



PGA (Participating Government Agencies) Message Set Available

The PGA Message Set was approved on May 19, 2011. With this approval, U. S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) will now move forward to program and implement the PGA Message Set in the Automated Commercial Environment (ACE). The underlying work leading up to the PGA Message Set has been ongoing for over ten years through the efforts of the PGAs in the International Trade Data System (ITDS). This approval is a key step forward toward the realization of the “single window” concept of the ITDS.

- The PGA Message Set is a harmonized set of information needed by the federal agencies to approve imports of cargo so that the trade community can supply this data electronically *one time and in one place*.
- Presently, PGA data is submitted through manual paper forms requiring added processing cost, human intervention and manual correlation with import transactions.
- The PGA Message Set will extend the electronic record (data) set that is currently provided to CBP to allow trade systems to submit PGA data electronically to CBP along with their current required filings.
- ACE will serve as the single gateway to streamline receiving, processing and distributing PGA data to appropriate agencies, relieving trade and multiple government agencies from exchanging information via a multitude of disparate channels during the cargo release process
- Implementation of the PGA Message Set is a key building block for the implementation of Cargo Release in the future.
- On June 3, 2011, CBP published the PGA Message Set Chapter to the Customs and Trade Automated Interface Requirements (CATAIR) Implementation Guide on CBP.gov. Additional information and guidance on how the messages will be used to satisfy specific PGA reporting requirements will be developed the near future. Please forward any comments on the PGA Message Set to Susan.Dyszel@dhs.gov. The PGA Message Set has been posted to CBP.gov. The URL is as follows:
http://www.cbp.gov/xp/cgov/trade/automated/automated_systems/abi/draft_pga_message_set/
- CBP targets late 2011 for the completion of the technology build that will enable the collection of this PGA message set. At this point, pilots of this new capability between CBP, PGAs and Trade may begin, including trade testing.
- Additional information will be provided as it becomes available.



Dairy Fee Update

CSMS Message 11-000081 describes the system requirements associated with the Dairy Fee Assessment that will be effective on August 1, 2011.

The CSMS indicated that there would be seven tariff numbers that would not include a “CKG” unit of measure to indicate the “Cow’s Milk Solids Content.” The Federal Register Notice with the Dairy Fee Assessment Rules did not indicate that these tariff numbers should have a “CKG” unit of measure because they already had two units of measure associated with them. The seven tariff numbers listed without the “CKG” indication are as follows:

- 0401100000
- 0401305000
- 0401307500
- 2105001000
- 2105002000
- 2202902400
- 2202902800

CBP has decided to add a third unit of measure of “CKG” to the above tariff numbers to assist the trade in implementing the Dairy Fee Assessment for these tariff numbers. It is important to note that the United States International Tariff Commission website will NOT indicate the third unit of measure for the above tariff numbers.

System questions related to this message should be directed to your assigned Client Representative or to ACS Specialist Tony Casucci at 571-468-5053 (Anthony.Casucci@dhs.gov).

Recent ACE Updates

Please note you may need to copy and paste the URLs below into your internet browser.

Attention ACE Report Users

The issue reported on June 7, 2011 with Account Management Cargo Entry, Cargo Exam and ES compliance reports as well as workflows associated with the reports has now been resolved. All reports will return data without the need to enter additional prompts.

A new issue has been discovered with reports in the Entry Summary/Trade Actions folder. Accordingly CBP has disabled ESM 7024, ACE Reject Report, and ESM 7025, CBP Form 28, 29, 4647 Status Report. CBP will make every effort to resolve this issue as quickly as possible. The ACE Portal News tab will be updated when the issue is resolved.



Reminder: Importer Security Filing (ISF) Portal

On April 19, 2011, CBP provided notification that a reference to "Links" in the "Task Selector" on the "References" tab would be seen in the ACE Portal. In addition to the "Links" reference you will now see a reference to the ability to "Launch ISF" from the ACE Portal. If "Launch ISF" is selected, you will receive an error message indicating that at this time, no access privileges have been provisioned for you. We ask that you do not use this functionality or assign access privileges to any users until CBP issues a CSMS providing additional information on this functionality.

Post Summary Correction Information Posted

On June 4, 2011 CBP successfully deployed Post Summary Corrections (PSC). Trade participants can now submit a PSC for an existing ACE type 01 and 03 entry summary. The following new and updated information has been posted to CBP.gov to reflect changes for PSC.

