

The Departmental Advisory Committee on Commercial Operations of Customs and
Border Protection and Related Functions (COAC)

Executive Summary of Work for
Working Group on Antidumping and Countervailing Duties (AD/CVD)

The AD/CVD working group includes both COAC members and non-COAC members in order to provide a full range of views and input for the working group. The working group includes importers, customs brokers, sureties, U.S. manufacturers (including petitioners in AD/CVD cases), and legal representatives of importers and U.S. manufacturers. Other experts from CBP and the U.S. Department of Commerce have been brought in to provide updates to the working group.

The agenda of the working group has focused on four primary issues:

- Develop Public Outreach Education Plan – with a focus to counter electronic solicitations to importers to purchase transshipments.
- Potential Use of single transaction bonds
- Impact of requiring cash deposits versus bonds for new shippers
- Case Coordination Efforts – informing the trade of any changes to scope with respect to dumping.

Much of the discussion has centered on how to make information available to importers and downstream buyers to increase compliance with AD/CVD import requirements. Increasing compliance will assist CBP to focus its evasion enforcement resources on those high-risk parties who are intentionally evading AD/CVD, and facilitate trade for compliant importers.

The input from the working group has provided insights on the differences in the importer community importing AD/CVD commodities. Some AD/CVD commodities are imported by a small number of importers, while others are imported by a more diverse group of companies. The discussions have also emphasized the importance of educating downstream buyers on the potential AD/CVD import compliance issues associated with their purchases. The challenge is to develop ways to reach out to these diverse communities.

The working group has provided several ideas on how to provide compliance information, including a specialized websites, an informed compliance publication for AD/CVD, and centralized publication of scope rulings. CBP appreciates the input of the working group members, and will work together with the working group to create practical recommendations to improve AD/CVD compliance.