

2024 Current Fiscal Year Report: Commercial Customs Operations Advisory Committee

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1. Department or Agency

Department of Homeland Security

2. Fiscal Year

2024

3. Committee or Subcommittee

Commercial Customs Operations
Advisory Committee

3b. GSA

Committee No.

2564

4. Is this New During Fiscal Year?

5. Current Charter

6. Expected Renewal Date

7. Expected Term Date

No 05/27/2022 05/27/2024

8a. Was Terminated During Fiscal Year?

8b. Specific Termination Authority

8c. Actual Term Date

No

9. Agency Recommendation for Next Fiscal Year

10a. Legislation Req to Terminate?

10b. Legislation Pending?

Continue

Not Applicable

Not Applicable

11. Establishment Authority

Statutory (Congress Created)

12. Specific Establishment Authority

13. Effective Date

14. Committee Type

14c. Presidential?

Pub.L. 114-125

04/01/2016

Continuing

No

15. Description of Committee

Non Scientific Program Advisory Board

16a. Total Number of Reports

No Reports for
this Fiscal Year

17a.

Open

0 17b. Closed0 17c. Partially Closed0 Other Activities0 17d. Total0

Meetings and Dates

No Meetings

Current Next
FY FY

18a(1). Personnel Pmts to Non-Federal Members	\$0.00	\$0.00
18a(2). Personnel Pmts to Federal Members	\$0.00	\$0.00
18a(3). Personnel Pmts to Federal Staff	\$0.00	\$0.00
18a(4). Personnel Pmts to Non-Member Consultants	\$0.00	\$0.00
18b(1). Travel and Per Diem to Non-Federal Members	\$0.00	\$0.00
18b(2). Travel and Per Diem to Federal Members	\$0.00	\$0.00
18b(3). Travel and Per Diem to Federal Staff	\$0.00	\$0.00
18b(4). Travel and Per Diem to Non-member Consultants	\$0.00	\$0.00
18c. Other(rents,user charges, graphics, printing, mail, etc.)	\$0.00	\$0.00
18d. Total	\$0.00	\$0.00
19. Federal Staff Support Years (FTE)	0.00	0.00

20a. How does the Committee accomplish its purpose?

The work of the Committee helps ensure that the trade community is well informed of CBP trade transformation policies and programs helps ensure compliance and promote continued CBP-Trade partnerships. This collaboration enables CBP to incorporate feedback from the private sector into key initiatives, lessening the negative impact of new programs and ensuring that CBP and the trade advance toward a common goal. Issues addressed by the Committee included the following: 1) Trade Modernization and Trade Transformation Initiatives such as 21st Century Customs Framework, Centers of Excellence and Expertise and Broker Regulations; 2) Trade Enforcement

and Revenue Collection in the areas of Intellectual Property Rights Enforcement and Bonds; 3) Global Supply Chain including Cross-Border Initiatives; 4) Trusted Trader Partnership Initiatives and Incentives; 5) One U.S. Government at the Border which includes a One U.S. Government Approach; and 6) Export and Outbound processes including reviewing the use of advance data for exports and exports manifest.

20b. How does the Committee balance its membership?

According to the Trade Facilitation and Trade Enforcement Act of 2015, the COAC consists of 20 individually appointed members, two government Co-Chairs and two government Deputy Co-Chairs. The Co-Chairs shall be the Commissioner of CBP and the Treasury Assistant Secretary for Tax Policy or their delegees. The Deputy Co-Chairs will be the Under Secretary for Strategy, Policy & Plans (DHS) and the Director of U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement. The COAC members are appointed by and serve at the pleasure of the Secretary of the Treasury and the Secretary of Homeland Security. Members are drawn from the trade or transportation community served by CBP or others who are affected by CBP commercial operations and related functions. The members shall represent the interests of either importers/exports (and their agents) or those associated with the carriage of international freight. The membership is selected by the following categories: region, sector, industry type, and recommendation references. Members represent the viewpoint of their respective industry segment and are not Special Government Employees as defined in 18 U.S.C. § 202(a). In addition, the members shall be selected to avoid geographic or regional concentration. Members

shall not be paid compensation.

20c. How frequent and relevant are the Committee Meetings?

The advisory committee met four times for FY23. The purpose of the meetings is to share the work the COAC has been engaged in, deliberate and vote on the recommendations made to the agency, and give the public an opportunity to comment on the recommendations.

20d. Why can't the advice or information this committee provides be obtained elsewhere?

The Committee is statutorily mandated by the Trade Facilitation and Trade Enforcement Act of 2015. It would be difficult, if not impossible, to obtain such a broad variety of viewpoints from such well qualified individuals in any other single forum. CBP continues to seek advice from the trade community on trade security and facilitation policies and initiatives. COAC provided recommendations for Export Modernization, Forced Labor, In-Bond Modernization, Trusted Trader Partnerships, Intellectual Property Rights, and 21st Century Customs Framework,

20e. Why is it necessary to close and/or partially closed committee meetings?

