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WHAT IT IS:

ACE is the CBP's Online system for processing trade-related data and transactions. It serves as the primary platform for submitting import and export documentation, managing customs clearance, and ensuring compliance with U.S. trade laws.

WHY IT'S IMPORTANT:

- **Centralized Trade Management:** ACE streamlines the submission of import/export data, reducing paperwork and manual errors.
- **Faster Clearance:** Automated processing speeds up customs clearance, minimizing delays and demur-rage fees.
- **Transparency & Compliance:** Importers, customs brokers, and other stakeholders can track shipment status, duty payments, and compliance requirements in real time.
- **Integration with Partner Government Agencies (PGAs):** ACE connects with agencies like the FDA, USDA, and EPA, ensuring that all regulatory approvals are processed through one system.

BENEFITS:

- **Cost Savings** - Avoid penalties and reduce compliance errors.
- **Efficiency** - Faster processing and fewer delays at ports.
- **Visibility** - 24/7 access to trade data and reports for better decision making.



Why Utilizing ACE, ACH, and PMS Is a Smart Business Decision

Leveraging ACE, ACH, and PMS helps streamline operations, reduce costs, and improve financial planning. These tools work together to create a seamless customs compliance and payment process, ultimately enhancing supply chain efficiency and ensuring that goods move through U.S. ports without unnecessary delays.

Utilizing ACE is the Standard Form of Payment for ALL Importers to the CBP.

- Electronic, automated, efficient.
- Average 35-day terms.
- CBP prefers that importers participate.
- Eliminates third-party reliance.
- Provides internal records of proof of payment.



Automated Clearinghouse (ACH)

WHAT IT IS:

ACH is an electronic payment system that allows importers and brokers to pay CBP duties, taxes, and fees directly from their bank accounts. It eliminates the need for checks or manual payments.

WHY IT'S IMPORTANT:

- **Faster & More Secure Payments:** ACH enables seamless transactions without physical paperwork.
- **Avoids Payment Delays:** Since funds are transferred electronically, payments are processed quickly, reducing the risk of late fees.
- **Cost-Effective** - No paper check fees, wire transfer costs, or manual processing errors.
- **CBP Approved** - Recognized and encouraged by U.S. Customs for streamlined compliance

BENEFITS:

- **Convenience** - No need for manual checks or physical payments.
- **Reduced Risk**- Lower chance of payment errors or missed deadlines.
- **Better Cash Flow Management** - Predictable, scheduled payments improve financial planning.

HOW IT WORKS:

CBP debits the importer's account for duties 10 business days after cargo release.

Let LOGISTEED America set you up for success with ACE - we'll guide you through the entire process and continue supporting you every step of the way.

Periodic Monthly Statement (PMS)

WHAT IT IS:

PMS is a CBP program that allows importers and brokers to consolidate multiple duty payments into a single monthly payment, instead of paying on a per-entry basis.

WHY IT'S IMPORTANT:

- **Flexible Payment Terms:** PMS extends the duty payment deadline to the 15th working day of the following month, giving businesses more time to manage cash flow.
- **Simplifies Accounting:** Instead of tracking individual payments for every shipment, importers can consolidate everything into one monthly statement.
- **Enhances Financial Control:** By batching payments, companies can plan their finances better and avoid unnecessary transaction fees.

BENEFITS:

- **Cash Flow Flexibility** - More time to manage duty payments.
- **Simplified Accounting** - One statement instead of multiple transactions.
- **Operational Efficiency** - Reduces administrative burden and paperwork.

HOW IT WORKS:

PMS is a voluntary "add-on" to ACH. Importer pays duties on the 15th business day of every month for shipments that arrived the prior month.

****IMPORTANT NOTICE****

It is a prerequisite for an importer to have a continuous Customs bond to obtain and ACH account.