

Process for Participating in ACE Production PGA Pilots

1. Confirm your software is set up to allow for PGA pilot entry filing in the CBP ACE Production (PROD) environment.
 - If you are a filer, check with your software vendor to ensure you have the current version required for the specified PGA.
 - Self-filers should proceed to step 2 if your software is ready for the specified PGA.
2. Contact the following individuals to participate in the ACE Production PGA pilots.
 - Michael Cooney (michael.f.cooney@cbp.dhs.gov)
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In your e-mail please include the following information:

1. Filer code
2. Filer name
3. Port code(s) you intend to file at
4. Agency you are ready to pilot**
5. Vendor Name (or self-programmer)
6. Company point of contact: name, email, and phone number

A CBP Client Representative will set up your account profile in the ACE PROD environment, as necessary. Once the account is activated for entry filing a filer will be notified and able to submit data for *only those Agencies for which all parties are ready to transmit*.

** If you intend to file EPA or FDA, excluding disclaimers, you will need to contact those PGA's directly, in addition to contacting CBP, to discuss requirements. Point of Contact information is available in the [PGA Pilot Points of Contact](#). Please refer to the [ACE PGA information at CBP.gov/ace-pga](#) for additional information. If you are only filing disclaimers for EPA, you only need to contact the CBP staff listed. FDA disclaimers may be filed by any filer in any port.

3. Notify CBP when you expect your first transaction to be submitted into PROD.

Submissions must conform to the CATAIR message specification for the Entry, and the PGA Message Set message specification, as well as any Supplemental Guidance documents.

4. Work with CBP representatives to coordinate a conference call to monitor your pilot submission to ACE PROD.

During the pilot call, you will submit PGA data on an ACE Cargo release entry, either an AE (entry summary) certified for ACE Cargo Release, or an SE (ACE Cargo Release).

5. CBP, PGA, and vendors assess the filing and correct any issues, as necessary.