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Action Required: Informational

Background:

- The Customs Interagency Industry (CII) Working Group 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 replaced the One United States Government Working Group and operates under the Next Generation Facilitation Subcommittee, focusing 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 existing statement of work was aligned to the CII Working Group’s objective to create opportunities for industry stakeholders to provide input to and engage with the BIEC, 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 Working Group kick-off meeting for the 17th COAC term occurred on July 27, 2023.

Issue:

The CII WG will build on previous and ongoing COAC, CBP and interagency efforts, providing focused feedback, and formulating actionable recommendations that identify a whole of U.S. Government (USG) approach to coordinate strategic solutions to advance national security, trade enforcement, and the trade facilitation missions.

Current Status:

- The COAC trade leads for the CII Working Group are Jose D. Gonzalez (J.D. Gonzalez L.C.B.) and Craig Seelig (WiseTech Global). CBP leads are Queena Fan and Julie Stoeber (Office of Trade) and Valarie Neuhart and Natalie Thompson (Office of Trade Relations).

Next Steps:

- The CII Working Group will continue promoting economic competitiveness through enhanced trade facilitation and enforcement.

- The CII Working Group will continue facilitating interagency-related recommendations that promote economic competitiveness, enhanced trade facilitation, and efficient enforcement.

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