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Hurricane Matthew causes vessel delays in Savannah (From American Shipper)

Georgia Ports Authority Executive Director Griff Lynch said the Port of Savannah is quickly recovering from Hurricane Matthew, but cargo vessels are unable to reach the port until navigational aids are repaired. [Ed. note: This is expected sometime on Wednesday, Oct 12, but there are at least a dozen vessels waiting to go through the channel. Please expect delays of up to a week, perhaps longer, for Savannah cargo as the GPA works through the backlog. We are not aware of any other ports having delays at this time.] For more info, please go to:

<http://www.americanshipper.com/main/asd/hurricane-matthew-causes-vessel-delays-in-savannah-65647.aspx>

Food Facilities Must Re-Register with FDA Between Oct. 1 and Dec. 31 (From Sandler Travis)

Food facilities required to register with the Food and Drug Administration must renew their registrations between Oct. 1 and Dec. 31. Food being imported or offered for import into the U.S. is from a foreign facility for which registration has not been submitted or renewed must be held at the port of entry for and may not be delivered to the importer, owner, or consignee until the foreign facility is registered. Failure to register or renew a registration can also expose facilities to civil or criminal action. For more info, please go to

<http://www.strtrade.com/news-publications-food-facility-registration-FDA-091916.html>

CBP Outlines Due Diligence Steps to Help Avoid Imports Made with Forced Labor (From Sandler Travis)

U.S. Customs and Border Protection has posted information on a number of tools companies can use to develop social compliance systems that will help

them combat the risks of child and forced labor in their operations and global supply chains. For more info, please go to

<http://www.strtrade.com/news-publications-forced-labor-imports-due-diligence-customs-100716.html>

[Ed. note: The Trade Facilitation and Trade Enforcement Act of 2015 has steep fines for importers that fail to comply. We urge you to make sure you are in compliance with this legislation. If there is any doubt, please contact us.]

FedEx increases prices for 2017 (From American Shipper)

FedEx Corp. announced last month, its subsidiaries - FedEx Express, FedEx Ground and FedEx Freight - will increase shipping rates effective Jan. 2, 2017. FedEx Express will raise rates by an average of 3.9 percent for U.S. domestic, U.S. export and U.S. import services. FedEx Ground and FedEx Home Delivery will increase rates by an average of 4.9 percent, and FedEx SmartPost rates will also change. For more info, please go to

<http://www.americanshipper.com/main/asd/fedex-increases-prices-for-2017-65407.aspx>

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