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This past week, many of our members attended the National Custom Brokers & Forwarders Association of America's annual meeting. Some traveled to be in Fort Lauderdale, others participated virtually. It was a toe in the water of returning to trade events after a fourteen month hiatus that began, most notably, with the last-minute cancellation of the JOC's TPM Conference even with speakers and attendees already in Long Beach. As more people are vaccinated and California (hopefully!) continues to stay low, we may start to see the beginning of the return to in-person congregating and communing that we've all missed so much.

**FTA's 95TH WORLD TRADE WEEK**  
**VIRTUAL EVENT**  
*Registration Now Open!*



# 95TH WORLD TRADE WEEK

**Exploring the International Trade Landscape**  
*Mid-Year Update: Customs, PGA's and Other Current  
Issues Affecting Trade*

**VIRTUAL EVENT - MAY 20, 2021-11am - 2 pm PDT**

Tickets: FREE for Metal Members | \$50 Members | \$75 Non-Members

## CELEBRATING WORLD TRADE IN MAY!

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### SPEAKERS TO INCLUDE



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**Presentation of  
Marjorie M. Shostak Distinguished Service Award**

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**Segment 1  
U.S. Customs and Border Protection (USCBP)**

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**Segment 2  
Participating Government Agencies (PGA's)  
U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA)  
U.S. Consumer Products Safety Commission (CPSC)**

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**Segment 3  
Private Industry Experts  
Current Issues Affecting Trade – Insider Perspectives**

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## Links and Stories of Interest:

### 100 Best Sitcoms of All Time

When we're all back at the real-world water coolers and coffee machines, a spirited debate can take place in person. For now, scroll through this utter compendium of shows from the US and UK. We may be done streaming and chilling, but in the not too distant future, we'll need something to pass the time waiting for delayed planes again.

## Government Actions and Trade

### Consumer Demand Drove U.S. Imports to Record High in March

The foreign-trade gap in goods and services expanded 5.6% from the prior month to a seasonally adjusted \$74.4 billion in March, the Commerce Department said Tuesday.

### Steel Exporters Denied AFA Challenge Due to Deficient and Untimely

## **Responses, CIT Rules**

The decision stemmed from an anti-circumvention inquiry on whether imports from Vietnam were circumventing the antidumping and countervailing duty orders on cold-rolled steel flat products from South Korea.

### **New and Revised FDA Import Alerts for May 4**

On May 4 FDA posted new and revised versions of the following Import Alerts on the detention without physical examination of:

### **Canada Forces End to Montreal Port Strike--Union Vows to Fight**

Striking dockworkers at Canada's second-biggest port will gradually return to work on Saturday, the Montreal Port Authority (MPA) said, after the federal government passed a law to end the walkout.

### **Commerce Dept. Antidumping/Countervailing Duty Notices for May 5**

The Commerce Department published notices in the Federal Register May 5 on the following AD/CV duty proceedings (any notices that announce changes to AD/CV duty rates, scope, affected firms or effective dates will be detailed in another ITT article).

### **U.S. Federal Advisory Group Considering Export Aid Options**

An advisory committee to the US Department of Commerce will explore new options to support manufacturers and agriculture exporters struggling to obtain empty containers at remote hinterland locations.

### **CBP Planning to Move Drawback Into Centers of Excellence and Expertise by End of September**

CBP will be moving drawback operations from within dedicated drawback centers and into the Centers of Excellence and Expertise, said Sharolyn McCann, director, Commercial Operations, Revenue and Entry, Office of Trade. McCann, who recently replaced Randy Mitchell in that role, spoke May 4 during the National Customs Brokers & Forwarders Association of America conference.

### **OIRA Begins Review of Proposed Forced Labor Rule**

The Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs began a review of a proposed rule prohibiting goods made using forced labor. OIRA received the proposal from the Treasury Department's customs operations May 4.

