

CALENDAR of EVENTS

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FTA Webinar Series: FMC Updates
Exciting Updates, and Changes from the FMC and Harbor Trucking Association! Don't be left out!

Wednesday July 10, 2024

10:00 am - 11:00 am PDT

Carl W. Bentzel / U.S. Federal Maritime Commissioner

U.S. Federal Maritime Commissioner Carl W. Bentzel was nominated by the President for the open Democratic slot on the Commission on June 12, 2019, to a term expiring on June 30, 2024. The United States Senate confirmed his nomination on November 21, 2019, and he was sworn into office on December 9, 2019.

Joining the Federal Maritime Commission (FMC) as the pandemic was taking hold of the country and international supply chains, Bentzel toured the major port gateways to assess how the maritime industry was operating under extreme volume surges. Working closely with the White House, the Presidential transition team, U.S. Health and Human Services and the U.S. Maritime Administration, he advocated forcefully for the men and women working onsite in the maritime industry to classified them as essential workers and helped to ensure expedited COVID testing and vaccinations.



Matt Schrap / CEO Harbor Trucking Association

Matt Schrap currently holds the position of CEO for the Harbor Trucking Association. He has been featured on several national news outlets including 60 Minutes, ABC Nightly News, Fox News, PBS News Hour, Bloomberg TV and a host of others discussing drayage, trucking industry issues, regulatory policy and efficiency constraints.

Prior to joining HTA, Matt was VP of Government Programs for the Velocity Vehicle Group, the world's largest commercial truck dealership network where he worked on air quality regulatory policy and incentive opportunities for Heavy Duty trucks operating in California. Before his time at VVG, Matt was the Director of Environmental Affairs for the California Trucking Association. He holds an MA in Public Policy Administration from CSULB and a BA in Government from CSUS.



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- FTA Members: Free
- non-Members: \$45

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FTA Webinar Series: Lacey Act VII
Updates and Announcements Straight From The Source

Wednesday July 17, 2024

11:00 am - Noon PDT



Guest Speaker: Erin Otto

Erin Otto is the National Policy Manager for the Lacey Act Program for USDA-APHIS-Plant Protection and Quarantine (PPQ) in Riverdale, MD. She is responsible for providing internal and external leadership to ensure that the programmatic actions and activities of the Lacey Act program are continually monitored, harmonized, and improved to achieve program goals. Ms. Otto leads strategic program planning, establishes national program objectives and performance measures, and adjusts policy based on program information.

Ms. Otto coordinates the response to issues such as congressional inquiries and environmental concerns and seeks to manage opportunities for internal and external partnerships, alliances, coalitions to support the goals of the Lacey Act Program.

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Importer Boot Camp

August 1, 2024

9:00 am - 3:00 pm

A one-day importer class on Customs regulations and procedures.



Guest Speaker: Bruce Leeds of Braumiller Law Group

- Lunch and refreshments provided.
- Limited capacity: 50 people
- Sponsorships available

The class will include an overview of many Customs related topics, including:

• Customs programs	• Marking	• Entries
• Special duties	• Audits	• Bonds
• Chapter 98 classifications	• Penalties	• Powers of attorney
• Duty reduction programs	• Customs organization	• Classification in the HTS
• Antidumping duties	• Definitions	• Rulings
• Forced Labor	• Resources	• Valuation
		• Assists

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Advance Registration required (no walk-ins)

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Joint Harbor Cruise LA/LB Port Tour & Luncheon

August 22, 2024

9:00 am - 2:00 pm

Location: Long Beach Harbor Cruise Terminal and Gladstones



AGENDA

- 09:00 am Arrival
- 09:30 am Cruise departure
- 12:00 pm Lunch

[Registration Links:](#)

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- FTA Members: \$ 150
- FTA non-Member: \$ 200
- FTA Luncheon Sponsorship: \$2500 (2 tickets and Social Media recognition)
- FTA Cruise Sponsorship: \$2500 (2 tickets and Social Media recognition)
- FTA Bar Sponsorship: \$500 (Social Media recognition)

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TRADE and GOVERNMENT

[FOCUS: Japan Boosting Seafood Exports to S.E. Asia, U.S. As China Keeps Ban](#)



With China showing no signs of lifting its import ban on Japanese fisheries products, Japan has been diversifying export channels to other markets, most notably Southeast Asia and the United States, in response to what critics say is an economic coercion measure by the world's second-largest economy.

Beijing's unilateral measure -- which Japan dismisses for not being based on science -- is yet another reminder that in light of economic security, Tokyo should further reduce its dependence on the Chinese market for not only seafood but other sectors so as to minimize risks associated with trade, analysts say.

[Fears Are Rising Ocean Freight Rates May Surpass \\$20,000 With No Relief for Global Trade Into 2025](#)



Just as the Federal Reserve and U.S. economy get good news on inflation, with consumer prices and wholesale prices softening, a major global trade inflation indicator is headed in the wrong direction. Rising freight rates are a new source of concern in the global supply chain with forecasts warning that ocean cargo prices could reach \$20,000 – potentially even touch the Covid era peak of \$30,000 – and stay there into 2025.

Spot ocean freight rates from the Far East to the U.S. popped between 36%-41% month over month, and ocean carriers increased additional charges known as general rate increases by roughly 140%, according to the CNBC Supply Chain Heat Map. These costs have taken the price of a 40-foot cargo container to about \$12,000.

