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1USG Working Group**

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Action Required: Informational

Background:

- U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) established the Commercial Customs Operation Advisory Committee (COAC) One U.S. Government Working Group (1USG WG) in July 2019. This working group operates under and reports up through the Next Generation Facilitation Subcommittee.
- The 1USG WG serves as the conduit for the trade community to identify critical opportunities to improve and streamline import-export processes. It 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 1USG WG collaborates with BIEC agencies to better align trade industry priorities and practices with partner government agency (PGA) priorities and practices.
- CBP has deployed the Global Business Identifier (GBI) Evaluative Proof of Concept (EPoC) functionality in the Automated Commercial Environment (ACE). CBP began accepting volunteers on December 19, 2022, and will accept volunteers on a continuous basis.
- A GBI EPoC webinar for the trade community was held on February 28, 2023. This webinar featured presentations from CBP and each of the three global identifier owners, providing a status update on the GBI EPoC and information about the respective identifiers and how to obtain them.
- The first 16th COAC term 1USG WG meeting was February 24, 2022.
 - COAC trade community leads are Jose D. Gonzalez (J.D. Gonzalez L.C.B.) and Craig Seelig (WiseTech Global).
 - CBP Office of Trade leads for the 1USG WG are Queena Fan and Julie Stoeber (Office of Trade)
 - CBP Office of Trade Relations leads are Valarie Neuhart and Natalie Thompson.
- At its sixth virtual PGA Trusted Trader Workshop on February 23, 2022, the 1USG WG continued discussions on developing a PGA Trusted Trader (PGA TT) initiative. Additional discussions with PGAs will chart a path forward for the creation of an integrated PGA TT initiative.

Issue:

- The purpose of this working group is to build upon COAC, CBP, and interagency efforts to create a forum for the trade community to address questions, suggestions, and feedback about PGA roles, processes, and topics routed through the BIEC.

Current Status:

- The GBI team continues to provide updates on the EPoC and will seek feedback from both the GBI Working Group under the BIEC and the 1USG WG.

- CBP is reviewing and awaiting approval to publish the “Disclaim Authorities Handbook,” which clarifies the use of declaration disclaim codes for shipments of PGA-regulated commodities.

Next Steps:

- The IUSG WG is discussing rebranding this working group to include updating the existing statement of work to:
 - Align its objectives to support customs issues.
 - Intake Commercial Customs Operations Advisory Committee COAC input for BIEC-driven initiatives.
- A follow-up to the February 28, 2023, GBI EPoC webinar, featuring speakers from PGAs that will evaluate, receive, or plan to receive data collected through the GBI EPoC, is planned for spring 2023.

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