

Commercial Customs Operations Advisory Committee Rapid Response Subcommittee

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Report of the Work of the COAC
Subcommittee on Rapid Response

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Background

The following working groups make up the Rapid Response Subcommittee:

- 1) U.S.-Mexico-Canada Agreement (USMCA) Working Group, chaired by Kerry Novak

All subcommittee objectives and scope are consistent with the official charter of COAC.

Summary of Work

The Rapid Response Subcommittee has the responsibility of aligning Working Groups with CBP's Trade Strategy 2020. This strategy focuses on three areas aimed at modernizing import/export processes, improving trade intelligence, and maximizing efficiencies.

The Rapid Response Subcommittee met once since the December 2024 public meeting. This past quarter, the Rapid Response Subcommittee placed the U.S. – Mexico – Canada Agreement (USMCA) Working Group on hiatus, and the Broker Modernization Working Group was shifted to the Next Generation Facilitation Subcommittee. As a result of these two changes, there are no active Working Groups in the Rapid Response Subcommittee at this time.

U.S. – Mexico – Canada Agreement (USMCA) Working Group:

The USMCA Working Group completed the in-depth review of Chapter 7, the Customs Administration and Trade Facilitation provisions of the US - Mexico - Canada Agreement (USMCA) in December 2023. The team met in January to finalize discussions and pending open issues. Documentation resulting from the working group has been submitted to USTR. There are no additional recommendations from the USMCA Working Group this quarter. The working group is now on hiatus pending any further USMCA requirements or issues.

Conclusion

The Rapid Response Subcommittee will stay in the ready for any new Working Groups to be assigned to it this term.