

**Commercial Customs Operations Advisory Committee
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Draft Recommendations**

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1. COAC recommends that CBP and Trade explore options to identify opportunities to share data and information, including all entities across the supply chain, to address potentially illicit shipments.
2. COAC recommends that CBP and Trade identify and share best practices and warning indicators regarding unmanifested shipments arriving in a Master Carton.
3. COAC recommends that CBP immediately advance the utilization of non-intrusive inspection (NII) equipment, machine learning (ML), artificial intelligence (AI) and other technologies for the interdiction of illicit shipments. Technology should be integrated in such a way to avoid slowing down supply chains while facilitating compliant trade.
4. COAC recommends that CBP evaluate its procurement procedures and processes to identify ways in which technology can be adopted, purchased, and deployed more rapidly to address changes and trends in trade, including, but not limited to, the identification of legislative exemptions to expedite procurement processes.
5. COAC recommends that CBP provide a public report regarding the advancements in technology and in such a report outline a deployment strategy.
6. COAC recommends that CBP enhance communication and education to improve compliance with parties involved in the de minimis supply chain, to include written material, seminars, and short videos meant to inform and educate. Such outreach should be industry and regionally focused to inform all parties involved of their compliance obligations regarding de minimis shipments.
7. COAC recommends CBP engage with the U.S. Postal Service to require them to provide the same data elements and adhere to the same protocols including, comparable facilities, resources, technology, and administrative enforcement actions commensurate with the private sector to address the trafficking of illegal contraband.
8. COAC recommends CBP explore options with the trade that, at point of origin, utilize technologies and programs for prescreening or preclearance.