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## **Rogers & Brown Monthly Newsletter**

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## Regulatory Developments

### USTR Announces Next Steps in Statutory Four-Year Review of China 301 Tariffs

"On **12 October 2022**, the Office of the United States Trade Representative (USTR) announced the next steps in the statutory four-year review of the tariff actions in Section 301 of the Trade Act of 1974 (Section 301) investigation of China's Acts, Policies, and Practices Related to Technology Transfer, Intellectual Property, and Innovation.

<sup>1</sup> The notice represents the initiation of a public docket for interested persons to submit comments on the effects of actions taken under the Section 301 investigation following requests for continuation from representatives of United States (US) domestic industries.<sup>2</sup> The public docket web portal will open on **15 November 2022**. Interested parties should submit comments no later than **17 January 2023**.

This Alert also provides an update to the Section 301 litigation that is ongoing at the US Court of International Trade (CIT)." (*TaxNews*)

Please visit [THIS](#) link for further details.

**Federal Register Notice**



**Trade Restrictions Could be Used to Aid Efforts Against**

"Restrictions on trade are one option under consideration by federal agencies tasked with reviewing how to address deforestation associated with commodities.

The State Department is working with U.S. Customs and Border Protection, the Office of the U.S. Trade Representative, and other agencies to prepare a report outlining a whole-of-government approach to this issue. To aid in that effort, State is inviting comments on a wide range of related issues by **Dec. 2.** (*STRTrade*)

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Source: [ST&RTrade.com](http://ST&RTrade.com)

*See how you can be involved on this input in the section below:*



### FEDERAL REGISTER

The Daily Journal of the United States Government

## Request for Stakeholder Input on Options for Combating International Deforestation Associated With Commodities

"The Department of State is seeking public feedback on options, including recommendations for proposed legislation, for a whole-of-government approach to combating international deforestation that includes: an analysis of the feasibility of limiting or removing specific commodities grown on lands deforested either illegally, or legally or illegally after December 31, 2020, from agricultural supply chains; and an analysis of the potential for public-private partnerships with major agricultural commodity buyers, traders, financial institutions, and other actors to voluntarily reduce or eliminate the purchase of such commodities and incentivize sourcing of sustainably produced agricultural commodities.

### **DATES:**

Comments must be received on or before December 2, 2022. Early submissions are appreciated.

### **ADDRESSES:**

Send comments as a PDF or Word attachment in an email to [DeforestationRFI@state.gov](mailto:DeforestationRFI@state.gov).

[For Further Information](#)

Source: [Federalregister.gov](http://Federalregister.gov)

