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The closure of a Ningbo Port terminal due to a port worker testing positive with COVID, once again sent shockwaves through supply chains. The ever-worsening congestion and resumption of the offshore San Pedro Bay "parking lot" exacerbates pinching-off of one of the country's largest export ports. [The world is watching](#), but hoping for the best...

Number of the Day:

2.37 million

Projected container imports, in 20-foot-equivalent units, into major U.S. ports in August, up 12.6% from a year ago and the most ever in a month in Global Port Tracker records dating to 2002.



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Government Actions and Trade

Biden Says His Administration is Working Relieve Bottlenecks that Threaten Economic Recovery

A report issued on Wednesday showed that U.S. consumer price increases

slowed in July, signaling a possible peak, though inflation remained at a 13-year high on an annual basis as the U.S. economy recovers from the COVID-19 recession.

Business Groups Call on Biden to Restart Trade Talks With China

Nearly three dozen of the nation's most influential business groups—representing retailers, chip makers, farmers and others—are calling on the Biden administration to restart negotiations with China and cut tariffs on imports, saying they are a drag on the U.S. economy.

See *attached industry letter regarding China policy* [here](#)

Obsolete Tech is Clogging up Global Trade. Here's How to Unblock It

Even as the world starts to dig out from the economic impact of COVID-19, the outdated technologies that power supply chains are holding back international trade and undermining recovery from one of the worst recessions in modern history.

OCEAN SHIPPING REFORM ACT OF 2021

Updates and improves the purposes of the Shipping Act to better reflect current federal policy governing international ocean shipping. *Please see attached [letter](#) and [summary](#) on the topic.*

CTA's Last Hope to Protect California Trucking from AB5: US Supreme Court

The last two rounds in the courts did not go well for the CTA. In April, the injunction that kept AB5 from being implemented was overturned by a three-judge panel of the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals.

China Wary of Lithuanian Domino Effect Over de facto Taiwan Embassy

China's strong reaction to Lithuania's decision to allow Taiwan to open a de facto embassy is due to a deep concern that more countries will follow the Baltic state's lead, setting off a domino effect in Europe, China observers said.

Laredo CBP Officers Seize over 8,500 Pills of Undeclared Controlled Medication, Resulting in One Arrest

"This seizure of undeclared prescription medication was composed of muscle relaxants, sedatives and stimulants that are classified as controlled substances by the Drug Enforcement Administration," said Port Director Alberto Flores, Laredo Port of Entry. "Fortunately, our frontline officers remain vigilant in the interdiction of these dangerous drugs, which aids in the prosecution of alleged drug traffickers."

U.S.-China Relations: Envoys 'Aim to Build' on Wendy Sherman's Tianjin Talks

The meeting between U.S. Deputy Secretary of State Wendy Sherman and China's new ambassador Qin Gang, who arrived in Washington in late July, followed months of posturing, tension and accusations between the two giants.

Top U.S., South Korean Trade Officials Discuss Supply Chain Resiliency

U.S. Trade Representative Katherine Tai and South Korean Trade Minister Yeo Han-koo on Thursday discussed supply chain resiliency efforts, tackling climate change, and reform of the World Trade Organization, the USTR said in a statement.

Hi-tech Tools May Keep Forced-labor Goods out of U.S. Market as Top Brands Brace for Xinjiang Ban

Earlier this summer, the powerful U.S. government agency that oversees America's borders and ports sent out a call for help: it wanted to stop goods made with forced labor from entering the country but needed better technology to track them down.

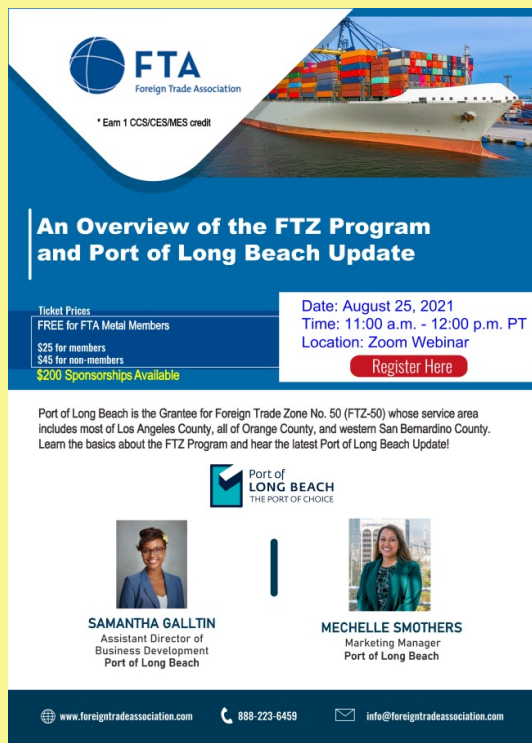


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Time: 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. PT
Location: Zoom Webinar
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Environmental

