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TO : Customhouse Brokers, Importers and Others Concerned

SUBJECT : Updated Information on the Automated Commercial Environment (ACE)

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As most of you are aware, CBP has developed a plan to complete deployment of core trade processing functionality in ACE and to decommission the corresponding capabilities in the Automated Commercial System (ACS) by the end of 2016. As part of our ongoing effort to provide the most current information on ACE and its impact on the business of the Trade community, we want to provide you with updated information concerning ACE development and deployment. Three major dates have been established for the electronic use of ACE over the course of the next two and a half years. They are as follows:

- **May 1, 2015: Mandatory use of ACE for all electronic manifest filings** – filing of all electronic import and export manifest data related to all modes of transportation will be mandatory in ACE.
- **November 1, 2015: Mandatory use of ACE for all electronic cargo release and related entry summary filings** – filing of all data associated with the release of imported cargo from the government's custody, including data related to PGA interactions, and the associated entry summaries, will be mandatory in ACE.
- **October 1, 2016: Mandatory use of ACE for all remaining electronic portions of the CBP cargo process** – all electronic trade processing will be mandatory in ACE. This includes processes such as Drawback, Protest and others.

ACE will consolidate and automate border processing and provide a single, centralized access point to connect CBP, Partner Government Agencies (PGA), and the Trade Community. Filers should be consulting with their software vendors now to ensure they are properly prepared for ACE as we deploy new functionality more frequently and decommission the legacy systems. CBP maintains a list of ABI software vendors including those that provide ACE services. This list which is periodically updated may be found on www.CBP.gov at:

http://www.cbp.gov/xp/cgov/trade/automated/automated_systems/abi/

As an attachment to this pipeline, we have provided for your reference the most current version of the ACE Development and Deployment Timeline. You may also find the timeline which CBP updates periodically at:

http://www.cbp.gov/linkhandler/cgov/trade/automated/modernization/whats_new/ace_dev_dep_schedule.ctt/ace_dev_dep_schedule.pdf



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Attachment – ACE Development and Deployment Timeline