

2026 Current Fiscal Year Report: Commercial Customs Operations Advisory Committee

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1. Department or Agency	2. Fiscal Year
Department of Homeland Security	2026
3. Committee or Subcommittee	3b. GSA Committee No.
Commercial Customs Operations Advisory Committee	2564

4. Is this New Fiscal Year?	5. Current Charter	6. Expected Renewal Date	7. Expected Term Date
No	05/24/2024	05/24/2026	

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. Closed** 0 **17c. Partially Closed** 0 **Other Activities** 0 **17d. Total** 0

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. Administrative Costs (FRNs, contractor support, In-person/hybrid/virtual meetings)	\$0.00	\$0.00
18d. Other (all other funds not captured by any other cost category)	\$0.00	\$0.00
18e. Total Costs	\$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 FY25. 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

Laurie Dempsey Executive Director, Office of
Trade Relations

Committee Members	Start	End	Occupation	Member Designation
Alston, Rennie	01/15/2025	01/15/2027	American River Group of Companies	Representative Member
Arvelo, Ivan	01/17/2024	01/27/2026	Homeland Security Investigations	Regular Government Employee (RGE) Member
Barber, Brian	01/14/2022	01/17/2026	Willson International	Representative Member
Cook, Angela	01/14/2022	01/17/2026	General Motors Tax Staff - Global Customs	Representative Member
Corn, David	01/14/2022	01/17/2026	Comstock & Theakston, Inc.	Representative Member
Dorris, Jeremiah	01/15/2025	01/15/2027	NIKE	Representative Member
Gould, William	01/14/2022	01/17/2026	Tom Gould Customs Consulting, Inc.	Representative Member
Hodges, Mary	01/14/2022	01/17/2026	Lonza	Representative Member
Jungmeyer, Lance	01/15/2025	01/15/2027	Fresh Produce Association of the Americas	Representative Member
Kourkoumelis, Aristidis	01/17/2024	01/17/2026	Department of Homeland Security	Regular Government Employee (RGE) Member
Langford-Coty, Sandra	01/15/2025	01/15/2027	A.N. Deringer, Inc.	Representative Member
Litman, Heather	01/14/2022	01/17/2026	Grunfeld, Desiderio, Lebowitz, Silverman & Klestadt LLP	Representative Member
Morris, Robert	01/15/2025	01/15/2027	Daniel B. Hastings, Inc.	Representative Member
Pojar, Julie	01/14/2022	01/17/2026	Kohler	Representative Member
Roller, Cynthia	01/14/2022	01/17/2026	Caterpillar, Inc.	Representative Member
Salinger, Kevin	01/17/2024	01/17/2026	U.S. Department of Treasury	Regular Government Employee (RGE) Member

Schulte, Lisa	01/15/2025	01/15/2027	Target	Representative Member
				Regular
			U.S. Customs	Government
Scott, Rodney	11/12/2022	01/17/2026	and Border Protection	Employee (RGE) Member
Seelig, Craig	01/14/2022	01/17/2026	WiseTech Global, Inc.	Representative Member
Shehata, Amgad	01/15/2025	01/15/2027	United Parcel Service	Representative Member
			The Kansas	
Simmons, Stephen	01/14/2022	01/17/2026	City Southern Railway Company	Representative Member
Skinner, Travis	01/14/2022	01/17/2026	Amazon	Representative Member
			Ocean Network	
Yogi, Stephani	01/15/2025	01/15/2027	Express (North America), Inc.	Representative Member
			Roanoke	
Zehner, Matthew	01/14/2022	01/17/2026	Insurance Group, Inc.	Representative Member

Number of Committee Members Listed: 24

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. Please note the Intelligent Enforcement, Next Generation Facilitation, and Secure Trade Lanes Subcommittees met weekly beginning October 2024 and continued through September 2025, all of FY25.

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	<input type="checkbox"/>
\$1,000,001 - \$5,000,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
\$5,000,001 - \$10,000,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
Over \$10,000,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
Cost Savings Other	<input type="checkbox"/>

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?

Number of Recommendations Comments

There were 129 COAC recommendations approved during FY25. 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 Centers, Cross Border Recognition, De Minimis, Export Modernization, Foreign Trade Zone/Warehouse, Pipeline, and Partnership Programs and Industry Engagement. 3). Next Generation - recommendations pertained to ACE 2.0, Broker Modernization, Customs Interagency Industry, Modernized Entry Processes and Passenger Air Operations.

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

16%

% of Recommendations Fully Implemented Comments

For FY25, 16% of the recommendations are being evaluated for feasibility as they may require regulatory changes. An additional 2% 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?

10%

% 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 sheet 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
- Reallocated resources
- Issued new regulation
- Proposed legislation
- Approved grants or other payments
- Other

Action Comments

The COAC recommendations submitted during FY25 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
- Online Agency Web Site
- Online Committee Web Site
- Online GSA FACA Web Site
- 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>