

notices regarding the test remain in effect.

#### *A. Mandatory Use of ACE for Electronic Filing of FTZ Admission Applications*

This document announces that beginning on September 16, 2017, all test participants must file electronic FTZ admission applications in ACE. All other filers will continue to submit FTZ admission applications to CBP on paper. As of September 16, 2017, ACS is decommissioned for the electronic filing of these applications.

#### *B. Clarification*

This document announces a clarification to the notice published in the **Federal Register** on August 19, 2005. The list of data elements which test participants must provide CBP when filing an electronic FTZ admission application contained in that notice inadvertently failed to include the data element "Zone ID" which replaced the "Zone Number and Location (Address)" requirement on the paper CBP Form 214 (Question 1). This notice clarifies that the list of data elements required for the electronic FTZ admission application must include the "Zone ID". Test participants have been submitting this data element since the inception of the test program.

Further, this document reminds test participants that they must provide the data elements "Steel Import License Number" and "Kimberley Process Certificate Number" to CBP, as applicable, when filing an electronic FTZ admission application, as required by CSMS message (CSMS #14-000641) dated December 15, 2014. Under 19 CFR 12.145 and 360.101(c), the steel import license number needs to be provided on CBP Form 214 at the time of filing under 19 CFR part 146, in the case of merchandise admitted into an FTZ. The Kimberley Process Certificate must be presented in connection with an importation of rough diamonds into an FTZ and exportation out of an FTZ if demanded by a CBP official according to 31 CFR 592.404 and 592.301. Pursuant to 31 CFR 592.301 Note 3, when making entry of a shipment of rough diamonds via ABI, the customs broker, importer or filer must submit the unique identifying number of the Kimberley Process Certificate accompanying the shipment.

#### *C. Extension of Program*

The test has been running continuously since March 26, 2007. CBP announces in this notice that it is extending the test until a decision is reached to implement the program on a permanent basis and/or to conclude the test. The new test program is intended

to encourage greater participation in the test program by the trade and thereby provide CBP with more meaningful data by which to assess the feasibility of implementing the program on a permanent basis. CBP will inform the public of its decision to conclude the test program, and if the test program was successful, to implement it on a permanent basis, by way of announcement in the **Federal Register**.

Dated: August 10, 2017.

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## **DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY**

### **U.S. Customs and Border Protection**

#### **Automated Commercial Environment (ACE) Becoming the Sole CBP-Authorized Electronic Data Interchange (EDI) System for Processing Duty Deferral Entry and Entry Summary Filings**

**AGENCY:** U.S. Customs and Border Protection, Department of Homeland Security.

**ACTION:** General notice.

**SUMMARY:** On August 30, 2016, U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) published a notice in the **Federal Register** announcing plans to make the Automated Commercial Environment (ACE) the sole electronic data interchange (EDI) system authorized by the Commissioner of CBP for processing electronic drawback and duty deferral entry and entry summary filings. The date for the changes announced in that notice had been delayed indefinitely. This notice announces the new date for the transition of duty deferral entry and entry summary filings. The transition for processing electronic drawback filings will be announced in the **Federal Register** at a later date.

**DATES:** As of September 16, 2017, ACE will be the sole CBP-authorized EDI system for processing duty deferral entry and entry summary filings, and the Automated Commercial System (ACS) will no longer be a CBP-authorized EDI system for processing these filings.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Questions related to this notice may be emailed to [ASKACE@cbp.dhs.gov](mailto:ASKACE@cbp.dhs.gov) with the subject line identifier reading "ACS to ACE Duty Deferral Entry and Entry Summary Filings Transition."

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** On August 30, 2016, U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) published a notice in the **Federal Register** (81 FR 59644) announcing plans to make the Automated Commercial Environment (ACE) the sole electronic data interchange (EDI) system authorized by the Commissioner of CBP for processing electronic drawback and duty deferral entry and entry summary filings, with an effective date of October 1, 2016. The document also announced that, on October 1, 2016, the Automated Commercial System (ACS) would no longer be a CBP-authorized EDI system for purposes of processing these electronic filings. Finally, the notice announced a name change for the ACE filing code for duty deferral and the creation of a new ACE filing code for all electronic drawback filings, replacing the six distinct drawback codes previously filed in ACS. On October 3, 2016, CBP published a notice in the **Federal Register** (81 FR 68023) announcing that the effective date for these changes would be delayed until further notice. Thereafter, on December 12, 2016, CBP published a notice in the **Federal Register** (81 FR 89486) announcing that the new effective date for the transition would be January 14, 2017. On January 17, 2017, CBP published an additional notice in the **Federal Register** (82 FR 4900) delaying the effective date for the transition until further notice. Then, on June 8, 2017, CBP published a notice in the **Federal Register** (82 FR 26698) announcing that the new effective date for the transition would be July 8, 2017. Thereafter, on June 30, 2017, CBP published a notice in the **Federal Register** (82 FR 29910) delaying the effective date for the transition until further notice.

This notice announces that beginning September 16, 2017, ACE will become the sole CBP-authorized EDI system for duty deferral entry and entry summary filings, and ACS will no longer be a CBP-authorized EDI system for purposes of processing these electronic filings. The transition date for processing electronic drawback filings will be announced in a separate **Federal Register** Notice at a later date.

Dated: August 11, 2017.

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