

Implementation of Entry Type 13 Test in ACE for U.S. Mail Processing (INT-057/CBP-290)

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On September 22, 2026, U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) will enhance the Automated Commercial Environment (ACE) to implement the new Entry Type 13 (ET 13) for processing international mail shipments, in accordance with the Federal Register Notices (FRN) published by CBP on June 24, 2026 ([Test of the New Electronic Informal Entry Process for Mail](#) and [Indefinite Suspension of the De Minimis Exemption for Merchandise Arriving Through All Modes Other Than the International Postal Network](#)). Together with the FRNs, the Entry Type 13 Test will modernize entry processes, enhance security, and protect revenue. This update includes electronic data interchange (EDI) impacts.

What will change for trade community users?

These enhancements introduce a test of **ET 13**, a new informal entry type for submitting shipment level data for international mail packages. ACE changes include new data elements, codes, and documentation updates within ACE Cargo Release, as well as associated Entry Summary requirements. Participation in the ET13 Test is open to parties with the right to make entry under 19 C.F.R. § 143.26(a): entry can only be made by an owner or purchaser of the merchandise being mailed to the United States, or a licensed customs broker properly designated by the owner, purchaser, or consignee. Shipments exceeding \$2,500 in value, subject to quota, or subject to antidumping or countervailing duties are required to be cleared as a formal entry.

ET13 Test entries will require the following:

- The Foreign Postal Operator Tracking Number SE15 and the shipper or sender's name SE30 and address SE35 must be included, otherwise ACE will send an error.
- Additional required data elements for the ET13 Test include:
 - Block 1: Filer Code
 - Block 6: Arrival port
 - Block 8: Carrier and flight number
 - Block 10: Country of Origin
 - Block 11: Arrival date
 - Block 12: Tracking Number
 - Block 31/33: Duty type
 - Block 32: Description of merchandise
 - Block 33: 10-digit HTSUS for each shipment/duty rate
 - Block 34/35: Quantity/Weight
 - Required only if using a specific duty rate
 - Block 36: Value
 - Block 37: Duty rate
 - Block 38: Total duty owed
- Air and Truck Manifest carrier must provide receptacle numbers and piece count per receptacle.



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What additional resources are available?

- **ACE Implementation Guide Updates**
 - Cargo release chapters and condition code documentation are being updated to incorporate requirements for USPS international mail shipments, including new data elements and validations.
 - ACE CATAIR Cargo Release Chapter
 - ACE Cargo Release Condition / Error Codes
 - Entry Summary chapters and condition codes documentation are being revised to support the ET13 test.
 - ACE CATAIR Entry Summary Create/Update
 - ACE CATAIR Entry Summary Query
 - ACE CATAIR Error Dictionary
 - Manifest implementation guides (IGs) are being updated to support the ET13 test:
 - [ACE ANSI X.12 Import Truck Manifest – 309 Customs Manifest](#)
 - [ACE ANSI X.12 Import Truck Manifest – 355 Customs Manifest Acceptance/Rejection](#)
 - [ACE UN/EDIFACT Import Truck Manifest – Standard Truck Manifest Customs Response Accept/Reject \(CUSRES\) Message](#)
 - [ACE UN/EDIFACT Import Truck Manifest – Standard Truck Manifest Customs Cargo Report \(CUSCAR\) Message](#)
 - [ACE CAMIR – Air Import Manifest Message Line Identifiers](#)
 - ACE CATAIR Appendix B – Valid Codes is also being updated.
- **Deployment Support Calls**
 - The Trade Transformation Office (TTO) will conduct deployment support calls for the trade community on the following dates:
 - **Trade Deployment Pre-Deployment Support Call**
 - Date: Wednesday, September 9, 2026
 - Time: 1:00 p.m. ET
 - Join via Microsoft Teams Desktop or Mobile App here: <https://teams.microsoft.com/meet/280534305714342?p=oVL4nNjrxDMfp4wsaJ>
 - Meeting ID: 280 534 305 714 342
 - Passcode: 7KP9SQ9t
 - **Trade Deployment Post-Deployment Support Call**
 - Date: Wednesday, October 7, 2026
 - Time: 1:00 p.m. ET
 - Join via Microsoft Teams Desktop or Mobile App here: <https://teams.microsoft.com/meet/238099770592787?p=Fe8l7KICwu7XDBBrI7>
 - Meeting ID: 238 099 770 592 787
 - Passcode: Eh9Ad2fE



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- Participants are encouraged to join at the start of the call when CBP will provide a brief deployment status update. A question-and-answer segment will follow. Calls may end early if all questions have been addressed.
- Additional calls may be scheduled if demand warrants. More details will be announced on these support calls and via CSMS message.
- **Additional Support**
 - For questions about this ACE enhancement, contact the Cargo Release, Manifest and Export Product Division at CREM@cbp.dhs.gov or the Entry Summary, Accounts, and Revenue Division at ESAR@cbp.dhs.gov.
 - For technical questions, contact your assigned Client Representative or the ACE Account Service Desk (ASD) at 866-530-4172 or ace.support@cbp.dhs.gov.

