Commercial Customs Operations Advisory Committee (COAC)
Trade Enforcement and Revenue Collection (TERC)/Antidumping and Countervailing Duty (AD/CVD) Working Group

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Action Required: Informational

Background:

- Antidumping and countervailing duty (AD/CVD) enforcement is a priority for U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP).
- CBP enforces 490 AD/CVD orders on imported goods. CBP employs significant national assets to target AD/CVD evasion, including import trade trend and valuation analysis, the use of targeted reviews and audits to address high-risk cases, lab testing, and special operations.
- The Commercial Customs Operations Advisory Committee (COAC) Trade Enforcement and Revenue Collection (TERC) subcommittee formed the AD/CVD working group to generate advice and develop recommendations specific to AD/CVD. The AD/CVD working group consists of COAC members and nonmembers providing diverse perspectives on AD/CVD issues. Members of the working group include importers, customs brokers, sureties, U.S. manufacturers, lawyers, and participants from the Department of Commerce (Commerce) and Immigration and Customs Enforcement, Homeland Security Investigations (ICE HSI).
- CBP also strives to be as transparent on AD/CVD enforcement as disclosure laws allow, and regularly posts AD/CVD information on CBP.gov and CBP's new AD/CVD Twitter page.

Issue:

- CBP is committed to enforcing AD/CVD laws, identifying and penalizing those who would try to evade those laws, and facilitating legitimate trade.

Current Status:

- CBP regularly provides updates to the AD/CVD Working Group on new AD/CVD developments.
- CBP has had productive discussions on such issues as critical circumstances (retroactive duty requirements), and is in the process of improving the information available to importers on this subject.
- CBP is currently working to redesign the ACE AD/CVD Portal with Commerce. CBP is engaging with the COAC to garner feedback on how to improve the user interface for the trade community.
- CBP has activated the AD/CVD Twitter page. This page is located on CBP.gov, includes tweets about important AD/CVD related events or news, and increases transparency between CBP and the trade.

Next Steps:

- CBP will continue to engage with the AD/CVD Working Group of the COAC to improve the transparency of CBP's AD/CVD enforcement and processing, providing more information on AD/CVD requirements to facilitate legitimate AD/CVD imports, and obtain trade input on proposed changes to CBP's AD/CVD policies.

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