

US government shutdown impacts FDA and customs operations

TIACA has issued the following information relating to the US government shutdown and how it affects the air cargo and logistics industry.

“Although Food and Drug Administration import entry reviews are considered an excepted function, FDA has had to furlough over half of its staff. The reduction of administrative report for import enforcement will likely result in delays.

“Regarding USDA and APHIS, import inspections should not be impacted by the shutdown.

“Carriers are already seeing one critical impact of the shutdown on CBP operations – that is the issuance of customs seals to carrier warehouse and ramp employees. Customs seals issuance is considered administrative support, and therefore not an excepted function. It is recommended that carriers work with their local CBP port directors to find an accommodation to minimize the impact on carrier operations.”