

**Commercial Customs Operations Advisory Committee
Rapid Response Subcommittee
Executive Summary**

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Report of the Work of the COAC
Subcommittee on Rapid Response

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Background

The following working groups make up the Rapid Response Subcommittee:

- 1) Broker Modernization Working Group, or co-chaired by Brian Barber and John Van Wallaghen
- 2) U.S.-Mexico-Canada Agreement (USMCA) Working Group, co-chaired by Kerry Novak and Kathy Wilkins

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

Summary of Work

The Rapid Response Subcommittee has the responsibility of aligning Working Groups with CBP's Trade Strategy 2020. This strategy focuses on three areas aimed at modernizing import/export processes, improving trade intelligence, and maximizing efficiencies.

The Rapid Response Subcommittee met four times since the December 2022 meeting. This past quarter, the Rapid Response Subcommittee received updates from the CBP co-chairs regarding the progress and next steps for the Broker Modernization Working Group and the U.S. – Mexico – Canada Agreement (USMCA) Working Group.

Broker Modernization Working Group:

Under the 16th term, the COAC has consolidated the Customs Broker Exam Modernization and Broker Continuing Education Working Groups with the previously active Title 19 part 111 Rewrite Working Group and formed the Broker Modernization Working Group (BMWG).

This group met three times this quarter. On October 18th, 2022, CBP published the final rule relating to Modernization of the Customs Broker Regulations. The BMWG continued discussing certain aspects of the rule and offered input to CBP. Continuing Education for Licensed Customs Brokers remains in proposed rulemaking and comment review; subsequently the group is restricted from discussing but will continue work on once authorized. The group has focused

significant attention on preparation for the upcoming April customs broker exam. Both CBP and the BMWG private sector team conducted user acceptance testing on the remote access exam and provided feedback to CBP on the platform and user experience.

U.S. – Mexico – Canada Agreement (USMCA) Working Group:

The USMCA Working Group continued the in-depth review of Chapter 7, the Customs Administration and Trade Facilitation provisions of the US - Mexico - Canada Agreement (USMCA). The US-Mexico CEO Dialogue team remained engaged with members representing both Mexico and Canada, and the working group discussions on each Article contained within. The working group will have one recommendation for the March 2023 Public Meeting. The working group will also continue to refine their finding and provide focused feedback and a final report of the key areas of impact to industry.

Conclusion

The Rapid Response Subcommittee will continue to work closely with CBP on all issues related to Brokers and USMCA as appropriate.