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It's the same great FTA newsletter - just earlier in the day! We've made a change to our production and publishing schedule because at the end of a long week, we know the last thing you want to do is think about work. As a result, we're collecting stories through the week and writing on Thursday and the FTA newsletter will be hitting your inboxes on Friday mornings. We hope you enjoy it with your morning coffee before the chaos ensues.

### Number of the Day:

# 37

Number of container ships anchored off the ports of Los Angeles and Long Beach in recent days, the highest total since February, according to the Marine Exchange of Southern California.



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# CA Supply Chain Success Initiative

*We want to hear from you!*

CITT has partnered with the Governor's Office of Business and Economic Development (GO-Biz), the California State Transportation Agency (CalSTA), and the Port of Long Beach to engage the diverse spectrum of stakeholders along the supply chain to identify the key challenges facing us all in moving freight through the state and beyond. We are also soliciting inputs on creative solutions to these challenges.

This California Supply Chain Success Initiative includes a Sep. 1 virtual workshop that will provide a forum for industry, community, and policy makers to refine and prioritize the solutions that will be critical in igniting collaborative discussion and problem-solving, as well as a follow-up in-person summit for decision makers to identify some solutions-driven and mutually agreed upon next steps to resolving them.

An important part of our engagement strategy, and one that will help to expand the discussion at the two workshops, is soliciting short videos from a wide variety of stakeholders that explain the urgency in resolving the challenges the supply chain is facing.

We are seeking responses to any of the following by **Friday August 20:**

- *Are there ways of doing things better that add value to the supply chain?*
- *What does supply chain success look like for you or your organization?*
- *What is the biggest obstacle preventing you from getting there?*
- *What are the risks of doing nothing?*

Submit your video response to the questions listed, made on a smart phone, no longer than 40 seconds via our [Google form](#). We ask that you include your name and affiliation.

With your help, we can initiate a dialogue that will facilitate broader collaborative engagement and kick start action to ensure California's position as the nation's leading trade gateway!

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If you have any questions please contact the Center for International Trade and Transportation at (562)985-2875 or visit [www.cpie.csulb.edu](http://www.cpie.csulb.edu).

## Government Actions and Trade

### **The Fall Of Afghanistan And U.S. Foreign Trade**

Will our export markets continue to buy our products, and will our import sources continue to supply us with goods and services? In most cases, the Afghan experience will have little impact, but watch out for what happens in countries dependent on U.S. military protection.

### **Border Patrol Agents Protect U.S. Border Amidst Targeted Attacks**

"U.S. Border Patrol agents continue their unwavering commitment to provide border and national security to the American public despite recent attacks against them along our Southwest border. We take these threats and acts of violence seriously and will do everything we can to identify and bring those to justice who have sought to harm the men and women of the Border Patrol," said U.S. Border Patrol Chief Raul Ortiz.

### **Biden's 180-Degree Shift on Trade Policy**

Thanks to the Rapid Response mechanism in the new U.S.-Mexico-Canada trade agreement, trade is now being used as leverage to protect workers' rights.

### **In Uncertain Times, China 'Needs New Vision' for Europe Relationship**

China may have to come up with a new approach to its changing relationship with Europe, analysts say, though that is not likely to include a softer stand on challenges to its "red lines".

### **China's Shipping Dominance Fuels Political Tensions**

Increased infrastructure investment and regulation may help the U.S. regain some of the economic ground it has lost in competing against China.

### **Guidance Needed Before Importers Rely on New de Minimis Standard in Silicon WRO, Law Firm Says**

"CBP now appears willing to use its authority to enforce US law on the use of forced labor (19 U.S.C § 1307) to provide importers with flexibility when their imports contain de minimis amounts of product produced with forced labor," the firm said. "However, until more guidance develops on how CBP intends to implement this policy, manufacturers and U.S. importers should be wary of relying on it too heavily."

### **China's Economic Recovery Is Losing Steam**

Monthly indicators of industrial, consumption and investment activity all showed growth retreating more quickly than expected—and decelerating from June's yearly growth rates—according to data released Monday by China's National Bureau of Statistics.

