

# Global Trade Alert

## API – Terms of Use

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## PREAMBLE

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These Terms of Use ("API ToU") govern the Subscriber's use of the GTA API delivery channel. They supplement the GTA Data Terms of Use ("Data ToU") and are read alongside the GTA API Service Level Agreement ("API SLA") and the Service Contract. Capitalised terms not defined herein have the meaning given in the Data ToU.

The Data ToU governs all matters relating to the Licensed Data itself, including intellectual property, licence grant, usage rights, warranties, liability, and governing law. These API ToU address only the operational terms specific to the API delivery channel.

## 1. ADDITIONAL DEFINITIONS

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- **'API'** means the programmatic interface provided by SGEPT for accessing the Licensed Data.
- **'API Key'** means the unique authentication credential issued to the Subscriber for API access.
- **'Endpoint'** means a specific URL path through which the API delivers data (e.g. Data, Impact Chain, Ticker).
- **'Rate Limit'** means the maximum number of API requests permitted per unit of time, as specified in the Service Contract.

## 2. API ACCESS

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### 2.1 Authentication

The Subscriber shall access the API exclusively through the API Key issued by SGEPT. Each API Key is unique to the Subscriber and must not be shared with third parties.

### 2.2 Credential Security

The Subscriber is responsible for:

- Storing API Keys securely and not embedding them in publicly accessible code repositories.
- Rotating API Keys periodically or upon suspicion of compromise.
- Notifying SGEPT immediately if an API Key is compromised or suspected to be compromised.

SGEPT reserves the right to revoke and reissue API Keys if a security risk is identified.

## 3. TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS

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The API provides access to the Licensed Data through the following endpoints (as updated from time to time):

- **Data Endpoint:** Full access to intervention records matching the Subscriber's package selections.
- **Impact Chain Endpoint (Product):** Granular implementing-product-affected jurisdiction relationships at the HS code level.
- **Impact Chain Endpoint (Sector):** Broader sector-level impact relationships.

- **Ticker Endpoint:** Updates to existing interventions.

Data is available in Standard and AI-Ready formats. The Subscriber is responsible for integrating with the API to access updates.

## 4. ACCEPTABLE USE

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In addition to the usage restrictions in the Data ToU, the Subscriber shall not:

- Exceed the Rate Limit specified in the Service Contract, or attempt to bypass rate-limiting mechanisms.
- Use automated tools to systematically overload the API beyond reasonable operational use.
- Attempt to reverse-engineer, decompile, or disassemble any part of the API.
- Use the API in any way that could impair its performance or interfere with other Subscribers' use.

## 5. VERSION MANAGEMENT

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The format and structure of the API may change over time. SGEPT will provide at least thirty (30) calendar days' written notice before implementing changes that affect the Subscriber's existing integration. Deprecated API versions will remain available for at least ninety (90) days following the introduction of a replacement version.

## 6. INCORPORATION

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The Data ToU governs all legal terms applicable to the Subscriber's use of the API, including without limitation: intellectual property (Data ToU Section 3), licence grant (Data ToU Section 4), attribution (Data ToU Section 5), warranties and disclaimers (Data ToU Sections 11–12), assumption of risk (Data ToU Section 13), limitation of liability (Data ToU Section 14), indemnification (Data ToU Section 15), and governing law (Data ToU Section 21).

Performance commitments for the API are set forth in the API SLA.