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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** In accordance with the 21st Century Cures Act, NIH is required to regularly update their strategic plans. The National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases (NIDDK) is embarking on an Institute-wide strategic planning process. The goal of the process is to develop a broad vision for accelerating research into the causes, prevention, and treatment of diseases and conditions within the Institute's mission. This overarching trans-NIDDK Strategic Plan will complement NIDDK's disease-specific planning efforts. The strategic plan will have a 5-year time horizon but will also include planning for longer term efforts that could be initiated within this time frame.

A critical component of this strategic planning process is to seek input from the research and patient communities and others who have an interest in research within the mission of NIDDK. As part of that approach, the purpose of this Request for Information (RFI) is to invite input on opportunities and strategies to advance NIDDK's mission.

NIDDK will use responses collected as part of this RFI to inform the development of the Institute-wide Strategic Plan, which will be posted in draft form for additional public comment.

NIDDK conducts and supports biomedical research and research training and disseminates science-based information on: Diabetes and other endocrine and metabolic diseases; digestive diseases, including liver, gastrointestinal, and other diseases; nutritional disorders; obesity; and kidney, urologic, and hematologic diseases, to improve people's health and quality of life. Based on this mission, NIDDK has formulated the following broad themes for input, as a starting point for the planning process:

#### Themes for Input

- Advancing understanding of biological pathways and environmental contributors to health and disease.
- Advancing progress in pivotal clinical studies and trials for prevention, treatment, and cures in diverse populations.
- Advancing dissemination and implementation research on strategies to identify, adapt, scale-up, and integrate evidence-based interventions in diverse settings and populations.
- Promoting participant engagement—including patients and other participants as true partners in research.

- Advancing research training and career development to promote a talented, diverse biomedical research workforce.

- Promoting innovation, rigor and reproducibility in research, partnerships, communicating research results, and other critical efforts as part of efficient and effective stewardship of public resources.

NIDDK invites input from: The scientific research community; patients and caregivers; health care providers and health advocacy organizations; scientific and professional organizations; federal agencies; and other stakeholders, including interested members of the public.

NIDDK seeks input on any of the broad themes above. Your comments could include any of the following: Research opportunities for the themes highlighted above; innovative strategies to advance research progress; the challenges to progress in these areas; emerging trends, advances, technologies, analytic strategies, challenges in big data science, and perspectives that NIDDK should consider in this planning process; potential approaches to gauge research progress and success. Please also comment on any other topic that you find relevant to the development of the NIDDK Institute-wide Strategic Plan.

Organizations are strongly encouraged to submit a single response that reflects the views of their organization and membership as a whole.

Responses to this RFI are voluntary and may be submitted anonymously. Please do not include any information that you do not wish to make public. Proprietary, classified, confidential, or sensitive information should not be included in your response. The Government will use the information submitted in response to this RFI at its discretion. Individual feedback will not be provided to any responder. The Government reserves the right to use any submitted information on public websites, in reports, in summaries of the state of the science, in any possible resultant solicitation(s), grant(s), or cooperative agreement(s), or in the development of future funding opportunity announcements. This RFI is for informational and planning purposes only and is not a solicitation for applications or an obligation on the part of the Government to provide support for any ideas identified in response to it. Please note that the Government will not pay for the preparation of any information submitted or for use of that information.

NIDDK looks forward to your input and we hope that you will share this RFI with your colleagues.

Dated: March 20, 2020.

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## DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

### U.S. Customs and Border Protection

#### Postponement of the April 2020 Customs Broker's License Examination

**AGENCY:** U.S. Customs and Border Protection, Department of Homeland Security.

**ACTION:** General notice.

**SUMMARY:** This document announces that U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) has postponed the customs broker's license examination scheduled for April 1, 2020. The examination is postponed due to the unprecedented situation related to the coronavirus (COVID-19), which is having a nationwide impact on CBP's ability to conduct the examination.

**DATES:** The customs broker's license examination scheduled for April 1, 2020 is postponed.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Randy Mitchell, Director, Commercial Operations, Revenue and Entry, Office of Trade, (202) 325-6532, or *brokermanagement@cbp.dhs.gov*.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### Background

Section 641 of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (19 U.S.C. 1641), provides that a person (an individual, corporation, association, or partnership) must hold a valid customs broker's license and permit in order to transact customs business on behalf of others, sets forth standards for the issuance of brokers' licenses and permits, and provides for the taking of disciplinary action against brokers that have engaged in specified types of infractions. This section also provides that an examination may be conducted to assess an applicant's qualifications for a license.

The regulations issued under the authority of section 641 are set forth in Title 19 of the Code of Federal Regulations, part 111 (19 CFR part 111). Part 111 sets forth the regulations

regarding the licensing of, and granting of permits to, persons desiring to transact customs business as customs brokers. These regulations also include the qualifications required of applicants and the procedures for applying for licenses and permits. Section 111.11 of the U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) regulations (19 CFR 111.11) sets forth the basic requirements for a broker's license, and in paragraph (a)(4) of that section provides that an applicant for an individual broker's license must attain a passing grade (75 percent or higher) on the examination.

