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This week we held our World Trade Week virtual event. It was a rousing success with more than 102 attendees. Thank you to our speakers and to the FTA volunteers who made it all happen. Thanks as well to our sponsors listed below for their support of this huge event.

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Government Actions and Trade

CBP Allows for Release of Non-Cotton Goods From Second Detained Uniqlo Shipment

CBP allowed for the release of some styles of men's shirts imported by Uniqlo that were detained over the suspected use of cotton from the Xinjiang Production and Construction Corps in China because the shirts were not made of cotton, the agency said in a May 18 ruling.

Trilateral Statement of the USMCA Free Trade Agreement

During the FTC, the Ministers reviewed the work already underway to advance our cooperation under the Agreement. Despite the challenges and hardships of the COVID-19 pandemic, committees established by the Agreement have convened virtually since entry into force on July 1, 2020.

Why are Bills of Lading Issued in Sets of Three?

Original bills of lading are normally issued in identical sets of three. The master can act by delivering against the first original presented for delivery of the cargo. The practice is described in the phrase "the one of which being accomplished the others to stand void."

China Steps Up Efforts to Join Trade Pact Created to Exclude It

China is pushing ahead with behind-the-scenes talks to join a major trade deal that originally aimed to exclude Beijing and cement U.S. economic power and trade ties in the Asia-Pacific region.

EU, U.S. Reach Truce on Metal Tariffs Ahead of Biden Visit

The European Union agreed to avoid escalating its dispute with the U.S. over metal tariffs, sparing iconic products such as bourbon whiskey and Harley-Davidson motorbikes from a doubling of EU duties next month.

ATSB: Fire on Self-Unloading Bulk Carrier Highlights Inadequate International Fire Safety Standards and Regulations

Investigators with the Australian Transport Safety Bureau said a five-day fire on board a self-unloading bulk carrier at the Port of Kembla in 2018 highlights the lack of adequate regulatory requirements and standards to address the known risk of fire on-board self-unloading ships.

Scores Missing from Barge as Cyclone Pummels Indian Coast

The Indian Navy mounted a massive air and sea rescue mission on Tuesday for 81 oil workers and crew whose barge sank in heavy seas following a powerful cyclone that tore up the west coast killing at least 29 people.

1 Dead, 8 Injured After Suspected Smuggling Boat Capsizes Off San Diego Coast

Lifeguards rescued 10 people in what the San Diego Fire-Rescue Department called "rough water conditions," including eight who were hospitalized. Some of the migrants wore life vests.

CBP and NIKE, Inc. partner to prevent counterfeit shipments from entering the United States

Under its partnership with CBP, NIKE, Inc. is donating proprietary technology to aid in authenticating a variety of NIKE, Inc. merchandise and prevent counterfeit products from entering the United States.

Ambassador Katherine Tai Applauds Enactment of the COVID-19 Hate Crimes Act

The bill addresses the increase in hate crimes against Asian American

communities and was approved with overwhelming bipartisan support.

CBP Issues Harmonized System Update

CBP created Harmonized System Update (HSU) 2105 on May 19, containing 414 Automated Broker Interface records and 83 Harmonized Tariff Schedule records, it said in a CSMS message.

Romney: US Must Join Allies to Confront Chinese Economic Abuses

Sen. Mitt Romney, R-Utah, says there is the potential for a bipartisan consensus on a strategy to compete with China. Romney, who was speaking at a U.S. Chamber of Commerce program May 19, said the two parties are more united than they were two years ago, as they recognize China's threat to liberal democracies.



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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
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John Clausen
Area Representative
Federal Maritime Commission

Gabriel Padilla
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May 27, 10:00 AM - 3:15 PM PT

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EU Focus: Blue Economy Targeting Marine Pollution and Ship Recycling

The European Commission is calling for a new approach in developing a sustainable blue economy, telling all member states that they need to develop plans in 2021 addressing the maritime sector.

Using Container Spills to Understand Ocean Currents

The blocking of the Suez Canal in March by the megaship Ever Given delayed over 200 vessels laden with thousands of containers, serving as a reminder of the scale of the shipping industry and the global repercussions when something goes badly wrong at sea. Yet most people remain unaware of just how frequently the cargo carried by huge container ships doesn't make it to port at all.

Wind-Assisted Containership Receives Class Approval in Principle

A new concept design for a wind-assisted containership has been awarded an Approval in Principle by classification society Bureau Veritas.

End New Oil, Gas and Coal Funding to Reach Net Zero, Says IEA

Investors should not fund new oil, gas and coal supply projects if the world wants to reach net zero emissions by mid-century, the International Energy Agency (IEA) said on Tuesday, in the top global watchdog's starkest warning yet to curb fossil fuels.

Seacor Power: A Change In Temperature Equals a Change in Density that Equals an Event -Opinion

Many factors contribute to dramatic weather in the Gulf; shallow depths, influx

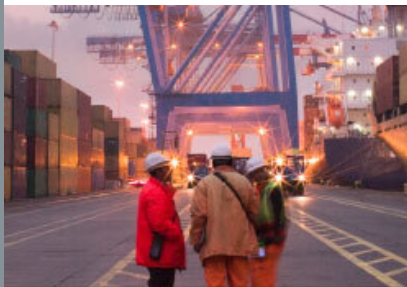
of heat from the Gulf Stream loop current, being surrounded by flat land which heats and cools diurnally and permits winds to blow offshore, mixing with cooler and moisture laden Gulf air.



