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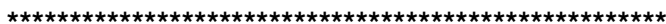
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OUR "A" Section: Trade, Financial & Inland News***

- 1. **Freight Forwarder Trade Briefs** _____

*****End Of GSP?** as the Generalized System of Preferences ("GSP") trade preference program is due to expire on July 31, 2013. CBP has no information as to whether or not this preference program will be renewed and, if it is renewed, whether there will be a lapse period, or whether there will be a retroactive clause providing for a refund of claims made during such a period. The U.S. Generalized System of Preferences (GSP) is a program designed to promote economic growth in the developing world by providing preferential duty-free entry for up to 5,000 products when imported from one of 127 designated beneficiary countries and territories. The GSP program also supports U.S. jobs. U.S. businesses imported US\$19.9Bn worth of products under the GSP program in 2012, including many inputs used in U.S. manufacturing. According to a 2005 U.S. Chamber of Commerce study, over 80,000 American jobs are associated with moving GSP imports from the docks to farmers, manufacturers and retail shelves. GSP was instituted on Jan. 1, 1976, by the Trade Act of 1974.

Download The GSP Guidebook

www.ustr.gov/sites/default/files/GSP%20Guidebook%20Dec%202012%20%20%20final%20version_0.pdf

*****U.S. Throughput Down** as containerized import volume in May fell 2.2% year-on-year but was still the highest volume of imports so far in 2013, according to statistics from the trade intelligence firm Zepol. For the first two months of the year, imports were up 7% over 2012, but in the last five months imports are only up 0.04% overall.

*****All That Glitters May Not Be Gold**as Reuters reports fake invoicing inflated China's official import and export totals by US\$75Bn in the first 4 months of 2013, local media reported, citing an internal review by China's commerce ministry. China's economy has signalled a slowdown into the second quarter following a decreased pace of growth in May, which is likely to create a downward revision for its annual target of 7.5%. China posted a 1% annual growth rate in May attributed to an exports slowdown to the U.S. and Europe at its third month of consecutive decline. Imports also dropped by 0.3% against a forecast of 6% with its major metal imports falling by double-digit rates. Coal also fell sharply. Since May's slowdown economic performance, the IMF has set growth at 7.75% while the Organization for Economic Co-operation (OECD) has set it at 7.8%. China's customs administration officially reported export growth of 17.4% in the first four months of the year, while imports officially grew 10.6%. But analysts widely suspected the data was distorted by inflated invoices used to circumvent China's strict capital controls and profit from appreciation of the Chinese currency. Reported trade growth nose-dived in May, with exports rising only 1% and imports falling 0.3%.

*****Brazil's Trade Gap** as the current account deficit widened in May as the trade balance remained weak, central bank data showed on Friday, continuing a deteriorating pattern this year and prompting the central bank to widen its forecast for the full-year deficit. The current account deficit was

US\$6.42Bn in May, wider than expectations for a gap of US\$6.2Bn, according to the median forecast of 19 analysts surveyed by Reuters. In May 2012, the gap was US\$3.422Bn. The central bank revised its forecast for the current account deficit in 2013, widening it to US\$75Bn from US\$67Bn previously, and acknowledging foreign direct investment would not cover that gap as it has in previous years.

******New Canadian Border Concept** as CBP began Phase I of a truck cargo pre-inspection pilot on June 17 at the Pacific Highway crossing, adjacent to Surrey, British Columbia (BC), Canada. The project is a collaborative effort by CBP, Canada Border Services Agency (CBSA) and Public Safety Canada under the U.S/Canadian "Beyond the Border: A Shared Vision for Perimeter Security and Economic Competitiveness" initiative. Transport Canada and the BC Ministry of Transport are also participating in the pilot. Phase I of the pilot is designed as a "proof of concept" to determine the viability of assigning CBP officers to Canadian border crossings to pre-inspect southbound trucks, drivers and cargo prior to arrival into the U.S. It will also test the viability of developed technologies and joint U.S.-Canada procedures to conduct CBP primary truck processing in Canada. CBP will monitor wait times and provide traffic mitigation as needed. Only trusted traders participating in CBP's Free and Secure Trade (FAST) program will be eligible to use the dedicated CBP pre-inspection commercial primary booth located on the Canadian side of the border. Participation is not mandatory. The pilot will continue in Blaine, WA, for up to six months and will operate Monday through Friday between 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Phase II will test the feasibility of reducing cargo wait times.

Beyond the Border: See The Details & Documents

www.dhs.gov/beyond-border-shared-vision-perimeter-security-and-economic-competitiveness

*****Gum Dumping** as the United States decided on June 20 to levy anti-dumping duty on xanthan gum imported from China. The U.S. Int'l Trade Commission (ITC) claimed the domestic industry was threatened or materially injured by imports of xanthan gum from China, setting the stage for the Commerce Department to impose punitive duty on these products. The Commerce Department alleged on May 29 that Chinese producers and exporters sold xanthan gum in the U.S. market at dumping margins ranging from 15.09% to 154.07%. It said imports of xanthan gum from China were valued at an estimated US\$82.4M in 2012. Xanthan gum is used as a thickener and stabilizer in three major industries, namely food and beverage, consumer and pharmaceutical products, and oilfield and industrial use.

*****You Can't Go, But Your Cargo Can** as a ceremony for the launch of direct cross-border transportation for trucks and government cars between China and Vietnam was recently held at the Youyi Sino-Vietnamese border checkpoint in southwest China's Guangxi Autonomous Region. In Feb. 2012, the new Sino-Vietnamese road transportation agreement came into effect. Later in August,

direct cross-border transportation between Vietnam's capital city Hanoi and China's Shenzhen and Nanning cities was launched. An autonomous region is a first-level administrative subdivision of People's Republic of China. Like Chinese provinces, an autonomous region has its own local government, but an autonomous region has more legislative rights. An Autonomous Region is a minority entity which has a higher population of a particular minority ethnic group.

Read More About The Zhuang Autonomous Region

<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Guangxi>

www.china.org.cn/english/features/ProvinceView/167754.htm

*****UPS Expands Asia Pharma**has opened a new healthcare facility in Hangzhou as part of a strategy for significant expansion of its Asia healthcare distribution network. The 22,000-square-metre high-tech facility, in the largest city of Zhejiang province in Eastern China, offers specific storage and distribution needs for pharmaceutical companies. Staffed by a dedicated on-site Quality Assurance team and boasting a fully-automated product tracking system, which it supports through access to its global IT platform, said a company statement. The opening ceremony will include the presence of MSD, a global healthcare leader known as Merck in the United States and Canada. MSD, an innovator in healthcare, is the first company in the UPS Hangzhou Healthcare Facility.