### **After Dasu Bus Blast in Pakistan, Chinese Workers on Go-slow Over Lax Security, Terrorism Fears**

A local interpreter who works for one of the Chinese firms contracted by the state Water and Power Development Authority (Wapda) said Pakistani mobile army units only provided protection to Chinese staff travelling between the Barseen residential camp and the hydropower project's various sites outside Dasu town in the remote Kohistan region.

### **Court Extends Section 301 Liquidation Injunction, Repository Deadline**

The judges also extended to Sept. 3 from Aug. 20 the deadline for CBP to create a repository for the subject customs entries. It's the court's third deadline extension since Kelly and Choe-Groves ordered CBP to establish the repository in a July 6 preliminary injunction order.

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### **U.S. Economy Likely to Outgrow China's Due to Contrast in Pandemic Responses**

The American edge should continue for at least the next few quarters, many economists say. That would be the first sustained period since at least 1990 in which the U.S. economy grew faster than China's.

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## FTA NEWS

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### An Overview of the FTZ Program and Port of Long Beach Update

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**Date:** August 25, 2021  
**Time:** 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. PT  
**Location:** Zoom Webinar  
[Register Here](#)

Port of Long Beach is the Grantee for Foreign Trade Zone No. 50 (FTZ-50) whose service area includes most of Los Angeles County, all of Orange County, and western San Bernardino County. Learn the basics about the FTZ Program and hear the latest Port of Long Beach Update!

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### An Overview of the FTZ Program and Port of Long Beach Update

Join us and the Port of Long Beach for an overview of the FTZ Program and other port updates.

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## Environmental

**Hong Kong Move to Ban Plastic Cutlery Leaves Restaurants Fretting Over Supply, Cost of Eco-friendly Alternatives**



Restaurant owners call for government subsidies to defray extra cost of eco-friendly cutlery, with the first phase of ban coming in 2025, some ask for clearer guidelines on what is acceptable

### **New Study Analyzes Global Environmental Consequences of Weakening U.S.-China Trade Relationship**

A new study has found that United States would face intensifying nitrogen and phosphorus pollution and increasing irrigation water usage in agricultural production as a result of persistent U.S.-China trade tension, such as China's retaliatory tariffs on U.S. agriculture.

### **Environmental News Roundup**

The Senate has passed a contentious federal infrastructure bill, which now moves on to the House. It could potentially bring billions to Louisiana for bridges, roads, and other infrastructure.

### **Jan De Nul to Install Cables for Vineyard Wind Offshore Farm**

Jan De Nul, working with subcontractor JDR Cable Systems, based out of the United Kingdom, will supply and install the roughly 130 miles of inter-array cables for the 800 megawatt Vineyard Wind 1 project. The 66kV inter-array cables connecting 62 GE Haliade-X turbines will transfer electricity to an offshore substation for transmission to the grid.

### **Seajacks Purchase Gives Eneti World's Largest Wind Installation Fleet**

Eneti, formerly known as Scorpio Bulkers, is accelerating its transition from bulk carrier to offshore wind specialist with the acquisition of Seajacks International and its fleet of five wind turbine installation vessels (WTIVs).

### **U.S. Report Advocates Nuclear-derived Zero-carbon Fuels to Decarbonise Marine Shipping**

A report from the U.S. Clean Air Task Force (CATF) has found that that nuclear-derived zero-carbon fuels such as hydrogen and ammonia could play a key role in decarbonising the global marine shipping sector, and offers policy recommendations for how the US could lead the global transition away from high-polluting shipping fuels.



### **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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### 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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## **Maritime Shipping Could Triple by 2050. How Will the Industry Decarbonize?**

A diverse array of stakeholders, including world leaders, financiers, NGOs, and shipping companies, have zeroed in on shipping as a critical target for decarbonization, given the sector's importance for both global trade and the climate.

## **Commercial Shipping Is the Next Cybersecurity Challenge**

Suspected attacks, in which several ships simultaneously reported difficulties in steering, highlight both the importance of commercial shipping to the global economy and the sector's vulnerability to asymmetric tactics, including cyberattacks.

## **WTO Says Record Global Trade in Goods May Be Plateauing**

The Geneva-based trade body's goods trade barometer rose to 110.4 in March, the highest in records going back to 2016, according to a statement on the WTO website on Wednesday. It said that while the index is still above its longer-term average, the gains are decelerating, "which could presage a peaking of upward momentum in trade."

