



TRADE FACILITATION COMMITTEE NEWS

A compendium of discussion at the monthly meeting by the Trade Facilitation Committee of the MARINE EXCHANGE of the San Francisco Bay Region – Fred Hosking, Chair. For further information or comments, call 415-441-6600, fax 415-441-3080 or visit www.sfmex.org.
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CHAIR - Reviewed various items of the previous meeting and addressed issues of mutual concerns with updates from the floor –

CBP Manifest compliant for trucking cross boarder traffic; carriers implementation of security fees/pass through to importers; rail congestion – LA labor shortage /vessel delays; CBFANC-FDA dinner August 25th; August 18th, CBFANC education series on Textiles. Welcomed new USCG attendee, Cmdr Gordon Loebel, USCG Regional Safety Officer.

CBP & FDA Related issues –

Prior notice moving forward into next phase; complaints of delays on CET holds at Pacific Coast resulting in damages/detention/excessive storage costs; CBFANC educational Textile workshop well received/attended. FDA focusing on service levels; new guidelines for food product detention; will work with CBFANC towards a Product Code training meeting in the fall. ACE is moving forward and now offered to the Brokerage community, ultimately to replace the ABI system. August 13th came and went, and we're all still alive... and commerce is still moving, albeit a bit slower, but moving. Thanks in part to CBP and FDA allowing some discretionary enforcement of various aspects/requirements of P/N filings. Not to be taken lightly, a lot of issues to be

worked out. CPB has issued Advanced Manifest Compliance dates for truck carriers with phase in dates for different parts of the country/gateways.

PORTS.

Major concerns still in the forefront with regard to volumes, congestion at Los Angeles/Long Beach, and the resulting delays in vessel operations and then arrivals at northern ports. Truck shortages, clogged highways, vessels bypassing ports, rail congestion. How far can this go before cargoes are diverted to other port/gateways? Charleston imposing a port security fee on a per container basis...

COAST GUARD –

Security level 1, yellow elevated for the greater Bay area...

Whereas, other port areas are at Orange... Maritime Security plans are in place for all regional terminal operations whereas other parts of the country are still working to achieve that goal.

CARRIERS -

Surcharges pop up in the strangest places and ways more and more these days... the latest one being an "ISPS (International Ship and Port Facility Security Code) surcharge from all EU and Northern European/Baltic/Mediterranean ports with the warning that there will be heavier Security fees coming.

CBFANC –

The education process will focus more on processing; FDA dinner meeting set for August 25th. *Wescon*

is quickly approaching *October 14-17, San Diego*. Our John Leitner is Chair this year promising a full agenda/calendar of educational opportunities for all attendees (and some fun too, be certain...)

LEGISLATIVE/LEGAL -

NVO tariff issues covering Service Contracts before the FMC. Expect a ruling within the near future. Terminal detention becoming a major issue with question as to who in government controls them – rules, exorbitant costs/cost levels. The Hollings port security legislation with its infamous 5 day rule tacked onto it is making its way through Capitol Hill... stay tuned for that. Special thanks to Senator Feinstein's office for their assistance in *facilitating* (there's that word again) the move of the airport select site to the building also occupied by US Customs. The Senators office was able to work with the City of San Francisco to secure the space for CBFANC. Expect this to be functional by end September.

Next meeting:

*Tuesday, September 28, 2004
San Francisco World Trade Club*

Attending: CDR Gordon Leobl, USCG; Jeanne Burns, CBFANC; Kaitlin Ortega, SFMX; Barbara Cassens, FDA; Laura Williams, PMSA; Francean Rible, CBP; Jeremy Potash, Potash & Co; Ted Rausch, Ted L. Rausch & Co., John Leitner, WJ Byrnes; Jim Molanari, Senator Feinstein's Office; Chaired by Fred Hosking, Hoyt Shepston, Inc.