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CBFANC President's Letter

Sung Wook Lee, President



Sung Wook Lee, CBFANC President

[California businesses feel impacts of President Trump's tariffs](#)

Yours truly was recently quoted in the Chronicle about all the tariff action coming from the White House. We as NVOCC/FF & Customs Brokers have been at the front line of the US Trade policy from day one and really hasn't stopped, but now it looks like a few things are coming together for the general public and the traditional media.

Trump Tariffs – You are certainly living the news, and if you didn't know about it, your 401k certainly would be telling you that it is no longer business as usual and I don't have to tell you what you have been doing to service your clients when CBP CSMS messages are broadcast to us more than we would like.

<https://www.sfchronicle.com/us-world/article/sf-businesses-pelosi-end-trump-tariffs-20290502.php> The same Chronical reporter also wrote a follow up story about Rep. Pelosi criticizing the current trade policy.

Darlene Chiu Bryant is the Executive Director of Global SF and this organization is pro-China business organization with many of it's members representing SF Chinatown businesses that promotes Chinese investments in SF. Aaron Rose is the Chair of Silicon Valley Forum and also interested in Chinese foreign investments in Silicon Valley. <https://lu.ma/e/evt-kAoDIGtHkEpPuDz?pk=g-bPhb9XwukAb7fRg>

Produced by the National Committee on U.S.-China Relations (NCUSCR), a New York-based nonprofit organization, the CHINA Town Hall (CTH) a snapshot of the current U.S.-China relationship and examines how that relationship reverberates at the local level – in our towns, states - Hosted by Aaron Rose & Patricia Berdejo

Also this weekend there are many townhalls being held by your congressional representative, all in a DNC effort to push the message about tariffs and it's possible impacts to the economy, your pocketbook, and the recession that democrats blame is entirely Pres. Trumps doing.

So if you were wondering what the democrats are doing, here it is. There are other issues like womens rights, immigration,

<p>Monterey Bay International Trade Association Check Website for updates</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Norcal W.T.C. - The Northern CaliforniaWorld Trade Center Check Website for updates • PTA. - Pacific Transportation Association Check Website for updates 	<p>deportations, DEI policies in higher education but tariffs are what really has the attention of the country and the stock market so here we are. Look to have what we do as a livelihood continue to be in the front pages for the near future as we have a very public discussion about the merits of trade policy as it is now.</p>
<p>CBFANC Board of Directors</p> <p>President - Director: Sung (John) Lee</p> <p>Chairperson of the Board: Evey Hwang</p> <p>1st VP - Director: Felicia Addison</p> <p>2nd VP - Director: Lori Azzoparri</p> <p>3rd VP - Director: Chris Kammer</p> <p>Treasurer: Chris Garcez</p> <p>Secretary: Evey Hwang</p> <p>Director: Peter Gong</p> <p>Director: Liz Chapman</p> <p>Director: Mindy Li</p> <p>Director: Sarah Stroth</p> <p>Director: Eric Bingham</p> <p>Senior Advisor: Chris Ramos</p> <p>Secretariat: Debbie Edwards</p>	<p>In Port & Tariff News</p> <p><i>Evey Hwang, CBFANC Chairperson of the Board</i></p>  <p><i>Evey Hwang, CBFANC Chairperson of the Board</i></p> <p>April Showers bring May Day? Before April, already implemented were IEEPA Tariffs on China, 232 Tariffs on Steel, Aluminum and their derivatives, and IEEPA Tariffs on Canada and Mexico. Then the Liberation Day announced Reciprocal Tariffs for 10% for all countries on April 5, 2025, and specific country rates effective April 9, 2025. Within days, the suspension for 90 days for all countries except for China. May Day? It'll be May 2nd when the other April 2nd Executive Order eliminated the de Minimis "loophole"</p> <p>CBFANC Education was grateful for our well received March 5th Webinar with George Tuttle III with George Tuttle Law Offices for a comprehensive summary of Trade Actions commenced from start of Trump II administration. In anticipation of "Liberation Day", we were privileged to have Erik Smithweiss with Grunfield, Desiderio, Lebowitz, Silverman & Klestadt (GDLSK) agree to present for us on April 3, 2025. Somehow within 24 hours, Mr Smithweiss collaborated with all aspects of the Reciprocal Tariffs and conducted a detailed and insightful presentation.</p> <p>CBFANC April 17, 2025, webinar on Ship Flows in 2025 and Integrating Data with AI was on how the recent tariffs were having an immediate and drastic effect on supply chain (never mind global economy i.g. stock market). We heard insights from Peter Friedmann on trade relations affecting imports and exports. Andrew Hwang, our Ocean Transportation leader, shared his expert knowledge on carrier responses and possible recalibrations on ship traffic, in Asia and globally. A warning on equipment displacement was familiar during Covid disruptions, yet different this time. We also heard from Frank Lin with Shipflow AI who gave great insider perspective on AI advances to the level of being useful. CBFANC President Sung Lee with SW Logistics moderated this timely and necessary dialogue.</p> <p>On the same day April 17, 2025, USTR announced the 301 Tariff on China ship fees. Pushed earlier this year, this action was based on a 301-petition filed by five labor unions in March 2024, USTR investigation alleges China shipbuilding dominance threatens US commerce and "undermines US supply chain resilience". Peter Friedmann testified at the hearing at the end of March and emphasized the vulnerability of agricultural commodities, port stakeholders providing example after example of damage to market access and sustainable trade. CBFANC joined Pacific Coast Council associations as part of 327-association coalition with the</p>

