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A Special Note of Thanks to Congresswoman Jackie Speier

Evey Hwang, CBFANC President



Representative Jackie Speier

The Customs Brokers & Forwarders Association of Northern California, our members and port community wish to express our immense gratitude to Representative Jackie Speier for her years of public service and specifically for her advocacy extended on our behalf. Due to Congresswoman Speier's leadership and direction, in 2017 Mr. Brian Perkins was able to organize port stakeholders (USDA, County of Alameda, Port of Oakland, Impact Transportation and CBFANC) to address the loss of fumigation services at the Port. As a result of CBFANC's activism and Representative Speier's direct participation, pest-found fumigation services were restored at the Port of Oakland and the San Francisco International Airport. (Port of San Francisco Information Notice 728-21-01 dated October 5, 2020)

Congresswoman Jackie Speier always made time to meet personally with CBFANC DC Missionaries during the annual PCC Mission to Washington DC. This was truly a highlight of our yearly journeys to DC! Further, she met with the CBFANC board in San Francisco, and also appeared as the speaker at a CBFANC special 2017 joint event co-sponsored with Women in

- [and Importers](#)
- www.paei.org.
- [OWIT NC](#) - Organization of Women in International Trade Check website for updates
- [Monterey Bay International Trade Association \(MBITA\)](#) - Monterey Bay International Trade Association Check Website for updates
- [Norcal W.T.C.](#) - The Northern California World Trade Center Check Website for updates
- [PTA](#) - Pacific Transportation Association Check Website for updates

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2023 PCC Mission to D.C., Feb 4 - 7 2023

See article in left column for full details.

Trade of Northern California (WIT-NC) in Burlingame. For her taking the time to get to know us and listen to our concerns, we want all to know our how grateful we are to have enjoyed Jackie Speier's friendship and how much we appreciated her tireless advocacy on behalf of her constituents and for always being a strong and caring voice for the greater good.

Below: Representative Speier met with the CBFANC delegation during the PCC Mission to DC. Pictured, from left: Chris Garcez, Renata Rios, Sarah Stroth, Evey Hwang, Representative Speier, Jack Hubbard.



In November 2021, Congresswoman Speier announced she would not seek another term. (Kevin Mullin won Jackie Speier's endorsement and her Congressional Seat) With her retiring from legislative service, Jackie Speier recently gave an interview in which she assured that she will continue to campaign for the many causes that defined Jackie's long tenure in public service.

[Rep. Jackie Speier: 'It's time to go home, but I'm not losing my voice' \(yahoo.com\)](#)

Thank you, Congresswoman Jackie Speier. You will never lose your voice, and we will never forget your dedication, kindness and friendship.

Below, Representative Speier spoke at the dinner co-hosted by WIT-NC in Burlingame, Here she poses with

Evey Hwang and Jack Hubbard.

USTR Seeks Comments for Sec 301 Tariffs 4-Year Review

Evey Hwang, CBFANC President



Evey Hwang, CBFANC President, Alba Wheels Up

Technically the first set of 301 Tariffs (July, August 2018) expired at their 4 years but unfortunately politically there current administration has no motivation to rescind the tariffs with China. No exclusions extended except on PPE (extended to March)

On November 14th, the US Trade Representative office opened their web portal to collect comments on 301 Tariffs as part of 4 year review on the effects of the China Tariffs. It is important to notify your import clients to submit comments on rescinding Tariffs or extending exclusions affecting their products.

Comments are due by January 17, 2023. From the FRN issued in October, USTR indicated that it "will evaluate

whether to provide additional opportunities for public comment through additional written comments or through public hearings. Any further opportunities for public comment will be addressed in subsequent notices."

[Four-Year Review | United States Trade Representative \(ustr.gov\)](#)

CBFANC Election 2022 Results

Chris Ramos, CBFANC Board Chairman



Chris Ramos, CBFANC Chairman, Alba Wheels Up

At the recent CBFANC holiday party held on December 7th, CBFANC Chairman of the Board, Chris, Ramos (above), announced the results of the CBFANC Board 2020 Elections. The winners will begin their terms effective January 1, 2023.

