

NEWS IN BRIEF

New Director of Operations

We are happy to announce that **Asim Faiz** has been promoted to Director of Operations. All Carmichael Branch offices, other than Los Angeles, will report to Asim. He will retain his responsibilities as New York Branch Manager. We are excited to have Asim step into this new role. He has been with Carmichael over 20 years and has been instrumental in developing many of our operational processes and tools, as well as our web portal. We are excited about this change.

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Revised USMCA Interim Implementation Instructions

U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) has published revised Interim Implementation Instructions for the U.S.-Mexico-Canada Agreement (USMCA). It provides various updates to instructions, many of which were based on questions CBP received in the webinars they hosted.

The instructions are guidelines and the final regulations are expected near the date of implementation; however, the guidelines are a very good explanation on how USMCA works.

The new instructions can be found on CBP's [website](#).

ILWU One Day Stoppage at West Coast Terminals

The International Longshore and Warehouse Union (ILWU) will have a work stoppage on Friday, June 19, 2020. It will last for 8 hours in observance of Juneteenth and as a show of support to end racism and police brutality. Juneteenth is the date in 1865 when black slaves in Texas first learned of their emancipation. All 29 Terminals on the West Coast will be closed during the 8-hour day shift on Friday.

USTR Lighthizer Tells Congress, Entry De Minimis Too High

U.S. Trade Representative, Robert Lighthizer testified before Congress on June 16. While discussing several trade issues, he called for a reduction in the dollar amount allowed by the United States for duty and exemption. The United States allows up to \$800.00 in merchandise on an imported shipment.

This amount is far higher than the allowance granted by our trading partners for imports to their country. He commented that the high amount is costing U.S. jobs while other countries keep a low entry de minimis to protect their economy.

USTR Announces New Exclusions Notices

The Office of the U.S. Trade Representative (USTR) issued a few Federal Register Notices (FRN) on new exclusions to China 301 duty. The most recent was issued on June 12, 2020 for List 4. This list of exclusions can be found on the Federal Register site by clicking [here](#).

On June 8, 2020 the Office of the USTR issued a notice for new exclusions to List 4 that can be found on the USTR's [website](#).

In the past, exclusions have been granted for one year; however, these exclusions and any other newer exclusions for all lists will expire at the end of the year on December 31, 2020.

CIS Webinar on our new Web Portal

Carmichael will be hosting another webinar to introduce our customers to our new Web Portal. This will be held on June 24 at 10 am PDT. If you are interested in attending, please send a message to the following email address: joseph.lee@carmnet.com



By **Todd Boice**, President