

Commercial Operation Advisory Committee (US)
(RKC guideline General Annex 1)

- The relationship between U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) and the trade community is of critical importance to the maintenance of trade facilitation and efficiency and enforcing security at our borders. One organization that helps CBP balance trade and security is the Commercial Operations Advisory Committee (COAC).
- The COAC was mandated in the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1987 and operates under the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA). COAC provides feedback and recommendations on commercial operations of CBP and related DHS and Treasury functions. The committee is comprised of 20 members from industries affected by the commercial operations of CBP, and is chaired by two government Co-Chairs from DHS and the Department of the Treasury. Committee members come from the trade and transportation communities, large, medium and small sized companies, and others who are directly served or affected by CBP and related DHS and Treasury functions.
- COAC members must apply for membership and are selected from representatives of the trade and transportation communities served by CBP. Members serve a 2 year term. This 20 member advisory council meets periodically with CBP officials to discuss CBP's balance of security and trade facilitation. Topics of discussion have included Customs automation, agriculture, Intellectual Property Rights (IPR), Global Supply Chain, harmonization of customs practices and procedures, strategic planning, import safety and Importer security filing among others.