Trade ACE Information Notice

Collections, Release One

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On **September 07, 2019**, U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) will deploy the Collections Release One functionality in the Automated Commercial Environment (ACE). This first release will focus on the back end processing of ACH Debit/Credit transactions; impacts to users will be minimal in this phase.

What will change in ACE?

- **Marked Paid Date and Locked Status:** Statements will be marked paid when confirmation of payment is received by Treasury, instead of the date the payment was authorized, in order to align with standard accounting practices. Statements will be authorized the day the RM message is sent by the Trade.
  - For Regular Daily Statements the authorization is sent to Treasury the following day and the statement is locked.
  - For Periodic Daily Statements (PDS) the authorization is sent to Treasury and the statement is locked on the 15 working day of the month elected by the Trade.
  - The statement will then be marked paid on the date the Collections Information Repository (CIR) file from Treasury is received, typically two business days after payment authorization is sent to Treasury. The calendar day of the authorization will be used as the paid date for the statement. For Regular Daily Statements this is the business day CBP receives the RM message, and for PDS it is the 15th working day of the month.

- **Final Statement Status**
  - Filers will receive their ACE Daily Statement marked "FINAL" the day CBP receives the CIR file confirming payment for the Regular Daily Statement from Treasury.
  - Filers will receive their ACE Periodic Daily Statement marked "FINAL" the next day after they process their ACH Payment Authorization message to allow CBP to place the Periodic Daily Statement on the following month's Periodic Monthly Statement.
  - Filers will receive their ACE Periodic Monthly Statement marked "FINAL" the day CBP receives the CIR file confirming payment of the PMS from Treasury for the Periodic Monthly Statement.

- **Negate a Payment:** In order to negate a payment today, users must contact their Client Representative. With this deployment, the Trade can negate a payment themselves through an RM Negate ABI transaction until 11:59 pm the day the RM transaction was submitted.

- **Zero Dollar Credit Payment:** Trade will be able to send in a $0.00 payment to cover a $0.00 regular daily statement without utilizing the ACH process of their bank, eliminating the need to send in a ACH Credit for $0.00 or $0.01 in order to pay a $0.00 statement by sending in am RM message for $0.00 with or without a PUN.

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What additional resources are available?

- **Technical Documentation:** The following ACE Collections Release One draft CATAIR chapters have been posted on CBP.gov: The following ACE Collections Release One draft CATAIR chapters have been posted on CBP.gov:
  - Statement Processing: Daily Statement
  - Statement Processing: Error Dictionary
  - Statement Processing: Periodic Monthly Statement
  - Statement Processing: Request Reroute
  - Statement Processing: Statement Update
  - ABI Batch & Block Control
  - ACH Debit Authorization Entry Summary

Who do I contact if I have issues?

Technical questions related Collections Release One should be addressed by the ACE Account Service Desk (ASD) at 1-866-530-4172 or ACE.Support@cbp.dhs.gov.

For other questions, join the ACE Bi-Weekly Support Call at 2:00 PM ET. The schedule is available on CBP.gov/trade/automated/ace-support

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