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**Action Required:** Informational

**Background:**

- In the 17th term of the Commercial Customs Operations Advisory Committee (COAC), U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) will continue with the work identified by De Minimis Working Group.
- The working group crafted a new statement of work and is now operating under the Secure Trade Lanes COAC Subcommittee, which will focus on:
  - Developing strategies that enhance CBP's efforts in strengthening supply chains and increasing vigilance to prevent the introduction of chemicals or other materials used in the production of fentanyl and other illicit drugs.
  - Addressing data quality issues with respect to de minimis transactions. The COAC will provide input regarding enhanced methods to ensure data quality.
    - Developing solutions to address reoccurring compliance issues such as: timely presentation of freight, manifesting, weight to value ratio, and Partner Government Agency (PGA) referrals.
  - Identifying alternative enforcement actions to increase compliance; including abandonment, denied entry, penalties, etc.
  - Discovering solutions to effectively receive feedback from the Trade on de minimis.
    - Identify ways to improve CBP's outreach to better educate the Trade on de minimis requirements and compliance.
  - Additional subject matters deemed necessary by the agency.

**Issue:**

- The De Minimis Working Group has been reviewing Automated Commercial Environment (ACE) developments.
  - The ACE enhancement update (CBP 077) will provide a validation to ensure that an appropriate party does not receive section 321 clearance for more than an aggregate of \$800 in shipments on a given day.
  - The Cargo and Conveyance Security, Manifest Conveyance Security Division (MCSD), Office of Trade - Trade Policies and Programs (OT-TPP), Trade Transformation Office (TTO) and Office of Trade Relations (OTR) met with the newly developed COAC De Minimis Automation Task Force to discuss the implementation of the \$800 aggregate.
  - The deployment of a warning flag/message sent automatically to the filer of the manifest (carrier) and broker if an entry type 86 is filed is set for January 11, 2025.
  - The Trade has been notified that no sooner than 30 days after January 11, 2025, CBP will initiate enforcement of shipments in violation of 19 USC 1321.
  - CBP is gathering additional input from industry on the automation enhancement, flow of cargo, and industry response when a hard rejection occurs upon arrival.

**Current Status:**

- Provide overview of ACE developments.
- Provide feedback on recent CBP guidance to the Trade.

**Next Steps:**

- Provide additional feedback related to the section 321 data pilot success and lessons learned.
- Provide a Q&A for the ACE Developments

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