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CBP Adjusts Operating Hours to Accommodate Mexico/U.S. Daylight Saving 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 from October 25 until October 31 to accommodate the one-hour time difference when Baja California, Mexico changes their clocks ahead of the U.S. in the state of California. Both Mexico and the U.S. will be on the same time schedule again on November 1.

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. 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. With these adjustments, travelers will find the lanes available during their normal hours of operation no matter what time they are following.

Hours of operation for passenger processing at the Tecate, Calexico, and Andrade border stations will not change during the brief period before November 1, 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.

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.

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