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Next Generation Facilitation Subcommittee**

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**Report of the Work of the COAC
Subcommittee on Next Generation Facilitation**

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Background

The following working groups make up the Next Generation Facilitation Subcommittee:

- 1) Emerging Technologies, co-chaired by Celeste Catano and Barry Baxter
- 2) 1USG co-chaired by Warren Hastings and Madeleine Veigel
- 3) 21st Century Customs Framework: Unified Entry Processes Working Group (UEP), co-chaired by JD Gonzalez and Kathy Wilkins

All subcommittee objectives and scope are consistent with the official charter of COAC.

Summary of Work

The Next Generation Facilitation Sub-Committee has the responsibility of looking at opportunities to enhance the trade and government processes, policies and programs, enabling the trade and CBP to be better positioned for the future. Our Sub-Committee currently consists of three working groups. Each have had substantial tasks over the last few months and continue to work on recommendations.

Emerging Technology:

The Emerging Technology working group will continue to offer practical strategic approaches, solutions/suggestions and recommendations in areas related to new and emerging technologies related to Trade. Since the July COAC meeting the Emerging Technology working group had monthly meetings that focused on innovative technologies. These informational sharing sessions focused on trade facilitation, standards for Blockchains, single service windows for air cargo and new tools used by partnering government agencies. Moving forward, the team will continue to push towards new and innovative ways of solving complex problems and look for opportunities to apply into today's processes.

1USG (One United States Government):

The 1USG (one United States government) working group has been established to collaborate with CBP on efforts between government agencies and industry stakeholders. Since the last COAC public meeting in July 2020, the 1USG working group has held three working group conference calls. The calls have focused on Partner Government Agency status of ACE implementations, as well as speakers from the USDA who provided explanations of the collection of agriculture fees. During the last conference call, CBP also provided a detailed summary of the Global Business Identifier project and the current status of the project. Discussions also continue on a future workshop between CBP, the 1USG and Trusted Trader working groups and a PGA on developing a trusted trader program with the PGA. A future workshop will be scheduled.

21st Century Customs Framework: Unified Entry Processes Working Group (UEP):

Since the last COAC meeting on July 15, 2020, the Unified Entry Process Working Group (UEP) has held one (1) conference call and one (1) leadership call along with a joint call with the 1USG WG to evaluate any crossover between the two groups and ensure information is being captured with software requirements. The WG calls focused on reviewing the data elements and process flows to further refine and address a direction in line with CBP's 21st Century Customs Framework development.

The Working group will continue to work on transforming the entry process that meets current and future trade needs with a seamless, secure, and expedited trade environment that reduces administrative burdens and will allow timely enforcement determinations while enhancing trade facilitation.

E-Commerce:

The e-Commerce working group has been closed out; however, CBP and the trade continue discussions on the entry type 86 and Section 321 Advanced Data pilots.

Conclusion

The Next Generation Facilitation Subcommittee will continue to leverage the existing working groups and its many trade stakeholders to provide feedback on the various challenges facing CBP and the Trade and collaborate to help CBP achieve its dual goals of trade facilitation and enforcement.