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In-bond Working Group**

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Action required: Informational

Executive Summary:

- The In-Bond Working Group (IBWG) has continued to both refine recommendations for regulations and policy changes and to assist in implementing recommendations found in the In-Bond white paper submitted in the last calendar year Commercial Customs Operations Advisory Committee (COAC).
- Focus areas include refining regulatory recommendations and assisting CBP in development of recommended regulatory change, assistance with outreach for new implementations and aligning the current recommendations to the Department of Treasury, Office of Inspector General's (Treasury OIG) recommendations for in-bond improvement where applicable.

Background:

- The Working Group has identified solutions and has developed a white paper outlining a proposed future-state for in-bonds that includes regulatory, technical and policy solutions based on identified issues with current in-bond processing.
 - These recommendations, which have been consolidated and turned over the Trade Support Network (TSN), 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.

Moving Forward:

- The IBWG has generated an additional recommendation 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 has begun to craft specific recommendations from the issues identified in the white paper.

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