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Executive Summary:

- The 2022 COAC Working Group was established to identify ways to assist U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) to enforce export laws and regulations while leading more effectively to a more facilitative export environment that benefits the U.S. economy.
- The focus of the 2022 session of the Commercial Customs Operations Advisory Committee (COAC) will be to implement issues identified in the Export Working Group's white paper focusing on:
 - Advanced electronic export manifest use by a larger percentage of the exporting carrier community,
 - Advising CBP and developing techniques to assist CBP in development and implementation of regulations mandating electronic export manifest.
 - Continuing engagement with U.S. Census Bureau and Bureau of Industry and Security to ensure compliance, update requirements and regulations to accommodate potential changes brought about by CBP's electronic export manifest.
 - Work with the Working Group to develop an advanced electronic manifest program and pilot for land border truck shipments in cooperation with Mexico and Canada.
 - Continue work on the strategic vision for future changes to implement a 21st Century solution set for exports.

Background:

- 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 evaluate the requirements for Post Departure filing enhancements and expansion to new participants post Electronic Export Manifest (EEM).
 - Work with other working groups and subcommittees to identify export equities and provide feedback and content including e-Commerce and Regulatory Reform.
 - The Export Modernization Working Group has published a white paper identifying a strategic path for CBP enforcement of U.S. export requirements.

Current Status:

- EMWG completed the document for EEM Pilot Participation Benefits.

- CBP is reviewing the recommendation, ideas and concepts it contains to explore how to expand EEM participation.
- EMWG COAC subgroup for truck manifest continues to collaborate with partner government agencies to determine their needs for data elements, which could be required to capture for outbound truck manifest. This group will continue for 2023 to work on documenting the needs for truck EEM.
- CBP is continuing to add EEM pilot participants and is seeing interest expand to other carriers and modes.

Next Steps:

- Work to turn the strategic vision of the white paper into COAC recommendations that can be implemented.
- Truck subgroup continues to meet to build requirements for Truck EEM and meet with partner government agencies to document possible equities and data elements.
- Discuss other areas of exports that could use modernization or automation.

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