

Cracking PGA errors: Debugging and resolving ABI rejections

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Which PGAs have the most rejections?

- APHIS
- CPSC
- EPA
- FDA
- FWS



Top Nine (9) PGA Rejections

1. Missing or invalid Product Codes (PG02 record)

- ✓ PA0 – Product Code Qualifier

- ✓ Examples:

- ✓ USDA AMS – Exempt UNSPC Number

- ✓ FDA – Product Qualifier FDP

- ✓ PE4 – Product Code

- ✓ Examples:

- ✓ EPA HFC – CAS Number

- ✓ FDA – Product Code

Top Nine (9) PGA Rejections

2. Incorrect or Missing Entity Information (PG19/PG20 record)

- ✓ Invalid State/ZIP combinations, missing addresses, or Foreign Consignee listed instead of US
- ✓ Tax ID Number not on file in ACE

3. Invalid or Missing Affirmations of Compliance (PG23 record)

- ✓ FDA –
 - ✓ Food Facility Registration and Prior Notice Confirmation Numbers
 - ✓ Medical Device, Pharmaceutical ID numbers

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4. **Improper Use of Disclaim Codes**

- ✓ Aug 8, 2025 [CSMS #65868872](#) – EPA new flags
- ✓ Filing via paper in error

5. **Incorrect HTS Classification**

- ✓ HTS codes drive PGA applicability

6. **Missing Required Documents**

- ✓ Phytosanitary Certificates (APHIS)
- ✓ FDA Prior Notice not submitted
- ✓ EPA Notice of Arrival

Top Nine (9) PGA Rejections

7. Invalid Country Codes

- ✓ Burma vs. Myanmar
- ✓ Mismatched country of origin, production, or shipment

8. Incorrect Units of Measure (UOM)

- ✓ FDA – Incorrect FDA Reporting Quantities (Base Quantity vs. Packaging Containers)
- ✓ APHIS CORE – start with KG and then what?

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9. Invalid PGA Program Codes

- ✓ HTS codes programmed to match PGA Program Code based on commodity
 - ✓ Examples:
 - ✓ HTS 8516.50.0000 (Microwave Ovens) and FDA Product Code COS
 - ✓ HTS 0806.10.6005 (Fresh Grapes) – not AP0700 (Misc. Proc. Product, but AP0600 Fruits & Vegetables)

PGA Corrections – when can you file?

Post Arrival & Release

- Within 10 days of arrival
- FDA / FWS – *only if rejected*

Pre-Arrival & Release

- Cargo Release resubmitted
- PGA Correction
- FDA – not less than 5 days of arrival unless rejected
- FWS – not less than 3 days of arrival unless rejected

Systems Overview

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- Make use of Product Codes/Parts Database
- Audit Reports



PGA Error Dictionary – CSMS Issued 10/3/25



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Cargo Systems Messaging Service

