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COUNTDOWN TO ACE...

We Have An Additional Month!

March 31, 2016

Filers will be required to file in ACE and no longer permitted to file in ACS the following transactions:

- +** Electronic **entry summaries**, associated with the following entry types, with no PGA data:
 - 01 - Consumption
 - 03 - Consumption - Antidumping/Countervailing Duty
 - 11 - Informal
 - 23 - Temporary Importation Bond (TIB)
 - 51 - Defense Contract Administration Service Region (DCASR)
 - 52 - Government - Dutiable

- +** Electronic entries **and** corresponding entry summaries, associated with the entry types listed above, with data for the following agencies:
 - Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) for Lacey Act, unless paired with other PGA data.
 - National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), unless paired with other PGA data.

- ×** The implementation of these capabilities through ACE means that the filing of the following transactions **will no longer be accepted** in ACS:
 - Electronic entry summaries (Entry types 01, 03, 11, 23, 51 and 52) with no PGA data.
 - Electronic entries and corresponding entry summaries (Entry types 01, 03, 11, 23, 51 and 52) with APHIS Lacey Act data, unless paired with other PGA data on the same transaction.
 - Electronic entries and corresponding entry summaries (Entry types 01, 03, 11, 23, 51 and 52) with NHTSA data, unless paired with other PGA data on the same transaction.

May 28, 2016

Filers will be required to file in ACE and no longer permitted to file in ACS the following transactions:



Electronic **entries**, associated with the following entry types, with no PGA:

01 - Consumption

03 - Consumption - Antidumping/Countervailing Duty

11 - Informal

23 - Temporary Importation Bond (TIB)

51 - Defense Contract Administration Service Region (DCASR)

52 - Government - Dutiable

Required filing of these entries includes those entries with APHIS Lacey Act and NHTSA data, unless paired with other PGA data.



Electronic entries **and** corresponding entry summaries must be submitted in ACE for the following:

Entry type 06 - Consumption - Foreign Trade Zone (FTZ)

Entry types 01, 03, 11, 23, 51 or 52 with APHIS Lacey Act data, unless paired with other PGA data on the same transaction.

NHTSA data on entries/entry summaries, unless paired with other PGA data on the same transactions.



The implementation of these capabilities through ACE means that the filing of the following transactions **will no longer be accepted** in ACS:

Electronic entries associated with entry types 01, 03, 11, 23, 51 and 52 with no PGA data.

Entry **or** entry summary type 06 with no PGA data.

Electronic entries/entry summaries, associated with entry types 01, 03, 06, 11, 23, 51 and 52, with APHIS Lacey ACT data, unless paired with other PGA data on the same submission.

Electronic entries/entry summaries, associated with entry types 01, 03, 06, 11, 23, 51 and 52, with NHTSA data, unless paired with other PGA data on the same submission.

Food and Drug Administration (FDA) filings will continue to be allowed in ACS to provide more time for industry to transition to ACE. Further information will be provided on the mandatory filing in ACE for FDA data. <http://www.cbp.gov/trade/automated/ace-mandatory-use-dates#Mar31>

Join the ACE Daily Call to find out updates from CBP & Software Vendors & to ask any questions/problems you have regarding your ACE Entries. Daily 11am-12pm PST
Dial Toll Free: 877-336-1828 Password 6124214

To keep updated on ACE Outreach Events for the Trade, past or present, please click [here](#).

View from Washington, D.C.

Peter Friedmann

In this supercharged Presidential election year, with no less than 6 current and former Senators at one point running for President, the Hill seems able to conduct business with perhaps less, and certainly not more partisanship than we've been accustomed to during the last seven years. Legislative work on the basic functions of government is getting done - no landmark legislation, nothing groundbreaking: rather, infrastructure funding for roads and transit; reform and technological updating of the aviation system; passage of comprehensive updates for Customs policy and organization; even some subtle progress towards a comprehensive Transpacific Partnership trade treaty.

