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Hello.

I hope you all are going to celebrate St Patty's Day. It is my birthday and I like the idea of people enjoying it!

We have great things in the pipeline that I think will amaze you all! I included some information this time about MORPC and I will make an effort to keep giving you different information to help us all understand how we can interact and be better.

I hope we can keep **GROWING, LEARNING and INSPIRING** each other!

For your reference, this will be on the website:

www.servinglogistics.com

Enjoy!

Thanks and best regards,

*Beth

A Global Glance:

NWSeaport Alliance:

<https://www.nwseaportalliance.com/#/maps/overview>

Port of NY/NJ:

<http://www.panynj.gov/port/>

Port of Nansha:

www.portofnansha.com

Port of LGB:

<http://www.polb.com>/<http://www.polb.com/>

Port of Panama Canal:

<http://www.pancanal.com>



Panama Canal Sets New Milestone with 3,000th Neopanamax Transit

Date: 02-MAR-2018

Panama City, March 2, 2018 - Today the Panama Canal announced the transit of its 3,000th Neopanamax vessel, exceeding initial traffic expectations by this date and reaffirming the value and impact its route has had on global maritime trade.

The Panamanian flagged containership MSC Caterina completed the milestone transit this morning traveling northbound from the Pacific to the Atlantic Ocean. The vessel measures 300 meters in length and 48 meters in beam, with a total TEU allowance (TTA) of 9,000 containers. It was one of nine Neopanamax vessels welcomed at the Panama Canal today.



"Today's milestone, achieved in less than two years of operation, serves as a proud reminder of the confidence that our customers and the broader maritime industry have placed in our route," said Canal Administrator, Jorge Luis Quijano.

Since its inauguration on June 26, 2016, the Neopanamax locks have had a positive effect on economies of global scales by providing the shipping industry with greater capacity to transport cargo between production centers and consumer centers, using Neopanamax vessels.

Of the 3,000 vessels that have transited to date, roughly 53 percent have been from the container segment. Liquefied petroleum gas vessels constitute another 28 percent, and liquefied natural gas carriers, a relatively new segment to the Panama Canal, have been responsible for 10 percent of traffic. Dry and liquid bulk carriers, car carriers and cruise ships make up the remaining transits.

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Other notable transits thus far include the MSC Anzu, which became the 1000th transit on March 19, 2017, and the COSCO Yantian which later registered the 2,000th transit on September 26, 2017.

Reflecting on the strong adoption of the waterway, Mr. Quijano added: "We at the Panama Canal remain committed to providing a safe, reliable and efficient service for our customers. We look forward to the next 3,000 vessels and beyond."

About the Panama Canal Authority

The Panama Canal is run by an autonomous agency of the Government of Panama in charge of managing, operating and maintaining the Panama Canal. The operation of the Panama Canal Authority (ACP) is based on its organic law and the regulations approved by its Board of Directors. For more information, please refer to the ACP's website: <http://www.panacanal.com> or follow us on Twitter [@thepanamacanal](https://twitter.com/thepanamacanal).

About the Panama Canal Expansion

The Panama Canal Expansion is the largest enhancement project since the Canal's opening in 1914. Considered and analyzed for a decade with more than 100 studies, the Expanded Canal provides the world's shippers, retailers, manufacturers and consumers with greater shipping options, better maritime service, enhanced logistics and supply-chain reliability. The Expansion included the construction of a new set of locks on the Atlantic and Pacific sides of the waterway, creating a third lane of traffic and doubling the cargo capacity of the waterway. While the expanded locks are 70 feet wider and 18 feet deeper than those in the original Canal, they use less water due to water-savings basins that recycle 60 percent of the water used per transit. In line with its commitment to customer service, the Panama Canal will continue to provide the world with value for another century and beyond.

[Conference Talk: Columbus Logistics Conference May 16, 17 2018](#)

We have confirmed at least 6 Ocean ports coming!

NWSA,(Seattle/ Tacoma), Long Beach, NY/ NJ, Virginia, Port of Nansha, Georgia Ports

Book your spot now at: www.servinglogistics.com

Email me with any questions: beth@servinlogistics.com

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Balancing Trade



If you work in the trade industry, you can't escape hearing all the drastic measures President Trump has taken in the name of protecting the American economy or "balancing trade".

While NAFTA renegotiations are in full swing, the administration has also levied stiff new tariffs on solar panels. A new tariff of thirty percent went into effect on February 7th. The tariff duty will decrease over the next four years.

Washing machines and steel imports have also been hit recently with staggering tariffs and quotas. The rates on imported washing machines and parts increase over a three-year period.

There are countless theories and projections that circulate the news, and few things are certain. It is clear through that trade has rarely seen this much shake-up in decades. 'Trade war' seems to be replacing 'fake news' as the latest catchphrase.

