



With ~~two~~ **three** million refugees (and counting) having fled Ukraine, the country and its people are in need of help. [Here is a list of places](#) that you can donate in support of Ukraine in a variety of ways if you're so inclined.

(In case you were wondering, this is going to be a sticky post until Russia's aggression ceases and the recovery and rebuilding begins.)



Number of the Day:

236,763

Loaded container imports in 20-foot equivalent units into South Carolina's Port of Charleston in the first two months of 2022, a **33.5% increase** over the same period last year.



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FTA Joins Coalition Letter in Support of Assembly Bill 2406

The Foreign Trade Association joined over 75 other international trade organizations encouraging California State legislation on responsible demurrage and detention charges. Although initiated by agricultural shippers, this bill covers all commodities and encourages carriers in the efficient use of both import and export container and their prompt return for reuse. AB 2406 is tentatively scheduled to be heard in the Assembly Transportation committee on either April 18 or April 25. A copy of the support letter can be seen [here](#).

FMC's Advanced Notice of Proposed Rulemaking

----- WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU

The Federal Maritime Commission (FMC) has [announced](#) an [Advanced Notice of Proposed Rulemaking](#) seeking feedback on a potential regulation on detention and demurrage billing practices.

The FTA wants to hear from its members on this matter. Please submit your comments to ac@tradeandcargoconsulting.com.

OSRA 21 Coalition Update

The Advocacy Committee of the FTA has been working in collaboration with the other national and local trade associations seeking passage of the Ocean Shipping Reform Act of 2021. On Dec. 8, 2021, under [House of Representatives Suspension Rules](#), (which allow non-controversial bills to be voted on quickly), the House passed [HR 4996](#) by a vote of 364 to 60. Now the Senate is working on a companion bill and despite the momentum gained, adoption in the Senate will be a challenge. As a Senate bill is introduced we will provide the details.

FTA ADVOCACY MEETING

Do you have import, export and other trade related issues about which you are concerned? FTA's Advocacy Committee is the place to raise those issues. Our next meeting is April 7, 2022 from 4:00 PM - 5:00 PM PT - Meeting link: <https://zoom.us/j/93386806211>



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Government Actions and Trade

Biden Set to Call for End of Normal Trade Relations Between U.S. and Russia

His announcement to revoke the trade privileges will come alongside the Group of Seven nations and European Union leaders, the people said. The president can't unilaterally change Russia's trade status because that authority lies with Congress, where Democratic and Republican lawmakers have called for the revocation.

Statement by Executive Vice-President Dombrovskis on EU Decision to Stop Treating Russia as a Most-Favoured-Nation at the WTO

The European Union, in collaboration with the G7 countries and other like-minded partners (Albania, Australia, Iceland, Republic of Korea, Moldova, Montenegro, New Zealand, North Macedonia, Norway), will stop treating Russia as a Most-Favoured-Nation within the WTO framework as of today.

Ukraine War: US and Allies to Revoke Russia's Preferred Trade Status as Putin Vows to Emerge Stronger from Sanctions

Putin, facing global condemnation and increasingly isolated, said on Thursday that sanctions imposed against Russia would rebound against the West, including in the form of higher food and energy prices, and Moscow would solve its problems and emerge stronger.

U.S.-South Korea Free Trade Agreement Turns 10. It Is Key to Further Elevating Both Countries' Alliance.

The U.S.-South Korea free trade agreement is extensive in scope and has eliminated tariff and non-tariff barriers between the two countries in most cases, providing institutionalized mechanisms for resolving disputes. The U.S.-South Korea free trade agreement is America's second-largest trade pact by trade flows, after the United States-Mexico-Canada Agreement.

US Bans Import of All China's Li-Ning Products, Citing Use of North Korean Labour | South China Morning Post

The US customs agency has banned all goods made by the Chinese sportswear giant Li-Ning, accusing the company of using North Korean labour in its supply chain, a violation of US sanctions. It is the latest move from Washington to crack down on China's apparel sector over suspected human rights abuses, this time under the authority of a five-year-old sanctions law

targeting Pyongyang.