N/A

21. Remarks

Meetings were public.

Designated Federal Officer

Felicia M. Pullam Executive Director, Office of Trade Relations

Committee Members	Start	End	Occupation	Member Designation
Barber, Brian	01/14/2022	01/14/2024	Willson International	Representative Member

Baxter, Barry	01/14/2022	01/14/2024	Walmart, Inc.	Representative Member
			General Motors Tax	
Cook, Angela	01/14/2022	01/14/2024	Staff - Global Customs	Representative Member
			Comstock & Theakston, Inc.	
Corn, David	01/14/2022	01/14/2024		Representative Member
			ArcBest	
Everley, Christopher	01/14/2022	01/14/2024		Representative Member
			Jose D. Gonzalez	
Gonzalez, Jose	01/14/2022	01/14/2024	Licensed US Customs Broker	Representative Member
Gould, William	01/14/2022	01/14/2024	Flexport	Representative Member
Hodges, Mary	01/14/2022	01/14/2024	Lonza	Representative Member
			U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement	Regular Government Employee (RGE) Member
Johnson, Tae	01/14/2022	01/14/2024		
			Grunfeld, Desiderio, Lebowitz, Silverman & Klestadt LLP	Representative Member
			Regular Department of Homeland Security	Regular Government Employee (RGE) Member
McGovern, Bridget	01/14/2022	01/14/2024		
			U.S. Customs and Border Protection	Regular Government Employee (RGE) Member
Miller, Troy	11/12/2022	01/14/2024		
			Kohler	Representative Member
Pojar, Julie	01/14/2022	01/14/2024		
			Caterpillar, Inc.	Representative Member
Roller, Cynthia	01/14/2022	01/14/2024		
			WiseTech Global, Inc.	Representative Member
Seelig, Craig	01/14/2022	01/14/2024		
			The Kansas City Southern Railway Company	Representative Member
Simmons, Stephen	01/14/2022	01/14/2024		
			DHL Express (USA) Incorporated	Representative Member

Swentik, Jody	01/14/2022	01/14/2024	Spectrum Brands, Inc.	Representative Member
			United Parcel Service (UPS)	Representative Member
Van Wallaghen, John	01/14/2022	01/14/2024		
Vidal-Faulkenberry, Erika	01/14/2022	01/14/2024	Biogen	Representative Member
				Regular
West, Thomas	01/14/2022	01/14/2024	U.S. Department of Treasury	Government Employee (RGE) Member
White, Brian	01/14/2022	01/14/2024	Intel Corporation	Representative Member
Wilkins, Kathryn	01/14/2022	01/14/2024	Alliance Operating Services	Representative Member
Zehner, Matthew	01/14/2022	01/14/2024	Roanoke Insurance Group, Inc.	Representative Member
				Regular
Choy, Eric [Intelligent Enforcement Subcommittee]	01/14/2022		US Customs and Border Protection	Government Employee (RGE) Member
Drake, John [Intelligent Enforcement Subcommittee]	01/14/2022	01/14/2024	U.S. Chamber of Commerce	Representative Member
Novak, Kerry [Intelligent Enforcement Subcommittee]	01/14/2022	01/14/2024	Emerson Electric Company	Representative Member
Skinner, Travis [Intelligent Enforcement Subcommittee]	01/14/2022	01/14/2024	Amazon	Representative Member
Drake, John [Next Generation Facilitation Subcommittee]	01/14/2022	01/14/2024	U.S. Chamber of Commerce	Representative Member
Herrera, Vincente [Next Generation Facilitation Subcommittee]	01/14/2022	01/14/2024	American Airlines, Inc.	Representative Member
				Regular
Lord, Brandon [Next Generation Facilitation Subcommittee]	01/14/2022		US Customs and Borders Protection	Government Employee (RGE) Member
Novak, Kerry [Next Generation Facilitation Subcommittee]	01/14/2022	01/14/2024	Emerson Electric Company	Representative Member
Skinner, Travis [Next Generation Facilitation Subcommittee]	01/14/2005	01/14/2024	Amazon	Representative Member
Drake, John [Rapid Response Subcommittee]	01/14/2022	01/14/2024	U.S. Chamber of Commerce	Representative Member

