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Tomorrow is twentieth anniversary of the September 11th attacks. There are more than enough places online to look back at that day and the intervening two decades of changes to our way of life, but for people in the business of international business, we remember what happened when one of the world's busiest airports and two of the world's busiest seaports were silenced for days.

Afterward came the slow recovery and the changes to how we handle cargo. AMS, ISF, CTPAT, and IACSSP's came from the newly created TSA and U.S. Customs Service merged into CBP. As we pause to remember all the lives lost and impacted by what happened that day and every day since, let us also ponder what advancements in commerce, technology, and business processes might or might not have happened had the events of that day not transpired.

Number of the Day:

40,200

Combined jobs added by courier and messenger employers and the warehousing and storage sector in August, according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics.



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Outside the Box

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Government Actions and Trade

The Most Interesting Trade Dispute You've Never Heard of

The European Union (EU), the world's single largest consumer of cocoa, is causing havoc in global markets, worrying several of the poorest countries in Africa and Latin America. The EU contends that it is trying to limit child labor, deforestation and exposure to cadmium. Peru and others allege disguised protectionism. It's the chocolate wars, and it's a wake-up call for U.S. agricultural exporters.

China Stokes Anxiety with New Maritime Law

Under a revised maritime traffic safety law published earlier this year, certain foreign vessels sailing in Chinese-claimed waters will be required to give advance notice to China's maritime authorities starting September 1.

Navy Tests China's New Maritime Law

The U.S. Navy squared off against the People's Liberation Army on Wednesday after the passage of an American warship near a disputed reef in the South China Sea.

AAEI, IBM Join Objectors to Proposed Use of Part 102 Rules for USMCA, While AISI Gives Support

The American Association of Exporters and Importers, IBM and U.S. subsidiaries of the Foxconn Technology Group all disagree with CBP's proposed use of Part 102 rules of origin in non-preferential claims and procurement under USMCA (see 2107010045), they said in the comments recently posted in the docket for the proposal.

FMC Commissioner 'Troubled' By Reports of Ocean Carriers Refusing Hazardous Import Cargoes

Distributors source chemical products from manufacturers overseas and sell them to customers in the United States across industries that use the chemicals to produce a wide range of goods critical to the economy and public health. Many of these products are no longer manufactured domestically, making imports essential to programs and products used by U.S. consumers daily.

China's August Trade Surprises as Imports and Exports Defy Analysts' Expectations

Chinese exports have been surprised by growing 25.6 percent in August from a

year earlier, totaling US\$294.32 billion and beating expectations that they would post another slowdown in August after July's subdued performance of 19.3 percent growth.

CBP, Law Enforcement partners Seize 566 Pounds of Cocaine, Arrest 5 Smugglers and Apprehend 25 Undocumented Migrants from Haiti and the Dominican Republic during Labor Day Weekend

U.S. Customs and Border Protection's (CBP) Border Patrol and Air and Marine Operations (AMO) agents, collaborated with other law enforcement partners to seize 566 pounds (257 Kilos) of cocaine and arrest the 5 smugglers, as well as apprehending 14 migrants from Haiti and 11 migrants from the Dominican Republic, during three separate events in Mayaguez, Cabo Rojo and Carolina, during this past Labor Day weekend.

Is the Euphoria Over China's New US Ambassador Justified Amid the Dreary Diplomatic Realities?

Given the alarm with which many Westerners have reacted to Beijing's "Wolf Warrior" diplomacy, Qin was presented as if he had come from some Chinese peace and reconciliation commission. This is China's new ambassador to Washington.

Chinese Businessman Qin Shuren Gets 2 Years in Jail for Exporting US Marine Tech to China

A Chinese businessman was sentenced on Wednesday to two years in prison after admitting that he illegally exported marine technology with uses in anti-submarine warfare from the United States for the benefit of a Chinese military university.

