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The NCBFAA this week urged their membership to reach out to importer and exporter clients and have them share perspectives with the FMC without fear of retaliation. Their Transportation Committee created a document that companies can share with importers and exporters to prepare submissions to the agency. Click [here](#) to read and download that document.

Number of the Day:

2,513,033

International intermodal containers transported in the U.S. in the second quarter, 24.8% more than the same quarter last year, according to the [Intermodal Association of North America](#).



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Government Actions and Trade

U.S., EU Eye Steel Tariff Deal by Nov. 1

The U.S. and the EU hope to resolve a three-year-old dispute over former President Donald Trump's steel and aluminum tariffs by Nov. 1, and plan to hold the first ministerial-level meeting of the new transatlantic Trade and Technology Council in late September.

Number of AD/CV Orders Enforced by CBP Continues to Grow

The growth in the number of antidumping and countervailing duty orders enforced by CBP in recent years appears to be continuing, said Elizabeth Teague, an analyst at CBP, who spoke during a CBP Detroit Trade Week event on Aug. 3.

FACT SHEET: Historic Bipartisan Infrastructure Deal

In total, the deal includes \$550 billion in new federal investment in America's infrastructure.

The United States and ASEAN: Strategic Partners for the Indo-Pacific

The United States is revitalizing our multilateral partnerships to advance our shared prosperity, security, and values in the Indo-Pacific.

CBP Extends Comment Period on Proposed Use of Part 102 Rules for Origin Under USMCA

CBP will allow another 30 days of public comments on CBP's proposed use of Part 102 marking rules to determine the country of origin for non-preferential claims under USMCA

U.S. Commerce Chief Sees Some Tariffs as 'Very Effective'

"If China is not going to play by the rules, then there's a place for tariffs, and they have been effective if you just look at how steel production has increased" in the U.S. since the taxes were put in place" - U.S. Commerce Secretary Gina Raimondo

United States and Canada Forge Ahead on Critical Minerals Cooperation

The working group discussed the implementation of President Biden and Prime Minister Trudeau's commitment to strengthen cooperation on critical minerals supply chains as outlined in the Roadmap for a Renewed U.S.-Canada Partnership.

Delta Variant Stalls Asia's Economic Recovery After Early Rebound

With progress on vaccinations slower than in the West, Asia is hitting new pandemic highs driven by the Delta variant of the coronavirus. The spread of the virus is threatening to hurt consumer confidence and erode the advantage of many Asian economies as manufacturing powerhouses.

U.S. Trade Policy Work in Progress, MBS Panelists Say

The Biden Admin. has at least one goal in common with the Trump Admin. that preceded it – a trade policy centered on U.S. workers. But disruptions in global supply chains, complicated by the country's complex relationship with China, have created a moving target.

U.S. Trade Deficit Widened to Record in June, Showing Strong Pre-Delta Demand

The trade gap in goods and services expanded 6.7% from May to a seasonally adjusted \$75.7 billion, the Commerce Department said Thursday. Before the pandemic, the monthly trade deficit had hovered for years between \$40 billion and \$50 billion.

FMC Responds to Shipper Complaints with Probe into Shipping Surcharges

The Federal Maritime Commission (FMC) has announced it is investigating surcharges imposed by eight liner shipping operators following complaints from shippers that the charges were not properly instituted.

U.S. – Vietnam Reach Agreement on Currency, No Tariffs Imposed

The US Department of Treasury in December 2020 labeled Vietnam a currency manipulator, claiming that Vietnam intentionally undervalued its currency in order to gain an export advantage. However, in April this year, after

months of investigations into Vietnam's currency practices, the Treasury Department dropped the designation, despite maintaining that the country still met the manipulator label's criteria under a 2015 law.


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

DHL Express Orders Electric Cargo Planes from Eviation

Global parcel delivery giant DHL Express placed its first order for electric cargo jets, becoming an early airline adopter of alternative propulsion systems that address broader sustainability concerns while supporting e-commerce deliveries.

Golden Ray Lifting Paused for Oil Spill Clean-Up

Approximately 70 personnel split into several shoreline clean-up teams have been working to mitigate oiled shorelines along the south end of St. Simons Island since the discharge.

Hyllion Plans Bigger Battery to Stay Relevant in Electric Truck Race

At risk of ceding ground in the race to battery-electric trucks, Hyllion Holdings will launch its natural gas generator-powered hybrid powertrain with 75 miles of electric range, enough to qualify the Hypertruck ERX for zero-emission credits in California.

E-cargo Bikers Pedal in with a Last-mile (R)evolution from Diesel

Electric cargo bikes provide a cleaner, quicker solution for urban deliveries, but clearer regulations and dis-incentivizing fossil-fueled vehicles is key to encouraging their uptake.

Safety and Shipping Review 2021:

Efforts to reduce emissions need to move up a gear while ESG reporting requirements will increasingly impact. The transition to low-sulphur shipping has gone well to date but has also brought machinery and fuel damage claims and fire risks.



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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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Beware ‘Nasty Side Effects’ if Government Targets Ocean Carriers

What if the U.S. government does move to rein in foreign carriers? What if carrier alliances are broken up, detention and demurrage charges are curtailed, export service is mandatory and — most hypothetically — spot rates are capped?

