

PGA Message Set

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Latest Updates and FAQs

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- National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), Center for Disease Control (CDC), Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS)/Lacey Act, and additional Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) business rules are part of the October deployment
- PGA Message Set CATAIR validation rules are complete
- Trade is informed of erroneous data content; warnings and PGA specific data conditions in an integrated AX or SX message
- Additional PGA business rules that may affect release are being integrated and will be sent to Trade on an SO
- Redelivery functionality being automated between PGAs, CBP and Trade



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(FAQs: Spec & IGs)

- The common PGA Message Set Spec (Implementation Guide) provides the general vocabulary for transmitting PGA data (100+ forms required by PGAs)
- CBP will publish all the validation checks that will be performed on the submitted data. Each error has a unique number and is returned on the AX/SX response sent back to Trade
- Each PGA's individual supplemental guide provides the specific Agency/Program's data requirements and record relationships (Mandatory/Conditional/Cross-Dependency) for each HTS Code submitted on an AE/SE
- Please participate in reviews of supplemental guides with PGAs
 - Reviews are a key step in getting familiar with data requirements of each PGA



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(Business Process Impacts)

- Change in Business Process for Vendors and Brokers
 - In the old world, supporting documents could have been submitted to PGAs after the entry/summary had been filed
 - In the new world, PGA data must be submitted along with the 'Entry/Summary'
 - Entire Entry/Summary will be rejected if PGA data not present; incomplete or incorrect in any manner
 - DIS documents must be submitted prior to the Entry/Summary filing
- DIS check will be enforced during AE/SE validation as part of a PGAs business requirements
 - Trade must first submit appropriate DIS documents and then indicate so in the AE/SE filing with ElectronicImageSubmitted = 'Y'



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(Pilot Participation)

- You do not need to be an approved pilot participant to begin testing
 - Work with client reps to begin testing in certification environment as soon as you are ready.
- Pilot Participants can participate in specific PGA Programs at specific ports
 - For example, a filer could choose to only submit PGA data for EPA's ODS program at Baltimore port as a pilot
 - Agencies, programs and ports can be added as desired
- You may not supply PGA data in production if you are not an approved Pilot Participant
 - Needs coordination between CBP IT; OFO; Port and PGA to shift from paper-based processing to automated, electronic processing.



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(HTS Flag Enforcement)

- During the transition phase, HTS Flagging 'Rejects' will be enforced under the following conditions:
 - *When the HTS Code is flagged as PGA data 'Required' for a specific Agency + Program, or the HTS Code is flagged as 'Maybe Required' and the disclaimer is not supplied;*
 - *And when the Filer has signed up as a participant for that Agency + Program + Pilot port;*
 - *And when no PGA Data is supplied for that Agency + Program*
- OR
 - *When the Filer has NOT signed up as a participant for that Agency + Program + Port*
 - *And when PGA Data IS supplied for that Agency + Program*



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(OGA vs. PGA Data)

- OGA and PGA data submissions can occur in parallel during the pilot/transition phase
 - OGA and PGA flags are indicated separately per HTS code in Flagging system/queries
 - Each submission path (OGA vs. PGA) should meet the requirements of the corresponding flag (i.e. OGA flag for OGA path; and PGA Flag for PGA path)
 - The 'Required' Flags should never be cross-interpreted between the two paths



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(Spec Updates)

- PGAs have the capability to initially identify certain data conditions as 'Warnings' instead of 'Rejects' until trade becomes familiar with new enforcements.
 - Goal is to reduce mass rejects of AEs and SEs when PGA data is submitted
 - Trade should work with PGAs to address Warnings and correct them in subsequent filings
- For new PGA data, only one OI allowed per HTS code. Additional PGA specific descriptions of HTS/Product can be provided in PG10 record



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PGA Message Set (URL)

- **Reminder**
 - CBP CATAIR, appendices and supplemental guides for PGAs can be found at:
 - <http://www.cbp.gov/trade/ace/catair> (select 'PGA Message Set' tab)



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