



<b>ISSUE DATE:</b> <b>APR 25 2023</b>	<b>ISSUE NO:</b> 2023-08
<b>SUBJECT:</b> Usage of the Dedicated Commuter Lanes (FAST Lanes)	<b>DISTRIBUTION:</b> All Calexico, Otay Mesa, Tecate, and San Diego Customhouse Brokers, Importers and Other Interested Parties

**PURPOSE:**

In an effort to, improve commercial conveyance processing and efficiency of *Free and Secure Trade* (FAST) traffic U.S. Customs and Border Protection at the Port of Otay Mesa Cargo will enforce all Dedicated Commuter Lanes (DCL) violations (ie., FAST Lane). There has been an increase of ineligible usage of the FAST Lane by non-FAST Drivers and/or FAST Drivers hauling non-C-TPAT shipments.

**PROCEDURES:**

In order to, use the FAST lanes, drivers in the conveyance must be in possession of a valid FAST Commercial Driver card. The Dedicated Commuter Lanes (FAST Lanes) clearance can only be used if:

1. FAST approved driver carries eligible goods for a Customs Trade Partnership Against Terrorism (C-TPAT)
2. It is being transported by an approved C-TPAT carrier company and
3. It is being entered by an approved C-TPAT importer under high security seal.
4. On the U.S. / Mexico border, the manufacturer must also be C-TPAT approved.

CBP officers will strictly enforce the law. Drivers entering the United States are subject to compliance and enforcement checks. If a driver is found compromising any condition of the FAST program, in violation or of any law of the United States, officers may:

- Revoke/suspend their FAST Commercial Driver card.
- Seize any undeclared goods and the vehicle you used to transport those goods.
- Issue penalties.
- Initiate administrative procedures; and,
- Initiate criminal prosecution.

Any questions concerning this notice may be addressed to Otay Cargo Trade Chief Karin at 619 671-8131 or via email at [karin.oviedo@cbp.dhs.gov](mailto:karin.oviedo@cbp.dhs.gov).

**REFERENCES:**

Office of Field Operations  
Port of Otay Mesa, California  
**PUBLIC INFORMATION NOTICE**



**U.S. Customs and  
Border Protection**

- 19 U.S. Code § 1433 Report of arrival of vessels, vehicles, and aircraft
- 19 U.S. Code § 1436 Penalties for violations of arrival, reporting, entry, and clearance requirements
- 19 U.S. Code § 1459 Reporting requirements for individuals

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Rosa E. Hernandez". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long tail extending to the right.

Rosa E. Hernandez  
Port Director  
Port of Otay Mesa