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CHB Exam Classes Resume for October 2020 Exam

Chris Kammer, CHB Exam Chairman



Keith Hwang, Instructor, CHB Exam Classes for October 2020 Exam. Info Webinar on July 2nd, and Classes start July 7th!!!

PREPARE FOR THE OCTOBER 2020 CUSTOMS BROKER LICENSE EXAM!
CBFANC IS PLEASED TO OFFER THE OCTOBER 2020 CUSTOMS BROKER EXAM PREP COURSE TAUGHT BY KEITH HWANG, JD, CHB OF CUSTOMSBUDDY.COM, CLASSES BEGIN JULY 7th--INFO MEETING AT 5:30PM ON JULY 2nd VIA WEBINAR
SPECIAL INTRODUCTORY PRICE OF \$950 FOR 24 CLASSES
Deadline to register July 6th

Obtain the most respected credential evidencing expertise in US customs by passing the US Customs Broker License Examination (CBLE) this October. A passing score on the CBLE indicates not only a willingness to take on tough challenges, but also an ability to navigate rules that directly impact international supply chain operations. The broker license is a prerequisite on many job requisitions for management-level positions at both shippers (multi-national corps) and logistics firms.

We are pleased to offer this outstanding CBLE prep course taught by Keith Hwang, a proven instructor who is both a practicing CHB and attorney. Anyone interested in learning more about this course should contact Keith directly at keith@secondjune.com (650) 224-6680 and/or visit the following webpage: <https://customsbuddy.moodlecloud.com>. You can also contact the CBFANC chairperson for the school – **Chris Kammer** chris.kammer@accesssupplysolutions.com 415-244-7859

WESCCON 2020 WILL BE VIRTUAL, OCT 1 AND 2, 2020

UNPRECEDENTED EVENT: WESCCON 2020 WILL BE HELD ONLINE!

WESCCON 2020 WILL BE VIRTUAL, SAVE THE DATE, OCT 1 & 2, 2020!!

WESCCON 2020 GOING VIRTUAL!

Eduardo Acosta



Due to the COVID19 pandemic, WESCCON 2020 cannot be held at the Loews Resort in Coronado, CA this coming October. As such, **PCC President Eduardo (Lalo) Acosta and the WESCCON Committee are converting this year's conference to a virtual event!** It will be online and available on the device of your choice! Improve your business and your career with workshops, panels, roundtable discussions and town hall meetings on important issues facing our industry. Registration details will be soon available!

CBFANC Educational Events Schedule

Topics

July 22 - Drawback
 August 19 - Classification Webinar
 September 16 - CBP CEE Seminar
 October 21 - Valuation
 November 18 - Export focused webinar
 December 9 - Happy Hour (Holiday) or CBP Importer/Broker Audit Assessment or BOTH! TBA.

CBFANC Social Media

Please connect with us!

Twitter - [@cbfanc](#)

LinkedIn - [CBFANC](#)

Facebook - [CBFANC](#)

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](#)

WESCCON



Looking to the Future of Trade in a Virtual World

WESCCON is going virtual for 2020- More info to come!
 October 1st - 2nd 2020

CFR 111 Re-Write NPRM Raises Concerns in Brokerage Community

Evey Hwang, CBFANC President



The Customs Federal Regulations 111 Rewrite: Notice of Proposed Rulemaking [NPRM] on Modernization of the Customs Brokers Regulations
<https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2020/06/05/2020-04711/modernization-of-the-customs-brokers-regulations>
 and NPRM on Elimination of Customs Broker District Permit Fee

<https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2020/06/05/2020-04708/elimination-of-customs-broker-district-permit-fee>

National Customs Brokers and Forwarders Association of America (NCBFAA) Customs Committee has held series of meeting on 111 rewrite proposed rules. Much concern are on revisions to sections CFR 111.28 and CFR 111.32. The language and nature of tone are problematic.

