



## INTERNATIONAL TRADE NEWSLETTER

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### UCP 600 Coming July 2007

The UCP (Uniform Customs and Practice Act for Documentary Credits) are the governing rules for the handling and negotiation of Letters of Credits. There have been 5 revisions since its inception. The 6<sup>th</sup> revision is due for release in July 2007.

UCP rules are regularly reviewed and updated when necessary to reflect current banking and trade practice. The current revision process started when the ICC Banking Commission authorized work to begin in 2003. A nine-person drafting group and a forty-one person consulting group were formed to develop proposed revisions for the ICC national committees worldwide. Based on national committee feedback, successive meetings provided revised drafts, repeating the cycle over a three year period. The final draft is slated for release in October as UCP 600.

Seminars to review the changes are now being scheduled for 2007. We are recommending that exporters take advantage of seminars that are available. Please visit the link below for dates.

<http://www.uscib.org/index.asp?DocumentID=3515>

### Alameda Corridor Charge Increase

Please kindly note that Alameda Corridor Charge will be increased to the following levels with effect November 24, 2006. All cargo utilizing rail services through Los Angeles shall be subject to the revised pricing. These prices are passed via ocean carriers to importers and exporters.

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ACC-Alameda Corridor Surcharge  
Effective: Nov/24/06

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#### ALAMEDA CORRIDOR CHARGE

USD 18 per 20ft  
USD 36 per 40ft  
USD 36 per 40' HC  
USD 40 per 45ft

The Alameda Corridor is a 20-mile-long rail cargo expressway linking the ports of Long Beach and Los Angeles to the transcontinental rail network near downtown Los Angeles. It is a series of bridges, underpasses, overpasses and street improvements that separate freight trains from street traffic and passenger trains, facilitating a more efficient transportation network. The project's centerpiece is the Mid-Corridor Trench, which carries freight trains in an open trench that is 10 miles long, 33 feet deep and 50 feet wide between State Route 91 in Carson and 25th Street in Los Angeles. Construction began in April 1997. Operations began in April 2002.

#### **BDG International announces the appointment of our new Export Manager**

BDG International recently appointed Nancy Albergo to the position of Export Manager. Nancy is responsible for the operations and management of the air and ocean export team.

Nancy joined BDG in the Summer of 2005 with over 12 years of experience in international logistics.

We are confident Nancy's leadership will allow us to reach new service goals for our customers.

Nancy can be contacted directly at 847-760-0022 or [nancya@bdginternational.com](mailto:nancya@bdginternational.com).

#### **Real Time Flight Tracking**

Track flights in real time with this website. Visit BDG International's website. Go to the Real Time Flight Tracking link.

[http://www.bdginternational.com/web\\_tools/web\\_tools.htm](http://www.bdginternational.com/web_tools/web_tools.htm)

#### International Business Conferences

**Nov. 7 *SOUTH AFRICA INTERNATIONAL TRADE INITIATIVE***. These companies represent the following sectors: Bio-technology; Automotive; Mining Equipment; Electro-technical equipment; Textiles and high-end décor.

11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m., The Chicago Club, 81 East Van Buren Street, Chicago. Members of sponsoring organizations - \$45; Non- members - \$55. For information & registration, please call Amina Majeed at 312/467-2936. To arrange one-on-one appointments with companies, please call Carla Cherry at 312/939-7929 x229 or e- mail: [ccherry@thedti.gov.za](mailto:ccherry@thedti.gov.za)

**Nov. 7 *EXCLUSIVE BUYER-SELLER MEET – ENCOURAGING TRADE WITH INDIA***. The Electronics and Computer Software Export Promotion Council of India invites you to meet with CEOs from India's fastest growing IT companies who offer a variety of software and services for your business and the opportunity to market your products and services in India. 6:00 – 8:00 p.m., Offices of Gardner, Caron & Douglas LLP, 191 North Wacker Drive, Suite 3700, Chicago. For information & registration, please call Jennifer Fortney at 773/529-7547.

**Nov. 16 *GRAY GOODS: HOW TO PROTECT YOUR TRADEMARK GOODS IN U.S. & EUROPEAN TRADE***. KMR. 1:15 – 5:00 p.m., Offices of KMR, 525 West Monroe Street, 19th Floor Conference Center, Chicago. No charge; advance registration requested by Nov. 1. For information & registration, please call Shane Riedel at 312/577-8379; e-mail: [shane.riedel@kattenlaw.com](mailto:shane.riedel@kattenlaw.com); visit: [www.kattenlaw.com/graygoods](http://www.kattenlaw.com/graygoods)