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SUBJECT: CBP Guidance for Brokers and Carriers Utilizing C-TPAT and FAST Lane

DISTRIBUTION: Calexico Customhouse Brokers, Importers and Other Interested Parties

PURPOSE:

To provide trade stakeholders with information concerning the regulations for the utilization of the C-TPAT / FAST lane. Recently it has been observed that some drivers are utilizing the C-TPAT / FAST lane when in fact the shipment is not C-TPAT.

BACKGROUND:

The C-TPAT (Customs-Trade Partnership against Terrorism) is a voluntary government-business initiative to build cooperative relationships that strengthen and improve overall international supply chain and U.S. border security. The FAST (Free and Secure Trade) program provides expedited Customs and Border Protection (CBP) processing for companies that adopt CBP approved security measures.

PROCEDURE:

To be eligible for FAST processing and to use a designated FAST lane, importers, manufacturers, and carriers must participate in the Customs-Trade Partnership against Terrorism (C-TPAT) program.

- The key benefits of FAST enrollment are:
- Access to dedicated lane for greater speed and efficiency in processing trans-border shipments.
- Reduced number of inspections resulting in reduced delays at the border.
- Priority, front-of-the-line processing for CBP inspections.
- Enhanced supply chain security.

This notice is to serve as a reminder that only C-TPAT participants may utilize the FAST lane at the Calexico Cargo Port of Entry. In the event the shipment makes entry at the designated FAST lane and it is not a C-TPAT participant, the conveyance and commodity will be sent for secondary inspection. Additionally the driver may have his FAST document suspended/and/or revoked.

Additionally to ensure expedited processing upon entering the United States please ensure that empty conveyances have an E-Manifest in ACE.

For those parties requesting more information in regards to the C-TPAT or FAST program please visit <https://www.cbp.gov/travel/trusted-traveler-programs/fast> or feel free to contact the Calexico FAST office at (760)768-2448.

We appreciate your assistance in disseminating this information to your clients. If you have any further questions, please feel free to contact Duty Supervisor at (760) 768-2347/2348.

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