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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

U.S. Customs and Border Protection

[Docket No. USCBP–2021–0006]

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, March 17, 2021. 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, March 17, 2021, 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 March 16, 2021.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held via webinar. The webinar link and conference number will be provided to all registrants by 5:00 p.m. EDT on March 16, 2021. 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, 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; or Ms. Valarie M. Neuhart, Designated Federal Officer at (202) 344–1440.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Notice of this meeting is given under the authority of 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=219 by 5:00 p.m. EDT by March 16, 2021. For members of the public who are pre-registered to attend the webinar and later need to cancel, please do so by March 15, 2021 utilizing the following link: https://teregistration.cbp.gov/cancel.asp?w=219.

Please feel free to share this information with other interested members of your organization or association.

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 March 16, 2021, and must be identified by Docket No. USCBP–2021–0006, 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. Include the docket number in the subject line of the message.
• 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–2021–0006) 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–2021–0006. 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 March 17, 2021. Speakers are required to submit their comments to two (2) minutes or less to facilitate greater participation. 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 Next Generation Facilitation Subcommittee will provide an update on the following working groups: The Unified Entry Processes Working Group will provide an update on the current status of the development of objectives for the future entry environment to enable faster and more secure entry processing; the Emerging Technologies Working Group will provide an update on the University of Houston’s block chain assessment report; and, the One U.S. Government Working Group will provide an update on several key projects, including the Partner Government Agency Disclaim Handbook and the automation of currently required original/hard copy documents at time of entry.

2. The Rapid Response Subcommittee will provide an update on the progress of the Broker Exam Modernization Working Group efforts to improve the testing experience for the April 2021 exam, as well as future broker exams. The U.S.-Mexico-Canada Agreement (USMCA) Working Group has reconvened and will provide an update regarding its goals and objectives.

3. The Intelligent Enforcement Subcommittee will provide updates on the following Working Groups: The Bond Working Group will report on the continued work with CBP on the Monetary Guidelines of Setting Bond Amounts as part of a larger risk-based bonding initiative; the Anti-Dumping and Countervailing Duty (AD/CVD) Working Group will report on the discussions surrounding non-resident importers and the impact this has on AD/CVD enforcement along with recommended solutions; the Intellectual Property Rights (IPR) Process Modernization Working Group will provide updates on development of several recommendations put forth during the April 2020 COAC meeting and will submit recommendations furthering the modernization of the IPR Process; and, the Forced Labor Working Group will provide a summary of the areas of focus that will be in its scope for the upcoming quarter.

4. The Secure Trade Lanes Subcommittee will present updates on the following Working Groups: The
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Federal Emergency Management Agency

Docket ID FEMA–2020–0010; OMB No. 1660–0033

Agency Information Collection Activities: Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request; Residential Basement Floodproofing Certification


ACTION: 30 Day reinstatement notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invites the general public to take this opportunity to comment on a reinstatement, without change, of a previously approved information collection for which approval has expired. FEMA will submit the information collection abstracted below to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and clearance in accordance with the requirements of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. The submission will describe the nature of the information collection, the categories of respondents, the estimated burden (i.e., the time, effort and resources used by respondents to respond) and cost, and the actual data collection instruments used.

DATES: Comments must be submitted on or before March 22, 2021.

ADDRESSES: Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent within 30 days of publication of this notice to www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PHAMain. Find this particular information collection by selecting “Currently under 30-day Review—Open for Public Comments” or by using the search function.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection should be made to Director, Information Management Division, email address FEMA-Information-Collection-Management@fema.dhs.gov or Joycelyn Collins, Underwriting Branch Program Analyst, Federal Insurance Directorate, Joycelyn.Collins@fema.dhs.gov, 202–701–3383.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Congress created the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) through enactment of the National Flood Insurance Act of 1968 (NFIA) (Title XIII of Pub. L. 90–448, 82 Stat. 476), found at 42 U.S.C. 4001 et seq. The NFIP is a Federal program enabling property owners in participating communities to purchase insurance as a protection against flood losses in exchange for state and community floodplain management requirements that reduce the risk of future flood damages. Communities participate in the NFIP based on an agreement between the community and FEMA. If a community adopts and enforces a floodplain management ordinance to reduce future flood risk to new construction in floodplains, FEMA will make flood insurance available within the community as a financial protection against flood losses. Accordingly, the NFIP is comprised of three key activities: Flood insurance, floodplain management, and flood hazard mapping.

As part of the minimum floodplain management requirements established by FEMA, NFIP participating communities generally must require that all new construction and substantial improvements of residential structures within areas identified by FEMA as Special Flood Hazard Areas (SFHA) Zones A1–30, AE and AH zones have the lowest floor, including the basement, above the base flood level. See 44 CFR 60.3(c)(2). However, FEMA may grant exceptions to this requirement to communities that are not subject to tidal flooding, given the communities adopt standards for floodproofed residential basements below the base flood. 44 CFR 60.6(c). Communities requesting this exception must demonstrate that “areas of special flood hazard in which basements will be permitted are subject to shallow and low velocity flooding and that there is adequate flood warning time to ensure that all residents are notified of impending floods.” 44 CFR 60.6(c)(1).

Communities seeking the exception must also adopt certain floodplain management measures regarding the floodproofing of basements. See 44 CFR 60.6(c)(2). Such measures include that a professional engineer or architect inspect new or substantially improved buildings with basements and “certify that the basement design and methods of construction proposed are in accordance with accepted standards of practice for meeting the [residential basement floodproofing requirements].” 44 CFR 60.6(c)(2)(iv). This proposed information collection consists of the “Residential Basement Floodproofing Certificate,” which is used to document compliance with 44 CFR 60.6(c)(2)(iv).

This proposed information collection previously published in the Federal Register on April 7, 2020, at 85 FR 19496 with a 60-day public comment period. FEMA received three comments germane to this information collection (FEMA–2020–0010–0004; FEMA–2020–0010–0005; and FEMA–2020–0010–0003). FEMA considers one comment non-germane to the information collection because it merely reads “Docket ID FEMA 2020–0010 OMB 1660–0033.”

In the first germane comment, FEMA–2020–0010–0004, the anonymous commenter recommended that “[t]he form should be updated/reviewed to reflect/evaluate whether or not all or any of the April 2020 Flood Insurance Manual changes for floodproofing rating credit apply; based on the Flood Insurance Manual the updated guidance appears to be specific to nonresidential.” FEMA reviewed the April 2020 Flood Insurance Manual (available at https://go.usa.gov/xwGu2) and found that it only reflected changes to non-residential floodproofing requirements. This information collection applies only to residential basement floodproofing requirements, so FEMA finds no reason to adjust this information collection based on changes to the April 2020 Flood Insurance Manual.

In the second germane comment, FEMA–2020–0010–0005, the anonymous commenter recommended