## Broker Visit Vs. Broker Auditor

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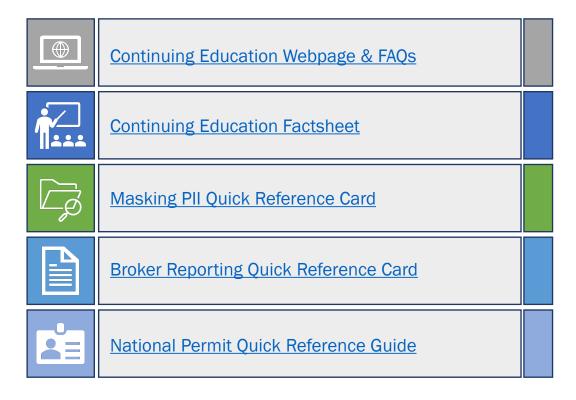




### **Customs Broker Modernization Resources**

CBP created several resources to provide brokers with additional information on the Customs broker modernization efforts, including the webpages and documents linked below.

	Modernized Customs Broker Regulations webpage	
?	Modernized Broker Regulations FAQs	
>>> 	Customs Broker Guidance for the Trade Community	
)	Responsible Supervision and Control Factsheet	
	BMO Contacts	





### **Broker Compliance Reviews**

Broker compliance reviews are scheduled in coordination with the processing Center that has administrative oversight of the broker license and permit. CBP expects the permit qualifier and/or license qualifier to attend general and focused reviews.

### **General Broker Compliance Reviews:**

Should be conducted at least once every 5 years



#### Focused Issue Reviews:

May be conducted at any time

Conducted on a national scope by an Entry Officer



Conducted for a national or local issue(s) by CBP personnel

Conducted at the broker's office or through a virtual meeting platform such as MS Teams or WebEx



Conducted at a broker's office or a CBP office, however, on rare occasions may take place on a virtual meeting platform

Includes a review of all aspects of 19 CFR 111 requirements conducted through questions and document reviews



Includes review of a concern identified with one or more areas of the broker's operation



### **Broker Audit Best Practices**

CBP recommends the following best practices for broker audits:

1	Evidence of "real knowledge" of the importer/client and the broker/importer relationship	4	Responsible Supervision and Control (RS&C) is based on the entire operation – from POA contacts, financial obligations (billing/payment of monies owed to Government) and COMMUNCIATION
2	Powers of Attorney (POA) - Clear/ documented brokerage effort showing that the importer is known  • Maintain/complete a checklist for validating POAs  • Identify responsible personnel for reviewing POAs	5	For relevant corrective action with CBP, maintain copies of emails, faxes or a log of discussions with actual importer of record
3	Customize controls and procedures to specific circumstances of your brokerage operation (may need to be adjusted over time)	6	Obtain and maintain a valid waiver from the actual importer of record for non-delivered duty paid shipments if billing an unlicensed third party for entry services

## Regular Broker Compliance Review

Presenter: Sandy Coty



## What to expect from a Regular Broker Compliance Review

- Timeline
- Entries / POA's Generally 5
- Broker Compliance Data
  - Issuance of E/S Rejects
  - CBP Form 28/29/4647

- Review: Customs Broker Guidance for the Trade Community
- Customs Broker Frequently Asked Questions
- Copy
  - Brokers License
  - National Permit
  - Employee List
  - Employee POA
  - Triennial Fee Payment Receipt
  - Annual Permit Receipt

# Customs Broker Guidance for the Trade Community

- RESPONSIBLE SUPERVISION AND CONTROL
  - 13 FACTORS RSC / SUPERVISON PLAN
- BROKER REPORTING REQUIREMENTS
  - EMPLOYEE REPORTING/CHANGE IN POC/QUALIFYING OFFICER/MEMBER/CHANGE IN OWNERSHIP/CHANGE OF ADDRESS ETC. / SEPARATION FROM A CLIENT / BREACH OF CUSTOMS BUSINESS RECORDS
- RECORDKEEPING RESPONSIBILITES
  - PLACE/RETENTION/CONFIDENTIAL/MADE AVAILABLE
- BROKER COMPLIANCE REVIEWS AND BROKER VISITS
- POWERS OF ATTORNEY
- BROKER COMPLIANCE AND REGULATORY AUDIT



## 13 Factors RSC - Include, but are not limited to:

- 1. Training
- 2. Policies and Guidelines
- 3. Volume and Type of Business
- 4. CBP Reject Rate
- 5. Availability of Current CBP Regulations, HTS and CBP Issuances
- 6. Licensed Customs Broker Oversight
- 7. Frequency of Supervisory Visits
- 8. Audits

- 9. Involvement of the National Permit Holder
- 10. Involvement of Individually Licensed Brokers
- 11. Timeliness of Entry Filing and Payments
- 12. Communications between company and CBP
- 13. Internal Communications from Management Regarding Regulatory Matters with CBP



## Required Broker Permit Reporting in Modernized ACE Portal Recordkeeping and Customs Business POC Office of Record and Location of Customs Documents Add New/Change and Terminated Employee **Add Licensed Brokers** View Supervision Plan – Document Tab



## Meeting

Consider having at least two people from your company in the meeting. One additional person to take notes

Have a Mock Meeting to go over who covers what topic

Expect a closeout letter



## **ACE Reports**

Brokers with ACE Portal Reports access can run several entry summary and cargo release reports to capture the data provided in the obsolete Broker Evaluation and Analysis Report:

### **Entry Summary**

- ES-004 Rejected and Cancelled Entry Summaries
- ES-005 Late Filed Entry Summaries
- ES-007 Warehouse Entry Summaries Without Final Withdrawal
- ➤ ES-008 TIB Expiration Notice
- ➤ ES-011 Unpaid Entries
- ES-012 Entry Summary Census Warning and Override
- ES-013 CBP Form 28, 29, 4647 Status Report
- ➤ ES-404 Protest Entry Details

### Cargo Release

CR-009 Cargo Release Entry Status

#### Revenue

➤ REV – 405 Trade Open Bills

#### **ISF**

> ISF Late Report



## **THANK YOU**