CSMS # 66426755 - PGA Error Code Dictionary Quarterly Update

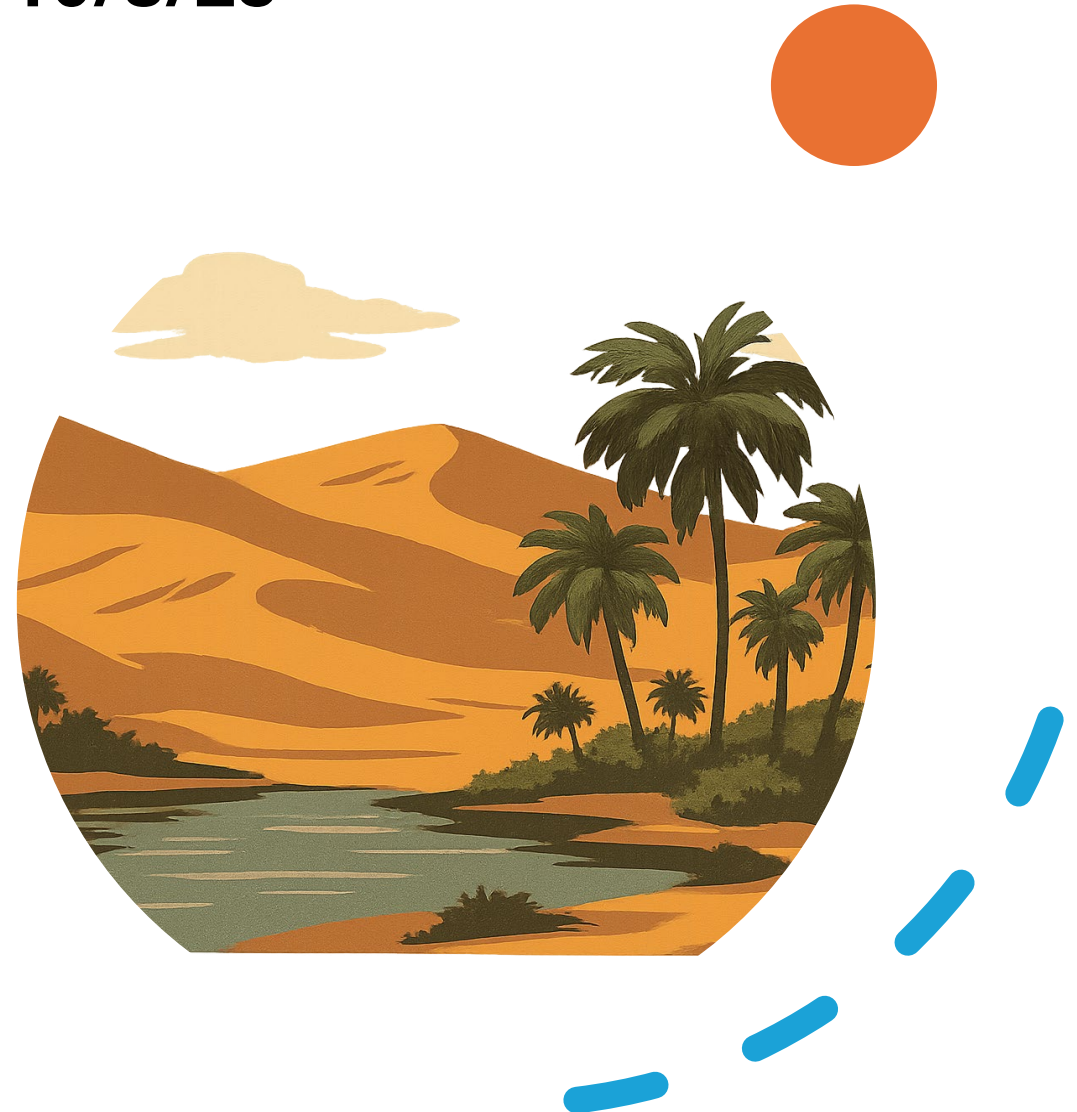
An updated version of the PGA Error Code Dictionary has been published on CBP.gov:

<https://www.cbp.gov/document/guidance/pga-error-messages>.

The updates and additions include: - Update to the 'Introduction- Document Overview' sheet

Please refer to the 'Table of Changes' tab for a list of the changes.

For any questions about this CSMS, please email to CREM@cbp.dhs.gov.



PGA Error Dictionary – Updated 9/26/25



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PGA Error Messages

Error codes for PGA information. Information Notice detailing ACE deployment and user impacts.

Attachment	↕	Ext. ↕	Size ↕	Date ↕
PGA Error Codes Dictionary		XLSX	139.03 KB	09/26/2025



PGA Error Dictionary – Table of Changes

	A	B	C
1	Revision Number	Date of Change	Brief Description of Change
73	12.0	7/25/2024	Created new error code, PGX, and all additional fields were populated as well
74	12.0	7/25/2024	Created new error code, PGY, and all additional fields were populated as well
75	12.0	7/25/2024	Created new error code, PGZ, and all additional fields were populated as well
76	12.0	7/25/2024	Updated Description for PH7 for APHIS CORE
77	13.0	11/25/2024	Added 'AVS' Program Code to error code PGT for APHIS CORE
78	13.0	11/25/2024	Updated Description for PFX for APHIS CORE
79	13.0	11/25/2024	Added new error code, PHF, and all additional fields were populated as well
80	13.0	11/25/2024	Added new error code, PHG, and all additional fields were populated as well
81	13.0	11/25/2024	Added new error code, PHH, and all additional fields were populated as well
82	13.0	11/25/2024	Added missing error code, PBR, and all additional fields were populated as well
83	14.0	6/13/2025	Removed "PE" and "VE" Country Codes from error code 'PL9' for PGA Code 'OMC'
84	14.0	6/13/2025	Removed all references to Appendix B and updated to Appendix C
85	14.0	6/13/2025	Added CPSC errors (all error codes already existed)
86	15.0	9/24/2025	Updated the 'Introduction- Document Overview' sheet
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PGA Error Dictionary – Introduction – Document Overview

The PGA Error dictionary is a work in progress. It is unique in that the same error messages can be generated when similar errors are encountered for different agencies and/or program codes. This is why the same error code appears several times in different rows of the chart.

