

## What is a PGA pilot?

A PGA Pilot is an opportunity for the trade community to work closely with CBP and the Partner Government Agencies (PGA's) as we transition filers to ACE using the PGA message set. CBP assists in connecting the trade with the appropriate contacts at the various PGA's and providing guidance.

## Who is eligible to participate in a PGA pilot?

There are no restrictions to participate in the PGA Pilot, unless specifically noted. Filers, self-filers and software developers are all eligible to participate. Where possible, filers should already be filing ACE Entry Summary and ACE Cargo Release transactions.

For the purposes of PGA pilots:

- A **software developer** is any company or individual that develops software to transmit Entry Summary and Cargo Release data to CBP, and requires PGA message set data to be included on those transactions.
- A **filer** is a broker or self-filing importer that uses their CBP assigned filer code to file Entry Summary and Cargo Release data in ACE.
- An **importer** is a company or individual using a licensed Broker to file Entry Summary and Cargo Release data in ACE.

## How do I participate in a pilot?

**Software developers** will need to follow the instructions titled *Process for Participating in ACE Certification PGA Testing* to test their software in the ACE Certification environment. Notify CBP when you expect your first transaction to be submitted into Production for each PGA.

**Filers** should follow the instructions titled *Process for Participating in ACE Production PGA Pilots* after verifying that their software has the latest updates to begin filing in the pilot for the specified PGA. Specific instructions for each PGA can be found in the document titled *Overview of the PGAs and their Points of Contact*.

**Importers** must work with your brokers to ensure that the broker is ready to file the appropriate PGA data, and that there is not another restriction which will prevent your ACE Cargo Release transaction from being accepted during the pilot. Your company may need to work directly with the PGA in order to resolve business related issues or answer questions prior to participating in the PGA Pilot. Any questions related to the supplemental guides should be referred to the appropriate PGA.

For additional questions, please contact the CBP representatives:

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## What can I expect from participating in a pilot?

CBP and PGA technical teams will work to resolve any issues discovered during testing. Then, they will hold a conference call with the filer (and software vendor to monitor the filer's first ACE Cargo Release transactions with PGA message set data into ACE. Once a transaction has been

accepted and successfully processed end-to-end, a determination will be made to engage another pilot call or allow transactions to be filed independently.