

July International Trade Newsletter

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ACH ANNUAL NOTIFICATION

Under the requirements of Section 111.29 of the Customs Regulations, it is BDG's responsibility to notify our import clients on an annual basis of the payment options to customs.

"If you are the importer of record, payment to the broker will not relieve you of liability for Customs charges (duties, taxes, or other debts owed Customs) in the event the charges are not paid by the broker. Therefore, if you pay by check, Customs charges may be paid with a separate check payable to the "U.S. Customs Service" which shall be delivered to Customs by the broker."

BDG International, Inc. can help set up credit on your behalf with U.S. Customs Automated Clearing House Program. The ACH program will withdraw the duty payment directly out of your account and send it to Customs. We recommend ACH for importers who have duties that exceed \$5,000.00 per entry.

Duties are required to be paid by the tenth working day, counted from the date of the entry. If the payment is made after the tenth day, penalties will be levied by customs. We are proud to say, BDG has never had to pay penalties for a late payment. If you choose the ACH to be processed from your account, there are very easy steps to ensure that late payment will not be made. If you are interested, please let us know.

For those of you who choose BDG to make payment of duties for you. BDG is automated in making payment of duties. Each week we send payment of all duties owed for that week via the Automated Clearing House program on the behalf of our import clients. We receive a confirmation from customs that they have received the payment and paperwork required. Our accounting department then receives the final confirmation from the bank confirming that the payment had been withdrawn properly. All import entries require the payment process to be followed. Even if the amount owed is "Zero" due to no duties or taxes required, the broker is still required to go through the motions of making a "Zero" duty payment.

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Continued Port Congestion

Peak Season this year has been busier than anticipated. For example Volume on Asia Inbound is up 14%. On exports we are seeing cut off date extended beyond the typical rail transit time to the port. In one case the rail cut off was 12 days prior to sailing. Miami continue to suffer from occasional independent trucker strikes.

The port of L.A. is suffering due to the high volumes and labor shortages. The port and union are currently hiring an additional 3000 personnel to deal with the current freight volumes. They anticipate these personnel will be fully trained and working later this fall.

We are advising all importers and exporters to anticipate continued longer than usual transit times and plan accordingly.

BDG International News

Construction of the second floor of our Elgin location continues. Currently we are installing our elevator; we anticipate the completion of our facility in November. Our goal is to have our Import and Air Export departments joining us prior to the end of the year.

We are in the process of implementing our new enterprise wide Forwarding, Customs Brokerage and Accounting software. With our new software BDG will be offering the latest in on-line track and trace functionality and fully customizable on-line reporting. These features are controllable by our clients. Automatic milestone reporting, online reports that can be sorted by multiple column headings and exportable to Excel worksheets will all be part of the package. We are very excited about offering these new tools and plan to offer these services this Fall.

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The world's largest full container vessel, [M/V CSCL-Asia](#), kicked off its maiden voyage on July 13 from Hong Kong. The China Shipping Container Lines vessel, which has a capacity of 8,500 TEU, was the 1st of five 8,500 TEU container vessels that the company has ordered. The mainland company has also ordered eight 9,600 TEU mega vessels that are expected to begin operating in the next few years. The [M/V CSCL-Asia](#) is registered in Hong Kong.

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We invite you to contact our offices with any questions you may have.

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