National Retail Federation in opposition.

<https://agtrans.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/03/USTR-2025-0002-00111875-CAT-6313-Public-Document.pdf>. The

hearings did cause USTR Tariff effected April 17th to cite voyage-based fees rather than US port call charges along with a 180 day delayed implementation. However, the actions cited will add complicate and add to carriers' calculations on fees and scheduling – short and long term.

<https://ustr.gov/about/policy-offices/press-office/fact-sheets/2025/april/fact-sheet-ustr-takes-action-bolster-us-shipbuilding>.

Next for CBFANC Education: Today, April 30th, LACBFFA and CBFANC presents another necessary webinar on Tariffs/Impact with Cindy Allen, Risk Assessment and operational Strategist. In June, CBFANC looks forward to our surety partners for an essential dialogue on bond liabilities – trade actions impacts and trends.

Community Updates:

- In April, PCC Logistics provided update on increase of their CES space by 30,000 sq ft through move of their CFS to their new building at 1300 Maritime St, Oakland.
- State Lam Family College of Business seeking summer internships opportunities for their students. If you have summer and/or part-time positions to fill, please contact lihua@sfsu.edu | pbg@sfsu.edu

Trump's 100 days (April 30th): More "significant" trade actions? Stay tuned and stay calm...

[California's Advance Clean Fleet](#)

CSMS # 64861116 - GUIDANCE: Federal Register Notice Published on De Minimis Requirements Per Executive Order 14256 and Guidance for Carriers Transport

U.S. Customs & Border Protection



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On April 24, 2025, the "[Notice of Implementation of Additional Duties on Products of the People's Republic of China Pursuant to the President's Executive Order 14256, Further Amendment to Duties Addressing the Synthetic Opioid Supply Chain in the People's Republic of China as Applied to Low-Value Imports](#)"

was placed on public inspection in the Federal Register. The notice implements Executive Order 14256 of April 2, 2025, as amended. Accordingly, effective 12:01 a.m. eastern daylight time on May 2, 2025, covered goods will not receive the administrative exemption from duty and certain taxes under 19 U.S.C. § 1321(a)(2)(C), known as the "de minimis" exemption. Goods described in Section 2(a) of Executive Order 14195, "Imposing Duties To Address the Synthetic Opioid Supply Chain in the People's Republic of China" (90 FR 9121, Feb. 7, 2025), as amended, that are not sent through international mail, must be entered under an appropriate entry type, such as a type 11 or 01 entry, in ACE, and will be subject to all applicable duties, taxes, and fees. Requests for de minimis entry and clearance for ineligible shipments will be rejected. Separate instructions are provided below and attached for goods described in Section 2(a) of Executive Order 14195 that are sent through international mail from China or Hong Kong.