Trade Policies Have Environmental Implications

U.S.–China trade relations have implications for global nitrogen and phosphorus surpluses, and increasing blue water demand. The case shows that trade policy analysis needs to integrate environmental considerations.

Heavy-Duty Truck Operators to Test Startup's Onboard Carbon-Capture System

Companies including Ryder System Inc., Werner Enterprises Inc., NFI Industries, ArcBest Corp. and Cargill Inc. are planning to test a mobile carbon-capture system in development by Echeneidae Inc., which does business as Remora. The tests start later this year.

The U.N. Climate Report is Dire. So Why are There no Limits on Maritime Shipping's Carbon Emissions?

Maritime shipping is a major source of greenhouse gas emissions. Ships carry up to 90 percent of world trade, and shipping is the most fuel-efficient means of global transportation. Even so, each year, the sector produces carbon dioxide and other greenhouse gases totaling 1,056 million tons — a figure that rivals the annual emissions of Germany, the world's sixth-largest emitter.

Deep-sea Mining: Is it an Environmental Curse or Could it Save Us?

Potato-sized clumps of metal at the bottom of the deepest oceans might aid our fight against climate change, but mining these could also damage a world we know very little about.

Researchers Say Arctic Marine Bacteria Can Biodegrade Fossil Fuels

A study, published in Applied and Environmental Microbiology, finds that marine bacteria in the Canadian Arctic is capable of biodegrading fossil fuels — specifically, post-oil spill

100-Year Drought Impacting Argentina's Grain Exports

The South American grains powerhouse is the world's No. 3 corn supplier and No. 1 exporter of soymeal livestock feed, used to fatten hogs and poultry from Europe to Southeast Asia. Farm exports are Argentina's main source of hard currency needed to bolster central bank reserves sapped by a three-year recession.



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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

How to Cushion Consumers from High Maritime Freight Rates

Containerized shipping underpins the transport and delivery of global manufactured goods, including inputs, parts, components and consumer goods.

Oil Spills from Wrecked Wood Chip Carrier Crimson Polaris in Japan

NYK said the vessel split in two at 4:15 a.m. local time on Thursday, August 12, and oil from the vessel has spilled into the water. "The amount is currently under investigation," the company said.

China Starts Shutting Down World's Third-Busiest Port

All inbound and outbound container services at Meishan terminal in Ningbo-Zhoushan port were halted Wednesday until further notice due to a "system disruption," according to a statement from the port. An employee tested positive for coronavirus, the eastern Chinese city's government said.

Shipping Act Rewrite Defers to FMC to Define 'Unreasonable' Export Rejections

The Tuesday introduction of a bill that would significantly change U.S. shipping law for the first time in two decades drew sharp fire from container lines, who argue the legislation is infused with "unfairness" that risks making imports and exports more expensive.

Worker at Ningbo-Zhoushan Port, World's Busiest Cargo Port, Tests Positive for Coronavirus

An epidemiological survey suggested that the patient, who showed no symptoms, may have been infected through contact with foreign cargo or personnel, and further investigation is underway.

Ocean Carriers: Shipping Reform Act 'Doomed to Fail'

Container carrier representatives in Washington are pushing back hard against legislation introduced Tuesday aimed at addressing yearlong complaints against carriers by their customers alleging service failures and unfair pricing they say would have disastrous consequences for container markets.



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Video of the Week

Taking to the Electric Skies

With the infrastructure bill in the news this week as well as the [attention-grabbing report on climate from the IPCC](#), we look at the aircraft that United Airlines is betting on to take the first steps to [electrify a part of their fleet](#) from Swedish manufacturer Heart Aerospace.



