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Domestic Manufacturing and Production Working  
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**Action Required:** Informational

**Background:**

- The Commercial Customs Operations Advisory Committee (COAC) Domestic Manufacturing and Production Working Group under the COAC Rapid Response Subcommittee launched in April 2022.
- This group was set up to further understand the areas of trade within U.S. Customs and Border Protection's (CBP) authority that impact domestic industries.
- Specifically, this group provides input regarding trade enforcement issues, within CBP's scope of authority, that are impactful to domestic manufacturers and producers.
- The intensive schedule of biweekly meetings of the working group includes in-depth discussions on diverse topics that reflect the wide array of domestic manufacturing interests included on this working group.
- The working group includes COAC members who are domestic manufacturers and non-COAC members representing domestic manufacturing interests.
- The working group successfully met its goals under the COAC's Rapid Response Subcommittee to provide a rapid response forum for thorough discussions from domestic manufacturer perspectives of consequential CBP trade enforcement issues affecting domestic manufacturer interests.
- Discussions in the working group have focused on intellectual property rights enforcement, compliance of *de minimis* shipments with intellectual property rights and duty requirements, Harmonized Tariff Schedule classification and other import filing requirements for *de minimis* shipments, the potential impact of the increased value of the U.S. dollar on trade trends, and related issues of concern to domestic manufacturers.
- Recommendations and input from the working group were provided at the June 29, 2022 and September 14, 2022 COAC public meetings, and referred to the corresponding COAC subcommittees and working groups for further consideration.

**Issue:**

- CBP enhances national economic security and domestic manufacturing by enforcing U.S. trade laws and facilitating trade.

**Current Status:**

In October 2022, after completing discussion of the final agenda items, the working group members unanimously agreed to put the working group in hiatus until additional rapid response input is needed.

**Next Steps:**

The COAC Domestic Manufacturing and Production Working Group successfully achieved its goals to obtain input and recommendations on trade enforcement issues, within CBP's scope of authority, that are impactful to domestic manufacturers and producers.

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