

**Departmental Advisory Committee on  
Commercial Operations of Bureau of  
U.S. Customs and Border Protection**

**May 15, 2007**  
**Washington, DC**

**Summary and Resulting Action Items**

The May 15, 2007 COAC meeting in Washington, DC was co-chaired by Customs and Border Protection (CBP) Commissioner Basham and Tim Skud, Department of Treasury (Treasury) Deputy Assistant Secretary for Tax, Trade and Tariff Policy. Richard Barth, Department of Homeland Security (DHS), Assistant Secretary, Office of Policy Development also provided remarks. All welcomed the members of the 10<sup>th</sup> Term COAC for the second meeting. (Attendee list attached as Annex A).

**ACTIONS:**

- Commissioner Basham asked for a motion to accept minutes for the February 14, 2007 COAC meeting. Motion approved.

**Advance Trade Data**

CBP continues to move forward with the Security Filing, or "10+2", initiative. The Office of Regulations and Rulings has completed its initial work on developing the draft Notice of Proposed Rule Making (NPRM) and CBP is reviewing that document internally.

CBP does not have an estimate as to when the formal notice will be published. The economic impact assessment is continuing as CBP is reaching out to a number of smaller operators in the trade community for input.

CBP has continued its outreach efforts and assured the COAC members that CBP will continue with that dialogue. There will be limits as CBP moves closer to the publishing of the formal rule, but CBP continues to listen to trade advice and concerns.

**ACTIONS:**

- CBP continues to review recommendations provided by COAC.
- CBP to send Notice of Proposed Rule Making (NPRM) to DHS and Office of Management Budget (OMB) for review.
- COAC stressed that they should continue to be engaged throughout the process.
- DHS encouraged COAC to provide solutions when commenting on the final rule.

**CBP/Trade Supply Chain Assessment**

COAC proposed establishing a subcommittee to bring industry experts on supply chain logistics to partner with CBP, to educate CBP on supply chain best practices and to help look for opportunities. The subcommittee would be comprised of COAC members and CBP.

CBP is receptive to the concept as an idea, but perceives a challenge on how to craft the working group without creating bias. To provide meaningful results, the group needs to