*****FedEx In South Africa** as it is acquiring service provider, Supaswift and its subsidiaries that offer FedEx services in Southern Africa. FedEx completed the first phase of the acquisition, which included businesses in South Africa, Malawi, Mozambique, Swaziland & Zambia. The company is also contemplating the acquisition of Supaswift's businesses in Botswana & Namibia.

*****TNT Express Italian Downsize** as it has announced plans to layoff 850 people in Italy out of the 3,000 it employs in its Italian business unit, reports the UK's Transport Intelligence. TNT Express plans to assign the functions of smaller Italian operations to larger depots, a move that will affect 20 offices across Italy.

*****Robot Drivers On The Commercial Road** as Ford Motor Co. has launched a pilot program that would utilize robots instead of humans for some of its more rigorous vehicle testing, including tests for commercial vans and trucks, the company announced. The program was recently used for durability testing of Ford's new full-size Transit van, which launches in 2014. The test vehicles are equipped with a robotic control module that handles vehicle steering, acceleration and braking, Ford said. The module is set to follow a preprogrammed course, and the vehicles are tracked using GPS. Engineers watch the vehicles via camera in a control room, Ford said. Should the vehicle stray from its programmed course, engineers have the ability to stop the vehicle, correct its course, or restart the test, Ford said. Onboard sensors can command a full stop if a pedestrian or another vehicle strays into the path.

*****Why A Logistics Facility Wants Foreign Trade Zone Status**as having FTZ status means that when a customer's imported product arrives at a U.S. port, it can be moved immediately to the FTZ logistics facilities without waiting for customs clearance.

An Introduction to Foreign-Trade Zones And How To Establish One

www.cbp.gov/xp/cgov/trade/cargo_security/cargo_control/ftz/about_ftz.xml

www.foreign-trade-zone.com/g_definitions.htm

*****How We Roll** as in 1940, a major problem facing the nation was finding a replacement for rubber. War clouds were gathering, and the supply of natural rubber from Asia was threatened. In this month 73 years ago, the first synthetic rubber tire was displayed in Akron, Ohio. It was made by the B.F. Goodrich Company from readily available ingredients — soap, gas, petroleum and air, greatly helping the looming war effort. Now, natural rubber is used once again to make a huge variety of tires, annually replacing millions worn out by motor vehicles, aircraft and other wheeled vehicles. The U.S. makes nearly US\$17 Bn worth of tires annually, and imports an additional US\$10.7Bn worth.

*****PC On Swedish Rails** as commuters on a train line in northern Stockholm were met with an unusual sight this month: male train drivers and conductors wearing skirts to work. Train engineer Martin Akersten says he and more than a dozen others at the Roslagsbanan line have started wearing skirts in the summer as a protest against the train company's uniform policy, which doesn't allow shorts. The 30-year-old Akersten said June 9 the response from customers has been only positive. Arriva, the company that runs the train line, hasn't stopped the engineers. Arriva spokesman Tomas Hedenius says the company wants its staff to look "nice and proper," but can't stop men from wearing "women's clothes" if that's what they want because it would be discrimination. He didn't rule out a change of the company's uniform policy.

*****Turkish Border Security Meets An Unicornian**as for 9-year-old Emily Harris of South Wales, it was her toy passport featuring a photo of a pink stuffed unicorn toy that secured her passage through the security line at Turkey's Antalya airport. "We saw the funny side, and laughed at the fact that the Turkish officer had even stamped the passport," said Emily's mom, Nicky. "But at the same time, it's a worry to any parent, how easy it would be to smuggle a child through customs and into another country." Emily's passport was technically a novelty item included with her stuffed animal, which was purchased at the Bear Factory retailer. The cover of the passport reads, "European Union, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland." OK, so far, it's understandable and somewhat official looking. But then, the passport case shows the silhouette of a bear's head with the words, "Design A Bear" written below in childlike, golden colored scrawl.

See The Unicorn Passport

<http://news.yahoo.com/blogs/sideshow/9-old-girl-passes-airport-customs-unicorn-passport-222319452.html>

*****Not His Normal Route** as New Jersey bus commuters apparently have gotten an unexpected tour of the New York metro area they'd rather forget. New Jersey Transit is investigating why a trip that normally takes about 45 minutes took nearly two hours more June 13 when the driver took a circuitous route into Manhattan's Port Authority bus terminal. A passenger on the ill-fated trip tells Newark's The Star-Ledger newspaper the driver seemed lost and passed the Secaucus train station several times, drove past outlet stores and eventually crossed the George Washington Bridge. Normally, the bus would go through the Lincoln Tunnel, several miles south. Aileen Iosco tells the newspaper when passengers asked to be let off after the driver passed the bus terminal the driver yelled at them.

*****When Cross-Labeling A Shipment Can Get You Killed** as drug traffickers back in Colombia must be going bananas over how their shipment ended up at Danish supermarkets and not on the streets. Police say employees at the supermarket chain Coop got a big surprise when they opened banana boxes from the South American country and found about 100 kilograms (220 pounds) of what police believe is cocaine. The powder was discovered last June 9 in Aarhus, western Denmark, when employees noticed that some of the boxes were heavier than others. A Coop spokesman said more bags with white powder were found in a separate shipment from Colombia at a central dispatch facility in suburban Copenhagen. The company has contacted their Colombian supplier.

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2. The Cargo Letter Financial Page _____

****CMS CGM. UP** as 1st quarter profit was US\$258M, compared with a loss of US\$31M in first-quarter 2012

****FedEx. DOWN** with a 45% plunge in net profit in its 4th quarter ending May 31 to US\$303M, drawn on revenues of US\$11.4Bn, up 3.6%

****Singapore Airlines Cargo. DOWN** with an operating loss of US\$167M in the financial year ending March 2013, compared to a loss of \$119M during the 2011-2012 financial year.

****UTi Worldwide. DOWN** with a 7.4% year-on-year first quarter gross profit fall to US\$347M drawn on revenues of US\$1.08Bn, down 7.5%.

