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**Trusted Trader Pilot Program
Cargo and Conveyance Security**

Issue: Provide an overview and current status of the Trusted Trader Pilot Program

Background: In coordination with members of the trade community, and Partner Government Agencies (PGAs); the Food and Drug Administration (FDA), Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC), and Transportation Security Administration (TSA) we have formulated the design for a holistic, integrated trusted trader program. The Trusted Trader program will involve the unification of the current Customs-Trade Partnership Against Terrorism (C-TPAT) and Importer Self Assessment (ISA) processes to integrate supply chain security and trade compliance. The program will align with Authorized Economic Operator programs implemented by other countries around the world. This approach enables CBP to provide additional incentives to participating low-risk partners, while benefiting from the added efficiencies of managing supply chain and trade compliance within one partnership program.

Status: The Trusted Trader Pilot Program was announced in the Federal Register on June 16, 2014. CBP selected nine of the 56 importers who volunteered to participate in the pilot. Of the nine importers who were selected, eight were existing C-TPAT members. All nine importers have completed the application process and are currently in various stages of the validation and reporting process as follows

- Three of the nine participants have successfully gone through the validation process. They are in the final documentation and reporting process. It is anticipated that they will be approved as a validated trusted trader in the coming weeks.
- The joint validation of one participant is scheduled for the first week of August 2015.
- The remaining five participants will most likely be validated in October 2015. The summer months proved to be a scheduling challenge due to vacations and other obligations by key personnel on both sides.

Next Steps: Once the validation and reporting for all nine pilot participants is complete, we will analyze the process and to determine best practices and lessons learned, identify efficiencies, and develop internal guidance to strengthen the process.

A Notice in the Federal Register was published on March 9, 2015 regarding the proposed new/revised information collection requirements in regards to the C-TPAT and Trusted Trader Programs. We continue to move forward towards obtaining Office of Management Budget (OMB) approval for the revised information collection requirements for the Trusted Trader Program.

Once the OMB clearance is granted, CBP can begin to transition the existing ISA members to the Trusted Trader Program. As of July 2015, there are 328 ISA members.

The ISA and C-TPAT program unification began in March 2015. The integration of both programs is anticipated to be complete by the end of FY 2015.

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