

APHIS READINESS UPDATE Automated Commercial Environment



US Department of Agriculture
Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service

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Trade Responsibilities

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- ✓ Many of the operational processes will remain the same
- ✓ Obtain necessary required document(s) (ie; import permit, health certifications, producer/manufacturer statements, etc)
- *Your commodity may be regulated by other federal, state, and local agencies (FSIS, FDA, CDC, EPA, US Fish and Wildlife, State Department of Agriculture, etc).
- ✓ Properly describe/manifest commodities
- ✓ Provide required information to broker/filer in a timely manner
- ✓ Ensure required paper documents are properly filled out and endorsed (as required), and arrive with shipment

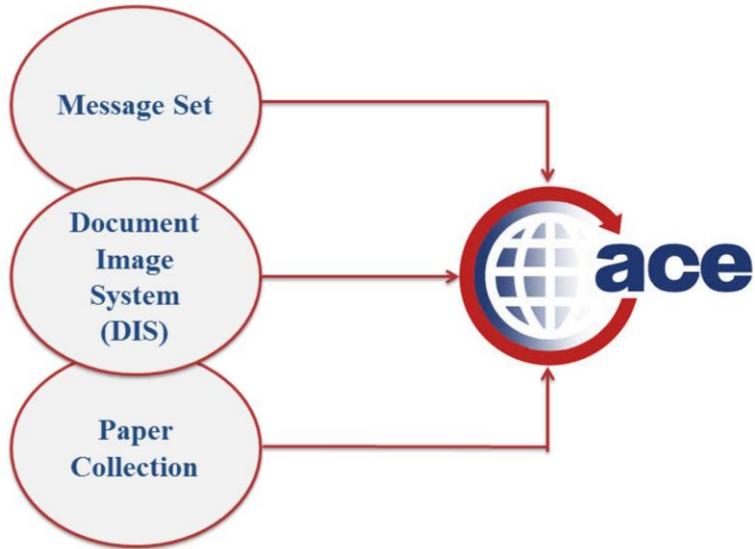
*Meeting APHIS import requirements does not confer or imply the commodity has met the requirements of any other Federal, State, or local agency.

*EXAMPLE: commodities such as bird bells or rodent feeds may be restricted by APHIS Veterinary Services AND Plant Protection and Quarantine.

Therefore, **since** only one message set is required, your message set will need to include all of the information required by each agency to determine entry requirements.

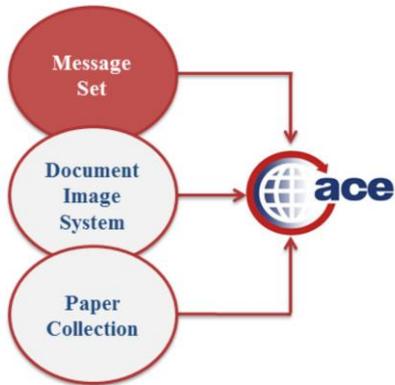
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PG Message Set Data Elements

The Express Courier will act as the Broker/Filer for the importation of commodities/package entrusted to them whether for personal or commercial purposes.

**General information:**

- Previously admissibility decision making was performed manually by review of various submitted paper forms
- In the world of electronic entry information from many of these paper forms must now be provided in an electronic format known as the PGA Message Set
- **VS 16-6a and VS 17-135**

PG Message Set Data Elements

- **APHIS Program Code: APH**
- **Government Agency Program Code: AVS**
- **Country of export: ISO Country Code**
- **10 digit HTS Code**
- **Category Code**
 - AP0100 Live Animals (VS form 17-135)
 - AP0300 Animal Products (VS form 16-6a)
- **Category Type Code**
- **Permit Number**
- **Health Certificate Number**
- **Permitted Destination Address**

For imports of commodities regulated by APHIS, the APHIS Program Code “APH” must be entered under “Government Agency Code” in the PG01 data set.

For commodities regulated by APHIS Veterinary Services, ‘AVS’ must be entered under “Government Agency Program Code” also found in the PG01 data set.

If not already provided in the manifest, ISO country codes may be provided in PG13.

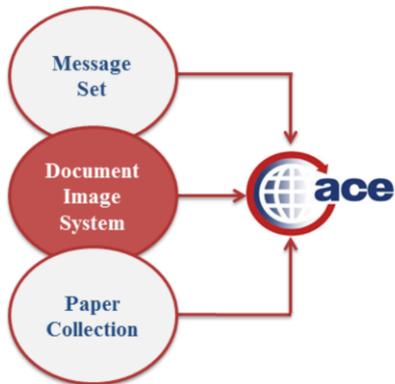
It is imperative that the correct HTS code is provided with the shipment. For assistance with HTS codes, please visit CBP.gov or contact the appropriate CBP personnel.

The Category Code identifies the shipment as being within the live animal category type or the animal products category type and assists proper routing of the shipment. Semen, embryos, and cloning tissues used to produce a living animal (VS form 17-135) must be routed to APHIS port veterinarians. Semen, embryos, and cloning tissues used for research purposes that do NOT result in the production of a live animal (VS form 16-6a) are routed to CBP Agricultural Specialists for document review.