### **CBP's Swanson Says Type 86 Entries Continuing to Break Records**

CBP saw a record 38 million Type 86 entries in April, said Jim Swanson, CBP director-cargo and conveyance security and controls, who was speaking virtually to the National Customs Brokers & Forwarders Association of America conference on May 5. That's still not capturing the full scope of small packages that come into the U.S. under de minimis, which tops 600 million.

### **Statement From Ambassador Katherine Tai on WTO Deputy Directors-General Appointments**

Ambassador Katherine Tai released a statement congratulating World Trade Organization (WTO) Director-General Ngozi Okonjo-Iweala on her selection of four new Deputy Directors-General: Ms. Angela Ellard, Ms. Anabel Gonzalez, Ambassador Jean-Marie Paugam and Ambassador Zhang Xiangchen.

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## FTA NEWS



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

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

**Credits:**  
3 CES Credits

**Cost:**  
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### The West Coast's ONLY 2021 Maritime Trade & Compliance Seminar

#### 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:



**Daniel B. Maffei**  
Chairman  
Federal Maritime Commission

**John Clausen**  
Area Representative  
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**Gabriel Padilla**  
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May 27, 10:00 AM - 3:15 PM PT

Free to Silver, Gold & Platinum Members

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## Environmental

### **How Infrastructure Reform Can Prioritize Ocean Climate Action**

The American Jobs Plan offers a once-in-a-century opportunity to create millions of new, well-paying union jobs, revitalize the nation's infrastructure, and build a clean energy future.

### **New Floating Wind Technology Seeks to Enhance Performance**

A prototype project for a new concept in floating wind technology is preparing to launch in the Canary Islands. The developers of the technology, X1 Wind, believe that it can significantly enhance the performance of floating wind producing cost competitive energy.

### **Rotterdam and German Steel Companies Explore Hydrogen Infrastructure**

Two of Germany's leading steel manufacturers are joining with the Port of Rotterdam to jointly investigate developing an international supply chain for hydrogen passing through the port as a replacement for the coal currently used in their manufacturing operations.

### **EPA to Curb Production, Imports of Potent Greenhouse Gas**

The Environmental Protection Agency on Monday will propose a rule curbing the use of a potent greenhouse gas used in refrigeration and air conditioning, the Biden administration's first major step to limit climate-warming pollutants.

### **Hong Kong Maritime Museum to Expand to Promoting Marine Environmental Awareness, New Director Says**

Director Joost Schokkenbroek says the institution aims to be 'three museums rolled into one' by incorporating elements of history, arts and science.

### **Port Authority Revisiting Climate Action Plans**

Logan Airport's environmental impacts tracking system, the environmental management system at Conley Terminal and the agency's Coastal Flooding Resiliency Plan — are teaming up with business officials from Massport's operating divisions to mull over environmental issues and policies across the aviation, maritime and real estate sectors.

### **Southern California Warehouse Boom; a Huge Source of Pollution:**

## Regulators are Fighting Back

Explosive warehouse growth in San Bernardino and other inland communities, in particular, is bringing increasing numbers of pollution-spewing diesel trucks into areas already hit hard by dirty air.



## 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.

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## **Royal Navy Sends a Strong Warning to China**

Throughout my U.S. Navy career, I loved to operate at sea with the British Royal Navy. U.K. warships were unfailingly well-handled, manned by crisp communicators, and — when they needed to be — quite operationally lethal. And when you visited them at sea, you could actually get a beer in the wardroom at lunch — unlike onboard our own “dry” ships.

## **Sea Cargo Chaos Intensifies In The Summer of Sold-Out Ships**

Container shipping rates are heading higher again, driven to new heights by unrelenting consumer demand and company restocking from Europe to the U.S. that are exhausting the world economy’s capacity to move goods across oceans.

## **Egyptian Judge Rejects Appeal for Release of Ever Given**

An Egyptian court upheld a ruling preventing the giant container ship that blocked the Suez Canal from leaving the country, after authorities sought more than \$900 million in compensation from the owners.

