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10 + 2 rule: FIATA worried about impact on logistics flow

During FIATA's Headquarters' Session 2008, held in Zurich from 7-9 March, the participants were updated on the latest developments on the 10 + 2 rule.

It was suggested that CBP should be made aware of the concerns of the importing community and should work through some of the issues before making this rule effective. The freight forwarding industry is worried about the extra burden on the industry as a whole and the possible impact on the logistics flow. Furthermore, FIATA felt that some of the commercial information required is private and confidential, and should not run the risk of being made public through existing access to information policies in the US. It was also important that such a program embrace existing information delivery systems such as AMS.

Many interested parties have reacted strongly to the 100 Percent scanning initiative. FIATA, and recently ICC, clearly stated that this regulation will be detrimental to world trade, unworkable and impractical for various reasons.

This 2008 Headquarters' Session in Zurich - the second most important event on FIATA's annual calendar, after the World Congress - was attended by over 200 FIATA delegates from 52 countries.

The International Federation of Freight Forwarders Associations (FIATA) was founded in Vienna in 1926. Today it is the largest and leading non-governmental organization in the field of transportation, representing 40'000 forwarding and logistics companies employing up to 10 million people in 150 countries. FIATA has consultative status with several United Nations bodies and is recognized by many governmental and private organizations worldwide. The Federation's main objectives are to promote and protect the interests of the freight forwarding industry, to improve the quality of freight forwarding services, to assist with vocational training and to familiarize the business world in particular and the public in general with the wide range services rendered by the industry.