Kossowsky, Robert [Rapid Response Subcommittee]	01/14/2022		Regular US Customs Government and Border Employee Protection (RGE) Member
Lord, Brandon [Rapid Response Subcommittee]	01/14/2022		Regular US Customs Government and Border Employee Protection (RGE) Member
Novak, Kerry [Rapid Response Subcommittee]	01/14/2022	01/14/2024	Emerson Representative Electric Member Company
Constantine, Damian [Secure Trade Lanes Subcommittee]	01/14/2022		Regular US Customs Government and Border Employee Protection (RGE) Member
Drake, John [Secure Trade Lanes Subcommittee]	01/14/2022	01/14/2024	U.S. Representative Chamber of Member Commerce
Mabelitini, Christopher [Secure Trade Lanes Subcommittee]	01/14/2022		Regular US Customs Government and Border Employee Protection (RGE) Member
Novak, Kerry [Secure Trade Lanes Subcommittee]	01/14/2022	01/14/2024	Emerson Representative Electric Member Company
Saum, Jeffrey [Secure Trade Lanes Subcommittee]	01/14/2022		Regular US Customs Government and Border Employee Protection (RGE) Member
Slutsky, Bradford [Secure Trade Lanes Subcommittee]	01/14/2022		Special US Customs Government and Border Employee Protection (SGE) Member
Sullivan, Christopher [Secure Trade Lanes Subcommittee]	01/14/2022		Regular US Customs Government and Border Employee Protection (RGE) Member
Thomas, Sussan [Secure Trade Lanes Subcommittee]	01/14/2022		Regular US Customs Government and Border Employee Protection (RGE) Member

Number of Committee Members Listed: 45

Narrative Description

The COAC advises the Secretaries of the Department of the Treasury (Treasury) and the Department of Homeland Security

(DHS) on the commercial operations of U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) and related Treasury and DHS functions. In accordance with section 109 of the Trade Facilitation and Trade Enforcement Act of 2015, the COAC:1. advises the Secretaries of the Treasury and DHS on all matters involving the commercial operations of CBP, including advising with respect to significant changes that are proposed with respect to regulations, policies, or practices of CBP;2. provides recommendations to the Secretaries of the Treasury and DHS on improvements to the commercial operations of CBP;3.collaborates in developing the agenda for COAC meetings; and 4. performs such other functions relating to the commercial operations of CBP as prescribed by law or as the Secretaries of the Treasury and DHS jointly direct.

What are the most significant program outcomes associated with this committee?

Checked if
Applies

Improvements to health or safety	<input type="checkbox"/>
Trust in government	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Major policy changes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Advance in scientific research	<input type="checkbox"/>
Effective grant making	<input type="checkbox"/>
Improved service delivery	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Increased customer satisfaction	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Implementation of laws or regulatory requirements	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input type="checkbox"/>

Outcome Comments

Not Applicable

What are the cost savings associated with this committee?

Checked if Applies

None	<input type="checkbox"/>
Unable to Determine	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Under \$100,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
\$100,000 - \$500,000	<input type="checkbox"/>

\$500,001 - \$1,000,000
\$1,000,001 - \$5,000,000
\$5,000,001 - \$10,000,000
Over \$10,000,000
Cost Savings Other

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Cost Savings Comments

Due to the nature of COAC recommendations cost savings are unable to be quantified but there are definitely cost savings to CBP, other government agencies and to the international trade community.

What is the approximate Number of recommendations produced by this committee for the life of the committee?

697

Number of Recommendations Comments

There were 87 COAC recommendations approved during FY23. The recommendations were broken out in the following subcommittees: 1) Intelligent Enforcement - recommendations pertained to Forced Labor, Antidumping and Countervailing Duty, and Intellectual Property Rights. 2) Secure Trade Lanes – recommendations pertained to Export Modernization, In-Bond, Partnership Programs and Industry Engagement, Cross Border Recognition, Pipeline, and De Minimis. 3) Next Generation - recommendations pertained to 21CCF, ACE 2.0, and E-Commerce. 4) Rapid Response-recommendations pertained to USMCA.

What is the approximate Percentage of these recommendations that have been or will be Fully implemented by the agency?

15%

% of Recommendations Fully Implemented Comments

For FY23, 59.8% of the recommendations are being evaluated for feasibility as they may require regulatory changes. An additional 11.9% of the recommendations were deemed advisory in nature.

What is the approximate Percentage of these recommendations that have been or will be Partially implemented by the agency?

13%

% of Recommendations Partially Implemented Comments

CBP continues to evaluate and determine the feasibility of COAC recommendations.

Does the agency provide the committee with feedback regarding actions taken to implement recommendations or advice offered?

Yes ☒ No ☐ Not Applicable ☐

Agency Feedback Comments

CBP provides feedback on the recommendations throughout the term through meetings with the subcommittees, and through documented quarterly updates on an excel schedule of COAC recommendations.

What other actions has the agency taken as a result of the committee's advice or recommendation?

Checked if Applies

Reorganized Priorities	<input type="checkbox"/>
Reallocated resources	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Issued new regulation	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Proposed legislation	<input type="checkbox"/>
Approved grants or other payments	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input type="checkbox"/>

Action Comments

The COAC recommendations submitted during FY23 were representative of trade industry perspective and feedback. CBP continually considers the viability of all COAC recommendations.

Is the Committee engaged in the review of applications for grants?

No

Grant Review Comments

Not Applicable

How is access provided to the information for the Committee's documentation?

Checked if Applies

Contact DFO	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Online Agency Web Site	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Online Committee Web Site	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Online GSA FACA Web Site	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Publications



Other



Access Comments

All COAC materials are located on CBP.gov on the following web page:

<https://www.cbp.gov/trade/stakeholder-engagement/coac>