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U.S., China Partner for Joint Intellectual Property Enforcement Operation



On July 31, 2013, U.S. Customs and Border Protection and the General Administration of Customs, People’s Republic of China (GACC) announced the results of a joint intellectual property rights (IPR) enforcement operation, the first ever of its kind between the two customs agencies. The month-long operation resulted in the seizure of over 243,000 counterfeit consumer electronics products including popular trademarks such as Apple, Beats by Dr. Dre, Blackberry, Samsung, Sony, and UL.

“The theft of intellectual property is a global problem and cross-border efforts are needed to fight it. CBP looks forward to a continued partnership with the People’s Republic of China General Administration of Customs in confronting this critical trade issue,” said CBP Acting Commissioner Thomas S. Winkowski. “Robust enforcement of intellectual property rights allows innovators and creators – whether in a small start-up or an international corporation – to profit from their efforts, and gives consumers confidence in the products they buy.”

CBP and GACC have committed to further cooperation on IPR enforcement, including additional joint operations. For more information, please visit the [CBP Website](#) or contact the Office of Congressional Affairs.

CBP Embarks on New Public-Private Partnerships



On August 2, 2013, U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) announced that it has made preliminary selections for five new public-private partnerships designed to support growth in cross-border trade and travel. The Consolidated and Further Continuing Appropriations Act, 2013 allows CBP to create a reimbursable fee agreement program to increase CBP’s ability to provide new or enhanced services on a reimbursable basis by creating partnerships with five entities. The entities selected for these partnerships are Dallas/Fort Worth International Airport; The City of El Paso, Texas; South

Texas Assets Consortium; Houston Airport System; and Miami-Dade County.

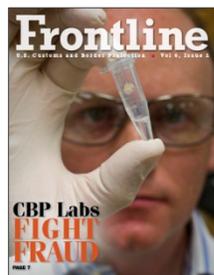
“These partnerships will allow greater flexibility for CBP to work with our stakeholders to support growth in trade and travel,” said CBP Acting Commissioner Thomas S. Winkowski. “Together, we can better facilitate the four to five percent continued growth anticipated over each of the next five years.”

The reimbursable services authority is a key component of CBP’s Resource Optimization Strategy, and will have a positive impact on the Nation’s economy – particularly through a reduction in wait times.

CBP is also making progress on an existing public-private partnership by finalizing the terms of Tijuana Cross Border Terminal (TCBT). The TCBT will allow ticketed travelers to cross directly between Tijuana’s A.L. Rodríguez International Airport in Mexico and Otay Mesa, CA.

For additional information, please visit the [CBP Website](#) or contact the Office of Congressional Affairs.

Fighting Fraud: CBP Laboratories and Scientific Services



The summer issue of *Frontline* features the vital role of CBP’s Laboratories and Scientific Services (LSS) in keeping the public safe from counterfeit, substandard, and fraudulent goods and protecting the U.S. economy.

Fraudulent goods cause American businesses staggering economic losses, estimated conservatively at hundreds of millions of dollars per year. They can also be very dangerous. CBP laboratories, by using a multitude of advanced forensic and scientific analyses, have intercepted toothpaste tainted with anti-freeze chemicals, pharmaceutical products containing untested combinations of ingredients, mislabeled fish, honey contaminated with antibiotics, counterfeit computer chips, substandard building materials, transshipped products attempting to circumvent import duties and

fees, and much, much more. LSS scientists support CBP’s trade, border security, and anti-terrorism missions and are constantly adapting to, anticipating, and keeping abreast of new smuggling techniques and changes in technology to keep American businesses thriving and the general public safe.

For more information about the role of LSS, please read the featured article in Volume 6, Issue 2, of *Frontline* at the [CBP Website](#) or contact the Office of Congressional Affairs.

CBP P-3 Aircraft Receive Midlife Upgrade

Overhaul Extends CBP Aircraft Lifecycle by 20 years



On July 24, 2013, U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) announced the completion of its 8th P-3 Orion aircraft overhaul.

The Service Life Extension Program provides new wings and tail for each aircraft and completely strips down the aircraft to its bare metal for an inspection.

