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Yesterday, Customs and Border Protection had candidates sitting nationwide for the usually semi-annual custom broker examination. We have heard from candidates who took the online examination that there were multiple computer failures during the testing period. This isn't the first time that the Broker Management division of the agency has had a problem administering tests. We wish - and encourage - them to partner with the private sector to ensure that people who spend months or longer studying for an exam that offers them the opportunity to advance in their organizations or start a new business don't have technical glitches impede and distract them unnecessarily.

FRAUD ALERT --> The FTA has been notified by several sources that there are emails making the rounds sent from a **RUBEN SCHENKER** who claims to have been an FTA Gold Partner in 2015 with his company **AMP Capital**.

This is an erroneous claim and should be treated as spam or a phishing attempt. Please **DO NOT** reply to him or contact him.

Links and stories of interest:

Trans-Pacific Container Lines Boost October Capacity

Trans-Pacific container lines will boost capacity by at least 25 percent over the next three weeks, but continued elevated imports will still force some US shippers to pay more for guaranteed equipment and priority loading.

Can Green Shipping Scheme Lick the 'Herding Cats' Dilemma?

Momentum to decarbonize ocean shipping emissions is building. Consequences for future newbuilding orders and freight rates could be game-changing.

iPhone Makers Win Nod for \$143 Billion India Manufacturing Plan

Major iPhone assemblers for Apple Inc. were among 16 companies that won approval to manufacture products in India under a plan aimed at attracting investment of more than 10.5 trillion rupees (\$143 billion) for mobile-phone production over the next five years.

Government Actions and Trade

USTR Initiates Vietnam Section 301 Investigation

USTR will investigate Vietnam's acts, policies, and practices related to the import and use of illegally harvested or traded timber, and the undervaluation of its currency harming U.S. commerce.

50 Senators, Led by Inhofe, Menendez, Urge Lighthizer to Begin Talks for a Trade Agreement with Taiwan

The senators wrote: "As we look to advance our initiative for a free and open Indo-Pacific, we believe that now is the time to establish trade agreements with like-minded countries in the region."

Cyber Pirates Hit Global Shipping Industry Nearing Peak Season

There's no evidence yet that the incidents are linked, but both disruptions are extensive, and that possibility is being considered, according to a [report](#) by maritime intelligence service Lloyd's List.

Commission Extends Temporary Exemption of Certain Service Contract Filing Requirements

The Commission by Supply Chain Innovation Teams' [Fact Finding 29](#) Investigation indicates business conditions in a global pandemic might lead to inadvertent non-compliance with FMC requirements.

U.S. Steps Up Efforts to Counter China's Dominance of Minerals Key to Electric Cars, Phones

The U.S. imports from China 80% of the rare-earth elements, deemed critical to economic and national security.

Covid-19 Vaccine Delivery Presents Tough Challenge to Cargo Airlines

Successfully delivering Covid-19 vaccines will test supply chain contingencies for delivering up to 20 billion Covid-19 vaccination doses.

Border Patrol Agents Seize Over a Half Million in Illegal Narcotics Over the Weekend

Agents discover drugs hidden in the fabricated oil pans of two vehicles attempting to cross the border.

CSULB's presents "Pandemic and the Supply Chain"

Video: Meet the Port of Long Beach's Bridge to Everywhere.

Port of Long Beach's 'Bridge to Everywhere' Grand Opening Ceremony

Video: What are the consequences for logistics resulting from the dramatic pandemic policy pivots?

Surge in Imports Congests West Coast Ports, Leads to Calls for More Dual Transactions

Record volumes might exacerbate vessel delays, chassis shortages, appointment windows limitations, and increased cargo dwell time over the next several months.

Air Cargo's COVID-19 Arms Race

Industry officials warn of insufficient global cold-chain infrastructure to support an immediate delivery of an expected COVID-19 vaccine release.

Del Monte Fresh Produce N.A. Pays Over \$1.9 Million for Violating State Clean Air laws

Del Monte's chartered fleet at the Port of Hueneme for 2015-2019 did not meet the operational time limits nor reduced auxiliary engine power generation targets.

Attend one of these upcoming FTA webinars:

Can you get your 301 China duties back? - Find out next Tuesday!

Join Susan Ross and Cameron Roberts to talk about the most exciting burst of energy to hit the trade sector that led to the filing of more than 3,500 cases at the Court of International Trade on the outside possibility that there could be refunded 301 duties from Lists 3 and 4A.

Next Tuesday, October 13th from 1 - 2 PM PT.

Members: \$25.00

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Can you get your 301/China duties back?
Learn about the pending litigation focused on the goods on Lists 3 and 4A, and the steps you can take to protect your interests

Ticket Prices
\$25 for membership and \$45 for non-members

Date: October 13, 2020
Time: 1:00 p.m. -2:00 p.m. PST
Location: Zoom Webinar

[Register Here](#)

Now with literally thousands of complaints filed in the Court of International Trade challenging the legality of the List 3 and 4A China Section 301 tariffs, there are numerous questions as to how one should manage their potential case. In this webinar, you'll hear from Cameron Roberts of ROBERTS & KEHAGIARAS LLP and Susan Kohn Ross of Mitchell Silberberg & Knupp LLP discuss: the reasoning behind the case; the time frame to bring forth claims and have them adjudicated; actions that should be taken to preserve duty refunds; and implications for joining or declining to participate in the lawsuit.

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The State of West Coast Port Competitiveness

Don't miss your chance to hear from John McLaurin, President of the PMSA and Bill Mongeluzzo, Senior Editor of the Journal of Commerce. Are Los Angeles and Long Beach losing favor with shippers? Will the new zero emissions rule drive discretionary cargo to other ports? Join us from 1 - 2 PM on Tuesday, October 20th.

