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Greetings all! Happy New (fiscal) year! We've accomplished a lot this year, and I'm excited to share more about our successes in the upcoming months. Recently, Deputy Executive Assistant Commissioner John Leonard and I have done a bit of traveling, including meeting many of our trade stakeholders at the WESSCON conference out in California. Collaboration with our public and private sector partners is a priority for the Office of Trade, and the work we do together keeps trade flowing in the U.S. and around the world. I look forward to highlighting more success stories in the year ahead, and I greatly appreciate your continued support and feedback.

-AnnMarie Highsmith, Executive Assistant Commissioner, Office of Trade

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ACE 2.0

Under the banner of Automated Commercial Environment (ACE) 2.0, CBP is paving the way for the next generation of the U.S. government's "Single Window" for international trade. CBP is in the early stages of the acquisition process to enable the development of a new system that will ultimately replace the current version of ACE, the platform connecting CBP, the international trade community, and Partner Government Agencies (PGAs) for the

submission and processing of trade-related data for imports and exports.




While ACE was built to transform the legacy Automated Commercial System (ACS) into a modern platform, ACE 2.0 envisions a new system based on rethinking how current and future technologies can be used to meet our mission most effectively. "ACE 2.0 focuses on modernizing processes, looking for efficiencies," said James Byram, executive director of CBP's Trade Transformation Office. "It is intended to align with the natural flow of the supply chain, which will offer cost and efficiency advantages to both government and the trade community."

To achieve these objectives, ACE 2.0 will incorporate several important design features. Two features worth highlighting are interoperability and digital twins. Interoperability means ACE 2.0 will work with a variety of technologies, so that the system can communicate with legacy systems, blockchain, distributed ledger technology, and future systems, royalty free. A digital twin is a digital representation of the physical world, which identifies the who, what and where. Digital twins connect the real and virtual world by collecting data (e.g., geographic location, entity in charge of the product, temperature, speed, weather, conditions, etc.) about the physical component. A digital twin allows data to be evaluated and simulated in a virtual copy of the object or process. Adopting this premise would allow CBP and its trade partners to build a completely transparent supply chain.

After ACE 2.0 is implemented, CBP and PGAs will receive better quality data much earlier in the supply chain, often in near-real time, from traditional as well as non-traditional actors. This will vastly increase supply chain visibility as products make their way to the U.S. border, facilitating faster government responses and earlier determinations on cargo.

ACE 2.0 is intended to implement the re-imagined trade processes developed in collaboration with the trade community as part of 21st Century Customs Framework (21CCF). 21CCF develops legal and operational changes that embrace 21st Century processes and emerging technologies to better secure national and economic security, enhance data integrity, account for emerging actors and business practices, and better facilitate trade by reducing financial and administrative burdens and constraints in customs transactions. Collaboration with industry stakeholders and trade experts continues to be key to moving forward. For more information about ACE and upcoming developments, please visit <https://www.cbp.gov/trade/automated>.

Popular on @CBPTradeGov

-  10/9: Today, #CBPTrade employees on the #OTTradeTransformers team, including our Executive Assistant Commissioner AnnMarie Highsmith and Deputy Executive Assistant Commissioner John Leonard, gathered in DC & virtually for the #RunForTheBadge to raise money and awareness for @NLEOMF.
-  10/19: Don't "fall" for counterfeits. When shopping online for your autumn purchases, guarantee that you are buying legitimate products. For more information visit: <http://go.usa.gov/xMtS6> #FallShopping #TheTruthBehindCounterfeits #FakeGoodsRealDangers
-  10/21: Effective October 21, @CBP will detain fresh tomatoes produced by the Mexican tomato farm Agropecuarios Tom S.A. de C.V., Horticola S.A. de C.V., and their subsidiaries based on information that reasonably indicates the use of #ForcedLabor. <https://go.usa.gov/xMjcz> #TradeMatters



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CBPTrade in the News

- [Dulles CBP Officers Seize \\$1 Million in Counterfeit Goods Packed Into 21 Suitcases – HS Today – 10/22](#)
- [US seizes made-in-China toys, popular in India, for dangerous chemicals – The Policy Times – 10/22](#)
- [\\$441K Worth Of Fake Championship Rings Seized By Cincinnati Customs Agents – The Shore News – 10/22](#)

