



TRADE FACILITATION COMMITTEE NEWS

A compendium of discussion at the monthly meeting by the Trade Facilitation Committee of the MARINE EXCHANGE of the San Francisco Bay Region – Fred Hosking, Chair. For further information or comments, call 415-441-6600, fax 415-441-3080 or visit www.sfmex.org.
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CHAIR - Reviewed topics of November meeting and addressed issues of mutual concerns and updates from attendees. As the last meeting of the year, also addressed meeting dates for 2004. Congrats to all attendees – this meeting was a record turn out – let's keep it up! It is also time to thank all of the Committee members for their attendance and support of the SFMX TFC throughout the year making it an invaluable forum to the regional Bay area trade community; a hearty welcome to new members as well.

CBP & FDA/BTA Related issues

The deadline for FDA registration has come and gone and no one is the worse for wear and tear. FDA has now extended the implementation date until mid spring and in fact looks that there will be a further extension into midyear. Worldwide, registration has been slow to conform and there has been a great deal of misinformation or misunderstanding on who is required to register. In the long run, importers who are not complying can expect delays and ultimately in the long run, fines. CBFANC has been very successful in educating its members as information has become available. The FDA Website is a valuable tool – click on Bioterrorism in the highlighted window on the right side of the page for more details. It was agreed to give further review to the proposed move of the Marine Division to Oakland to

Happy Holidays... Happy New Year!

accommodate all members of the marine community on both sides of the Bay and where the largest portion of the Marine Division filings occur. CBP assures that the service will be uninterrupted. Agreed to further pursue a joint meeting between CBP, Port of Oakland, Terminal operators, CBFANC President, and SFMX TFC. USDA/CBP EDI integration working very well; Unified AG exams to take place in CES if required eliminating multiple pick up attempts/dry runs by truckers. Vaccus will take place on the pier of discharge.

COAST GUARD –

Port of SF Pier 30-32 dedication activities later today. Port security plans in final form for end year deadline; enforcement in place by mid year 2004.

LEGAL -

Brief discussion of NVOCC's vs VOCC's in light of UPS headlines. NCBFAA has also taken this subject to Washington.

TRUCKING –

After a long absence we are pleased to again have representation from this important segment of our trade community. Congestion issues remain a major topic as well as the move of Matson to the former Howard Terminals. We look forward to continued support and participation.

CBFANC – This was the last meeting for the now sitting CBFANC President, Ms. Jeanne Burns. We thank her for her invaluable contribution(s) and

support of our Committee and pursuit of substantive matters germane to the TFC membership. We look forward to welcoming Jack Hubbard of TLR Logistics, the new CBFANC President.

SENATOR FEINSTEIN'S OFFICE –

We were very pleased to have the Senator's office so well represented and look forward to their future participation.

CARRIERS -

Concerns over the move to the Port of Oakland by the Marine Division for those carriers operating on the Bay/SF port side; also, transshipment of So American/Far East cargoes over California ports.

Next meeting:

Tuesday, January 27, 2004
San Francisco World Trade Club

Attending: Alan Steinbrugge, SFMX; John P. Leyden, CBP; John Leitner, SFMX & W.J. Byrnes; Jim Molinari, Senator Dianne Feinstein's Office; Deanna Behr, Hoyt Shepston Marine; Gerhard Jacob, Hamburg Sud NA; Glenn Colville, Comerica Bank; Louis Andrade, The Mechanics Bank; Charles Coleman, Holland & Knight, LLP; Lynn Korwatch, SFMX; Frank Johnston, MARAD; Jerry Swanson, USCG-COTP; Jeanne Burns, CBFANC; Kay Fike, Francean Rible, Steven Baxter, CBP; Eva Kong, Port of Oakland; Tom Kearsley, Pacific Commodities; Chaired by Fred Hosking, Hoyt Shepston, Inc.