

Entry Type 13 Pilot Test Goes Live

All shipments valued at \$2,500 or less sent to the United States via the international postal network are eligible for the Customs and Border Protection (CBP) Entry Type 13 Test. ET 13 allows eligible parties to file informal mail entries electronically in the Automated Commercial Environment (ACE).

Effective September 22: Voluntary ET 13 Pilot Begins

Effective October 22:

ET 13 (or formal entry) is mandatory for merchandise by mail subject to: Partner Government Agency requirements; Chapter 98 or 99 of the HTSUS (such as Section 301 duties); or for which duty-free treatment is claimed pursuant to a Free Trade Agreement.

CBP's manual informal entry process remains in place for "vanilla" entries, although the vast majority of imports are subject to one of the above conditions.

Test period runs until CBP publishes a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM) in the *Federal Register*.

CBP's goal with final regulations is for ET 13 to mirror Entry Type 11 as closely as possible.

For more information see CBP's [webpage](#) on Frequently Asked Questions about e-commerce and de minimis.

Under ET 13:

Entry can only be made by an owner or purchaser of the merchandise being mailed to the United States, or a licensed customs broker properly designated by the owner, purchaser, or consignee.

Carriers can also voluntarily participate by reporting the tracking number generated by a foreign postal operator for each arriving mail shipment on a manifest.

The following elements are required:

Filer code	Value
IOR number	Total duty owed
Description of merchandise	Carrier name
Country of origin	Tracking number (UPU S-10 bar code)
All applicable 10-digit HTSUS classification(s)	Arrival port
Quantity and weight (if using specific duty rates)	Duty rate

Additional data may be required for shipments subject to PGA requirements or special duties.