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New Withhold Release Orders



U.S. Customs and Border Protection



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On Oct. 21, CBP issued a Withhold Release Order (WRO) against Agropecuarios Tom S.A. de C.V., Horticola S.A. de C.V., and their subsidiaries based on information that reasonably indicates the use of forced labor in the production of fresh tomatoes. CBP identified at least five of the International Labour Organization's 11 indicators of forced labor during its investigation, including abuse of vulnerability, deception, withholding of wages, debt bondage, and abusive working and living conditions. This WRO will only affect fresh tomato imports into the U.S. from this specific farm and its subsidiaries. [Read more.](#)

CBP also issued a WRO against Supermax Corporation Bhd. and its subsidiaries based on information that reasonably indicates their use of

forced labor to produce disposable gloves. CBP identified 10 of the International Labour Organization's 11 indicators of forced labor during its investigation.

"With this Withhold Release Order, the Biden-Harris Administration continues to make clear that products made in whole or in part by forced labor will not be allowed into the United States," said Secretary of Homeland Security Alejandro N. Mayorkas. "DHS will continue to set an international standard for the elimination of the deplorable practice of forced labor. We will remove it from American supply chains." [Read more.](#)

Uruguay e-Cert Ribbon Cutting

In a virtual ribbon cutting ceremony on Oct. 7, CBP, along with the Ambassador of Uruguay, the National Meat Institute of Uruguay and the Uruguay Ministry of Agriculture celebrated the implementation of the Electronic Certification System (eCERT) for the transmission of beef export certificate data.

eCERT, a component of ACE, is a system developed by CBP that uses electronic data transmissions of information normally associated with a required export document, such as a license or certificate, to facilitate the administration of quotas and ensure that the proper quantity limits are charged without being exceeded.

The benefits of eCert are instantaneous processing of certificate identification data, secure transmissions protecting certificate confidentially, protection against the introduction of fraudulent certificates, exporting country document monitoring, and improved quota compliance and enforcement.

Uruguay's involvement in the eCERT process complies with the U.S. tariff-rate quota for beef exported from Uruguay for importation into the U.S., per 19 C.F.R. Part 152. This helps the U.S. ensure compliance and enforcement of imported beef quota usage, and that only authorized entities have access to the tariff-rate quotas. [Read more.](#)

OT Participates in Run for the Badge

On Saturday, Oct. 9, the Office of Trade's team, "Trade Transformers," participated in the 2021 Run for the Badge 5K to benefit the National Law Enforcement Memorial and Museum (NLEMM) in Washington, D.C. Proceeds from the event will be used to support NLEMM's mission to tell the story of American law enforcement, honor the fallen, and make it safer for those who serve. The team raised more than \$2,600 in support of the cause. [Read more about Run for the Badge.](#)



Latest Trade Federal Register Notices

- [Technical Amendment to List of User Fee Airports: Removal of One Airport](#); 86 FR 57991 (Oct. 20, 2021)
- [Civil Monetary Penalty Adjustments for Inflation](#); 86 FR 57532 (Oct 18, 2021)
- [Availability of Electronic Viewing of Certain Bills in the Automated Commercial Environment and the Adoption of an Enhanced Bill Format](#); 86 FR 56968 (Oct 13, 2021)
- [Agency Information Collection Activities: Entry/Immediate Delivery Application and ACE Cargo Release](#); 86 FR 55628 (Oct 6, 2021)

New Cargo System Messaging Service Updates

- [CSMS #49876589](#) - FDA Recommends Use of ITACS
- [CSMS #49876275](#) - Updated ACE CATAIR Error Dictionary on CBP.GOV
- [CSMS #49844514](#) - 2021 ACE User Satisfaction Survey Now Open
- [CSMS #49833361](#) - Updated ACE ABI Batch and Block Control Document
- [CSMS #49820085](#) - Updated Drawback Error Dictionary (v22) Posted on CBP.gov