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Pacific Coast Council of Customs Brokers & Freight Forwarder

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**Pacific Coast Council of Customs Brokers & Freight Forwarders Assns., Inc.
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**Save the date!
WESCCON 2019**

NEW CBFANC Broker's Exam Prep Course now available!

by: *Chris Kammer*

**INTRODUCING KEITH HWANG,
INSTRUCTOR OF THE NEW CBFANC BROKER'S EXAM
PREP COURSE**



CBFANC is pleased to welcome Keith Hwang, CHB, JD as the instructor for the October 2019 Customs Broker License Examination (CBLE) prep course beginning July 9.

With degrees from Yale (BA), Columbia (JD) and Stanford (MA), Keith's academic credentials are impressive, but according to him, the most relevant qualification he has is a passion for teaching. "I view teaching as an opportunity to explore a particular topic with others in search of an understanding or insight from which we can all benefit," he says. "It's just as much facilitation of a learning process as it is straight instruction."

Keith brings more than 10 years of experience as an instructor for the broker license exam, an equal amount of time as a practicing customs broker supervising entries for a wide range of commodities and entry circumstances, and, as a licensed attorney, a skill set exactly suited for interpreting and explaining the often complicated and counter-intuitive regulations tested on the exam. In connection with joining the CBFANC's educational offerings, Keith has also significantly revamped his course, improving the materials and website and making it

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Stay tuned for more important information regarding WESCCON 2019.

See you in Rancho Mirage! WESCCON Committee

If you have questions about WESCCON or any registration problems, please contact info@WESCCON.com, or call 202-783-3333.

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available to distance learners as well as in-person students.

Anyone interested in learning more about the course and meeting Keith, please join the course informational meeting on July 9th 5:30 at his South San Francisco training center, located at 139 Mitchell Avenue, Suite 105. To RSVP for this free informational session, please either click [here](#) or call Keith at (650) 224-6680.

Chris Kammer



CBFANC and the East Oakland Stadium Alliance move to protect Port of Oakland

by: Evey Hwang



Ballpark news: CBFANC is a member with East Oakland Stadium Alliance (EOSA) in efforts to challenge the City of Oakland on allowing the Oakland A's to build a Major League Ballpark at Howard Terminal. CBFANC has joined the EOSA at meetings held in Oakland City Hall and at BCDC (San Francisco Bay Conservation and Development Commission). The coalition recently sent a formal request to Oakland Port Commissioners for them to fulfill the engagement of maritime interests. (*Editor's note: Complete text of the letter to the Port Commission leadership is included in this issue of our newsletter*).

This a "David against Goliath" fight. While spouting their "Rooted in Oakland" campaign and soliciting the passion of A's fans, the A's organization has done everything possible to circumvent long established review processes to advance their true aspirations as a land developer – all while dangling the A's ball team Oakland roots as a lure. The Bonta Bill AB1191 introduced in the California Assembly in Sacramento allows the fast-track transfer of state land to the City of Oakland while bypassing BCDC oversight. AB1191 is expected to be approved and signed by the governor. Part of the "deal" requires the City of Oakland to do the clean-up of the Howard Terminal site, which historically has had heavy industrial use. The City of Oakland's seemingly naivete is astounding when it comes to assessing the costs of cleaning the site and building the transportation infrastructure that will be required to support the A's development plans and resulting traffic. Please click on the link below for a presentation about access and transportation "solutions" under consideration.

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1Z5UB0wX9TVLfqRT13vC-TOPcslfvckqR/view>

Info Notice 728-19-02 Interim Relocation for CBP East Bay Trade and Agriculture Units

Customs & Border Protection Telephone Lines

There are no additional phone lines, other than the ones on the information notice (510-271-8907 and 8922), to include on your blast to your members. If your members call and do not get an answer, please have them leave a voicemail. Officers and Ag Specialists will regularly check the voicemails and someone will respond during the day. Since the lines are a single extension, they may be better served by sending their inquiries to the email inboxes for the sections they have questions for.

OAK-IN-BOND@CBP.DHS.GOV
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Events Around the Bay

- [P.A.E.I](#) - Professional Association of Exporters 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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CBFANC signs Maritime Stateholders letter to Oakland Port Commissioner and Port Director



Below find the letter send to the president and executive director of the Port of Oakland, expressing concerns about the continued viability of port operations.

June 21, 2019

Commissioner Ces Butner,
President, Board of Port Commissioners

Mr. Chris Lytle,
Executive Director

Port of Oakland
530 Water Street,
Oakland, CA 94607

Re: Formal Stakeholder Process to Ensure that the Howard Terminal Housing & Stadium Project Does Not Impact or Interfere With the Port's Maritime Uses and Operations

Dear Commission President Butner and Executive Director Lytle,

The undersigned Port stakeholders appreciate the Board of Port Commissioners' action at the Special Meeting of May 13, 2019 to add the "Seaport Compatibility Measures" language to the Howard Terminal Term Sheet (Attachment D).

This letter is a formal request by your maritime stakeholders to begin that process in earnest with us.

