AGIIS Enhancements 2014

PCR 189 - GLN ENTITY LOOKUP

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AGIIS was enhanced to provide functionality for non-subscribers, typically small agricultural retailers and growers, to access to the Global Location Numbers (GLN's) that are stored in the database. Opening up this access to non-subscribers allows them to utilize this industry standard with their trading partners and further promotes the use of the GLN as the industry recognized unique identifier.

This feature allows a user to locate a GLN by providing an identifier or entity name (first and last name along with the zip code, or business name and zip code). Search results will return the GLN, name and address demographics. When a search is performed using a name and zip code, there is the potential to return numerous entities. As a result, the returns are limited to the first five potential matches.

PCR 191 – ENTITY PROCESS FLOW MODIFICATIONS

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Three process flow modifications related to entity updates have been installed into production. The first requires a user to enter an industry identifier (EBID or GLN) when submitting a BOUGHT OUT entity request through the web interface. If an Industry Identifier doesn't currently exist, an ADD button will become available so that the user may submit an entity add request. Prior to this enhancement, a REPLACED By transaction already required the user to enter the industry identifier, but the BOUGHT OUT transaction did not. This change will add consistency to the processes for the end user and will also help streamline the work flow for the Directory Administrator.

The second process flow modification ensures that there are not blank industry identifiers resulting from a BOUGHT OUT or REPLACED BY transaction. Prior to this enhancement, companies with only a GLN would buyout a company with both a GLN and an EBID. This resulted in blank BOUGHT OUT or REPLACED BY identifiers within EBID extracts. As a result of this enhancement, when an entity with a GLN buys out another entity with both a GLN and an EBID, the system will automatically assign an EBID to the buying entity.

The third process flow modification is an update to the Entity Maintenance web service which allows users to create an industry identifier for an existing entity and add it to their subset. Prior to this update, the system required a user to provide the specific industry identifier in order to add the entity to the corresponding subset (i.e. E-Business subset).

For more information regarding web services, please refer to document https://www.agiis.org/Tutorials/PCR173WebServicesOverview.pdf

PCR 192 – IDENTIFIER SEARCH DEFAULT TO GLN

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From the Entity Lookup screen within AGIIS, the default value GLN IDENTIFIER, has been assigned to the Identifier Type field. This will save users from having to select this option each time when doing a GLN Lookup. Users will have the option to also choose E-Business Identifier or NAPD/HPID Identifier lookups from the available drop down.

PCR 159 – DUPLICATE ENTITY REPORTING AND CERTIFICATION

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AGIIS was enhanced to provide subscribers the ability to report suspected duplicate entities into Member Services for a review. In order to report duplicates, a user must first become "Duplicates Certified". Certification is granted by the Directory Administrator (DA) once the subscriber has completed an on-line tutorial covering what is and what is not considered a duplicate and has passed a short quiz that follows. Users access the tutorial from the "HELP" menu on the AGIIS home screen by clicking on the "Duplicate Training and Certification" link.

Upon successful completion of the tutorial and exam, the user submits their quiz results to the DA using the "Send Quiz Results" button at the end of the quiz. Once the DA updates the user's profile with the "Entity-Report Duplicates" privilege, the user's "Entity List" page is updated with check boxes next to each entity in their current view. The user may then check two or more entities that are suspected duplicates. The user then clicks on a "Report Duplicates" button that sends a request to the DA for review. The DA may accept or decline the request. If the DA agrees that the entities are duplicates, the system uses a predetermined set of rules to determine the surviving record and uses data harvesting to move data from a subordinate entity over to the surviving entity.

PCR 183-7 – PTF RECOMMENDATION ebMS MESSAGING

11/24/2014

AGIIS was enhanced to allow manufacturers of products to send product updates, and consumers of products to receive product updates, in real time using eBusiness Messaging Specification (ebMS).

Before this functionality becomes available to a subscriber, the Directory Administrator (DA) must first update the subscriber profile indicating that the subscriber is "ebMS enabled", i.e. has ebMS capability.

Once the subscriber is updated by the DA, a new field, "Provide ebMS Product Updates" becomes available on the Company Update page that can be updated by the subscriber. Checking this box will send out product updates in real time to interested subscribers.

Consumers of products that wish to receive real time product updates must also make a change to their profile by clicking on the new button, "ebMS Product Update" from the subscriber profile page under the Administration tab. A new page, "ebMS Product Update" allows the subscriber to choose from which manufacturer(s) they wish to receive product updates.