[US Textile Sector Asks Apparel Negotiator to Tackle Unfair Trade Policy](#)



USTR apparel negotiator White made her inaugural trip to a major hub of American textile production facilities and visited six plants in total in North Carolina, including American & Efird, Parkdale Mills/US Cotton, TSG Finishing, Shuford Yarns, Schneider Mills, and Unifi.

White was shown recent textile and apparel industry innovations, the facilities' advanced manufacturing capabilities and the role the domestic sector plays in supplying the US military and personal protective equipment (PPE).

[Exports Between US and China Could See Sharp Declines From AI-Powered Cyberattacks: Study](#)



Cyberattacks powered by artificial intelligence could deal a consequential blow to global trade, driving downswings in exports between China and the United States, a recent study has found.

China's exports could plunge 8.2 per cent, economics and cybersecurity researchers projected, while the US could see a reduction of 5.6 per cent in a simulation scenario with a large number of cybersecurity breaches.

"The disparity stems from China's heavy reliance on the American market, which absorbs about 20 per cent of its total exports," the researchers said.

MARITIME

[A New Chinese Megaport in South America Is Rattling the U.S.](#)



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[As Asian Shipbuilders Eye U.S., America’s Maritime Defeatism Is Nuts](#)



In China, South Korea and Japan, massive shipbuilding complexes are pumping out modern ships at a breakneck pace. Back on the American side of the Pacific, shipbuilding activity is on the decline, waterfront defeatism is rampant, and any proposal to compete with Asia’s big shipbuilders laughed out of the room as unrealistic. The joke, however, is on the critics. The economic analysis—routinely used to back America’s shipbuilding industry into a corner—is thin, dated, and largely based on a grab-bag of buzzy economic theories from the eighties. It’s why Asian shipbuilders are, right now, racing to obtain a foothold in the United States.

[FMC Seeks Public Comments on New Maersk & Hapag-Lloyd Cooperative Agreement](#)



The Federal Maritime Commission has opened a 12-day comment period allowing interested members of the public to respond to Maersk and Hapag Lloyd’s newly filed vessel sharing agreement, the Gemini Cooperation Agreement.

Instructions for submitting comments are included in a Notice of Agreements Filed published in the Federal Register yesterday. The deadline for submitting comments is Tuesday, June 18, 2024.

[Port of Long Beach Awarded Funds for Critical Projects](#)



The Port of Long Beach received federal funding for civil works plans laid out by the Army Corps of Engineers, aimed at financing several maintenance and repair projects along the waterfront.

The funds arise from the Harbor Maintenance Tax – collected by the federal government from ports based on the value of imports, some domestic cargo and on cruise passengers. Established by Congress in 1986 to fund dredging projects at U.S. seaports, funds from the Harbor Maintenance Tax were typically collected from but not directed to ports like the Port of Long Beach.

ENVIRONMENTAL

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[Panama Canal Continues to Restore Capacity After Drought](#)



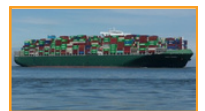
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[US Renewable Diesel Production Growth Drastically Impacts Global Feedstock Trade](#)



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[MASH Carbon Negative Shipping Fuel Made From Agricultural Leftovers](#)



Recent tests have demonstrated MASH Makes waste-based biofuel's viability as a 'drop-in' replacement for fossil fuels in the sector. In collaboration with leading global shipping company NORDEN, it will now be trialed in live vessels.

These trials represent a key milestone in the transition to net zero, with biofuel now poised to play a key role in decarbonizing shipping and heavy industry. Shipping facilitates over 80% of global trade and uses more than 330 million tons of fossil fuel every year, accounting for over 3% of CO2 emissions annually – more than all of Germany. Achieving climate goals is impossible without decarbonizing this global economic lynchpin, and it has proven difficult to achieve this using the go-to technologies of the green transition.

SUPPLY CHAINS and LOGISTICS

[DHL: Four Ways Companies Can Bolster Supply Chain Resilience in Latest Trend Report “Supply Chain Diversification”](#)



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[BMW’s Michael Nikolaides on a Localised, Digital Supply Chain](#)



Through combining the company’s production, supply chain and logistics divisions, Dr Michael Nikolaides is enhancing BMW’s resilience and visibility. Having taken over the role in early 2022, Nikolaides is viewing logistics as a competitive advantage and has enabled the function to become more influential across the wider BMW Group.

At the Automotive Logistics and Supply Chain Europe conference in Bonn, Germany, Nikolaides sat down with Automotive Logistics to talk about the benefits of cross-functional decisions in logistics and how localisation can strengthen the group’s resilience to help face future supply chain crises.

[Airbus, Safran Strive To Toughen Supply Chain](#)



PARIS—Airbus is considering a way to secure steel provision for its suppliers, and Safran has decided it had to replace its U.S. suppliers for turbine blades by building a new factory, company officials said June 13 at the Paris Air Forum.

Crises affecting the supply chain are happening one after the other. The moves by the airframer and the engine manufacturer illustrate their all-out effort to make their supply chain more resilient and reliable.

For aluminum and titanium, Airbus secures a quantity and price from metal providers, Airbus Commercial Aircraft COO Florent Massou said. Airbus’ suppliers then purchase from that defined amount according to their needs. The scheme is called conbid.

[What Does Air Cargo’s Early Peak Season Mean for Peak Season?](#)



Demand and rates for airfreight transportation continue to soar through the normally soft summer season, powered by the unrelenting strength of e-commerce fulfillment from China and shippers pulling forward orders for the winter holidays to protect against rising costs, capacity shortages and worsening ocean shipping delays.

