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# Trade/PGA Open Forum Discussion

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# Trade Observations

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- A good understanding of the PGA Technical Requirements and Business Rules is critical to a successful implementation
- The ITDS Trade/PGA Working groups have been a valuable asset in promoting understanding of the PGAs technical requirements and developing lines of communication between the trade and the PGAs

# What Trade Needs from the PGAs

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## Clear Information regarding timing:

- When will the PGA IGs be ready for programming.
- When will CERT testing be available.
- When will Production testing be available.
- When will the PGA Message Set be mandatory.

## Careful Evaluation on Data Elements:

- Try to minimize data requirements.
- Confirm that all data elements are relevant/necessary.

# What Trade Needs from the PGAs (Cont'd)

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## Avoid duplication of data elements already available in the ACE messages:

- Fields such as Importer, Broker, Consignee, etc. are already available in CBP header records
  - Additional contact information for the above parties is acceptable
- “Description Field” – do we need a different description for each PGA? It is already in the 10 record
- PGAs should attempt to standardize the disclaimer process

# Trade Questions & Comments

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## Messages Returned by CBP & PGAs

- Will the trade receive confirmation that the PGA has accepted the data?
- Will the trade receive hold/exam/release messages from the PGA, if applicable?
- Is the hold/exam/release at the line or entry level?
- Is there an overall “release” once all PGA issues have been resolved/released?

# Trade Questions & Comments (Cont'd)

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- Can the PG message set be sent with an ACS entry, or is it only available for entries filed using ACE Cargo Release?
- If a filer participates in a pilot, do all of the filer's entries have to be submitted for that PGA via the Pilot program?
- For PGAs starting pilots in 2015, will their programs be mandatory for all ACE Cargo Release filings after November 1, 2015 OR will this be restricted to the pilot parameters of Entry Type, Importer, Port, mode, etc?



# Other Comments

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- Sample Message Sets are very helpful.
- Sample messages mapped to existing PGA forms are helpful.
- For an OGA transitioning to PGA messages, a comparison document would be helpful.
  - The PGA specification could identify where a data element was found on the OGA specifications, and identify which data elements are new.

# Cargo Release – CATAIR Changes

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- CBP-Initiated Corrections
- PGA Request for Redelivery
- Automated Entry Types: › 02, 06, 07, 12, 21, 22, 23, 31, 32, 34, 52
- Remote Location Filing (RLF)
- CBP Ability to Initiate Redelivery
- Pipeline Entries
- Expedited Release (BRASS, FAST, Line Release)

# Post Release/Entry Summary – CATAIR Changes

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- Non-ABI Entry Summary
- Automated Entry Summary Types: › 02, 06, 07, 12, 21, 22, 23, 31, 32, 34, 38, 51, 52 (Does the new CATAIR cover all changes that will be required for these entry types?)
- Remote Location Filing (RLF) (Does this include the elimination of the Aii?)
- Quota Master Data
- System Validations: › Quota
- Trade Ability to Query Quota via ABI

# PGA Message Set – CATAIR Changes

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- NMFS (Working Group in process)
- AMS (Working Group in process)
- FDA (Working Group in process)
- CDC (Human Blood)
- FAS
- FCC (Heard this will no longer be using a PGA Message Set)
- FWS
- TTB
- USDA (Cut Flowers)

# Additional Technical Issues

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- Single Accept/Reject Message for system responses
- Reconciliation (Entry Type 09)
- Liquidation
- Protests
- HTS Database
- Transition plan to new ACH Statement process (QR's to PF's)
- Various queries supporting Extract Reference Files



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