We at Indigo can't pretend to know the future. Are trade wars imminent? Perhaps, but there are so many varying opinions it becomes difficult to sort fact from editorial.

Many barriers to trade are being built, a Foreign-Trade Zone could be an option for many companies in tearing those walls down. Enacted in 1934, The Foreign-Trade Zones act was considered an economic development tool that encouraged manufacturing in the United States. The goals of the current administration are seemingly in line with the original intention of the program ~ to encourage American industry.

However, the introduction of additional tariffs is causing the opposite to occur. Here in Indigo's home state, Governor Phil Bredesen issued a statement about the detrimental effects steel and aluminum tariffs caused. Two major manufacturers, slated to begin operations in TN have put their investments on hold. In his statement, Governor Bredesen urges President Trump to assemble a bipartisan group to discuss the issue and states simply that "Washington needs a time out".

We would love to hear your perspective. How will new tariffs disrupt your organization? Might an FTZ be a consideration? Is your home state experiencing any change or loss of industry? Please reach out and share your view. As active members of the National Association of Foreign-Trade Zones, we continually try to keep a pulse on Washington. Being able to pass along importer viewpoints is always helpful to the lobbying efforts of NAFTA.

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What does the Government do in relations to Logistics anyway??

I often wondered this myself. I had the privilege of meeting Dina Lopez of **MORPC**. **Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Committee**. I found her to be very informed and driven to help the transportation community. Here is a little about MORPC -from their webpage, as well as a link I think you will find interesting.

“MORPC is an association of cities, villages, townships, counties and regional organizations serving Central Ohio. We take pride in bringing communities of all sizes and interests together to collaborate on best practices and plan for the future of our growing region. We do this through a variety of programs, services, projects and initiatives – all with the goal of improving the lives of our residents and making Central Ohio stand out on the world stage.

[Transportation](#)

As the public agency that conducts the transportation planning process in Central Ohio, we serve as the U.S. Department of Transportation's designated metropolitan planning organization (MPO) for the Columbus urban area. This means we identify where and how transportation investments occur in the region – specifically within the MPO boundary. Outside of the MPO, we are working with several Central Ohio counties to do similar planning as part of a rural planning organization.

[Federal Regulations Related to Metropolitan Planning Organizations](#)

There are many factors to consider in connecting people, goods and services in smart and safe ways. That's why having a strong process of public involvement is not only required, but also important to us. We're uniquely positioned to influence the region's growth patterns by promoting multimodal transportation choices including roadways, bicycling, walking, and public transit. We work closely with the Central Ohio Transit Authority, Delaware Area Transit Authority and other agencies as we address the transportation challenges of our region.” More information is available:

<http://www.morpc.org/about-morpc/>

Here is some information that I specifically found interesting:

<https://apps.morpc.org/midstatefreight/>

She will be updating it with more statistics. I think this is a good tool to help people see why they should come and open business in Columbus, as well as understand some of the transportation information.

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Tidbits.....

St Patrick's Day Fun Facts

Found in Proflowers:

<https://www.proflowers.com/blog/interesting-st-patricks-day-facts>

1. **St. Patrick's Day is an Irish national holiday with banks, stores, and businesses closing for the day.**
2. **The first St. Patrick's Day celebration in the United States was held in Boston (1737).**
3. **Shamrocks are the national flower/emblem of Ireland.**
4. **The color of St. Patrick's Day was originally blue.**
5. **Beer is one of the most widely consumed beverages on St. Patrick's Day.**
6. **Legend says that each leaf of the clover has a meaning: Hope, Faith, Love and Luck.**
7. **1962 marked the first time Chicago dyed their river green for St Patrick's Day.**
8. **There are 34.7 million U.S. residents with Irish ancestry. This number is more than seven times the population of Ireland itself.**
9. **The real St. Patrick wasn't Irish. He was born in Britain around A.D. 390 to an aristocratic Christian family.**
10. **Your odds of finding a four-leaf clover are about 1 in 10,000.**
 - Click below here for more:
 - <https://www.proflowers.com/blog/interesting-st-patricks-day-facts>

"Darkness cannot drive out darkness; only light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate; only love can do that.

If you can't fly then run, if you can't run then walk, if you can't walk then crawl, but whatever you do you have to keep moving forward.

Free at last, Free at last. Thank God almighty we are free at last."

~Martin Luther King

CALENDAR

March 20: First day of **SPRING**

April 10-12: CONECT's 22nd Annual T & T Conference:
<https://conect.site-ym.com/>

May 16, 17- CLC 2018 – Columbus Logistics Conference
www.servinglogistics.com
SAVE THE DATE/ SIGN UP:

May 21- Bouncin Buckeyes Golf Classic:
http://www.bouncinbuckeyes.org/2016_Golf_Welcome.php

May 28: Memorial Day