[Read here for additional details about this crucial issue](#)

CHB Exam October 8th Will Be Affected by CDC Guidelines

Chris Kammer, CBFANC CHB Exam Chair



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The Customs Brokerage Fall Exam will take place on October 8th and CBP had made safety of the test takers a top priority

- [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

this year, the test will be two sessions this time to support social distancing, one in the morning starting at 8:30 am (local time) and one in the afternoon starting at 1:30 pm (local time). In addition to safe distances for test takers , face masks are mandatory and check in will be a minimum of 30 minutes before the start of the exam. Registration for the exam starts on August 3, 2020 and closes early September 8, 2020, applications must be submitted online through the eCBP portal: <https://e.cbp.dhs.gov/ecbp/#/main> CBP will host a broker exam webinar on September 23, 2020 to provide information on the test and answer questions from test takers Information for this webinar will be posted on cbp.gov/trade

Peter Friedmann Continues Advocacy on Behalf of the Shipping Industry

Evey Hwang, CBFANC President



Pictured Above: Peter Friedmann and Evey Hwang
Spotlight on Our Man in D.C. Peter Friedmann: Our counsel for Pacific Coast Council of Customs Brokers and Freight Forwarders remains our advocate. He is perhaps most widely known for leading the Agriculture Transportation Coalition – according to the Journal of Commerce, the AgTC is “the principle voice of U.S. agriculture exports in transportation policy.”

[Read here for more about Peter Friedmann's work on our behalf](#)

Brokers, Forwarders & Carriers Deliver PPE to the Frontlines!

Jack Hubbard, Editor, and Michael Baekboel, CBFANC Board

THE FRONTIERS RESPONDERS FUND FIGHTS COVID19 PANDEMIC



The Frontiers Responders Fund, created by CBFANC member [Flexport and nine other organizations](#), has raised over **\$8 million** to help provide PPE and other vital safety materials to those engaged the fight against COVID19. The fund has partnered with **Airlink**, which is a rapid-response humanitarian relief organization. With the fund's support Airlink has been able ship hundreds of thousands of masks and face shields and other supplies to organizations such as the International Medical Corp, the Salvation Army, and Medical Teams International.

Everyone is welcome and encouraged to contribute to this worthy cause. The Frontiers Responders Fund provides a great opportunity for those in the community to put their donation dollars where it *delivers direct benefit to the folks on the front lines.*

The gofundme page can be found on the following link: <https://www.gofundme.com/f/frontlinerespondersfund> (click on the June 24th update)

APHIS Core Message Set Mandatory Date Moved Back to January 2021

Sandra Langford-Coty, LACBFFA Board President



Sandra Langford-Coty

Some good news.

<https://content.govdelivery.com/accounts/USDAAPHIS/bulletins/29355d7>

June 30, 2020—The U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) will extend the timeline for implementing the APHIS Core Message Set in the Automated Commercial Environment (ACE). In February, APHIS published a [notice](#) in the Federal Register announcing that it would activate Core Message Set flags in ACE on August 3, 2020. In response to stakeholder concerns about operational and economic setbacks caused by the COVID-19 pandemic, APHIS will publish a second Federal Register notice in the coming weeks that will delay implementation until January 2021. This action will give the trade community time to recover from the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic and prepare for this change.

[Read here for additional details including Webinar information!](#)

East Oakland Stadium Alliance Continues Activism to Halt Howard Terminal Ball Park Project

Evey Hwang, CBFANC President



Friends of the East Oakland Stadium Alliance, In response to the undisclosed discussions between the City and the A's on the Coliseum Oakland-based civil rights lawyer and activist Pamela Price authored [this opinion piece](#) published in the *East Bay Times* and *The Mercury News* to call for transparency in the demand that a **Coliseum agreement with the A's must require a ballpark there.** The **Sierra Club's San Francisco Bay Chapter** is similarly calling for the A's to build ballpark at the current Coliseum site. They have [warned of environmental justice impacts](#) residents associated with the Howard Terminal proposal and recommend the Coliseum existing infrastructure as the best place for the A's to call home.

[Sign the petition here](#)

The City Council will meet today and report back on their closed-door discussions. Sign petition above to **OPPOSE** a secret deal without public input, that serves to enrich the

Any agreement should REQUIRE that the team's stadium be rebuilt at the Coliseum pro Howard Terminal.

-- East Oakland Stadium Alliance

<http://www.eastoaklandstadiumalliance.com/>

MOL OSK Lines to Reduce Fleet of Ships



According to the Wall Street Journal, Mitsui OSK Lines is cutting its fleet by 5% over the next three years, due to reductions of trade volumes caused by the COVID19 pandemic. The cuts will involve 40 vessels, including container ships, dry bulk carriers, tankers, and car carriers. MOL operated 800 ships. Container sailings from Asia to Europe and across the Pacific are down at least 25% so far this year, according to Copenhagen based reseach group SeaIntelligence Consulting.

