

**The Advisory Committee on Commercial Operations
to U.S. Customs and Border Protection (COAC)**

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Report of the Work of the COAC
Subcommittee on Trusted Trader Program**

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1. Background:

At the April 24, 2015, COAC meeting, the first quarterly meeting of the 14th Term Commercial Operations Advisory Committee (COAC), it was decided that topics from the 13th Term Trusted Trader subcommittee would continue to be worked on in the 14th Term. The Trusted Trader subcommittee objectives and scope are consistent with the official charter of COAC.

2. Objectives and Scope of Activities:

It is expected that, during the lifespan of this subcommittee, the focus will be on providing advice and recommendations in one or more of the following areas:

- Trusted Trader Program
- C-TPAT/AEO

Trusted Trader Program - The subcommittee has been briefed on the status of the Trusted Trader pilot and is awaiting program documentation to review, discuss, and formulate recommendations.

C-TPAT/AEO - The Trusted Trader Subcommittee has had no activity in this area.

3. Activities and Progress:

Meetings: During the period April 2015 through July 2015 the Trusted Trader Subcommittee met as a full committee twice. At the meetings, the subcommittee received a briefing on the Trusted Trader Pilot program and discussed recommendations for program metrics and future Trusted Trader benefits.

Next Steps:

- Review Trusted Trader program documentation and make recommendations on program implementation and other possible benefits with a focus on cost savings and supply chain efficiencies.

- Monitor activities of other COAC subcommittees where the Trusted Trader concept intersects such as the Export Subcommittee's Option 4 Working Group, the 1USG's Single Window Working Group for PGA requirements, the Trade Modernization Subcommittee's work on the Centers of Excellence and Expertise, and the work of the Global Supply Chain Subcommittee on C-TPAT and International/AEO alignment.

The Trusted Trader Subcommittee recognizes the support of our CBP partners and their efforts to keep the work of the subcommittee moving forward.