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Action Required: Informational

Background:

- The EMWG was chartered with the following work as a goal:
 - Assist CBP in the development of an updated CBP Export Strategy focusing on development of 21st Century procedures and processes to both enhance export enforcement and facilitate exports to the benefit of the U.S. economy.
 - As CBP implements the accepted recommendations of the previous Export Subcommittee, assistance will be needed to both review and assist in the development of the operational requirements for electronic export manifest and assist in the expansion of the current pilots to full operational status.
 - Assist CBP in the development of regulatory change to mandate the use of electronic export manifest for all modes and review existing CBP export regulations to support the EMWG goals.
 - Work with CBP and Census Bureau to evaluate the requirements for Post Departure filing enhancements for Electronic Export Information (EEI).
 - Work with other working groups and subcommittees to identify export equities and provide feedback and content including Regulatory Reform.
 - The Export Modernization Working Group has published a white paper identifying a strategic path for CBP enforcement of U.S. export requirements.

Current Status:

- EMWG completed the document for EEM Pilot Participation Benefits.
 - CBP is reviewing the recommendation, ideas, and concepts it contains to explore how to expand EEM participation and create a document increase awareness.
- EMWG COAC subgroup for truck manifest continues to collaborate with Partner Government Agencies to determine their needs for data elements which could be required to capture for outbound truck manifest. This group will continue for 2023 to document the needs for truck EEM.
- EMWG conducted a in person work group which helped built a punch list of items to explore for exports.
 - EMWG is working thru eight of these punch list items and has completed one.
- CBP is continuing to add EEM pilot participants and is seeing interest expand to other carriers and modes.
- The EEM Pilots has shown improvements to operations, Rail pilot at the two ports with two carriers has shown a 75% (2 hour to 30 min) workload reduction by officers reviewing rail manifests. Census has seen various improvements to their statistical data when comparing EEM to EEI, with Date of Export in Rail having an 87.3% percent correction.

Next Steps:

- Continue to work to turn the strategic vision of the white paper into COAC recommendations that can be implemented.
- Truck subgroup continues to meet to build requirements for Truck EEM and meet with Partner Government Agencies to document equities and data elements.
- Review and work thru the punch list the EMWG built to explore ways to modernize or automate exports.

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