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While the overwhelming lion's share of the trade that Southern California sees is of Asian origin, importers of goods from selected European countries, India, and Turkey have only a week left to submit comments on a proposed 25% Section 301 duty in response to the digital services tax dispute.

If your company imports from one of these countries, check out the top-level USTR page [here](#) and follow the individual country links. Comments are due next Friday, April 30th.

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Presentation of
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Links and stories of interest:

China-Australia relations: lobster exporters look to 'reboot' in alternative markets after years of relying on Chinese demand

U.S. calls for shipping to have zero emissions by 2050

CALL FOR NOMINEES FOR SHOSTAK AWARD

The FTA has opened nominations for

candidates to be considered for the 2021 Marjorie M. Shostak Distinguished Service Award.

Past recipients include: Marjorie M. Shostak, Robert D. Kleist, Sam Orr, Judge R. Kenton Musgrave, Lew Coppersmith, Bruce Leeds, Lanie Denslow, Richard D. Steinke and Anne Hilsabeck.

Click the button below to read a letter from FTA President Cathy Thrasher which links to a nomination submission form.

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LETTER**



Marjorie M. Shostak,
the namesake of the award.

New President and CEO of the American Association of Exporters and Importers

The FTA is please to congratulate Eugene Laney Jr. on his position as the new president of the AAEI!

Mr. Laney was previously the Head of International Government Affairs at DHL Express. He has has over twenty years of managerial, government relations and public affairs experience in the non-profit, private and quasi-public sector arenas. His specialties include Legislative Arena Expertise, Trend Analysis, Media Relations and International Relations



**Eugene Laney Jr.
New President of AAEI**

Government Actions and Trade

CBP Warns Residents of Phone Scam from Callers Impersonating CBP Officers/Agents

U.S. Customs and Border Protection agents and officers nationwide are continuing to receive numerous calls from residents concerned about unsolicited calls from scammers posing as U.S. Border Patrol agents and U.S. Customs and Border Protection officers.

U.K. Goods Trade Partially Rebounds From Initial Brexit Shock

The post-Brexit damage to U.K. merchandise trade with the European Union partially recovered in February on improved exports of cars and

pharmaceuticals, according to official figures.

China's Growth Set to Drive World Economy in Post-Pandemic Years

China will contribute more than one-fifth of the total increase in the world's gross domestic product in the five years through 2026, according to Bloomberg calculations based on IMF forecasts published Tuesday.

Iran Puts 21% Rise in Annual Foreign Trade on Agenda

Speaking in a press conference on Monday, Hamid Zadboum said two scenarios have been considered for the current calendar year with regard to the country's foreign trade, one is the case in which Iran will reach an agreement with the world powers on the nuclear deal and the U.S. sanctions are lifted and the other one is the remaining of the U.S. sanctions.

Maryland Opens Three New European Trade Offices

The Maryland Department of Commerce has opened three new international trade offices in Europe as the state looks to grow its global reach.

Senate Finance Committee Members Hear How End of 301 Exclusion, MTB Is Destroying Jobs

David Baer, chief operating officer for the Winnsboro, South Carolina, company, testified April 22 that since the 7.5% Section 301 tariff on LCD panels returned at the end of the year and the MTB expired at the same time, employment at the plant has fallen from about 520 employees to 370.

Raimondo Says 'It's Fair' to Expect Changes to China Tariffs

Commerce Department Secretary Gina Raimondo said it's "fair" to expect changes to U.S. tariffs against China, but the administration hasn't yet made a final decision.

CIT Says 180-Day Protest Deadline Runs From Liquidation, Not AD/CVD Instructions

The Court of International Trade's newest judge, Stephen Vaden, issued his first opinion with the court on April 21, dismissing tire importer Strategic Import Supply's challenge of CBP's assessment of countervailing duties on its imports of passenger vehicle and light truck tires from China. Vaden found that the importer's protest was filed too late, holding the 180-day deadline for protests runs from the date of liquidation, rather than the date CBP received updated assessment instructions from Commerce after Commerce amended rates set in the relevant CV duty administrative review.

China Trade: Xinjiang Exports to U.S. Doubled in First Quarter, Even as Cotton Ban and Sanctions Kicked In

Exports from Xinjiang to the United States surged 113 per cent from a year earlier over the first three months to US\$64.4 million, albeit off a low base due to the coronavirus impact.

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- What about pre-entrance testing and mandatory PPE before being allowed to return to work?
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- What is 'good cause' to continue working remotely?

April 28, 1:00 P.M. - 2:00 PM PT


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It is with great pleasure to announce that The FTA is proud sponsor of EXP's 21st Annual Oceans of Opportunity Event. The FTA is committed to partner with

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We encourage you to join us in the challenge to increase the FTA Friends of EXP Sponsorship amount with a contribution of your choice to further our commitment to EXP.

