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Effective January 24, 2009, U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) will be deploying enhanced ACE capabilities within the A2.1 release. The A2.1 release will lay the groundwork for the future Ocean and Rail Manifest release (M1) currently scheduled for the spring of 2009. Some enhancements that will be available with the A2.1 release are outlined below. More specific information on all enhancements will be made available closer to deployment.

Viewing Continuous Bonds

Carriers with ACE portal account will now see continuous bond data under the Bond tab in their carrier view. Trade Account Owners who wish Proxy Trade Account Owners or Trade Account Users to view continuous bonds will need to assign access to the Bond tab. If a carrier has a continuous bond, it can be viewed at the Standard Carrier Alpha Code level in the account.

Initially for the PGAs there will be no data to view in this TAB, i.e. on January 24th. We will let the PGAs know when data will be populated in this TAB when ESAR A2.1 portal training begins.

In-Bond Authorization (Ocean, Rail and Truck Carriers)

Name	ID Type	ID#	Telephone	Port Restrictions
PartnerName	data	data	###-###-####	no
PartnerName	data	data	###-###-####	yes

- On January 24, 2009, ocean and rail carriers will have the ability to create a list of authorized custodial bond users in their ACE portal accounts. However, the in-bond authorization records created will NOT be used to edit actual in-bond transactions until the spring of 2009 with the Ocean and Rail Manifest release. Although carriers are not required to use this functionality, carriers who choose to use it have the ability to specify the ports and length of time an authorized party may use their bond.



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- Separate detailed instructions will be provided to ocean and rail carriers in the future. We ask that you wait until those instructions are issued before using the new functionality. Additionally, CBP will be offering telephone training on in-bond authorization.
- Truck carriers will also see the In-bond Authorization sub-tab in their ACE portal account. Truck carriers are also asked not to use this functionality until instructions and training are provided by CBP. Truck in-bond authorization will only apply to in-bond movements generated against an ocean or rail manifest. In-bond authorization will not apply to truck manifest transactions at this time.

Ocean Conveyances

The screenshot shows the 'Conveyances' tab in the ACE portal. At the top, there are navigation tabs: 'Contacts', 'Addresses', 'Drivers/Crew', 'Conveyances', 'Equipment', 'Shippers', and 'Consignees'. Below the tabs are three buttons: 'Download Data', 'Upload File', and 'Add Conveyance'. The table below shows 'Showing 1-3 of 3' records. The table has four columns: 'Vessel Code', 'Vessel Name', 'Flag of Registry', and 'Former Vessel Name'. The first row has '0000001', 'Pride of Baltimore - MD', 'PK - Pakistan', and 'The Washington Star'. The second row has '9212691', 'Galveston Bay', 'PK - Pakistan', and 'The Washington Star'.

Vessel Code	Vessel Name	Flag of Registry	Former Vessel Name
0000001	Pride of Baltimore - MD	PK - Pakistan	The Washington Star
9212691	Galveston Bay	PK - Pakistan	The Washington Star

- As of the A2.1 drop, ocean carriers with an ACE portal account will be able to view ACS uploaded vessel information in their conveyance tab.
- Carriers with an ACE portal account will also have the ability to create and maintain vessel information using the add conveyance capability in the conveyance tab. Carriers will also be able to download a spreadsheet, enter their vessel information, and upload it to their account. However, CBP asks that the trade delay using this capability until detailed instructions are provided.
- One reason for the requested delay is that any changes made to vessel information in the ACE portal account will be lost when Ocean and Rail Manifest is deployed in the spring of 2009. CBP will be providing telephone training on this new functionality, once the instructions are issued.
- Please note that this new functionality is limited to ocean carriers and will not change the way in which truck carriers currently add conveyance information to their ACE portal account.



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- PGA users will be able to view ACS conveyance information on January 24th.

Log-on Changes

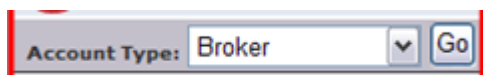
- The log-on screen color will change from green to a more eye pleasing blue and white.



- Cross account access (if applicable to the user) will now appear at the bottom of the ACE log-on screen.



- When changing the Account Type, the user will need to click “Go” after selecting the new Account Type.





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- When selecting “Manage Access,” “News,” “References,” or “Manifest” from the Action drop down, the user will be required to click “Go” to move to that screen.

Action: References

Reference Enhancements

Users will have access to the new UN Loc Code tab, which allows users to search the United Nations Location Code file by Air Port Code, UN Location Code Name, Foreign Port Code and U.S. District Port Code. Click on the hyperlink to view additional location details.



UN/LOC Code

*Indicates field is required

Search

* UN Location Code Name :

--Select--
Air Port Code

* UN Location Code Name :

Foreign Port Code

U.S. District Port Code

State/Region/Province:

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Name	UNLOC Code	US Port Code	Foreign Port Code	IATA Code	CBP Status
MELBOURNE	AUMEL		60237		Active
MELBOURNE	GBMBE				Active
MELBOURNE	GBMLU				Active
MELBOURNE	USMLB	1885			Active

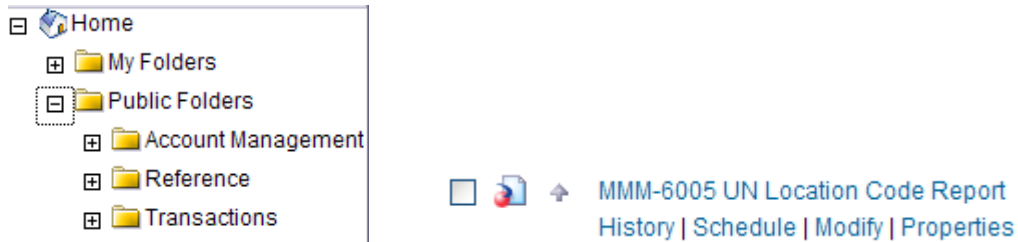
Reports Enhancements

Users will see a new Reference report folder which contains the MMM 6005 UN Location Code Report. This report is available to all ACE account types. The report uses the United Nations Location Codes to produce a report with physical



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location and attributes data for use on BAPLIE/Vessel Stowage Plan manifest transactions.



Log-off Changes

Users will see the appearance of the Security Alert pop up boxes twice. To sign off, simply select “Yes” then “OK” each time the boxes appear.

