

**Commercial Customs Operations Advisory
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Next Generation Facilitation Subcommittee**

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**Report of the Work of the COAC
Subcommittee on Next Generation Facilitation**

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Background

The following working groups make up the Next Generation Facilitation Subcommittee:

- 1) Emerging Technologies, co-chaired by Celeste Catano and Barry Baxter
- 2) 1USG chaired by Madeleine Veigel
- 3) 21st Century Customs Framework: Digitally Aligned Trade Architecture (D.A.T.A.), co-chaired by JD Gonzalez and Kathy Wilkins
- 4) E-Commerce, chaired by Cindy Allen

All subcommittee objectives and scope are consistent with the official charter of COAC.

Summary of Work

The Next Generation Facilitation Sub-Committee has the responsibility of looking at opportunities to enhance the trade and government processes, policies and programs, enabling the trade and CBP to be better positioned for the future. Our Sub-Committee currently consists of three working groups. Each have had substantial tasks over the last few months and continue to work on recommendations.

Emerging Technology:

The Emerging Technology Sub-Committee will continue to offer practical strategic approaches, solutions/suggestions and recommendations in areas related to new and emerging technologies related to Trade. Over the past months since the October COAC public meeting the Sub-Committee has continued to explore new technology including Quantum Computing. The group is exploring ideas on how to leverage the synergies across other Sub-Committees that are also exploring new technology. Finally, updates were provided on the SVIP work on Blockchain pilots.

1USG (One United States Government):

The 1USG (one United States government) working group has been established to collaborate with CBP on efforts between government agencies and industry stakeholders. Since the last COAC public meeting in October 2020, the 1USG working group has held three working group conference calls. The calls have focused on a variety of issues, including the Global Business Identifier, Quota Commodity Status Reporting, APHIS-Core ACE implementation updates and Post-Summary Corrections that include quota. The 1USG will continue to discuss a future PGA trusted trader workshop and the Global Business Identifier initiative into 2021, among other projects.

21st Century Customs Framework: Digitally Aligned Trade Architecture (D.A.T.A.)

Since the last COAC meeting on October 7, 2020, the Digitally Aligned Trade Architecture (D.A.T.A.) had one COAC group meeting summarizing the 21st Century Customs Framework (21CCF) direction. The D.A.T.A. WG will engage in dialogue starting January on the objectives of the future entry environment, enabling a faster entry process and improved security that should create a seamless natural supply chain flow.

E-Commerce:

CBP and the trade continue discussions on the entry type 86 and Section 321 Advanced Data pilots.

Conclusion

The Next Generation Facilitation Subcommittee will continue to leverage the existing working groups and its many trade stakeholders to provide feedback on the various challenges facing CBP and the Trade and collaborate to help CBP achieve its dual goals of trade facilitation and enforcement.