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Air Cargo Security: Advance Screening Pilot

U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) announced in a Federal Register Notice that it is formalizing and expanding the Air Cargo Advance Screening (ACAS) pilot. The ACAS pilot enables members of the air cargo industry to send and receive advance security filing data for their air cargo. CBP and the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) receive the advance security filing cargo data and are able to help identify cargo shipments inbound to the United States

that may be high risk and require additional physical screening. Identifying high-risk shipments as early as possible in the air cargo supply chain provides CBP and TSA an opportunity to conduct a comprehensive review of cargo data while facilitating the movement of legitimate trade into the United States. Benefits to ACAS pilot participants may include: efficiencies by automating the identification of high risk cargo for enhanced screening before it is consolidated and loaded on aircraft and reduction in paper processes related to cargo screening requirements which may increase carrier efficiency.

Participation in ACAS is voluntary and open to all organizations associated with the air cargo supply chain, including passenger carriers, all-cargo carriers, freight forwarders, and express carriers. There are no restrictions with regard to organization size, location, or commodity type. Those interested in joining ACAS should review the Federal Register Notice for additional eligibility requirements. Both ACAS applications and public comments are due November 23, 2012.

ACAS was implemented following a terrorist attempt in October 2010 involving explosives concealed in packages on U.S.-bound aircraft from Yemen. CBP and TSA collaborated with the private sector to identify strategies to strengthen air cargo supply chain security, including developing a mechanism to collect cargo information at the earliest point practicable in the supply chain. The ACAS pilot was established as a result of this collaboration. As of March 2012, 14 million transactions have been processed through the ACAS pilot.

Frequently asked questions on the ACAS pilot are available on CBP.gov. The Federal Register Notice is available on GPO.gov.



Maritime Cargo Security: Beyond the Border

The United States and Canada announced the launch of the Prince Rupert pilot to strengthen cargo security at the Canada-U.S. border as part of the Integrated Cargo Security Strategy in the Beyond the Border Action Plan. The pilot focuses on harmonizing the screening process for maritime cargo between the two countries.

“The Prince Rupert pilot implemented under the Integrated Cargo Security Strategy is key to the ongoing efforts to facilitate legitimate trade while still maintaining our security mission at the border,” said U.S. Consul General Anne Callaghan. “Harmonization of the cargo screening processes between the United States and Canada should result in a more efficient and secured supply chain and increased competitive economic posture.”

The pilot, which began earlier this month, focuses on maritime cargo arriving at Prince Rupert, BC with subsequent movement via rail before entering the United States at International Falls, Minn. It utilizes a harmonized approach developed by the U.S. and Canada which allows for the screening of inbound cargo arriving from offshore.

On February 4, 2011, President Obama and Prime Minister Harper released the Beyond the Border Declaration, articulating a shared vision in which our countries will work together to address threats at the earliest point possible while facilitating the legitimate movement of people, and cargo across our shared border. The Action Plan, released on December 2011, outlines the specific steps our countries intend to take to achieve the security and economic competitiveness goals outlined in the Beyond the Border Declaration.

For More Information on Beyond the Border, please contact the Office of Congressional Affairs.

CBP Enforcement News



CBP Border Patrol Agents Interrupt Attempted Illegal Border Crossing

Yuma, AZ — Just after midnight on Tuesday, October 30, 2012, Border Patrol agents patrolling in the Imperial Sand Dunes area encountered a silver Jeep Cherokee attempting to drive over the International Boundary fence using a make-shift ramp that was not quite up to the task. When the vehicle made it to the top of the ramp, it became “high centered.” As agents arrived on scene, two subjects fled into Mexico. After removing the Jeep from the fence, agents seized both the vehicle and the ramps.

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



CBP Officers Seize Liquid Methamphetamine

Hidalgo, TX — On Monday, October 29, 2012, U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) officers arrested two female passengers who arrived at the Hidalgo-Reynosa International Bridge in a taxicab. The two female passengers were referred to secondary where CBP officers discovered a total of 10 bottles containing alleged liquid methamphetamine. The seized narcotics, weighing 32 pounds, have an estimated street value of \$480,000.

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North Dakota Land Port of Entry Undergoes Energy Efficient Transformation

Minot, ND — On Wednesday, October 31, 2012, U.S. Customs and Border Protection and the General Services Administration (GSA) celebrated the opening of the newly-constructed land port of entry located along the U.S.-Canadian border. The LEED-certified building includes several energy efficient features such as a 300-foot long south facing walkway called “Solar Street”, and a roof that reduces air pollution and greenhouse gas emissions.

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CBP and DHS Respond to Hurricane Sandy



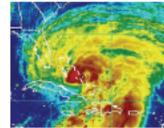
CBP Open for Business Following East Coast Storm

Less than two weeks after one of the most devastating storms to hit the northeast, U.S. Customs and Border Protection is open for business—on site and on duty at the major facilities ready to serve the traveling public and trade community as airports and seaports resume operations.

“CBP personnel throughout the Mid-Atlantic and northeast were committed to the community, their partners and each other in maintaining safety, security and business operations as normal as possible during this monstrous storm,” said Region I Lead Field Coordinator Kevin Weeks, Director of Boston Field Operations. CBP continues to communicate with trade and travel stakeholders, including airport and seaport officials, and the U.S. Coast Guard, FEMA and other federal and state agencies, on business resumption for seaports and airports, and working together on recovery efforts in the impacted areas. Members of the trade community and the public should continue to monitor [CBP.gov](#) for updates on port operations and CBP’s efforts to minimize disruptions. Airline and cruise ship passengers are encouraged to check their carrier’s website or travel agents for more information.

Secretary Napolitano Issues Temporary, Blanket Jones Act Waiver

As a result of impacts caused by the hurricane, Secretary of Homeland Security Janet Napolitano issued a temporary blanket waiver of the Jones Act to immediately allow oil takers from the Gulf of Mexico to enter Northeastern ports, to provide additional fuel resources to the region. The waiver allows additional ships, that would otherwise be barred, to begin shipping petroleum products and increasing the access to fuel in the storm-damaged region. The waiver is operative through November 13, 2012. For more information, please contact the Office of Congressional Affairs.



U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR PARTNERS IN CONSERVATION AWARDS CEREMONY



On Thursday, October 18, 2012, on behalf of U.S. Customs and Border Protection, Border Patrol Chief Michael J. Fisher received a 2012 Department of the Interior (DOI) Partners in Conservation Award. The Award was established to recognize outstanding conservation achievements that include collaborative activity among a diverse range of entities that may include governmental and nongovernmental entities, and individuals. CBP was recognized for contributing nearly \$18 million toward the conservation of threatened and endangered species to mitigate the impacts of their programs, and for establishing a nationwide liaison program designating lead Border Patrol agents to coordinate activities DOI. More information can be found at [DOI.gov](#).

CBP Reschedules Trade Symposium Due to Northeast Storm



In response to Hurricane Sandy, U.S. Customs and Border Protection has rescheduled the 2012 East Coast Trade Symposium to November 27-28, 2012. The Symposium will also be available via a live Webcast. All attendees who had been registered for the previous dates will receive priority to register for the new dates announced. CBP will provide updated information regarding the registration process and the location of the new venue within the Washington DC Metropolitan Area soon. Please continue to check [CBP.gov](#) or call the Office of Congressional Affairs for more information.