News & Information on e-Manifest: Trucks (Release 4)

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Agenda

- e-Manifest: Trucks Review

- Federal Register Notices

- e-Manifest and e-Release

- EDI Validation Activities

- Deployment in Blaine, WA and lessons learned

- Status of Release 4.x

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e-Manifest: Trucks

- Automates truck manifest filings with U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP)

- Utilizes both Electronic Data Interchange (EDI) and web-based ACE Secure Data Portal technologies

- Interfaces with current release processes

- Consolidates CBP release mechanisms

- Incorporates transponder and proximity card technologies

- Supports In-bond processing, currently Immediate Transportation only

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Federal Register Notices (FRN)

Federal Register / Vol. 69, No. 23 / Wednesday, February 4, 2004

- Automated Commercial Environment (ACE): Applications To Establish Truck Carrier Accounts for Participation in a National Customs Automation Program (NCAP) Test
  - Describes establishment of a carriers account
  - Describes eligibility criteria for truck carriers
  - Describes account application process
  - Invites interested parties to comment on design, conduct and implementation

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e-Manifest: Trucks FRN

Federal Register / Vol. 69, No. 176 / Monday, September 13, 2004

- Automated Commercial Environment (ACE): Announcement of a National Customs Automation Program Test of Automated Truck Manifest for Truck Carrier Accounts

  - Describes the process of establishing a Carrier's accounts as per February 4, 2004 Federal Register Notice

  - Requires the Carrier to supply CBP with their Standard Carrier Alpha Code (SCAC)

  - Requires the carrier to supply name, address and email address of point of contact

  - Requires the carrier to inform CBP of method of manifest submission, i.e. EDI or Portal

  - Lists the test and release processes supported

  - Lists the data elements required to be sent for Truck Manifests

  - Invites interested parties to comment on design, conduct and implementation

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e-Manifest: Trucks

Shipment Processing

- PAPS: Pre Arrival Processing System

- BCS: Border Cargo Selectivity

- BRASS: Border Release Advanced Selectivity System

- FAST: Free And Secure Trade / Preferred Manifest

- Section 321: Informal Releases under $200.00 (postponed)

- In-Bond Processing, currently Immediate Transportation (I.T.) only

- Broker Download

- Secondary Notify Party

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EDI Validation Activities

Training and Certification (T&C) Environment established for Testing Electronic Data Interchange (EDI)

- ACE Client Representatives will be administering test and validation plans
  - Applicable to carriers and vendors for ACE Release 4
  - Supports American National Standards Institute (ANSI) and Electronic Data Interchange For Administration, Commerce and Transport (EDIFACT)
  - Seven companies currently testing

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Portal Manifest Filing

- Is currently available for filing manifests

- Could be used prior to your EDI implementation

- Can be used to generate a wide variety of reports

- Accessible from any internet connection

- Use crew, equipment and conveyance master files to eliminate the typing of redundant data

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Deployment in Blaine

- Date deployed: December 12, 2004

- Date pilot temporarily put on hold: January 3, 2005

- Number of Inspectors Trained: 133

- Number of Lanes: All 3

- Number of Trucks Processed: 15,452

- Number of Manifests entered by the Trade: 2 (via Portal)

- Officers reported that ACE has "Great Potential"

- Officers were very enthusiastic about the centralization of release processes

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e-Manifest: Trucks Deployment

Lessons learned

- Technical issues regarding log-ins created delays. The issue was resolved within the first week.

- Processing trucks with carrier's pre-filing manifests will improve processing time.

- Entry filers must transmit shipment control numbers (pro bill number) and applicable bill control numbers in order for the entry to be reconciled with the carrier's shipment records.

  - Broker download functionality can assist with matching of entry and shipment information.
  - For PAPS, always use the Pro-bill number in both entry and manifest.

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Release 4.x

- R4.x scope is to develop the requirements and implement changes to the current ACE baseline

- R4.x is expected to have multiple drops (R4.1, R4.2, R4.3, etc.)

- Enhancements selected will be based on CBP operational needs and Trade requirements

- Requirements will be logically grouped so that they can be implemented quickly

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Release 4.x considerations

- Release 4.x considerations include but are not limited to…

  - Reporting In-bond exports (Immediate Export (IE) and Transportation & Exportation (T&E)
  - Release Messages back to the carrier for cargo moving in-bond under Immediate Transportation (IT) procedures
  - FMCSA feedback loop
  - Service providers/EDI profiles
  - Reduction of MEDPID response dataset
  - Mass postings of Informal Entries
  - Carrier re-assignment
  - Entry filed messages to the carrier
  - Dual presentation of manifests
  - User interface changes to improve usability
  - Changes to the EDI implementation to allow multiple messages within one transmission

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