“These are the hardest working P-3s in the world,” said CBP Flight Engineer Chris Friday, who has more than 30 years’

experience with P-3 aircraft. “With new wings and refurbished engines, we have a new lease on the life of one of the most reliable and effective aircraft in the fleet.”

With the overhaul of the Jacksonville, FL, based P-3 aircraft, the program completed its fifth consecutive delivery ahead of schedule. Four additional aircraft will be overhauled before the program is finished, which is on track for Fiscal Year 2016. With this early delivery, CBP saves more than \$11.6 million and the National Air Security Operations Centers have since deployed the aircraft in support of Joint Interagency Task Force – South.

CBP Office of Air and Marine (OAM) P-3s have been an integral part of the successful counter-narcotic missions operating in coordination with the Joint Interagency Task Force – South (JIATFS). The P-3s patrol in a six million square mile area of the Western Caribbean and Eastern Pacific, known as the Source and Transit Zone, in search of drugs that are in transit towards U.S. shores.

The P-3s’ distinctive detection capabilities allow highly-trained crews to identify emerging threats well beyond the land borders of the U.S. By providing surveillance of known air, land, and maritime smuggling routes in an area that is twice the size of the continental U.S.; the P-3s detect, monitor and disrupt smuggling activities before they reach shore.

In Fiscal Year 2012, CBP’s P-3 program, operating out of Corpus Christi, Texas, and Jacksonville, Fla., flew more than 5,500 hours. This resulted in the seizure or disruption of more than 117,000 pounds of cocaine, worth \$8.76 billion. The P-3 program contributed to the seizure or disruption of nearly \$1.3 million worth of drugs for every flight hour in FY 2012.

For additional information on the P-3 overhaul program, please visit the [CBP Website](#) or contact the Office of Congressional Affairs

Now Open: CBP Officer Job Opportunity Announcement



U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) is one of the Department of Homeland Security’s largest and most complex components, with a mission to keep

terrorists and their weapons out of the United States. It also is responsible for securing the border and facilitating lawful international trade and travel while enforcing hundreds of Federal laws and regulations, including immigration and drug laws.

CBP opened a CBP Officer job opportunity announcement on July 29, 2013. The announcement’s purpose is to find well-qualified applicants to join CBP’s frontline workforce to replace CBP Officers in 2014 and 2015. CBP is seeking applicants throughout the United States, including the territories and District of Columbia, with a hiring focus on the Southwest Border and the Central and Northern East Coast. CBP’s hiring process is strenuous, and applicants need to meet exacting standards of fitness, medical, drug, and, most importantly, integrity.

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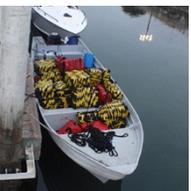
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CBP Marine Unit Seizes 3,600 Pounds of Cocaine from Capsized Vessel

Fort Lauderdale, FL – On July 9, 2013, U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) Office of Air and Marine (OAM), Fort Lauderdale Marine Unit responded to a citizen report of a capsized vessel. The OAM marine unit conducted a search of the last known position and located the vessel. A Coast Guard unit righted the vessel while OAM marine interdiction agents boarded the vessel and recovered 41 bales of cocaine with an approximate weight of 3,600 pounds and estimated value of \$117,000,000.

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



CBP Stops Panga With More Than \$4 Million in Marijuana

Laguna Beach, CA – On August 7, 2013, U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) Office of Air and Marine (OAM) marine interdiction agents and air interdiction agents coordinated an early morning operation stopping a panga boat off the California coastline filled with bales of marijuana worth more than four million dollars. CBP air interdiction agents on board a Multi-role Enforcement Aircraft (MEA) detected the vessel and vectored a CBP marine interdiction crew in a Midnight Express Interceptor vessel to the panga’s location.

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



CBP Officers Intercept \$3.2 Million in Cocaine and Methamphetamine

Calexico, CA – On August 1, 2013, U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) officers arrested the driver of a cargo truck after intercepting narcotics valued at \$3.2 million concealed in a false compartment. A CBP officer conducting inspections referred the tractor and empty trailer to the secondary dock area for further examination. CBP officers utilized the port’s imaging system and detected anomalies in the trailer’s structure. Officers subsequently removed 77 packages of cocaine and 34 packages of methamphetamine hidden inside a specially built compartment under the floor of the trailer.

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