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### **NCBFAA, CBP Share Dais at CONECT Panel Discussion**

NCBFAA President Mary Jo Muoio and NCBFAA NEI Director Cindy Allen joined CBP Assistant Commissioner, Field Operations Thomas Winkowski on the “Customs and Border Panel” at the Coalition of New England Companies for Trade (CONECT) Northeast Trade & Transportation Conference this past week in Rhode Island. Director Allen addressed developments involving the controversial Lacey Act Amendments and President Muoio provided the NCBFAA’s perspective on the Importer Security Filing’s effect on the trade. Assistant Commissioner Winkowski discussed CPSC issues, “10+2,” CBP’s five-Year Strategy and cited CBP’s increasing focus on trade facilitation. The Assistant Commissioner specifically acknowledged the NCBFAA’s contributions toward resolving the issues confronting the industry.

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