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OUR "B" Section: FF World Air News***

3. Freight Forwarder World Air Briefs _____

50th International Paris Air Showas this year's event ended June 23rd, but you can still experience the excitement.

www.paris-air-show.com/

Mobile App For The Paris Air Show

www.paris-air-show.com/GB/PRACTICAL-INFORMATION/Mobile-Application.htm

*****Swiss Miss?**as more than US\$1.2M was discovered missing from Swiss Air Lines flight 17, but whoever took the cash left behind the rest of the loot – another US\$92M. The cash shipment was destined for the Federal Reserve Bank of New York. The money disappeared somewhere between passenger flight 17's point of origin in Zurich on June 22 and the unloading of the shipping container carrying the stash at New York's international airport about 2:30 p.m. on June 25. The money was discovered missing during the official count later June 25, at the Fed offices in Lower Manhattan. The missing money was in 12 bundles of US\$100,000 apiece. It was all US\$100 bills. A forklift operator "opened the sealed crate and noticed damage to one of the crates in the form of a puncture from a forklift. It was a hole large enough to put your arm in." The forklift operator also told investigators the damaged shipping crate was positioned so the hole was blocked from view until it was removed in New York. Investigators believe it's most likely that the money was taken before the flight by someone who either knew what was in the crates or saw a target of opportunity. JFK has a long, colorful history of cargo thefts, the most famous being the Lufthansa heist immortalized in Martin Scorsese's 1990 film "Goodfellas."

*****More Price Fixing** as a Canadian court has fined Cathay Pacific Airways US\$1.4M after the airline admitted taking part in an air cargo price-fixing cartel, Canada's Competition Bureau announced. Cathay's guilty plea related to navigation surcharges it imposed on international air cargo shipments to and from Canada between April 1999 and August 2003, the bureau said. Other carriers pleading guilty to fixing cargo surcharges include Air France-KLM, Cargolux, British Airways, Martinair, Qantas and Korean Air Lines.

*****World Aircraft Fleet Will Double** as over the next 20 years there will be 35,000 new aircraft purchases costing US\$4.8 trillion, based on a 5% growth rate projection, according to Boeing. The single-aisle market, served by Boeing's Next-Generation 737 and the future 737 MAX, was a major focus of the company's annual Current Market Outlook. Airlines are replacing older aircraft with new, fuel-efficient planes, said Boeing, adding that they have been forced to change the way they do business.

*****The Problem of African Air Safety**as despite the global air transport industry achieving a record improvement in jet safety performance, the high airline accident rate in Africa is still a concern, according to the International Air Transport Assn. (IATA). IATA said the total accident rate for all jet airliners in Africa during 2012 was 10.85 accidents per million flight hours, compared to a world average of 2.00. The global average airline accident rate to end April 2013 stands at 1.73. IATA member airlines, who are held to stricter safety standards, currently have a figure of 0.97.

*****Asia Pacific Cargo Decline, But Profit Up**as air carriers increased net profit growth by US\$400M in 2012 year on year to total US\$5.2Bn through robust

passenger growth drawn on revenues of US\$175Bn that offset cargo declines. According to the Association of Asia Pacific Airlines (AAPA), cargo revenue declined by 3.3% to US\$21.2Bn against passenger revenue growth of 8.5% led by passenger demand in both business and leisure markets.

*****Goodby To The Trisaurus** as after 35 years of service, FedEx parked the last of its Boeing 727 (nicknamed "Trisaurus") narrow-body freighters when the plane landed on June 21 at its hub in Memphis. FedEx acquired its first 727 in 1978 and has flown the type continuously since then. FedEx acquired its last 727 in 1993 and operated 167 of the type at its peak that year. FedEx had the distinction of receiving the last 15 727s off the production line, which were also the only pure-freighter 727s Boeing built. The last 727 off the production line, N217FE, was sold by FedEx in late 2012 and unfortunately isn't a candidate for the all-too-fitting last flight honors.

History of The Boeing 727

www.boeing.com/boeing/history/boeing/727.page

www.boeing.com/boeing/commercial/727family/

*****Boeing Stores New Freighters In The Desert** as it is parking an undisclosed number of 747-8 freighters in desert storage and cutting production as the air cargo slump deepens. Some of the 747-8s will be stored in an outdoor facility in Marana, Arizona, and also near the company's manufacturing plant in Everett, Washington, reports Bloomberg. The company announced in April, it would lower output of the planes by 13% to 1.75 aircraft a month by early 2014. Within the 55 unfilled orders for the 747-8 more than half comprise freighters, which list for US\$352M and US\$351.4M for the passenger model. Atlas rejected the three 747-8 freighter orders in 2011, after the plane was over two years late in entering service, citing "delays and performance considerations." Another consideration for weaker 747-8 demand is the growing popularity of Boeing's twin-engine 777, said Northwestern University business professor Aaron Gellman.

*****Meet The A350**as the newest aircraft from European aircraft manufacturer Airbus took off on a maiden test flight from Toulouse on a 4-hour flight carrying tons of test equipment on board. The twin-engine wide-body jet is in direct competition with Boeing's 787 Dreamliner, claiming to have 8% lower operating cost than its rival's wide-body aircraft, with its fuselage and wing structures made of light composite materials. The inaugural flight, marking the start of 18 months of testing, was piloted by British and French former fighter pilots, and was watched by 10,000 employees and spectators. The Toulouse-based manufacturer is hoping for 100 orders at the Paris Air Show that runs from June 17-23, adding to its confirmed customers' Hong Kong's Cathay Pacific, Qatar Airways and British Airways.

A350 Photos & Videos

www.airbus.com/aircraftfamilies/passengeraircraft/a350xwbfamily/

*****American Airlines Wins Valuable West Coast Route**as it will be allowed to begin flights this fall between Los Angeles and Sao Paulo, Brazil, under a tentative decision announced June 20 by the U.S. Dept. of Transportation. In addition, merger partner US Airways will be able to keep the Charlotte, N.C.-Sao Paulo route it began flying June 8. Delta would add a second flight between Atlanta and Sao Paulo, and be allowed to keep its daily flight from Detroit. American currently flies to Sao Paulo from New York Kennedy (twice a day), Miami (four times a day) and Dallas/Fort Worth Int'l Airport (once a day). It had told the DOT it would begin the Los Angeles-Sao Paulo flight on Nov. 21. The air services treaty between the United States and Brazil allows U.S. airlines to operate 14 more weekly frequencies – essentially two daily flights a day – between the two countries as of Oct. 1. Another 14 become available Oct. 1, 2014. On Oct. 1, 2015, the treaty opens up the competition to unlimited frequencies between Brazil and the United States. The DOT noted American's service from Los Angeles will make it the first U.S. carrier to fly from there to Sao Paulo.

*****Delta Air Lines Closing A Hub** as it plans to scrap its Memphis, Tennessee, hub in September, cutting 230 jobs and scaling back flights to make the location profitable. Delta plans to drop to about 60 flights a day in September from almost 300 daily flights when Memphis was a hub for Northwest Airlines, which was bought by Delta in 2008.

