AGIIS ENHANCEMENTS 2015

PCR 185-2 MULTIPLE PROP CODE ASSIGNMENTS / PCR 190 ADDITIONAL DATA ELEMENTS

March 23, 2015

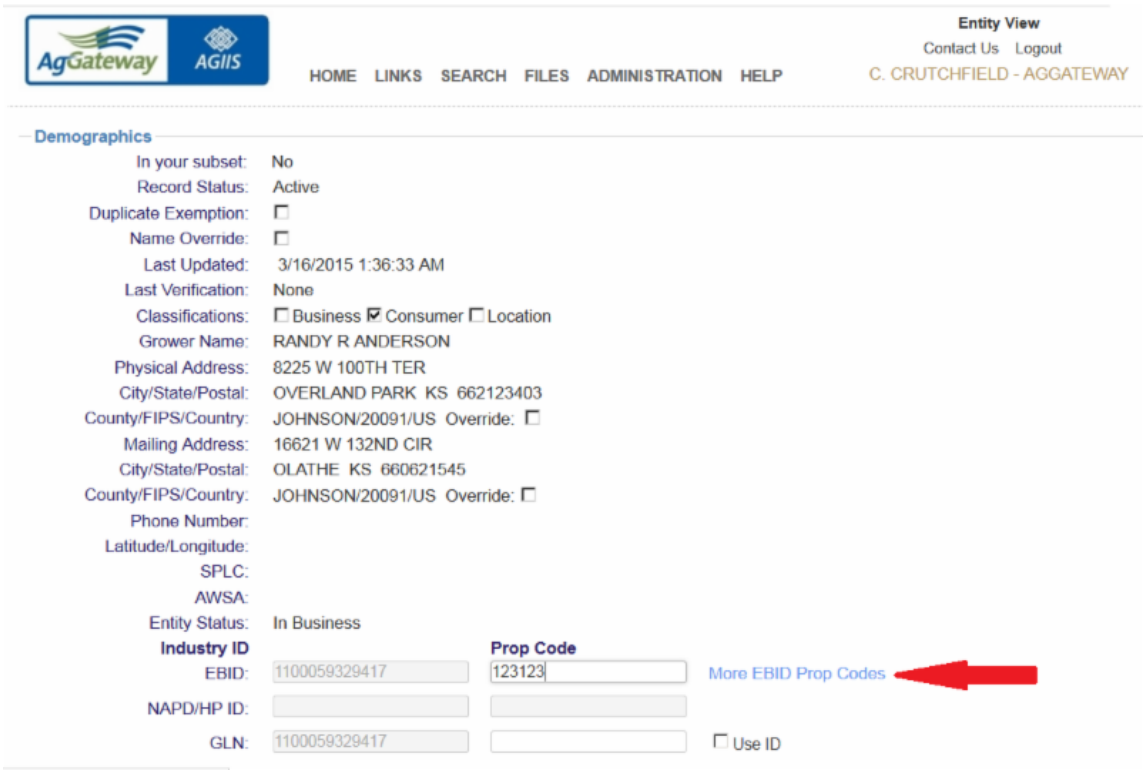
In this release, updates have been made to allow for multiple proprietary code assignments and two new data elements to accommodate the Crop Protection Canada Connectivity Project.