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Please join the Foreign Trade Association for this valuable discussion on the topics below:

- Are ports of Los Angeles and Long Beach losing favor as the West Coast gateway into the United States?
- Will the new Zero Emissions Executive Order by California Governor Newsom continue to drive discretionary cargo to other ports?



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Environmental

Cracked Container Ship Leaking Oil at Bayonne, New Jersey Terminal

The impacted tank capacity is 462,297 gallons; it is unclear how much fuel has leaked from the vessel.

Class Society Awards AiP for Ammonia-Fueled Ultra-Large Container Ship

“Ammonia is a fuel with a lot of potential and this containership concept is yet another important step towards decarbonizing the marine market,” said Bjarne Foldager, Senior Vice President and Head of Two-Stroke Business at MAN Energy Solutions.

First American-Built Electric Passenger Vessels Enter Service

The *James V. Glynn* and *Nikola Tesla* will enhance the tourist experience, providing a smooth, quiet trip to and from the base of Niagara Falls.

Milestone in Venice: Sea Barrier Prevents Flooding for the First Time

In addition to delays, the \$6.5 billion project has been dogged by reports of corruption, and dire predictions that the technology will be obsolete in decades.

Maritime

Transocean's Plan to Avoid Bankruptcy May Cause One Just the Same

Creditors say the bond swap transaction amounts to a default because it pledges assets that Transocean already promised to them.

For Women Seafarers in the Philippines, Sexual Harassment at Sea Goes Mostly Unpunished

A group of women seafarers from the Philippines expose instances of sexual harassment in the maritime industry.

Dredge Impales Tanker at Malaysian Anchorage (Article+Video)

FMC Examines Ocean Carrier Billing Practices

Allegations point to ocean carriers defining "merchant" in their bills of lading to include persons or entities with no beneficial interest in the cargo.

FTA Membership Opportunity

Interested in becoming a member of the Foreign Trade Association?

The FTA is offering 50% off on Corporate and One Company Representative memberships for new members from now until the end of December.

- **Corporate = \$300 (Regularly \$600)**
- **One Company Representative = \$150 (Regularly \$300)**

To qualify as a new member, there must be at least an 18-month lapse from the previous membership. An individual who has left a company that was or is a member is also eligible for this promotion.

Other conditions and restrictions apply. Visit our website to learn more and join today!

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Videos of the Week

The Gerald Desmond Bridge - the construction is done!

The bridge is open. Meet the Port of Long Beach's Bridge to Everywhere.



CSULB's "The Pandemic and the Supply Chain"

Don't miss the recording of this amazing presentation from CSULB

The Pandemic and the Supply Chain

Logistics and Trade

Port of Halifax Works to Clear Container Backlog

The strike at the Montreal terminals diverted vessels, contributing increased container volume to the Port of Halifax, where clearing the backlog continues.

The Global Shipping Industry: One Week, Two Cyberattacks

Potential disruptions could cause COVID-19 impacted supply chains that are

already struggling new challenges satisfying consumer demand in peak season.

U.K.'s First Free Port Since 2012 to Open Next Year

Ministers are keen to shift the public focus onto opportunities for Britain after months of growing criticism over the government's handling of the coronavirus pandemic.

Editorials - Opinions

[This week's editorial comes from Cameron Roberts from Roberts & Kehagiaras LLP.](#)

Big Data, Big Risk.

CMA-CGM, TikTok, and the United Nations have something in common. Sadly it is not the start of an old joke, and they are not walking into a bar. It is the story of big data and the importance of controlling that data. Last week CMA-CGM suffered another cyberattack that may have caused a data breach. [CMA CGM warns cyberattack may have caused data breach.](#)

The week before, a federal judge blocked the U.S. government's attempt to stop TikTok's downloads. [TikTok Download Ban Is Blocked by Judge.](#) This week an opinion piece in the Wall Street Journal discussed China's efforts to put itself in the center of the United Nations global data hub managing [The Sustainable Development Agenda](#) and the [17 goals](#) that touch every aspect of human life. [China Uses the U.N. to Expand Its Surveillance Reach](#)

The common questions we should be asking ourselves are, "Should we trust Big Data? Can we trust the government to regulate it? If not, what are we prepared to do about it?"

Perhaps we should ask [Jimmy Lai](#), a British Hong Kong entrepreneur, founder of Next Media, a Hong Kong-listed media company, and the newspaper [Apple Daily](#). Unfortunately, Mr. Lai is indefinitely unavailable for comment. [Jimmy Lai's Badge of Honor Over China](#)

Other Upcoming Events

October 14th - State of L.A. Business

You are invited to join the L.A. Area Chamber for our inaugural State of L.A. Business on October 14th. This event will convene leaders from the business, policy, and education sectors to explore our vision for a new Los Angeles and our post-pandemic through six interactive sessions. Attached you'll find further details about the event. [Join the program](#) - upon registration, simply enter the promo code **SBGLOBAL** to complete the process free of charge.

October 21st - Trade Digitalization Trends in a Post-Covid World

COVID-19 has accelerated the digital transformation of global trade. Join the Chamber's Global Initiatives Council to hear from Ed Ahtner, HSBC head of digital banking and strategic change, for a closer look at the current and future

trade landscape and how digital solutions are being leveraged to mitigate supply chain risks. Ambassador Robert Holleyman, partner, Crowell & Moring LLP and former U.S. deputy trade representative, will also deliver special remarks. [Join the program.](#)

October 22nd - 23rd [WESCCON](#) – Looking into the Future of Trade in a Virtual World

October 27 - WEBINAR - The Cause & Effect of Soaring Spot Rates and What the Future Holds. 1:00 - 2:00 PM PST. [Registration coming soon.](#)