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CBP / Trade Monthly Meeting Agenda

Wednesday, August 2, 2023 - 8:30 AM At Laredo College, De La Garza Bldg. Rm 101

CBP Announcements:

Update in Watch Commander changes

Old Business:

1) Updated list of Foreign Trade Zones / Bonded Warehouses in Laredo -

During our July CBP/Trade meeting, we discussed getting an updated list of FTZs and Bonded Warehouses. Has this list been completed?

2) Colombia Bridge Construction update -

Is the construction still scheduled to be completed mid-August or is there an updated completion date?

New Business

1) Colombia Bridge – Security Concern

a. With the recent road closure on the Mexican side of the Colombia Solidarity Bridge due to violence, what protocols does CBP have when there are security issues on the Mexican side?

2) Designated lanes for Importers at Colombia Solidarity bridge

- **a.** Customer importers are increasingly concerned about designated lane for certain US importers, raising the concern about special treatment.
- **b.** Does CBP intend to provide these importers with any special treatment?

3) Marking waiver for every shipment via DIS:

- **a.** Does a given CEE keep 1 year blanket marking waiver letters on file for importers who have previously been authorized?
- **b.** Does the marking waiver letter need to be uploaded in DIS for each Entry?

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4) Late Entries stemming from ACE glitch on June 26-27, 2023

Several customs brokers encountered situations in which ONE USG Release messages on June 26th and 27th. Brokers have advised that it wasn't until the Entry Section requested Entry Summary filing and payment electronically that the ONE USG message was received. As a result, many Entries will be filed "late."

- a. Will Late Entry liquidated damages be issued?
- b. Since this was the result of a Customs error, and a CSMS message was not issued, what can brokers do to mitigate these potential liquidated damages?

5) Proposed CTPAT office in Laredo for certifications/validations

In prior meetings, CBP advised that there was interest in having a CTPAT office in Laredo to more effectively conduct certifications of customs brokers and carriers, particularly those domiciled in Nuevo Laredo. Has CBP made any headway in making this a possibility?

Other CBP Announcements:

- **Southbound Traffic backlog:** Be advised CBP has no involvement in traffic delays when issues stem from the Mexican side. Please contact Mexican customs for any questions or concerns. CBP currently only provide courtesy announcement.

PGA Questions/Announcements:

- FDA: announcement of 2 new Consumer Safety Officers (CSOs).

LUSCBA Announcements:

Laredo TRADE DAY November 1st

Next LLUSCBA Association Meeting => Wednesday, August 30th

Next CBP Trade Meeting => Wednesday, September 6th

*** 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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