

COAC ONE U.S. GOVERNMENT AT THE BORDER SUBCOMMITTEE

1. General Description

a. Objective/Goal of the subcommittee

The primary objective/goal of the Subcommittee is to implement the January 15, 2013 COAC 12th 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).*

To accomplish this work stated above, the 1USG subcommittee first created two working groups; 1USG Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Working Group and a 1USG Food and Drug Administration (FDA) Working Group.

The purpose of the above stated objective is to lower costs, increase competitiveness and increase ease of doing business, utilize as much of the current system design that is existing ensuring that a modern business model is being used for importing goods into the United States.

b. Where does it fit in our trade transformation strategy?

The 1USG subcommittee fits within several guiding principles of CPB's Trade Transformation strategy including:

Consistency & Harmonization: A primary goal of the 1USG subcommittee is to promote an interagency cooperation that builds trust between CBP, partner government agencies and the U.S. trade community by encouraging the adoption of the 1USG Subcommittee's 2012 Master Principles for a One U.S. Government at the Border.

Modernization: CBP and the 1USG subcommittee is committed to advancing the "single window" vision through modernization and automation of processes that will provide all parties involved in trade and transport access to standardized information electronically.

Co-Creation: The subcommittee and working groups are working with CBP and Partner Government Agencies to achieve a "One U.S. Government at the Border" end state.

Comprehensive Trusted Trader Program: Development of a 1USG framework for trusted trader programs will enhance the efficiencies of trade flows and drive economic competitiveness while providing confidence in the security and compliance of those flows.

Bi-Directional Education: U.S. Government entities listening to the trade community regarding business realities and capabilities.

c. Chair/Co-Chair Names

The COAC Trade Co-Chairs are Mary Ann Comstock, UPS Supply Chain Solutions and Susie Hoeger Abbott Laboratories. The government subcommittee Co-Chairs are John P. Leonard, Acting Executive Director, Trade Policy and Programs, Office of International Trade, CBP and Carol Cave, Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC/ Co-chair to the Border Interagency Executive Council (BIEC).

d. Number of participants from COAC

The One U.S. Government at the Border Subcommittee is comprised of 13 COAC members and 10 U.S. Government members.

2. Workgroups under subcommittee

a. 1USG Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Working Group

i. Timeline

The EPA working group has met 3 times since the “trade only” kick-off call on April 4th. The working group held a full kickoff call with both private sector and government representatives on April 17. The last two working group sessions were webinars to conduct a review of data samples and record layouts required by EPA in the PGA-MS pilot.

ii. Goal

The EPA will be among the first agencies piloting the ACE Partner Government Agency Message Set (PGA-MS) so the 1USG subcommittee created the EPA WG with the goal to provide private sector input to EPA and CBP regarding the development of the pilot and the inputs for the PGA-MS. The focus of the first phase of the pilot is on two out of the five EPA mission areas: Ozone Depleting Substances (ODS) and Vehicles and Small Engines (VSEs).

It is also the goal of the subcommittee to see the EPA pilot expanded to also include for their other regulated EPA commodity areas including pesticides, toxic substances (TSCA), fuels, and hazardous waste (exports).

iii. Composition of membership

Mary Ann Comstock serves as the COAC lead of this EPA working group. At present, the working group is comprised of 13 industry members, 6 EPA representatives and 4 CBP representatives. COAC members Susie Hoeger and Chip Bown also periodically contribute to this working group.

b. 1USG Food and Drug Administration (FDA) Working Group

i. Timeline

The FDA working group has met twice since the group has been developed back in March. At this time the working group has not yet met with Mr. Veneziano or

his team since the current focus is to developing a trade approach on how address FDA related issues.

ii. Goal

The trade community, over the past several years has several efforts to work with the FDA. It was decided that the COAC working group will look at the various industry efforts and focus on gaps where the trade may be able to make some progress with FDA.

The Food and Drug Administration has proven to be one of the most complex agencies for the private sector to deal with in regards to international transactions, so the IUSG subcommittee created the FDA WG to provide private sector input to FDA regarding the development of a holistic approach and adoption of trusted partnership programs among improvements to automation and information sharing.

CBP is working with the trade, through the COAC IUSG FDA Working Group and the Trusted Trader Working Group to find areas of mutual interest to FDA and CBP that can be leveraged to move towards alignment with the IUSG Roadmap.

iii. Composition of membership

Susie Hoeger, Abbott and Scott Boyer Kraft Foods, serves as the COAC lead and co-lead of this FDA working group. The working group membership is comprised of industry subject matter experts in the areas of pharmaceutical companies, medical devices, the food sector, and service providers. The working group is comprised of 5 COAC members, 4 pharmaceutical and medical devices representatives, 4 food sector industry members, 2 service provider representatives, 4 CBP representatives and Domenic Veneziano, Director, Division of Import Operations will serve as the primary FDA representative for a total of 18 working group members.

3. Highlights

a. Accomplishments

The IUSG subcommittee met 3 times since the March 6th COAC public meeting with the discussions focused on the creation and progress of the two working groups (EPA and FDA), the Border Interagency Executive Council – memorandum of intent project, the work of the International Trade Data System (ITDS) and a focus on the development of PGA questions to be included in the 2013 COAC Trade Efficiency Survey.

In regards to the 2013 COAC Trade Efficiency Survey, the goal of Assistant Commissioner Gina is to share the results with the BIEC to help demonstrate to the

partner agencies the trade's perception as to where the private sector experiences challenges and additional costs when interacting with the U.S. Government.

The EPA representatives have been receptive to the industry feedback provided during the working group meetings. In particular, the EPA has been receptive to allowing the use of blanket statements and account based reporting in lieu of transactional reporting for some of the ODS and VSEs requirements.