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# **Food Safety and Inspection Service**

Protecting Public Health and Preventing Foodborne Illness



**TSN**

**FSIS PGA Message Set Pilot**

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- Electronic submission of Import Inspection Application for meat, poultry and egg products (FSIS Form 9540-1)
- Started April 27, 2014
  - Two brokers and three Ports of Entry (Champlain NY, Houston TX and Philadelphia PA)
  - Expanded to include additional POEs in 2014 (Sweetgrass MT, NY/Newark NJ, Wilmington DE, and Savannah GA)
  - Expanded to include additional POEs in 2015 (Los Angeles; Long Beach; San Francisco; Oakland; Seattle; and Miami)
- FSIS 2015 Expansion
  - ABI Software Vendors: 3 in production environment; 2 in test environment; 3 in development
  - Direct outreach to Customs Brokers
  - Direct outreach to Importers

# Getting Started

- Contact ABI Software Vendor **now**
  - Software vendors must be certified to file ACE entry summary
- Ensure software vendors/developers understand the complete business process, including the importer and broker requirements
  - Critical for successful implementation
- Ensure engagement with CBP Client Representatives
- Engage with customers further along the supply chain to maintain continuity of operations
  - Coordinate data needs in a paperless environment

# Getting Started with PGA

- Contact FSIS directly at onset
  - Can assist with coordination of efforts
- FSIS will provide:
  - Guidance on regulatory requirements
  - Guidance on business process flows
  - Guidance on FSIS technical specifications
  - Monitor cert (test environment) data mapping
  - Monitor initial files in production (live environment)

# FSIS Capabilities

- **When are Compliance Guidelines available to industry and software vendors?**
  - FSIS has revised Compliance Guidelines for filing FSIS form 9540-1 electronically posted on CBP website:  
<http://www.cbp.gov/trade/ace/catair#field-content-tab-group-tab-4>
- **When will testing be available in CERT (test environment)?**
  - FSIS has CERT (test environments) established now!
- **When will it be available in production (live environment)?**
  - FSIS will coordinate with importers/brokers that have adequately developed and tested software first and move them into production (live environment)

# Testing Tips

- **Review CATAIR/ FSIS Supplemental**
  - Ask questions
  - Meet with FSIS if needed
- **Test samples/cases**
  - Obtain FSIS documents from clients to mimic process
- **Confirm active filing in CERT with Client Rep**
- **Heads up** to CBP and FSIS when ready for testing
- **Use unique entry numbers for each test file**
- **Confirm active filing in PRODUCTION, Go Live!**

# FSIS Additional Capabilities

- Hold and Release Messaging
  - Coordinating with government and industry stakeholders
  - Messaging for “Hold Intact”, “May Proceed” or “Rejected”
  - Messaging for shipments that fail to present (FTP) to FSIS for inspection

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