

**Commercial Customs Operations Advisory Committee (COAC)
U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP)**

December 11, 2024
1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. (EDT)
Virtual Meeting via Microsoft Teams

COAC Public Meeting Agenda

Opening Remarks

CBP: Troy Miller
Acting Commissioner

Treasury: Daniel Paisley, Senior Counsel for Tax, Trade & Tariff Policy

DHS: Tasha Reid Hippolyte, Deputy Assistant Secretary
Trade and Economic Competitiveness

ICE: Ivan Arvelo, Director, National Intellectual Property
Rights Coordination Center, Homeland Security Investigations

COAC: Dave Corn, Trade Co-Chair, Member
Julie Pojar, Trade Co-Chair, Member

The Secure Trade Lanes Subcommittee will provide updates on its seven active working groups: the Centers Working Group, the Cross-Border Recognition Working Group, the De Minimis Working Group, the Export Modernization Working Group, the FTZ/Warehouse Working Group, the Pipeline Working Group, and the Trade Partnership and Engagement Working Group. The Centers Working Group consolidated its review of the Centers' communications functions into the Structure Sub-Working Group and the Operations Sub-Working Group. The Centers Working Group as a whole, through these two sub-working groups, continues to evaluate the structure and operations of the Centers to enhance their effectiveness, increase transparency, and build stronger communities within CBP and with the Trade. The Cross-Border Recognition Working Group is evaluating whether all deliverables outlined in the Statement of Work have been achieved to determine next steps. CBP has formed a De Minimis Task Force to assist the De Minimis Working Group regarding the timeframe for submitting de minimis shipments. The De Minimis Working Group, via the Task Force, intends to present proposed recommendations at the December quarterly COAC meeting. The Export Modernization Working Group has continued its work on the Electronic Export Manifest Pilot Program and the effects of progressive filing by the shipper to continuously update export information on successive dates, rather than on a specific date. The Export Modernization Working Group is also working on previous proposed recommendations to determine if new proposed recommendations need to be made and is reviewing the status of proposed recommendations that have not been finalized. The Drawback Task Force, within the Export Modernization Working Group, has continued discussions around COAC-approved recommendations that are in the process of being implemented from last quarter. They are also

conducting an analysis of program statistics in the areas of streamlining drawback ruling processes, reviewing compliance issues, and examining areas to maximize resources. The FTZ/Warehouse Working Group continues to review 19 CFR part 146, explore areas in which the Customs-Trade Partnership Against Terrorism (CTPAT) program can be expanded, and consider how to modernize ACE functionality for Foreign Trade Zones (FTZs), and it anticipates presenting proposed recommendations for the COAC's consideration at the December public meeting. The Pipeline Working Group has continued discussing the most appropriate commodities for and potential users of Distributed Ledger Technology to engage in the contemplated pilot for tracking pipeline-borne goods. The Global Interoperability Standard (GIS) Information Collection Federal Register Notice (FRN) was published on September 3, 2024 (89 FR 71381), and comments were accepted through November 4, 2024. The Pipeline Working Group has no proposed recommendations for this quarter.

CBP: Susan Thomas, Executive Director
Cargo & Conveyance Security
Office of Field Operations

COAC Members: Angela Cook
Stephen Simmons

Public Comment Period

15 Minute Health Break

The Next Generation Facilitation Subcommittee will provide updates on all its existing working groups. The Automated Commercial Environment (ACE) 2.0 Working Group was focused on completing discussions on the Concept of Operations document regarding scenarios on Electronic Export Manifest (EEM) and portal for infrequent importers, along with the CBP status of previous working group proposed recommendations earlier this term. The Broker Modernization Working Group (BMWG) remains dedicated to the enhancement of the end user experience and improving the administration of the Customs Broker Licensing Exam (CBLE). This quarter, the Modernized Entry Processes Working Group (MEPWG) continues its National Customs Automation Program (NCAP) discussions and will provide updates on its efforts concerning the reconciliation test. The remaining working group, the Customs Interagency Industry Working Group (CIIWG), was not active this past quarter but will provide a report on topics that the working group will focus on in the coming quarter.

CBP: Brandon Lord, Executive Director
Trade Policy & Programs
Office of Trade

COAC Members: Tom Gould
Kerry Novak

Public Comment Period

The Intelligent Enforcement Subcommittee will provide updates on the work completed and topics discussed in its working groups as well as present proposed recommendations for the COAC's consideration. The Antidumping/Countervailing Duty (AD/CVD) Working Group will

provide updates regarding its work and discussions on importer compliance with AD/CVD and other trade remedy measures and requirements. The Intellectual Property Rights (IPR) Process Modernization Working Group anticipates providing updates concerning progress associated with its proposed recommendations specific to IPR enforcement and facilitation. The Forced Labor Working Group (FLWG) will provide updates on continued discussions regarding trade outreach, clarification of requirements, and proposed recommendations. The FLWG reports that it will continue to provide CBP with input as CBP rolls out a case management portal. The Bond Working Group remained on hiatus status since the last public meeting.

CBP: Eric Choy, Executive Director
Trade Remedy Law Enforcement
Office of Trade

COAC Members: Heather Litman
Julie Pojar
Matthew Zehner

Public Comment Period

Closing Remarks and Adjourn