FMC Meets with Global Regulators on Shipping Bottlenecks

The Federal Maritime Commission is meeting with global regulators as part of its regularly scheduled conferences regarding issues facing the container shipping industry.

UK Government Appoints TLT for Trans-Pacific, Mexico and Canada Trade Negotiations

The UK's Department for International Trade has awarded a contract to UK law firm TLT (in consortium with US firm McDermott Will & Emery and Canada's Borden Ladner Gervais) to advise on three critical trade negotiations as it seeks to shape the country's post-Brexit trading landscape.

Commerce Dept. Antidumping / Countervailing Duty Notices for Sept. 8

The Commerce Department published notices in the Federal Register Sept. 8 on the following AD/CV duty proceedings (any notices that announce changes to AD/CV duty rates, scope, affected firms or effective dates will be detailed in another ITT article):

CBP Commemorates the 20th Anniversary of September 11

CBP was established in 2003 as part of the Department of Homeland Security to fill gaps in border management exposed by the tragic events of September 11 and create a single, unified command agency focused on the security of our nation's borders.

Request for Comments on Certain Products Exclusions Related to COVID-19: China's Acts, Policies, and Practices Related to Technology Transfer, Intellectual Property, and Innovation

In prior notices, the U.S. Trade Representative modified the action in the Section 301 investigation of China's acts, policies, and practices related to technology transfer, intellectual property, and innovation by excluding from additional duties certain medical-care products needed to address the COVID-19 pandemic.

Why Trump's Steel Tariffs are Now Biden's Political Headache

The century-old steel processing plant in this Philadelphia suburb stretches three-quarters of a mile along the shores of the Schuylkill River. An imposing complex of black-walled buildings, it can churn out a half-million tons of steel per year when operating at full capacity.

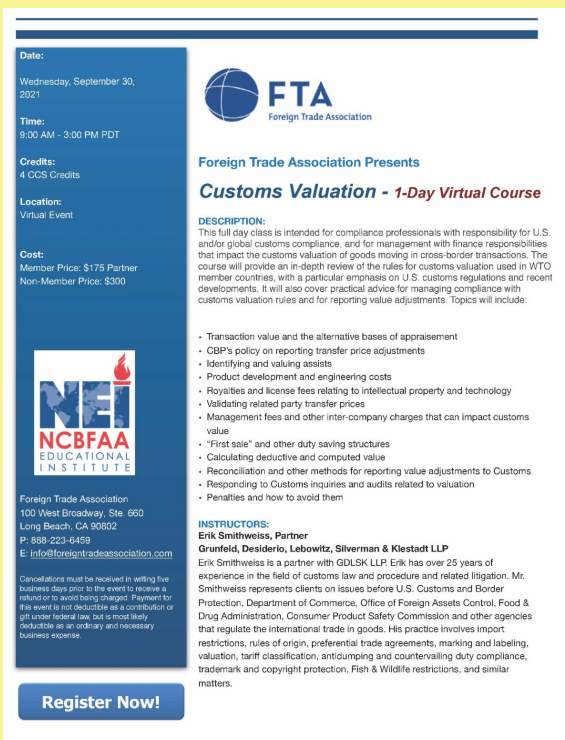


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Wednesday, September 30, 2021

Time:
9:00 AM - 3:00 PM PDT

Credits:
4 CDS Credits

Location:
Virtual Event

Cost:
Member Price: \$175 Partner
Non-Member Price: \$300

Foreign Trade Association
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E: info@foreigntradeassociation.com

Registrations must be received in writing five business days prior to the event to receive a refund or to avoid being charged. Payment for the 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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Foreign Trade Association Presents
Customs Valuation - 1-Day Virtual Course

DESCRIPTION:
This full day class is intended for compliance professionals with responsibility for U.S. and/or global customs compliance, and for management with finance responsibilities that impact the customs valuation of goods moving in cross-border transactions. The course will provide an in-depth review of the rules for customs valuation used in WTO member countries, with a particular emphasis on U.S. customs regulations and recent developments. It will also cover practical advice for managing compliance with customs valuation rules and for reporting value adjustments. Topics will include:

- Transaction value and the alternative bases of appraisalment
- CBP's policy on reporting transfer price adjustments
- Identifying and valuing assets
- Product development and engineering costs
- Royalties and license fees relating to intellectual property and technology
- Validating related party transfer prices
- Management fees and other inter-company charges that can impact customs value
- "First sale" and other duty saving structures
- Calculating deductive and computed value
- Reconciliation and other methods for reporting value adjustments to Customs
- Responding to Customs inquiries and audits related to valuation
- Penalties and how to avoid them

INSTRUCTORS:
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Erik Smithweiss is a partner with GDLSK LLP. Erik has over 25 years of experience in the field of customs law and procedure and related litigation. Mr. Smithweiss represents clients on issues before U.S. Customs and Border Protection, Department of Commerce, Office of Foreign Assets Control, Food & Drug Administration, Consumer Product Safety Commission and other agencies that regulate the international trade in goods. His practice involves import restrictions, rules of origin, preferential trade agreements, marking and labeling, valuation, tariff classification, anti-dumping and countervailing duty compliance, trademark and copyright protection, Fish & Wildlife restrictions, and similar matters.

September 29, 2021 1-Day Customs Valuation Course

This full day class is intended for compliance professionals with responsibility for U.S. and/or global customs compliance, and for management with finance responsibilities that impact the customs valuation of goods moving in cross-border transactions. The course will provide an in-depth review of the rules for customs valuation used in WTO member countries, with a particular emphasis on U.S. customs regulations and recent developments. It will also cover practical advice for managing compliance with customs valuation rules and for reporting value adjustments.



DETAILS SOON TO FOLLOW!

2021 Maritime Industry Salute Dinner

The International Seafarers Center



5:30 p.m. Reception, 6:30 p.m. Dinner



Proceeds benefit the International Seafarers Center

Various tables & sponsorships available. Individual tickets: \$150/person. Proceeds benefit ISC. Eligible for tax-deductible donations (Fed. ID#33-0162030) to: "International Seafarers Center," 120 S. Pico Ave., Long Beach, CA 90802 Ph: 562.432.7560, email: iscpolb.la@iscpolb-la.org. Registration/payment online: www.iscpolb-la.org -Electronic Tickets We accept American Express, MasterCard, Visa or check.



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2021 Maritime Industry Salute Dinner

Honoring the ILWU and ITF Aboard USS IOWA

Date: September 16, 2021 - 5:30 p.m

The international Seafarers Center (ISC) for the ports of Long Beach and Los Angeles is a non profit humanitarian organization. This event will help support ISC's mission to vaccinate all of the seafarers that come to the ports. So far, ISC has vaccinated over 5000 seafarers at no cost to them.

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2021 FTA Outdoor Summer Mixer

In Person Event!



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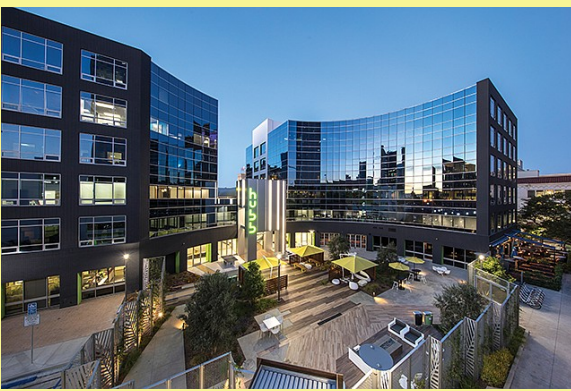
Location: The Hubb, Long Beach, CA

Drinks & Food By: George's Greek Cafe

Date: September 30, 2021
Time: 5:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

The FTA invites you to join us on this summer night and meet with industry peers and colleagues.