Governor Newsom Helps Package Emergency Relief Supplies for Shipment to Ukraine

“California is united in our support for Ukraine,” said Governor Newsom. “Throughout this crisis, the state and non-profits, businesses, the faith community, and individuals across California have stepped up in solidarity with the Ukrainian community, a heartening reminder of our common humanity. We’ll continue to support the brave people of Ukraine and reaffirm our commitment to fundamental rights and freedoms around the world.”

This Week: Congress Ramps Up Penalties Against Russia Over Invasion

After passing a sweeping bill last week that provided \$13.6 billion in Ukraine-related aid, lawmakers are preparing to move quickly to end normal trade relations with Russia. President Biden on Friday formally backed revoking the “most favored nation” trade status for Russia, which requires an act of Congress.

White House to Withdraw Key Agricultural Trade Nominee

Lawmakers have been told there were “paperwork issues” with Elaine Trevino’s nomination to be chief agricultural negotiator at the U.S. Trade Representative, which has been stalled for the past six months. The Agriculture Department is now considering placing the former CEO of the Almond Alliance of California in a senior position at the department, according to the person.



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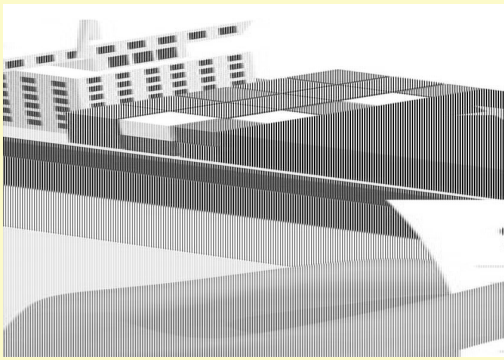
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FTA NEWS

FTA AND UPCOMING SECTION 301 PROGRAM



The Foreign Trade Association is closely monitoring the Section 301 Action filed with the Court of International Trade and Section 301 updates provided by the USTR. We are pleased to announce that we will be preparing a program that will shed light on the recent changes. Details on this program are soon to follow!

FTA Events/Courses



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On February 24, the Bureau of Industry and Security imposed sweeping export controls on Russia. In the days that followed, additional controls were announced, expanding the restrictions on Russia and to include Belarus. These new controls place significant restrictions on U.S. exports, re-exports, and in-country transfers, and on products manufactured abroad with U.S. technology or equipment.

Come hear from Michael Hoffman, the Director of Western Regional Office of the Bureau of Industry and Security on the latest developments, and what you need to know to ensure that your company doesn't run afoul of these dynamic and emerging regulations.



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In previous management positions, Hoffman set up and managed the agency's Eastern Regional Office to provide counseling services throughout New England and New York. In Washington, D.C., he served as the director of the agency's special licensing branch, where he was responsible for managing a licensing program that authorized over \$40 billion in exports annually.

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Environmental

The World's Cargo Ships Are Sailing Into Worse Climate Risks: Report | 2022-03-16

Encroaching waters and more powerful tropical storms top the list of risks. Although research on climate change's impacts on the shipping industry is scant, catastrophic events in recent years together tell a concerning story, the authors write. Storms have repeatedly cost hundreds of millions or billions of dollars in damage to U.S. ports in the last 15 years. When a port slows down or closes as the result of a storm, backups can increase along supply chains.

Containerised LNG Rolls Out as Alternative to Traditional Bunkering

Hamburg-based ship engineering and consultancy Marine Service GmbH and London-headquartered repair and retrofit coordinator Newport Shipping have developed a containerised liquefied natural gas (LNG) fuel tank solution for newbuildings and existing container vessels as an alternative to traditional LNG

bunkering.

FleetZero Looks to Capsize the Shipping World with Electric Vessels Serving Forgotten Ports

We've been shipping things across the oceans for centuries, and the world's supply chains increasingly rely on diesel-powered megaships big enough to block entire channels by themselves. How do you decarbonize this monolithic industry? FleetZero thinks it can with electric vessels making short hops all the way around the Pacific, while relying on smaller ports and a clever battery-sharing scheme.

Bitcoin and its Environmental Impact

One of the common arguments of those who gang up against Bitcoin technology is the excess of energy that the system needs for its proper functioning.