*****Dual Customs Hangar To Reopen** as Brownsville, Texas, and Matamoros, Mexico are cities situated on opposite side of the U.S.-Mexico border, but the Brownsville airport receives cargo from both sides of the border and will begin dual customs operation with Mexico. A dual customs hangar between Mexico and the U.S. not only makes sense for a town so entwined with its neighbor – it has been done before. The airport opened in 1929 when American aviator Charles Lindbergh landed in Brownsville from Mexico City, establishing the first international airmail service. Fellow aviator Amelia Earhart, along with 20,000 attendees, welcomed Lindbergh to the airport. Beginning in 1929, the airport had a dual customs hangar with Mexico, but in the 1950s, the Mexican government put a stop to it. The airport has worked hard to bring dual customs back ever since 2005. Getting this hangar required years of studies, permissions, navigating bureaucratic red tape and a treaty between the two countries. Now that these tasks have been done, Jones says all that's left is the relatively easy part: building the hangar.

*****Toronto's New Airport Still "Coming" After 40 Years**as the Canadian government has unveiled plans for a new airport, among other developments, at the federally-owned Pickering Lands site outside of Toronto. The new airport will replace Buttonville Municipal Airport, which is to be redeveloped as a mixed-use site. Thirty years after the first controversial plan was introduced, the Greater Toronto Airports Authority announced its revised plans on Wednesday to build a US\$2Bn Pickering airport which would serve as a "regional reliever". If demand

allowed for it, the three-runway international airport in Pickering would eventually have capacity for more than 11 million travellers a year, and generate US\$5Bn a year. This news comes more than 40 years after the federal government began expropriating land for a second international airport in Toronto. The government purchased 7,350 hectares of land in north Pickering in 1972, displacing about 2,000 people.

Read More About Proposed Pickering Airport

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pickering_Airport

*****Air Cargo Industry Achievement Award 2013** as it was presented at Air Cargo Week in Munich, Germany, has been won by Saudi Airlines Cargo. This award is based on readers' votes and takes into consideration a number of factors, including commitment to the development of air cargo, investment in new products and services and consistent pattern of growth. Saudi Airlines Cargo has achieved double-digit year on year growth in recent years despite the challenging global economic conditions, and has undergone significant expansion over the past few years.

*****CCA On The Team** as China Cargo Airlines, a subsidiary of China Eastern Airlines and the mainland's first operating all-cargo airline, has joined the SkyTeam Cargo Alliance as its 11th member at the recent Air Cargo Europe expo at Munich.

Read More About Sky Team Cargo

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/SkyTeam_Cargo

*****Norwegian Air Shuttle Enters The Cargo Market** as the carrier is to enter the troubled air cargo market by setting up a freight division using belly capacity on its long-haul services. The long-haul flights will operate four times a week and will increase to six with the addition of new aircraft as new destinations will be added later in the year. It has been contacted by shippers wishing to use whole capacity rather than trucking but as yet the airline is reluctant to lose revenue by using forwarders. Norwegian currently has 74 aircraft flying from several operational bases in Scandinavia, Spain and the UK to 120 destinations in Europe, North Africa and the Middle East.

Read More About Norwegian Air Shuttle

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Norwegian_Air_Shuttle

*****Biggest of Them All** as when you need to ship Snoop Dog's oversized tour stage to Nigeria, you're going to need the world's biggest and strongest aircraft: the Antonov An-225. The Antonov An-225 Mriya is, quite simply, the largest airplane in the world. At 275 feet in length with a 290 foot wingspan and a maximum takeoff weight of 640 tons, it dwarfs 787's. When it debuted in 1988, the An-225 was 50% bigger than any airliner ever built before it. It remains the largest operational aircraft in terms of length and wingspan to this day. Designed at the end of the Cold War, the An-225 was built as a replacement for the Myasishchev VM-T to carry the Soviet Union's Buran space shuttle between

launch and landing sites.

Read More About The An-225

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Antonov_An-225_Mriya

*****Sharks On The No Fly List** as an endangered marine species, a growing number of Asia-Pacific airlines are banning the carriage of their fins as cargo. Korean Air announced a ban on the carriage of shark fins on its cargo flights. Korean's move was followed by a similar announcement from Asiana Airlines. Airlines previously banning shark fins include Cathay Pacific and Air New Zealand. Previously, Korean Air carried shark fins only under the condition that a valid CITES (Convention on Int'l Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora) permit was fully obtained by the customer from the related national management authority. As shark fins are one of the rare items that have been traded for high prices in global markets (1kg=approx. US\$800), shark fishery managers have been "finning" sharks, the practice of slicing off sharks' fins and leaving them back to the sea. An estimated 73 million sharks around the world are finned each year.

Read More About CITES (Convention on Int'l Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna & Flora)

www.cites.org/

*****Volumes >>>** Air China atest figures show that carrier recorded an air freight volume of 124,500 tons in May, 4.5% more than in the same month in 2012. >>> Cathay Pacific Airways and its sister airline Dragonair posted a 1.5% year-on-year decline in cargo volume to 121,529 tons and a 0.8% drop in passengers to 2,338,703 seats sold in May.

*****The FWI Penalty** as a 15-year prison term is looming over the head of an air freight pilot for air cargo Flight Express in Orlando, who admitted to flying an plane while drunk, though he was the only person on board the aircraft. While no aircraft type was mentioned in the report, Flight Express "largely operates single-engine Cessna aircraft. It also operates Beechcraft Barons," according to the Wikipedia entry on the company. Philip Lavoie, 28, of Sarasota, Florida, entered a guilty plea to flying while intoxicated from Greensboro, North Carolina to Tampa in federal court. Lavoie was tested after he landed on Dec. 8, 2012, and his blood alcohol was found to be .27, investigators said. The legal limit is .08. He remained out of touch with air traffic control for long periods and changed altitude without authorisation during the flight. Owing to his unusual behaviour, controllers alerted Tyndall Air Force Base in Panama City, Florida.

Read More About Flight Express

www.flightexpress.com/

*****When It Hits The Fan** as a Heathrow cargo & baggage handler caused up to £1million worth of damage to a British Airways plane on June 20 when a luggage scanning gun got sucked into the engine. The accident happened as the Airbus A320 was being powered up as it prepared to taxi out to the runway. A

worker left the metal scanner gun on the engine cover and it was pulled inside causing around £1million worth of damage to the aircraft which had 150 passengers on board

*****TSA Trusts In The Force** as not even Chewbacca and his light saber get a free pass with airport security before being cleared to travel. Transportation Security Administration agents in Denver briefly stopped "Star Wars" franchise actor Peter Mayhew recently as he was boarding a flight with a cane shaped like one of science-fiction's most iconic weapons. Airport officials say they wanted to inspect the huge walking stick before allowing Mayhew, who is more than 7 feet tall, on the plane. Mayhew tweeted "Giant man need giant cane" from his verified Twitter account when the incident happened June 3. He also posted photos showing a TSA agent holding the replica laser sword, which comes up to his chest. "Because of the unusual weight of the passenger's cane, a security officer alerted a supervisor. Less than five minutes later the passenger and cane were cleared to travel. Social media played no role in the determination," the TSA said in a brief statement released to The Associated Press on Saturday. There was no word on whether agents were initially suspicious that Chewie had a weapon more commonly associated with other "Star Wars" characters, including Luke Skywalker, Darth Vader and Yoda.

