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The numbers just keep inching higher. The Loadstar this week said, "Short-term freight rates from China to North Europe have breached the \$20,000 per 40ft mark, while transpacific carriers are quoting rates of up to \$25,000 to the U.S. West Coast. And there was one report of \$32,000 from Shanghai to Los Angeles being quoted this week.."

This reporting, coupled with another JOC story about a shipper paying five figures worth of demurrage and detention to a railroad for a container in Chicago, is becoming more frequent. Perhaps this is why the DOT and EU sat down with carriers this week to engage - hopefully with the global economy and shipper's interests as a priority.

As concerns of inflation increase, a direct cause being cited is soaring transportation costs that can only go one place - straight to the price consumers pay for the products they are buying.

Story of the Day:

Chinese Port Logjam Threatens Christmas Shipping Rush

Industry executives say a backlog of ships on the water and an estimated 350,000 containers at docks will further rattle global supply chains deep into the year.



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America is Back: We Need a Trade Agenda That Shows It

The major challenges that require U.S. leadership also require a rethink of trade policies to break down trade barriers, keep markets open and create jobs.

China Belt and Road 'Not Ideological' Foreign Minister Tells Conference

China's Belt and Road Initiative has no strings attached and is open to all, said Foreign Minister Wang Yi, in a subtle dig at the U.S. plan to form an alternative infrastructure funding program based on democratic values.

Coronavirus: How China's Closed Borders Have Hit Trade and Diplomacy

With travel still limited, many traders in China say their businesses are suffering, while on the diplomatic front the trust gap is widening between Beijing and the West and a lack of in-person talks makes it even harder to bridge.

DOJ Attacks Importer's Motion to Reconsider Customs Case Due to CBP Granting Identical Protest

Judge Stephen Vaden originally dismissed the case after finding that the 180-day protest deadline for entries runs from the date of liquidation, not the date of antidumping/countervailing duty instructions from the Commerce Department.

UK and CPTPP Nations Launch Formal Negotiations

The UK is formally launching accession negotiations with CPTPP nations, pivoting Britain towards some of the world's biggest economies of the present and future.

U.S. Bans Imports of Solar Panel Material From Chinese Company Over Xinjiang Forced Labor Allegations

The U.S. Commerce Department separately restricted exports to Hoshine, three other Chinese companies and the paramilitary Xinjiang Production and Construction Corps (XPCC), saying they were involved with the forced labor of Uygurs and other Muslim minority groups in Xinjiang.

5 Charged in Scheme to Illegally Export Night Vision Goggles, Thermal Imaging Scopes to Russia

The goods, allegedly exported without a license in violation of the Arms Export Control Act, include thermal imaging riflescopes and night-vision goggles. The five allegedly obtained the items using false names and addresses, then shipped the articles to Russian co-conspirators, DOJ said.

Qin Gang set to be Named China's New Ambassador to U.S., as Veteran Cui Leaves

China's longest-serving ambassador to Washington, Cui Tiankai, said on Tuesday he will be leaving his post after eight years, amid strained relations between the world's two largest economies.

Coronavirus Impact on China's Exports May Have Been Underestimated Amid Guangdong Outbreak, Analysts Say

The coronavirus outbreak in Guangdong province has placed "huge" psychological pressure on small and medium-sized enterprises across China's manufacturing hub, and some fear they might lose orders to other factories

across the country.

Illicit Covid-19 Drugs Bound for Mexico Seized by U.S. Authorities

Counterfeit or generic versions of remdesivir, an antiviral manufactured by Gilead Sciences Inc., are arriving in the U.S. by plane from Bangladesh and India and being smuggled by individuals to Mexico for patients willing to pay top dollar for the drugs, people familiar with the investigation said.

Venezuela Has Standing to Challenge EU Sanctions, European High Court Rules

The CJEU, which overturned a General Court of the European Union ruling that came to the opposite conclusion, said Venezuela can challenge the financial sanctions in European court because the measures are liable to harm Venezuela's economic interests.

Australians' Trust in China has Fallen to Record Lows, According to New Survey

In the latest sign of deteriorating Sino-Australian ties, 63 per cent of Australians now see China as a threat, up from 41 per cent last year and 12 per cent in 2018, according to the latest annual opinion survey carried out by the Sydney-based Lowy Institute.

Australia Takes Wine Dispute with China to the WTO

The Australian government said on Saturday it was lodging a formal complaint with the World Trade Organization over China's imposition of anti-dumping duties on Australian wine exports, escalating further the trade standoff with Beijing.