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April 29, 6:00 - 9:30 AM PT

Contribution amounts:
\$25, \$50, \$75 and \$100

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Location: Zoom Webinar

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CBP's recent emphasis on forced labor violations is driven by a sense of social responsibility, and is mandated by Section 307 of the Tariff Act of 1930 (19 U.S.C. § 1307), which prohibits the importation of merchandise mined, produced or manufactured, wholly or in part, in any foreign country by forced or indentured child labor – including forced child labor. Such merchandise is subject to exclusion and/or seizure, and may lead to penalties, and criminal investigation of the importer. The social injustice of forced labor when coupled with the risk of substantial penalties and the loss of import privileges, makes a Forced Labor policy an integral part of any robust import compliance program. This webinar will describe the forced labor laws, how they are interpreted, and how to navigate a forced labor audit by CBP.

JOSEPH ACAYAN
Partner
Givens & Johnston, PLLC

Joseph ("Jay") A. Acayan is a partner of Givens & Johnston, PLLC, and has extensive experience advising clients on a wide range of subjects in international trade law for the last 23 years.

For Import related matters, his representation includes preparing clients for Customs audits, drafting and implementation of Customs compliance systems, filing of prior disclosures, and fighting Customs decisions administratively and before the Court of International Trade. He also defends clients in penalty cases, liquidated damages cases, and seizures (both goods and currency).

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Location:
Zoom Webinar
Date:
Thursday, May 27, 2021

Program:
10:00 AM - 1:15 PM PDT

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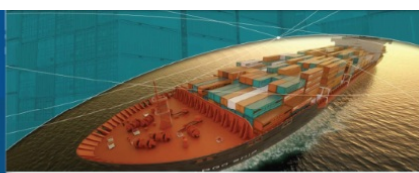
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DESCRIPTION

Speakers will include Federal Maritime Commission's ("FMC") Chairman Daniel Maffei, and representatives from the FMC's Bureau of Trade Analysis, Bureau of Certification and Licensing, and the FMC's Los Angeles Area Representative to discuss ocean freight forwarder and non-vessel operating common carrier registration and licensing, tariff publication, CADRS, service contracts, NVOCC negotiated rate arrangements and NVOCC service arrangements and enforcement of the Shipping Act. The seminar will include an update on the FMC's demurrage, detention, per diem investigations, and a panel discussion of insurance, surety, and related risk management issues.

CONFIRMED SPEAKERS INCLUDE:



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U.S. to Join Effort to Decarbonize Global Shipping

The United States will push the International Maritime Organization towards net zero emissions by 2050. In 2018, the IMO adopted an *initial strategy* seeking to reduce total annual GHG emissions from international shipping by a minimum of 50% by 2050, compared to 2008 levels. The initial strategy is set to be finalized in 2023.

Yara Marine to Offer Wind Assist Tech to Global Shipping

Norwegian exhaust gas scrubber company Yara Marine Technologies is joining forces with British-based BAR Technologies to offer commercial-scale wind-assisted propulsion technology to the global shipping industry.

Legendary Natural Gas Trader Sees 'Seismic Shift' in Houston's Oil Patch

For John Arnold, the billionaire philanthropist who made his fortune betting on natural gas prices, Houston's fossil-fuel industry seems finally ready to move on.

ABS Consulting and Verifavia Shipping Partner to Deliver Turnkey IHM Solution of Maritime Industry

ABSG Consulting Inc. (ABS Consulting), a global risk management consulting company, has partnered with Verifavia Shipping, the leading independent global provider of carbon emissions verification and Inventory of Hazardous Materials (IHM) services, to offer a turnkey solution for IHM compliance that supports continuous monitoring and annual maintenance of the inventory of hazardous materials onboard vessels.

EU Coal Laggard Faces Snags in Plan to Spinoff Dirty Assets

Poland's plan to carve out coal-fired power plants sparked a rally in the country's biggest utilities. Now for the hard part -- approving it.

U.S., Other Countries Deepen Climate Goals at Earth Day Summit

The United States and other countries hiked their targets for slashing greenhouse gas emissions at a global climate summit hosted by President Joe Biden, an event meant to resurrect U.S. leadership in the fight against global warming.

Wildlife Spotted in Sao Paulo River After Removal of Tons of Trash

Recent sightings of fish, ducks and herons in a stretch of the infamously polluted Pinheiros river in São Paulo have raised hopes that wildlife in the city's main waterway may finally be returning.



Got a story idea?

The FTA wants to hear from you! Is there a topic or industry that we're not covering that you'd like to see more of? Drop us an email by clicking the button below with your suggestions.

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IDEA**



FTA New Member Thank You!

The FTA would like to acknowledge our new members each week in our newsletter. We sincerely appreciate their support and participation. Your FTA leadership continues to focus on delivering value during this time of social distancing and know that as we move back to in-person events that the opportunities will only continue to expand.

Mandy Edwards Kirshner
Stein Shostak Shostak Pollack & O'Hara LLP

Maritime

Ever Given Insurer Appeals Detention by Egypt

UK Club, an insurer of the Ever Given cargo ship which ran aground in the Suez Canal in March, said on Friday it had filed an appeal in an Egyptian court over the detention of the vessel by authorities.

More Guilty Pleas in Mariner Credentialing Test Score-Fixing Scheme

The U.S. Attorney's Office in the Eastern District of Louisiana has announced two more guilty pleas in a test score-fixing scheme at a U.S. Coast Guard exam center, bringing the total number of convictions in the case to 21.