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OUR "C" Section: FF World Ocean News***

4. FF World Ocean Briefs

*****Triple-E: World's Largest Ship Delivers Junes 28** as the name is derived from the class's three design principles: "Economy of scale, Energy efficient and Environmentally improved". These ships are expected to be not only the world's largest ships in service, but also the most efficient containerships per twenty-foot equivalent unit (TEU) of cargo. The ships will be 400 meters (1,312 ft) long and 59 meters (194 ft) wide. While only 3 meters (9.8 ft) longer and 4 meters (13 ft) wider than E-class ships, the Triple E ships will be able to carry 2,500 more containers. With a draft of 14.5 meters (48 ft), they will be too deep to use any port in the Americas or cross the Panama Canal, but will be able to transit the Suez Canal when sailing between Europe and Asia. At 400m, the vessels are only 2m short of a quarter-mile in length. One of the class's main design features are the dual 32 megawatts (43,000 hp) ultra-long stroke two-stroke diesel engines, driving two propellers at a design speed of 19 knots (35 km/h; 22 mph). Slower than its predecessors, this class uses a strategy known as slow steaming, which is expected to lower fuel consumption by 37% and carbon dioxide emissions per container by 50%. The Triple E design helped Maersk win a "Sustainable Ship Operator of the Year" award in July 2011. Maersk plans to use the ships to service routes between Europe and Asia, projecting Chinese exports will continue to grow.

Maersk's Definitive Photo & Video Guide

www.worldslargestship.com/

Building The Triple-E In Time Lapse

www.worldslargestship.com/building-triple-e/

Video: The First Triple-E named Mærsk Mc-Kinney Møller

<http://vimeo.com/68399450>

*****U.S. Supreme Court Strikes Down Port of Los Angeles Clean Truck Program**as the high court found its demands that harbor trucks bear designated signage and pay for off-street parking violated federal law. But the American Trucking Associations (ATA) suit failed to persuade the court to address the financial capacity and truck maintenance requirements imposed by the port's Clean Trucks Program. Yet the court ruled that the port's requirement that harbour trucks display designated placards while in the harbor exceeded its authority and violated federal law. The court also ruled that demanding truckers develop off-street parking also exceeded its authority. Earlier the U.S. Court of Appeals struck down the main port requirement that owner-operators be banned from harbor trucking in favor of larger companies which hired employee drivers. The ban was backed by the Teamsters union because it would make it easier to unionise harbor truckers. Newark's Journal of Commerce noted the Port of Los Angeles Clean Trucks Program suffered a blow, "further weakening the ability of a port to regulate harbor trucking." The ATA suit was an attempt to strike down the Port of Los Angeles Clean Trucks Program entirely as a violation of federal law that mandates Congress to regulate rates, routes and services of motor carriers in interstate commerce.

Read The Complete Supreme Court Decision

www.supremecourt.gov/opinions/12pdf/11-798_anbf.pdf

About The Port of Los Angeles Clean Truck Program

www.portoflosangeles.org/ctp/idx_ctp.asp

Overview of The Clean Truck Program

www.portoflosangeles.org/ctp/CTP_O&B.pdf

*****M/V MOL Comfort** -- A Major Loss as the 7,041-TEU container vessel suffered crack / severe structural failure amidships approximately 200-nm off Yemen, while under way from Singapore to Jeddah on the Indian Ocean during inclement weather on June 17. The vessel broke into two sections. The crew of 26 abandoned the vessel and was rescued by German-flagged container ship [M/V Yantian Express](#), one of three vessels diverted to the site of incident by ICG Mumbai. While some containers reportedly lost, both vessel sections remain afloat as of 26 June 2013 with the majority of cargo still aboard. MOL has contracted a salvage company; four tugs arrived at the site on June 24. Some oil film is reported. Meanwhile, MOL reports it has started an investigation of the cause of failure together with shipbuilder Mitsubishi Heavy Industries (MHI). MOL, together with MHI and classification society Nippon Kaiji Kyokai, Class NK), is arranging inspection of all six sister vessels as quickly as possible. MOL immediately commenced operational precautions to reduce hull stress on the sister vessels as an interim contingency plan. The sister vessels are [MOL Creation](#), [MOL Charisma](#), [MOL Celebration](#), [MOL Courage](#), [MOL](#)

Competence and MOL Commitment.

*****Capacity To Hold Down Rates** as an oversupply of vessels will likely continue to outstrip demand in most shipping services and the outlook for the global shipping industry will remain negative over the next 12-18 months, said Moody's Investors Service.

Read More About Moody's

www.moodys.com/Pages/atc002.aspx

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Moody's_Investors_Service

*****Ports Threatening Great Barrier Reef?** as around 150 Australian and international scientists are calling on the Queensland Government to place a moratorium on port development in the Great Barrier Reef area while an, independent, peer-reviewed study of all threats to the reef is completed and a sustainable coastal development strategy is developed. There are currently 11 cargo ports along the 2,300 kms of coastline bordered by the Great Barrier Reef. They had a combined throughput of 200 Mt in 2011-12, mostly export commodities of vital interest to the Queensland and wider Australian economies. The biggest ports by tonnage are Gladstone, Hay Point, Abbot Point and Townsville.

*****Obama Administration Cuts U.S. Fleet Support** as the highly-subsidised U.S. deepsea fleet will only get 75% of its monthly stipend in August and nothing in September as federal sequestration budget cuts bite, reports American Shipper. Ships in the Maritime Security Program (MSP), under which operators of 60 U.S.-flagged vessels receive US\$3.1M to pay costly American crews in foreign trades, are faced with mandates to operate vessels for 320 days in each in foreign trade to stay in the subsidised program.

Read More About The U.S. Maritime Security Program

www.marad.dot.gov/ships_shipping_landing_page/national_security/maritime_security_program/maritime_security_program.htm

*****LBG Ups The Big Budget** as the Long Beach Board of Harbor Commissioners has approved a US\$1.02Bn budget for fiscal year 2014 that begins on Oct. 1 after the port's latest statistics showed it was gaining on neighbouring Los Angeles. The budget includes the biggest capital improvement spending plan to date for the Port of Long Beach amounting to a total of US\$788M, representing a six per cent increase compared to the previous fiscal year. The budget also anticipates record operating revenue of US\$375M. Total May cargo for the Long Beach & Los Angeles ports, which make up the largest U.S. port complex, was 1.22 million TEUs, including empties.