It would be very difficult to determine exactly the amount at which Bitcoin's energy consumption is considered to be above or below its optimal level. We would possibly end up discussing more philosophical or moral issues and this is not the purpose of this article.

Sustainable Ship Powered by Seawater, Renewable Energy Sails Around the World

The ship collects its own hydrogen fuel through electrolysis using seawater. It also functions as a mobile laboratory to explore alternative energy sources like solar, wind, and hydropower. "What is being tested on board this laboratory vessel is clean and sustainable mobility which responds to the challenges of the energy transition," Victorien Erussard, captain and founder of the project which started in 2013.



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.

Lucia Robles, Lucia & Co.

Lucia Robles is owner of Lucia & Co., a high end gourmet gift company that specializes in helping our clients nurture and cultivate their client relationships with our luxury gourmet gifts that include our wonderful treats, exclusive teas and gourmet roasted coffees.

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Maritime

Is This the Calm Before California Ports' Next Cargo Storm?

Gene Seroka, executive director of the Port of Los Angeles, acknowledged during a press conference on Wednesday that another round of cargo surges could lie ahead. This week's COVID lockdowns in Shenzhen, China, could lead to a "hockey stick" of inbound cargo volumes after factories reopen, he said. Meanwhile, inbound volumes "will likely pick up given the direction retailers are giving us on their need to replenish inventories."

Russian Tankers Face Struggle for Safety Checks

The blow to Russian tanker operators like state-controlled Sovcomflot could be severe as the option to certify its ships at the Russian Registry is gone. The International Association of Classification Societies said over the weekend it was dropping the Russian Maritime Register of Shipping as a member.

Lane Victory Moves to Make Way for a New Princess Cruise Ship in the Port of LA

The hulking gray piece of living history was towed a short distance — the length of about two football fields, one crew member said — north from Berth 50 to Berth 52 at the southern end of the Port of Los Angeles. The move was needed to accommodate the new 3,600-passenger Discovery Princess cruise ship that will be berthed at the Lane's former spot just north of the Outer Harbor, at the end of Miner Street, in San Pedro.

Supply Chains Latest: China Lockdowns Have U.S. Ports Bracing for Effects

A recent inbound-goods lull, due in part to factory closures over the Chinese New Year, provided respite to global supply chains and gave the ports of Los Angeles and Long Beach a chance to work through some of the pandemic-driven cargo overload: the number of ships waiting for a berth fell to 43 on Monday from an early-January peak of 109 and average wait times have dropped, according to the Marine Exchange of Southern California.

Russia Dropped from Ship Certification Body as Sanctions Bite

The International Association of Classification Societies (IACS), which had 12 members previously including LR and DNV and forms the top tier of ship certifiers globally, said late on Friday it was withdrawing RS' membership with immediate effect, which it said was "no longer tenable", citing UK sanctions on Russia where IACS is domiciled.

Maersk Runs Back to Russia for Empty Containers

Shipping group Maersk still has vessels calling at Russian ports to deliver containers booked before the invasion of Ukraine began and to pick up around 50,000 containers stranded in Russia, Chief Executive Soren Skou said on Tuesday.

Container Ship Rates Set to Rise on More China Covid Lockdowns

The number of container ships waiting off Qingdao, one of China's biggest ports, is continuing to rise as the country doubles down on its Covid Zero policy, adding more delays to a strained global supply chain. About 72 vessels were spotted off Qingdao port in Shandong Monday, almost double the amount at the end of February, according to shipping data compiled by Bloomberg. The increased delays there and in other parts of China are expected to push up freight rates.

Ship Queues Lengthen at Major Chinese Ports as Covid Cases Escalate

On Tuesday authorities in Langfang city which borders the capital Beijing, as well as Dongguan in the southern province of Guangdong, also imposed immediate seven-day lockdowns joining the likes of Shenzhen city and the entire province of Jilin in complete lockdown in keeping with the government's strict zero-Covid policy.

Is Maritime Media Eurocentric?

