

1 **Data Systems and Information Development Committee**  
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6 The Data Systems and Information Development Committee recommends that ACSA:

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8 1. Urge CCC/USDA to allow and recommend EWR, Inc. or another software provider to create  
9 a calendar-based application that provides the availability of shipment ready dates, such as a  
10 report of available open shipments (in bales) by day, by warehouse code, or a report including  
11 the number of days out and/or next available date by warehouse for new shipment scheduling;  
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- 13 2. Urge CCC/USDA and other licensing authorities to require warehouses to obtain a unique  
14 Warehouse Code for any storage shed or building that is a separate physical location from the  
15 primary licensed facility's complex, and further urge ACSA members to bill back to the  
16 warehouse those expenses incurred from having cotton stored in multiple physical locations  
17 under one USDA License;  
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- 19 3. Recommend that software providers facilitate the further improvement to cotton flow by  
20 enhancing visibility and communication of the data, such as adding notification alerts when a  
21 new batch is received and add an interactive chat / communication tool for on-the-spot  
22 discussion and resolve of ready dates;  
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- 24 4. Urge Cotton Warehouse Association of America (CWAA) and Cotton Growers Warehouse  
25 Association (CGWA) to encourage all warehouses to enroll in the EWR electronic phyto-  
26 sanitary application process and recommend [require] all shippers to enroll and consistently  
27 utilize the electronic phyto-sanitary application process;  
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- 29 5. Urge the ACSA e-Phyto Working Group to continue communication with APHIS to develop  
30 and support an electronic interface in addition to the manual process for phytosanitary  
31 applications through the Phytosanitary Certificate Issuance and Tracking System (PCIT), and  
32 further, encourage ACSA, APHIS, and appropriate USDA officials to work with the United  
33 Nations ePhyto Industry Advisory Group to assist in initiating full implementation of  
34 electronic phyto-sanitary certificates both domestically and in consuming countries;  
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- 36 6. Encourage all members to continue developing an understanding of emerging technologies  
37 and, to facilitate such member understanding, further recommend that ACSA form a working  
38 group to align with Cotton Technology Alliance to develop an industry repository of standards  
39 for interoperability between all parties within the cotton supply chain;  
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- 41 7. Recommend that ACSA, CWAA and CGWA form a working group to develop a proposal for  
42 a service-based appointment reservation system;  
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- 44 8. Recommend the creation of an ACSA working group to work with the banking industry on  
45 modernizing document processing or other relevant matters;  
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- 47 9. Recommend that ACSA collaborate with Cotton Incorporated to focus on better utilization of  
48 EFS and develop enhancements to the current platform;  
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- 1 10. Support the objectives, promotion of, and member subscription to the U.S. Cotton Trust  
2 Protocol (USCTP) for the overall benefit and competitiveness of the U.S. cotton industry, and  
3 in the event the cotton industry commits to providing specific USCTP bales, urge that specific  
4 actions are taken to segregate inventory, for example, designating USCTP bales on the EWR;  
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- 6 11. Urge EWR, Inc. to add Receiving, Load Out, Compression, Paid Through Date and Farm  
7 Number fields to Batch 13, noting that doing so will allow these fields to be updated by the  
8 issuing warehouses without requiring receipts to be transferred for updating;  
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- 10 12. Work with NCC, USDA, and warehouse system providers to standardize warehouse tariff  
11 formats, noting that having standardized tariff formats will allow the USDA and the bale owner  
12 to clearly see the normal warehouse charges and any penalty charges that follow the cotton,  
13 and further noting the importance that this format is used for the public tariff as well as the  
14 loan tariff;  
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- 16 13. Request USDA/APHIS/PPQ to continue its efforts to streamline and standardize the  
17 procedures for phyto-sanitary certificate issuance and work in conjunction with the ePhyto  
18 Industry Advisory Group to proliferate the adoption of ePhyto use globally;  
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- 20 14. Urge USDA and other federal agencies to utilize electronic filing, processing, and responses,  
21 which are currently done manually, for:
  - 22 • ELS Competitiveness filings to the USDA-CCC;
  - 23 • Export Sales Report;
  - 24 • Export Declaration and other documents to the U.S. Customs Department;
  - 25 • GSM Loan documents; and,
  - 26 • Spot Quotations.  
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