



U.S. Manufacturing Exports Swing from Deficit to Surplus with Free Trade Agreement Countries

In the first five months of 2008, the trade balance in manufactured goods rose to a \$2.7 billion surplus with our Free-Trade Agreement partners from a \$12.3 billion deficit, according to data presented by U.S. Secretary of Commerce Carlos M. Gutierrez.

“These figures show that our FTAs are succeeding and that Americans benefit from open markets,” Gutierrez said. Citing the surplus as evidence of the competitiveness of U.S. manufacturing, Gutierrez proceeds to declare “It’s clear FTAs make us more competitive and contribute to the health of the U.S. economy . . . U.S. manufactured exports and local economies depend on free markets for jobs and prosperity.”

These calculations are based on the monthly data released by the U.S. Census Bureau and are defined as products that fall under NAICS classifications 31-33. For more information, visit http://trade.gov/press/press_releases/2008/mfgexports_072308.asp

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Paul Bellack Inc. Opens New Jersey / New York Branch

In early July 2008, Paul Bellack formally opened operations in Northern New Jersey to expand our range of services into the ports of Newark, Elizabeth, and New York. The office is strategically located within the facility of our warehousing partner, Federation Logistics LLC, offering over 250,000 square feet of fully-racked storage space and U.S. Customs bonded cargo facilities. If you have any questions regarding operations in New Jersey, or you think we may be of some additional assistance to you, please do not hesitate to contact us at the following address:

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Container Security Provisions

Effective October 15, 2008, U.S. Customs and Border Protection will begin to enforce the existing requirement that all standard maritime containers arriving in the United States, including foreign cargo remaining on board, must be sealed with a high security seal which meets the ISO/PAS 17712 standard. Please click here for additional information . . .

<http://edocket.access.gpo.gov/2008/pdf/E8-18174.pdf>

Or visit the International Seal Manufacturer's Association website to ensure your supplier/carrier is using ISO compliant seals for merchandise consigned to your corporation . . .

<http://www.ismasecurity.com/>



EMPLOYEE FOCUS

ANA MUNIZ IMPORT MANAGER, MIAMI

In September of 1980, Paul Bellack opened a Miami branch, offering a limited range of services geared exclusively to the freight forwarding industry. In October of 1989 we expanded our operations to include customs brokerage services and are proud to have had Ana Muniz manage the import department from day one.

Earning her customs broker license in April of 1987, Ana has been providing her expertise and highly personalized service for nearly 20 years. During that time, technological advancements completely transformed the way entries are filed and how information is exchanged with government agencies; simultaneously, Ana has adapted to these changes stride-for-stride and continues to maintain remarkable trade compliance and customer service that accounts for a high level of repeat business from our valued customers.

In addition to her passion for the transportation and logistics industry, Ana loves taking care of the growing population of Orchid plants currently filling her office.



Mandatory AES is Now in Effect



The U.S. Census Bureau's final rule, which requires the filing of export information through the Automated Export System or AESDirect, for all shipments where a Shipper's Export

Declaration (SED) is currently required, took effect on July 2, 2008.

(AES is the electronic method for filing SED information directly with U.S. Customs and Border Protection and Census. AESDirect is the Census' free Internet-based system for filing SED information with AES.)

Although the final rule is effective July 2, 2008, Census has stated it will enforce its provisions after September 30, 2008, in order to give affected entities time to come into compliance.

Some highlights to the final rule include:

- Remove requirements for filing a paper SED, so that AES is the only mode available
- Add language specifying the procedure for reporting the value of goods when inland freight and insurance charges are not known
- Specify time and place-of-filing requirements

For more information, please refer to the CBP website at:
<http://www.cbp.gov/xp/cgov/trade/automated/aes/>

Industry Briefs

New CBP Reporting Requirements for Softwood Lumber

Importers are required to provide CBP three additional data elements: an export price, estimated export charge, if any applies, and an importer declaration. These elements must be submitted for each line of imported softwood lumber and softwood lumber products subject to the Softwood Lumber Act of 2008 on the entry summary, CBP form 7501. CBP Form 7501 and any supporting documentation must be retained by the importer in accordance with CBP record keeping requirements and be produced upon request.

Continuous Bonds Rendered Insufficient Due to Bad Address

U.S. Customs and Border Protection has issued a notice providing instructions to the trade community for continuous bonds rendered insufficient due to a bad address. Note that the importer is responsible for ensuring that their address on file with CBP is valid at all times.

If the importer mailing address has changed, the importer, or broker, must file a properly executed CBP 5106 form AND an Address Change bond rider to CBP.

If you have any concerns regarding your address filed with CBP, or how to apply for a continuous bond, please contact Paul Bellack Inc. for further instruction.

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