

CBP Announces Sunday Service for Commercial Operations at Nogales

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On Thursday, November 19, during a meeting of the Board of Directors of the Greater Nogales Santa Cruz County Port Authority, Mike Humphries, Nogales Port Director for US Customs and Border Protection, announced that starting on January 31, 2021, CBP would be offering Sunday service at the Mariposa port of entry for commercial operations on a year-round basis.

“We are very excited with the news. Being able to offer Sunday service means that Nogales is on equal footing with any of the major ports along the US-Mexico border that have been offering Sunday service for a long time”, said Jaime Chamberlain, Chairman of the Port Authority. “For companies that operate on a just-in-time structure, being able to schedule shipments on Sundays offers greater flexibility. It also makes the Arizona-Mexico Corridor more competitive,” added Mr. Chamberlain.

“For fresh produce, with products that are perishable, having Sunday service means that we gain shelf-life for our products. It is a big win for our producers, but it is also a big win for our customers and consumers all over the nation,” added Scott Vandervoet, past Chairman of the Fresh Produce Association of the Americas.

The Mariposa Port of Entry is one of the nation’s largest commercial ports with 349,377 northbound trucks crossing in 2019, and CBP is reporting double digit growth rates in truck traffic over the past 2 months at Nogales. The US Department of Commerce estimates that close to \$30 billion worth of goods cross at Nogales each year.

“The Maquila industry will benefit greatly from this extended service. Our manufacturing sector competes globally and having the option of shipping 7-days a week gives us greater flexibility in our planning and delivery into global supply chains,” stated Josh Rubin, Board member of INDEX-Maquila Association of Nogales, Sonora.

“We are bullish on the future of our community and more trade means more investment and more jobs. Sunday service helps Nogales and the Arizona-Sonora region remain as a top-of-mind location for all sorts of new projects. We are working with the Office of the Governor, various state agencies and the State of Sonora in getting the word out that 7-day operations are now supported by 7-day customs service at Nogales,” added Mr. Chamberlain.

The Greater Nogales Santa Cruz County Port Authority is a non-profit organization dedicated to the promoting the development of the port of entry system at Nogales and to fostering the economic development and the quality of life for the residents of the region. For more information please visit www.nogalesport.org.