

CLIENT ADVISORY

February 5, 2020

USDA-APHIS Requesting Comments on Reporting via CBP

Dear Valued U.S. Import Customer,

The United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) is requesting comments on the reporting of import data elements via U.S. Customs and Border Protection's (CBP) Automated Commercial Environment (ACE).

APHIS intends to have full implementation and mandatory reporting for APHIS Core, APHIS Animal Care, Biotechnology Regulatory Services, Plant Protection and Quarantine, and Veterinary Services effective on or after August 3, 2020. Harmonized Tariff Schedule flags will begin to be applied. The data provided will allow APHIS to improve their risk analysis/assessments and better respond to changing pest/disease conditions. APHIS is inviting comments from the public on the timeline for implementation and full information on the comment request can be found [here](#).

Comments must be submitted by March 4, 2020 and reference Docket No. APHIS–2017–0069:

- Electronically: Go to website <http://www.regulations.gov>
- Via Mail or Courier:
Regulatory Analysis and Development, PPD, APHIS,
Station 3A–03.8, 4700 River Road Unit 118
Riverdale, MD 20737–1238

The implementation guides for APHIS Core and Lacey Act can be found [here](#) under PGA Message Set Documents, and scrolling down to the Implementation Guidelines.

On February 19, 2014, President Obama signed an executive order that would streamline the export and import processes. ACE was created and implemented by CBP to be a Single Window platform for trade processing of export/import shipment data, partner government agency (PGA) reporting details, and determination by CBP and/or PGA of shipment admissibility.

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,
C.H. Robinson

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