

**Commercial Customs Operations Advisory Committee (COAC)
Trusted Trader Subcommittee – Trade Executive Summary**

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**Report of the Work of the COAC
Subcommittee on Trusted Trader Program**

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1. Background:

At the April 24, 2015, COAC meeting, the first quarterly meeting of the 14th Term Commercial Customs Operations Advisory Committee (COAC), it was decided that topics from the 13th Term Trusted Trader subcommittee would continue to be worked on in the 14th Term. The Trusted Trader subcommittee objectives and scope are consistent with the official charter of COAC.

2. Objectives and Statement of Work:

It is expected that, during the lifespan of this subcommittee, the focus will be on providing advice and recommendations in one or more of the following areas, and reviewing the scope and capability of meeting both national and international criteria through:

- Trusted Trader Program
- C-TPAT/AEO Programs

After engaging in full deliberation and discussion, the subcommittee shall advise the COAC of any advice or recommendations related to any CBP trusted trader program. Specifically the subcommittee is expected to help CBP develop an enhanced CBP trusted trader program and to continue to advise CBP on C-TPAT issues. By developing a program that includes trade compliance and enforcement, CBP is moving C-TPAT towards a true AEO program, thus creating an opportunity to both amend its current mutual recognition agreements (MRAs) and enhance its future MRAs by including trade compliance criteria and offering corresponding incentives for participants.

3. Summary of Work:

Since the last quarterly COAC meeting on March 1, 2017, the Trusted Trader Subcommittee has held one meeting, on June 22, 2017, as a full committee. The Trusted Trader Subcommittee has completed the strategy framework, and in line with the agreed direction, the Trusted Trader Subcommittee has and will continue to focus on the following:

- Development of a Trade Compliance program to replace the current Importer Self-Assessment program on full evaluation of the Trusted Trader Pilot;
- An assessment of current and future benefits under the Trusted Trader program; and

- Conduct a full assessment of the Pilot Trusted Trader program as it relates to Partner Government agency involvement towards achieving international interoperability.

4. Next Steps:

The Subcommittee will continue to be engaged in a number of COAC efforts where the Trusted Trader concept is integral, including the Global Supply Chain Subcommittee's Working Group on the C-TPAT Minimum Security Criteria, the Export Subcommittee's Post-departure Filing Working Group, the IUSG's North American Single Window Alignment Working Group, and the Trade Enforcement and Revenue Collection's Working Group on Forced Labor.

Additionally, a full review with the pilot participants of the current and future Trusted Trader process and benefits is planned to solidify the future direction in line with the developed strategy document.