## Container imports to Los Angeles and Long Beach are plummeting... (While East Coast levels remain high)

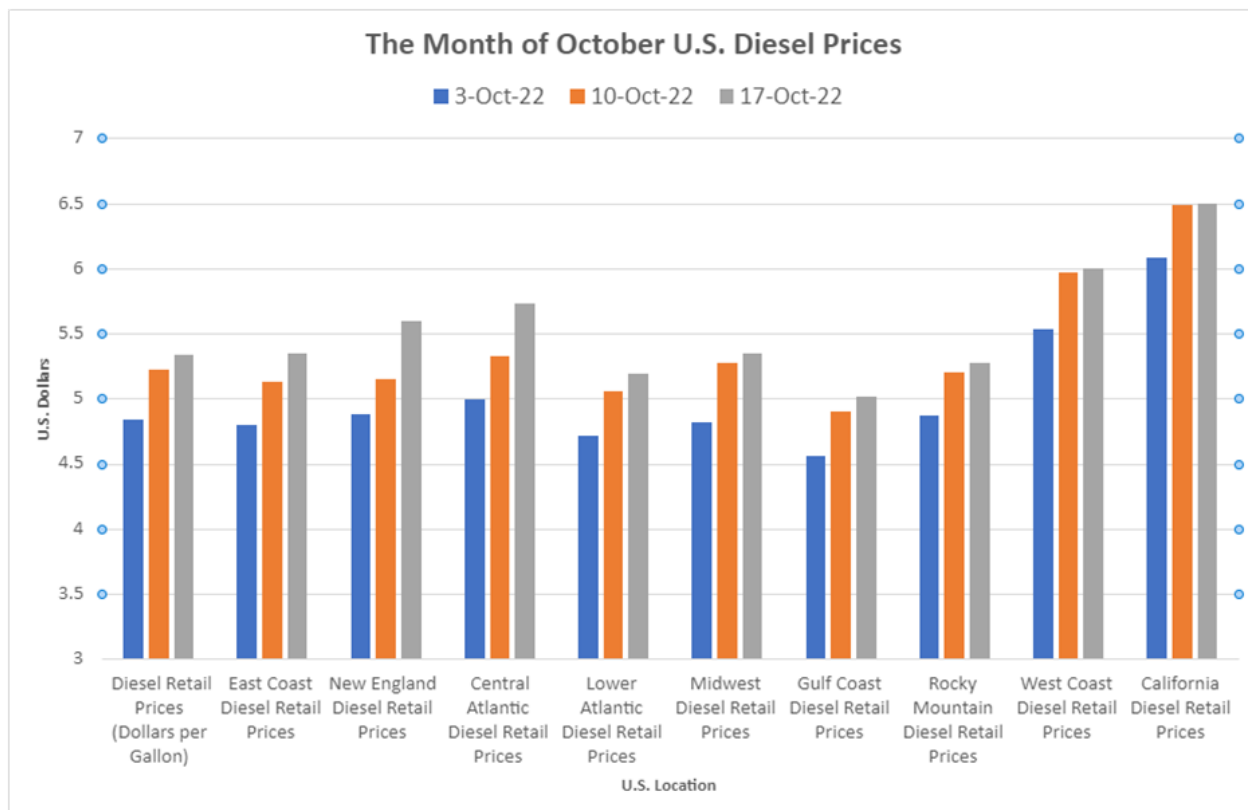
September of 2022 was reported to be the lowest import rate that Los Angeles and Long Beach ports have seen since 2009 during the Great Depression. As of October 24th, 2022 there is only **one** container ship at anchor with an average dwell time of 3 days.

While inflation has caused an overall pullback on U.S. imports causing numbers to plummet, there was also a major shift to the East Coast due to labor concerns on the West Coast.

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Source: [FreightWaves](#)

## Domestic Freight Market



Throughout the month of October, the U.S. average on-highway diesel fuel prices have started to climb once again. Comparing the beginning of October to the end of this month there is a drastic increase of fifty cents according to the U.S. Energy Information Administration.

## Port News

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### **Container-ship logjams off US ports finally easing as imports fall**

While there is still a long way to go before the U.S. ports are back to pre-COVID operations, backlogs are slowly starting to ease.

Lingering inflation is one factor of import ease due to significant consumer pullback...

Los Angeles and Long Beach only have one vessel at anchor as of October 24th, 2022, while the Port of Savannah reports 31 ships at anchor. Notably lower than in August of 2022 with a report of 48 ships at anchor outside the Port of Savannah.

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Source: [American Shipper](#)

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### **SC Ports to construct intermodal facility to serve Charleston**

The Port of Charleston had its "most successful fiscal year in history" in 2022 and now ranking as the 8th largest port in the country in terms of container volume. Due to this amount of growth the port is now expanding:

Rail and Barge projects are in the works for the Port of Charleston to support the increase in their production via export and import. Starting with the near dock rail to Charleston.

"The facility will be located 1 mile from the Leatherman Terminal, with containers moving to and from it to the new facility on a dedicated road, according to SC Ports. Rail-mounted gantry cranes at the facility will lead containers on and off trains. Following phase one of the project, port officials expect the facility to boast nearly 80,000 feet of rail track and a capacity of 1 million rail lifts" (American Shipper)

Following the near dock rail expansion, the development of an inner-harbor barge operation is to open in July 2025.

"The barge enterprise will act as a marine highway between the facility and the Wando Welch and Leatherman terminals, easing pressures on the port complex's trucking capacity" (American Shipper).