The reality of the limitations of the final year of a two-term President, and the likelihood of a change in Senate Majority from Republican to Democratic, has sort of frozen Congress in place, when it comes to those 'hot button' election-year issues such as gun control, abortion, carbon emission legislation (AKA, the "War on Coal"), and Supreme Court confirmations.

The President has long been aware that with a Republican-majority Congress, he could not get his legislative priorities passed. But the reverse has also been true: without a sufficiently large majority, the Republicans lacked the votes to override a Presidential veto, so Congress has known it could not advance its own agenda. Stalemate. The President has sought to use his Executive Authority to accomplish via regulation, what he could not get Congress to approve. He has had some success, thanks to favorable Supreme Court rulings, and recently he has reenergized the debate on use of Executive Authority by publicly speculating about trying this approach to gain gun-ownership controls. At the same time however, the Supreme Court has issued a tentative ruling suggesting that it may find the President exceeded his Constitutional authority to limit carbon emissions (from fossil fuels) by regulations issued by the EPA, rather than legislation passed by Congress. Again, stalemate.

Because the Supreme Court can play such a critical role in determining the balance of power between Congress and the Executive, the loss of Justice Scalia, the intellectual anchor of the conservative side of the Court, will have great impact. Who replaces him? The normal process is for the President to nominate a new Justice, and the Senate to scrutinize that nominee and vote whether or not to confirm. Will that happen this year? The President knows whomever he nominates (presuming it would be a person holding views similar to his own) will have no chance of being accepted by the current Republican Senate. So, why bother? Perhaps to make a point. But will such a nominee help or hurt Hillary and Bernie? A nominee as 'liberal' as President Obama is likely to propose might be well received by Democratic primary voters, but will emphasize to the independent, middle of the road voters in November, whom Bernie or Hilary will need in order to win, that the Democratic candidate is perhaps too liberal for their tastes. In any case, it would create a major point of contention in the Presidential debates. So Hillary and Bernie might not be eager for the President to make that nomination.

In this year of the unpredictable, with Trump and Bernie more than holding their own far longer than the "experts" predicted, those of us here inside the Beltway, who are more concerned about getting Congress to do the kind of unexciting, non-partisan work that the country needs, will take this brief respite from the election year 'excitement' swirling in all those primary states.



Truck and Bus Tires from China are Subject of New AD/CV Petition

Courtesy: STR Trade

A petition filed Feb. 1 alleges that truck and bus tires from China are being sold at less than fair value and benefitting from countervailable subsidies.

The products covered by this petition are new pneumatic tires, of rubber, with a truck or bus size designation. Covered tires may be tube-type, tubeless, radial or non-radial and may be intended for sale to original equipment manufacturers, fleet owners and operators, or the replacement market.

Subject tires have the symbol "DOT" on the sidewall at the time of importation certifying that they conform to applicable motor vehicle safety standards. They may also have on the sidewall one of the following suffixes in their tire size designation.

- TR – tires for service on trucks or buses to differentiate them from similarly sized passenger car and light truck tires
- MH – tires for mobile homes
- HC – a 17.5 rim diameter code for use on low platform trailers

All tires with one of these suffixes in their size designations are covered by this petition regardless of their intended use. In addition, all tires that lack one of these suffixes are included, regardless of their intended use, as long as they are of a size that is among the numerical size designations listed in the "Truck-Bus" section of the Tire and Rim Association Year Book, as updated annually, unless the tire falls within one of the specific exclusions set out below.

Truck and bus tires, whether or not mounted on wheels or rims, are included in the scope. However, if a subject tire is imported mounted on a wheel or rim, only the tire is covered. Subject tires include truck and bus tires produced in China whether mounted on wheels or rims in China or a third country. Truck and bus tires are covered whether or not they are accompanied by other parts; e.g., a wheel, rim, axle parts, bolts, nuts, etc. Tires that enter attached to a vehicle are not covered.

The tires covered by the petition are currently classified under HTSUS subheadings 4011.20.1015 and 4011.20.5020 and may also enter under subheadings 4011.99.4510, 4011.94.4550, 4011.99.8510, 4011.99.8550, 8708.70.4530, 8708.70.6030 and 8708.70.6060.

