

2015 Deputy Administrator's Safeguarding Award: International Trade Data Systems Working Group

The International Trade Data System Working Group solidified the design of the APHIS PGA Message Set and created automated business rules to meet the requirements of the Presidential Executive Order 13659 "Single Window" initiative. This initiative will reduce supply chain barriers to commerce while continuing to protect our national security, public health and safety, the environment, and natural resources.

The work of the team enabled APHIS to substantially minimize the duplicated efforts associated with the import document filing process and to significantly reduce the paperwork burden on our stakeholders all while continuing to safeguard U.S. agriculture from the risks associated with the importation of plants and plant products.

The team not only ensured the Agency could meet the Executive Order deadlines, but also made this an APHIS initiative. The team made certain the PGA Message Set was a true representation of APHIS by engaging and supporting all APHIS programs including Veterinary Services, Animal Care, Plant Protection and Quarantine, Lacey Act, and Biotechnology Regulatory Services.

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