

**Commercial Customs Operations Advisory Committee  
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Secure Trade Lanes Subcommittee  
De Minimis Working Group**

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**Action Required:** Informational

**Background:**

- In the 17th term of the Commercial Customs Operations Advisory Committee (COAC), CBP will continue with the work identified by De Minimis Work Group.
- The working group crafted a new statement of work and is now operating under the Secure Trade Lanes COAC Subcommittee.
  - Strategies that enhance CBP's efforts in strengthening supply chains and increasing vigilance to prevent the introduction of chemicals or other materials used in the production of fentanyl and other illicit drugs.
  - Data quality has been and remains an issue in de minimis transactions. The COAC will provide input regarding enhanced methods to ensure data quality.
    - Develop solutions to address reoccurring compliance issues such as: timely presentation of freight, manifesting, weight to value ratio, and PGA referrals.
  - Alternatives to seizure and disposition of products: Develop alternative enforcement actions to increase compliance; including abandonment, denied entry, penalties, etc.
  - Feedback: Develop solutions to effectively receive feedback from the Trade related to de minimis.
    - Education, Outreach. Identify ways to improve CBP's outreach on de minimis to educate the Trade on de minimis requirements and compliance.
  - Additional subject matters deemed necessary by the agency.

**Issue:**

- De Minimis Work Group made recommendations during the 16th term of the COAC that are still being reviewed and further developed.
- Outline the scope of the problem in de minimis to help identify solutions.
- Work continues to refine de minimis areas of cooperation and future recommendations.

**Current Status:**

- Provide statistical analysis to the group to identify problem areas.
- Outline technology enhancements CBP is undertaking to enhance de minimis accountability.
- Provide feedback on recent CBP guidance to the trade community.

**Next Steps:**

- Continue to outline the problem areas within de minimis to find the best solutions.

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