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CBP / Trade Monthly Meeting Agenda

Wednesday, October 4, 2023

8:30 AM

At Laredo College, De La Garza Bldg. Rm 101

CBP Announcements:

1. New DFO: **Donald Kusser**, Director, Field Operations for Laredo Field Office

Old Business:

1. **Colombia Bridge Construction update:**
 - a. Has construction been fully completed? How many MEPs are now fully operational?
2. **Cybersecurity Attack Exercise:**
 - a. Can CBP provide an update to the proposed Cybersecurity tabletop exercise proposed during the September CBP Trade meeting?

New Business

- 1) **DPS Inspections:**
 - a. Has the State of Texas announced potential DPS inspections at Colombia as it has initiated in ports like Eagle Pass, TX and El Paso?
- 2) **Government Shutdown: Potential Impact to the Port of Laredo:**
 - a. Has CBP identified which personnel would be affected as far as Exempt, Non-exempt, and Accepted in case of a government shutdown and how it will impact the Trade?
- 3) **Impact of Immigration Issue Upriver:**
 - a. How has the immigration issue impacting the ports of Del Rio and Eagle Pass, TX impacted Laredo?
 - b. Are CBP officers being sent to assist with processing of immigrants?
 - c. Has this affected commercial truck traffic operations or is there a potential impact?

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4) Change of fiscal year Points of Contacts at WTB and Colombia:

- a. With the new fiscal year for CBP, are there any changes in personnel we need to be made aware of?

5) CBPF7533, Inward Cargo Manifests required at other ports:

At other ports within the old “district,” member customs brokers are concerned with the lack of consistency. The port of Pharr, TX requires that drivers have a copy of the Inward Cargo Manifest on hand that according to them, in case of an ACE outage or lack of SCN match, officers can reference the correct Entry, etc...

- a. Will the port of Laredo, TX also require that drivers have the Inward Cargo Manifest?
- b. Can the CBP DFO advise what is being done about the lack of consistency?

6) Penalties issued to Drayage Carriers on “Entry not declared” on ACE eManifests. The recurring issue of carriers not declaring all Entries on an ACE eManifest leads to a penalty against the carrier, even though customs brokers are voluntarily making these requests to CBP.

- a. Can CBP revisit the issue of these voluntary declarations that ultimately lead to penalties since it is affecting a customs brokers’ willingness to make these voluntary declarations when they discover their Entries have not been arrived through no fault of the broker?
- b. Can CBP suggest best practices for this recurring issue/topic?

7) Penalties due to multiple WPM stamps when pallets are reworked. Whenever CBP Agriculture detects an actionable pest, shipments have been reexported to Mexico and pallets retreated or fumigated. A member customs broker indicated that they were penalized since the pallets were stamped with an additional treatment stamp.

- a. Can CBP explain why this is a penalized occurrence?
- b. Can CBP Agriculture suggest best practices whenever this happens?

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PGA Questions/Announcements:

US Department of Agriculture (USDA):

Food and Drug Administration (FDA):

1) FDA and FSVP Inspectors being assigned.

- a. Will current FDA inspectors be reassigned to FSVP inspections?
- b. What can the trade expect?

LUSCBA Announcements:

Next CBP Trade Meeting => [Wednesday, November 1st, 2023](#)

Next Brokers Association Meeting => [Wednesday, October 25th, 2023](#)

*** Any questions or Customs issues you may have prior to the meeting may be sent to LLUSCBA Customs committee at CBPissues@lluscba.org. ***

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