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Action Required: Informational

Background:

- The Trade Act of 2002 requires advance transmission of electronic cargo information from both United States (U.S.) imports and exports. U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) is seeking pre-departure data on export transactions to conduct risk assessments.

Issue:

- Current export manifest regulations do not mandate predeparture electronic submission of outbound cargo manifest information.
- CBP needs to update existing outbound regulatory requirements for filing outbound manifest in the ocean, rail, air, and truck environments.

Current Status:

- The Office of Field Operations (OFO), Cargo and Conveyance Security (CCS) has posted on CBP.GOV the Electronic Export Manifest (EEM) Pilot Participation Benefits paper.
- Currently under development.
 - Automated Commercial Environment (ACE) Truck Export Manifest portal with a tentative scheduled deployment of Fall 2024.
 - Level of Effort completed, and funding required for development of Truck Export Manifest Electronic Data Interface (EDI) message format.
- The Export Modernization Working Group (EMWG) COAC remains diligent in working through a variety of recommendations provided from collaboration with the Trade Community. Recent efforts include but are not limited to progressive filing in the export environment.
- Canada Border Services Agency (CBSA) has joined the EMWG COAC to discuss EEM, the benefits of EEM, and how it impacts the Trade Community.
- OFO, CCS is continuing to work with the Office of Rules and Regulations on EEM Notices of Proposed Rulemaking and EEM pilot extensions for FY2024.
- Census preliminary data analysis of rail and vessel EEM data has shown positive impacts.

Next Steps:

- Continue the strategic vision of the white paper into COAC recommendations that can be implemented.
- Truck subgroup continues discussions to build requirements for Truck EEM and meet with Partner Government Agencies to document equities and data elements.
- Work with the EMWG to explore ways to modernize or automate exports.
- Draft and publish a Truck EEM Pilot to the Federal Register.

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