

# ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON COMMERCIAL OPERATIONS TO CUSTOMS AND BORDER PROTECTION

## One U.S. Government at the Border Subcommittee Executive Summary – Trade Progress Report July 2015

### 1. Background:

The Advisory Committee on Commercial Operations of Customs and Border Protection (COAC) determined to carry on the work from the 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> Term COAC One US Government at the Border Subcommittee. The Mission of the Subcommittee is to implement the January 15, 2013 COAC 12<sup>th</sup> 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).*

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### Outline of Work

The Subcommittee continued its work in promoting the One USG Master Principles document through the two active Working Groups: the Single Window Working Group and the CPSC Working Group.

### 2. Summary of Work

#### Single Window Working Group

A Single Window Working Group (SWWG) was formed, consisting of importers, filers, and software vendors, along with CBP representatives. The focus of the SWWG is on ACE implementation and single window automation for CBP and the PGAs. More specifically, the group was tasked with developing recommendations with regards to the trade's readiness for the November 1 ACE filing deadline. Several meetings and discussions were held. The SWWG has drafted eight recommendations addressing ACE entry summary, ACE cargo release, the Document Imaging System (DIS), and guidelines/communication. These recommendations will be brought to vote at the July public meeting.

## **CPSC Working Group**

The CPSC Working Group was established to facilitate a dialogue between CPSC, CBP and the broader trade community on the flow of information between the trade, CBP, and CPSC, assuring the potential data collected in a PGA message is streamlined affording CBP and CPSC strong risk assessment tools without causing significant disruption to the supply chain.

The COAC Working Group has met with CPSC several times, including twice with Chairman Kaye, to identify core issues and develop a path forward to implementing the CPSC alpha pilot. The group also discussed the costs associated with automating certificates of compliance and exploration of the registry concept to ease the burden on the trade.

## **2. Next Steps**

The Subcommittee intends to continue its work with the Single Window Working Group at a strategic level, providing comments and feedback to CBP as appropriate. One activity slated for their focus is the development of Single Window FAQ's.

CPSC will be initiating an e-filing pilot to further develop the basic concepts of the registry and automated filing. During the June 3 meeting, CBP reported on the transition of the CPSC working group from COAC to the Trade Support Network. The COAC working group was to provide strategic guidance whereas the TSN CPSC working group will get into the tactical and technical details of developing the CPSC Alpha Pilot.

We conclude by reiterating our previous statement:

*It is imperative that the trade community and government agencies establish mutual understanding for the future of data exchange, engagement expectations and cooperate to achieve the appropriate risk based mitigation standards that secure cargo movement and facilitate trade at the speed of business.*