Three years ago, I wrote an article published by Splash musing why doesn't Asia influence world shipping more. I underscored the lack of Asian presence the with reference to influence, technology, leadership in all things maritime when searching the internet. If one looks at why it's difficult to find Asian references, you cannot help noticing that maritime media has relatively lesser coverage of Asia.

Funding Secured For Cal Maritime's New Training Ship

The newly funded ship, which has yet to be named, is the fifth in a series of 524.5-foot-long National Security Multi-Mission Vessels (NSMV) designed specifically for America's state maritime academies. It will replace Cal Maritime's aging training ship Golden Bear and is expected to be delivered within the next three to five years.

Another Evergreen Ship is Stuck, This Time in U.S. Waters, and Twitter Loves It

A container ship operated by the same company whose vessel blocked the Suez Canal last year, holding up billions of dollars in global trade for nearly a week, has been stuck in the Chesapeake Bay since Sunday night, according to officials in Maryland.

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C'mon Guys: House Blames Ships Stranded at Sea for Ports Crisis

Congestion is easing at the nation's West Coast ports. Average wait times are down to a mere 18 days, and there are only 70 or so ships awaiting a berth,

down from 109 in January. For once, the Biden administration is doing the right thing — pumping in \$17 billion from the recently passed infrastructure bill to improve coastal ports, inland ports and waterways, and land ports of entry along the border.



Video of the Week

Myria Remembered

The AN-225 was the largest operating aircraft on Earth. She was destroyed by Russia and it is far too soon to ask if she can be rebuilt. For now, forwarders and shippers who needed the largest aircraft to get the heaviest, odd-sized items ranging from locomotive engines to generators to far flung parts of the world will need to rethink how goods are assembled and built for transport. This 49 minute documentary from 2 years ago takes a look at this marvel.



Supply Chains: 'Complete Chaos for the Shipping Industry' Amid Russia-Ukraine War and China Lockdowns [Video]

Shipping giants including Switzerland-based MSC, Denmark's Maersk, and France's CMA CGM announced this month that they would halt cargo bookings to and from Russia until further notice, joining the growing list of companies to shun Moscow over its invasion of Ukraine.

Ukraine Conflict Prompts Countries to Hoard Grain, Endangering Global Food Supply

Russia and Ukraine together provide about 30 percent of the world's wheat. But since Russian forces launched an invasion of their neighbor in late February, ports and supply routes have been shuttered and sanctions have blocked Russian exports to many of the world's major economies.

Fact Sheet: Biden-Harris Administration Announces New Initiative to Improve Supply Chain Data Flow

Since taking office, the Biden-Harris Administration has been focused on addressing supply chain vulnerabilities and congestion, working to speed up the movement of goods, and lower costs for families. Last year, the ports and the private sector moved a historic amount of goods with record holiday sales and delivery times below pre-pandemic levels. Currently, real retail inventories excluding autos are six percent higher than at the end of 2019 and products at grocery and drug stores are 90 percent in stock, just 1 percentage point below pre-pandemic levels.

China Lockdowns Hit Output for Toyota, VW to Apple Suppliers

The lockdowns threaten to further upend supply chains already stretched by materials shortages, shipping delays and the uncertainty triggered by Russia's invasion of Ukraine. Shares of Apple and its suppliers fell on the news, even as Hon Hai, known as Foxconn and a key iPhone manufacturer, said it expected no "major" impact from the shutdown.

The Global Supply Chain's Pandemic Recovery is Another Casualty of Russia's Invasion of Ukraine

Transport companies, maritime insurance executives and industry analysts say the two-week-old war, combined with uncertainty fueled by the sanctions, is causing backups of ships at some ports and could lead to longer delays in shipments, especially around Europe.

Ship Queues Developing at Key Chinese Ports

Currently there are 34 vessels off Shenzhen waiting to dock, compared to an average of seven a year ago, according to Refinitiv ship tracking data. At Qingdao, a northeastern Chinese port city, there are around 30 vessels waiting to dock compared to an average of seven last year. At the country's two largest ports – Shanghai and Ningbo-Zhoushan – there has also been a notable build-up in ships at anchor in recent days.