Interview with Cestra Butner, Port of Oakland Board President

SW John Lee

Please see the YouTube link below to an interview with Cestra Butner, Port of Oakland Board President.



SW John Lee, CBFANC Board Member



Cestra Butner, Port of Oakland Board President

Highlights from the Interview with Mr Butner..

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JBC5RoSPRu8&feature=youtu.be>

1. Revenue from Airport is down, but starting up
2. Commercial Real Estate is affected as well
3. Winding up his term of 8 years started in 2012
4. Howard Terminal is still on the books
5. 75% of Airport business is Southwest Airline and is the hub for the West Coast
6. Seaport is down 5-10% but the cool port project is 'off the hook' for exports
7. Port of Oakland will always be the center of commerce in Northern California

Ray Bucheger Reports from Washington D.C.



Ray Bucheger, FBB Federal Relations

The United States Trade Representative (USTR) testified yesterday before the House Ways and Means (HWM) and Senate Finance Committees – Ambassador Lighthizer covered a range of topics during these oversight hearings, which are held annually. Here is a summary of the main points discussed. Note that there was no discussion of duty deferral during either hearing.

China Trade

In general, Lighthizer defended the China 301 tariffs as a good mechanism to create jobs in the U.S. In fact, when responding to a member of the HWM Committee about a company that was denied an exclusion even though there is no domestic production, Lighthizer responded by saying the company has had years to find a new supplier outside of China. Similarly, when asked whether exclusions granted for products related to COVID-19 response would be extended, Lighthizer responded by saying that while an extension is possible, any extensions would depend on the severity of the pandemic at the time the exclusions expire and emphasized the Administration's goal of incentivizing companies to manufacture these products in the United States.

[Read here for more on China Trade, Hong Kong, USMCA, Sec 321 and WTO Reform](#)

PierPass Announced TMF Increase to be Effective August 1, 2020



LONG BEACH, Calif., June 30, 2020—The West Coast MTO Agreement (WCMTOA) today announced that on August 1, 2020, the Traffic Mitigation Fee (TMF) at the Ports of Los Angeles and Long Beach will increase by 4.2 percent. The adjustment matches the combined 4.2 percent increase in longshore wage and assessment rates that take effect in early July.

Beginning August 1, the TMF will be \$33.47 per TEU (twenty-foot equivalent unit) or \$66.94 for all other sizes of container. The TMF is charged on non-exempt containers. Containers exempt from the TMF include empty containers; import cargo or export cargo that transits the Alameda Corridor in a container and is subject to a fee imposed by the Alameda Corridor Transportation Authority; and transshipment cargo. Empty chassis and bobtail trucks are also exempt.

Container Vessels Still Plying the Waters of SF Bay

Even though the pandemic has reduced cargo volumes and ship voyages, the arrival and departure of ships arriving and departing are still a dramatic vision to behold! These photos were taken within the last two weeks and attest to the fact that supply chains are still flowing.



The Maesk vessel below is bigger than Alcatraz!



Have a Safe, Healthy and Fun Fourth of July



KEEP CALM AND WEAR YOUR MASK



NCBFAA G-TEC to be Virtual Event Due to COVID-19

Below is an announcement from NCBFAA:



G.TEC 2020 - The Show Must Go On(line)!

With COVID-19 impacting business and our daily lives, including the cancellation of events of every size and scope, we wanted to confirm that due to continued restrictions, our 2020 Global Trade Educational Conference (G.TEC) originally scheduled for August 3-4 in Chicago, IL will now be held online.

We appreciate your patience as we work behind the scenes to make this shift. We plan to open registration next month, and thank everyone for their interest and patience. We look forward to offering you excellent educational content in August.

NCSD Webinars Schedule for June Through August 2020



U.S. Customs and Border Protection

U.S. Customs and Border Protection's (CBP) National Commodity Specialist Division (NCSD) is hosting their next round of commodity-specific webinars and have released their schedule for June through August. Below is the list of available webinars.

[Read here for the schedule](#)