## **Clock Ticking for Christmas Imports as West Coast Congestion Mounts**

Dwell times at terminals, warehouses and rail yards now at or near record highs

## **Imports Sustain Surge at Port of Los Angeles as Exports Continue to Crash**

The Port of Los Angeles reported today it processed 890,800 TEUs in July, marking a 4% increase compared to last year and 12 consecutive months of year-over-year growth.

## **Port Congestion Double-Whammy Sinks Carriers' Hopes of Schedule Recovery**

Asia-North Europe loops with a pro-forma round-trip transit time of around 75 days are now taking 100 or more, with carriers obliged to juggle schedules at the last minute.



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## Thirds and firsts - COVAX making vaccines possible in lesser developed nations

As booster vaccinations are recommended to immunocompromised individuals to provide further protection against the Delta variant of COVID, there are other countries where \*first\* doses of vaccination are just arriving or slated to arrive.

The global initiative behind this is called COVAX and it is [led by Gavi, The Vaccine Alliance](#). These vaccines - developed and produced by countries around the world, are providing a key way for nations who cannot do what the US has done; provide enough vaccine for every eligible recipient and getting it into the arms of the entire world. Only through a global immunization effort will the planet develop the needed herd immunity to protect against future, more dangerous mutations.

These vaccines are delivered worldwide by air cargo, such as Miami-based Amerijet International as featured in this video.



## Logistics and Trade

### Dry Freight Box Prices Lead Container Equipment Surge

Prices of dry freight shipping containers have doubled over the past year to reach historic highs but will moderate over the next few years, according to Drewry's recently published [Container Census & Leasing Annual Review and Forecast 2021/22](#) report.

### Aldi Plans to Hire 20,000 U.S. Workers in Holiday-Season Ramp-Up

Jobs that Aldi is hiring for include cashiers, stockers and associates at its more



than 2,100 American stores and its 25 warehouses. The company will be drawing from a tight U.S. labor market in which openings have recently exceeded the number of people looking for work.

### **Carriers Doing Best They Can with Overtaxed US Landside: DB Schenker's Meincke**

DB Schenker's Thorsten Meincke says container lines are doing their "best possible to get the supply chain running," although he warns US landside challenges will continue to challenge efforts.

### **U.S. Border Businesses Want Back Mexicans Shut Out by Covid-19 Travel Bans**

While retail, restaurants and other establishments have been springing back to life across much of the U.S. as more people get vaccinated and some Covid restrictions ease, many consumer-facing businesses in cities along the southern border have yet to see a rebound, their customers still shut out by travel bans.

### **Leasing Firm to Convert 18 Airbus A321 Passenger Jets to Freighters**

Aircraft leasing company BBAM Limited Partnership on Monday placed the largest order to date for the new Airbus A321 converted freighter, which is attracting growing attention from express delivery companies and airlines supporting parcel networks that are experiencing rapid growth in e-commerce business.

### **Walmart's Earnings Report Shows Sales Rose as Shoppers Returned to Stores**

Comparable sales, those from U.S. stores and digital channels operating for at least 12 months, rose 5.2% in the quarter ended July 30 compared with the same period last year. U.S. e-commerce sales rose 6% from a year ago, when Covid restrictions kept many people home.

### **Global Supply Chains Are Being Battered by Fresh Covid Surges**

Asia's renewed surge in Covid-19 infections is compounding supply-chain blockages across the world's biggest source of manufactured goods.

### **New India-focused Consolidator Provides Digital LCL Path**

A new digitally focused ocean freight consolidator believes it can piggyback on demand in India for less-than-container load (LCL) services with a transparent approach to pricing.

### **For Robot Trucks, Navigating Highways Is Just One Bump in the Road**

Most startups are pushing to achieve what is known as Level 4 automation, meaning the vehicle is capable of performing all driving functions under certain conditions. That would signal that the technology can be useful to trucking companies and shippers at commercial scale, and the startups can start earning more meaningful revenue.

### **U.S. Coin Shortage Prompts Stress at Laundromats**

Restaurants and retailers encouraged digital and credit card payments, causing the coin shortage during the pandemic

# Upcoming Events

**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](#)