

# Commercial Customs Operations Advisory Committee (COAC) Government Issue Paper: 1USG Working Group

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**Action Required:** Informational

**Issue:** In late July 2019, CBP stood up a new Commercial Customs Operation Advisory Committee (COAC) working group – the One United States Government Working Group (1USG WG) – which operates under and reports up through the Next Generation Facilitation Subcommittee. The 1USG WG serves as a key conduit to CBP and the Border Interagency Executive Council (BIEC) agencies on priority initiatives impacting CBP, its Partner Government Agencies (PGAs), industry stakeholders and international government entities – with a special focus on operational, technical, and policy and regulatory issues that involve more than one U.S. government agency.

**Background:** The 1USG WG creates 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 pertaining to supply chain management, Single Window and trade data processing, process optimization, risk management and other areas of mutual interest. It builds upon previous and ongoing COAC, CBP, and interagency efforts; provides focused feedback; and formulates actionable recommendations that identify a 1USG approach toward coordinated strategic solutions.

**Current Status:** The 1USG WG kick-off meeting was held in August 2019. The COAC Trade Lead for the 1USG WG is Madeline Veigel of Expeditors International. CBP Leads for the 1USG WG are Lea-Ann Bigelow and Julie Stoeber (Office of Trade) and Valarie Neuhart and Karmeshia Tuck (Office of Trade Relations).

To date, the 1USG WG has collaborated on the following efforts:

- Two-day “Deep Dive” on the Global Business Identifier (GBI), culminating in 17 recommendations made to the COAC in December 2019;
- Working group review of the GBI proposed performance measures;
- Engagement with U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) in order to support the April 6, 2020 reopening of the FWS message set pilot for commodities regulated by FWS;
- Briefing by U.S. Department of Agriculture, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (USDA-APHIS) on upcoming enforcement of harmonized tariff schedule code flagging for the APHIS Core message set and planned webinars hosted by National Customs Brokers and Forwarders Association of America to familiarize the trade with APHIS Core;
- 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; and
- Collaboration with the BIEC agencies to better align trade industry priorities and practices with PGA priorities and practices.

**Next Steps:** Since its inception, the 1USG WG has met thirteen times. On July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020 the 1USG WG held a virtual workshop to clarify the use of disclaim codes in the PGA message set.

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