MSC Hits Back Saying it was ‘Shocked’ by Anti-trust Breach Allegations

MSC said today the notice from the US Federal Maritime Commission (FMC) of the complaint lodged by MCS was published on Tuesday, but the carrier had received “no formal complaint by MCS Industries in advance of the filing”.

CBP to Stop Shipments From Fijian Fishing Vessel Over Forced Labor Concerns

CBP said the WRO “against the longliner fishing vessel [is] based on information that reasonably indicates the use of forced labor in the vessel’s fishing operations.”

U.S. Believes Iran was Behind ‘Hijacking’ Incident in Gulf of Oman, But Can’t Yet Confirm

“We can confirm that personnel have left the Panama-flagged Asphalt Princess, this commercial vessel that was seized yesterday. We believe that these personnel were Iranian, but we’re not in a position to confirm this at this time,” State Department spokesman Ned Price told reporters during a briefing Wednesday.

In the Eye of the Congestion Storm: Q&A with Port of LA’s Gene Seroka

To answer that question, American Shipper interviewed Gene Seroka, executive director of the Port of Los Angeles, on Wednesday. Following is an edited version of that conversation:

Port Houston Container Terminals Reopened After ‘Hardware Failure’

Problems at the port’s Bayport and Barbours Cut container terminals began Tuesday morning after a major failure of storage devices supporting applications critical to terminal operations.

U.S. Maritime Regulator Probing Legality of Carriers’ Congestion Surcharges

The U.S. Federal Maritime Commission has requested answers from eight ocean carriers regarding congestion-related surcharges they have either implemented or announced.

Maersk posts blockbuster Q2 results — and Q3 looks even better

There’s a saying at public companies: “Under promise and overdeliver.” A.P. Moller-Maersk has apparently taken that credo to heart in 2021.



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Video of the Week

Navigation training, albeit on a smaller scale

Much like airline pilots train on simulators, there are some parts of the world with bodies of water, channels or canals (like the Suez) that require ship's captains to know what to expect and be better prepared to navigate these waterways. For decades, this training facility in France has trained captains and pilots in miniaturized versions. Check it out.



Logistics and Trade

Auto Makers Warn Chip Shortage Will Continue to Impact Vehicle Production

The global computer-chip shortage continues to trip up the world's largest car makers with some executives predicting it could weigh on operations well into the second half of this year.

Alibaba Posts Lower Profit as Chinese Tech Giant Boosts Spending

Revenue for the Chinese tech giant for the quarter ended in June rose to 205.74 billion Chinese yuan, or about \$31.9 billion, up 34% from a year earlier. Alibaba's profit attributable to shareholders was about \$6.99 billion, or about \$2.57 per American depositary share, a 5% drop year-over-year.

Natural Gas Is Looking Like This Summer's Hottest Commodity

The power-generation fuel has been in high demand to run air conditioners and make up for parched hydropower markets, and forecasters expect booming exports and more steamy weather to keep supplies down and prices up.

Amid Air and Ocean Freight Boom, Expeditors Sees No Capacity Relief

The quarterly earnings statement of Expeditors International is straightforward about the squeeze in the supply chain and the fact that it isn't ending anytime soon.

COVID Threatens Chinese Exports as US Struggles to Restock Inventories

U.S. import demand is stronger than ever as inventory-to-sales ratios remain painfully low. Yet there's rising risk to shipping volumes on the supply side of the equation: Most American containerized imports come from China and elsewhere in Asia, where the delta variant is spreading.

United and Air Canada Renew Cargo Focus, but AA and Delta Eyes are on Passengers

The truth about the cargo ambitions of four major North American passenger airlines can be seen in first-half results that place two carriers well ahead, in terms of focus.

North American Railroads Steam out of the Pandemic with Volumes and Revenue Up

North American railroads broke free of the pandemic rut to record surging growth in intermodal revenue and volumes during the second quarter.

Upcoming Events

Aug 10 - ACE Reports for Export - 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM PT We will look at ACE Reports and show how you can use them to monitor your AES filing and export compliance activities - Register [here](#)

Aug 11-12- BIS Encryption Controls Virtual Seminar - 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM PT - The Encryption Controls Virtual Seminar is an in-depth seminar that will focus on the unique provisions related to encryption under the Export Administration Regulations (EAR) - Register [here](#)

Aug 12 - LACBFFA - 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM PT -Buying DDP – Understanding and Managing the Compliance Risks - 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM PT - Problems can arise with the IOR's "right to make entry" or the admissibility of goods. DDP buyers can also be liable for penalties and duties in certain situations under 19 USC 1592 and the False Claims Act, even though they were not the importer of record. This webinar will identify the risks and

ways to mitigate them - Register [here](#)

Aug 12 - LAACA - Summer Mixer - 5:00 PM - 8:30 PM - La Traviatta Restaurant, Long Beach, CA - Come join us for this our 1st LIVE event and enjoy a sit down fantastic host served Italian Family Style dinner and a night of comradery and networking, at La Traviatta Restaurant in Long Beach - 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 - *Details soon to follow!*

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 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 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](#)