

**ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON COMMERCIAL OPERATIONS OF CUSTOMS AND  
BORDER PROTECTION (COAC)**

**Trusted Trader COAC Subcommittee  
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**Background:**

U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP), members of the trade community, and CBP's Partner Government Agencies (PGAs) have collaborated to create the design for a holistic, integrated trusted trader program. The Trusted Trader program will involve a unification of the current Customs-Trade Partnership Against Terrorism (C-TPAT) and Importer Self Assessment (ISA) processes. This approach will enable 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.

**Current Status:**

The combined trade and government Trusted Trader Working group have been meeting since the summer to formulate the framework and provide operational input for the implementation of a Trusted Trader program that includes security and trade compliance.

The COAC Trusted Trader Subcommittee was formed to advise CBP on C-TPAT and Trusted Trader partnership.

**Subcommittee Workgroups:**

This Subcommittee has two workgroups: Cost Benefit Metrics and Industry Accepted Standards of Compliance. These workgroups will assist the Trusted Trader Workgroup by obtaining feedback from industry on metrics and compliance standards.

**Next Steps:**

- CBP is targeting the implementation of Phase I of the Trusted Trader framework to begin by the end of FY13
- In consultation with the Trusted Trader Working group and the subcommittee CBP is drafting the Trusted Trader Implementation Plan for Phase I implementation of Trusted Trader
- OFO is identifying the requirements for the development of a unified, automated application process, trade information, and tracking system within the existing CTPAT Portal 2.0 development schedule