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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 (1USG) Working Group and operates under the Commercial Customs Operations Advisory Committee's (COAC) Next Generation Facilitation Subcommittee. The CII Working Group kick-off meeting occurred July 27, 2023.
- The CII Working Group focuses 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 partner government agencies (PGAs), and other agencies with equities and authorities at the U.S. border. Topics include supply chain management, automation and trade-data processing, process optimization, risk management, and other areas of mutual interest.

Issue:

- The CII Working Group will build on previous and ongoing CBP and interagency efforts. It will provide focused feedback and formulate actionable recommendations for a whole-of-U.S. Government approach to coordinate strategic solutions to advance national security, trade enforcement, and trade facilitation.

Current Status:

- The CII Working Group provides the trade community an opportunity to directly engage with BIEC PGA representatives and identify topics affecting multiple agencies and the trade community.
- Recent presentations include:
 - An overview of the Automated Commercial Environment (ACE) 2.0;
 - The U.S. Department of Agriculture-Agricultural Marketing Service's National Organics Program roll out;
 - The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's hydrofluorocarbons (HFC) filing requirements
 - The Consumer Product Safety Commission's e-filing beta pilot;
 - The Food and Drug Administration's E-Cigarettes, Vapes, and Other Electronic Nicotine Delivery Systems; and
 - A discussion with representatives of Environmental Protection Agency and the Food and Drug Administration regarding the Entry Type 86 test.

Next Steps:

- The CII Working Group will:
 - Facilitate interagency-related recommendations that promote economic competitiveness, enhanced trade facilitation, and efficient enforcement;
 - Establish a more efficient and seamless single window by streamlining language and recommending improvements within the PGA message set;
 - Identify data redundancies and solutions to reduce or alleviate them;
 - Identify requirements and enhancements to promote efficiencies under the ACE 2.0 effort; and
 - Identify systems used outside of ACE and integrate functionality into ACE 2.0.

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