U.S.-Mexico Land Border Restrictions Extended Through July 21

The U.S. Department of Homeland Security announced Sunday that restrictions for non-essential travel at the U.S.-Mexico land border will remain in effect through at least July 21.

CIT Drops Broad Challenges to Section 232 Duties, Allows Exclusion Rejection Challenge to Proceed

The Court of International Trade in a June 22 decision dismissed all but one of importer Maple Leaf Marketing's claims against Section 232 steel tariffs levied against goods shipped to Canada for further processing then reimported to the U.S.

More Than 40 Countries Call on China to Give UN Human Rights Chief Access to Xinjiang

More than 40 countries urged China on Tuesday to allow the UN human rights chief immediate access to the Xinjiang region to look into reports that more than a million people have been unlawfully detained there, some subjected to torture or forced labor.

Chinese Exporter Failed to Rebut Presumption of Government Control in AD Case, CIT Says

The Court of International Trade upheld the Commerce Department's finding that Zhejiang Machinery Import & Export Corp. failed to rebut the presumption of de facto government control, thus barring it from receiving a separate antidumping rate, CIT said in a June 23 decision.

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Thursday, August 5, 2021
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Foreign Trade Association Presents:

Customs Compliance For Import Personnel

2-Day Virtual Course

Compliance Summer Camp for Import Personnel

This is a 2-day course intended to cover the subjects and information needed by importer employees responsible for Customs and import compliance. These include internal controls, customs broker selection and monitoring, bonds, powers of attorney, managing HTS classifications and audits, post entry claims and compliance issues. The class also covers participation in Customs initiatives, including Trusted Trader and ACE Portal.

Topics to be Covered:

- Establishing & utilizing internal controls
- Customs broker selection, powers of attorney & broker monitoring
- Types of entries, customs bonds, paying duty & handling liquidations
- Determining and declaring a Customs value for a company's transactions
- Classifying imported articles, saving and utilizing classification information
- Qualifying for the Customs Trusted Trader program
- Centers of Excellence & Expertise
- ACE Portal benefits
- Qualifying (or not) for duty free exemptions and free trade agreements
- Using TIBs, bonded warehouses, Foreign Trade Zones & drawback
- Dumping and Countervailing duties, 232 and 301 duties
- Dealing with import restrictions and other agency requirements
- Post entry actions - amendments, protests, claims, tenders and disclosures
- Record keeping requirements and complying with the rules
- Responding to Customs requests and actions
- Dealing with liquidated damages, penalties & audits



Instructor: Bruce Leeds, Attorney, Braumiller Law Group
Bruce has decades of experience in international trade law and has successfully served his clients in diverse capacities, from classification and due diligence, to IAR compliance and drawback. He has significant expertise with importing and exporting high tech products.

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Cancellations must be received in writing by 5 pm Friday, July 7, 2021 to receive a refund or to avoid being charged. Payment for this event is not deductible as a contribution or gift under federal law, but is most likely deductible as an ordinary and necessary business expense.



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This comprehensive course to prepare for the upcoming Customs Broker License

Exam provides detailed review in areas such as:

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- Exam-Taking Techniques



11 WEEK EXAM PREP COURSE

Monday evenings 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM

Starts: Jul. 19, 2021

Ends: Sep. 27, 2021

*No class on Monday, Sep. 6, 2021. Class will take place on Tuesday, Sep. 7, 2021.

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20 CCS provided by NCBFAA

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Member Price \$445

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In addition to being well-prepared for the exam, the course will also assist in developing a better understanding of critical areas of Customs Compliance even for people not planning on taking the brokers exam. The knowledge you receive will assist in enhancing skills for career advancement. If you already possess a broker's license, this is an excellent review course. Certified Customs Specialists completing the course will receive 20 CCS credits from the NCBFAA.

The course is recommended for individuals with some experience in customs brokerage or import operations. If in doubt about your level of experience, please call the instructor, Erik Smithweiss, at 213-624-1970.

INSTRUCTORS:

Erik Smithweiss & Tony Piscitelli

Erik Smithweiss is a partner with Grunfeld, Desiderio, Lebowitz, Silverman & Klestadt. Erik has over 20 years experience in the field of customs law and procedure and has taught customs broker exam preparation courses for over ten years.

Tony Piscitelli is the owner of TP CBP Importing Compliance, which offers consulting and training services. Tony was a Compliance Specialist with Expeditors International for 11 years as well as a 32-year career with U.S. Customs and Border Protection in NY and Los Angeles. Tony has taught customs broker exam preparation courses for over 6 years.

