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Springtime is finally at our doorsteps! With such beautiful weather peering in the windows, it's hard NOT to be optimistic, even in the face of disturbing recent world events. As the federal agency designated to enforce U.S. trade policy on the frontlines of international trade, we are working hard to carry out the implementation and enforcement of Executive Order sanctions on certain Russian imports and exports. It's clear these events will impact an already troubled global supply chain, and we are, of course, following them closely. Meanwhile CBP and the Office of Trade will not be deterred in our mission to protect American economic interests. Super Bowls, as exciting as they are for us, come with an unfortunate and illegal sideline: counterfeit merchandise. Our intellectual property experts scrutinized incoming international cargo, shipments and mail nationwide to prevent those counterfeits from entering the commerce stream here at home. We'll tell you about those efforts and more in this month's issue but suffice it to say these situations demonstrate how CBP and the Office of Trade work for you every day of the year.

-AnnMarie Highsmith, Executive Assistant Commissioner, Office of Trade

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Cultivating International Cooperation

Office of Trade's Deputy Executive Assistant Commissioner John Leonard and a delegation of other CBP officials travelled to Singapore in late February meet with their counterparts and other Singapore officials. The focus of the trip was trifold: to increase collaboration, intelligence sharing, and one-on-one professional relationships; increase trade data sharing and Intellectual Property Rights (IPR) enforcement cooperation; and learn about Singapore's advances in biometric data capture/collection.

Officials from the two governments discussed strengthening and expanding the existing relationship and explored options on how the two countries can work together to increase trade and economic prosperity in the region. Discussions encompassed trade facilitation, e-commerce, blockchain and cargo data sharing.

The Port of Singapore is the busiest container transshipment hub and the largest publicly owned port in the world, with connectivity to more than 600 ports in 123 countries. Singapore officials briefed the delegation on Singapore's efforts in the areas of customs modernization, forced labor enforcement and supply chain transparency. CBP and Singapore Customs officials also discussed joint targeting operations of IPR violations and the Singapore and ASEAN Single Window projects.

DEAC Leonard addressed the Asia Business Trade Association on the topic of forced labor. "It was a pleasure to return to Singapore, where I served as CBP Attaché. The partnership and collaboration that we've established with our counterpart Singapore border agencies is cutting edge and provides mutual benefits" Leonard said.



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- 🐦 2/24: Today is the anniversary of the signing of the Trade Facilitation and Trade Enforcement Act. TFTEA remains one of the most impactful pieces of trade legislation affecting CBP's trade facilitation mission. Learn more: <https://t.co/pWzeZ28r6v> <https://t.co/vqWarWMf3w>
- 🐦 2/25: Deputy Exec. Assistant Commissioner John Leonard spoke on a panel at today's Trade Summit of Americas. The panel addressed "Customs Modernization – New Policies. New Laws. New Realities." #CBPTrade values the chance to engage with our partners on issues affecting us all. @FCBFINC <https://t.co/wMH8pzo1f>
- 🐦 2/28 When it comes to your health, only accept the real thing. Fake goods are often of poor quality and can be unsafe. @CBP continues to seize unapproved and counterfeit PPE, COVID-19 test kits, & medication. <https://t.co/Zc25v4ZjCU> #FakeGoodsRealDangers #TheTruthBehindCounterfeits <https://t.co/wSckEWE5W2>



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CBPTrade in the News

- Police in Georgia arrest 2 people after discovering nearly \$16 million in counterfeit goods – *WJCL 22 News* – 2/8/22
- Authorities seize nearly \$100 million in counterfeit goods ahead of Super Bowl – *ABCnews* – 2/11/22
- Border Patrol seized counterfeit entertainment systems at Portal – *kxnet.com* – 3/1/22

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 to Detain Li-Ning Sporting Goods Made with North Korean Labor

Effective March 14 at all U.S. ports of entry, CBP began detaining merchandise produced or manufactured by Li-Ning Sporting Goods. This enforcement decision was the result of a CBP investigation indicating Li-Ning Sporting Goods uses North Korean labor in its supply chain.

