

It's time to prepare for US CBP mandatory requirements!

Air Cargo Advance Screening (ACAS) will move from pilot stage to mandatory filing



Airlines operating flights to the U.S. will be required to participate in the ACAS program.

The ACAS pilot was a voluntary test in which participants agree to submit a subset of the required 19 CFR 122.48a data elements (ACAS data), at the earliest point prior to loading of the cargo onto the aircraft destined to or transiting through the United States. The ACAS data is used to target high-risk air cargo. CBP intends to amend the CBP regulations to incorporate ACAS as an ongoing regulatory program.

Once ACAS becomes a mandatory program:

- ⇒ **There will be an on-boarding process** for those companies not already part of the ACAS pilot. Additionally, there is an expectation that there will be an expected period of informed compliance of 9-12 months. This means companies will have to time to work with CBP on their plans to become compliant.
- ⇒ **ACAS compliance will need to become a priority for your company.** Employees and IT departments may need time to adjust to manage secure, high-quality and reliable data transmission. If you are considering third-party IT providers, they might not be available immediately due to high demand! Programming slots towards the end of the informed compliance period might become scarce.
- ⇒ **Your airline has an assigned CBP Client Representative able to support you.** If you have difficulties locating the assigned CBP Client Representative, please contact your ACE IT provider.

IATA and CNS will contact you soon...

- ⇒ One of our priorities is to help airlines become compliant with government regulations, especially when security is involved.
- ⇒ In the coming weeks we will conduct a survey to assess whether your Airline is participating in the pilot program or needs additional support from our team to become compliant.

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[19 CFR 122.48a Electronic information for air cargo required in advance of arrival.](#)

<https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2017-07-24/pdf/2017-15441.pdf>