



Summary of ACE/ITDS Pilot Standard Operating Procedures (SOP): Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) Live Animals Equines Pilot

Objective: APHIS is developing a message set and processes to support the electronic submission of data for APHIS’s needs. In order to test the developed message set and processes, CBP and APHIS will engage, together with the trade community, in a pilot to test the new system as it is used by both CBP and APHIS operations in real time with actual ACE filings in the production environment. The Importer/Broker will file entry as required by CBP via ACE/ABI. DIS submission of all required forms and accompanying document via “upload” through ACE (ABI) process to Document Imaging System (DIS) “at the time of Entry filing” or via email as attachment to DIS “at the time of Entry filing”. The importer/broker must submit hard copy required paper documents to Veterinary Services inspector prior to shipment arrival. Eventually, additional messages will be folded into the piloting process as those messages are delivered and tested by APHIS.

Scope: Transition from Paper Forms to PGA Message Set and DIS for certain forms, as outlined in the table.

Form	Form Description	Collected Using the PGA Message Set	Using DIS	CFR Citation for applicable regulations
APHIS Varied-No Numbers	Government –to- Government Certifications and other supporting documentation	Yes –Unique identifiers to associate with shipment – HARD COPY DOCUMENT MUST BE PRESENTED TO APHIS VS	No	9 CFR 93 Subpart C and others
APHIS VS17-135	U.S. Permit to Import (Includes Transit) - to remain paper	Yes –Unique identifiers to associate with shipment – HARD COPY DOCUMENT MAY BE PRESENTED	No	9 CFR 93 Subpart C and various other sections
APHIS VS17-29	Declaration of Importation	No	Yes	9 CFR 93 Subpart C and others
APHIS VS17-32	Application for Inspection and Dipping	No	Yes	9 CFR 93 Subpart C and others

Ports (Phases 1, 2, 3, & 4): APHIS’s deployment of additional ports and filers in phases 2, 3 and 4 will depend on the results of phase 1 at JFK, the readiness of those firms who have replied to APHIS and their preparedness to conduct electronic filings through ACE.

For Technical Specifications click on the link: <http://www.cbp.gov/trade/automated/systems>