Logistics and Trade

Texas Extends Waiver for Houston Truckers Amid Container Backlog

Texas Governor Greg Abbott will extend for another 30 days a waiver that allows truckers to exceed federally regulated service hours as the Port of Houston deals with heavy cargo volumes.

Delta Variant Clouds Back-to-School Shopping Plans

Concerns over the Delta variant and supply-chain issues that have made it hard to find items like backpacks are upending back-to-school shopping plans for families, prompting some to curtail spending.

Cargill, Continental Grain to Acquire Sanderson Farms

The deal values Sanderson at \$203 a share, about 30% above the stock price before The Wall Street Journal reported in June that the company had attracted interest from suitors including Continental.

U.S. Distributor Warns of Medical Supply Shortage

America's medical supply chains remain fragile a year and a half into the pandemic and industry experts worry the country could be heading into another supply shortage across a broad swath of medical products.

What Vaccine Supply Tells Us About International Trade

If you've ever taken an economics course, you probably learned about the theory of comparative advantage, which says that countries trade to take advantage of their differences. The classic original example, from early-19th-century economist David Ricardo, involved the exchange of English cloth for Portuguese wine.

Kansas City Southern Deal to Get Regulatory Ruling by End of August

Federal railroad regulators said they plan to issue a key ruling by the end of the month that would potentially clear the way for Canadian National Railway Co. 's \$30 billion acquisition of Kansas City Southern.

Canadian Retailer Buys Stake in British Columbia's Largest Inland Port

Canadian Tire is acquiring a 25% stake in Ashcroft Terminal, the largest inland port in British Columbia, in a deal that will allow the Canadian retailer to move containers more efficiently from the Port of Vancouver and improve access to CN and Canadian Pacific rail capacity.

Upcoming Events

August 18 - LA Area Chamber of Commerce - Shaping US Trade Policy: A Conversation with USTR - 9:30 AM - 10:45 AM PT- Join the Global Initiatives Council for an in-depth conversation with Greta Peisch, General Counsel for the Office of the U.S. Trade Representative as she shares insights on the administration's trade agenda and what lies ahead for US trade policy - Register [here](#)

August 19 - WIT-LA Port to Port Conversation - 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM PT- The session provides a platform for the speakers from our Ports to exchange market intelligence and learn about the insights into current and future trends of the industry and how are hot topics like distribution of COVID vaccine and Digitalization impacting the Supply Chain Management - Register [here](#)

Aug 25 - WEBINAR - An Overview of the FTZ Program and Port of Long Beach Update - 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM PT - Join us and the Port of Long Beach for an overview of the FTZ Program and other port updates - Register [here](#)

Aug 26 - WEBINAR -Weekend Update with Cameron Roberts & Keith Sanchez - 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM PT- We are talkin' trends in Transportation & Trade - What you need to know, think you know, but probably don't know! - Register [here](#)

Aug 29 - WIT-LA - WIT-LA Port-to-Port Conversation - 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM PT - Trade representatives from Consulates General and Trade Offices in Los Angeles and San Francisco will join us to provide a summary update on international trade relations with the U.S. and present their perspectives for opportunities for U.S. businesses in a panel discussion followed by Q&A - Register [here](#)

September 10 - HTA DrayTECH 2021 - 11:00 AM - 9:00 PM PT- The supply-chain is being digitized, equipment is getting cleaner and more efficient, and drayage is at the epicenter of it all. You can't afford to miss this year's HTA DrayTECH Conference. Learn about the emerging innovations that will help revolutionize the drayage industry - Register [here](#)

September 12-15 ICPA Fall Conference and Valuation Seminar -Hilton DFW Lakes Executive Conference Center, Grapevine, TX - Register [here](#)

September 14 - PAEI Webinar: Overview of International Trade & Export Control Developments in Asia Pacific Region -6:00 PM - 7:30 PM PT - Join us for this interactive "webinar" with our industry experts on an overview of international trade and export control developments in the Asia Pacific region and implications for global supply chains - Register [here](#)

September 19-21 NCBFAA Government Affairs Conference - 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM PT - Grand Hyatt, Washington, D.C. - 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 9 - LACBFFA Holiday Party 2021 - 6:00 PM - 10:00 PM PT -The Grand in Long Beach - 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](#)