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Government Agency Import Update - APHIS, FWS, CPSC

Dear Valued U.S. Import Customer,

Numerous participating government agencies (PGAs) are making updates to the import filing process to allow for data to be reported in the Automated Commercial Environment (ACE) at the time of entry. These changes may affect your business in the coming months. In order to be prepared, please review the additional information below if your company imports products regulated by any of these agencies.

Animal and Plant Health Inspection (APHIS)

APHIS Extension of Mandatory Filing in ACE and Electronic Phytosanitary Certificates

The U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) announced recently that they will extend the timeline for filing the APHIS Core Message set in ACE. Originally, APHIS announced that the mandatory effective date of implementation would be August 3rd, however APHIS is expected to announce in an upcoming Federal Register Notice (FRN) that the implementation will be delayed until January 2021. Refer to CSMS [#43224976](#). Even though the mandatory date is delayed, filers can process entries via the ACE message set today. We encourage importers to work with your customs broker to gather the necessary data and begin filing ahead of the mandatory date.

APHIS has provided [webinars](#) that provide an overview and specific content for their regulated products, including fresh fruits, and vegetables, cut flowers, animal products, miscellaneous and processed products seeds not for planting and plants for planting. The APHIS Core message set is available for your review [here](#).

Additionally, APHIS Plant Protection and Quarantine announced they will continue to accept electronic phytosanitary certificate forms through September 30, 2020. Additional information is provided in [CSMS# 43347895](#) including agency contact information.

U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service (FWS)

Recently, FWS published tips for trade to utilize when submitting U.S. Fish and Wildlife data with the agency at time of entry via ACE. The document can be reviewed [here](#).

This information is timely as the agency will require mandatory filing of the ACE data set for customs entry on or about December 2020. FWS recently issued a bulletin reminding trade of the current *FWS Implementation Guide for Imports* can be found [here](#). In November 2019, substantial changes were made to the FWS Implementation Guide to streamline the FWS Set in ACE.

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Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC)

CPSC and U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) are planning to implement Two Way Messaging on August 10th, 2020. This additional messaging will allow CPSC to request CBP to hold or examine goods that may be suspected of noncompliance with safety standards or hazards. This additional messaging will provide the One1 USG Notification Message on each shipment to the entry filer.

CBP defines the “1USG” message as merchandise that:

- Has arrived within the United States
- Data required for entry has been submitted to the U.S. Government
- PGA's that regulate the merchandise have issued a “may proceed” and CBP has conditionally released the merchandise from its custody.

The notice can be found here [CSMS# 43464392](#). You can find more information on what products are regulated by CPSC and additional guidance on importing at <https://www.cpsc.gov/imports>

Thank you for being our Valued Customer. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact your C.H. Robinson commercial representative for further information.

Sincerely,
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