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The U.S. and Canada Announce Pilot to Enhance Border Security



On Friday, September 28, 2012, the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) and the Canada Border Services Agency (CBSA) announced that both agencies will begin Phase I of the Entry/Exit pilot program as outlined in the Beyond the Border Action Plan.

Beginning October 15, 2012, both agencies will begin exchanging travelers' routine biographic information to record entry into one country so that it becomes a record of exit from the other country. The pilot will not affect regular port operations in any way.

"The sharing of entry and exit information will facilitate the legitimate flow of traffic between the U.S. and Canada while strengthening border security," said U.S. Customs and Border Protection Deputy Commissioner David V. Aguilar. "This pilot is an important step forward in the shared perimeter vision."

A coordinated entry/exit system will help the U.S. and Canada identify persons who potentially overstay their lawful period of admission, better monitor the departure of persons subject to removal orders, and verify that residency requirements are being met by applicants for continued eligibility in immigration programs.

The process of sharing personal information will be in accordance with each country's privacy laws and policies.

- More information about the Beyond the Border Action Plan can be found at the CBP Newsroom. Please call the CBP Office of Congressional Affairs with any questions.

Assistant Commissioner Gina Shares Top Trade Initiatives

This year, U.S. Customs and Border Protection will facilitate about \$2 trillion in legitimate trade while enforcing U.S. trade laws that protect the economy, the health, and the safety of the American people. CBP accomplishes this through close partnerships with the trade community, other government agencies and foreign governments.

On Monday, September 17, 2012, Allen Gina, Assistant Commissioner for the Office of Trade, spoke to trade business leaders from the National Customs Brokers & Forwarders Association of America (NCBFAA). Gina spoke of CBP's focus on modernizing and streamlining. "Everything we do needs to be safer, faster, cheaper," said Gina. To illustrate his point, he shared the agency's top trade transformation initiatives. The seven initiatives include—the Role of the Broker; ACE,

the agency's automated cargo processing system; the Centers of Excellence and Expertise; Simplified Entry-Air Cargo Advanced Screening; trusted trade partnerships; trade intelligence; and One U.S. Government at the Border.

Gina also noted that the new industry-specific Centers of Excellence and Expertise were game changes for the agency. "The centers are going to create tremendous efficiencies for CBP, for other government agencies, and for the trade community at large."

- More information about the event can be found at CBP Newsroom.

- For more information about CBP Trade Initiatives, please contact the Office of Congressional Affairs.

In Remembrance



On October 2, 2012, Border Patrol Agent Nicholas J. Ivie was mortally wounded in the line of duty near Bisbee, Arizona, most likely as the result of friendly fire.

"It is clear that Agent Ivie gave his life while serving his nation. His service and sacrifice will always be remembered and honored. The U.S. Border Patrol has never before faced a death caused by friendly fire. It is my goal to ensure that it never happens again anywhere in CBP."

- Deputy Commissioner,
David V. Aguilar

CBP Enforcement News



CBP Officers Seize \$1.6 Million Pot Load at Local Port

Nogales, Az. – On Tuesday, October 2, 2012, a male Mexican national attempting to deliver farm equipment and commercial-sized spools of wire into the United States through the CBP Nogales Commercial Facility was selected for a secondary inspection of his cargo. During inspection, U.S. Customs and Border Protection officers discovered more than 3,300 pounds, \$1.6 million worth, of marijuana hidden inside the wire spools.

– Visit the [CBP Newsroom for the full story.](#)



Del Rio Border Patrol Agents Seize Half a Million Dollars Worth of Marijuana

Del Rio, Tx.—On Tuesday, October 2, 2012, CBP Carrizo Springs Station agents stopped a vehicle loaded with several large bundles of marijuana and arrested the driver. The bundles were discovered in a hidden compartment located inside a diesel tank mounted on the bed of the truck. The total amount of marijuana seized was 646 pounds, an estimated value of \$517,120. The subject and the contraband were turned over to the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA).

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Philly CBP Intercepts One of the World's Most Destructive Insect Pests

Philadelphia, Pa.— CBP agriculture specialists recently came face-to-face with the Khapra beetle, considered to be one of the world's most destructive and invasive insect pests. A Saudi Arabian traveler arrived at Philadelphia International Airport with a burlap bag containing 11 pounds of rice. The bag also contained six dead larvae and four dead adults. Last year, due to the increasing number of detections, CBP started enforcing USDA restrictions on the commercial and non-commercial importation of rice from countries known to have Khapra beetle.

– Visit the [CBP Newsroom for the full story.](#)

CBP Trade News

CBP Opens New Center of Excellence and Expertise in Houston



On September 17, 2012, U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) began operating the Petroleum, Natural Gas and Minerals Center of Excellence and Expertise (CEE). This CEE, along with three others launched last year, provides a virtual resource for importers utilizing ports across the country. The center has begun centralized processing for all trusted partners in this industry, providing uniformity for trusted importers. CBP's CEEs offer one-stop processing to lower the trade industry's cost of business, provide greater consistency and predictability, and enhance CBP's enforcement efforts. The centers represent CBP's expanded focus on "Trade in the 21st Century," transforming customs procedures to align with modern business. By having the centers focus on industry-specific issues, CBP is able to provide tailored support to unique trading environments. In a recent press release, Assistant Commissioner Allen Gina, CBP Office of Trade, said, "CBP expects to open five more of these industry Centers next year, at which time we'll have covered the full range of commodities." For more information on CBP's Trade Transformation and the CEEs, visit the [CBP.gov Website.](#)

CBP Successfully Transitions Sea and Rail Manifests to ACE



On Monday, October 1, 2012, U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) announced that it successfully transferred 100 percent of impacted trade parties, including ocean carriers, rail carriers and Automated Broker Interface software developers, to the Automated Commercial Environment (ACE) e-Manifest: Rail and Sea system. ACE now operates as the only CBP-approved electronic data interchange through which rail and sea manifests may be transmitted to the agency. "ACE is part of the CBP

modernization process that is essential to facilitating trade and security, speeding the flow of commerce into the country," said Deputy Commissioner David V. Aguilar. "I commend both CBP and trade stakeholders for efforts that led to a successful transition to ACE for cargo entering the country through the sea and rail environments." For more information on ACE, please visit the [CBP.gov Website.](#)

DHS and Loews Hotels Initiate Global Entry Partnership



DHS and Loews Hotels have announced a new partnership to promote the department's expedited traveler programs, which includes CBP's Global Entry and Transportation Security Administration's (TSA) PreCheck. Through this new partnership, Loews Hotels is offering its YouFirst Platinum loyalty rewards members complimentary enrollment in the Global Entry program. Currently available at 30 U.S. airports, Global Entry streamlines the screening process for trusted travelers through biometric identification and reduces average wait times by 70 percent. The Global Entry program is another way DHS and CBP are helping to promote new initiatives to increase travel and tourism in the United States while maintaining the highest standards of security. For more information please call the CBP Office of Congressional Affairs.

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