

**Commercial Customs Operations Advisory Committee
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Secure Trade Lanes Subcommittee
De Minimis Working Group**

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Action Required: Informational

Background:

- In the 16th term of the Commercial Customs Operations Advisory Committee (COAC), CBP Kicked Off the new De Minimis Work Group on August 18, 2023.
- The De Minimis work group takes the place of the e-commerce task force.
- The De Minimis work group members were selected from a wide range of industry sectors in order to ensure comprehensive trade representation.
- The working group crafted a new statement of work and is now operating under the Secure Trade Lanes COAC Subcommittee.
 - Strategies that enhance CBP's efforts in strengthening supply chains and increasing vigilance to prevent the introduction of chemicals or other materials used in the production of fentanyl and other illicit drugs.
 - Data quality has been and remains an issue in de minimis transactions. The COAC will provide input regarding enhanced methods to ensure data quality.
 - Develop solutions to address reoccurring compliance issues such as: timely presentation of freight, manifesting, weight to value ratio, and PGA referrals.
 - Alternative to seizures and disposition of products: Develop alternative enforcement actions to increase compliance; including abandonment, denied entry, penalties, etc.
 - Feedback: Develop solutions to effectively receive feedback from the Trade related to de minimis.
 - Education, Outreach. Identify ways to improve CBP's outreach on de minimis which to better educate the Trade on de minimis requirements and compliance.
 - Additional subject matters deemed necessary by the agency.

Issue:

- The purpose of this working group is to examine the various aspects of the small package/de minimis environment to increase compliance, along with recommendations that will allow CBP to identify and interdict high-risk shipments that may contain narcotics, contraband, or counterfeit merchandise, or merchandise that poses a risk to public safety.
- This working group will expand the efforts of the former E-Commerce Task Force by taking its recommendations for data submission requirements and operationalize processes and policies.

Current Status:

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Next Steps:

- Working Group is meeting twice a week to determine a path forward for mutual cooperation.

- Trade confirm availability to attend the September 7 & 8, 2023 in person working session in DC.

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