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# CBP / Trade Monthly Meeting Agenda

**Wednesday, September 6, 2023**

**8:30 AM**

At Laredo College, De La Garza Bldg. Rm 101

### **CBP Announcements:**

No announcements at this time.

### **Old Business:**

#### **1. Colombia Bridge Construction update.**

- a. Has construction been completed? Are the MEPs now fully operational?
- b. With the recent discussions of the Columbia Bridge expansion project that Nuevo Leon has announced now on several occasions, is the expansion plan related to the Mexican side infrastructure only?
- c. CODEFRONT Presentation on Mexican infrastructure plans

### **New Business:**

#### **1. MEP for NII by EOD today.**

#### **2. MEP Construction at WTB.** During the August CBP Trade meeting, an announcement was made that the construction of Multi Energy Portals (MEPs) will be installed at World Trade Bridge for Non Intrusive Inspection (NII) purposes.

- a. Can CBP please provide more details about this construction (how many, when will construction be completed (ETA)?
- b.** Does CBP have plans to add additional MEPs at WTB?
- c.**

#### **3. UCP processing on FAST lanes at WTB.**

- a. Are only Unified Cargo Processing (UCP) Inspections being conducted at WTB?
- b. Can CBP provide an update on the UCP program at WTB similar to the way UCP is being conducted at the Colombia Bridge?
- c. Has CBP gotten an ETA from Mexican Customs (ANAM) and MX Agriculture?

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4. **Cybersecurity for US Customs Brokers.** Based on recent cybersecurity attacks on multiple US Customs Brokers affecting their ability to create and certify consumption Entries, there is an urgent concern by brokers to understand business continuity best practices. Besides following the “Cyber Incident Guidance for Customs Brokers” guidelines and documents found for download on [cbp.gov](http://cbp.gov),
  - a. Can CBP discuss a given customs broker’s “downtime procedures” to follow through the port of Laredo?
  - b. Can US Customs Brokers have multiple ABI software applications with different ABI/ACE certification messaging as a method of business continuity? If so, what is the protocol to follow with CBP?
  
5. **NCAP/FAST cargo processing.**
  - a. Can CBP provide the status of NCAP/FAST cargo release processing?
  - b. Can other participants (importers) join or is there a moratorium on additional participants?
  - c. Can additional third party EDI software developers create a module for NCAP/FAST manifest creations and is CBP willing to test these new applications?
  
6. **Telephone calls placed by CBP to US customs brokers.** Several members have complained about CBP placing calls looking for the licensee broker and conducting themselves unprofessionally whenever he/she can’t be reached.
  - a. Can CBP please address this issue with its officers?
  - b. Can CBP please standardize leaving **voicemails** with name, call back number, issue, and Entry/In-bond number whenever the broker can’t be reached?
  
7. **CEE Update on feedback provided to CBP DFO office.** A few months ago, this association provided some feedback as it relates to dealing with the CEES.

Can CBP provide an update on the feedback provided?

8. **User Fee payments on company vehicles.** There seem to be more company vehicles (pickup trucks) being charged the User Fee when crossing through the non commercial bridges at this port.

Can CBP discuss the criteria used to determine the applicability of payment of the User Fee?

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### **Other CBP Announcements:**

No other CBP announcements at this time.

### **PGA Questions/Announcements:**

#### **US Department of Agriculture (USDA):**

#### **Food and Drug Administration (FDA):**

9. **FDA Review never released in ABI.** Trade members have seen entries with an FDA Review in ABI but the 1 USG does come in as released. ITACS also shows 'May Proceed'.
  - a. Is this an FDA communication issue with CBP or software vendor?
  - b. What can be presented to the Importer to prove "FDA May Proceed" as Importers do not want to let the freight go without it.

### **LUSCBA Announcements:**

**Next CBP Trade Meeting => [Wednesday, October 4th](#)**

**Next Brokers Association Meeting => [Wednesday, September 27<sup>th</sup>](#)**

\*\*\* Any questions or Customs issues you may have prior to the meeting may be sent to LLUSCBA Customs committee at [CBPissues@lluscba.org](mailto:CBPissues@lluscba.org). \*\*\*

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