Section 111.13 of the CBP regulations (19 CFR 111.13) sets forth the requirements and procedures for the examination for an individual broker's license and states that the customs broker's license examinations will be given on the fourth Wednesday in April and October unless the regularly scheduled examination date conflicts with a national holiday, religious observance, or other foreseeable event.

The unprecedented situation related to the coronavirus (COVID-19) has a nationwide impact on CBP's ability to conduct the customs broker's license examination. Testing facilities are being closed beyond CBP's control, and best practices for social distancing and limiting the size of gatherings militate against CBP attempting to establish alternative testing formats and sites. Accordingly, this document announces that the April 1, 2020 exam is postponed, and that the October exam date is still scheduled for October 8, 2020, as previously announced in a **Federal Register** notice (84 FR 71440) published on December 27, 2019. If another test date is identified, CBP will publish a notice in the **Federal Register** announcing that new date. In addition, CBP will continue to provide information on [www.CBP.gov](http://www.CBP.gov).

Dated: March 19, 2020.

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## DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

### U.S. Customs and Border Protection

[Docket No. USCBP-2020-0013]

#### Commercial Customs Operations Advisory Committee (COAC)

**AGENCY:** U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP), Department of Homeland Security (DHS).

**ACTION:** Committee management; Notice of Federal advisory committee meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The Commercial Customs Operations Advisory Committee (COAC) will hold its quarterly meeting on Wednesday, April 15, 2020, in Washington, DC. The meeting will be open to the public via webinar only. There is no on-site, in-person option for this quarterly meeting.

**DATES:** The COAC will meet on Wednesday, April 15, 2020, from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. EDT. Please note that the meeting may close early if the committee has completed its business. Comments must be submitted in writing no later than April 14, 2020.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held via webinar. The webinar link and conference number will be provided to all registrants by 10:00 a.m. EDT on April 15, 2020. For information on facilities or services for individuals with disabilities or to request special assistance at the meeting, contact Ms. Florence Constant-Gibson, Office of Trade Relations, U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP), at (202) 344-1440 as soon as possible.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ms. Florence Constant-Gibson, Office of Trade Relations, U.S. Customs and Border Protection, 1300 Pennsylvania Avenue NW, Room 3.5A, Washington, DC 20229; telephone (202) 344-1440; facsimile (202) 325-4290; or Ms. Valarie M. Neuhart, Acting Executive Director and Designated Federal Officer at (202) 344-1440.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Notice of this meeting is given under the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. Appendix. The Commercial Customs Operations Advisory Committee (COAC) provides advice to the Secretary of Homeland Security, the Secretary of the Treasury, and the Commissioner of U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) on matters pertaining to the commercial operations of CBP and related functions within the Department of Homeland Security and the Department of the Treasury.

**Pre-Registration:** For members of the public who plan to participate via webinar, please register online at <https://teregistration.cbp.gov/index.asp?w=177> by 5:00 p.m. EDT on April 14, 2020. For members of the public who are pre-registered to attend and later need to cancel a webinar registration, please do so online at <https://teregistration.cbp.gov/cancel.asp?w=177> by April 14, 2020.

To facilitate public participation, we are inviting public comment on the issues the committee will consider prior

to the formulation of recommendations as listed in the Agenda section below. Comments must be submitted in writing no later than April 14, 2020, and must be identified by Docket No. USCBP-2020-0013, and may be submitted by one (1) of the following methods:

- **Federal eRulemaking Portal:** <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the instructions for submitting comments.
- **Email:** [tradeevents@cbp.dhs.gov](mailto:tradeevents@cbp.dhs.gov).

Include the docket number in the subject line of the message.

- **Fax:** (202) 325-4290, Attention Florence Constant-Gibson.
- **Mail:** Ms. Florence Constant-Gibson, Office of Trade Relations, U.S. Customs and Border Protection, 1300 Pennsylvania Avenue NW, Room 3.5A, Washington, DC 20229.

**Instructions:** All submissions received must include the words "Department of Homeland Security" and the docket number (USCBP-2020-0013) for this action. Comments received will be posted without alteration at <http://www.regulations.gov>. Please do not submit personal information to this docket.

**Docket:** For access to the docket or to read background documents or comments, go to <http://www.regulations.gov> and search for Docket Number USCBP-2020-0013. To submit a comment, click the "Comment Now!" button located on the top right-hand side of the docket page.

There will be multiple public comment periods held during the meeting on April 15, 2020. Speakers are requested to limit their comments to two (2) minutes or less to facilitate greater participation. Contact the individual listed below to register as a speaker. Please note that the public comment period for speakers may end before the time indicated on the schedule that is posted on the CBP web page, <http://www.cbp.gov/trade/stakeholder-engagement/coac>.

#### Agenda

The COAC will hear from the current subcommittees on the topics listed below and then will review, deliberate, provide observations, and formulate recommendations on how to proceed:

1. The Intelligent Enforcement Subcommittee will provide updates and recommendations from the working groups under their jurisdiction for COAC's consideration. The Intellectual Property Rights (IPR) Working Group will provide information regarding improvements in the eRecordation process and data sharing. The IPR Working Group will also provide updates and recommendations regarding the Department of Homeland