

# **Commercial Customs Operations Advisory Committee (COAC) Global Supply Chain Subcommittee – Executive Summary**

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# CUSTOMS COMMITTEE ON COMMERCIAL OPERATIONS

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## I. Background

The Advisory Committee on Commercial Operations of Customs and Border Protection (COAC) determined to carry on the work from the 14<sup>th</sup> Term COAC Global Supply Chain Subcommittee.

### **Mission Statement:**

*Advance priorities that promote trade facilitation, global customs modernization and global supply chain security, to enhance the competitiveness of our American businesses.*

**Trade Co-Chairs:** Adam W. Salerno, Brandon Fried, Alexandra Latham (TT Subcommittee), Mike Young (TT Subcommittee)

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## II. Summary of Work

### **COAC Global Supply Chain Subcommittee**

The Global Supply Chain Subcommittee will present the status of a pilot that will test the utilization of existing Automated Commercial Environment (ACE) automation in the pipeline mode of transportation. Meetings continue to further this pilot program and an update will be provided at the next COAC meeting.

There will also be a discussion on the progress of Emerging Technologies Working Group. This includes the development of a pilot program using blockchain technology. There have been several full day in person meetings and conference calls to build new solutions that use this technology to improve the import/export process.

There will also be an update on identifying issues within the scope of the “Changes to the In-Bond Process” final rule published in the Federal Register on September 28, 2017. This will focus on the policy and procedures defined within the current regulations. Primary areas of concern relate to requirement of HTSUS for all IB moves, the suppression of release information prior to physical arrival of cargo at IB (FIRMS) location – especially in relation to truck power shortages, written proof of export, and diversion. There will be two day face to face meeting in DC (Beauregard) on February 22nd and 23rd. CBP is also working on material for outreach, FAQ’s etc. covering the new regulations – the implementation period has been extended to July 2, 2018.