For example, there are several entries for 'PJ5 MSNG OR INVLD ENTITY ROLE CODE PER PGA'. The different rows to describe the error are broken down by the PGA code and the several program codes in that column. The 'Description' for that row describes the reason for that error in the context of the PGA and the program. As more error descriptions are compiled, the data filter by PGA code should be more useful in sorting error conditions.

PLEASE NOTE: The ultimate source of the PGA information is the PGA Message Set chapter of the ACE CATAIR, and the Implementation Guides issued by the PGAs. All of these can be found at this link: <https://www.cbp.gov/trade/automated/catair>

What is the SPEC/PGA/PE/CA column?

SPEC refers to a reject for the basic PGA message set structure (it can be in any input transaction that includes PGA data: AE, SE, PE or CA). The PGA Message Set chapter would be the resource to investigate that further.

PGA refers to a reject for a specific PGA business rule (it can be in any input transaction that includes PGA data: AE, SE, PE or CA). Refer to the specific PGA Implementation (aka Supplemental) Guide for further information.

PE refers to if the reject is for the stand alone Prior Notice PE transaction. Refer to the Stand-alone filing for PGA data (PE/PX) chapter.

CA refers to a reject related to the PGA data corrections application. Refer to the PGA Data Corrections (CA/CC) chapter.

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***NOTE:** This document is expected to be updated and published on a quarterly basis.*

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PGA Error Dictionary – Filter by Agency, Program Code, etc.

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I
1	Error Code	Error Text	PG/PE/CA Record(s)	Data Element	SPEC/PGA PE/CA	PGA Code	Program Code	Description	Update Date
2	P00	PGA DATA MISSING PER PGA FLAG	N/A	PGA DATA FLAG	SPEC	ALL	ALL	The tariff provided is flagged for a PGA, the entry is one that would require reporting of PGA data, and none is provided. The P00 and PU2 error messages now include the partner government agency (PGA) tariff flag. There is a separate P00 or PU2, per flag error. For example: SE9011P00PGA DATA MISSING PER PGA FLAG AQ2 SE9011P00PGA DATA MISSING PER PGA FLAG FD3 SE9013PU2PGA DATA MSNG ON HTS - NO ACTN RQD FS4 SE9013PU2PGA DATA MSNG ON HTS - NO ACTN RQD DE1	1-Dec
3	P01	MISSING PARENT OI OR PG01 RECORD	OI	PARENT OI PG01 RECORD	SPEC	ALL	ALL	A PG01 record must be preceded by an initial OI record for the beginning of the PGA line data.	
4	P02	MISSING OI PGA LINE ITEM DESCRIPTION	OI	COMMERCIAL DESCRIPTION	SPEC	ALL	ALL	There is no description in the OI record.	
5	P03	MISSING PG01 RECORD	01	PG01	SPEC	ALL	ALL	A PG01 record is mandatory for any PGA message set, including disclaims.	
6	P04	MISSING PGA LINE NUMBER	01	PGA LINE NUMBER	SPEC	ALL	ALL	There is no PGA line number sent in the PG01 record.	
7	P05	MISSING GOVERNMENT AGENCY CODE	01	GOVERNMENT AGENCY CODE	SPEC	ALL	ALL	PGA data requires the correct PGA code for the filing.	
	P06	MISSING OR INVALID GOVT AGENCY PROG CODE	01	GOVERNMENT AGENCY PROGRAM CODE	SPEC	ALL	ALL	Program code in the PG01 must be valid for the PGA. Verify program code with	

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PGA Message Set

This section contains the ACE ABI PGA Message Set CATAIR Chapter. It also includes the supplemental guidelines for the Partner Government Agencies. These documents are revised as needed.

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