

Automated Commercial Environment

Tips for Trade when Filing U.S. Fish and
Wildlife Service (FWS) Data

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Tips for Trade when filing an FWS PGA Message Set in ACE

Multiple FWS Lines per Entry Submission:

When filing FWS data that contains multiple species under the same or different HTS codes:

FWS lines per Entry:

- Each FWS message set (PG01 block) filed under the same entry should use the same filing method (EDS, LDS, disclaimer C, or disclaimer D)
- Disclaimer E is the only PG01 record that can be sent with EDS, LDS, disclaimer C or disclaimer D on different PGA lines in the same entry

LDS Processing Code Submissions:

- Only one eDec confirmation number is allowed per PGA line and it should be the same per entry
 - Except Entry Type 06 allows multiple eDec confirmation numbers on each PGA line, however the eDec confirmation number must be the same

ACE Disclaimers Applicable to FWS:

If an HTS code in ACE is flagged FW1 or FW3, filer has the option to the following disclaimer codes:

C = data filed through other agency means after ACE submission (electronic declaration Form 3-177 via eDecs)

D = data filed through paper (hard copy written declaration Form 3-177)

E = product does not contain fish or wildlife, including live, dead, parts or products thereof, except as specifically exempted from declaration requirements under 50 CFR Part 14. (*allowed for FW1 only*)

HTS Code Flags	FWS Data in ACE	Disclaim Codes Allowed in ACE (PG01)
FW1	Data May be Required	C, D, E
FW2	Data Required	None
FW3	Data May be Required	C, D

Modifying the FWS Message Set After Initial Submission:

See the following instruction on when and how to revise FWS data, after the FWS message set has been submitted.

3 day rule:

- CBP sends the FWS message set data to FWS, 3 days prior to the anticipated arrival date in the PG30 record.

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- ACE Cargo Release (SE) Replacements and PGA Corrections (CA) for FWS entries are only allowed when the FWS status on the submitted entry is 'Rejected', or if CBP has not yet sent the data to FWS.

If an entry is 'Rejected' by FWS:

- An SE may be Replaced or a CA transaction may be filed, per applicable CBP rules.

If the submitted entry is 'May Proceeded' by FWS:

- Filer should not submit an ACE Cargo Release (SE) Replace/Update, or submit a CA transaction to change FWS data.
 - Filer should cancel the existing entry and submit a new entry if changing any FWS data.
- If filer submits an SE Update or Replace anyway, FWS will expect that its data for this entry did not change and a May Proceed will be sent.
- If a CA is submitted on FWS data, FWS will ignore the new data and send a May Proceed 07/45 message.

If a Filer Cancels an entry with FWS data:

- EDS (entire data set) processing code submission will Delete the generated electronic Form 3-177 in the eDec system.
- LDS (limited data set) processing code submission will Delete the filed electronic Form 3-177 in the eDec system, if the 'cancelled' entry number is listed in box 6 of the eDec.
 - **NOTE:** To keep the existing eDec, the Filer should log in to eDecs and enter the 'new' entry number associated with the shipment.

If a Filer Cancels an entry that has been May Proceeded by FWS:

- EDS (entire data set) processing code submission – Filer must contact FWS Inspection Office to manually delete the "Cleared" eDec.
- LDS (limited data set) processing code submission – Filer must contact FWS Inspection Office to manually delete the "Cleared" eDec.

FWS Generic Species Code List:

See the following list of authorized general species names that may be submitted in the PG05 and PG17 records of the FWS message set:

NOTE: These codes should only be utilized when the supporting documents (i.e. invoice) lists the valid scientific name of each species contained in the imported shipment.

Genus	Species	Common Name (General)
TROPICAL_FISH	FRESHWATER	FISH
TROPICAL_FISH	MARINE	FISH
MOLLUSC	SHELL	SHELL
CRUSTACEANS	CRUSTACEA	CRUSTACEANS
OTHER	LIVE_INVERTS	INVERTS
NONCITES	BUTTERFLIES	BUTTERFLIES
NONCITES	AMPHIBIANS	AMPHIBIANS
NONCITES	ARACHNIDS	ARACHNIDS

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Genus	Species	Common Name (General)
NONCITES	BIRDS	BIRDS
NONCITES	CORAL	CORAL
NONCITES	FISH	FISH
NONCITES	INSECTS	INSECTS
NONCITES	CRUSTACEANS	CRUSTACEANS
NONCITES	MAMMALS	MAMMALS
NONCITES	MOLLUSCS	MOLLUSCS
NONCITES	REPTILES	REPTILES
NONCITES	INVERTEBRATES	INVERTEBRATES

Filers are not able to access the FWS species lookup database in ACE. However, filers can access this database at the following link: <https://edecs.fws.gov/filerSpeciesSearch.cfm?search=true>.

Please see the FWS CATAIR for further guidance on PGA Message Set creation and filing information: <https://www.cbp.gov/document/guidance/us-fish-and-wildlife-service-ace-requirements>. For additional questions on how to file, please refer to your Software Provider's training and guidance.