



## ACE News: Document Image System and PGA Message Set

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To promote the filing of transactions and expedite the transition to the Automated Commercial Environment (ACE), CBP has determined that access to the capabilities within the Document Image System (DIS) and the Participating Government Agency (PGA) Message Set will be available to **ACE entry summary filers** and for **ACE entry summaries** only. This includes ACE entry summaries certified for release.

### Document Image System

Via DIS, the trade community will have the ability to electronically send images of specific CBP and PGA forms and supporting information to CBP via the Electronic Data Interchange (EDI) in lieu of conventional paper methods. These documents will be stored in the DIS and made available for CBP and PGA users for review, acceptance or rejection. DIS will provide for the storage of all submitted documents in a secure centralized location in order to link to the appropriate ACE entry summaries.

Key eligibility criteria for the initial DIS test include the following:

- Participating importers and/or brokers must be ACE entry summary filers.
- Single Transaction Bonds (STB) may only be submitted via DIS for ACE entry summaries.
- DIS may only be used to transmit documents for ACE Entry Summaries in response to an electronic request.
- DIS may be used to transmit documents required at time of release if the ACE Entry summary is certified. In this case, all imaged documents must be submitted when the entry summary is filed.

CBP will announce the specific terms of the DIS test, including the CBP and PGA forms to be included, in a Federal Register Notice. The Implementation Guide for DIS and related documents are now available on the CBP website at:

[http://www.cbp.gov/xp/cgov/trade/automated/modernization/ace\\_edi\\_messages/catair\\_main/abi\\_cat/catair/catair\\_chapters/document\\_imaging\\_igs/](http://www.cbp.gov/xp/cgov/trade/automated/modernization/ace_edi_messages/catair_main/abi_cat/catair/catair_chapters/document_imaging_igs/)

### PGA Message Set

The PGA Message Set is a single, harmonized set of information to be collected electronically from trade members by CBP on behalf of the PGAs. This capability will allow the government to make decisions about what cargo can come into the U.S. without the myriad of paper forms currently required. This capability will ultimately provide the trade community with a “one stop shop” to electronically transmit all required import data to the U.S. government.

The PGA Message Set will initially be used in conjunction with ACE Entry Summaries, that is, filers can attach PGA records to ACE entry summaries only, including ACE entry summaries that are certified for release.

Further details on the implementation of the PGA Message Set will be made available by CBP and the PGAs prior to implementation.