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## **CBP TO ENFORCE DRIVER IDENTIFICATION REQUIREMENT OF TRADE ACT OF 2002**

**Washington, D.C.** – Beginning May 1, 2005, U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) will begin enforcing a major provision of the Trade Act of 2002. Drivers transporting shipments using the Border Release Advance Screening and Selectivity (BRASS) release system, may do so only if they have been issued a Free And Secure Trade (FAST) driver identification card.

From May 1, 2005 through May 15, 2005, non-compliance with this component of the Trade Act of 2002 will result in the carriers facing penalties under 19 USC 1436 for violations. Beginning May 16, 2005, non-compliance with this component of the Trade Act of 2002 will result in the denial of the permit to proceed for the conveyance / denial of entry for the conveyance.

“The enforcement of this requirement of the Trade Act of 2002 will promote free and secure trade by using common risk-management principles, supply chain security, industry partnership, and advanced technology,” said Commissioner Robert C. Bonner. “This will lead to improved efficiency of screening and clearing of commercial traffic at our shared border.”

Understanding that additional effort must be made to get drivers registered in FAST, CBP has increased staffing and extended the working hours of the FAST Processing Center and its FAST Enrollment Centers. This will help alleviate the expected increase in new applicants trying to satisfy the May 1, 2005 compliance date. CBP has also notified carriers in an attempt to expedite issuance of the FAST cards for their drivers.

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