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Environmental

No Hurricane Has Hit U.S. Energy Markets Quite Like Ida Has

Just over 20% of U.S. Gulf of Mexico oil and natural gas production is back online after Hurricane Ida battered southeast Louisiana, marking an even slower comeback than in the wake of Katrina.

U.S. Puts \$562 Billion Price Tag on Ramping Up Solar Power

The U.S. could get 37% of its electricity from solar power by 2035—and 44% by 2050—if the U.S. pursues an ambitious agenda to cut reliance on fossil fuels, the Energy Department said Wednesday.

Shipping Industry Group Backs Putting a Price on Carbon

The International Chamber of Shipping announced that it's proposing to the United Nations that all vessels trading globally above a certain size should pay a set amount per metric ton of carbon dioxide they emit.

Shipping Trade Groups Submit Plan for Global Carbon Tax

The proposal for a so-called Climate Fund was submitted to the International Maritime Organization — the United Nations' shipping regulatory body — on Friday, according to a statement from the trade association. The proposal is backed by Intercargo, the trade association for dry cargo shipowners.

Shipping Powerhouse Invests in Californian Fuel Start-up Backed by Warren Buffett

In an announcement Wednesday, the world's largest container shipping firm explained its investment would enable WasteFuel to develop biorefineries and “produce sustainable fuels from unrecoverable waste that would otherwise degrade.”

Landmark Report Shows Scale of EU Shipping's Harm on Environment

Europe's first environmental impact assessment for the shipping industry shows the challenge it faces in reaching the goal of climate neutrality by the middle of the century.

Got a story idea?

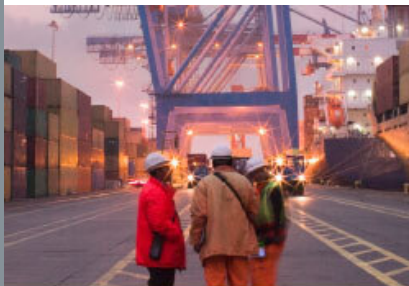
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FTA New Member Thank You!

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

Port of New Orleans Resumes Container Cargo Operations Nine Days After Ida

The Port of New Orleans resumed container operations on Tuesday nine days after Hurricane Ida made landfall in southeast Louisiana as a category 4 storm.

U.S. Ports See Shipping Logjams Likely Extending Far Into 2022

Leaders of some of the busiest U.S. ports expect congestion snarling maritime gateways to continue deep into next year, as the crush of goods from manufacturers and retailers looking to replenish depleted inventories pushes past shipping's usual seasonal lulls.

Case closed: How drug ring hid \$1B worth of coke on a single ship

Ever since the record-breaking drug bust on June 17, 2019, industry insiders speaking to American Shipper have marveled at the scale of the smuggling operation and wondered aloud how it was carried out. How was that much cocaine — the weight equivalent of three fully grown male African elephants — sneaked onto one ship when it was underway at sea, not berthed in port?

Singapore-based Visibility Provider Latest to Get VC Packing

More funding has flowed into container visibility solutions to address a growing need for shippers and their logistics providers to predict where and when disruptions are likely to occur.

FreightWaves Classics: Port of Portland Helps Serve the Pacific Northwest... and Beyond

Congestion at other West Coast ports has caused an increasing number of ships to use the Port of Portland in hopes of being unloaded quicker and being able to return to Asia for more goods during the 2021 peak season.

U.S. Grain Exports Remain Crippled By Ida As Critical Harvest Nears

More than 50 ocean-going ships are anchored along the Mississippi River waiting for it to reopen so they can load up with corn, soybeans, and other commodities, according to shipping sources.

Coronavirus Shipping Delays Force China's Small Manufacturers to Cancel Orders as Inventories Pile Up

Small and medium-sized Chinese export manufacturers are rejecting orders and scaling back production to avoid mounting inventory and cash flow problems caused by extended shipping times.