## **Crew Change Crisis 2.0--Singapore Bans South Asian Seafarers**

Seafarers have been the invisible victims of COVID-19. Thanks to local restrictions and logistical challenges, hundreds of thousands have been stranded at sea – marooned on vessels for, in some cases, months beyond agreed contracts.

## **Singapore-Based Sembcorp Marine Faces COVID-19 Headwinds, Skilled Worker Shortage**

Singapore-based marine and offshore engineering Sembcorp Marine expects losses to continue this year as it faces COVID-19 constraints and a shortage of skilled workers.

## **New Pier at China's Djibouti Base Could Accommodate Carriers**

China has completed construction of a pier large enough to hold an aircraft carrier at its Djibouti naval base, confirmed US Africom Commander Gen. Stephen Townsend at a recent appearance before the US House Armed Services Committee (HASC).



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## **Video of the Week**

### **Comments from the Commerce Secretary**

Secretary of Commerce Gina Raymundo recently sat down for an interview with Bloomberg's David Rubenstein for a wide-ranging interview covering the administration's proposed infrastructure plan, steel, semiconductors and more.



## Logistics and Trade

### **Georgia Ports Authority Details Capacity Expansion Plans for Port of Savannah**

The Georgia Ports Authority has reported record volumes of 3.9 million TEUs in its fiscal year to date numbers covering the period July 2020 to March 2021, for a 15 percent increase from the same period the previous year.

### **Supply Chains Are Our Most Critical Infrastructure**

President Joe Biden made clear in his Joint Address to Congress that rebuilding U.S. infrastructure and protecting national security will remain at the top of his agenda.

### **Costs Rising as Supply Chain 'Messiness' Extends Inland**

B2B firms and manufacturers report increasing demand despite no relief from delivery delays, rising raw materials, and transportation costs.

### **Longshore Labor Pressure Building Across North America**

An ongoing dispute between longshore labor and employers in the port of Charleston, South Carolina, in the wake of the now-ended strike in Montreal, could pale in comparison to a looming confrontation over terminal automation when negotiations begin on a new US West Coast contract next year.

### **Will South Korea's Chip Sector Take Sides in China-US tech War?**

Under Moon Jae-in, Seoul has charted a middle course between its biggest semiconductor market and its traditional military ally

### **Samskip Extends One Stop Global Logistics Shop with Samskip Air**

On May 1, 2021 Samskip Air opens its doors at new offices at Schiphol Airport,

tasked with growing the air freight volumes Samskip already books, establishing new routes and developing opportunities for cooperation with Samskip's pan-European multimodal network.

## Upcoming Events

**May 10 - Webinar -CBFFAC Hazmat and Dangerous Goods Training - 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM PT** - Unique opportunity for training and certification in accordance with 49 CFR and IMDG regulations - 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](#)

**May 18 - Combating Human Trafficking in the Trade Industry - 12:00 Pm - 1:00 PM PT** - Join us to learn how you can use your supply chain to effect change and help aid law enforcement in the discovery and disruption of human trafficking networks across North America - Register [here](#)

**May 20 - What Strategies Should Exporters Pursue In 2021? - 10:00 AM - 12:30 PM PT** - An in-depth discussion on port congestion, equipment shortages and carrier concerns affecting exports for Northern California - 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](#)

**September 15-19 ICPA Fall Conference and Valuation Seminar** -Hilton DFW Lakes Executive Conference Center, Grapevine, TX - 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](#)

**December 31 - Webinar -LACBFFA APHIS CORE Webinar (Recording + Presentation Materials) - 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM PT** - This workshop provides an overview on how to prepare for the mandatory APHIS Core filing date on 03/15/2021. Available resources and how to obtain admissibility guidance from USDA. Disclaimer tips and APHIS Core message set filing review - Register [here](#)