Specifically excluded from the petition are (1) pneumatic tires, of rubber, that are not new, including recycled and retreaded tires, and (2) non-pneumatic tires, such as solid rubber tires.

The Department of Commerce and the International Trade Commission will next determine whether to launch AD and/or CV duty and injury investigations, respectively, on this product. There are strict statutory deadlines associated with these proceedings, so affected companies that wish to protect their interests should contact trade counsel as soon as possible.



Speaking Port Director Ricardo L Scheller – 2016 State of the Port

Subject: Notice to Trade - Recent Changes to the Exemption on Organic Assessments

Industry Stakeholders:

On February 5, 2016, the Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS) will make a recorded presentation available on its website to review modifications to the organic assessment exemption regulations under 23 Federal marketing orders and 22 research and promotion programs, collectively referred to as “commodity promotion programs.” The presentation provides an opportunity for you to understand how the amendments to the exemption will be applied to businesses under each of the commodity promotion programs moving forward. The recording can be accessed at <http://www.ams.usda.gov/report-presentation/organic-exemption>.

Changes to previous regulations expand the exemption to cover all “organic” and “100 percent organic” products certified under the National Organic Program regardless of whether the person requesting the exemption also produces, handles, markets, processes, manufactures, feeds, or imports conventional or nonorganic products. The revisions were authorized by the 2014 Farm Bill. AMS published a proposed rule with request for public comment in the December 14, 2014, *Federal Register* and issued the final rule on December 31, 2015. The expanded exemption takes effect on February 29, 2016.

AMS may conduct additional stakeholder information sessions as needed about the exemption. Contact information for specific AMS programs is available at the end of the presentation. Industry members wanting additional information can contact the board or committee that administers their industry’s commodity promotion program. Industry boards and committees may direct questions to AMS personnel who oversee the respective program’s activities.

Sincerely,

Melissa R. Bailey, Ph.D.
Associate Deputy Administrator
Specialty Crops Program
Agricultural Marketing Service



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CBFANC CHB Exam Prep Course Boot Camp - Feb 27th!

**CHB Exam Prep Course
Boot Camp
Advance Your Career – Sign up NOW!**

**60+ hours during 9 class days & individual one-on-one concall sessions during 5 weeks
You will be empowered to confidently sit for the exam**

CHB Exam Prep Course Boot Camp is designed for those individuals who truly have a desire to learn and understand the Customs Regulations and Harmonized Tariff Schedule in a compact environment. You must have the desire and fortitude to dedicate yourself to the learning process by attending every class and completing every assignment. It will be intense! You will learn more than you ever thought possible!

If you plan to sit for the Customs Broker's Exam and want to exponentially increase your chance of being successful, join the CBFANC course which has been taught for 16 years in the San Francisco Bay Area.

Register Here!

[CHB Exam Prep Course – Boot Camp!](#)

This is a hands-on course, not a boring lecture series with a talking head in front of the room!

We engage you to secure your success! Classes are held in the Socratic method which means that the Instructor and the students ask and answer questions. As a CHB Exam Prep training program, we understand your goal of preparing and successfully passing the exam. With this in mind, the structure of the course enables students to answer questions with minimal assistance from the instructor.

We call it a Boot Camp for a reason!

It's short, intensive and focused. Over the years we have distilled the essentials to understanding necessary for you to pass – as in military boot camp you have to do the work, but unlike having an angry faced sergeant screaming in your face trying to push you to fail, our instructor is about empowering you with the tools, skills, and knowledge to succeed!

- It's **short** because in today's world, no one has time to meet several times per week, commute to and from class after work, fit in picking up kids and work late hours.

- It's **intensive** because we power-pack your time with the knowledge needed to confidently sit for the exam

- It's **focused**:

- A) We have distilled the knowledge you need to successfully
- B) Class time is focused on the essentials while the support network is in place for you to stay focused on your mission to pass
- C) You have to be focused and do your share of the heavy lifting – study! You must do your homework! We give you the tools to make it as easy and simple as possible but you will be required to study 15-20 hour a week outside the classroom.

