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PCC Tariff Tracker - Updated

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We have updated the PCC Tariff Tracker in the wake of China's reduction of their previously announced retaliatory duties on some of the US exports - from 15% or 25%, down to 5% or 10%.

For The updated PCC Tariff Tracker click [here](#).

USDA, APHIS, PPQ changes to sampling procedures for live plants - effective September 30, 2018

To: Brokers and Importers

Subject: Adjustments to Risk Based Sampling Procedures - Requirements for handling freight and presenting shipments for inspection

The information attached is to inform local brokers and importers to changes or reminders in inspections procedures at the San Francisco Plant Inspection Station.

In addition, these procedures will help standardize the operations and the clearance of live plant material as we prepare to move to a new facility at the end of April 2019. More information on the new facility and what brokers and importers can expect will be issued in the coming months.

- **New Inspection Requirements**
- **Requirements for clearance of live plant shipments**
- **Notes on the New San Francisco Plant Inspection Station - Coming in April 2019**

If you have any further questions about any of the material presented here, please contact Phil Johnson, Officer in Charge, at (650) 876-9534.

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[Notice from USDA/APHIS](#)

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Clearly we will be talking about this at WESCCON, now less than 3 weeks away, particularly with the VP of the US-China Business Council as a Keynoter. www.pacificcoastcouncil.org/wescon

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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

***Reminder* Food Facility Re-registration Period Opens Oct 1st**

Food Facility Re-registration Period Opens Oct. 1
 Food being imported or offered for import into the U.S. from a foreign facility for which registration has not been submitted or renewed must be held at the port of entry for and may not be delivered to the

USDA-AgTC Ag Shipper Workshops agendas and speakers confirmed: ocean carrier Presidents, BNSF, port and terminals, and others.

Unique opportunity for ag and forest products shippers to have real, face-to-face dialogue with industry leaders. Discussion, not speeches. No Press. We cover trucking, ocean carrier consolidation and 'service', rail, port issues such as the free time penalties, chassis, CBP penalties, and what is current and on your mind!

Click on each Workshop below to see the agenda, specific location and times, and register.

2018-2019 AgTC-USDA Shipper Workshops
www.agtrans.org/events/workshops

Kansas City Tues. Nov 13 Click here for agenda/ register <i>Sponsored by Port of Long Beach & NorthPoint Logistics</i>	Atlanta Weds. Nov 14 Click here for agenda/register <i>Sponsored by South Carolina Ports Authority</i>	Minneapolis Thurs. Dec 6 Click here for agenda/ register <i>Sponsored by Port of Virginia and NW Seaport Alliance</i>
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Portland Weds, Jan 30 Click here for agenda/register <i>Sponsored by NW Seaport Alliance and Port of Portland</i>	Boise Fri. Feb 1 Click here for agenda/register <i>Sponsored by NW Seaport Alliance and Port of Portland</i>	Sacramento Tues. Feb 19 Click here for agenda/register <i>Sponsored by Port of Oakland</i>	Fresno Weds. Feb 20 Click here for agenda/register <i>Sponsored by Port of Oakland</i>
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NAFTA negotiations: Canada and Trump administration at impasse

Courtesy: Rachel Layne, CBS Moneywatch

The Trump administration is expected to release the full text of an [agreement](#) with Mexico that's part of its effort to renegotiate the North American Free Trade Agreement, known as NAFTA, by Sept. 30. That's also the administration's self-imposed deadline for Canada to agree to new terms in the trade deal. Even though Canada and the U.S. are at loggerheads, negotiations may continue. Here are three things to know about what might happen next.

A Congressional vote

importer, owner, or consignee until the foreign facility is registered. Failure to register or renew a registration can also expose facilities to civil or criminal action.

**CSMS# 18-000568 -
Voiding Inactive
Importers of Record**

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Inactive Importers of Record
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This message is a reminder to the trade community that, in accordance with 19 CFR 24.5(e) (<https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/CFR-2012-title19-vol1/pdf/CFR-2012-title19-vol1-sec24-5.pdf>), CBP will void any Importer of Record number in the Automated Commercial Environment (ACE) that is deemed to be inactive. A system update will occur to void these inactive records.

**2018 Educational &
Program Events**

**[Drawback Processing,
Recordkeeping Requirements
and Updated Regulations](#)**

11/14/2018

**[CBP Audits - What to Expect,
How to Prepare, Who to
Contact](#)**

12/12/2018

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To replace NAFTA, President Donald Trump must receive Congressional approval. His administration is racing to get approval for the agreement with Mexico by Nov. 30, when Mexico's current President Enrique Peña Nieto and his administration leave office.

Under the U.S. Trade Promotion Authority law, known as TPA or "fast track," Mr. Trump must wait 90 days to sign an agreement after notifying Congress of his intention to do so. He did that [on Aug. 31](#).

After meeting with U.S. Trade Representative Robert Lighthizer this week, both Democrats and Republicans in Congress said they doubted an agreement excluding Canada would be approved, according to [several reports](#).

Nevertheless, Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin on Thursday said while he hopes the U.S. and Canada will reach a trade agreement, he's confident Congress will approve a Mexico-U.S. pact, according to [The Hill](#). To read article in its entirety click [here](#).

Save to Date! Holiday Happy Hour



**Holiday Happy Hour
December 12th, 2018**

**Come Join the Fun at our annual
meeting!**

**Enjoy festive hors d'oeuvres and
cocktails plus so much more!**

Save the Date! Annual State of the Port



Tuesday January 29, 2019

Annual State of the Port

**Dinner Program
Featuring**

**CBP Port Director Richard
DiNucci**

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