The elected board members are:

Sung Wook (John) Lee, SW Logistics;

Liz Chapman, Clearfreight San Francisco;

James McNamee, Flexport.

Congratulations to our new board members, and many thanks for your willingness to serve as a representative and advocate for our membership, your constituents.

(Editor's note: More information about our newly elected board members will appear in our newsletters in 2023. Stay tuned!!)

CBP Announces Quota Openings for 2023

Sandra Langford-Coty, PCC President



Sandra Coty, PCC President, A.N. Deringer Inc.

Important update from our Pacific Coast Council President Sandy Coty: Quota openings for 2023 are established for January 3, 2023 due to New Year holiday. HTS Changes proposed for January 1, 2023. As attached.

Click on HTS and Schedule B Jan 2023 below:

https://www.cbfanc.org/docs/484f_Changes_for_January_1_2023_-AMENDED_FINAL_12-13-2022.pdf



FDA Final Rule on Food Traceability Requirements for Certain Foods

Chris Garcez, CBFANC Treasurer



Chris Garcez, CBFANC Treasurer, TLR-Total Logistics Resource Inc.

On December 7th, FDA presented a webinar on the new Final Rule for additional record requirements for traceability of certain foods. Excellent webinar, available on YouTube. The presentation slides and the Final Rule are also below:

[FDA Webinar on the Food Traceability Final Rule - YouTube](#)

[Presentation Slides - Webinar on the Food Traceability Final Rule \(December 7, 2022\) \(fda.gov\)](#)

[FSMA Final Rule: Requirements for Additional Traceability Records for Certain Foods | FDA](#)

The rule covers certain cheeses, shell eggs, nut butters, fresh herbs, certain fresh fruits and vegetables, several types of fish, crustaceans, and mollusks, and ready-to-eat salads, for both domestic and imported foods. Please see the webpage for the full Food Traceability List and for definitions and exemptions. Note that if the food is merely an ingredient, it can still be covered.

[The story continues here...](#)

PCC Members Eligible to Answer CNBC Poll

Peter Friedmann, OurManInDC



Peter Friedmann, PCC Counsel, OurManInDC

As you know I have worked with Lori Ann LaRocco of CNBC, as a source for her coverage of the supply chain crisis. Helped her compile this Supply Chain Survey, and prevailed upon her to include customs brokers and freight forwarders, not just BCO's; so the PCC brokers/forwarders are included, as per below. In her words:

We are inviting responses from the people who run the logistics for members of some of the largest trade associations in the world: the [National Retail Federation](#), the [American Apparel & Footwear Association](#), the [Council of Supply Chain Management Professionals](#), the [Pacific Coast Council](#), the [Agriculture Transportation Coalition](#), and the [Coalition of New England Companies for Trade](#).

Note –

- this is more import focused than export.
- responses are anonymous, no person or company will be identified (or even known).
- takes about 4 minutes to complete.
- Responses due by end of this week.
- Here is the link to the Survey:

<https://bit.ly/cnbc-supply-chain>



Lori Ann LaRocco, CNBC



Broker Reporting and National Broker Permit Enhancements Effective Dec 19 2022

(Editor's note: The below CSMS was issued by CBP to encourage brokers to attend upcoming calls regarding these important changes.)

CSMS # 54326860 - REMINDER: Broker Modernization Changes in ACE Set to Deploy December 19, 2022

On December 19, 2022, U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) will deploy Broker Reporting and National Broker Permit enhancements in the Automated Commercial Environment (ACE).

Learn more about the deployment, including available resources and upcoming support calls.

Here is additional information from CBFANC members:

There will also be post-deployment calls on December 22nd and Jan 12th. Click on the link below for details:
[Trade Information Notice - Broker Reporting Permit \(cbp.gov\)](https://www.cbp.gov/trade-information-notice-broker-reporting-permit)



Major League Baseball Commissioner Issues Deadline for As Stadium Project Approval

East Oakland Stadium Alliance



As we head toward the end of 2022, we reflect on all the ups and downs that our coalition has seen this past year. Together we've fought valiantly to protect Oakland's seaport and the thousands of union jobs that call it home, and to ensure that the A's are held to their promises to fund community benefits, affordable housing, and seaport compatibility measures.

