



## NOTICE TO THE WILDLIFE IMPORT/EXPORT COMMUNITY



July 2, 2020

### **Subject: FWS Implementation of the International Trade Data System (ITDS)**

**Background:** In November 2019, substantial changes were made to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) Implementation Guide to streamline the FWS Message Set in the Automated Commercial Environment (ACE). The current FWS Implementation Guide for imports can be found at: <http://www.cbp.gov/document/guidance/us-fish-and-wildlife-service-ace-requirements>.

On April 4, 2020, the FWS Message Set was deployed in ACE, as a three month limited production pilot. During this time, FWS worked closely with a limited number of registered pilot participants, who submitted FWS data on entry submissions through ACE.

On July 6, 2020, FWS is scheduled to expand the production pilot to all ACE filers.

**Action:** Beginning July 6, 2020, all brokers and self-filers who submit entries via ACE will be authorized to file FWS data in the ACE PRODUCTION environment.

During this expanded pilot phase, all FWS HTS flags will be enforced with a warning severity. (The error returned is PU2 - PGA DATA MSNG FOR HTS - NO ACTION REQD.) Filing FWS data in ACE is not mandatory at this time. Filers may continue to file FWS data via eDecs, if preferred.

The ACE CERTIFICATION environment remains available for ABI vendors, service centers, and filers to test their FWS submissions before filing in the production environment.

Full implementation in ACE under mandatory filing will occur on or about December 2020.

The trade should be aware of these upcoming ACE requirements and prepare for transition over the next several months.

Please Note: FWS ACE implementation only applies to imports at this time.

For more information on FWS ACE filing requirements, please view the following presentation:

[https://www.ncbfaa.org/userfiles/uploads/FWS\\_Message\\_Set\\_Overview.pdf](https://www.ncbfaa.org/userfiles/uploads/FWS_Message_Set_Overview.pdf)

And FAQs:

[https://www.ncbfaa.org/userfiles/uploads/Questions\\_and\\_Answers\\_from\\_FWS\\_ACE\\_Webinar.pdf](https://www.ncbfaa.org/userfiles/uploads/Questions_and_Answers_from_FWS_ACE_Webinar.pdf)

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