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I am proud to present the first issue of CBP's *Trade News Snapshot*, a new monthly newsletter from the Office of Trade highlighting important programs, information, and updates for our trade partners and the public. Although we are still working on resuming normal operations after the lapse in government funding at the end of December 2018, I would like to commend and thank the OT workforce and our trade stakeholders for their continued dedication and communication on critical trade issues during the shutdown. We look forward to returning to regular business.

–Brenda Smith, Executive Assistant Commissioner, Office of Trade

## Launch of @CBPTradeGov Twitter Account – Follow us!

@CBPTradeGov is officially on Twitter! The trade-focused CBP account will be a tool for us to further engage with the public and the trade community and share important information and news about CBP's trade operations, initiatives, programs and more. We invite you to connect with us on Twitter today!



## CBP and Cisco Collaborate to Authenticate Imported Merchandise

CBP recently announced a new formal collaboration with Cisco as part of the Donations Acceptance Program (DAP). Under its partnership with CBP, Cisco is donating devices and providing secured access to purpose-built tooling so that CBP may quickly scan and verify the authenticity of Cisco merchandise entering the United States. [\[read more\]](#)

## Building a 21st Century Customs Framework

On March 1, 2019, CBP will hold a public meeting concerning the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Customs Framework. This initiative seeks to address and enhance numerous aspects of CBP's trade mission to better position the agency to operate in the 21st century trade environment. We invite you to register to attend in person or via teleconference. [\[read more\]](#)

## Combating Counterfeits During Super Bowl LIII

As part of the massive national security effort leading up to and during Super Bowl LII, CBP tackled the scammers who every year try to profit from selling fake Super Bowl items – jerseys, hats, and other products. During the operation, CBP, in conjunction with U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) and local and state law enforcement components, seized more than \$24 million of counterfeit merchandise. Commissioner McAleenan stated "CBP is proud to partner with ICE, the IPR Center and local authorities to ensure businesses and consumers are protected from intellectual property thieves that produce fraudulent and often defective and dangerous merchandise." Trade in counterfeit and pirated goods threatens America's innovation economy, the competitiveness of our businesses, the livelihoods of U.S. workers, and, in some cases, national security and the health and safety of consumers. Trade in these illegitimate goods is associated with smuggling and other criminal activities, and often funds criminal enterprises. CBP protects businesses and consumers every day through an aggressive IPR enforcement program. [\[read more\]](#)

## New on @CBPTradeGov

-  1/28/19: We're back! @CBP was glad to keep the trade community regularly updated during the lapse... [\[read more\]](#)
-  1/31/19: #ICYMI the U.S. Government & State of California reached a settlement with Fiat Chrysler Automotive for violations of the Clean Air Act and California law... [\[read more\]](#)
-  2/5/19: On #SaferInternetDay, take a moment to learn about smart e-commerce practices. Protect yourself while shopping online by ... [\[read more\]](#)
-  2/12/19: Due to overwhelming interest, the 21st Century Customs Framework Public Meeting scheduled for 3/1/19 has moved to the Department of Commerce... [\[read more\]](#)

## CBP Trade in the News

- ◆ [ICE, CBP operation nets over \\$24 million in fake sports-related merchandise – ICE](#) – 1/31/19
- ◆ [Customs Crackdown Leads to New Counterfeit Shoes Seizure – Sourcing Journal](#) – 1/31/19
- ◆ [CBP Issues Guidance on How to Obtain Sections 301 and 201 Refunds – National Law Review](#) – 2/12/19



## USMCA – What’s Next for the Office of Trade

On November 30, 2018, President Trump, Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, and Mexican President Enrique Peña Nieto signed the United States-Mexico-Canada (USMCA) agreement, to replace the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA). The USMCA contains various provisions that relate directly to CBP’s trade facilitation and enforcement mission, such as new provisions that would provide traders with greater transparency and predictability in customs processes, automate and streamline customs clearance through the development of single window systems, strengthen enforcement of trade laws and protect consumers from dangerous or substandard goods, and enhance customs cooperation between the three countries.



The U.S. negotiated the USMCA pursuant to Trade Promotion Authority (TPA), which provides President with authority to negotiate trade agreements that Congress cannot amend, but can approve with an up-or-down vote. Under TPA, the USMCA signing triggers the U.S. International Trade Commission (USITC) to analyze the USMCA’s potential effect on the U.S. economy, its business sectors, and consumers; and to issue a report of its findings to Congress.

Once the ITC issues its report, the Administration will also present Congress with draft implementing legislation for its consideration. The new agreement will enter into force on the first day of the third month after the last of the three countries notifies the others that they have completed their domestic legislative approval process.

CBP is already preparing to implement the USMCA and is ready to enforce the new agreement upon entry into force.

## CBP Takes Aim at Forced Labor – Frontline Magazine



In the most recent issue of Frontline Magazine - CBP’s air, land and seaports processed more than 33 million imports last year. While trade is more robust than ever, CBP cautions importers to be watchful about the source of their merchandise.

Importers receive their commodities at the end of long supply chains that can originate anywhere in the world—in many cases regions where oversight is lax or even nonexistent. Such conditions tempt some manufacturers, miners, commercial fishermen, farmers and other producers to squeeze more profit from their businesses on the backs of laborers, some as young as 5. Lured by fraudulent promises and tantalizing offers, these workers soon find themselves trapped into toiling long hours for a pittance in harsh, many times dangerous jobs. CBP has authority to prohibit imports manufactured or produced by forced labor, including child labor. Importers should have a comprehensive and transparent social compliance system in place. CBP enforces forced labor laws by following up on tips from the public, stakeholders and other agencies; performing audits; and gathering forced labor intelligence by building relationships with those close to the issue—sales representatives, lawyers, account managers and associations. [\[read more\]](#)

## Modernized Drawback – Final Rule

- ◆ On December 17, CBP published Federal Register Notice [83 FR 64942](#), which adopts as final, with changes, proposed amendments to the CBP regulations implementing changes to the drawback regulations, as directed by the *Trade Facilitation and Trade Enforcement Act of 2015* (TFTEA). These regulations establish new processes for drawback pursuant to TFTEA, which liberalize the merchandise substitution standard, simplify recordkeeping requirements, extend and standardize timelines for filing drawback claims, and require the electronic filing of drawback claims.
- ◆ Additional details about the Modernized Drawback final rule can be found at on the [Federal Register](#).

### Latest Trade Federal Register Notices

- ◆ [83 FR 64942: Modernized Drawback](#)
- ◆ [84 FR 1772: Notice of Issuance of Final Determination Concerning Self-Adhesive Cutaneous Electrodes](#)
- ◆ [84 FR 1775: Notice of Issuance of Final Determination Concerning Certain Ethernet Switches, Routers and Network Cards](#)
- ◆ [84 FR 107: Extension of Import Restrictions Imposed on Certain Archaeological Material From China](#)

### New Cargo System Messaging Service Updates

- ◆ [#19-000037: ACE PRODUCTION Cargo Release Deployment, Tuesday 2/5/2019 @0500ET – February 4, 2019](#)
- ◆ [#19-000032: ACE Entry Summary Business Process Document Version 9.5a \(External\) Released - January 31, 2019](#)
- ◆ [#19-000031: Trade Call for 5106 – January 31, 2019](#)
- ◆ [#19-000029: FDA ITACS \(Import Trade Auxiliary Communication System\) Planned Maintenance Thurs. 2/7/19 – January 31, 2019](#)