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Video of the Week

Tracking your containers with the Port of Los Angeles' Port Optimizer.

At a time when everyone is working furiously to get information on inbound (and outbound) container statuses, there is an online place that customers of the POLA can turn - the Port Optimizer. This tutorial video provides instruction on setting up an account and tracking containers.



Logistics and Trade

The Chip Shortage Has Made a Star of This Little-Known Component

The companies make parts called substrates, which connect chips to the circuit boards that hold them in personal computers and other devices. The components are relatively simple but as vital to a computer chip's operation as the silicon at its core.

Major Retailers Snap-up Peak Air Freight Capacity Leaving Small Firms Struggling

Shippers are scrambling for air freight capacity amid tightening restrictions in China and severe port congestion in Bangladesh – leading to a backlog ahead of the peak season.

Aluminum Hits Decade High After Guinea Coup Imperils Bauxite Supplies

Aluminum prices rose to their highest level in 10 years Monday after a military coup in mineral-rich Guinea threatened to snarl the lightweight metal's supply chain.

Delta Surge: Is This as Good as Global Growth Gets?

Instead of entering the final months of 2021 confident that the acute phase of the pandemic is over, it's becoming clear that booster shots may be needed for fading vaccines, workplace re-openings will be delayed and border closures remain.

RoadOne Acquires Eastern US Drayage Operator

National drayage operator RoadOne is filling in gaps in its service network through acquisitions, and expanding transloading services as container backlogs build up at ports.

Pandemic Shreds Logistics Textbooks as Global Supply Tangles Worsen

U.S. business schools are refreshing their supply-chain course work to make sure the next generation of logistics managers are prepared for future crises.

Auto Logistics Firms Say Microchip Shortage Threatens Their 'Very Existence'

With inventories nearly at zero, factories closing without notice and a significant drop in volumes, LSPs are facing a crisis, according to the Association of European Vehicle Logistics (ECG).

Seeking Teenage Truckers

Trucking companies may find out soon if they can recruit more long-haul drivers by getting them behind the wheel younger.

Upcoming Events

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 15 - CalAsian's Two-Part Human Resources Series: COVID Return to Work Policies & Vaccine Best Practices - 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM PT - Join Fisher Phillips Attorney Christopher Alvarez as he discusses all aspects of vaccines in the workplace including, mandates, exemptions, employer obligations, and best practices - Register [here](#)

September 16 - ISC 2021 Maritime Industry Salute Dinner - 5:30 PM PT - Honoring the International Longshore and Warehouse Unions and International Trade Federation - Register [here](#)

September 19-21 NCBFAA Government Affairs Conference - 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM PT - Grand Hyatt, Washington, D.C. - Register [here](#)

September 21-23 EXIM 2021 Virtual Annual Conference - Register [here](#)

September 30 - 1-Day Virtual Customs Valuation Course - 9:00 AM- 3:00 PM PT - The course will provide an in-depth review of the rules for customs valuation used in WTO member countries, with a particular emphasis on U.S. customs regulations and recent developments. It will also cover practical advice for managing compliance with customs valuation rules and for reporting value adjustments - *Details soon to follow*

October 5 - 2021 CITT State of the Trade and Transportation Industry Town Hall Meeting "Chasing Supply Chain Sustainability: Balancing Economic Growth, Consumer Demand, and the Environment" - 7:30 to 10:00am PDT
A free in-person breakfast Town Hall meeting and Miretti Award Presentation
Hyatt Regency Long Beach, 200 S. Pine Ave., Long Beach, CA 90802 - Register [here](#)

October 12 - EXIM Webinar - Financial resources for building your export markets - 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM PT - *Details soon to follow*

October 13 - CalAsian's California Resiliency & Recovery Summit - 8:30 AM - 2:00 PM PT - *Details soon to follow*

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](#)