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Unsure as to where the month of September - and the year to date - has gone, we thank all of our FTA members and hope that those of you who joined us for the CTPAT webinar [sponsored by Yusen Logistics](#) earlier this week enjoyed the content. We had more than fifty attendees stay through the entire presentation and are happy to have selected a topic that garnered such interest. Stay tuned next week for an announcement for October's webinar and registration details.

Links and stories of interest:

Sonoma's Vaunted Wineries Embrace Online Sales, Budget Pricing to Woo Pandemic Drinkers

Sonoma Valley's local business model and 150-year-old supply chain has been disrupted by devastating reductions in tourists and restaurant consumption.

Garlic Importer Ends Racketeering Lawsuit on Chinese Collusion in AD Duty Case

Harmoni International drops contentious racketeering lawsuit involving anti-dumping duties on garlic imports before the Central California U.S. District Court Sept. 16.

Government Actions and Trade

Ongoing operation stops illicit goods from China, improves CBP targeting

During the past 15 months the CBP's Operation Mega Flex recorded 4,200 seizures of illicit goods that threaten the health and safety of consumers, undermined the competitiveness of U.S. businesses, and put U.S. agriculture and the environment at risk.

International Law Enforcement Operation Targeting Opioid Traffickers on the Darknet Results in over 170 Arrests Worldwide and the Seizure of Weapons, Drugs and over \$6.5 Million

Following the Wall Street Market takedown in May 2019, Operation DisrupTor has produced 181 global arrests of individuals behind dark web accounts resulting in the seizure of over \$6.5 million in cash, virtual currencies, and 500 kilograms of drugs.

DDG Wolff urges G20 trade ministers to step up engagement on WTO reform

WTO Deputy Director-General Alan Wolff, meeting with G20 trade ministers, called for “renewed engagement” by WTO members to “ensure that the WTO is fully ready to meet the challenges of a changing global economy,” which has contracted 18% in overall merchandise trading.

Taiwan Confirms China Has Not Ended Trade Agreement

Beijing is not ending the 2010 preferential Economic Cooperation Framework Agreement (ECFA); all trade agreements between the two countries will remain in effect.

Questions Persist Over Section 301 Tariff Lawsuit Deadline; Firms Using Creative Fee Structures

Debate lingers regarding the court challenge deadline for Section 301 Lists 3 and 4 Chinese goods tariffs.

Auditors to Stop Inspecting Factories in China’s Xinjiang Despite Forced-Labor Concerns

Transparent supply chain audits are being restricted by the police and government, obfuscating whether factories and farms are relying on forced labor in China’s Xinjiang region.

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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Environmental

How Hong Kong can help make shipping more sustainable

Globally 95,000 ships transport 90% of the world's goods, and although "greener" than trucks or aircraft, emit 3% of global greenhouse gas emissions.

Amazon's buying spree of used planes goes against green pledge

Increased consumer demand exposes retailer's limited choices of converted emission-efficient aircraft, exacerbating pledges to shrink carbon footprint targets.

Maritime

FMC fires 'collusion' warning shot across the bows of transpacific carriers

The Federal Maritime Commission (FMC) fired a warning shot across the bows of container shipping lines, saying it will head to the courts if there is evidence of collusion on trans-pacific trades.

Unilever, Consumer Giants Push for Seafarers to Get Off Ships

Unilever Plc and Procter & Gamble Co. spearhead global resolution targeting the plight of 300,000 seafarers enduring forced labor and deteriorating working conditions, which threaten the disruption of supply chains worldwide.

Great Lakes Iron Ore Trade Down 40 Percent in August

The U.S. Great Lakes fleet iron ore shipments of 3.6 million tons last month is a 40% percent reduction compared to a year ago and is below the month's 5-year average by 38%.

Container giant Maersk to ship cargo between UAE and Israel

Maersk will now transport ocean cargo between the United Arab Emirates and Israel, highlighting economic development following the historic agreement normalizing relations, collaboration, and ending a ban on trade between the Gulf Arab state and Israel.

Cargo safely secured? Check.

International organizations collaborate on a cargo-handling guide and packing checklist.

Port of LA secures record month with 961,833 TEUs

Executive Director Gene Seroka still cautious as the U.S. economy remains in a "very precarious position".

Chinese container factories are now sold out until February

More evidence of U.S. container import strength.

U.S. home shopping boom buoys shipping lines half a world away

The online home shopping boom in the U.S. elevated trans-pacific sea freight rates to the highest on record, helping the container shipping industry in Asia.

Videos of the Week

We mourn the passing of Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg who lies in state at the Capitol today - the first woman to earn that honor.



Logistics and Trade

CMA CGM Spreads Its Wings with 30% Stake in French Airline Dubreuil Aero

CMA CGM, the world's fourth-largest container shipping firm, expanded its non-maritime transport influence offering 70 million Euros for a 30% stake in the French airline company Groupe Dubreuil Aero.

U.K. says no-deal Brexit could see 7,000-truck border queues

British government officials urge businesses to prepare for extended inspection delays after the U.K. severs economic ties from the European Union in

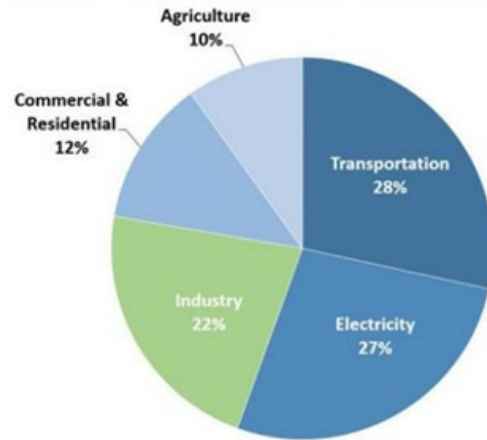
Editorials - Opinions

Editor's Note: FTA editorials and opinions are intended as fact-based opinions. The authors do their own research on issues and then present an opinion that is consistent with the FTA's Mission. Our goal is to provide FTA members with an informed point of view that will let them shape their own opinions on the issues of the day.

It's Not Easy Being Green... by Cameron Roberts.

According to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), transportation is the leading cause of greenhouse gas. In response, drayage operators in the Ports of Los Angeles, Long Beach, and Oakland have been singing along with Kermit the Frog for more than a decade, *It's Not Easy Being Green*. This week, the last mile driver in California joined the chorus, as Gov. Newsome issued an Executive Order banning the sale of gas-powered cars by 2035. These measures reflect the U.N. Sustainable Development Goals and green pledges by companies like Amazon, who is being taken to task for failing to purchase green jet aircraft. Green is not going to be easy, but green is good business if you live up to your commitments.

Total U.S. Greenhouse Gas Emissions
by Economic Sector in 2018



Other Upcoming Events

October 20th FTA Webinar: ILWU/PMA State of The Port - 1:00 - 2:00 PM.
Registration and details to follow.

October 22nd - 23rd

WESCCON – Looking into the Future of Trade in a Virtual World