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When to Submit an APHIS Core Message Set, by Entry Type, in ACE

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On September 28, 2020, APHIS published a Federal Register notice that it will delay full implementation of the APHIS Core Message Set in the Automated Commercial Environment (ACE) until January 25, 2021. Prior to January 25, 2021, filing an APHIS Core message set will continue to be optional. After January 25, 2020, filers will have to submit an APHIS Core message set when they receive a flag in ACE to complete their entry. The table below lists the U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) entry types for which APHIS Core message set flags will be enforced and those that are exempt.

Although filing an APHIS Core message set will be optional until January 25, 2020, APHIS strongly encourages filers to submit APHIS Core message sets during the transition period. Filers who need help completing an APHIS Core Message Set should send an email to ace.itds@usda.gov.

Reminder: Importers and brokers must submit APHIS Core-required information at the first U.S. port of arrival. You are also responsible for knowing what to file, regardless of whether a tariff code is flagged in ACE. The APHIS Core Message Set does not allow for de minimis exceptions. Importers and brokers must submit required data for APHIS Core-regulated products regardless of the size or value of the shipment.

Entry Types for which APHIS Core Message Set Flags Will Be Enforced

CBP Entry Type	APHIS Core Flags Enforced or Exempt
01 – Consumption: Free and Dutiable	APHIS Core Flags Enforced
02 – Consumption: Quota/Visa	APHIS Core Flags Enforced
03 – Consumption – Antidumping/Countervailing Duty	APHIS Core Flags Enforced
06 – Consumption – Foreign Trade Zone (FTZ)	EXEMPT[1]
07 – Consumption Antidumping/ Countervailing Duty and Quota/Visa Combo	APHIS Core Flags Enforced
11 – Informal	APHIS Core Flags Enforced
12 – Informal: Quota/Visa (except textiles)	APHIS Core Flags Enforced
13 - Informal: entry for international mail	APHIS Core Flags Enforced
21- Warehouse	APHIS Core Flags Enforced
22 – Re Warehouse	EXEMPT[1]

CBP Entry Type	APHIS Core Flags Enforced or Exempt
23 – Temporary Importation Bond (TIB)	APHIS Core Flags Enforced
31 – Warehouse Withdrawal Consumption	EXEMPT[1]
32 – Warehouse Withdrawal Quota	EXEMPT[1]
34 – Warehouse Withdrawal – Antidumping/Countervailing Duty	EXEMPT[1]
38 – Warehouse Withdrawal Antidumping/ Countervailing Duty and Quota/Visa Combo	EXEMPT[1]
52 – Government – Dutiable	APHIS Core Flags Enforced
61 – Immediate Transportation (IT)	See explanation below.
62 – Transportation and Exportation (T&E)	EXEMPT[1]
63 – Immediate Exportation (IE)	EXEMPT[1]

Other Exemptions

	Submit APHIS Core Message Set?

Commodities Regulated as a Federal Select Agent	EXEMPT[1]
APHIS Veterinary Services Regulated Live Animals	EXEMPT[1]
Biologicals authorized for Hand Carry	If filing electronically in ACE, follow APHIS Core Message Set flags. For information on CBP requirements, go to www.cbp.gov/biologicals

Entry Type 61 – Immediate Transportation (IT)

Entry type 61 is used for in-bond movement of cargo from the port of arrival to another U.S. port. Although ACE does not currently allow message set flagging of this entry type, APHIS requires importers and brokers to submit APHIS Core-required information for these shipments at the first U.S. port of arrival. Importers and brokers who are not filing electronic entries (other than in-bonds) in ACE may submit paper documents at the first U.S. port of arrival. Importers and brokers filing electronically in ACE should submit an APHIS Core message set when they submit their final entry type. Failure to submit the message set with the final entry type will result in paper clearance of the cargo at the first U.S. port of arrival and flagging of APHIS Core message set at the in-bond port of entry, duplicating work.

Exempt[1]

These entry types/commodities will not require the filing of an APHIS Core message set. Please continue to provide admissibility information through your current process with CBP Agriculture or APHIS Veterinary Services (for live animals) at the first port of arrival (paper, document imaging system, etc.).

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