NOTICE TO THE WILDLIFE IMPORT/EXPORT COMMUNITY

January 10, 2018

Subject: CERT Testing Begins for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) Message Set

Background: U.S. Customs and Border Protection's (CBP) Cargo System Messaging Service (CSMS) messages 17-000015 and 17-000023 issued January 12, 2017 and January 18, 2017, respectively, announced the suspension of the FWS Automated Commercial Environment (ACE) pilot and the development of an interim approach to the FWS Message Set. CSMS Message 17-000487 issued August 14, 2017 provided the revised implementation guide documents for the interim FWS Message Set and announced a January 10, 2018 date for CERT.

Action: ACE Software developers and filers should be aware that the FWS Message Set may now be tested in CERT. CBP is in the process of updating the tariff flags for the interim FWS process. Testers should only use 10-digit tariff codes that are flagged as either FW1 or FW3 in the ACE database. Testers should not test a FWS Message Set with any tariff codes flagged as FW2 as these are out of date and will fail FWS business rules.

For questions on the FWS Message Set, please contact lawenforcement@fws.gov and indicate "FWS Message Set" in the subject line or contact 703-358-1949 and indicate you have a question about the FWS Message Set.

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