



Trade Facilitation Committee meeting: Tuesday July 28, 2026

Monthly meeting (via zoom)

Round Table: Agency and association updates *submitted: Evey Hwang**

Agency Items

- US Coast Guard updates
- Port, Agency, Associations updates
- Community Calendar

Trade News: Where to start? July 20th week, a furious and blur of Tariffs. With much to share (what we are contending with), below the major ones. I have attached 2nd page of “**Trade News continued**” (some items put together and shared with others)

[President Trump Sets 50% Tariff Under Section 338 on Certain Canadian Products via Three Separate Proclamations](#)

[Fact Sheet: President Donald J. Trump Imposes Additional Tariffs on Canada – The White House](#)

Tariff announced for Brazil for Section 301 Tariff of 25% Effective July 22, 2026 12:01 a.m.

https://ustr.gov/sites/default/files/files/Issue_Areas/Enforcement/Section%20301/Brazil%20301%20Final%20Action%20FRN%207-15-2026%20final.pdf

The Tariff Swap happened at July 24, 2026 12:01 a.m.: Replacing the Global 10% Section 122 Tariff, Forced Labor Tariff on 60 countries (301 Investigations) for 10% and 12%....

<https://ustr.gov/about/policy-offices/press-office/press-releases/2026/june/ustr-makes-findings-and-proposes-action-60-section-301-investigations-relating-failures-take-action>

https://content.govdelivery.com/bulletins/gd/USDHSCBP-421d887?wgt_ref=USDHSCBP_WIDGET_2

Port news: Ongoing Supply Chain disruptions since February 28th US-Iran conflict continues to escalate with lasting consequences and uncertainty. <https://www.npr.org/2026/07/22/nx-s1-5902843/us-iran-updates>

[War sends Asia-US ocean rates soaring 234% since February - FreightWaves](#)

Locally, effective July 27, 2026, CBP SF Information Notice stated "Trade or Agriculture (10X) exams will no longer have the option to select their own trucker to transfer the container from the terminal to the Centralized Examination Station (CES)" On Friday July 24, 2026 CBFANC board members met with PCC Logistics leaders to discuss the impact of the increased drayage requirements. Discussion centered on communications and concerns on losing option to select own trucking. With their new Warehouse Management System (WMS), they plan to add more staff and effect faster turnaround time. Much discussion on necessary improvement on providing billing quickly upon CBP release and again on communicating updates. PCC understands community needs and timely updates

CBFANC/Community News

July 29, 2026 [Rebuilding Resilience](#) Shifting Risk Landscape Tariff shifts, heightened enforcement, sophisticated cargo theft schemes, and expanding liability are placing new demands on customs brokers, freight forwarders, and transportation intermediaries.

September 22-24, 2026 International Propellor Club Convention

Notable Port and Trade Connections:

PCNC supports Cal Maritime students – seeking internships and employment for students at Cal Poly Maritime contact Stas Margonis for details.

CBFANC supports San Francisco State University students – seeking internships and employment for SFSU students, contact Evey Hwang for details.

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Trade News continued

1) What does the USMCA not being "renewed" mean? Nothing changes, for now.

<https://natlawreview.com/article/usmca-joint-review-triggers-annual-reviews-does-not-alter-current-trade-benefits>

2) Sudden death of Lindsey Graham last weekend has pushed forward his co-sponsored and bipartisan bill "Sanctioning Russia Act of 2026" forward but it's complicated as sanctions include Tariffs on top five purchasers of Russian oil, currently China, India, Slovakia, Hungary and Azerbaijan

<https://www.britt.senate.gov/wp-content/uploads/2026/07/Sanctions-Bill-JUL-One-Pager-FINAL.pdf>

<https://www.congress.gov/119/bills/s1241/BILLS-119s1241is.pdf>

3) This article interesting and nice to know an US ally require what an US partner deserves, a fair trade deal

<https://www.reuters.com/markets/emerging/an-emboldened-india-holds-out-better-terms-us-trade-talks-2026-07-13/>

4) White House Executive Order 6-3-26 increased enforcement and scrutiny on Importer of Records and Brokers for verifications on POA, identification and proof of direct communications (with Customs Brokers).

<https://www.whitehouse.gov/fact-sheets/2026/06/fact-sheet-president-donald-j-trump-strengthens-customs-enforcement/>

5) Trade Fraud Enforcement: The Department of Justice Press release stated the Trade Fraud Task Force stated the TTF's mandate "covers the entire supply chain, including importers, customs brokers, downstream distributors, industrial and commercial end-users, and other supply-chain actors who knowingly profit from merchandise imported contrary to law." <https://www.justice.gov/fraud/media/1452331/dl?inline>

Justice Department Uncovers Largest Trade Fraud Syndicate at Press Briefing in Illinois

<https://www.youtube.com/live/Lhk1Eqv9PF4?is=oO1MF6z3UvXZVgL0>

6) Effective July 29 Copper 232 Tariff revision (there were about the 3 metal 232 Tariff revisions this year) CSMS #69252300 Section 232 Copper Smelt a Cast Reporting Requirements

https://content.govdelivery.com/bulletins/gd/USDHSCBP-420b4cc?wgt_ref=USDHSCBP_WIDGET_2

7) IEEPA Refunds. As reported in previous updates, each importer should have their IEEPA refund strategy. Each broker needs to protect their own interest and remind their import clients of their own responsibility and to seek legal counsel as needed. I.e. Each broker needs to protect their own interest and remind their import clients of their own responsibility and to seek legal counsel as needed.

https://www.strtrade.com/trade-news-resources/str-trade-report/trade-report/july/file-a-lawsuit-now-to-secure-ieepa-tariff-refunds-on-liquidated-entries?mkt_tok=NzIzLVdPWj00NDYAAAGjC4jTiF65d--g5npOkgxvzbz7DQ07y0_U-GFieEgH7rZZqZzFQRvrkg1xKo04pfJt5_LFHx2QIBa5J8QtKQTy4OIK7vhkaxM4O05jk5fbrN7ku

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