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Customs Interagency Industry Working Group**

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Action Required: Informational

Background:

- The Customs Interagency Industry (CII) Working Group (WG) 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 will replace the One United States Government Working Group.
- The CII WG operates under the Next Generation Facilitation Subcommittee and 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).

Issue:

- The CII WG builds upon Commercial Customs Operations Advisory Committee (COAC), CBP, and interagency efforts to serve as a forum for the trade community to address questions, suggestions, and feedback related to partner government agencies (PGAs) about their roles and processes, and other topics routed through the BIEC.

Current Status:

- The CII WG kick-off meeting for the 17th COAC term will be held in Summer 2023.
- The COAC trade leads for the CII WG are Jose D. Gonzalez (J.D. Gonzalez L.C.B.) and Craig Seelig (WiseTech Global); CBP leads are Jeremy Bambara and Julie Stoeber (Office of Trade) and Valarie Neuhart and Natalie Thompson (Office of Trade Relations).

Next Steps:

- The One United States Government statement of work has been aligned to the CII WG's objective to create opportunities for industry stakeholders to provide input to and engage with the BIEC, its member PGAs, 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 WG will conduct its business with the goal of promoting economic competitiveness through enhanced trade facilitation and enforcement and will strive for interagency-related recommendations that promote economic competitiveness and enhanced trade facilitation and efficient enforcement.

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