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De Minimis Working Group**

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Action Required: Informational

Background:

- In the 17th term of the Commercial Customs Operations Advisory Committee (COAC), U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) will continue the work identified by the De Minimis Working Group.
- The working group crafted a new statement of work and is now operating under the Secure Trade Lanes COAC Subcommittee.
 - There is a focus on developing 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.
 - Another focus is on creating alternative enforcement actions to increase compliance; including abandonment, denied entry, penalties, etc.
 - Finding solutions to effectively receive feedback from the Trade related to de minimis is being prioritized.

Issue:

- The De Minimis Work Group made recommendations during the 16th term of the COAC that are still being reviewed and further refined.

Current Status:

- COAC participated in the 2nd Annual De Minimis Summit in New York City, in May 2024.
- CBP has provided stats to help develop additional recommendations and better identify problem areas.
- COAC meetings are on a regular cadence and have been well received by our members.

Next Steps:

- Work to improve identification of problem areas within de minimis to develop the most effective solutions.
- Receive, review, and take appropriate action on any additional recommendations from our working group members.

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