

Office of Trade Relations Global Supply Chain Subcommittee Status Report

General description

Objective/Goal of the subcommittee

The primary objective/goal of the subcommittee is to generate advice and develop recommendations pertaining to the safe and expedited movement of cargo through the Global Supply Chain. To accomplish the above stated objective/goal the subcommittee has formed two working groups; the Air Cargo Advance Screening Working Group (ACASWG) and the Beyond the Border / 21st Century Working Group.

Where does it fit in our trade transformation strategy?

Beyond the Border / 21st Century Working Group: Consistency & harmonization, modernization, co-creation, bi-directional education, partnerships

ACAS working group: Consistency & Harmonization, modernization, co-creation bi-directional education, Implementation of Global Supply Chain Security Strategy and Advanced Data

Chair/Co-Chair Names

The COAC Trade Co-Chairs are Jim Phillips, General Motors LLC. The government subcommittee Co-Chair has been Acting Executive Director Todd Hoffman and will be Acting Executive Director Augustine Moore going forward.

Number of participants from COAC

The Global Supply Chain Subcommittee is comprised of 12 COAC members.

Working groups under this subcommittee

Beyond the Border / 21st Century Working Group

Goal: To provide advice and recommendations related to aspects of the Beyond the Border Action Plan, Integrated Cargo Security Strategy (ICSS) and the 21st Century Border Framework.

Update: The Working Group met on 4 separate conference calls this quarter. On these calls they received updates on data harmonization efforts with Canada Border Services Agency (CBSA), the Prince Rupert pilot and the Southern Border pre-clearance pilot at the FOXCONN facility in San Jeronimo. A detailed presentation was given to the Working Group by the Buffalo, NY Assistant Port Director, Mark MacVittie on the pre-inspection pilot that is taking place in Fort Erie, Ontario, Canada.

CBP will be reaching out to the working group to work on 21st Century and Beyond the Border activities as new information is made available for their review. CBP will also seek advice from the working group on the Department of Homeland Security, Science and Technology, Reusable Electronic Conveyance Security Devices (RECONS) program. CBP will also seek COAC advice regarding the Bilateral Lane Segregation and Front of the Line Privileges Pilot Program

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for the facilitation of cargo of trusted entities that are participating in both the U.S. C-TPAT Program and the Mexican NEEC program. A Webcast briefing for both of these projects is scheduled for May 14.

The Office of Field Operations (OFO) and the ACE Business Office (ABO) are working on the details of migrating expedited release programs such as FAST into the new ACE Architecture which is scheduled for delivery in ACE Deployment E which is scheduled for July 4, 2015.

The Harmonized Data elements that CBSA and CBP have agreed upon for in-transit movements of cargo need to be reviewed by the ACE Business Office (ABO) prior to sharing them with the COAC Land Border Working Group. A jointly developed PowerPoint presentation on “in-transit” is being prepared with CBSA to present to the Land Border Working Group. We are in negotiation with railroad pilot participants regarding the Prince Rupert Pilot. The Border Fee newly developed work plan will be delivered on May 20th for review and comment.

Air Cargo Advance Screening (ACAS) working group

Goal: To develop recommendations that will promote the development of a secure and efficient Air Cargo Advance Screening system that is not unduly burdensome to the air cargo industry, stresses operational feasibility, and balances costs with security. An additional goal is to develop recommendations that will aid CBP in developing a system that can be modeled by other countries considering similar initiatives.

Update: The ACAS Working Group has developed a significant number of ACAS recommendations that were accepted and approved by the COAC Global Supply Chain subcommittee in August and November of 2013 and February of 2014. The work of the ACAS Working Group as it relates to the publication of a Notice of Proposed Rule Making (NPRM) has been completed and the Working Group will be sunset. The working group has submitted that there is a need for greater CBP/TSA cooperation to better align security concepts and programs, in addition the working group has offered to supply advice on advocating international harmonization, inter-operability and to give advice on the development of a CBP communication plan. These concepts will be tasked to the Trade Modernization subcommittee.

Highlights

Accomplishments:

From August 2013 to February 2014 the ACAS working group members have supplied a large number of detailed explanations and recommendations regarding various aspects of the ACAS pilot. Contributions have come from a wide variety of the air cargo industry representatives including cargo airlines, passenger airlines, freight forwarders, express consignment couriers and association staff members that represent all of these same industries.