Multiple Proprietary Codes

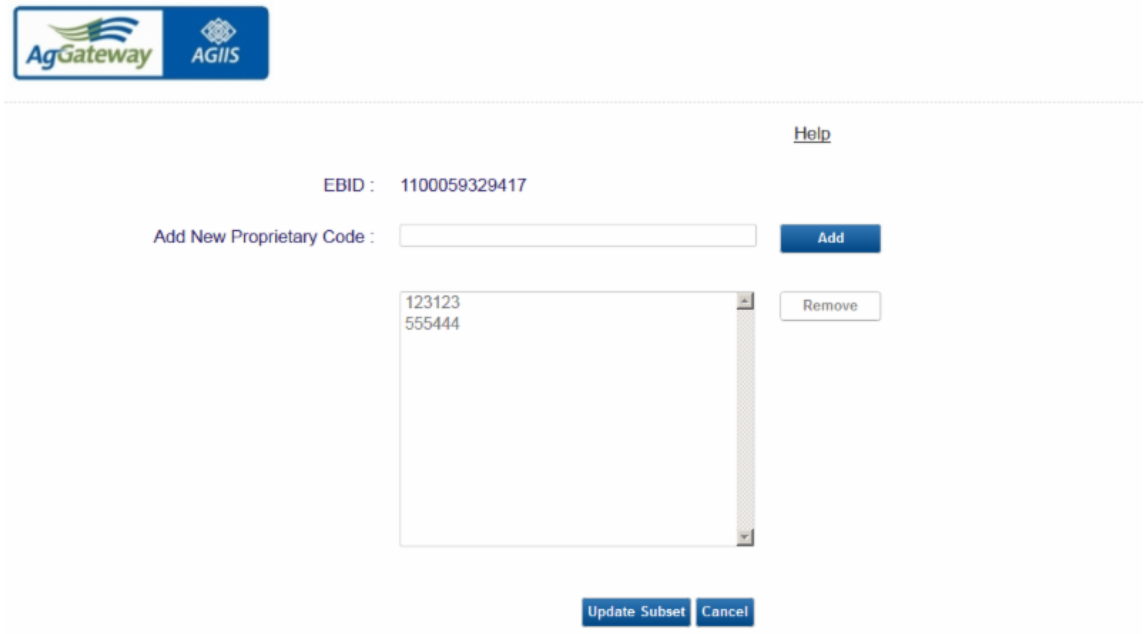
Up to 99 proprietary codes can now be assigned to an entity from the Entity Add, Entity View and Entity Update screens as well as through web services. The EBID/GLN batch import files as well as the EBID/GLN subset and update extracts have also been modified to support this enhancement. This functionality will allow subscribers to manage multiple prop codes within their proprietary system and relate them to one entity in AGIIS.

The images below show the steps to add multiple prop codes using the Entity View page. The functionality is the same when accessed from the Entity Add and Entity Update pages.

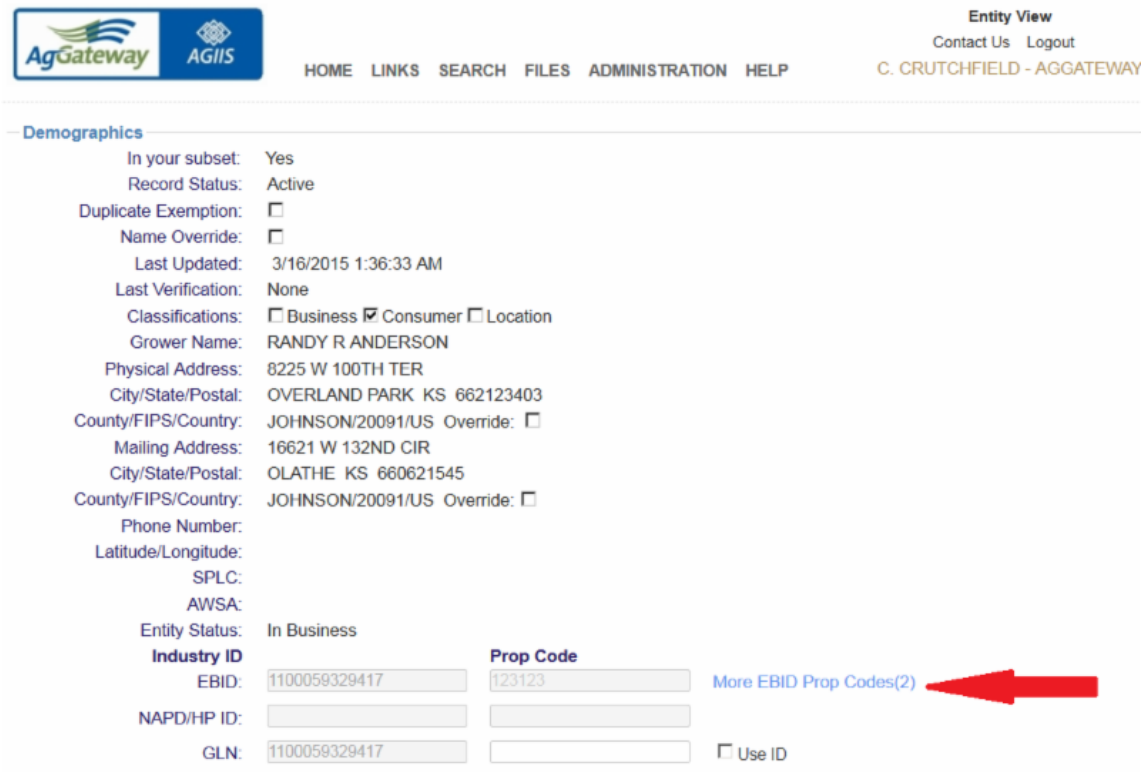
Once a proprietary code is entered in the Prop Code field for an EBID or GLN subset, the "More EBID Prop Codes" or "More GLN Prop Codes" link becomes available.