Canadian Pacific Threatens Lockout of Teamsters Members

"For the sake of our employees, our customers, the supply chain we serve and the Canadian economy that is trying to recover from multiple disruptions, we simply cannot prolong for weeks or months the uncertainty associated with a potential labor disruption," CP President and CEO Keith Creel said. "The world

has never needed Canada's resources and an efficient transportation system to deliver them more than it does today. Delaying resolution would only make things worse. We take this action with a view to bringing this uncertainty to an end."

India and US to Collaborate on Building Resilient Supply Chains: USTR Report

As part of its efforts to address the global supply chain crisis, the Joe Biden administration plans "to collaborate with India on building resilient supply chains and promote a transparent rules-based trading system for market economies and democracies," the US Trade Representative has told Congress.

Upcoming Events

March 22 - NCBFFA Webinar - Fish & Wildlife ACE Filing - 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM PT

- FWS ACE filing has been available to brokers for the past couple years, but becomes mandatory this summer or fall. This webinar will help you get up to speed! - Register [here](#)

March 23 - FTA FREE WEBINAR -FTZ Program and Port of Long Beach Update - 11-00 AM - 12-00 PM PT

- Learn about the FTZ program and hear the latest updates from the Port of Long Beach - Register [here](#)

March 24 - Propeller Club - Billions in Federal Funding for Ports: How to Position Yourself for Success - 11:45 - 1:00 PM PT

- Speakers include Sarah Bagwell Rudy, PMP Planning & Policy Project Manager/Burns & McDonnell & Christopher Cannon, Director of Environmental Management, Port of Los Angeles - Register [here](#)

March 30 - LACBFFA Webinar - Customs Bonds – Sound Practices for Customs Brokers in a Challenging Time - 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM PT

- This program will help you understand the current Customs bond environment, including claims situations, statistics, and underwriting. We will also go over recent potential Errors & Omissions claims as well as Best Practices for 2022 - Register [here](#)

April 7 - FTA FREE WEBINAR - Russian and Belarusian sanctions and other critical compliance issues from the Bureau of Industry and Security - 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM PT

- Come hear from Michael Hoffman, the Director of Western Regional Office of the Bureau of Industry and Security on the latest developments, and what you need to know to ensure that your company doesn't run afoul - *Details soon to follow!*

April 14 - LACBFFA Webinar - CBP 28s and Prior Disclosures: How to Serve & Protect Importers - 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM PT

- This 1-hour webinar will go over all of the basics around CBP Form 28's (Requests for Information) and prior disclosures - Register [here](#)

April 25 - LATC Spring 2022 Scholarship & Fund Raiser Golf Tournament - 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM PT

- Industry Hills Golf Club at Pacific Palms Resort - Register [here](#)

May 1 - May 4 - NCBFFA Annual Conference - 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM PT Fort Lauderdale, FL - Register [here](#)

May 12 - Air Cargo Day at The Proud Bird - 11:00 AM -2:00 PM PT- Network with industry professionals and strengthen partnerships by attending Air Cargo Day 2022. This annual conference features 45 plus exhibitors presenting their new products and services!. Join us for this free event of networking, booth giveaways and raffle prizes! - Register [here](#)

May 20 - HTA's Tech Conference - DRAYTECH - 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM PT- Hotel Maya, Long Beach, CA - Register [here](#)

May 24 - CITT Town Hall - 7:30 AM - 10:00 AM PT- Hyatt Regency Long Beach - Register [here](#)

May 25 - May 27 - 2022 I-NUF 9th METRANS International Urban Freight Conference - The conference brings together researchers and practitioners in urban freight, supply chains, and logistics from around the world. It is a showcase for cutting-edge research and dynamic information-sharing and provides a forum for researchers, policy makers, and practitioners to reimagine and guide the future of the industry - Register [here](#)

June 13-15 - AAEI 2022 Conference - Fort Lauderdale Marriott Harbor Beach Resort - Register [here](#)

July 19 - 20 - CBP 2022 Trade Symposium - Hilton Anaheim, Anaheim, CA - Register [here](#)

October 6 - 9 - WESCONN 2022- Loews Coronado Bay Resort, San Diego, CA - Register [here](#)