Sign up NOW to enhance your professional life, increase your earning potential and create new opportunities for yourself and your family. All of the features below provide you with the benefits you need to succeed – all in 3 months for a lifetime of benefits – you can do it!

The Details...

Starts:

Feb 27 – Mar 27, 2016

Deadline to join:

Registration & payment must be received by Feb 24, 2016

Course schedule/days:

4 - Saturdays 10:00 am – 6:00 pm

1 - Saturday 8:00 am – 6:00 pm

4 - Sundays 10:00 am – 4:00 pm

1 - Monday afternoon 2 pm – 6 pm

+ One-on-One Concall Sessions w your instructor

Where:

CitiGarden Hotel

245 South Airport Blvd

South San Francisco, CA 94080

Registration Cost:

\$1295.00

Upon registration, students will be provided with online access to course materials.

Hardcopy Training Manuals will be provided in class

Federal Exam Date:

Monday, April 4th

Location announced by CBP

Prerequisite – Know the Basics:

- INCO terms

Supportive Environment

- One-on-One time with instructor - Overcome test fear
- Weekly check in calls on study progress and to enhance learning
- Maintain your focus & study with encouragement
- Students support each other to succeed - You are not alone...

Thorough Exam Preparation

- You will take a minimum of 6 to 10 actual CHB exams throughout the course to become familiar with the format and be comfortable with the process. (performed outside class time)
- In depth exam question analysis and interpretation - slow is fast
- Learn how to Identify and pass the challenging questions

Student interaction encouraged and networking opportunities

- Informal Study-Buddy groups – students that study together pass at a higher rate
- Pot-luck snack breaks – brain breaks and social interaction
- Post-grad professional networking - a career supporting network for years to come

Powerful Study tools

- iPhone Flash Card App for the Regulations Table of Contents – study anywhere & anytime
 - Electronic Lesson Plan – demystifies the material and provides overview
 - Blend of printed books and electronic tools – covers all learning preferences
- (Special Note: You may use any printed materials during the actual CHB Exam – Electronic tools are not permitted)

Professional advancement

- Greater earning potential for licensed CHB vs clerks and compliance specialists
- Direct path to career advancement - from clerk > supervisor > management
- Increased job opportunities and career paths

Typical homework:

- Reading assignment from the training manual
- Reading assignments from the Customs Regulations and Tariff
- Tabbing and Highlighting your reading materials
- Timed exams
- **We prep you for the real thing!**

Typical class session:

- Review of assignment, questions and tests
- Weekly Valuation exercises
- Topic Discussion & Handouts
- Q&A throughout each session
- Networking breaks
- One-on-One time with instructor

After your successful exam:

- Apply for your license within 3 years
- Pass the background check

CBP Requirements:

- You must be 18 to sit for the CHB Exam.
- You must 21 to receive your CHB license
- You must be a U.S. Citizen
- You must be of good moral character

Register Here!

[CHB Exam Prep Course – Boot Camp!](#)



REMINDERS!!!

Annual Customs Broker User & Permit Fees due on February 26th!

Customs Broker Examination April 4th!

PCC Mission to D.C. May 15-17th!

2016 Educational & Program Events

(Working Calendar as of February 22, 2016)

March 23rd	SOLAS – Safety of Life at Sea Citi Garden Hotel, South San Francisco, CA
April 17 th -20 th	NCBFAA Annual Conference JW Marriott Starr, Tuscon, AZ
April TBA	Peter Friedmann, Our Man in DC Annual Morning Buffet Terrace Café (El Rancho Inn), Millbrae, CA
May 15 th -17 th	PCC Mission to Washington Washington, D.C.
October 13th-16th	WESCCON 2016 Loews Coronado Bay, San Diego, CA

Photos from ACE Roundtable Seminar!



Clockwise: 1st Picture: CBP: Brian Pilipavicius, Roger Staubs & Frank Djeng; 2nd Picture: Officer Sim-Sam & Officer Ta; 3rd Picture: CBFANC: Terri Soltis, Renata Pearson & Renata Rios; 4th picture: CBFANC Membership & Audience!