SEACOR Power and the Limitation of Liability Act: An Antiquated Law That's Outlived It's Purpose

On April 13, 2021, the crew of the Seacor Power was preparing to leave Port Fourchon with delivery of goods for a Talos Energy oil platform. The journey, about 100 miles, was just like any other that the lift boat and its crew had done for years. Except that day, Louisiana's Gulf area was experiencing exceptionally bad weather.

ONE Apus Discharges Cargo in POLB After Last Year's Epic Cargo Loss

The ONE Apus has discharged cargo at the Port of Long Beach after losing nearly 2,000 containers overboard in the Pacific Ocean last year.

Captain Livingstone: Troubled Waters

Anyone who works on the water understands both the practical and elemental connection between water and life. We earn our living, feed our families, and live our lives while working on the water. We witness daily occurrences that would make most others pause. Risk is ever present.

Tankers Become the "Most-Wanted" Type of Ship in the S&P Market

Tanker secondhand tonnage is quickly becoming a "hot" commodity in the market. In its latest weekly report, shipbroker Intermodal said that "after a series of months where the dry bulk sector was attracting most of the buying interest, tankers S&P activity spiked in the previous weeks.



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Video of the Week

Looking to the heavens with two great videos this week

Sure, Florida may say they're the "Space Coast", but we've got JPL and SpaceX who both turned in some pretty noteworthy performances.

First up was JPL's Perseverance rover crew who in the early hours of Monday morning successfully operated the first drone flight on another planet. Then this morning, whether you stayed up late or got up early, NASA and SpaceX sent the second commercial crew mission safely skyward to rendezvous with the ISS tomorrow.

The NASA video is nearly five hours long, but if you want to get to the juicy part, T-Minus 3 minutes or so [starts at the 4:16:00 mark](#)





Logistics and Trade

European Ports Now Bearing the Brunt of Suez Canal Blockage

The knock-on effects of the blockage of the Suez Canal is likely to impact North Europe supply chains until June.

Fitch Says Shipping Rates Rally Has Peaked

Global freight rates will remain high in the short term, but will moderate in the longer term once shipping supply-chain disruptions are cleared and more new ships are deployed, Fitch Ratings says.

Air Cargo Shift to E-Booking Accelerates Amid Freight Crunch

Global airlines are pushing deeper into the frontier of digital transactions for cargo, aiming to strengthen a financial lifeline while the pandemic continues to ravage passenger revenue.

Asia's Trade Recovery Broadens With Solid Japanese Exports

Asia's trade recovery is broadening to a host of countries beyond China, according to Japan's latest export figures showing record shipments to the region.

Asian Container Shortage Set to Intensify Into May

The difficulties in sourcing container equipment in Asia are intensifying, with unrelenting U.S. import demand and choked logistics chains continuing to slow the turnaround of boxes.

Container Prices Surge in China and India as Supply Chain Blockages Tighten Supply

The container shortages that have been adding to logistics logjams in Asia and

beyond are showing few signs of being resolved, according to the latest data from Container xChange, the world's leading online platform for the leasing and trading of shipping containers.

Upcoming Events

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April 29 - WEBINAR - Cal Asian Chamber - Adapting Your Business Model to Shifting Consumer Trends - 11:00 AM -12:00 PM PT - Join us and our partners at Wells Fargo for a wide-reaching conversation that will provide tangible advice to help your business create and implement strategies and identify resources to ensure your business is prepared - Register [here](#)

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May 2 - May 5 – 48th NCBFFA Annual Conference -Now in its 48th year, the NCBFAA Annual Conference brings together more than 600 of the international trade industry's top representatives from around the United States – Register [here](#)

May 6 – Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce 95th Annual World Trade Week – 8:30 AM - 12:00 PM PT - This years program will feature a panel on "The Future of Transportation and Supply Chains," addressing chain infrastructure, transportation challenges, and innovative solutions to increase the region's global competitiveness as we recover from the pandemic– Register [here](#)

May 11 - May 13 – Virtual Event - TIA 2021 Capital Ideas Conference - Meet virtually with top industry leaders and solutions providers and take advantage of over morning and afternoon live sessions with more than 12 hours sessions geared solely for 3PLs – Register [here](#)

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June 9 - WIT-OC – The Bureau of Industry and Security "Complying with US Export Control" - A live event with BIS specialists on a professionally designed platform - ***Details soon to follow!***

June 29- July 1 – AAEI – 100th Anniversary Conference & Expo –Save the Date – ***Details soon to follow!***

July 20-22 – CBP Virtual Trade Week - U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) will host its second Virtual Trade Week. Join CBP Executives and industry experts as they provide updates on CBP trade priorities and policies – Register [here](#)

July 25-28 2021 ICPA Summer Conference - Walt Disney World Swan & Dolphin Resort - Join other international trade compliance professionals for the 2021 ICPA Annual Conference in Orlando, FL - Register [here](#)

October 14-17 – WESSCON 2021 – 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM PT- WESSCON offers one of the best opportunity to meet people in the global logistics industry – Register [here](#)