

BIEC- ITDS PGA Pilot Status

OVERVIEW:

- The Border Interagency Executive Council (BIEC) elevated the need for Partner Government Agency (PGA) Pilots to be conducted to develop and test PGA functionality for the U.S. Government's single window. The International Trade Data System (ITDS), was developed under the Automated Commercial Environment (ACE). U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) is the lead developer of the ITDS single-window. The PGA ITDS pilots are critical to identify and address issues in advance of full implementation of the single window.
- The BIEC is focused on supporting the PGA ACE/ITDS pilots to achieve the integrated and systemic cross-agency coordination in processing imports. The appropriate U.S. Government agencies will continue to engage in pilots with the trade community to test the electronic submission of required entry data relating to imports regulated by those agencies. These pilots are in preparation for the full transition to ACE in December 2016, as mandated in Executive Order 13659.
- There are a number of regulatory changes needed for this automation effort. CBP and the U.S. Partner Government Agencies are working to expedite their regulations to coincide with the President's **Executive Order 13659** (February 19, 2014), "*Streamlining the Export/Import Process for America's Businesses.*"
- CBP is on track to complete (or poised to complete) the programming in ACE to accommodate all PGA core functionality by December 2016.
- Deployment of PGA requirements in ACE coincides with PGA technical readiness and the publication of a public notice or FRN announcing the close of a pilot.
- Some PGAs require a Final Rule making to allow them to collect additional data elements which could delay pilot closings.
 - For example CBP is preparing regulatory language on behalf of EPA in 2 categories to collect additional data:
 - 1) Pesticides, Fungicide, Insecticide & Rodenticide.
 - 2) Non-Road Vehicles and Engines

CURRENT STATUS OF PGA PILOTS:

- **APHIS / Lacey:** Completed their pilot and published an announcement ending the pilot on Jan 22, 2016. APHIS Lacey was also part of the first ACE transition cut-over on March 31st.
- **APHIS Core:** Pilot is expected to be completed by July of 2016
- **AMS:** Is working through some technical issues and piloting at 2 ports.

- **ATF:** has piloted and is technically ready. ATF is in the process of drafting their FRN to end /close the pilot.
- **CDC:** has a limited Pilot in the MIAMI airport which has been successful and is in the process of expanding the pilot to LAX and DET .
- **CPSC:** is planning to launch Pilot in July 2016
- **DCMA:** had a small informal pilot and no Federal Register Notice is involved
- **DDTC:** The export licenses have been programmed in Ace for some time. The Import license pilot is in process and is on target to conclude by the end of May 2016.
- **DEA:** is a little late to pilot; however, DEA's now moving at a good pace and expects to pilot the PGA Message Set in summer 2016. DEA is allowing DIS in the interim.
- **E&C:** FRN to end Pilot expected in May 2016
- **EPA:** All Pilots are in progress. End dates can be established once CBP publishes regulations on behalf of EPA.
- **FDA:** announced an end to their Pilot in an FRN dated April 1st, ending their pilot in May of 2016.
- **FSIS:** FSIS/CBP expected to announce pilot closing in May 2016.
- **FWS:** FRN was published January 26th of this year; however, there has been no filing to-date. Trade is encouraged to participate.
- **NHTSA:** Completed their Pilot on March 15th and were part of the first ACE Transition Cut over on March 31st
- **OMC:** Plans to implement a Pilot end May, into mid June 2016.
- **NRC:** PGA Message Set Pilot planned for July 2016 and will use DIS as needed in the interim
- **NMFS:** have limited filings and tied to some quota functions. Analysis is ongoing. NMFS encourages Trade to participate in the Pilot. Pilot will close in mid-May or End-June 2016.
- **TTB:** Pilot is ongoing and likely to close by the end of May 2016.

- **QUOTA:**

While a formal pilot has **not** been conducted for another PGA for quota, CBP has conducted testing in the ACE Certification environment with a limited number of participants. The initial tests have been successful and CBP is expanding the test criteria incrementally to include multiple modes of transportation and entry level complexity.

STATUS UPDATE:

- The PGA Pilots have been ongoing for various Agencies and or Programs. To date, NHTSA and APHIS Lacey are now completed and both pilots are in full implementation mode.
- CBP is identifying which Pilots can close and assisting agencies with the process.
- Since August of 2015 thru April 11, 2016: The cumulative PGA Message Set activity is: Cargo Release (entries) over 347,000, covering almost 1 million lines of entry data, submitted by more than 1,400 filers representing over 35,000 Importers.