



## NOTICE TO THE WILDLIFE IMPORT/EXPORT COMMUNITY



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

**Background:** In January, the Service issued a public bulletin laying out dates for FWS participation in ITDS, including pilot use of the Automated Commercial Environment (ACE) for collection of certain FWS data. Since that time, ACE deadlines have changed, and we wish to inform the trade community of the status of FWS participation.

Currently, FWS is now scheduled to pilot the FWS message set in ACE on February 27, 2016 with mandatory filing by July 2016. This mandatory date means that FWS importers and exporters will file certain FWS data and documents as laid out in the implementation guide through ACE/AES if they file electronically with U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) or Census. The trade community can keep track of these upcoming dates by checking CBP's development/deployment schedule that is posted on-line at:

[https://www.cbp.gov/sites/default/files/documents/ACE%20Development%20and%20Deployment%20Schedule%20-%20August%202015\\_0.pdf](https://www.cbp.gov/sites/default/files/documents/ACE%20Development%20and%20Deployment%20Schedule%20-%20August%202015_0.pdf)

The current FWS implementation guide for imports can be found at:

<http://www.cbp.gov/document/guidance/us-fish-and-wildlife-service-ace-requirements>. We anticipate updating this guide to include export requirements, as well as provide detailed guidance for the trade on how to file the FWS data elements and documents in ACE/AES.

**Action:** The trade should be aware of these upcoming ACE requirements and prepare for transition next year. We will continue to provide updates as information changes.

Brokers filing entries for commodities subject to FWS are beginning to use the ACE Cargo Release Module for filing data with CBP and other agencies. FWS filing requirements remain the same at this time, either using FWS eDecs or paper. Brokers who file their entry electronically in ACE in lieu of Form 3461 will still need to provide their entry information to FWS as part of their Form 3-177 filing until FWS is connected to ACE. We will accept CBP electronic entry information in-lieu of Form 3461 as a hardcopy document submitted either in paper or uploaded to FWS eDecs.

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