

**Commercial Customs Operations Advisory  
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**Communication:**

COAC recommends that CBP provide for the use of automated and electronic forms of notification whenever possible.

**Clarity:**

COAC recommends that CBP should simplify filings, promoting the use of automated and electronic submissions as practical to eliminate the need for paper forms and multiple copies.

COAC recommends that CBP eliminate irrelevant or obsolete documents and data wherever applicable and practicable.

**Consistency:**

COAC recommends that CBP remove lists embedded within the text of the regulations whenever possible to prevent reliance on potentially incorrect/outdated information. Instead, CBP should consider placing these lists on CBP.gov as a reference page or document.

COAC recommends that whenever amending Sections or Parts of the regulations that CBP also take the opportunity to eliminate in those regulations, language and references for antiquated communication methods and obsolete programs or agreements that are no longer active.

**Consolidation:**

COAC recommends that CBP consolidate references and information related to a topic to the greatest extent possible.

**Compatibility:**

COAC recommends that CBP identify mandatory certificates, certifications, or additional product information and allow, to the extent provided by law, filers to supply them electronically, as well as to supply them upon request using an account-based approach, rather than having to automatically submit them with each transaction.

COAC recommends that where practicable, CBP should implicitly grant permission for certain routine activities unless CBP expressly states otherwise.

COAC recommends that CBP should grant full extension periods instead of requiring multiple extension requests, particularly where CBP routinely grants them anyway.