*****A Bigger Big Ditch?** as the Nicaraguan government has proposed legislation that will give a 50-year concession for the construction and operation of a new canal connecting the Atlantic and Pacific oceans to a Chinese operator, HKND Group, a privately-held int'l infrastructure development firm headquartered

in Hong Kong. Should the Chinese operator succeed in raising sufficient finance to develop the project, it will profoundly alter operational conditions in Nicaragua, shape global trade pattern and shift regional relations. Of several proposed alternatives to the Panama Canal, this proposal seems the most likely yet to get off the ground, partly because of the Nicaraguan government's dominance of the domestic scenario, and partly because of the clear long-term commercial benefits for a number of different actors. Though the Panama Canal is being expanded to take 13,000-TEU containerships, this limit is already being tested by profitability pressures - the largest Super-Post-Panamax ships now account for over 10% of global container shipping capacity. "Since the expanded Panama Canal will not be able to accommodate these ships, the substantial efficiencies that these mega-freighters bring will be partly negated by the longer route they will need to traverse in order to serve the Asia - U.S. East Coast corridor. The Nicaragua Canal would be able to accommodate the largest ships.

*****Harmony Along The Suez** as a plan by Egypt's Islamist-led government to develop the land along the Suez Canal faces fierce opposition in districts that have been flashpoints for violence before, and may even threaten traffic on the strategic waterway. Officials say a draft law aims to raise US\$100Bn in yearly revenues, bypass bureaucracy and create an industrial hub for shipping along the 192 km (120-mile) strip. Those opposing argue it gives the president absolute powers to seize land.

*****Carriers Test New Business Model** as CMA CGM, Maersk Line and MSC Mediterranean Shipping Company SA have agreed to establish a long-term operational alliance on East – West trades, called the P3 Network. The aim is to improve and optimize operations and service offerings. The P3 Network will operate a capacity of 2.6 million TEU (initially 255 vessels on 29 loops) on three trade lanes: Asia – Europe, Trans-Pacific and Trans-Atlantic. While the P3 Network vessels will be operated independently by a joint vessel operating center, the three lines will continue to have fully independent sales, marketing and customer service functions. The plan should thus lower costs, but not reduce capacity.

*****Milestone For The Spider** as the 5,000th Kalmar straddle carrier was rolled out of the multi-assembly unit in Stargard Szczecinski, Poland, this week. This Kalmar AutoStrad is part of an order for 44 diesel-electric straddle carriers to be delivered to Asciano's Patrick Port Botany terminal in Sydney, Australia early 2014. The first straddle carriers were produced in the USA in the late 1920s for in-factory materials handling requirements. Finnish straddle carrier production dates back to the late 1940s. Many Finnish factories were required to produce items that had never been manufactured before in Finland to aid in war reparations to the former Soviet Union. One item was an odd looking machine Finnish engineers dubbed the "spider," based on a machine that had been designed for carrying boards at U.S. sawmills. That machine was recreated from a small, grainy photograph. In the years that followed, this vehicle was to become

the blueprint for the modern straddle carrier. The first 1500 straddle carriers were used for transporting boards and other heavy cargo. As the modern shipping container became a worldwide standard, the straddle carrier evolved to meet this new need. The first Finnish prototypes for container straddle carriers were built in 1975-76, and they have since become an essential tool at ports and terminals of all sizes, first under the Valmet marque, then Sisu and finally Kalmar.

See The Original Straddle Carrier In The Laurel & Hardy Movie "The Busy Bodies" (1933).

www.youtube.com/watch?v=9oVpEbTMmWg

*****E Booking Goes Automatic** as the portal-based ocean shipping e-commerce network INTTRA has unveiled a new application designed to reduce the millions of manual transactions ocean carriers process annually. The product, called INTTRA Change, will allow shippers to submit electronic documents to carriers in the output format from their enterprise resource planning (ERP) system or transportation management system while allowing carriers to receive it in an electronic-data-interchange (EDI) format. INTTRA will map the document – typically bookings and shipping instructions - and convert it to EDI, the preferred format for carriers. Instead of emailing the attachment directly to the carriers, shippers would email it to INTTRA, with the EDI version flowing seamlessly into the carriers' system. The product is designed to eliminate the manual intervention on the carrier side, cutting down on errors, and on staff time needed to key in the information manually. At first INTTRA Change will map any structured readable electronic document – from a PDF to a spreadsheet to output documents from an ERP. Eventually, the application will expand to handle unstructured documents that are captured through optical character recognition (OCR).

www.intra.com/

*****Dole Changes To Containers** as now in strawberry season, the Southern California based produce giant has now decided to spend available funds to acquire three new reefer containerships for US\$165M due for delivery in late 2015 or early 2016. This was revealed as part of the explanation of why the company had decided against a US\$200M share buy back plan, and what it would do with some of the funds earmarked for that purpose. It also indicated a switch to containerships from bulk loading reefer ships, which once dominated the trade suffering declines. The new vessels will be deployed on the company's U.S. west coast operations. Dole generated revenues of US\$4.2Bn in 2012.

*****Soybeans Also Discovering Box Benefits** as a growing number of customers choose to import soybeans via containers. Currently, container shipments make up only a small percentage of soybean exports. Containers are an efficient and effective method to move soybeans to markets in Asia and Europe that cannot accept bulk shipments, increasing profitability for Illinois soybean farmers. Researchers measured 20 quality variables at the origin and destination for eight shipments of Illinois soybeans to Asia. Factors such as protein and oil, grade, weight and moisture were measured at origin and

destination. While differences were recorded, researchers conclude quality is largely maintained during containerized transit.

Read The Containerization Study

www.ilsoy.org/_data/mediaCenter/files/1802.pdf

*****See Someting, Say Something** as the U.S. Coast Guard investigators have assessed "K" Line a US\$75,000 fine its failure to report an engine failure that caused its chartered 4,500-TEU M/V Bangkok Bridge to go adrift in a busy Alaskan shipping lane. Built in 2010, the Panamanian-flagged Bangkok Bridge is operated by "K" Line, and is owned by Wealth Line Inc and Fukujin Kisen Co Ltd, of Ehime, Japan, and was manned by a Korean captain and a Filipino crew. It was later discovered that the ship experienced failure of its main engine, an occurrence that must be reported under U.S. law and was not reported for 10 hours.

