FOLLOW THAT... CHERRY

A fast-moving international trip with a sweet ending!

1. Cherries are picked by hand, placed in bins and then moved by TRUCK to a local packing facility.

2. The cherries are packaged and moved by TRUCK to a cold storage area where they are cooled to 32 degrees.

3. Within 24 hours, the cherries are picked up from the cold storage area and taken by TRUCK to a West Coast port.

4. The cherries are exported out of the West Coast port by commercial and freight AIR shipments across the Pacific Ocean.

5. Departure Point: WASHINGTON STATE CHERRY ORCHARD

6. Final Destination: CHINESE GROCERY STORE

Cherries arrive in the Chinese ports of Hong Kong, Beijing, Shanghai and Guangzhou. Next they leave the port and are placed on grocery store shelves and sold to an expanding consumer market.

Freight Congestion is the Pits!

Strategic investment is needed to support U.S. agriculture and move time-sensitive perishables from farm to market.

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FOLLOW THAT...
ALMOND

A nutty trip across the country with a smooth ending!

1. The almonds are harvested, picked up by TRUCK and taken to a West Coast processing center.

2. At the processing center they are hulled, shelled and packaged. The almonds travel by TRAIN to the Southeastern United States.

3. Once in the Southeastern United States, the almonds are unloaded and transported by TRUCK to a facility where they are processed into almond butter and packaged for consumers.

4. The almond butter is exported through an East Coast port and travels by SHIP across the Atlantic Ocean.

5. The almond butter arrives in Hamburg, Germany and is transported to retailers for purchase and enjoyment by adults and children alike.

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Almond butter is sticky. Goods movement should be smooth!

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An intermodal adventure resulting in megabytes of use!

Departure Point: MANUFACTURING FACILITY, SHANGHAI, CHINA

Flash drives are assembled in a Chinese production plant. They are then packaged for export.

1

Containers of flash drives travel by SHIP, bound for the United States.

2

Containers arrive at a West Coast port facility in the United States and are placed on RAIL. Flash drives travel by RAIL to an intermodal facility in the Mid West.

3

Containers are moved from RAIL to TRUCK and head East to a distribution center, where the flash drives are unloaded and sent out for delivery by TRUCK.

4

Final Destination: Washington D.C.

Flash drives are delivered to office supply stores on Capitol Hill.

5

Freight infrastructure isn't flashy, but it drives the distribution of goods across the country.

Please enjoy this flash drive and remember the essential and multimodal freight transportation system that brought it!

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The Dodge Charger’s supercharged HEMI Hellcat Engine is manufactured in the Saltillo Engine Plant in Coahuila, Mexico.

The supercharged HEMI Hellcat Engine travels by TRUCK, leaving Mexico via the Laredo, Texas border crossing. It travels north, through the U.S., entering Canada via the Detroit-Windsor Border.

Along with other parts made in America, the supercharged HEMI Hellcat Engine arrives in Ontario, Canada, at the Brampton Assembly Plant, where the Dodge Charger is assembled.

The fully-assembled Dodge Charger leaves Canada and re-enters the U.S. by TRAIN. The vehicle is unloaded in Louisville, Kentucky.

The car is delivered to the Dodge dealership, where it is ready for purchase.

Avoid bumps in the road!

U.S. supply chains don’t stop at our borders. Federal policy and investment should reflect shared manufacturing with our trading partners.

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Highlighter ink is produced in France.

Ink travels by SHIP, bound for the United States.

Ink arrives at a Southeast U.S. seaport and is moved by TRUCK to a manufacturing facility, where it is injected into American-made highlighters.

Assembled highlighters travel across state lines by TRUCK, heading to a Mid-Atlantic distribution center.

Packaged highlighters are delivered by TRUCK to an office supply store, ready for purchase.

Freight needs won’t fade away! Robust investment is necessary to underpin the national economy.

A strong Federal role is required to make strategic planning and investment decisions facilitating international and interstate commerce.