



***TSN MONTHLY COMMITTEE
ACTIVITY REPORT
January, 2010***

Trade Support Network News

➤ **Trade Support Network Webinar**

CBP, in conjunction with the NCBFAA, conducted a webinar for Trade Support Network members on January 14, 2010. In this webinar, CSPO and the Office of Trade provided an ACE status update, information on upcoming releases and the CBP/ITDS Concept of Operations effort. Over 200 people participated in this webinar. TSN members who were not able to participate in the webinar may email smccann@strtrade.com for the link to the recorded webinar.

➤ **Trade Ambassador Work Session**

On January 26th, the Trade Ambassadors met with CBP for a one day work session to discuss post summary corrections in preparation for the A2.3.2a release. Agenda items included a discussion on the following: overview of the post summary corrections functionality, enhanced entry summary and census warning query and post summary corrections reason codes. Val Neuhart, Office of International Trade, also made the following announcements:

- CBP will be posting the A2.2 Problem Ticket Report (PTR) Spreadsheet to CBP.gov. A CSMS message will be issued to announce the posting. The trade agreed that this is a “value-add” document and that it is critical to understanding the on-going issues;
- Although CBP maintains its position to program the 24 groups of edits in ACE, given the current strain on budget/resources, the deployment of these edits will have to occur over time, as separate chunks. However, in the interim, Mr. Baldwin would like to offer the following as an interim measure: (1) a hybrid document, to include business rules, policy, and a robust CATAIR, to serve as a cross-walk until the edits can be programmed; (2) an enhanced HTS query. Mr. Baldwin will be putting together a task team to pull this information together and he will be seeking out trade volunteers (business and technical) to participate on this team. Cindy Allen and Celeste Catano have been designated as the trade points of contact to coordinate the trade participants.

TSN Committee Activity Reports

Account Management Committee

The Account Management Committee and Broker Account Sub-committee reviewed the Post Summary Correction Reason Codes list provided by CBP and identified possible missing codes. Clarification was also requested on some of the codes.

Entry Committee

The Entry Committee provided input to CBP on the Post Summary Correction Reason Codes list. Additionally, the Committee continues to provide input to CBP on the current version of the ACE Entry Summary Business Rules and Process document (posted on CBP.gov). As this is considered a “live” document, the Entry Committee has scheduled a standing monthly call to discuss any possible revisions that may be necessary as further progress is made with ACE. The monthly calls will also be the forum to discuss any outstanding Committee business. Discussions with CBP on the revised party definitions continue with representation from the Entry Committee. The trade has provided its recommendations which are currently under CBP consideration.

Export Committee

No activity to report for this month.

ITDS Committee

No activity to report for this month.

Legal Policy Committee

The Committee met to review and discuss the following outstanding list of TSN Committee referrals:

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- **ENT-2:** Request for clarification pertaining to the record keeping requirements with the advent of ACE transmittal documents (submitted by the Entry Committee)
- **ENT-3:** Request for clarification pertaining to the record keeping requirements with the advent of post summary corrections and “versioning” (submitted by the Entry Committee)
- **ENT-4:** Request for a change in 19 U.S.C.1501, time period for voluntary reliquidations; the trade is advocating the trigger to be the date of liquidation, and not the date of notice of liquidation (submitted by the Entry Committee)
- **ENT-5:** Request for the application of “de minimis” under post summary corrections (submitted by the Entry Committee)
- **EXP-2:** Request for the removal of “country of ultimate destination” as a carrier responsibility (submitted by the Export Committee)

Pursuant to a request from Mick Harmon, the CBP-Co-Chair of the Committee, CBP will discuss these referrals internally before making any decisions. The Committee will reconvene once CBP provides the requested input.

Liquidation Subcommittee

The subcommittee has prepared a proposal addressing how binding legal notice should be handled going forward. The proposal, which is currently being reviewed internally by CBP, outlines a strategy for replacing the posting of the bulletin notice at the port of entry with an electronic posting in a web bulletin as the official notice. Once CBP completes its review, the liquidation subcommittee would like to submit the proposal to the TSN Entry Committee for possible inclusion as a GIF to formally document the trade's request.

Multi-Modal Manifest Committee

The MMM committee and work group held the first of its 2010 conference calls on January 19. On this call the committee discussed changes in CBP committee leadership and future plans for the MMM committee. The committee's Trade Co-Chair, Tim Perry reviewed the seven priority items that were presented to CBP at the Trade Leadership Council meeting on November 5th 2009. It was agreed that committee and work group members would come to the February 24th MMM meeting prepared to prioritize the seven items and discuss how to promote their development. As part of that meeting, the two Task Groups involving "House Bill Release" and "In-Bond" will also be revitalized. The February 24th meeting will take place the day after the CESAC meeting and will be held at the same facility: USDA APHIS Address: 4700 River Road, Riverdale, MD 20737.

Revenue Committee

No activity to report for this month.

Supply Chain Security Committee

No activity to report for this month.

Transition Committee

No activity to report for this month.

Technical Advisory Group

The Technical Advisory Group was requested to provide input to CBP on the ACE ABI CATAIR chapters for the A2.3.2.a Release which includes Post Summary Correction and related functionality. A summary of the changes for this upcoming release includes: (1) Entry Summary Create/Update; (2) Entry Summary Query; (3) Entry Summary Status Notification. Deadline for comments is February 19, 2010.