

American Institute for International Steel, Inc.
Customs Committee Meeting
8:30 a.m. Monday, November 9, 2009
New York Hilton
Steven W. Baker, Chair

PRELIMINARY AGENDA

Participants from Customs and Border Protection:

Office of International Trade, Washington, D.C. (*invited*)
Office of Field Operations (*invited*)
National Import Specialist Mary Ellen Laker, New York (*confirmed*)

How are steel importers performing

Compliance Measurement
FA/ISA (Focused Assessment, Importer Self Assessment)
C-TPAT (Customs Trade Partnership Against Terrorism)
CSI (Container Security Initiative)
Advance Cargo Manifests-Ocean, Truck, Rail

Importer Security Filing (ISF) (10+2)

Level of steel import participation/compliance
Product Coverage – Bulk/Break Bulk
Enforcement and Penalties (January 26, 2010)
Bond and Filer requirements

Entry issues

AD/CVD
Classification
Related Party valuation
Inspections – issues in direct discharge ports

Current Issues:

Use of security data for commercial enforcement: Customs Reauthorization Bill, audit questionnaires
Application of CVD law to NMEs (non market economies): GPX Int'l Tire case
Buy America
Mexico trucking dispute

Proposals

New CBP Commissioner nominated: Alan Bersin
WCO revives harmonized Rules of Origin (ROO) development
COGSA (Carriage of Goods by Sea Act) updates under Rotterdam Rules
Bill to expand jurisdiction of US Court of International Trade
WCO HTS revisions: current round has no significant changes to Chapters 72-73

Continuing (and continuing, and continuing...) Issues:

ACE (Automated Commercial Environment): Delays, funding
Generalized System of Preferences Renewal: current expiration Dec. 31, 2009
WPM (Wood Packaging Materials): Changes in penalty provisions

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