

Commercial Customs Operations Advisory Committee (COAC)

Secure Trade Lanes Subcommittee: Export Modernization Working Group Government Issue Paper

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Action Required:

- Informational Only

Background:

- The COAC Export Modernization Working Group (EMWG) was announced at the February 2019 meeting of the COAC and established over the next 2 months.
- The EMWG was chartered with the following work as a goal :
 - Assist CBP in the development of an updated CBP Export Strategy focusing on development of 21st Century procedures and processes to both enhance export enforcement and facilitate exports to the benefit of the U.S. economy.
 - As CBP implements the accepted recommendations of the previous Export Subcommittee, assistance will be needed to both review and assist in the development of the operational requirements for electronic export manifest and assist in the expansion of the current pilots to full operational status.
 - Assist CBP in the development of regulatory change to mandate the use of electronic export manifest for all modes and review existing CBP export regulations to support the EMWG goals.
 - Work with CBP to implement the requirements for Post Departure filing enhancements and expansion to new participants.
 - Work with other working groups and subcommittees to identify export equities and provide feedback and content including e-Commerce and Regulatory Reform.
- Discussion of the draft document and export pain points was held at Trade Symposium 2019 with over 300 attendees and multiple comments received.
- A full review and documentation of all data elements, pain points with providing and updating data and identifying data owners and timeframes when available has been completed and the working group is focused on developing an export modernization strategy aligned with the 21st Century Initiative.
- The EMWG has completed the first version of the White Paper.

Issue:

- CBP has worked with the COAC to establish an export modernization working group comprised of export focused trade partners, CBP and relevant Partner Government Agencies including the Census Bureau and the Bureau of Industry and Security.
- The working group was established to identify ways to assist CBP to more effectively enforce export laws and regulations while leading to a more facilitative export environment that benefits the U.S. economy as a whole.
- The Export Modernization Working Group has completed the first version of a White Paper intended to act as a strategic roadmap for 21st century export processing.

Next Steps:

- Continue to enhance the white paper that identifies a comprehensive future state for CBP's export modernization strategy aligned with the 21st Century Initiative.
- Continue efforts to refine the implementation recommendations including technical and regulatory requirements for CBP and PGAs.

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