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CPSC to begin issuing detention notices (From our friends at Grunfeld Desiderio)

The Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) intends to take over the notices of detention from Customs (CBP) and issue its own notices with more detailed information starting on or about June 14, 2010. To date, detention notices with regard to alleged CPSC violations have been issued by CBP. Follows are some specifics:

- Detention notices will be issued by a CPSC compliance investigator or field officer.
- Notices will contain the following information:
 - Description of the suspected violation;
 - Relevant statute; and
 - CPSC contact information
- Notices will be issued to the importer with copies to the customs broker and CBP; the importer can choose to receive the notice by email or fax.
- Only the goods described on the detention notice will be detained.
- The importer will deal directly with the CPSC.
- The importer has 5 business days to provide information to resolve the initial detention (e.g., provide test reports which support compliance). Extensions will be granted on a case by case basis.
- Conditional Release - CPSC can allow conditional release under Customs bond pending their investigation results. Conditional release will be considered on a case-by-case basis. Merchandise cannot be distributed during the release period.
- CPSC's goal is to resolve the detention within 30 days. Goods will not be deemed excluded if CPSC fails to make a determination within 30 days.

Transpacific capacity on upswing (From our friends at American Shipper)

Weekly transpacific containership capacity has surged by 50,000 TEUs since January, according to the maritime news service *Alphaliner*. In its weekly report, *Alphaliner* said capacity has been boosted by the introduction of 14 new services in April and May as carriers transitioned from their winter off-season capacity withdrawals. These 14 services - some were relaunched services and others were new services - added 37,000 TEUs of capacity on the trade. In all, since January, capacity has increased 17 percent as carriers show signs of confidence that a rebound in container volumes is sustainable.

CITES amended

If you import animals under the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species (CITES), please contact our office for the amendments. They will become effective June 23, 2010.

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Kat has received the difficult customhouse broker license from the Treasury Department. She joins Lee, Ray, Sandy, and Lisa in this professional capacity.

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