

# The Foreign Trade Association Presents:

## Duty Drawback Forum with U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) and Industry Experts



### Legislation, Strategies and FY2016 Outlook: The Tough Questions Tuesday, November 17, 2015

**Date:**  
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**Time:**  
Registration & Continental Breakfast: 8:00am  
Program: 8:30am-3:30pm  
Luncheon & Networking: 12:00pm-1:15pm

**Credits:**  
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**Cost:**  
Before Nov 10, 2015: \$195  
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Onsite Registration: \$245

Price includes continental breakfast, lunch, afternoon refreshments and all materials.

**Location:**  
The Westin Long Beach  
Salon A – 3rd Floor  
333 East Ocean Boulevard  
Long Beach, CA 90802

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Congress is close to passage of the Trade Facilitation and Trade Enforcement Act of 2015, a Customs re-authorization bill which contains, at Section 606, significant reforms of the historic duty drawback statute. The new reforms will streamline and expand drawback opportunities for importers and exporters, and will cut down on burdensome documentation requirements. Are you prepared to take advantage of the “windfall” when the legislation passes?

Have you been keeping pace with the development of the Automated Commercial Environment (ACE) for drawback? ACE for drawback will mean big changes in the way claims are filed, presented and processed. It will also mean big changes in what data elements you will need to add to your drawback program data detail. ACE for drawback will be mandatory October 2016. Do you know what’s on the horizon?

What’s in the works for drawback claim handling, processing and review by the CBP Centers of Excellence (CEEs)? CBP Regulatory Audit has been active with their drawback audits and quick response audits. Claims are being denied and penalties are being assessed. What are the auditors finding and what are the drawback audit plans and strategy for CBP in FY2016? Legislation amending the “proof of export” requirements for drawback has recently been enacted. How will the auditors handle the changes?

The New York and San Francisco Drawback Centers are the top two filing centers in the United States. Each have issued a multitude of requests to claimants for post entry claim reviews (compliance measurement assessments), among other types of inquiries to include the reviews and assessments for GAO (i.e., system reviews for the centers’ drawback claim processes). What are the centers finding and what can be expected in the new fiscal year? Of important concern to the trade is uniformity among the Drawback Centers. Will there be continuity and uniformity within the centers on such topics as proof of export, desk reviews, and claim filing/review processes?

Come and join us for this exclusive one-day comprehensive program. These topics and others will be examined and discussed. Expert panelists will take you from the basics to the present and future of drawback. Whether you are a drawback claimant, service provider, a company considering a drawback program or you want to take your existing drawback program to the next level, this is one informative program that you will not want to miss! Other international trade professionals who desire to stay abreast of the latest developments in duty drawback will also find this forum of benefit.

#### Featured Speakers

**Maryanne Carney, Chief, Trade Operations Branch IV and National Field/New York Drawback Chief**  
U.S. Customs & Border Protection  
Office of Field Operations, Port of New York/Newark

**Karen Cheung, Drawback Chief, San Francisco Drawback Center**  
U.S. Customs & Border Protection

**Velda M. Griffin, Regulatory Audit Field Director, Philadelphia**  
Office of International Trade, National Drawback  
Field Office, U.S. Customs and Border Protection  
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