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Action Required: Informational

Background:

- The Working Group has forwarded a list of recommended regulatory language that will support a proposed future-state for in-bonds that includes regulatory, technical and policy solutions based on identified issues with current in-bond processing
 - These listed recommendations are consistent with CBP's automation and process goals and support the direction of the in-bond program.
 - The white paper is intended to be incorporated into the 21st Century Customs Framework reporting with a new version (v. 12) completed.
 - Technical issues in the white paper have been consolidated into a separate paper and is being submitted to the TSN for development of a technical plan.

Current Status:

- The In-Bond Working Group (IBWG) is continuing in its efforts to develop proposed regulatory language addressing needed changes to implement recommendations found in the In-Bond white paper submitted in the last calendar year Commercial Customs Operations Advisory Committee (COAC).
- The newly proposed language focuses on necessary refinements to the electronic in-bond process that will enable CBP to implement the recommendations announced in the Department of Treasury, Office of Inspector General's (Treasury OIG) recommendations for in-bond improvement.

Next Steps:

- The IBWG will continue to engage in the development of proposed regulatory language intended to incorporate technical and policy efforts in the next quarter.
- Additional efforts will involve determining economic and operational benefits associated to delivered solutions.
- The new Working Group continues to craft specific recommendations from the issues identified in the white paper.

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