

# Commercial Customs Operations Advisory Committee (COAC) Government Issue Paper: Section 321 – Entry Type 86 Test

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Section 321 – Entry Type 86 Test

**Action Required:** Informational

**Background:**

- Section 321, De Minimis is the process by which cargo can be imported by one person on one day and as cited in 19 CFR 10.151. The value of the imported cargo may be free of duties and taxes. All existing processes and restrictions for these shipments remain the same. Only the increase in value from \$200 to \$800 has changed as required by Trade Facilitation and Trade Enforcement Act (TFTEA) (Pub. L. 114-125).
- Entry Type 86 Test provides filing options for de minimis shipments to the brokerage community through this new informal entry type. This voluntary test is open to all brokers and self-filers. Carriers may continue to file entry for de minimis shipment through the current manifest process. The implementation of the entry type 86 test will strengthen CBP's security and enforcement efforts spanning across Section 321, E-Commerce, and Import Safety initiatives.
- The entry type 86 test provides filing capabilities through ABI; accommodates entries that include PGA data, includes the 10-digit Harmonized Tariff Schedule (HTS) data requirement; and expedites clearance of compliant de minimis shipments into the United States.
- A Federal Register Notice (FRN) was published August 13, 2019, to announce the entry type test.
- CBP established a Trade Support Network (TSN) Section 321 trade working group to collaborate with importers, brokers and software vendors on de minimis processing. The working group provides industry prospective regarding the implementation of de minimis automation.
- CBP has also provided outreach internally and externally through webinars. The external webinar was conducted in collaboration with NCBFAA. CBP has also conducted pre and post deployment calls to address operational concerns and to identify issues with filing.

**Issue:**

- To brief and discuss with external stakeholders the status of the Entry Type 86 Test.

**Current Status:**

- CBP implemented the Entry Type 86 Test September 28, 2019.
- Within the first month of the test implementation, CBP has accepted over 150,000 Entry Type 86 entries which represents all modes of transportation.
- Over 50,000 of these entries contained a PGA Message Set.

**Next Steps:**

- CBP will continue to encourage the trade to participate in the Entry Type 86 Test. Running the Entry Type 86 Test will assist CBP with identifying and implementing regulatory changes required for de minimis.

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