As noted in the Federal Register Notice, CBP is temporarily

suspending the parenthetical exception clause in 19 CFR 143.21(a) (pertaining to articles valued in excess of \$250 classified in Chapter 99, Subchapters III and IV, HTSUS). This temporary suspension of the parenthetical exception clause in 19 CFR 143.21(a) applies to all modes of entry and all countries of origin. CBP systems will be updated to reflect this temporary suspension on April 30, 2025, and filers will be able to file a Type 11 informal entry for articles valued at up to \$2,500. As also noted in the FRN, CBP is temporarily suspending 19 CFR 145.12(b) (pertaining to CBP's preparation of informal mail entry). This temporary suspension of 19 CFR 145.12(b) applies to all informal mail entries from China or Hong Kong, regardless of value. Consequently, during the temporary suspension of 19 CFR 145.12(b), formal entry will be required for mail shipments from China or Hong Kong valued at over \$800.

Trade filers are strongly advised not to submit manifests or entries for de minimis clearance on any shipment containing articles described in Section 2(a) of Executive Order 14195, as amended, that are products of China or Hong Kong and that will arrive on or after 12:01 a.m. eastern daylight time on May 2, 2025. Such shipments will be rejected for de minimis clearance beginning at 12:01 am eastern daylight time on May 2, 2025.

Attached to this CSMS is detailed guidance for carriers transporting international mail that outlines how to comply with the requirements of Executive Order 14256, as amended, to collect and remit payment of the duties on international mail packages from China or Hong Kong. The procedures attached to this CSMS do not apply to carriers that do not transport international mail.

Any questions regarding these requirements can be sent to ecommerce@cbp.dhs.gov.

Port of Oakland Seaport Cargo Statistics - March 2025

Ronald Brown, Port of Oakland



Ronald Brown, Maritime Marketing and Commodities Representative

Here are the Oakland Seaport cargo statistics for March 2025.

The Port of Oakland handled 217,415 twenty-foot equivalent units (TEUs) in March, a 7.2% increase over March 2024. That brings our first quarter total to 601,527 TEUs, up 6.3% year-over-year—a solid start to 2025.

Full imports reached 87,896 TEUs in March, up 5.3% from the same month last year. Import growth has been consistent through Q1, with year-to-date loaded inbound volumes up 7.6%. The increase was led by furniture and electric batteries, reflecting demand trends in consumer goods and renewable energy sectors. A steady flow of transpacific cargo continues to support inbound trade through Oakland.

Full exports totaled 76,157 TEUs in March, a 1.1% increase from March 2024. Year-to-date, loaded outbound volumes are up 8.0%, reflecting steady demand for U.S. exports in key overseas markets. While March growth was modest, agricultural exports—including refrigerated commodities—remain a core driver, supported by Oakland's specialized cold chain infrastructure.

On the equipment side, empty exports rose 46.8% in March to

34,823 TEUs, a notable increase in repositioning activity by carriers. While we continue to prioritize efforts to attract more loaded outbound cargo, the increase in container circulation reflects stronger operational fluidity. Empty imports were down 8.5% for the month and 9.6% year-to-date. Altogether, full containers made up 76% of the Port's total throughput through March, and Oakland's trade remains nearly evenly split—49% import and 51% export—highlighting the Port's dual role as both a critical import gateway and a leading export hub.

As we close out the first quarter, we're encouraged by the steady growth in loaded volumes and the continued balance between imports and exports. While market conditions remain fluid, particularly with ongoing trade policy discussions and tariff considerations, we remain focused on supporting cargo owners with reliable service, strong infrastructure, and close collaboration across the supply chain.

New FDA DWCI Contact List

U.S. Food & Drug Administration - DWCI

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