

**Commercial Customs Operations Advisory
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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 chaired by Madeleine Veigel
- 3) 21st Century Customs Framework: Re-Imagined Entry, co-chaired by JD Gonzalez and Kathy Wilkins
- 4) E-Commerce, chaired by Cindy Allen

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 has gone on hiatus at this time. The Emerging Technology working group can be reconvened in the future if there is a need of support.

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 March 2021, the 1USG working group has held four working group conference calls. The calls have focused on a variety of issues, including a document identifying paper documents still required by some PGAs for importation into the U.S. The goal is to work together with those PGAs towards a truly paperless environment. Discussions this past quarter also involved the PGA disclaim handbook and PGA guest speakers providing updates on ACE

implementations and other pilot programs. The IUSG will continue to discuss a future PGA trusted trader workshop, among other projects.

21st Century Customs Framework: Re-Imagined Entry

The re-imagined entry processes working group has completed a series of six deep-dive sessions to review the entire entry process and when entry data becomes available. The intent of this study is to determine the points along the supply-chain where the data is first available to enhance the facilitation and security of the entry process. The RIEP WG will report on the progress of the deep-dive sessions and what needs to be completed in order for the next steps to be outlined in the process.

E-Commerce:

The reactivated E-Commerce Task Force has begun regular meetings to discuss the regulatory framework for CBP's vision in the E-Commerce environment.

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.