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Action Required: Informational

Background:

The working group has identified solutions and has developed a white paper outlining a proposed future-state for in-bonds that includes regulatory, technical and policy solutions based on identified issues with current in-bond processing.

- These recommendations, which have been consolidated and turned over the Trade (TSN) Support Network, are consistent with U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) automation and process goals and support the direction of the in-bond program.
- The white paper is intended to be incorporated into the 21st Century Framework reporting with a new version (v. 12) completed.
- Technical issues in the white paper have been consolidated into a separate paper and is being submitted to the TSN for development of a technical plan and request(s) for development.

Issue:

- The In-bond Working Group (IBWG) has been continued to both refine recommendations for regulations and policy changes and to assist in implementing recommendations found in the In-Bond white paper submitted in the last COAC.
- Focus areas include refining regulatory recommendations and assisting CBP in development of recommended regulatory change, assistance with outreach for new implementations and aligning the current recommendations to the Inspector General's recommendations for in-bond improvement where applicable.

Next Steps:

- The IBWG has generated an additional recommendation in order to incorporate into both technical and policy efforts in the next quarter.
- Additional efforts will involve determining economic and operational benefits associated to delivered solutions.
- The new working group has begun to craft specific recommendations from the issues identified in the white paper.

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