Report Suspicious Activity to
1-800-BE-ALERT

CBP Announces Changes for Commercial Frequent Traveler Program Members

(Friday, December 04, 2009)

contacts for this news release

Washington – U.S. Customs and Border Protection today announced that members of its Free and Secure Trade (FAST) program will not be able to use their old FAST cards in passenger lanes effective January 5, 2010.

CBP has been issuing new cards for current FAST members since March 16. The new cards have enhanced security features that allow U.S. citizen cardholders to comply with the documentary requirements under the Western Hemisphere Travel Initiative (WHTI). All members are requested to activate their new cards using the Global Online Enrollment System within 30 days and destroy their old ones. (Global Online Enrollment System)

If members have not received their new cards, they should go immediately to their local enrollment center to either pick up their new card or to apply to have a new card issued, which will take approximately 10 to 14 days to receive.

All old FAST cards will be deactivated January 5, 2010. CBP officers will allow a one-time entry into the U.S. to travelers with old FAST cards, but will seize the card from the traveler and refer the member to the Enrollment Center.

The Free and Secure Trade program is available to commercial drivers crossing both the northern and southern borders. Currently, the program has more than 92,000 members.

U.S. Customs and Border Protection is the unified border agency within the Department of Homeland Security charged with the management, control and protection of our nation's borders at and between the official ports of entry. CBP is charged with keeping terrorists and terrorist weapons out of the country while enforcing hundreds of U.S. laws.

Contacts For This News Release

Tucson Sector
CBP Public Affairs
Phone: (520) 748-3210

CBP Headquarters
Office of Public Affairs
1300 Pennsylvania Ave., N.W.
Room 3.4A
Washington, DC 20229

Phone: (202) 344-1780 *or* (800) 826-1471
Fax: (202) 344-1393

AILA InfoNet Doc. No. 09120763. (Posted 12/07/09)