

Speaker Biographies

Harout Barsoumian Supervisory Import Specialist U.S. Customs & Border Protection

Harout Barsoumian is a Supervisory Import Specialist with Customs and Border Protection. He became an Immigration Inspector/Customs and Border Protection Officer (CBP) at Los Angeles International Airport in 2001. In 2004 he promoted to the Import Specialist Position with CBP assigned to the Long Beach Seaport. His commodity assignments have included; plants, animals, food, toys, games, sporting goods, handbags, footwear, festive, etc. In 2007 he was promoted to the position of Senior Import Specialist assigned to footwear and handbag team. In 2010 he was promoted to Supervisory Import Specialist (SIS) assigned to the food team. While assigned to the food team he has conducted extensive outreach to the trade on the following topics: FDA Refusals, AD/CVD, Agricultural, and Intellectual Property Rights (IPR). Currently he supervises release of cargo and trade facilitation for food commodities for both the Seaport/Airport greater Los Angeles areas.

Harout earned a B.S. degree in criminal justice from CSU Long Beach in 1998, as well as a M.B.S. in behavioral science from CSU Dominguez Hills in 2003.

David Shaw Supervisory Import Specialist Trade Enforcement Coordinator U.S. Customs & Border Protection

Mr. David Shaw is currently an Import Specialist Supervisor, with the Agriculture and Prepared Products, Center of Excellence and Expertise (APP Center). As a supervisor in the APP Center's Enforcement Branch, he is responsible for supervising import specialists at various Ports of Entry across the United States. Mr. Shaw is also the APP Center's Trade Enforcement Coordinator. Under the direction of the Assistant Center Director for Enforcement, he is responsible for the coordination and consultation of the APP Center enforcement actions, Nationwide.

Prior to Mr. Shaw's current position, he was the Import Specialist Enforcement Team (ISET) Supervisor, for the Los Angeles/Long Beach Seaport, responsible for supervising two teams dedicated to trade fraud enforcement. The team consisted of 10 individuals mainly responsible for penalty development and targeting high-risk shipments. ISET worked closely with the Seaport's Commodity Teams, Officers, Criminal Investigators, as well as many other groups, including the trade community to address various areas of non-compliance

Mr. Shaw has spent time as the Acting Section Chief for Trade Operations Branch II at the Los Angeles/Long Beach Seaport. During this time, he oversaw the daily operations of three Commodity Specialist Teams, the ISET Team, the Merchandise Enforcement Team (MET), the Dock Exam Team (DET), and the In-Bond Enforcement Team (IBET). He served in this capacity from March 2012 through October 2012. Prior to acting as Section Chief for Trade Operations Branch II, he was the Acting Section Chief for Trade Operations Branch I. During this assignment, he oversaw the daily operations of 13 Commodity Specialist Teams. He served in the capacity from January through March 2012.

Mr. Shaw has also supervised the Commodity Specialist Team (CST) 718 (non-Asian Food Team). As the Supervisor of CST 718, he was responsible for the oversight of all regulatory and statutory issues for non-Asia food products, alcohol and tobacco products, glass, ceramics, and stone products. He has been the Los Angeles/Long Beach Seaport's AD/CVD Coordinator, Quota

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Coordinator, Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTSUS) Classification Instructor, and the FDA Coordinator.

Mr. Shaw began his career with the U.S. Customs Service in 1995 as an Import Specialist, under the Outstanding Scholar Program. In 2002, he was promoted to the position of Import Specialist Team Leader. In 2008, he was promoted to the position of Supervisory Import Specialist.

Mr. Shaw is a graduate of the California State University, Dominguez Hills with a Bachelor's Degree in Psychology.

Dan Solis Director, Los Angeles District Imports Operations Branch U.S. Food and Drug Administration

Mr. Solis started his career with FDA in 1998. Prior to working in FDA, Mr. Solis worked in the Bioresearch field focusing on Medical Device and Drug Application Products. Mr. Solis has held many positions within FDA that include working at the FDA lab in Irvine, FDA HQ, working at FDA HQ IT and working on enforcement cases for the Los Angeles District. Mr. Solis was selected to be the Division Director for the Division of West Coast Imports on February 9, 2018. Prior to that, he was the Director of Import Operations for the Los Angeles District since 2009. The Division of West Coast Imports manages all FDA Air and Sea Port Offices and FDA Import employees in the states of Washington, Oregon, Nevada, California, and Hawaii.

Mr. Solis has had many accomplishments within FDA and these are a few notables: Implementation of PREDICT at all ports in the US, the implementation of electronic communications and paperless transactions initiatives with the Trade Associations, formation of the CBP/FDA Teams - Federal Destruction and Redelivery Team, formation of the West Coast ACE Team, formation of Federal and State Task Forces, conducting Federal Operations, streamlining the refusal process in the Ports of LA, San Francisco and Seattle, and development of strong partnerships with the filers, brokers and importers in the Pacific Region.

Mr. Solis is nationally recognized as a subject matter expert in the program area of Import Operations and gives local, as well as, national training on Imports Investigations. He is a member of the National Leadership Development Workgroup at FDA's Office of Training and Education Development, has served as a mentor for the Federal Executive Board in Los Angeles and the Potential Supervisor Program within FDA, member of the FSMA Workgroup at HQ working on FSVP implementation. He also has had integral roles in FDA Operations with other Federal Agencies, working with CBP, HSI, USDA, FWS, DEA and State and local law enforcement agencies. Currently, aside from his duties at the port, Mr. Solis is also a member of the FSMA – Foreign Supplier Verification Program (FSVP) Implementation Team as well as the Associate Commissioner's IT Advisory Workgroup and the Associate Commissioner's Import Advisory Panel.

Mr. Solis holds a Masters Degree in Healthcare Administration from the University of LaVerne and a Bachelor's Degree from University California of Irvine.