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San Diego CBP Adjusts Operating Hours to Accommodate Daylight Savings Time Difference

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San Diego - U.S. Customs and Border Protection will adjust hours of operation at San Diego area border stations for a four-week period beginning March 8, to accommodate the one-hour time difference when California changes to daylight savings time ahead of Baja California, Mexico.

No change will occur to general use vehicle lane operations at the San Ysidro or Otay Mesa ports of entry because they are open 24-hours daily. The vehicle SENTRI lanes at San Ysidro are also already open 24-hours daily. The SENTRI program, or Secure Electronic Network for Traveler's Rapid Inspection, allows pre-approved border crossers a faster means of vehicle processing.

The SENTRI lane at the Otay Mesa passenger port will open daily at 5 a.m. Pacific Daylight Time and will close at 11 p.m. PDT Monday through Friday, and at 1 a.m. PDT on weekends and holidays during the four-week period when Mexican clocks will be one hour behind those in California.

Hours of operation at the pedestrian SENTRI lane at the San Ysidro port of entry will begin at 6 a.m. PDT and will close at 11 p.m. PDT daily from March 8 through April 5 to allow travelers in Mexico an additional hour of service.

Hours of operation for passenger processing at the Tecate, Calexico, and Andrade border stations will not change during the four-week period, officials said.

Commercial cargo processing operations at area facilities will be modified to minimize disruptions for cargo trucks. A Port Information Notice has been issued to trade groups announcing the time changes, which vary by port.

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