

APHIS Core – Propagative Material – PGA Filer Data Requirements based on APHIS Core Supplemental Guide

This document provides general technical guidance for persons importing Propagative Material for what declaration information needs to be reported via the Automated Commercial Environment (ACE). It is not intended to cover all specific scenarios. Please refer to the APHIS Core Supplemental Guide to the CBP and Trade Automated Interface Requirements (CATAIR) for information on how to make electronic filings. The document is not an official statement of the Federal government and does not create any requirements; rather it explains what information to input in accordance with the CBP pilots for APHIS Core Propagative Material.

Propagative Material

- Commonly referred to by its category type code which is **AP0400**. This category type code is directly correlated to Propagative Material within APHIS Core. Other commodities would have different category type codes.

Propagative Material

A commodity class for seedlings, bulbs, divisions, unrooted cuttings, etc. intended to be planted for growing out or for breeding.

When transmitting an AP0400 – Propagative Material program, the PGA records that are utilized are:

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Commercial Description: The commercial description of the product. For example, Spinach seeds for planting

Government Agency Code: APQ

Government Agency Program code for APHIS Core Propagative Materials PGA Message Sets:

Government Agency Program Code	Description
APQ	Plant Protection and Quarantine

Government Agency Processing Code:

Government Agency Processing Code	Description
A01	CBP Agriculture
A02	APHIS Plant Inspection Station
A03	APHIS Pre-Clearance

Intended Use Code/Descriptions

The link to all intended use codes can be found in [Appendix R](#) on CBP's website

Common Name

The description of the product. Example, Spinach seeds for planting

Category Type Code

This code is unique to each division of APHIS and is used to describe the reported item category. This code for Propagative Material will always be AP0400.

Category Code

The Category Code is a further break down of commodities into more specific categories which is based off of the Category Type.

Category Code	Description
401	Bulbs and Underground Portions and Dormant Perennials
402	Plants for Planting or Propagation (whole)
403	Seeds for planting
404	Plant Cuttings for Planting or Propagation
405	Root Cutting or Root Crown for Planting or Propagation
406	Meristem Tissue

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407	Budwood/Graftwood
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Commodity Qualifier Code

This code indicates the type of essential or distinctive attribute or quality of an item. This is a further breakdown based off of the Category Type and Category Code

Commodity Qualifier Code	Description
A41	Physical State, Form, Arrangement or Mode
A42	Endangered Species Status
A43	Growing Media

Commodity Characteristic Qualifier

This specifies the type of characteristic for the item such as color, age or gender.

Category Characteristic Qualifier	Description
SSL	Seed Small Lot
SLL	Seed Large Lot
SEO	Seed Embedded/Obscured
WIRT	With Roots
WORT	Without Roots
ARTI	Artificial/Soilless
BARE	Bareroot/No Media
SOIL	Soil
C1	CITES I
C2	CITES II
C3	CITES III
ESAE	ESA-E
ESAT	ESA-T

Genus/Species

The scientific genus and species of the merchandise is required for all Propagative Material shipments.

Specific Variety Name

This field is mandatory for Propagative Material shipments and is the sub species name of the product.

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Source Type Code/Country

Identifies what role the country had in harvesting or growing a product. The two letter ISO country code that the product was grown or harvested in should follow the source type code.

Source Type Code	Description
HRV	Location Harvested
262	Place of Growth

Country

This is origin country of the propagative material identified on the LPCO.

Processing Treatment Type code (if applicable)

The code identifying the method of processing used to make the product. This is a conditional field unless otherwise stated on the license, permit or certificate

Treatment Start/End Date (if applicable)

The treatment start and end date would only be applicable if a processing treatment type code was selected. The start date would be the date the harvesting vessel trip began. Some APHIS regulated commodities are processed (aka treated) in-route and do not complete processing by arrival and therefore Processing End Date can be left blank. If treatment occurs within 24 hours (of the same day), only the processing start date is required.

LPCO Type

Identifies the type of license, permit, certificate or other. This should correlate to the title of the APHIS document provided with the goods.

