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CBP, Consumer Product Safety Commission Collaborate on Import Seizure



Working closely with the Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC), U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) officers intercepted a shipment of 70,000 counterfeit consumer products at the port of Newark, NJ, for violating intellectual property laws. The shipment contained an estimated \$3.9 million worth of the illicit products, including razor blades, toys, sunglasses, markers and batteries.

The Import Safety Commercial Targeting and Analysis Center (CTAC) in Washington, D.C., targeted the shipment, which arrived from China, using CPSC-defined health and safety rules. In conjunction with CPSC, CTAC identified the cargo for physical examination upon arrival in Newark. On July 22, 2013, CBP personnel at the port examined the shipment, discovered intellectual property violations and seized the goods.

“The partnership between CBP, CPSC and other agencies at the CTAC enables greater sharing of information and targeting to ensure the safety of imported products,” said then CBP Assistant Commissioner Allen Gina. “Interagency collaboration at the CTAC, combined with the vigilance of CBP officers at the ports truly exemplifies one U.S. Government working together at the border to protect American consumers.”

Counterfeit goods threaten American innovation, the competitiveness of its businesses, the livelihood of its workers and the health and safety of consumers who purchase inferior products that do not meet federal safety standards. CBP protects businesses and consumers from these risks every day through aggressive targeting and enforcement programs.

In fiscal year 2012, CBP and its investigative partner, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement, seized 22,848 shipments for intellectual property rights violations, for a total retail value of \$1.26 billion.

CTAC is a fusion center that combines resources, personnel, and expertise from various federal agencies to protect the American public from harm caused by unsafe imported products. The center accomplishes this through better communication, information sharing and by reducing redundant inspection activities.

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CBP Air and Marine Operations Center Celebrates 25 Years



CBP’s Air and Marine Operations Center (AMOC) celebrated its 25th Anniversary on August 22, 2013. The AMOC provides direct coordination and support to CBP’s Office of Air and Marine (OAM), other CBP law enforcement agents and officers performing interdiction missions, and officers from federal, state, and local law enforcement agencies pursuing criminal investigations. AMOC hosts personnel from throughout the Department of Homeland Security, other federal agencies, and international partners.

Located at March Air Reserve Base in Riverside, CA, the center was established in 1988 as a state-of-the-art law enforcement radar surveillance center to counter any imminent threat of airborne drug smuggling. Following the September 11, 2001, terrorist attacks, AMOC expanded its role and capabilities in air and marine interdiction and utilized the data from hundreds of additional domestic and international radar and optical and acoustical sensors to provide surveillance of critical national infrastructure throughout the United States. Today, AMOC is an international all-threats operational and domain awareness center that coordinates a law enforcement response to mitigate potential threats of suspect aircraft and vessels. Additionally, AMOC supports disaster response with situational awareness and operations coordination.

Over the years, AMOC has made great strides in investigative support, technology and intelligence used to secure the airspace and waterways throughout the United States and beyond. AMOC uses the Air and Marine Operations Surveillance System (AMOSS) to detect, identify, track, and direct the interdiction of suspect targets. AMOSS utilizes extensive law enforcement and intelligence databases, and tracking and communication networks to provide a single display that is capable of tracking over 24,000 individual targets.

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Downtown DC Global Entry Enrollment Center Processes 10,000th Applicant



More and more people are taking advantage of Global Entry, one of the fastest and easiest ways to get through U.S. Customs

and Border Protection (CBP) processing at airports nationwide. The Washington, D.C. enrollment center, which opened in early June 2013, recently processed its 10,000th applicant.

The Washington, D.C. enrollment center provides a convenient location for those living or working in the area to complete their interview and has helped to bring the total number of trusted travelers with Global Entry benefits to more than 1.8 million.

Global Entry allows pre-approved, low-risk travelers to bypass the traditional CBP inspection process when arriving into the United States from abroad.

In addition to the security benefits of knowing more about travelers, Global Entry affords CBP the ability to better allocate its resources. While members are still subject to the same rules, regulations and requirements as the general traveling public, allowing them to use an automated kiosk for routine processing frees up CBP officers to focus on those individuals the agency knows less about.

Utilizing technology and automation, Global Entry is an important element of CBP's Resource Optimization Strategy, which intends to maximize existing resources, identify staffing needs, and explore funding sources to support identified staffing needs.

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U.S. Border Patrol Breaks Ground on New Station in Detroit



On August 29, 2013, U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) U.S. Border Patrol Chief Michael J. Fisher, together with incoming Chief Patrol Agent of the Detroit

Sector Mario Martinez, broke ground on a new \$17 million station in Detroit, MI.

The project includes the design, construction and commissioning of a 100-agent Border Patrol Station, parking, and short stay kennel facility.

The finished station will be an approximately 48,900 sq. ft. building with office space, muster room, detainee processing and holding areas, training facilities, locker rooms, and storage for Border Patrol agent equipment and arms.

Joining Chief Fisher and Chief Patrol Agent Martinez at the groundbreaking were several federal, state and local officials, including Scott Thieme, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Deputy District Engineer; Jerry Moses, Turner Construction Project Manager; and Mark Cone, SmithGroup JJR Project Architect.

The new station is projected to be completed by September 2014.

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CBP Enforcement News



U.S. Border Patrol Agents Stop Truck and Seize More Than 9 Tons of Marijuana

San Clemente, CA — On September 3, 2013, U.S. Border Patrol agents assigned to San Clemente Station's Commercial Vehicle Interdiction Squad encountered a male U.S. citizen driving a tractor-trailer through the I-5 checkpoint in San Clemente, CA. Border Patrol agents questioned the man and directed him to the secondary inspection area where a Border Patrol K-9 alerted to the trailer. Agents opened the rear doors and discovered that the truck was fully packed with 218 marijuana-filled boxes. The total weight was approximately 18,458 pounds with an estimated street value of \$14,766,448.

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CBP Officers Seize Nearly \$655,000 in U.S. Currency Bound for Mexico

Calexico, CA — On August 30, 2013, U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) officers, working with members of the Imperial Valley Border Enforcement Security Task Force (IV-BEST), arrested a man while conducting southbound inspections of travelers heading to Mexico through the Calexico, CA downtown port of entry. Officers referred the driver for further examination where a detector dog and the port's imaging system assisted officers with discovering \$654,900 in unreported U.S. currency concealed inside the vehicle's spare tire.

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CBP Seizes \$1.2 Million of Fake Designer Watches

Los Angeles, CA — On August 8, 2013, U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) officers and import specialists assigned to the Los Angeles International Airport (LAX) seized 215 watches bearing counterfeit Rolex, Louis Vuitton, Cartier and Omega registered trademarks. If genuine, the suggested retail price of the merchandise, which arrived from China via air cargo, would be \$1,250,500. CBP officers discovered the counterfeit merchandise after inspecting the shipment manifested as "watches" with a declared value of \$173 and weighing 68 pounds.

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