

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.
- After a brief leadership meeting, the EMWG held its first full meeting on April 22, 2019 with a review of the charter and goals of the group.
- 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.
- Additional meetings have been held to review and edit an Electronic Export Manifest Business Process Document draft.
- 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 working group has conducted a series of 2 hour working sessions in lieu of a face to face meeting and has refined the topics for development of strategic plan.
- The EMWG has outlined the strategic document and has begun work on the drafting.

Issue:

- Acknowledging the trade's concerns about ending the Export Sub-committee, CBP has worked with the COAC to establish a new export modernization working group.
- 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.

Next Steps:

- Continue the development of a white paper that identifies a comprehensive future state for CBP's export modernization strategy aligned with the 21st Century Initiative.

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