

Commercial Customs Operations Advisory Committee Next Generation Facilitation Subcommittee

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**Report of the Work of the COAC
Subcommittee on Next Generation Facilitation Subcommittee**

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Background

The following working groups make up the Next Generation Facilitation Subcommittee:

- 1) ACE 2.0 co-chaired by Tom Gould, Jody Swentik
- 2) Customs Interagency Industry (CII) formerly One US Government co-chaired by JD Gonzalez, Craig Seelig
- 3) Passenger Air Operation co-chaired by JD Gonzalez, Vicente Herrera
- 4) Emerging Technologies –inactive

All subcommittee objectives and scope are consistent with the official charter of COAC.

Summary of Work

The Next Generation Facilitation Subcommittee 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. The subcommittee currently consists of three active and one inactive working groups. The subcommittee will leverage its three active working groups and trade stakeholders to provide feedback on the various challenges facing CBP and the trade and collaborate to help CBP achieve its dual goal of trade facilitation and enforcement.

No recommendations will be made from the working groups at the December 2023 public meeting.

ACE 2.0:

ACE 2.0 Working Group advises CBP with insight on how ACE 2.0 can better facilitate the entry process by identifying gaps covering entry, manifest, security, Import Security Filing (ISF), Air Cargo Advance Screening (ACAS), post entry, audit and export by ensuring collection of the best and most reliable data; enabling risk management and cargo decisions further in advance of cargo arrival; harmonizing procedures to enhance predictability and reduce friction for trade and government stakeholders; and utilizing the full potential of automation to scale critical operations. The objectives of the working group are to recommend an operational framework for

an improved ACE 2.0 Customs process; Move data collections further in advance of cargo arrival and/or departure; and identify areas in the Customs process that will benefit from automations and modernization.

The ACE 2.0 Working Group did not meet this quarter; however a half day virtual session is scheduled with the Working Group on December 19, 2023. The Working Group will review the scenario of the Collections process and obtain trades feedback on accuracy, identify gaps and discuss implications to the supply chain. Additional business cases may be reviewed if time permits. Ultimately, the goal of the session is to support the securing of the Automated Commercial Environment (ACE) 2.0 Acquisition and Concept of Operations.

Customs Interagency Industry (CII) (formerly 1USG) Working Group

The CII working group had multiple meetings during the past quarter. We discussed several topics including the amount of repetitive data that the trade has to send today in ACE when it comes to PGA reporting. We discussed the various challenges that this presents to the trade today. The working group will continue to review these requirements with an eye on changes for ACE 2.0. In our most recent meeting, we also discussed any current PGA processes that are currently handled outside of ACE today, with the goal of automating these processes in the future.

Passenger Air Operations:

The Passenger Air Operations (PAO) Working Group, was formed for industry to have the opportunity to identify modernized passenger processing rules and regulations, streamline the passenger experience at U.S. ports of entry, and identify challenges that impact operations.

Since the last public meeting on September 20, 2023, the Passenger Air Operations Working Group had one virtual meeting. During this meeting, CBP and the industry have had interesting conversations about the CBP seals on badges transferrable among ports and how to automate the seal application process, and how to find common ground with TSA on the requirements. Elimination of the paper forms 7507 and 5129 to be replaced with the information provided in the electronic General Declaration (Gen Dec) airlines provides to CBP on the arrival of international flights. This effort will require some changes to the existing regulations.

Emerging Technology:

Working group inactive.

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.