The Countering America's Adversaries Through Sanctions Act, or CAATSA, prohibits the entry of goods, wares, and articles mined, produced, or manufactured wholly or in part by North Korean nationals or North Korean citizens anywhere in the world. Seized merchandise will not be entitled to enter the U.S. unless the importer provides, within 30 days of detention, clear and convincing evidence that the merchandise was not produced with convict labor, forced labor, or indentured labor under penal sanctions. If the company fails to provide clear and convincing evidence within this time frame, the merchandise may be subject to seizure and forfeiture.

"CAATSA is yet another tool in CBP's trade enforcement arsenal that allows us to uphold the fundamental value of human dignity and to ensure the goods that enter the United States are free from forced labor," said CBP Office of Trade Executive Assistant Commissioner AnnMarie Highsmith. CAATSA was signed into law in 2017, imposing sanctions on Iran, Russian, and North Korea. CAATSA Title III Section 321(b) affects the entry of merchandise produced by North Korean nationals or citizens. CAATSA reiterates the need for comprehensive due diligence by and on behalf of U.S. companies involved in importing goods. For more information, see the [CBP press release](#) or the original [U.S. Department of Homeland Security press release](#).

New CBP trade enforcement action under the Countering America's Adversaries Through Sanctions Act

CBP will detain merchandise from Li-Ning Sporting Goods made with North Korean labor



CBP's Super Performance Yields Abundance of Super Bowl LVI Counterfeits



While the Los Angeles Rams and the Cincinnati Bengals battled it out in SoFi Stadium in Englewood, Calif., CBP officers, agents, and inspectors were engaged in a battle of their own. For weeks leading up to the annual event and in addition to ensuring physical security, CBP was busy enforcing trade policy. Operation Team Player, a multi-agency annual Super Bowl enforcement campaign, announced Feb. 10 that the operation netted \$97.8 million worth of counterfeit sports merchandise — including a counterfeit Lombardi Trophy. Operation Team Player is a collaboration between CBP, the National Intellectual Property Rights Coordination Center, the National Football League, Homeland Security Investigations, and local law enforcement.

"The theft of intellectual property and trade in fake goods threaten

America's economic vitality, national security, and the American people's health and safety," said Pete Flores, executive assistant commissioner, for CBP's Office of Field Operations. Watch CBP in action in this [video](#), read more in this [Operation Team Player press release](#) or peruse this [Frontline article](#).

Meanwhile, inspectors at the Louisville, Ky., Express Consignment Operations hub discovered counterfeit Super Bowl, World Series, and NBA championship rings in a shipment from China on March 3. The seized shipment, which has an estimated Manufacturer's Suggested Retail Price of \$345,000, was destined for Wesley Chapel, Fla. "This is just another example of the work our officers do to protect consumers and the U.S. economy," said Thomas Mahn, Port Director-Louisville. Read the [Louisville press release](#) for more information



Latest Trade Federal Register Notices

- [Customs Trade Partnership Against Terrorism \(CTPAT\) and CTPAT Trade Compliance Program; Correction](#); 87 FR 12473 (March 4, 2022)
- [Petition for Remission or Mitigation of Forfeitures and Penalties Incurred](#); 87 FR 10222 (Feb. 23, 2022)
- [Emergency Import Restrictions Imposed on Certain Archaeological and Ethnological Material of Afghanistan](#); 87 FR 9439 (Feb. 22, 2022)
- [Request for Comments Concerning the Operation of the United States-Mexico-Canada Agreement with Respect to Trade in Automotive Goods](#); 87 FR7896 (Feb. 10, 2022)

New Cargo System Messaging Service Updates

- [CSMS #51234978](#) – March 7, 2022, AMS Updated United Nations Standard Products and Services Codes Available for Viewing and Downloading
- [CSMS #50334739](#) – Guidance: March 7, 2022, Drawback Internal Revenue Tax (IRT) Refund Calculations
- [CSMS #51230259](#) – March 7, 2022, FDA Launching New 24/7 Drug Entry Review Pilot
- [CSMS #51166038](#) – UPDATED GUIDANCE: Feb. 28, 2022, Modification to the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States — Section 301, China Remedy