

PDG Request for Tracing Pilots and Demonstrations

In practice, tracing a package or case is executed in a series of TI Requests and TI Responses upstream and/or downstream from the trading partner initiating the requests (or by a regulatory authority). The PDG Blueprint established a common protocol for the request of, and response with, TI information as part of that process.

The tracing process, and specifically, the request-response protocol in the Blueprint, is a new mechanism created specifically for post-November 2023. This means the process and protocol is largely untested and PDG encourages trading partners to conduct testing and demonstrations of the tracing protocol. These pilots and demonstration projects are critical to test the protocol in the Blueprint and identify and continued improvements or revisions to it that are needed.

OPEN CALL FOR TRACING PILOTS

PDG urges stakeholders to develop and execute pilots and demonstration projects that test, validate, and/or identify continued revisions needed to the PDG tracing protocol in the *Blueprint*. PDG is prepared to work, in an observational capacity, with all stakeholders planning and executing such projects to support clarity of the PDG request-response protocol for tracing.

Pilots and demonstration projects should include multiple ATPs and may include one or more solution providers. Stakeholders should make best efforts to complete these pilot and demonstration activities in Q2 of 2023. Stakeholders planning pilots and demonstration projects are encouraged to submit their pilot and demonstration proposals and activities to PDG at admin@members.dscsagovernance.org.

PDG does not intend to develop, operate, or directly participate in pilots or demonstration projects, but it does seek awareness of such activity.

PDG does not intend to select or express preference for specific pilots and demonstrations; we will collaborate with and observe any stakeholders who use the PDG tracing process protocol in their pilot or demonstration activities. PDG's observational engagement is not an endorsement of any particular pilot, demonstration or solution.

PDG will support stakeholders in piloting and demonstrations by providing feedback to ensure the Blueprint protocol is being interpreted and applied consistent with the Blueprint. PDG staff will also be available to answer any questions stakeholders have during the protocol process and help troubleshoot any issues that arise. The results, data, and feedback from these pilots and demonstrations will allow PDG to make necessary protocol refinements that stakeholders identify.