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Action Required: Informational

Issue: CBP is standing up a new COAC working group - the 1USG (One United States government) Working Group (WG) – which will operate under and report up through the Next Generation Facilitation Subcommittee. The 1USG WG will serve as a key conduit to CBP and the Border Interagency Executive Council (BIEC) agencies on priority initiatives impacting CBP, its Partner Government Agencies (PGA), industry stakeholders and international government entities – with a special focus on operational, technical, policy and regulatory issues that involve more than one U.S. government agency.

Background: The 1USG WG will create opportunities for industry stakeholders to provide input to, and engage with, the BIEC, its member PGAs, and other agencies with equities and authorities at the U.S. border on: supply chain management, Single Window and trade data processing, process optimization, risk management and other areas of mutual interest. It will build upon previous and ongoing COAC, CBP and interagency efforts, providing focused feedback, and formulating actionable recommendations that identify a One-US government approach toward coordinated strategic solutions.

Current Status: The 1USG WG held its kick-off meeting on July 31, 2019. The COAC Trade leads for the 1USG WG are Luisella Basso of Pitney Bowes Global E-Commerce, Warren Hastings of Cardinal Health, and Madeline Veigel of Expeditors International. CBP leads for the 1USG WG are Lea-Ann Bigelow and Julie Stoeber, Office of Trade, Valarie Neuhart and Karmeshia Tuck, Office of Trade Relations.

The Scope of Work for the 1USG WG – as well as initial projects to be undertaken by this new working group – is still being finalized, but is expected to encompass:

- Proposing strategies to promote ongoing interagency Single Window/ACE enhancement efforts;
- Identifying gaps in trade automation, data utilization and process management, as well as policy and regulatory obstacles, and determining steps to overcome them;
- Providing industry perspective to inform the proposed Global Business Identifier (GBI) pilot and eventual implementation;
- Delivering recommendations that strengthen and advance CBP and PGAs integrated Trusted Trader programs;
- Providing input and expertise regarding International Single Window initiatives and partnerships to explore the automated government-to-government exchange of data and interoperability of trade data systems.

Next Steps: A second meeting will be held August 27, 2019 to review the 1USG Scope of Work and plan for an in-person working session.

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