

# **The Positive and Pervasive Role of IT – Enhancing Management and Operational Efficiencies**

## **Customs Automation / ACE M1 What is Terminal Impact**

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# What is ACE?

## First some background:

- In April 2001 CBP announced the Customs Modernization development with introduction of Automated Commercial Environment (ACE)
- Scope covers Terminals, Truckers, Brokers, Air, Ocean, Rail, CFS, and will help to create streamlined integration
- In 2003 – the initial Web Portal Accounts were introduced
- By June 2004 – over 145 importers and broker accounts set up for entry processing, duty payments etc

# What is ACE M1?

## First some background:

- By end 2005, Truck was on board, allowing processing of transit paperwork through both the Northern and Southern borders
- In Feb 2008, plans were made to include Ocean and Rail under ACE M1
- In 2009, OOCL was first participant to start migration to ACE M1 – which was eventually withdrawn
- In 2011, again, OOCL was initial Trade participant to test and migrate to ACE M1 – completed Dec 2011

# ACE M1 Status

**Fast Forward to September 2012!**

**Currently**

- **99% Rail in ACE M1**
- **85% Ocean**

**Target is to de-commission AMS effective  
September 29<sup>th</sup> 2012**

**So, what changed? What was the impact?**

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# What are the Impacts of ACE M1?

## There are a number of changes:

- ACE M1 will accommodate Container Level Holds
- Additional SNPs – up to 25
- Partial PTT capability
- PGA involvement
  - 5-6 PGAs will have hold capability
  - Most will have authority to view / request docs
  - Phased implementation
- IB delete Handling

# How will this change today's Process?

**After the implementation of Zero Tolerance, Terminal Operators are under same "rules" and Penalties on cargo release.**

**Container Level Holds**

**Partial PTT**

**PGA Hold capability**

**IB Removal**

# What Other Changes impact the TO's?

## Potential Changes in future on Cargo Release

**ACE M1 has more capabilities that have not been "opened" until AMS shutdown**

**Terminals that have migrated to ACE have seen HBL info included with Manifest**

**BAPLIE / Manifest linkage to "arrive" BLs**

# What Other Changes impact the TO's?

## **PGAs**

**(Participating Government Agencies)**

**Potential benefit in identifying exam cargo in advance of vessel arrival**

**Allows segregation to facilitate speedier handling**

**Clear distinction on which agency has hold**



# Why is ACE so important?

- **ACE is the new Foundation**
- **CBP has other planned initiatives**
  - Cargo Release
  - Export Manifest
  - IB Handling
  - AIR / Brokers (ABI)

# ACE

**Ultimately the “grand design” would be a multi-modal platform allowing better integration and visibility between parties in the supply chain**

**Better visibility, and advance “qualitative” information will allow better efficiency in cargo handling**

# ACE M1

**QUESTIONS?**



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