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Customs Interagency Industry Working Group**

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**Action Required:** Informational

**Background:**

- The Customs Interagency Industry (CII) Working Group was established by U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) in March 2023 to serve as a conduit for the trade community to identify critical opportunities for improving and streamlining import-export processes.
- The CII Working Group replaced the One United States Government Working Group and operates under the Commercial Customs Operations Advisory Committee's Next Generation Facilitation Subcommittee.
- The CII Working Group focuses on operational, technical, policy, and regulatory issues that involve multiple U.S. Government agencies that are also members of the Border Interagency Executive Council (BIEC).
- The existing statement of work was aligned to the CII Working Group's objective to create opportunities for industry stakeholders to provide input to and engage with the BIEC, member partner government agencies, and other agencies with equities and authorities at the U.S. border on supply chain management, automation and trade-data processing, process optimization, risk management, and other areas of mutual interest.
- The CII Working Group kick-off meeting occurred July 27, 2023.

**Issue:**

The CII WG will build on previous and ongoing, CBP, and interagency efforts, providing focused feedback, and formulating actionable recommendations that identify a whole-of-U.S. Government approach to coordinate strategic solutions to advance national security, trade enforcement, and the trade facilitation missions.

**Current Status:**

- The COAC trade leads for the CII Working Group are Jose D. Gonzalez (J.D. Gonzalez L.C.B.) and Craig Seelig (WiseTech Global).
- CBP leads are Shelly Bumphus and Julie Stoeber (Office of Trade) and Valarie Neuhart and Natalie Thompson (Office of Trade Relations).
- The CII Working Group affords the trade community an opportunity to directly engage with representatives of the BIEC partner government agencies and identify topics affecting multiple agencies and the trade community.
- The CII works to identify data redundancies in partner government agencies message sets that the trade community feels could be reduced or alleviated.

**Next Steps:**

- The CII Working Group will facilitate interagency-related recommendations that promote economic competitiveness, enhanced trade facilitation, and efficient enforcement.
- The CII Working Group will work to identify data redundancies and identify solutions to reduce or alleviate them.

- The CII Working Group will identify requirements and enhancements to promote efficiencies under the Automated Commercial Environment 2.0 effort.

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