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Action Required: Informational

Background:

- In late July 2019, CBP established the One United States Government Working Group (1USG WG) – which operates under the COAC 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.

Issue:

- The 1USG WG creates opportunities for industry stakeholders to engage the BIEC and other agencies with equities and authorities at the U.S. border in conversation regarding supply chain management, Single Window and trade data processing, process optimization, risk management and other areas of mutual interest.

Current Status:

- 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;
 - The GBI project and technical teams met with the COAC 1USG WG to obtain feedback on the technical buildout and enrollment process for the GBI Evaluative Proof of Concept (EPoC);
 - 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;
 - The 1USG WG held a virtual PGA Trusted Trader Workshop on November 30, 2020 to discuss possible integration of CBP’s and PGAs’ Trusted Trader and trade compliance 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:

- Follow up discussions are being held with PGAs to chart a path forward for the creation of integrated, interagency Trusted Trader initiatives and/or reciprocity with Customs Trade Partnership Against Terrorism (C-TPAT).
- The GBI project team will continue to provide updates to the 1USG WG on upcoming GBI development and will reach out to the WG for additional feedback as needed.

- Collaboration with industry and PGAs to develop a publicly available “Disclaim Handbook” to clarify the use of declaration disclaim codes for shipments of PGA regulated commodities, targeted for publication to CBP.gov late Spring 2021.