*****Throughput >>>** Southeast China's **Fujian province** lifted 4.41 million TEU from January to May, a 10.6% year-on-year increase, accounting for 39.4% of the province's annual container target. >>> **Hong Kong** Marine Dept. figures show the port handled 1.8 million TEU in May, representing a year-on-year decline of 10.5% from 2.1 million TEU in May last year. >>> **Port of Long Beach** has announced that container throughput in May increased 17.2% to 583,588 TEU compared to the same month a year earlier. This is the highest monthly volume since October 2010. >>> **Port of Los Angeles** fell 12.9% in May compared to the same month last year mainly because of vessels shifting elsewhere as total loaded imports and exports for the month decreased 13.4% to 481,019 TEU. >>> Spain's national ports authority **Puertos del Estado** reported container volumes in the first four months were down 3.5% year on year to 4.37 million TEU, hit by an 8.9% drop in transshipments. >>> **Singapore** container volumes increased 1.4% to 2.8 million TEU in May compared to 2.7 million TEU the previous year. >>> **Port of Shanghai** posted a 3.4% year-on-year increase in container volume in May to 2.94 million TEU, but throughput was down from the 4% April increase. >>> **Suez Canal** containership tonnage went up 33% while oil tanker volume increased 22.5% in May year on year. >>> **Port of Virginia** throughput rose 7.2%, or 12,784 TEU, to 191,368 TEU in May compared to the same month last year. >>>

*****This Month In U.S. Navy History**

1815 - Trials of **Fulton I**, built by Robert Fulton, are completed in New York. This ship would become the Navy's first steam-driven warship.

1870 - **USS Mohican** burns Mexican pirate ship **Forward**.

1933 - On 23 June 1933, **USS Macon** (ZRS-5) was commissioned. Following her commissioning, she participated in exercises off the Pacific and southern coasts, testing her abilities for fleet scouting and missions involving her F9C "Sparrowhawk" aircraft. Unfortunately, on 12 Feb. 1935, **Macon** crashed during a storm off Point Sur, California, which effectively ended the Navy's program of rigid airship operations.

1942 - On 21 June 1942, PBY aircraft from (VP 24) recovered a two-man crew from [USS Enterprise](#) (CV 6) TBD (VT 6), 360 miles north of Midway. Their plane had to land in the water on 4 June. The aviators were the last survivors of the Battle of Midway to be recovered.

*****Maersk's New Challenge Game: Quest For Oil** as this first game of its kind and with the convergence of forces, innovation and technology Maersk gives the chance to experience the challenging world of being on a drilling rig with its 53,000 tons of steel rammed into the bottom of the ocean. With the free, worldwide distribution of the real-time strategy game Quest for Oil, Maersk unfolds the unknown universe of oil exploration and invites you to embark on a conquest of the depths of the seabed. Free.
http://questforoil.com/?gclid=CMeos_Wh-7cCFUThQgodAHcApQ

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5. The Cargo Letter Cargo Damage Dispatches
****Back By Popular Demand****

We're sorry, but there were so many sinkings, explosions, pirate attacks, fires, cargo mishaps, battles on the water & other disasters at sea that we do not have room to print even the highlights this month. **Many people lost their lives at sea this month!!**

But you can read all this month's disaster news at our special Internet web feature which provides full details of each event -- our **Vessel Casualties & Pirate Activity Database**. Bookmark the site and visit every day! Updated twice daily.

www.cargolaw.com/presentations_casualties.html

SPECIAL NOTE: Please view the dramatic new pictures at our special "**Gallery of Cargo Loss**" website feature.

www.cargolaw.com/gallery.html

See our amazing photo feature from April 1979: "**UNDER Achiever**" one of the all-time greats!

www.cargolaw.com/2002nightmare_towboat.html

See our newest photo feature "**Singles Only**" - Transportation Disasters Told In A Single Photo!

www.cargolaw.com/2000nightmare_singles.only.html

Daily Vessel Casualties as we don't want you to miss the excitement of our 24 hour reports of the dramatic events at sea each day -- stories of casualties & pirates --- almost none of which are carried on your local news. Edited daily by **Christoph Wahner, Esq.** of **Countryman & McDaniel**.

www.cargolaw.com/presentations_casualties.php

NOTE: The historic dangers of carriage by sea continue to be quite real. **Shippers must be encouraged** to purchase high quality marine cargo insurance from their **freight forwarder or customs broker**. It's dangerous out there.

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OUR "D" Section: FF in Cyberspace***

6. The Cargo Letter "Cyber Ports Of Call"

Here are our suggested world wide web sites of the week for your business, your information and your amusement.....

Cargo & Trade>>>>>>

50th Int'l Paris Air Show
www.paris-air-show.com/

787 Dreamliner Live Flight Tracker
<http://flighttracker.newairplane.com/>

Broker License Customs Exam -- Monday, October 7, 2013 at various locations throughout the United States
www.cbp.gov/linkhandler/cgov/trade/trade_programs/broker/broker_exam/notice_examination.ctt/notice_exam.pdf

FMC Amendments to Regulations Governing Ocean Transportation Intermediary Licensing and Financial Responsibility Requirements
www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2013-05-31/pdf/2013-12429.pdf

Rail Projects in Africa
www.terrapinn.com/template/live/engage.aspx?e=5757&d=8778

U.S. Merchant Marine Academy 2013 Commencement Ceremony
<http://maritimetv.com/Events/USMMACOMMENCEMENTCEREMONY2013.aspx>

When A Vessel Launch Goes Horribly Wrong

www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-2335331/Dramatic-video-captures-ship-launch-going-horribly-wrong.html

PRODUCTS>>>>>>>>

PalletPal 360 Spring Level Loader

www.southworthproducts.com/contentmgr/showdetails.php?id=27&tp=VE1HUj0xLHRpZD0xOTE5LA%3D%3D

EVENTS>>>>>>>>>

Transport Events

www.transportevents.com/

Trade Shows, Exhibitions, Conferences & Business Events Worldwide

www.eventseye.com/

World Trade Organization Events

www.wto.org/english/news_e/meets.pdf

4th Annual MarineTech Summit-201323-25 Sept., Hangzhou, China

www.bitconferences.com/mts2013/default.asp

2nd Annual World Congress of Ocean-2013 23-25 Sept., Hangzhou, China

www.bitconferences.com/WCO2013/default.asp

6th Optimising Port Development Conference 4-5 Dec. 2013, London

www.wplgroup.com/aci/conferences/eu-mpc6.asp

9th IATA Cargo Claims & Loss Prevention 19 - 21 November, 2013, Limerick, Ireland

www.cvent.com/d/Keb2VZzWmkmTNk0S1HSaRA/nn4d/P1/1Q?