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Source: [American Shipper](#)

## State of the Port Event



### SC Ports President and CEO Barbara Melvin delivers State of the Port Address - SC Ports Authority

Rogers and Brown had the honor of attending the State of the Port hosted by the [Propeller Club of Charleston](#) on October 17th, 2022. Rogers & Brown joined importers, exporters, and members of the water front community.

"Barbara Melvin delivered her first State of the Port address today, sharing her vision to continue succeeding as the 8th largest container port in the country by investing in operations, infrastructure, and people."  
([SCSPA](#))

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Rogers & Brown with friends at the State of the Port.



SC Ports President and CEO Barbara Melvin giving her first State of the Port address

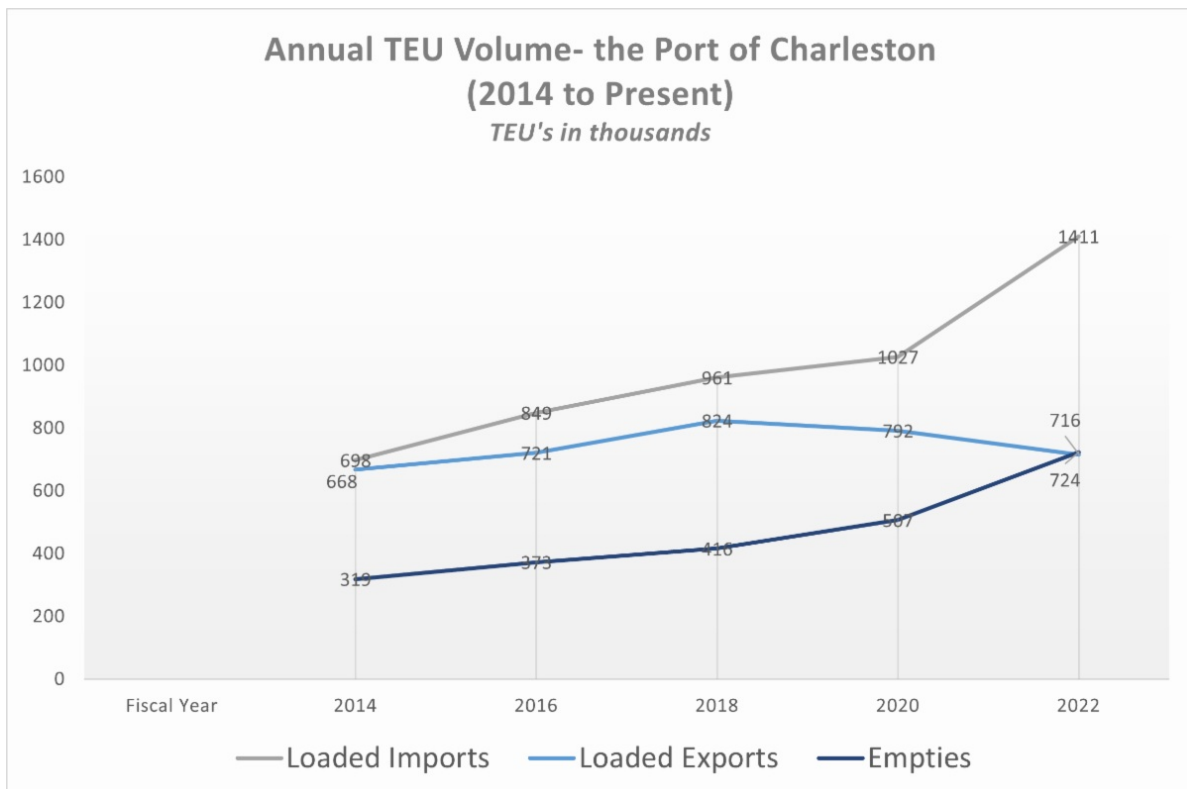
## The State of the Port Annual Volumes:

**880,159** - Breakbulk Cargo Tonnage

**219,712** - Finished Vehicles

**177,280** - Inland Port Rail Lifts

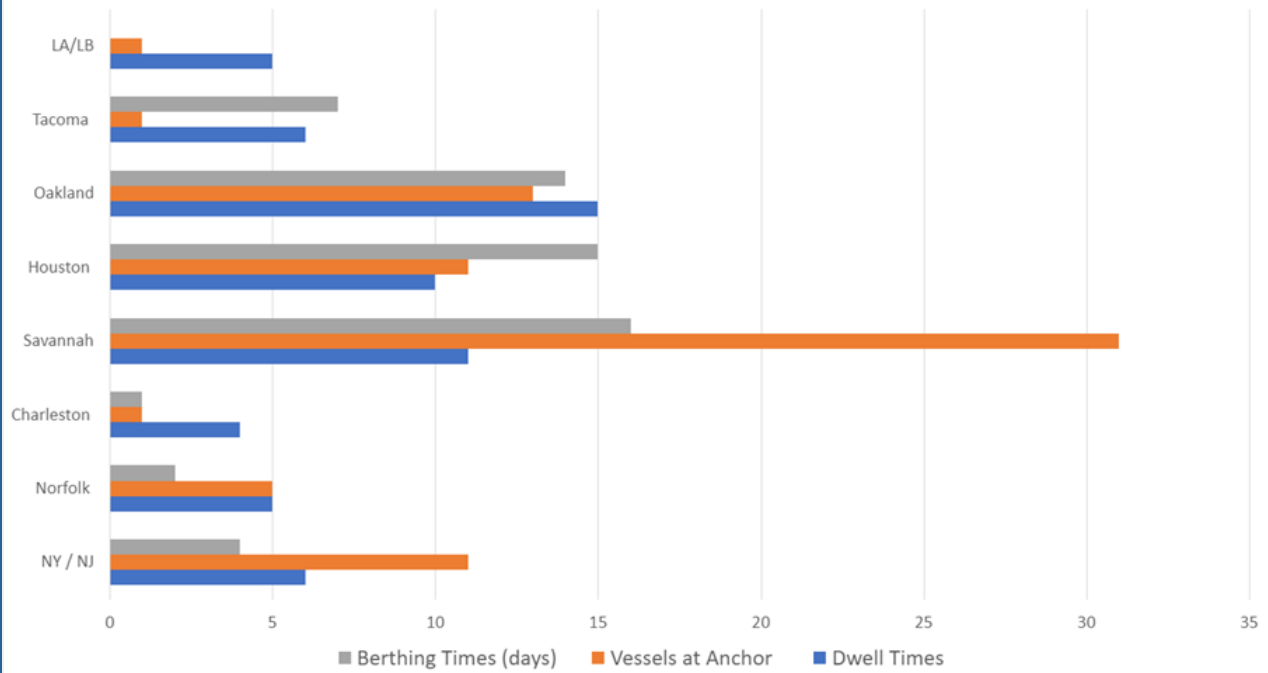
**123,336** - Cruise Passengers



Total FY 2022 TEU's = **2,853,046 TEU's**

Source: [South Carolina Ports](#)

## Port Congestion - October 2022



Data points reflect as of October 24th, 2022.

*\*No bar present indicates zero or information not provided.*

*\*Data collected from multiple sources, points may vary.*

Source: [Hapag-Lloyd](#) and [Marine Traffic](#)

## R&B Team Member Highlight



**Tanya Burton**  
***Air Freight Manager***

Tanya Burton is Rogers and Brown's Air Freight Manager. Tanya has been with the company for 33 years, most of which have been with the Air Freight team. She brings dedication, leadership, and an awesome style to her work that enhances



and adds great value to R&B's airfreight services!

*"Our Air Freight Team has many years of experience handling small to large air shipments worldwide. Providing the best rate options to fit the customer's needs. Freight is a fast alternative for our customers when freight is needed quickly, and ocean services will not meet their or their customer's deadlines. Being the fastest method of shipping goods also means that it is often the most expensive. We can help our customers decide if Air Freight is the right choice based on the urgency of the material, needed arrival dates, and shipping budget. We offer door-to-door services to most countries of almost any size.*

*I love our Team and enjoy working with them every day. It is a good group that cares about the customers and provides good customer service."*

-Tanya Burton

## R&B Service Highlight



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