Course Material

CBP has announced the next exam date of October 21, 2021 and has published the exam notice listing the required HTS and 19 CFR, which the students will be required to purchase.

Reference Materials:

Harmonized Tariff Schedule (HTS), Basic Edition 2020
Title 19 Code of Federal Regulations (19 CFR), April 1, 2020, Parts 1 - 199.
7501 Instructions, December 2019
ACE Entry Summary, Version 10.00, Sections 1 - 12 only, March 2020
Right To Make Entry Directive 3530-002A

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Melting Arctic Ice Pits Russia Against U.S. and China for Control of New Shipping Route

After one of the warmest years on record, the Kremlin is near to realizing its controversial plans for a global shipping route in its high north—plans that have put Moscow at odds with the U.S. and could create friction with China, two countries that also have designs on the Arctic.

Ulstein to Design Non-Fossil Fuel Containership for Norwegian Startup

“Energy efficiency will be a key component to making the energy transition happen and with Ulstein we have a partner with a strong track record for innovative designs, including their proven X-BOW® solution,” said Jakob Tolstrup-Møller, Managing Director – CEO at EDGE Navigation. “Less power needed per container under a wider range of operating scenarios due to the X-BOW will lower the bar for switching into Green Energy propulsion.”

Rio Tinto to Deploy World’s First Fully Autonomous Water Trucks at Gudai-Darri

The new vehicles, primarily used for dust suppression on site, will enhance productivity by enabling mine operations to digitally track water consumption and reduce waste.

Growth Firms See Plastic Waste as an Investment Opportunity

“Plastic waste is not just a global crisis that threatens economic recovery, climate, and nature. It is also an investment opportunity that can flip it from a

scourge into an engine for economic development,” said Rob Kaplan, who founded Circulate in 2017.

Japan and “Global Britain”: Expanding the Trans-Pacific Partnership

Britain’s pivot toward Asia is accelerating, as the government of Prime Minister Boris Johnson maneuvers for membership in the Trans-Pacific Partnership.

‘Grey Sheen’ Appears from Wreck of X-Press Pearl with Salvage Unlikely Until September

The company said in an update on 17 June 2021 the grey sheen has been seen emanating from the vessel’s stern since it sank, discoloring the surrounding sea. If this proves to be true, it could mean the vessel started to leak fuel while it sank or after hitting the seabed.

Research Fund Only Path to Zero-Carbon Fuels: MSC’s Toft

Mediterranean Shipping Co. says it will meet the IMO’s short-term emissions targets, but its CEO says the only effective way for shipping to decarbonize will be to find a carbon-neutral fuel.



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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.

Ramu Haranahalli, Trade Intel

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Maritime

Elon Musk's Boring Company Pitching Wider Freight Tunnels for Containers

The tunnels that the company is pitching to some potential clients are 21 feet in diameter, dwarfing the 12-foot tunnels the Boring Co. has built to date. The wider thoroughway would accommodate two shipping containers side by side.

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Blankings Rise as Yantian Disruption Continues

With Yantian only slowly coming back to operation, carriers are still diverting vessels away from southern China. But a significant number of ships still

remain at anchor.

South Africa to Revamp its Ailing Port System

South Africa's National Ports Authority (NPA) will operate as a stand alone business under the aegis of state-owned freight logistics group Transnet, President Cyril Ramaphosa said on Tuesday, as the country tries to overhaul some of the world's worst-performing ports.

U.S. West Coast Ports Grab Larger Share of Booming Asia Imports

US imports from Asia grew faster at West Coast ports than at East and Gulf coast ports in January through May as carriers launched a half-dozen new trans-Pacific services to handle the continuing boom in imports from Asia.

Europe Import Misery Grows as Congestion Drives More Services from Port to Port

North European importers are facing more vessel diversions as carriers lose patience with congested box terminals and dump their cargo at other ports.

Container Volume at Major Chinese Ports Up 2.3% in Early June

According to statistics released by China Ports and Harbors Association, export container volume dropped 1.6% mainly caused by the Covid-19 cases founded at Shenzhen port. The domestic volume increased 15.2%.

Watch: Hamburg Süd Ship Takes Out Passenger Loading Dock in Santos, Brazil

A Hamburg Süd containership took out a passenger dock at a ferry terminal in Santos, Brazil on Sunday, and it was all caught on video.

Seaspan Adds to Containership Orderbook

Seaspan said the ships are expected to be delivered during the fourth quarter of 2022 and, upon completion, will enter long-term charters with an undisclosed global liner. The charters also include purchase options for the vessels.

