



Summary of ACE/ITDS Pilot Standard Operating Procedures (SOP): Alcohol Tobacco Firearms and Explosives (ATF)

Objective: ATF is developing a message set and processes to support the electronic submission of data for ATF’s needs. In order to test the developed message set and processes, CBP and ATF will engage, together with the trade community, in a pilot to test the new system as it is used by both CBP and ATF operations in real time with actual ACE filings in the production environment.

Submittal of ATF’s Form 6 and 6A in ACE will allow for the importation process to become fully electronic. Importers will provide its form 6 and 6a data via ATF’s eForms system. That reference data will be sent to ACE on a nightly basis. Once an importer is ready to file an entry, the reference data will validate the information the importer has populated. If the data populated matches the reference data, then the entry will be approved. Filings that do not pass system validations, will be rejected. Importers may contact ATF for any resolution and if resolvable, the importer can refile in ACE. No additional review by CBP is necessary.

Scope: Transition from Paper Forms to the PGA Message Set

Form	Form Description	Collected Using the PGA Message Set	Using DIS	CFR Citation for applicable regulations
6 (5330.3A)	Application & Permit for Importation of Firearms, Ammunition and Implements	Y	N	27 CFR 478.112; 27 CFR 478.113; 27 CFR 478.113a
6A (5330.3c)	Release & Receipt of Imported Firearms, Ammunition and Implements of War	Y	N	27 CFR 478.112(d)(1); 27 CFR 478.113(c)(1); 27 CFR 478.113a(c)(1); 27 CFR 478.114(b)(1)

Ports (Phases 2, 3, & 4): Pilot will begin in Phase 2 with firearms and ammunition at all available ports during each phase.

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