

# Current Status of US Government Departments Involved in International Trade, and Port of Baltimore ILA Strike Update

We're sure you're aware that the US Government shutdown is now over but we wanted to allow the first 24hours to play out so that we could bring you a status update on backlogs etc.

Department	Latest Status
ACE	The original update was planned for October 5th - no new date has been communicated yet
APHIS	Website back up and running. Reviews and authorizations of notifications or permits for the importation, interstate movement or field release of genetically engineered organisms will be delayed
Client Representative Offices	Department is fully operational and clearing backlogs
C-TPAT	Up and running again - validations being processed
EPA	Department is fully operational and clearing backlogs
Currency Exchange Rates	These are now available
Export-Import Bank	Applications for export financing are now being processed
FAA	Open. Certification of new aircraft and equipment restarted
FDA	Staff back at work but backlogs will take some time to clear
Fish & Wildlife	Website is operational
FCC	Operating as normal
Federal Maritime Commission (FMC)	Operating as normal
NTSB	Operating as normal
Steel Licenses	Offices and systems now open
Trade Symposium (East Coast)	This event is planned for October 24th and 25th and registration fees paid are being refunded. There has been no word confirming that this event has been canceled yet.
U.S. Census Bureau	Operating as normal
U.S. Customs	Staff back at work but backlogs will take some time to clear
USDA	Website is operational
U.S. International Trade Commission	All USITC web and network-based services are now available

Electronically filed customs entries continued relatively smoothly during the shutdown - it was the entries requiring manual intervention that were affected. Non-exempt staff are now back at work to handle these entries although backlogs will need to be cleared before normal service standards will resume.

## Port of Baltimore Strike Update

Local 333, the ILA Chapter out on strike at the Port of Baltimore for the last two days, has called off the strike and its members have returned to work while representatives attend arbitration with employers.

We have been informing customers who have shipments that were affected by the strike action although if you have a specific shipment of concern then please don't hesitate to contact your local [Pacer International/Ocean World Lines office](#).