Clicking on the "More EBID Prop Codes" link brings up the following page. Enter the prop code in the "Add New Proprietary Code" box and click, "Add". Doing this adds the additional prop code to the list.



Click on the "Update Subset" button to add the additional prop codes. Notice on the following screen, the total number of prop codes (2) has been updated to reflect the number of prop codes now assigned to this entity. As additional proprietary codes are entered or deleted, this number will update accordingly.

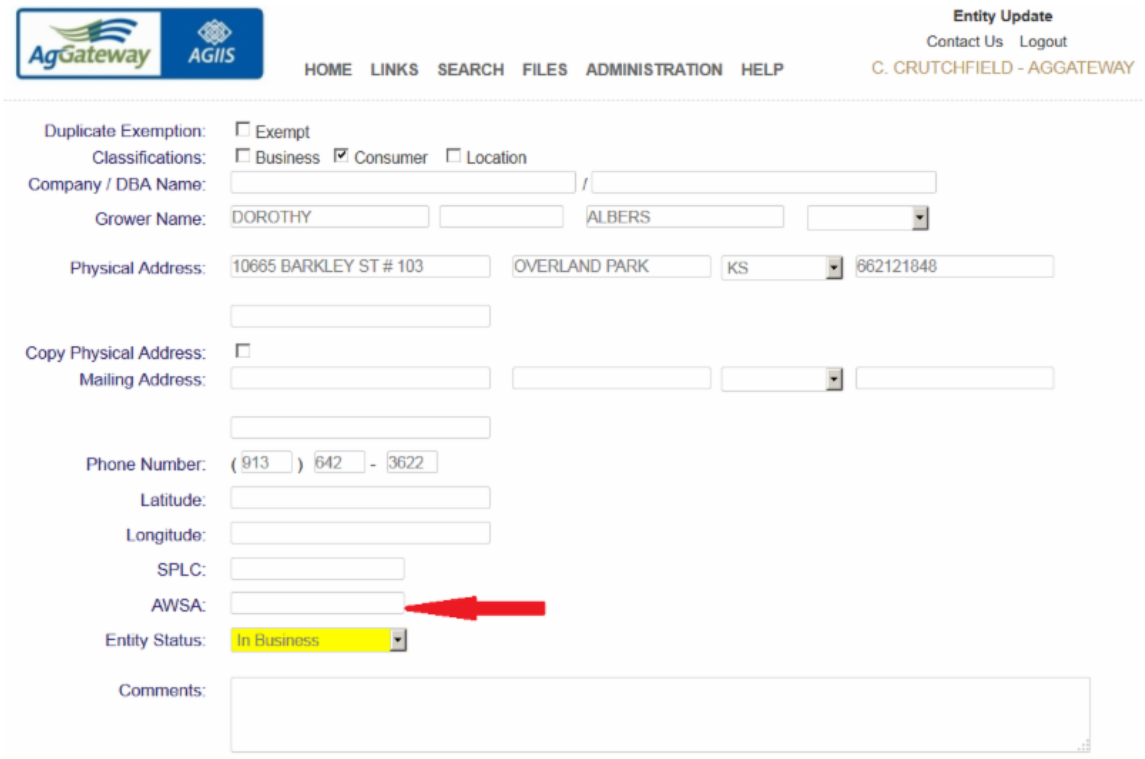


Crop Protection Canada Connectivity Project - New Data Elements

Two new data elements have been added to AGIIS, the Agrichemical Warehousing Standards Association (AWSA) number and the Pesticide Control Product (PCP) number, allowing subscribers to update these fields if mandated.

The AWSA number is updated from the Entity Add and Entity Update pages. This number can also be updated through web services and bulk payloads. Additionally, EBID and GLN subset extracts and subset update extracts have been modified to accommodate this data element.

The image below is an example of this field from the Entity Update page.



The PCP number is updated at the package configuration level from the Package Configuration Update page (image below). This data element can also be updated using web services.