DOT Meets with Container Lines, Retailers on U.S. Port Congestion

The U.S. Department of Transportation met with groups representing major container lines and retailers, and officials say they are looking at solutions to mitigate the capacity crunch causing port congestion.



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Video of the Week

Transportation Secretary Visits Memphis Bridge

We've got a story in the Logistics & Trade section immediately beneath this block about the bridge in Memphis and the cost to local businesses in terms of both dollars and time lost in additional traffic and transportation. With the news that there is hopefully a deal reached on a major infrastructure package, this stands as a stark reminder to why it is critical to a nation's economic well-being and ability to function.



Logistics and Trade

Self-Driving Truck Startup Embark to Go Public in \$5.2 Billion SPAC Deal

Founded in 2016, Embark says it is the oldest U.S. self-driving truck software firm and aims to partner with shippers to bring down carrier costs and make roads safer.

Seattle's T-18 Overwhelmed by Rail Container Backlog

A shortage of railcars and backlog of rail containers that first surfaced in Los Angeles-Long Beach this winter have migrated up the coast to Seattle, resulting in significant congestion at the Northwest Seaport Alliance's largest container terminal.

Boeing's Largest 737 Max Jet Poised to Take First Flight Friday

The Max 10 will be the first 737 model to take its maiden flight since U.S. regulators cleared the jets to re-enter the market in November. The jetliner isn't expected to enter commercial service until 2023, providing extra leeway as Boeing works with regulators to certify changes to how the aircraft measures air flow.

Warehouse Rents Surge on Bidding Wars for Scarce Space

Competition for warehouse space is driving up industrial rents as retailers and logistics providers race to move goods closer to population centers, with some engaging in bidding wars for the most coveted sites.

New Technology is Reaching Freight Operations Where the Rubber Hits the Road. Goodyear Tire & Rubber and Bridgestone

The idea behind the technology called SightLine is to closely monitor equipment and predict the need to replace or repair tires. It's the latest example of new technology that is reaching into physical trucks to keep operations moving at a predictable pace.

Walmart Invests in DroneUp, the Nationwide On-Demand Drone Delivery Provider

DroneUp operates an on-demand drone delivery network that matches their database of more than 10,000 Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) certified pilots to missions nationwide.

Cargo Is Piling Up Everywhere, And It's Making Inflation Worse

Nephew, founder of Atlas Games in Duluth, Minn., ordered a 40-foot cargo container full of games from Shanghai in December, anticipating delivery in about six weeks. Instead, the games took nearly six months to arrive — an increasingly common example of the supply chain bottlenecks pushing inflation to its highest level in more than a dozen years.

One Failed Bridge in Memphis Is Costing Business Millions

An emergency closure of the Interstate-40 bridge across the Mississippi River has jammed traffic for over a month, denting companies' bottom lines, hampering the region's economic recovery from the pandemic and further straining an already stretched national supply chain.

Upcoming Events

June 29 - WEBINAR - Demystifying Exporting to Asia & the Pacific Rim - 3:00 PM PT- Register [here](#)

June 29- July 1 – AAEI – 100th Anniversary Conference & Expo –Register [here](#)

July 13 - Export Controls and How They Impact Freight Forwarders - 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM PT - We will do a practical exercise utilizing sample commercial documents and SLIs and translate the information onto the AES filing screens. We will also review the various response messages that you will receive from the Automated Export System (AES) - Register [here](#)

July 20 - PAEI Hot Topics To Start Off Your Trade Compliance Summer! - 11:00 MA - 12:30 PM PT - Join us for this webinar that will recap recent trade compliance topics of interest to get your summer sizzling! - Register [here](#)

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](#)

July 26-27 2021 Global Trade Education Conference - 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM PT - The NCBFAA Educational Institute invites you to its 7th Annual Global Trade Educational Conference (G-TEC). This two-day event in Baltimore, MD will give customs brokers, freight forwarders, NVOCCs, OTI, service providers, importers, exporters and all global logistics professionals an opportunity to update themselves on industry developments - Register [here](#)

Aug 4 - LACBFFA HTS Classification Workshop 2021 - 10: 00 Am - 12:00 PM PT - Learn or review how to use the USHTS as a tool for classification and duty estimation. We will cover the General Rules of Interpretation, General notes, Chapter notes and headings - Register [here](#)

Aug 5- 6 - 2 Day Virtual Course - Customs Compliance For Import Personnel - 9:00 AM - 12: 00 PM PT - This is a 2-day course intended to cover the subjects and information needed by importer employees responsible for Customs and import compliance - Register [here](#)

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](#)

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](#)