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**Action Required:** Informational

**Background:**

- The Customs Interagency Industry (CII) Working Group focuses on operational, technical, policy, and regulatory issues involving U.S. Government agencies that are also Border Interagency Executive Council (BIEC) members.
  - U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) established the CII Working Group in March 2023 as a conduit for the trade community to identify critical opportunities for improving and streamlining import-export processes.
  - The CII Working Group replaced the One United States Government Working Group and operates under the Commercial Customs Operations Advisory Committee’s Next Generation Facilitation Subcommittee.
- CBP aligned the statement of work for the CII Working Group’s objective of creating opportunities for industry stakeholders to provide input to and engage with the BIEC, member partner government agencies (PGAs), and other agencies with equities and authorities at the U.S. border. Areas of shared interest include but are not limited to”
  - Supply chain management
  - Automation and trade-data processing
  - Process optimization
  - Risk management
  - Other areas of shared interest

**Issue:**

- Building on previous and ongoing CBP and interagency efforts, the working group will provide focused feedback and formulate actionable recommendations for a whole-of-U.S. Government approach that will coordinate strategic solutions as well as advance national security, trade enforcement, and trade facilitation.

**Current Status:**

- The CII Working Group provides the trade community an opportunity to engage directly with BIEC PGA representatives and identify topics that affect U.S. Government agencies and the trade community.
  - In Fiscal Year 2024, CBP presented an overview of Automated Commercial Environment (ACE) Modernization.
  - PGAs presented these initiatives:
    - The U.S. Department of Agriculture-Agricultural Marketing Service National Organics Program rollout.
    - The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency hydrofluorocarbons filing requirements.
    - The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission e-filing beta pilot.
    - The U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) presentation on e-cigarettes, vapes, and other electronic nicotine delivery systems.

- An update on the FDA *Modernization of Cosmetics Regulation Act of 2022*.
- CBP and representatives of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the FDA discussed the Entry Type 86 test.

**Next Steps:**

- The CII Working Group will:
  - Facilitate interagency-related recommendations that promote economic competitiveness, enhance trade facilitation, and facilitate efficient enforcement.
  - Work to establish a more efficient and seamless single window by streamlining language and recommending improvements within the PGA message set.
  - Identify data redundancies and challenges in the current message set structure and identify opportunities to reduce them.
  - Identify requirements and enhancements to promote efficiencies under the ACE modernization effort.
    - Explore the feasibility of integrating functionality into ACE.
  - Identify PGA systems in which the trade community is required to transmit data in addition to filing in ACE.

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