LPCO Types	Description
A01	APHIS Phytosanitary certificate (Foreign)
A05	Treatment Certificate
A07	APHIS PPQ 203
A08	APHIS PPQ 505
A09	APHIS PPQ 525
A10	APHIS PPQ 526
A11	APHIS PPQ546
A12	APHIS PPQ585
A13	APHIS PPQ586
A14	APHIS PPQ587-8
A15	APHIS PPQ587-15
A16	APHIS PPQ587-37

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A17	APHIS PPQ587-41
A18	APHIS PPQ587-55
A19	APHIS PPQ587-56
A20	APHIS PPQ587-75
A21	APHIS PPQ587-37CAN
A22	APHIS P588
A23	APHIS P621
A27	APHIS Seed Analysis Certificate
A33	Certificate of Origin

LPCO Number

ID number assigned to the LPCO's if applicable, otherwise the LPCO type and/or name of the form is applicable.

LPCO Geographic Code Qualifier

The code relating to the location of the issuer of the LPCO.

Geographic Code Qualifier	Description
ISO	Country Code
EU	European Union

LPCO Issuer Location

The two letter ISO country code associated with the location of the issuer of the LPCO

LPCO Issuer Location Description

This data element is for reporting the state or province (or equivalent) but only used if issued by USDA in USA

LPCO Date Qualifier

The expiration date of the document, or the date it was issued/signed

Date Qualifier	Description
1	Expiration Date
3	Date issued or signed

LPCO Date

Identifies the date of the LPCO in MMDDCCYY (month, day, century, and year) format.

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LPCO Quantity/Unit of Measure (UOM)

The quantity and unit of measure if listed on the LPCO. APHIS related LPCO's sometimes indicate the maximum quantities an entity can import.

List of Entity Role codes applicable to APHIS Core Propagative Material Message Sets:

Data Element	Code	Description
Entity Role Codes	CB	Customs Broker
	LAP	LPCO Authorized Party (Permit Holder)
	UC	Ultimate Consignee
	AG1	Offshore Greenhouse Certification Program

Entity Information:

Customs Broker (CB)

The customs broker would enter all pertinent information here. This would include the name, address, entity ID, entity number and contact information for the broker.

LPCO Authorized Party (LAP)

The LAP would be the APHIS permit holder of the cargo. Name and address is required to be submitted. No additional contact information is required for this party.

Ultimate Consignee (UC)

The ultimate consignee contact information would be entered here. This would include the name, address, entity ID, entity number and contact information for the ultimate consignee.

Offshore Greenhouse Certification Program (AG1) (if applicable)

The grower should be reported for the Offshore Greenhouse Certification Program if part of the program.

Container Number

The container number(s), length of each, and whether reefer or not.

Inspection Status

Status code "A" or "P" is mandatory for all shipments and will be used to determine testing status.

Date Qualifier	Description
A	Anticipated Arrival Information

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P	Date Inspected Prior To Arrival
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Requested/Scheduled date of Inspection

This field should reflect the date the inspection has been scheduled for, or the date the shipment was previously inspected.

Inspection Arrival Location

This field is used to report valid CB port code as indicated on the APHIS permit or UN/LOCODE

Routing Type Code

This number is to identify where routing began into the U.S

Date Qualifier	Description
198	Where Routing to the U.S began

Routing Type Country Code

The two letter ISO country code where routing began to the U.S

HTS Codes

Tariff Flag Code	Tariff Flag Code Definition
AQ1	Aphis Core data may be required
AQ2	APHIS Core data Required

Flags do not indicate the APHIS Core program

Disclaimer: Code declaring filing does not require a PGA Message Set.

Valid codes are:

A = product is not regulated by this agency

B = data is not required per agency guidance

Codes A and B are NOT allowed if the HTS is flagged as 'Must Be' provided.

Document Imaging System:

Information regarding LPCO's that are required to have an upload through DIS can be found in the Supplemental Trade Guide LPCO/DIS Correlation Table.

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For questions about APHIS Core Propagative Material shipments

Points of Contact

If you have technical questions about the content of this Supplemental Guide, please email APHIS at ACE.ITDS@usda.gov

APHIS Core Supplemental Information:

[**APHIS-Core ACE PGA Message Set: Supplemental Trade Guide – Appendix APH-A**](#)

[**APHIS-Core ACE PGA Message Set Implementation Guide**](#)

[**ACE CATAIR Appendix PGA**](#)

[**Appendix B**](#)

[**ACE ABI CATAIR**](#)

[**PGA Error Code**](#)

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