AGIIS ENHANCEMENTS 2013

PCR 184-3 – ENTITY VERIFICATION ENHANCEMENTS

March 16, 2013

Effective March 16, 2013, all AGIIS subscribers have options for requesting verification as part of the Entity add and update processes. The verification options available are defined as:

1. <u>Member Services Verified</u> - At the request of the subscriber, Entity information is verified by Member Services team using established tools and resources.
2. <u>Subscriber Verified</u> - Subscriber submitting the request has verified the entity information being submitted.
3. <u>Self- Verified</u> - Entity has verified their own information in AGIIS
4. <u>No Verification</u>

When Member Services verification is requested, the Entity Name, DBA Name (if applicable), Physical and Mailing Address, and Entity Status are verified. It is important to note that verification is no longer performed as a matter of process, but is solely based on a subscribers request.

Pricing for Member Services verification is:
Tier 1 - Verified via the Web is $3.00/Entity
Tier 2 - Verified via Web and Phone/Email is $5.00/Entity

There was a grace period with no fees charged for Member Services verification from March 17-April 30, 2013. Charges were applied beginning May 1, 2013 and invoices for those charges will be issued in December 2013.

PCR 185-1 – ENTITY RULES TASK FORCE RECOMMENDATIONS

July 5, 2013

Recommendation #1: Removing the current Industry Flag requirements for Entities
Recommendation #3: Eliminating the current 10 Entity Types and converting the existing data to 3 new Entity Classifications (Business, Consumer and Location).

The entity classifications enhancement involved converting the existing entity types to the approved three entity classifications and required updates to the file interface formats to reflect the changes. The new entity classifications are defined as:

Business: Engages in transactions related to products or services consumed by others.
-Includes current entity types of "industry provider", "manufacturer", "distributor" and "retailer"
-Requires a company name and physical address

Consumer: Purchases and uses products or services
-Includes current entity types of "end-use business", "farm business" and "grower"
-Requires a company name or first/last names and a physical or mailing address

Location: A physical place that cannot be identified as a business or consumer
-Includes current entity types of "rail siding", "drop point" and "terminal"
    -Requires a Location Name and Location Description

At least one entity classification is required per active entity, and an entity can be classified as both a business and a consumer. An entity classified as a location may have no other classification.

Subscriber Impact

Recommendation #1: Removed the Industry Flag requirements for Entities

1. The Industry Flag field was removed from view on the AGIIS website
2. For inbound files (to AGIIS) the Industry Flag field will be ignored if populated by the subscriber
3. For outbound files (to Subscriber) the fields will continue to exist in the schema, but will not be populated.

Recommendation #3: Eliminated the 10 Entity Types and converted the data to 3 new Entity Classifications (Business, Consumer and Location).

1. The file format schema was updated to add the 3 new Entity Classification fields and the Entity Type field will continue to exist in the outbound files, but will not be populated.
2. Specifically, the following file formats will be modified to incorporate the new Entity Classification fields.

- GLN Import ASCII
- GLN Import XML
- EBID Update Extract XML
- EBID Update Extract CSV
- EBID Update Extract ASCII
- GLN Update Extract XML
- GLN Update Extract CSV
- EBID Subset Extract XML
- EBID Subset Extract ASCII
- GLN Subset Extract XML
- GLN Subset Extract ASCII
- Web Services XML

Note: Entity Update Extract file formats EDI 838 and EDI 996 are not strictly used for AGIIS thus cannot be modified to include the new Entity Classification fields. Additionally, the current defined fields for the Industry Flag and Entity Type will continue to be defined but will contain null values. Subscribers who use these file formats may obtain the Entity Classification data for entities in their subset by creating an EBID Subset Extract.

PCR 185-2 – ENTITY RULES TASK FORCE DISPUTE FUNCTIONALITY

August 12, 2013

AGIIS contains a new entity "Dispute" detection and resolution process that is intended to identify Entity records that have the same fields updated by different companies within a 60-day period. Anytime one or more of the same fields are updated within that 60-day period by two different subscribing companies the following changes will occur:

- A yellow warning message will display on the Confirm Entity Information page of the Update transaction notifying the user that "One or more fields that you have changed have been set in the last 60 days..."
- The fields that have been updated by different subscribers during the 60 day time period will be highlighted in orange.
- The request will be directed to our Member Services team for dispute resolution to determine the correct information for the disputed field or fields.

This enhancement is the result of the Dun & Bradstreet Transition Task Force recommendations to ensure that Entity information is not changing multiple times in a short-period of time. To accommodate this recommendation, the following data elements will be considered when detecting disputes:

- Name (Company name, DBA name, Grower name fields)
- Address (Physical or Mailing)
- Location name
- Location description
- Phone number

Subscribers who request a change to the same Entity data elements within a 60-day calendar period will be notified via a Web-page warning and through the request submission email confirmation. Once an Entity is in dispute status, the Member Services team will work to verify the correct Entity information and resolve it in a timely manner. All other subscribers with the entity in their subset will be notified of any change to the entity in their Entity Update Extract file.

PCR 186 – AGIIS Website Redesign

November 17, 2013

In an effort to enhance the look and feel of the web site and ensure browser compatibility with a full suite of new web browsers such as IE 9.0, Firefox, Google Chrome, and Apple Safari, the AGIIS website was redesigned.

Included with the new design were the following features:

- Header/Footer Dynamic Resizing – Flexible design that allows the site to take advantage of increased browser space in standard resolution of 1280 X1024 pixels
- Home Page/Login – A new home and login page that provides a consistent look and feel with the new AgGateway.org web site
- Cascading Style Sheets (CSS) – This is what defines the "look" of the website. Page layouts, menu, and navigation have been altered to enhance the look and feel and to take advantage of screen size in accordance with the CSS updates
- Page Content Restyling – The "old" page design placed all content at the top-left of a browser page. The body of each page in the redesign places content in the center of the page to make better use of the space provided
- Online Video Tutorial Updates – The online tutorials contain both screen clips and associated help text for all new functionality. The tutorials have been updated to reflect the new look and feel of the new web site
- Web Analytics – AGIIS.Org has been updated with tracking code for Google Analytics.