[Rob Manfred's new threats to Oakland over A's ballpark hit wrong notes](#)

As a new year approaches and the lack of a development agreement between the City of Oakland and the A's remains, Scott Ostler's [column](#) in the *San Francisco Chronicle*, **Rob Manfred's new threats to Oakland over A's ballpark hit wrong notes**, reveals that at last week's MLB Winter Meetings in San Diego, MLB Commissioner Rob Manfred gave Oakland a deadline of Jan. 15, 2024, to provide John Fisher with everything he wants and needs for his proposed ballpark village at Howard Terminal. Manfred said, "If Oakland wants to keep the A's, they need to figure out a way to get a deal in front of the A's that's acceptable to (team owner) John Fisher."

Ostler wisely asks why Manfred, the commissioner, is now in the real estate development business? You can read the entire column [here](#).

Our warmest wishes for a happy holiday season!

Luis Cuadra
BergDavis Public Affairs

Build It Or Else! demands MLB Commssioner Manfred



PCC 2023 Mission to DC, February 4 - 7, 2023

CBFANC Board and Legislative Committee

30th Annual PCC Mission to DC!

Saturday February 4 through Tuesday February 7, 2023



From CBFANC Board of Directors and Legislative Committee, please join us for the 30th Annual Pacific Coast Council Mission to DC, February 4 – 7, 2023. If you are a licensed freight forwarder or Customs broker and therefore a professional member of CBFANC, attending the Mission to DC is the chance to interact with CBP and other agencies as well as meeting your Congressional representatives. Meaningful engagement with government policy makers on regulations, trade and logistics as well as FMC. You can make a difference.

Register Now! Click below:

[2023 PCC Mission to Washington DC \(regfox.com\)](https://regfox.com)

Reserve your room at the InterContinental, Washington D.C.--The Wharf

[Select your room \(ihg.com\)](https://ihg.com)

Please read the below message from the Pacific Coast Council (PCC):

In a month, a new Congress convenes, with a new majority party in the House. New Committee leadership, new agendas,

new legislation. Plus CBP in transition, and OSRA implementation getting underway. To maximize our influence, we are going to DC right at the beginning – maybe the weather won't be great, but our impact will be. Plus we'll be staying in the coolest new place in DC. If there was ever a time for brokers and forwarders to come to DC, it's this February!

[For full details, click here...](#)

CBFANC Thanks Sponsors of 2022 Annual Holiday Meeting

Debbie Edwards, CBFANC Secretariat

CBFANC would like to acknowledge and thank our sponsors who supported us at our Holiday Happy Hour and Annual Membership Meeting. It was held on December 8th 2022 at Kincaid's Fish, Chop & Steakhouse in Burlingame. It was a fantastic event and a great time was had by all who attended.

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Scenes From the CBFANC Holiday Party

The CBFANC Holiday Party/Annual Meeting was a huge success! It was well intended, it was great to see so many friendly faces in person again! And, we collected a large pile of new toys for Toys For Tots!

Below, John Lee acknowledges his election to the CBFANC Board.



Below, Debbie Edwards, CBFANC Secretariat, and Chris Kammer, CBFANC 3rd VP, Access Supply Chain Service.



Below, Lydia Luk, Elleo Global, Hash, Jamaa 31 Trucking, Katharina Natividad, Logistics Consultant, and Noel (Kat's husband)



Below: Lori Azzopardi, CBFANC Board, EFI Logistics, Jazmin Guzman, TLR-Total Logistic Resource Inc., Chris Garcez, CBFANC Treasurer, TLR-Total Logistics Resource Inc.



Below, Felicia Addison, CBFANC 1st VP, Green World Shipping, and Kat Natividad celebrate a big lottery prize win!!



Below, Felicia Addison, Debbie Edwards, and CBFANC President Evey Hwang (Alba Wheels Up), preside over sponsor acknowledgements, and lottery prize drawings. Note the table in the picture shows a small portion of the total toys collected for Toys For Tots.



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