds

ACE

2 ACE processes and stores data received

ACE interacts with PGA systems to allow interagency processing

HOW TO GET STARTED

New to electronic filing?

Set up an EDI connection:
1. Send a Letter of Intent (LOI) to letterofintent@cbp.dhs.gov to begin the process.
2. You will be a assigned a client representative who will guide you through EDI connection process.

Business entities that wish to communicate via EDI to CBP may 1) use an approved software provider 2) contact a service center or 3) develop software in-house

Already filing electronically and ready to transition to ACE?

Call your client representative

Need an ACE Portal account?

Fill out an application on CBP.gov to get an ACE Secure Data Portal account

For details on how to get started, visit www.cbp.gov/trade/automated/getting-started

DATES TO KNOW
The deadlines below are important to know as you transition to ACE. Don't wait...Migrate!

May 1, 2015
Mandatory use of ACE for all electronic import and export manifest filings for all modes of transportation

Nov. 1, 2015
Transition period begins: ACE filing of electronic entry and associated entry summary types 01, 11, 03, 51, 52 with or without PGA data encouraged

Feb. 28, 2016
ACE must be used and ACS will no longer be available for filing of all electronic entries and associated entry summaries. In addition, electronic FDA, NHTSA, APHIS (Lacey) data must be filed in ACE and ACS will no longer be available

Jul. 2016
Upon publication of the Final Rule, ACE must be used for filing AMS, APHIS Core, ATF, CDC, DCMA, DDTC, DEA E&C, EPA, FSIS, FWS, NMFS and TTB data. Hybrid submissions will no longer be allowed

Oct. 1, 2016
Mandatory use of ACE for all remaining electronic portions of the CBP cargo process

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