The Category Type Code further identifies the commodity to ensure it complies with

corresponding permit requirements.

The category code and category type code may be entered in PG10.



Various supporting documents such as:

- **Producer Manufacturers Statement(s)**
- **Proof of Origin**
- **Ingredient List(s)**
- **Commercial/Retail Label**
- **VS 17-29: Declaration of Importation**
- **Etc.**



VS Form 17-29

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DECLARATION OF ENTRY SYSTEM

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PG 19 / 20 / 21 U.S. CUSTOMS AND BORDER PROTECTION

DATE	STEER	HEIFER	HEIFER CALVE
03	7 AMB 215 297		235444
06	22113		231159

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PG 21 U.S. CUSTOMS AND BORDER PROTECTION

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PART 1 - COLLECTOR OF CUSTOMS

EXAMPLE: VS Form 17-29

Though we do not have the time to provide all of the data elements as outlined, we encourage you to use the APHIS PGA MESSAGE SET ADAPTED DATA ELEMENT RECORD LAYOUT Master Document to build your ACE interfacing software.



- **All Government-to-Government certifications (health certificates) MUST continue to be submitted as original, government issued and endorsed, paper documents.**
- **Health certificates must arrive with the shipment for review by CBP and/or APHIS port veterinarians**

animal, Category Code “AP0300 Animal Products” must be used to route the shipment to CBP Agricultural Specialists.

Ovine embryos entering under Category Code “AP0100 Live Animal” the species ‘Category Type Code’ 105 – *ovis* must be provided in PG 10.

If the ovine embryos are making entry under Category Code “AP0300 Animal Products” the ‘Category Type Code’ of 318 - *Semen, Ova, and Embryos* must be provided.

Providing these codes helps ensure proper restrictions and mitigations are applied to your shipment.

Once again, the original government issued documents (ie; health certificate, etc.) must continue to accompany the shipment and the health certificate number must be provided in the PG14.

For all APHIS AP0100 Category Coded shipments:

VS form 17-29 “Declaration of Importation” must be submitted via the digital imaging system and the CBP Entry Number must be provided. The CBP entry number can be submitted on the VS 17-29 in VSPS or by providing the information directly to the VS Port Veterinarian.

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What changes will industry see?

Impact	Procedure	Programming	Support
<p>For trade/industry, much of the information previously submitted on paper is required electronically and could change business processes</p>	<p>Customs brokers (including Express Couriers) must operate in the new “Single Window” environment using ACE</p>	<p>Software vendors must adhere to CBP and APHIS guidelines and ensure their systems encompass the entire PG Message Set Master List of Data Elements*</p>	<p>CBP & APHIS are working with trade to ensure understanding of ACE system requirements</p>



*While certain data elements may not currently be required, the CATAIR has been developed to include future needs. New commodities are constantly being developed and traded. APHIS wants to ensure current software development encompasses future requirements.

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Benefits of Piloting

- ✓ Opportunity to troubleshoot your own processes
- ✓ Provide PGAs your input, suggestions for improvements
- ✓ Ensure import/filer is trained via initial experience
- ✓ Complete testing in advance of full implementation
- ✓ Work directly with PGA and CBP officials



PPQ

Vegetables, Fruit, Plants, Cut Flowers, etc.

VS Live Animals

Livestock, Avians, Embryos, Equids, Semen, Hatching Eggs, etc.

VS Animal Products

Animal Products, Animal By-Products, Organisms & Vectors,
Veterinary Biologics, etc.

- ✓ Software containing the APHIS Message Set must be built and certified by CBP.
- ✓ You will need to contact your CBP client representative to ensure that you are fully vetted for submission of entry and entry summaries in ACE.
- ✓ If those two steps have been successfully completed, you will then need to have your CBP client representative register you in the ACE CERT environment.



- ✓ You will then need to submit data through CERT to ensure that all coding and transmission issues have been identified and mitigated.
- ✓ Contact APHIS before submitting to CERT so that appropriate personnel are available to assist
- ✓ For the APHIS CORE programs, we need to know the commodities you most often import and the port locations



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- ✓ Ensure all participants are using current message set
- ✓ Engage CBP client representative(s) and the PGA
- ✓ Add complexities to test system capacity (e.g. multi-commodity/agency filings)
- ✓ Anticipate filer rush late June 2016 when ACE filings are required for entry.
- ✓ Some areas delaying shipment release
 - Input error
 - Importer failed to file declaration info listed HTS code
 - Server issues (vendor, PGA, or CBP)



- ✓ Pilot early and pilot often! Test your system fully!
- ✓ Encourage large data inputs to fully test systems
- ✓ Continue outreach and education!
 - Look for upcoming APHIS webinars and related events
 - See previous APHIS webinars: <http://www.cbp.gov/trade/trade-community/border-interagency-executive-council-biec/biec-webinars>
 - APHIS can tailor event to industry/filer needs!



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QUESTION?
COMMENT?
CONCERN?



We Want to Hear it!
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