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Action Required: Informational

Background:

- U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) established a Commercial Customs Operation Advisory Committee (COAC) working group – the One United States Government COAC Working Group (1USG COAC WG) – in July 2019. This working group operates under and reports up through the Next Generation Facilitation Subcommittee.
- The 1USG WG serves as the conduit for the trade community to identify critical opportunities for improving and streamlining import-export processes. It focuses on operational, technical, policy and regulatory issues that involve multiple U.S. government agencies, which are also members of the Boarder Interagency Executive Council (BIEC).

Issue:

- This working group builds upon COAC, CBP, and interagency efforts, to serve as a forum for the trade to address questions/suggestions/feedback related to the PGAs about their roles and processes, or topics to be routed through the BIEC.

Current Status:

- The 1USG WG kick-off meeting for the 16th COAC term was held on February 24, 2022. The COAC Trade Lead for the 1USG WG is Jose D. Gonzalez (J.D. Gonzalez L.C.B.) and Craig Seelig (WiseTech Global). The CBP Leads for the 1USG WG are Queena Fan and Julie Stoeber (Office of Trade) and Valarie Neuhart and Latoria Martin (Office of Trade Relations).
- The 1USG WG has collaborated on the following efforts:
 - Global Business Identifier (GBI) Initiative and technical development
 - Fish and Wildlife Services (FWS) Message Set pilot
 - U.S. Department of Agriculture, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (USDA-APHIS) Core Message Set
 - Section 321 and *de minimis* guidance for PGA-regulated commodities
 - Interagency Trusted Trade Initiative and/or reciprocity with Customs Trade Partnership Against Terrorism (CTPAT)
 - The Disclaim Authorities Handbook
 - Support for the 21st Century Customs Framework (21CCF) Trade Modernization Initiative and PGA engagement.
- The 1USG WG collaborates with the BIEC agencies to better align trade industry priorities and practices with PGA priorities and practices.
- The 1USG WG has held its sixth virtual PGA Trusted Trader Workshop on February 23, 2022, to continue discussion of the development of a PGA Trusted Trader program. Follow up discussions are with PGAs to chart a path forward for the creation of integrated,

interagency Trusted Trader initiatives and/or reciprocity with Customs-Trade Partnership Against Terrorism (CTPAT).

- The GBI project team continues to provide updates on the GBI Evaluative Proof of Concept (EPoC) and will reach out to the WG for additional feedback.
- The “Disclaim Authorities Handbook,” which clarifies the use of declaration disclaim codes for shipments of PGA-regulated commodities, is under CBP review and awaiting publication to CBP.gov.

Next Steps:

- The 1USG WG continues to support efforts under the 21st Century Customs Framework (21CCF) to ensure PGA engagement and feedback on industry proposals from the 21CCF Focus Group and 21CCF Taskforce.
- The 1USG WG will engage with the PGAs and industry to identify enhancements and requirements to inform the development of ACE 2.0.

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