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Happy Holidays from TeamDCA!



The member companies of TeamDCA wish you, our customers, friends and colleagues a warmly enjoyable holiday season. Throughout 2009, a challenging year for so many, we feel blessed to have been able to share with you our news of positive changes and regional success:

We introduced our new president, Mike Holland of Midwest Distribution in the first quarter, then launched our regional 'spotlight' series, featuring the successful 'Think Columbus' initiative for the Heartland Corridor, then Charlotte, NC success story as a market which has defied national trends and maintained a steady, stable economy. In August, we proudly announced 4 member companies earning Food Logistics 'Top 70' ranking and in September announced Shippers Warehouse of Atlanta has joined our family of companies. All in all, much for which we are grateful in 2009.

Stay tuned for key announcements coming in January 2010!

Clorox Finds Savings through Transportation Analytics that Reduce "Leakage" from Carrier Contracts to Execution

43% of Lanes in Bid Optimization Programs Exceed Expected Costs, Research Says; Post-Bid Audits Shrink that Number

It's Not Easy to Size a DC's Capacity Correctly

from Supply Chain Digest

When designing a new distribution center or automating an existing one, a critical factor is how you establish the throughput or storage number that the facility should support. Determining that number is not an easy or even very clear exercise. Few "best practices" or even industry guidelines exist. "It's part science and part art," says Jim Barnes, president of enVista, a supply chain consulting firm that does a lot of DC design work.

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Global Air Cargo Posts Positive Numbers

Global air cargo volumes are on the rise after a long decline that started in April 2008.

According to the International Air Transport Association (IATA), all of the world's regions reported higher demand in August compared to July, with Latin America and the Middle East showing the most improvement. Compared to the low point of December 2008, seasonally adjusted freight demand has improved by 12 percent, but remains 16 percent below April 2008 levels when the fall in demand began, says IATA. For 2010, IATA is forecasting an average international freight growth of 5.5 percent across the industry, compared to an expected full-year decline in 2009 of 14.5 percent.

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Gasoline Quiz

The fortunes of individuals, companies, and countries rise and fall with the price and availability of gasoline. International trade would not exist as we know it without this hydrocarbon mixture. But how much do you know about gasoline? Take this quiz and find out. It's free and no registration is required. Instant scoring. [Open link here](#)

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Know the Difference between Cold and H1N1 Flu Symptoms

Links to Symptom Chart and Additional information:

[https://www.google.com/health/ref/H1N1+\(swine\)+influenza](https://www.google.com/health/ref/H1N1+(swine)+influenza)

Ezine Article:

<http://ezinearticles.com/?Symptom-s-of-Swine-Flu---Know-the-Difference-Between-H1N1-Flu-and-Regular-Flu&id=2748043>

Maersk Line to stay at Port of Charleston

Cargo Business News: Maersk Line has announced that it will continue serving the Port of Charleston through the end of 2014, reversing an earlier decision to pull out from the South Carolina State Ports Authority after the two parties' contract expires in 2010.

"Under the new agreement, Maersk Line will maintain a competitive position within the Port of Charleston," said Dana Magliola, spokesperson for Maersk Line. "This will allow us to continue to provide a reliable service for our valued customers in South Carolina, a benefit to the economy both in Charleston and throughout South Carolina," said Magliola.

The shipping line said it would be "working from a smaller, dedicated portion of the Wando Welch Terminal."

"We have worked closely with the leadership of the South Carolina State Ports Authority since we initially voiced our concern about cost competitiveness for Maersk Line within the Port of Charleston. We are pleased to have reached an agreeable solution for both Maersk Line and the Port of Charleston," said Gordon Dorsey, senior vice president of operations for Maersk Line in North America.

Dorsey singled out the efforts of Jim

Newsome, the SCPA's CEO, Paul McClintock, the port's COO, South Carolina Senator Larry Grooms, and others in the state senate, "in playing a crucial role in keeping the talks alive and fostering a second round of discussions that resulted in today's agreement."

FDA Seeks Funds for Food Safety

(Wall Street Journal 10/23/09 – Jane Zhang; go to *WSJ.com*, click *FDA* to post comments on this article)

A Senate bill to overhaul food safety and expand FDA oversight needs to be stronger and include more funding and authority, the head of the agency told lawmakers Thursday.

The legislation would require the FDA to more frequently inspect food facilities and gear its safety mission toward preventing, rather than reacting to, outbreaks of illness due to food contamination. The FDA, for example, would have the power to set safety standards for fresh produce and make sure food companies take steps to prevent outbreaks.

FDA Commissioner Margaret Hamburg noted that the House bill would give the FDA easy access to food-production records during routine inspections and would help fund the agency by charging food companies registration fees of \$500 a year per facility. "It is the case that our mandate and responsibilities have far outstripped our resources," Dr. Hamburg said. "We are concerned that the [Senate] bill does not provide a guaranteed consistent funding source to help FDA fulfill its new responsibilities."

Dr. Hamburg said she plans to hire 350 new employees for the FDA's food program, including 125 people for field inspections. The FDA plans to conduct 2,000 more inspections next year, bringing the total to 9,000. Most will be at domestic facilities, but the agency

also plans to increase inspections of foreign imports at the border.

The hearing came as Congress, the administration and food industry have reached broad agreement on how to overhaul the nation's piecemeal food-safety system. Lawmakers held more than a dozen hearings in the last two years amid outbreaks involving a large number of food products and billions of dollars in losses for the food industry.

Sen. Richard Durbin (D., Ill.), the main sponsor of the Senate bill and a witness at Thursday's hearing, showed lawmakers a giant photo of an Illinois woman who was infected with E. coli after eating spinach. He also had a sample of products involved in recent outbreaks: a bag of spinach, a jar of peanut butter and a tomato. "It's once in a political lifetime to do something significant about food safety," he said.

HELP Committee Chairman Tom Harkin (D., Iowa), said he wants the committee to act on the legislation soon, but didn't say when a vote will be scheduled. Harkin spokesman Grant Gustafson said that "it is realistic that the HELP Committee could mark up food safety legislation this year."

The food industry has accepted stricter requirements proposed by lawmakers, including the requirement of registration fees in the House bill. Scott Faber, vice president of federal affairs at the Grocery Manufacturers Association, the industry's main trade group, said it hopes to get more clarity on how the FDA would spend the money, estimated to be about \$200 million a year.

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