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**Action Required:** Informational

**Background:**

- The Cross-Border Recognition Working Group is tasked to provide U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) with recommendations and advice on various trade facilitation approaches, such as:
  - Potential improvements to physical, technical, and operational aspects of border infrastructure.
  - Improvements and/or potential operational changes to the Unified Cargo Processing (UCP) program.
  - The further development of the Customs Trade Partnership Against Terrorism (CTPAT) program, and that of Mexico's Authorized Economic Operator (AEO) program, to ensure that the two programs are aligned.

**Issue:**

- The working group has accomplished the goals previously set and will be seeking additional opportunities for trusted trade partners. The redirection of topics and issues of focus will remain within the overall Statement of Work. Future initiatives could include exploring advanced tracking technologies and development of trusted trade corridors.
- In the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> quarters of FY24 there have been less actions items for the group to address.

**Current Status:**

- CBP and the COAC will revisit the Statement of Work to identify opportunities to further develop and refine recommendations.

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