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CBP Stresses Partnerships, Modernized Trade Processes, and Innovation at National Broker Conference

On April 17, Executive Assistant Commissioner (EAC) Brenda Smith delivered the luncheon keynote at the 46th Annual National Customs Broker and Forwarders Association of America Conference in San Antonio, Texas. Smith discussed the current migration crisis at the Southwest border and the corresponding impact to cross-border trade. She urged the audience to see the crisis as an opportunity to reflect on our shared responsibility at the border, particularly in regards to evolving to adapting supply-chain and customs procedures to the 21st Century. During her address, Smith also announced a new initiative to enhance data accessibility in the Automated Commercial Environment. The [initiative](#) is comprised of three projects aimed at providing more reporting tools and expanded access to data for the trade community. The first project is the transition of importer trade activity data to ACE Reports, which will launch in the coming weeks.



At the conference, CBP trade officials also participated in numerous conference panels covering a range of priority topics in global trade. Office of Trade Director of Intellectual Property Rights and E-Commerce Laurie Dempsey participated in a panel on opportunities and risks associated the continual growth of ecommerce. She discussed how CBP will work closely with partner government agencies and trade

community stakeholders to support legitimate ecommerce while maintaining U.S. safety and security in this rapidly growing environment. CBP released its comprehensive [E-Commerce Strategy](#) in March 2018.

Director Vincent Annunziato of the Office of Trade's Business Transformation & Innovation Division gave a presentation on blockchain during which he shared the results of CBP's recent blockchain proof of concept and talked about distributed ledgers as a backbone component to the future of trade, with its ability to integrate with artificial intelligence, machine learning, smart devices, and more.



2019 Trade Symposium – Save the Date!

CBP is proud to announce the dates for the 2019 Trade Symposium. The symposium will be held on July 23-24, 2019 in the Midwest. Topics will include: Export Modernization, E-Commerce, Enforcement, CBP's international engagement, and 1-on-1 Center of Excellence and Expertise sessions.

Please visit CBP.gov for upcoming information on the location, registration and agenda.



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-  5/3/19: EAC Smith attended the @NACD_RD Fly-In in Arlington, VA. She outlined @CBP's efforts to spearhead modernization through the 21st Century Customs Framework and engaged in a lively discussion about automation and trade challenges with @NACD_RD members. #CBPTrade
-  5/1/19: @CBP Deputy Commissioner Robert Perez gave the government keynote at the @apparelfootwear Global Supply Chain & Trade Conference in Washington, D.C. this morning. Deputy Commissioner Perez discussed the trade landscape at #CBP and our new #21CCF initiative. #CBPTrade
-  4/16/19: @CBP and @CommerceGov staff visit Houston pipe producer, Tex-Tube, on April 4, 2019 as part of Steel Identification, Classification, and Trade Law Seminar, in partnership with U.S. steel industry. #TradeMatters #ADCVD

CBP Trade in the News

-  [Apparel and Accessories Are the Most-Seized Types of Counterfeits in the U.S. – The Fashion Law](#) – 4/23/19
-  [Counterfeiters waste no time in shipping Bryce Harper jerseys to DE, PA and MD – Delaware Business Review](#) – 4/21/19
-  [From Tweet To Tariff: How Customs Changes Are Actually Made – Forbes](#) – 4/8/19

The Trade News Snapshot is a monthly newsletter from the Office of Trade highlighting important programs, information, and updates for our trade partners and the public.

CBP Releases its new Strategy 2020-2025 Document

On May 6, CBP released its [Strategy 2020 – 2025](#). The strategy defines 12 strategic initiatives that will make the greatest impact on the mission, the American public, and in the lives of our employees. The initiatives are clearly defined with measurable outcomes for an ongoing conversation, both internally to CBP and externally with our partners and stakeholders to ensure our continued progress.

Goal 1.3 of the strategy is Secure and Compliant Trade whereby CBP will work to anticipate, identify, and address threats that inhibit cross-border commerce. CBP is committed to ensuring that cross-border trade continues to power the U.S. economy, while CBP also protects the health and safety of the public, collects the duties owed by importers and exporters (including antidumping and countervailing duties), and reinforces our priorities and mandates abroad. Enhancing trade security and compliance requires overcoming critical and complex challenges, from identifying bad actors across global supply chains to efficiently targeting and conducting risk-based triage of the large and growing volume of e-commerce packages.

To accomplish these goals, we will focus on strengthening our core capabilities—enabling digital, frictionless trade; enhancing risk-based enforcement through advanced analytics and intelligence-driven enforcement; leveraging new technologies for detection and verification; and creating a new paradigm for trade enforcement in light of the unprecedented growth of e-commerce. Building from and adapting to emerging trends in trade and technology is paramount.



CBP, Liberty Shared Partner to Combat Forced Labor

CBP and Liberty Shared, an organization dedicated to preventing human trafficking, have [announced](#) a new working relationship to provide opportunities to explore different law enforcement approaches and strategies and to share data, knowledge and research to improve the fight against exploitation such as human trafficking and forced labor. CBP is committed to ensuring that [importers are aware](#) of the risks associated with forced labor, their compliance responsibilities, and ways they can prove that their supply chains are free of forced labor.

CBP Implementing 3rd Round of Exclusions to Section 301 Tariffs on Chinese Goods

On April 18 2019, the U.S. Trade Representative published [Federal Register Notice 84 FR 16310](#) announcing its decision to grant a third round of exclusion requests from the 25 percent duty assessed pursuant to Section 301 of the Trade Act of 1974. The product exclusions will extend for one year from publication. The required programming in the Automated Commercial Environment for these exclusions [began on April 18, 2019](#). Please visit [CBP.gov](#) for additional information on CBP's enforcement of trade remedy measures for duties and quotas on imported goods.

New ACE Deployment Schedule Available

A new Automated Commercial Environment deployment schedule is on [CBP.gov](#). Updates include new information on consolidated express filings, mass processing, and collections.



UNIVAR USA Inc. AD/CVD Case Closed



After [close collaboration](#) between CBP, the Department of Justice, and Immigration and Customs Enforcement, Univar USA Inc. has agreed to pay \$62.5 million to resolve allegations it evaded \$36 million in antidumping duties on imported Chinese saccharin from 2007 to 2012. CBP detects and deters circumvention of [antidumping duties](#) and other unfair trade practices.

Informed Compliance Publications Update

The Office of Trade has recently updated the following [informed compliance publications](#):

- Clean Diamond Trade Act
- Merchandise Delivered From the Port Without CBP Authorization or Examination; Public Safety
- Trademark, Copyright, and Other IPR Violations - violations on or after May 1, 2019
- Liquidated Damages – General Information

Latest Trade Federal Register Notices

- ◆ 84 FR 12631: [Quarterly IRS Interest Rates Used in Calculating Interest on Overdue Accounts and Refunds on Customs Duties](#)
- ◆ 84 FR 13499: [Civil Monetary Penalty Adjustments for Inflation](#)
- ◆ 84 FR 13948: [Agency Information Collection Activities: Administrative Rulings](#)

New Cargo System Messaging Service Updates

- ◆ #19-000216: [Bond Universe and REV-001 Report Now Available to Importers and Sureties in ACE Reports](#)
- ◆ #19-000214: [ACE 5106-Importer PRODUCTION deployment on April 23, 2019](#)
- ◆ #19-000212: [Submitting Imports of Third Group of Products Excluded from Section 301 Duties](#)

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