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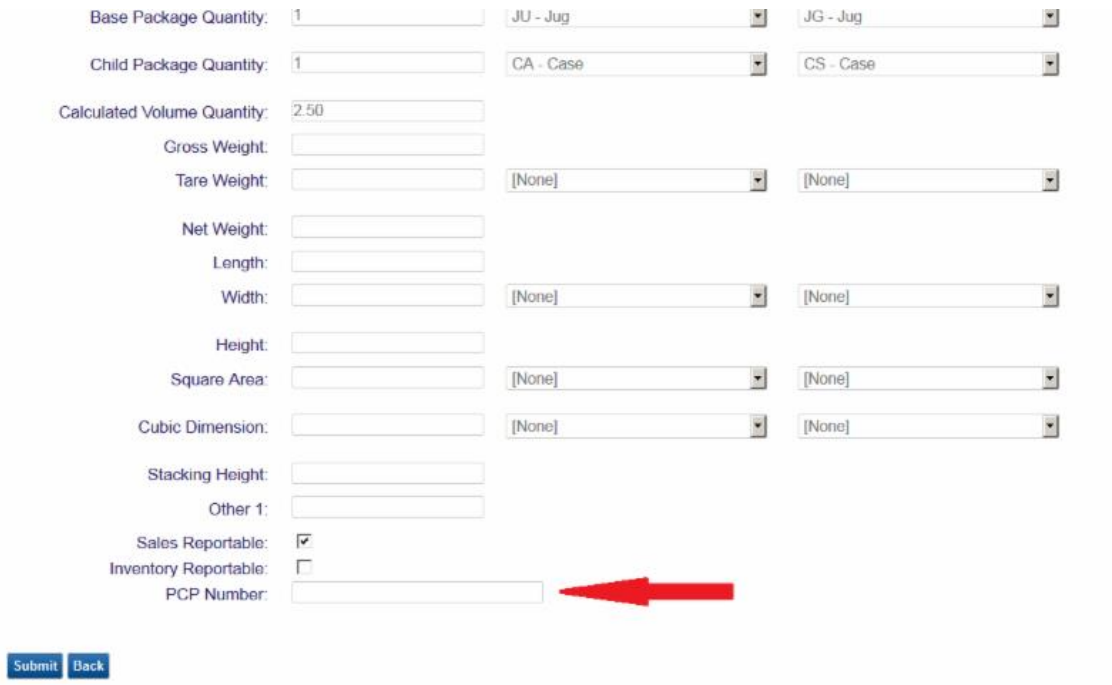

PCR 185-4 ENTITY FILE FORMATS

May 18, 2015

In this release, the legacy entity file formats (Fixed Length Text and CSV) were enhanced to include fields that were previously only supported by the XML file formats.

Background

Since the inception of AGIIS, which combined the Allied Directory, the NAPD Directory, and the Product Directory, there has been a moratorium on changes to the non-XML file formats. As new enhancements have been implemented, the XML file formats have been updated with new data elements, but the Fixed Length Text and CSV file formats have not.

In 2012, The AGIIS Entity Rules Task Force recommended that the Fixed Length Text and CSV file formats be enhanced to include the same data elements as those supported by XML. This

allows users of Fixed Length Text or CSV file formats to incorporate new data elements and experience the same benefits as those using the XML file formats. As a result, new Fixed Length Text and CSV file formats are being created or modified to include these additional data elements. Listed below are the file types and layouts that are being created or modified.

Entity Subset Extract - This is a new Fixed Length Text file that combines the fields from the EBID and GLN subset extracts into one consolidated file containing all current entity data elements.

Entity Subset Proprietary Code Extract - This is a new Fixed Length Text file format to accommodate entities that have multiple proprietary code assignments.

Entity Update Extract - This existing CSV file is currently emailed to subscribers and provides EBID and GLN entity updates. This file has been enhanced to include one new data element, the Agrichemical Warehousing Standards Association (AWSA) number.

GLN Bulk Process - A new Fixed Length Text submission and return file created to include all current entity data elements.

Subscriber Impact

Entity Subset Extracts will be delivered in either the existing Fixed Length Text (Version 1), the new Fixed Length Text (Version 2), or the new Fixed Length Text (Multiple Prop Codes) formats as chosen from the drop down on the Entity Subset Extract page (see Image below).

Subscribers choosing to utilize the new formats, Fixed Length Text Multiple Prop Codes, and Fixed Length Text Version 2, will most likely need to update their internal systems to recognize and process the new formats as they contain additional data elements. No additional action will be required when choosing the existing format, "Fixed Length Text Version 1", however the AGIIS Directory Oversight Committee has recommended the Fixed Length Text Version 1, be retired after two years.

Again, please keep in mind that this enhancement does not affect subscribers that wish to continue to utilize Fixed Length Version 1 file format. However, subscribers that are interested in utilizing the new file formats will likely need to update their internal systems. As with any file update, users may wish to perform testing with AGIIS. Those interested in testing should contact Member Services to coordinate the testing process.