[Letter continues here](#)

Aftermath of Record Drug Bust on MSC Vessel in Philadelphia

Peter Friedmann



Editor's note: On June 17, 2019, Customs discovered 17.5 tons of cocaine stowed in containers onboard a MSC vessel docked at the port of Philadelphia. The value of the contraband was estimated to be over \$1 billion. This was the largest drug bust in Customs history. One day later, 333 pounds of cocaine was discovered at the Port of Baltimore in a container full of beach chairs which arrived from China via Panama. A Customs spokesman said it was too early to determine if the two incidents are related.

By now, we are all aware of the MSC situation this week -- rumors surfaced yesterday about their ability to use US ports. They've issued a statement clarifying their service in the wake of the temporary suspension of their C-TPAT certification. On behalf of the Pacific Coast Council, Peter Friedmann was able to speak with senior officials regarding the impact of this incident. MSC's statement is directly below:.

[click here to read MSC's statement](#)

Update on CES - PCC Logistics and Exam Procedures

by: Evey Hwang



Important News

By Evey Hwang / CBFANC Ocean Committee

Update on CES: On April PCC Logistics became the sole Customs Examination Site in Oakland. On June 11th, **CBFANC Customs and Ocean Committees** met with PCC Logistics and CBP to follow up on CES progress. From last meeting (May 14th), PCC Logistics had committed additional warehouse space and extended hours; CBP supported for multiple seal checks and discussion on communications with brokers/forwarders. Our June meeting centered on setting goals on improving container exam turnaround times and addressing PCC's in/out gate charges. We were pleased for CBP's team responsiveness for multiple seal checks during day; assigning PTs with entry numbers; and allowing container reloads without secondary seal check.

Below from May notes are updated to facilitate exam times:

[PCC Logistics update continues here](#)

China 301 List 3 Exclusion Process Announced

by: Susan Kohn Ross



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In the June 20, 2019 pre-publication edition of the Federal Register, the U.S. Trade Representative announced the long awaited process for seeking exclusions for goods on List 3, the one which recently went from 10% to 25%. While the exclusion process itself generally mirrors the process applied to those goods on Lists 1 and 2, there are a few differences, but let's start at the beginning.

Any exclusion request for List 3 goods must be filed **between June 30 and September 30, 2019**. The request must be filed through the portal: <http://exclusion.ustr.gov> (active beginning June 30, 2019). One new wrinkle is parties must register in the portal before filing.

[This important alert continues here...](#)

Meet your CBFANC Officers and Board Members

by: Jack Hubbard, Newsletter Editor

Each month we ask a member of our board or an officer of CBFANC to tell a little about themselves. They kindly answer a list of questions that we hope will give you insight into their dedication and desire to serve for the greater good on behalf of our industry.

This month, we feature **Chris Garcez** of TLR-Total Logistics Resoure Inc.. Chris is the current Treasurer, board member, and past President of CBFANC.



What was your first job? Package Pickup at a large department store in Grand Junction, CO. Learned that training and safety are pretty important in a warehouse. Did you know that a cargo door fell on my right eyebrow? Luckily the company sprung for a plastic surgeon. Thing of beauty. But mostly got pretty lucky that door did not land a smidge lower.

How did you get into the logistics business? Pure chance just like everyone else. 😊

If you could be anywhere right now, where would you be? On a vaporetto in the Grand Canal in Venice speeding to the Basilica di Santa Maria della Salute stop, which interestingly enough used to be the customs point for the archipelago, La Dogana on Dorsoduro if you want to google it. Views from there are priceless.

Briefly, what is your goal as a director or officer of CBFANC? To keep relationships thriving in our diverse community of brokers, forwarders, warehouses, truckers, sureties and enforcement agencies. We all need each other

and there is less and less time to be together for the common good.

2019 CBFANC Golf Tournament

Jayson Gispan



GOLF ANYONE? The CBFANC Golf Committee has set the time and place for this year's golf event!

Where:

Poplar Creek Golf Course
1700 Coyote Point Drive
San Mateo, CA 94401

When:

September 26th (Thursday) Shotgun Start at 1pm

<https://www.poplarcreekgolf.com/>

More information regarding registration will soon be available.

Protect the Port of Oakland!

Peter Friedman



Editor's note: We are continuing to include this article in our newsletter because it contains very important facts about the value of the Port of Oakland as a fully operational maritime port. The proposed development of Howard Terminal as an A's ballpark threatens the viability of the port and would severely compromise it's future. The port's impact on our industry and the economy of California cannot be understated and it should be protected.

What is the value of the Port of Oakland to the economy of California and the USA? Many industries and jobs depend on the cargo that flows through the port. Read Peter Friedmann's letter to the Port of Oakland Board of Commissioners for details.

[read more...](#)

Newly updated SFO Airline Guide

CBFANC is pleased to advise our readers that the **SFO Airline Guide** has been updated and the new iteration is posted under Links on our website. This is an extensive and useful list of carriers and cargo handling facilities at SFO. Many thanks to **Chris Kammer**, CBFANC Airport Committee

chairman, pictured below, for providing the updates.



Congresswoman Jackie Speier Meets CBFANC Delegation in D.C.



Representative Jackie Speier met with the CBFANC delegation on April 2nd. We wish to convey our thanks to Representative Speier for her interest in the issues facing our industry. Pictured above: Peter Friedmann aka Our Man in DC, Peter Gong, Chris Ramos, Representative Speier, Sun Wook Lee, Raymond Hong, Evey Hwang, Brenda Custer-Espeleta, and Felicia Addison.

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