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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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Maritime

U.S. West Coast Ports Race to Clear Ship Backlog by Peak Season

A total of 19 container ships were anchored waiting for entry into Los Angeles and Long Beach, California, as of Sunday, compared with 21 a week earlier, according to officials who monitor marine traffic in San Pedro Bay. The bottleneck has persisted since November, peaking around 40 vessels in early February.

Shipping Industry Unites in Effort to Stop Gulf of Guinea Piracy

To raise world attention on the threats to shipping in the Gulf of Guinea and take the first steps to improve security, a task force of stakeholders from across the shipping industry launched the Gulf of Guinea Declaration on the Suppression of Piracy.

SRI: UN Seafarer's Rights Initiative Must Be Backed Up by Enforcement

Seafarers' Rights International (SRI), the maritime legal research organization based in London, is warning that unscrupulous vessel operators could avoid compliance and attempt to undercut the competition if maritime human rights standards are not properly enforced.

Driving Better Shipping Through Improvements in Data and Connectivity

As the maritime industry knows well, ship-to-shore connectivity poses a significant challenge. The terrestrial communication networks that most industries take for granted cease to be an option more than a few miles offshore.

'The Big Short' Investor Buys Into Shipping

A new SEC filing shows that the Scion Asset Management, the private investment firm founded and led by famed investor Dr. Michael Burry, purchased about \$10.5 million worth shipping stocks in the first quarter of 2020.

Secretary of State Blinken Criticizes Russia's 'Unlawful Maritime Claims' in the Arctic

U.S. Secretary of State Antony Blinken on Tuesday criticized Russia's activities in the Arctic region, describing them as 'unlawful maritime claims' and repeated calls to avoid the militarisation of the region, days before a gathering of Arctic nations.

CMA CGM Marco Polo Becomes Biggest Ship to Dock on East Coast

CMA CGM Marco Polo arrived at the Port of New York and New Jersey Thursday, becoming the largest ship to ever call on the U East Coast. The ship previously called in Halifax, marking its first stop and setting the North America east coast size record.



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Video of the Week

How NASA's JPL made a ventilator in 37 days

Get the behind-the-scenes story from visual strategist Dan Goods about how a single question launched NASA's Jet Propulsion Lab into action at the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic, propelling an unprecedented pivot from space-exploring robots to live-saving ventilators. It'll inspire you to wonder: "Is what I'm doing right now the most important thing I can be doing?"



Logistics and Trade

The World Economy is Suddenly Running Low on Everything

A year ago, as the pandemic ravaged country after country and economies shuddered, consumers were the ones panic-buying. Today, on the rebound, it's companies furiously trying to stock up.

Project to Widen and Deepen Houston Ship Channel Breaks Ground

The Port of Houston has started construction on the project to widen and deepen the 52-mile Houston Ship Channel. The project, known Project 11, will widen the channel by 170 feet along the Galveston Bay reach, from 530 feet to 700 feet. It will also deepen upstream segments to 46.5 feet.

U.S. West Coast Ports Race to Clear Ship Backlog by Peak Season

Ship congestion outside the busiest U.S. gateway for trade with Asia showed glimmers of easing as port officials race to clear a backlog of arriving cargo before peak season begins in about three months.

US Warehouse Development Shifting from E-Commerce Back to Import Logistics

After 10 consecutive months of record or near-record import volumes, and seaport-dependent supply chains struggling with congestion, developers this year are focusing on traditional warehouse and import distribution space.

April Truck Tonnage Dip Belies Ongoing Demand

The volume of freight handled under contract with motor carriers showed a month-over-month decline in April following a strong March.

April Imports from Asia Down from March But Still Impressive

Although US imports from Asia in April did not match the impressive volume recorded in March, it was nevertheless the busiest April on record and the 10th consecutive month of year-over-year import increases since last July.

Amazon Makes Push to Reduce Worker Injuries

The company said Monday that its new program, called WorkingWell, aims to better educate some of its employees on how to avoid workplace injuries and improve mental health on the job.

Cisco LaunchPad Accelerated Smart Ship Hub to Launch 'Digital Towers for the Global Maritime Industry

Clocking more than \$20 trillion in global trade per annum, the global maritime logistics industry is the second largest in the world, next to the oil and gas industry. It supports 90 percent of the global trade, but if you compare it with airline or road logistics in terms of innovation and technology, it's almost a decade behind.

Upcoming Events

May 27 - Webinar - LACBFFA Addressing Cross Border E-Commerce

Challenges with Emerging Technologies - 11:00 AM -12:00 PM - A summary of the efforts and findings that assesses options to address e-commerce data sharing challenges, how to leverage emerging technologies to augment and enhance data sharing, the economic costs and benefits from incorporating emerging technologies - Register [here](#)

May 27 - Virtual Event - The West Coast's ONLY 2021 Federal Maritime Commission Trade & Compliance Seminar - 10:00 AM - 1:15 PM PT -

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 - Register [here](#)

June 3 - Port Congestion: How to Navigate a Volatile and Complex Ocean Freight Market - 11:00 PM - 12:00 PM PDT - Join us for an informative webinar where we will take a deep dive into the current, volatile ocean freight market and share tips to minimize the impact of this situation on your transport and shipping operations - Register [here](#)

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 10 - P.A.E.I. - Virtual Networking Event - 5:00 PM - 6:00 PM - Join us for a fun night of Trade Compliance Trivia & Networking - Register [here](#)

June 23 - CBFANC - Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) - 11:00 AM - 12:30 PM - New Procedures & Updates from the CPSC - Register [here](#)

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 12-15 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](#)