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BIEC/ITDS PGA Pilot Status

OVERVIEW:

- An expanded Border Interagency Executive Council (BIEC) was formally established by Executive Order 13659 (February 19, 2014), “*Streamlining the Export/Import Process for America’s Businesses,*” and charged with improving coordination among the 47 agencies with import and export requirements.
- The deadline and transparent implementation schedules established by EO 13659 has accelerated the development of “single-window” capabilities long awaited by industry stakeholders and foreign governments.
- The BIEC includes executives from the Departments of Agriculture, Commerce, Defense, Health and Human Services, Interior, Justice, State, Transportation, and Treasury. National Security Council (NSC) Staff, National Economic Council (NEC) Staff, and representatives from the Office of Management and Budget and the United States Trade Representative also attend.
- The Border Interagency Executive Council (BIEC) elevated the need for Partner Government Agency (PGA) Pilots to be conducted to develop and test PGA functionality for the U.S. Government’s single window. The International Trade Data System (ITDS), was developed under the Automated Commercial Environment (ACE). U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) is the lead developer of the ITDS single-window. The PGA ITDS pilots are critical to identify and address issues in advance of full implementation of the single window.
- The BIEC is focused on supporting the PGA ACE/ITDS pilots to achieve the integrated and systemic cross-agency coordination in processing imports. The appropriate U.S. Government agencies will continue to engage in pilots with the trade community to test the electronic submission of required entry data relating to imports regulated by those agencies. These pilots are in preparation for the full transition to ACE in December 2016, as mandated in Executive Order 13659.
- The BIEC is comprised of senior officials that oversee the following agency level working committees: Risk Management Committee (chaired by FDA), Process Coordination Committee (chaired by CBP), and External Engagement Committee (chaired by DOC). The External Engagement Committee regularly collaborates with the trade community to enhance pilot participation and address any concerns on the part of the private sector.

CURRENT STATUS OF PGA PILOTS:

- APHIS (Lacey): Pilot concluded March 31, 2016.
 - FDA: Pilot concluded May 2, 2016; FDA published its NPRM on July 2, 2016.
- NHTSA: Pilot concluded March 31, 2016.
- APHIS (Core): Final rule is published. FRN to conclude pilot is being reviewed for signature by Secretary of USDA.
- DDTC: Ongoing technical review of import license decrementing; lacking of messaging back to the import filer. Pilot conclusion contingent on fix. Possibly in August.
- FCC: FCC Form 740 data submission has been waived and any submission of FCC data will be rejected on July 23, 2016.
- FSIS: CBP to publish FRN to conclude the pilot.

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- NMFS: NMFS is simultaneously working on an FRN to close the pilot and a final rule to allow for electronic filing.
- AMS: The AMS pilot is ongoing with two filers at the Ports of Philadelphia and L.A./Long Beach and will continue until NPRM and subsequent final rule are published.
- ATF: Pilot is ongoing, and ATF will issue a notice when it decides to conclude the pilot.
- EPA (FIFRA): Pilot will continue until final rule is published.
- EPA (TSCA): Pilot will continue until final rule is published.
- EPA (V&E): Pilot will continue until final rule is published.
- TTB: Pilot will continue until final rule is published. The NPRM was published on June 21, 2016: <https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2016-06-21/pdf/2016-14359.pdf>
- CPSC: Pilot is expected to begin in July 2016 and will continue throughout part of 2017.
- DEA: DEA will open its pilot via the publication of an FRN. The pilot will not conclude until the final rule is published.
- FWS: Published FRN for the pilot, but the pilot is scheduled to start July 27, 2016. FWS's NPRM is pending publication. The pilot will not conclude until the final rule is published.

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