1. The "Post Summary Correction" user guide provides basic information on PSC. The URL is as follows:
http://www.cbp.gov/xp/cgov/trade/automated/modernization/ace_welcome/ace_welcome_package/
2. The "Running ACE Reports for All Importer, Broker and Surety Trade Users" user guide has been updated to include Appendix C which identifies reports impacted by PSC. The URL is as follows:
http://www.cbp.gov/xp/cgov/trade/automated/modernization/ace_welcome/ace_reports/
3. The "ACE 101" user guide has been updated to reflect the PSC functionality currently available. The URL is as follows:
<http://www.cbp.gov/linkhandler/cgov/trade/automated/modernization/ace/ace101.ctt/ace101.pdf>
4. The "Business Rules and Process Document (Trade)" has been updated to include PSC. The URL is as follows:
http://www.cbp.gov/linkhandler/cgov/trade/trade_programs/entry_summary/ace/ace_es_business.ctt/ace_es_business.pdf

Updated Post Summary Correction Web Based Training Now Available

An updated version of the "Post Summary Corrections" Web-based Training (WBT) is now available for all brokers and importers. Learn the key benefits and new terms associated with PSC as well as additional enhancements and changes to the current paper correction process. To take the WBT, visit the "ACE Training and Reference Guides" section on www.cbp.gov/modernization. The URL for the WBT is:
https://nemo.customs.gov/ace_online/ACE_ESAR_PSC_Trade/index.html

ISF Edit Modifications Update

The new implementation date for when the ISF edits relating to bond and carnet data will be converted from warnings to rejections is June 25, 2011. If you have any questions, comments, or issues related to these edits, please contact your assigned Client Representative.



Your Questions on Post Summary Corrections:

How many PSCs can be done on one entry summary? Are there any time constraints?

There is no limit to the number of changes that may be submitted. The change is the filer's assertion of the entry summary and will be treated as a full replacement of the entry summary. Changes will be processed as a resubmitted entry summary and will go through the same edits and validations as today. The filer has a 270-day window from the date that CBP accepted the entry to submit a PSC. A PSC shall not be accepted, however, if the scheduled liquidation date is within 20 days of the filing. This is to ensure that CBP has adequate time to review and process the changed entry summary information

After the PSC is accepted, do any additional PSCs have to be from the same filer?

No, multiple PSC can be filed by multiple different filers.

How does CBP verify that a PSC filing submitted by a broker other than the original broker is appropriate?

The system does not do an edit check on the broker. CBP will assume that the appropriate powers of attorney are on file with regard to the PSC filing.

What information is available to me if I am the original filer, but not the PSC filer?

The JB record in the ACE CATAIR document lists the information that is available via the Entry Summary Query; however, only limited entry summary information will be available to you in this situation as the original filer but not the PSC filer. If you are the original filer of the entry summary **and** the PSC filer, you will have visibility to the full content of the original entry summary information, as well as the new filing.

Right now, even if I don't file the PSC for my importer, I get an ABI courtesy liquidation notice. Will I continue to get this ABI notice if a different party files the PSC?

There will be a change with PSC. Only the most recent PSC filer will receive the courtesy notice.

How does the trade know when CBP has completed its review of a PSC?

If the PSC is reviewed and rejected, a UC message will be sent to the current owner. Otherwise, there is no 'completion of review/acceptance' output message available. Use the Entry Summary Query transaction to determine entry summary status.

Can you claim NAFTA (North American Free Trade Agreement) on a PSC?

No, you would need to do that via a 520(d) claim or a protest.



More Questions on Post Summary Corrections:

Can a PSC be filed on an entry that has been suspended from liquidation or has had the liquidation extended?

No, without a scheduled liquidation date, a PSC will be rejected by ACE. Additionally, the following factors (entry summary statuses and conditions) will also result in a rejected PSC filing (e.g., too far past entry date, too close to the scheduled liquidation date, under CBP review, etc.).

In general, for entry type 01 entry summaries, if the entry summary has not been scheduled for liquidation (that is – does not have a liquidation date), then a PSC cannot be filed. For entry type 03 entry summaries, if the liquidation has been suspended (that is – no liquidation date) and the reason for the suspension is an Extension/Suspension Status Code of 4 or 5, then a PSC will be accepted by ACE. The Extension/Suspension Status Code is returned in the JC-record of the ACE Entry Summary Query response. Code 4 indicates “CVD suspended” and code 5 indicates “ADD suspended.”

Do I need to provide both an explanation and a reason code for the PSC?

The PSC filer is required to explain the reason for filing a PSC with both a text description and codes.

At least one PSC Filing Explanation (ACE Entry Summary Create/Update CATAIR chapter 36-Record) is required. Use the PSC Filing Explanation (36-Record grouping) in a manner similar to the written explanation used in the manual ACS Post Entry Amendment (PEA) process. Always provide a business explanation for the PSC submission; do not specify ‘N/A’, ‘None’, or similar term.

In addition to the explanation, the PSC filer is required to cite one or more reasons that the Entry Summary data is being changed via the PSC. See CATAIR ‘AE Table 14 – Post Summary Correction Header Reason Codes’ and ‘AE Table 15 – Post Summary Correction Line Reason Codes’ in the ACE Entry Summary Create/Update CATAIR chapter for a list of the PSC change reasons.

Has anyone filed a PSC?

Yes, the first PSC was successfully filed on June 14, 2011. Several subsequent PSCs have also been filed since that date.

Please refer to the revised version of the ACE Business Rules and Process Document for additional information concerning PSC.