

**Commercial Customs Operations Advisory  
Committee (COAC)  
Next Generation Facilitation Subcommittee**

July 2020

**COAC**

---

COMMERCIAL CUSTOMS OPERATIONS  
ADVISORY COMMITTEE

**Commercial Customs Operations Advisory Committee (COAC)  
July 2020**

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

**Co-Chairs**

Cindy Allen – FedEx  
Madeleine Veigel – Expeditors International  
Barry Baxter – Walmart

**Next Generation Facilitation Subcommittee Members:**

Celeste Catano, Amy Magnus, Brenda Barnes, Brian White, Jose Gonzalez, Kathy Wilkins, Mike Young, and Alexandra Latham

**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 co-chaired by Warren Hastings and Madeleine Veigel
- 3) 21<sup>st</sup> Century Customs Framework: Unifed Entry Processes Working Group (UEP), 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 working group will continue to offer practical strategic approaches, solutions/suggestions and recommendations in areas related to new and emerging technologies related to Trade. Since the April COAC meeting the Emerging Technology working group had monthly meetings that focused on innovative technologies. International Air Transport Association (IATA) kicked off the April meeting with an in-depth review of the work they are conducting with structured data standards with ONE Record and the Digital Transformation of Air Cargo. This led to numerous discussions during subsequent meetings on how standards are vital for successful data initiatives and how applicable it is in the work that is currently taking place within CBP and DHS. Going forward, several other trade members have agreed to share work that is taking place within their respective areas that continue to push towards new and innovative ways of solving complex problems.

### **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 April 2020, the 1USG working group has held two work group calls and a PGA Disclaim Code Workshop. The workgroup calls and workshop are focused on the PGA disclaim process. Specifically the workshop addressed how PGA disclaims relate to de minimis shipments, developing best practices with the PGAs and generally to increase overall awareness. The goal is to provide the trade better clarity on the PGA requirements when disclaiming a PGA.

In addition, the work group had discussions with the Trusted Trader working group and CBP on the interest of developing a PGA Trusted Trader program. The 1USG will hold a future workshop to further develop this concept.

### **21<sup>st</sup> Century Customs Framework: Unified Entry Processes Working Group (UEP):**

The UEP Working group has had several WG discussions related to identifying the pain points of the entry process, along with the various data elements that are required to be reported to CBP and the PGAs throughout the entry process. The WG has been able to define customs and trade responsibilities for merging and traditional actors that will ultimately develop a framework that needs to be addressed to move UEP into the 21st Century framework. The WG continues to review comments to further develop identified areas outlined in the flow charts provided by CBP.

### **E-Commerce:**

The e-Commerce working group has been closed out; however, 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.