Asia Pacific Rail 201418-20 March 2014, Hong Kong

www.terrapinn.com/conference/asia-pacific-rail/index.stm

Air Cargo & Logistics Asia Conference and Exhibition 16-18 Oct. 2013, Singapore

<http://atwonline.com/events/air-cargo-logistics-asia-conference-exhibition-1212>

Cargo Logistics Canada Expo + Conference 29-30 Jan. 2014, Vanouver, Canada

www.bettermail.ca/ct/1177/763349/283687549/2c0a496742cce33fd448475cee6a9f38

FIATA World Congress 2013 in Singapore 16-19 Oct. 2013

www.fiata2013.org/site/

Intermodal Europe 20138-10 Oct. 2013, Hamburg Messe, Hamburg Germany

www.worldcargonews.com/htm/ex20130416.220127.htm

Marine Insurance Association of Seattle 2013 Golf & Bowling Tournament and Banquet Oct. 7 2013

https://mias.memberclicks.net/index.php?option=com_mc&view=mc&mcid=72&eventId=391057&orgId=mias

[Apps For That - iPhones>>>>>>>>>](#)

Mobile App For The Paris Air Show

www.paris-air-show.com/GB/PRACTICAL-INFORMATION/Mobile-Application.htm

[General Interest>>>>>>>>>](#)

After V1stunning slow motion

<http://vimeo.com/67814853>

Bagels In Brooklyn

www.wimp.com/makingbagels/

Boeing Business Jet (BBJ) Go-Around in Heavy Rain

www.youtube.com/watch?v=vtIS0sxFIHk

Boeing's CHAMPnon-leathal war

www.boeing.com/Features/2012/10/bds_champ_10_22_12.html

Brass Bandsure to be one of the strangest shows you've seen

www.wimp.com/brassband/

C-130 Lands Unarrested on an Aircraft Carrier

www.military.com/video/aircraft/military-aircraft/c-130-aerial-achievement/1266838898001/

[Does every motor vehicle need a fire extinguisher?](#)

www.aa.co.za/technical-services/legal/legal-questions/does-every-motor-vehicle-need-a-fire-extinguisherij.html

Food for Thought: What Makes a Captain – a Captain

<http://navylive.dodlive.mil/2013/06/20/food-for-thought-what-makes-a-sailor-a-captain/>

Lamp Shade

www.youtube.com/embed/LgsDWb0orSQ?rel=0&hd=1&egm=0&modestbranding=0&theme=light&autohide=1&iv_load_policy=3&cc_load_policy=0&showinfo=0&showsearch=0

LG-1000the first air-launched, disposable cargo glider capable of carrying 1,000 lbs. of supplies over 70 nautical miles successfully flew above the California desert.

www.youtube.com/watch?feature=player_embedded&v=HZtaDfoRPaw

Lokomotiv Hockey Team Plane Crash Movie - 7 Sept. 2011

www.planecrashes.org/air-crash-investigations-s12e09-lokomotiv-hockey-team-disaster.html

Memories

<http://pinterest.com/sandybiven/do-you-remember/>

Orange County Police Car Chase On The CA-241 Toll Road - Hilarious

<http://offtheedgehumorpics.blogspot.com/2013/04/orange-county-police-car-chase-hilarious.html>

Solar Road must see

www.wimp.com/solarhighways/

Squatty Potty

www.squattypotty.com/Default.asp?gclid=CPuA3qm9-LcCFcqDQgodY2UAEg

USNS Comet Virtual Tour

www.marad.dot.gov/Assets/html/usns_comet_main.html

USS Enterprise (CVN 65) Prepares for Journey Home After 51 Years

<http://navylive.dodlive.mil/2013/06/19/uss-enterprise-cvn-65-prepares-for-journey-home/>

Video: Drunk Vs United Air Pilot

www.liveleak.com/view?i=989_1371617376

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OUR "E" Section: The Forwarder/Broker World***

7. New U.S. Transport Related Legal Cases _____

Growing Problem of The Imposter Trucker

Identity theft is no longer limited to individuals. Crime rings now pose as legitimate motor carriers to bid for on-line (message boards) long haul postings, resulting in the theft of whole truckloads of cargo. Internet load postings give the thieves entre, with the most desirable loads seeking team drivers and \$250,000 insurance – signifying a valuable load.

There are various scenarios, but in one version the crime ring bids on the load and uses the stolen identity of a legitimate trucking company to "prove" its operating authority, certificate of insurance and location of business. To avoid tracing, the thieves use a prepaid cell phone and claim the company is having trouble with its phone or internet, so contact must be to the "dispatcher" directly. The trucker

which actually arrives for the pick-up usually is not from the same company that bid the load, but the driver handles any question by claiming to be an "owner-operator" or "sub-hauler." Because the driver has the correct load information regarding the load – pallet count, weight and destination – the unwitting warehouseman loads the truck and off goes the cargo, not to be seen again.

This problem frequently can be avoided by following the practice of not giving a load to any carrier you do not know, or one who is only available by cell phone or at a personal email address. On a first time load with a new carrier, the load should not be given to a carrier other than the one booked, unless you have followed proper security protocols. For one example out of several techniques you should employ, use the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration website to obtain the carrier's actual contact information, licensing & insurance < <http://li-public.fmcsa.dot.gov/> > and vet the company and the driver identity using its verified land line telephone.

If proper steps are followed, you may miss scheduling an expedited load from time to time because the bidding carrier was unacceptable for any of the foregoing reasons. But, on the other hand, you may have avoided possibly giving a valuable load of cargo to a sophisticated cargo theft ring. For further details of accepted security procedures, agreements and forms, you should consult the attorneys of [Countryman & McDaniel](#).

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And again this month, a lighter look back at transport related legal cases

Hermle Black Forest Clocks, Inc. v. United States

749 F.Supp. 270 (1990)

U.S. Customs: Tuned metal gong rods contained within a clock cabinet that were struck by hammers contained within cabinet and used to audibly announce time were not better classified as musical instrument parts not specifically provided for, as opposed to assemblies and subassemblies for clock movements, in determining tax rate. Nice try!!

Read The Opinion:

www.leagle.com/xmlResult.aspx?page=4&xmlDoc=19901019749FSupp270_1961.xml&docbase=CSLWAR2-1986-2006&SizeDisp=7

United States v. Canals-Jimenez

U.S. 11th Circuit Court of Appeals

943 F.2d 1284 (1991)

Crossing Borders: Alien who had been previously deported could not be found guilty of violating Immigration and Nationality Act by being "found in" United States where he was stopped at airport and had not yet passed through immigration inspection; mere fact alien was "in" United States did not mean he was "found in" United States within meaning of Act..... and if you cover your

eyes, we can't see you!

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