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**Action Required:** Informational

**Background:**

- U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) is implementing risk-based bonding by leveraging our existing authorities to develop a sustainable approach with focus on near-term deliverables.

**Issue:**

- The Bond Working Group recommended that CBP update Customs Directive 3510-004, Monetary Guidelines for Setting Bond Amounts.

**Current Status:**

**Risk-Based Bonding Initiative**

- CBP is working to complete the following remaining initiatives:
  - Advancing the Notice of Proposed Rulemaking to incorporate eBond in 19 CFR § 113 to update eBond functionality from a test to a requirement, eliminate the majority of paper bond processing, and ensure bonds are on file.
  - Finalizing guidance for CBP field personnel about the proper submission of various types of bonds by eBond and non-eBond participants and to provide guidance on Informal entry bond requirements.
  - Finalizing review of the internal directive, Monetary Guidelines on Setting Bond Amounts, with the intent to publish in spring of 2023. CBP will follow up publication with a corresponding external guidance document.

**Automated Commercial Environment (ACE) eBond Enhancements**

- CBP is meeting biweekly with the Trade Support Network (TSN) to draft Requests for Development (RFDs) to incorporate remaining bond types into ACE eBond.
- The 15th Term Commercial Customs Operations Advisory Committee (COAC) Bond Working Group previously submitted recommendations for the incorporation of four additional types of eBonds. In order of priority, they are: Importer Security Filing (ISF), Department of Transportation (DOT), International Trade Commission (ITC), and the Intellectual Property Right (IPR) bonds.
  - The TSN completed the ISF RFD and CBP presented it at the Product Management Committee meeting in February for prioritization.
  - The DOT RFD is being drafted.

**Additional Areas of Focus**

- CBP issued guidance to its personnel (via memo) and the trade community (via Cargo Systems Messaging Service message #53992279) about verifying bond amounts and requests for additional security for Temporary Importation under Bond entries.

**Next Steps:**

- CBP will publish the Monetary Guidelines on Setting Bond Amounts in the near term.
- CBP will collaborate with TSN to finalize the DOT RFD and begin work on the remaining RFDs.

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