

COAC ONE U.S. GOVERNMENT AT THE BORDER SUBCOMMITTEE

1. General Description

a. Objective/Goal of the subcommittee

The primary objective/goal of the Subcommittee is to implement the January 15, 2013 COAC 12th Term Recommendation: *That CBP pursue interagency partnership programs following the principles and standards set forth in the One US Government Master Principles Document and progress toward completion can be measured via CBP reporting quarterly back to COAC on progress being made to implement programs that align with these principles, principally through the Border Interagency Executive Council (BIEC).*

The purpose of the above stated objective is to lower costs, increase competitiveness and increase ease of doing business, utilize as much of the current system design that is existing ensuring that a modern business model is being used for importing goods into the United States.

b. Where does it fit in our trade transformation strategy?

The One U.S. Government at the Border (1USG) subcommittee fits within several guiding principles of CPB's Trade Transformation strategy including: Modernization, Consistency & Harmonization, Co-Creation, Bi-Directional Education and the development of a Comprehensive Trusted Trader Program.

c. Chair/Co-Chair Names

The COAC Trade Co-Chairs are Mary Ann Comstock, UPS Supply Chain Solutions and Susie Hoeger Abbott Laboratories. The government subcommittee Co-Chairs are John P. Leonard, Acting Executive Director, Executive Director Brenda Smith and Carol Cave, Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC/ Co-chair to the Border Interagency Executive Council (BIEC)).

d. Number of participants from COAC

The One U.S. Government at the Border Subcommittee is comprised of 13 COAC members and 8 U.S. Government members.

2. Working groups under subcommittee

a. 1USG Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Working Group

- i. Goal:** To provide recommendations to the subcommittee regarding the single window automation, information sharing among government agencies and a government wide approach to partnership programs as related to the EPA. The work completed by this working group will serve as a business case for working with additional partner government agencies in the area of the single window and information sharing areas.

1. Update:

- a. We do not expect the working group to supply recommendations specific to EPA/CBP matters prior to the October 2013 public COAC meeting. This action was at the request of the EPA working group representatives. However, during the meetings the working group was successful in providing trade feedback to the Environmental Protection Agency and CBP regarding EPA's pilot using the Partner Government Agency Message Set (PGA-MS). The area of focus for EPA at this time is in Ozone Depleting Substances (ODS) and Vehicles and Engines (V&E). This trade feedback has led to changes in the EPA pilot that will be helpful to both the government and the trade.
- b. The EPA working group has met six times since the May 22nd public meeting. Most of the working group sessions were webinars in order to conduct a review of data samples and record layouts required by EPA in the PGA-MS pilot.
- c. The working group plans to formulate specific EPA/CBP related recommendations in the areas of blanket declarations, expansion of the CBP 5106 for partner government agency account management requirements, the need for common definition of data elements between agencies and other general recommendations.

b. 1USG Food and Drug Administration (FDA) Working Group

- i. **Goal:** To provide recommendations to the subcommittee regarding the single window automation, information sharing among government agencies and a government wide approach to partnership programs as related to the FDA.

1. Update:

- a. We expect the working group will not supply any recommendations at the August 7th public COAC meeting. The working group completed its evaluation of a list of approximately sixteen recommendations and identifying which might be overlapping with the Express Association of America Industry Working Group (EAA-IWG) which has been meeting directly with FDA since early 2012.
- b. The FDA working group has met five times since the May 22nd public COAC meeting. As of July 25th the working group has not yet met with FDA representative Domenic Veneziano or his team.
- c. The working group is formulating recommendations in the areas of advance data reporting, single window, the need for common definition of data elements between agencies, the harmonization of exam protocols between agencies, incorporating the FDA and PGAs into the Centers of Excellence and Expertise as well as other general recommendations.

CBP is working with the trade, through the COAC 1USG FDA Working Group and the Trusted Trader Working Group to find areas of mutual interest to FDA and CBP that can be leveraged to move towards alignment with the 1USG Roadmap.

3. Highlights

Accomplishments

- i. Following discussion with the COAC 1USG EPA working group the EPA was able to change the EPA PGA MS samples and guidelines in the areas of eliminating repeating entity information, elimination of parallel data elements, and the elimination of data elements. This has proven to be a win-win for both the private sector and the government agencies.
- ii. The 1USG subcommittee met twice since the May 22nd COAC public meeting. The subcommittee discussions focused on the progress of the two working groups (EPA and FDA), the Border Interagency Executive Council – memorandum of intent 1USG Roadmap project, and the work of the International Trade Data System (ITDS) Board of Directors.
- iii. Currently Customs and Border Protection (CBP), Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC), and USDA's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) have signed the Border Interagency Executive Council's One U.S. Government at the Border Roadmap.
- iv. On June 19th, members of the COAC 1USG FDA Working Group and CBP participated at the Express Association of America's (EAA) Industry Working Group (IWG) meeting with core FDA representatives at White Oak, Maryland. FDA provided the private sector a status on recommendations made by this group in May 2012.
- v. COAC members Mary Ann Comstock and Liz Shaver participated at the June 20th ITDS Board of Directors meeting and informed the Board of the progress of the COAC 1USG subcommittee and the two working groups. The ITDS BOD provided positive feedback to the COAC members and requested that they be kept informed of further progress.