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Action Required: Informational

Background:

- The Customs Interagency Industry (CII) Working Group was established by U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) in March 2023, to serve as a conduit for the trade community to identify critical opportunities for improving and streamlining import-export processes.
- The CII Working Group replaced the One United States Government Working Group and operates under the Commercial Customs Operations Advisory Committee’s Next Generation Facilitation Subcommittee.
- The CII Working Group focuses on operational, technical, policy, and regulatory issues that involve multiple U.S. Government agencies that are also members of the Border Interagency Executive Council (BIEC).
- The existing statement of work was aligned to the CII Working Group’s objective to create opportunities for industry stakeholders to provide input to and engage with the BIEC, member partner government agencies (PGAs), and other agencies with equities and authorities at the U.S. border. Topics include supply chain management, automation and trade-data processing, process optimization, risk management, and other areas of mutual interest.
- The CII Working Group kick-off meeting occurred July 27, 2023.

Issue:

- The CII Working Group will build on previous and ongoing CBP and interagency efforts, providing focused feedback, and formulating actionable recommendations that identify a whole-of-U.S. Government approach to coordinate strategic solutions to advance national security, trade enforcement, and trade facilitation.

Current Status:

- The CII Working Group continues to provide the trade community an opportunity to directly engage with representatives of the BIEC PGAs and identify topics affecting multiple agencies and the trade community.
- The working group identifies data redundancies in PGA message sets that the trade community feels could be reduced or alleviated.
- The working group provides a platform for BIEC PGAs to address topics of impact/interest to the Trade. Recent presentations included an overview of the U.S. Department of Agriculture-Agricultural Marketing Service’s National Organics Program roll out, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency’s hydrofluorocarbons filing requirements, the Consumer Product Safety Commission’s e-filing beta pilot, the Food and Drug Administration’s E-Cigarettes, Vapes and Other Electronic Nicotine Delivery Systems, and a discussion with EPA and FDA regarding the Entry Type 86 test.

Next Steps:

- The CII Working Group will continue:
 - Facilitating interagency-related recommendations that promote economic competitiveness, enhanced trade facilitation, and efficient enforcement;
 - Identifying data redundancies and identify solutions to reduce or alleviate them; and
 - Identifying requirements and enhancements to promote efficiencies under the Automated Commercial Environment 2.0 effort.

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