# Entity Control

EFAST2 entity control consists of identifying and flagging duplicate filing submissions and matching amended filing submission to the original filing submission it is intended to amend if the original filing was processed in the EFAST2 system.

- ***Duplicate Filing identification*** -- Filers sometimes erroneously submit more than one copy of their filing. These are called duplicate filings and must be properly identified to ensure accuracy of the Government's records.

    - ***Suspect duplicate processing*** -- A filing submission is considered a suspect duplicate if it is not an amended filing and it has the same FILING-HEADER-FORM-YEAR, FILING-HEADER-EIN, FILING-HEADER-PN and FILING-HEADER-PLAN-YEAR-END as another filing in the EFAST2 tracking database. EFAST2 may receive multiple duplicate filings. The filing submission with the earliest received timestamp will be marked as the original filing submission. Filings with a duplicate indicator will be linked to what is considered the original filing submission in the tracking database.

    - ***True duplicate processing*** – The filings identified as a suspect duplicate filing will have all filing data elements compared to the same elements on the original filing submission to which it has matched. If the two filings' data elements are identical the filing is considered a true duplicate and flagged as such in the EFAST2 system.

- ***Amended Filing processing*** – Data may be changed on an original filing that was previously submitted, no matter when the original was processed, by submitting an amended filing. A filing submission is considered an amended filing submission if the amended checkbox is checked. An amended filing will be linked to the original submission only if the AckID of the original filing submission is provided. Once linked together the amended filing is considered a complete replacement of the original filing. Parent original filings processed prior to EFAST2 will not be linked to the amended filing; however the amended filing will be processed and marked as an amended filing.