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World Trade Organization (WTO)

Trade Facilitation Agreement enters into force

On 22 February 2017, the WTO announced that the first multilateral deal concluded in the 21 year history of the World Trade Organization entered into force. In receiving four more ratifications for the [Trade Facilitation Agreement](#) (TFA), the WTO has obtained the two-thirds acceptance of the agreement from its 164 members needed to bring the TFA into force. Excerpts from the announcement:

Rwanda, Oman, Chad and Jordan submitted their instruments of acceptance to WTO Director-General Roberto Azevêdo, bringing the total number of ratifications over the required threshold of 110. The entry into force of this agreement, which seeks to expedite the movement, release and clearance of goods across borders, launches a new phase for trade facilitation reforms all over the world and creates a significant boost for commerce and the multilateral trading system as a whole.

Full implementation of the TFA is forecast to slash members' trade costs by an average of 14.3 per cent, with developing countries having the most to gain, [according to a 2015 study carried out by WTO economists](#). The TFA is also likely to reduce the time needed to import goods by over a day and a half and to export goods by almost two days, representing a reduction of 47 per cent and 91 per cent respectively over the current average.

Implementing the TFA is also expected to help new firms export for the first time. Moreover, once the TFA is fully implemented, developing countries are predicted to increase the number of new products exported by as much as 20 per cent, with least developed countries (LDCs) likely to see an increase of up to 35 per cent, according to the WTO study.

The Agreement is unique in that it allows developing and least-developed countries to set their own timetables for implementing the TFA depending on their capacities to do so. A [Trade Facilitation Agreement Facility \(TFAF\)](#) was created at the request of developing and least-developed countries to help ensure they receive the assistance needed to reap the full benefits of the TFA and to support the ultimate goal of full implementation of the new agreement by all members. Further information on TFAF is available at www.TFAFacility.org.

Developed countries have committed to immediately implement the Agreement, which sets out a broad series of trade facilitation reforms. Spread out over 12 articles, the TFA prescribes many measures to improve transparency and predictability of trading across borders and to create a less discriminatory business environment. The TFA's provisions include improvements to the availability and publication of information about cross-border procedures and practices, improved appeal rights for traders, reduced fees and formalities connected with the import/export of goods, faster clearance procedures and enhanced conditions for freedom of transit for goods. The Agreement also contains measures for effective cooperation between customs and other authorities on trade facilitation and customs compliance issues.

Developing countries, in comparison, will immediately apply only the TFA provisions they have designated as "Category A" commitments. For the other provisions of the Agreement, they must indicate when these will be implemented and what capacity building support is needed to help them implement these provisions, known as Category B and C commitments. These can be implemented at a later date with least-developed countries given more time to notify these commitments. So far, notifications of Category A commitments have already been provided by 90 WTO members.

More information on the WTO and trade facilitation is [available here](#).

Trade Policy Review: Sierra Leone

The second review of the trade policies and practices of Sierra Leone took place on 14 and 16 February 2017. The basis for the review was a [report by the WTO Secretariat](#) and a [report by the Government of Sierra Leone](#).

Recent disputes

The following disputes have been recently brought to the WTO. Click on the case (“DS”) number below to go to the WTO website page for details on that dispute.

DS. No.	Case Name	Date
DS522	Canada – Measures Concerning Trade in Commercial Aircraft (Complainant: Brazil) Request for consultations	08-02-17

DSB activities

During the period covered by this update, the Dispute Settlement Body (DSB) or parties to a dispute took the following actions or reported the following activities. Requests for a panel are not listed (click on “DS” number to go to summaries of the case, click on “Activity” to go to the latest news or documents):

DS No.	Case Name	Activity	Date
DS442	European Union – Anti Dumping Measures on Imports of Certain Fatty Alcohols from Indonesia (Complainant: Indonesia)	Indonesia files appeal from Panel Report	10-02-17
DS477 DS478	Indonesia – Importation of Horticultural Products, Animals and Animal Products (Complainants: New Zealand, United States)	Indonesia files appeal from panel ruling	17-02-17
DS479	Russia — Anti-Dumping Duties on Light Commercial Vehicles from Germany and Italy (Complainant: Russia)	Russia files appeal from Panel report	20-02-17
DS513	Morocco — Anti-Dumping Measures on Certain Hot-Rolled Steel from Turkey (Complainant: Turkey)	Panel established	20-02-17
DS475	Russian Federation — Measures on the Importation of Live Pigs, Pork and Other Pig Products from the European Union (Complainant: EU)	Appellate Body issues Report	23-02-17

TBT Notifications

Member countries of the WTO are required under the *Agreement on Technical Barriers to Trade* (TBT Agreement) to report to the WTO all proposed technical regulations that could affect trade with other Member countries. The WTO Secretariat distributes this information in the form of “notifications” to all Member countries. [See separate section on WTO TBT Notifications](#) for a table which summarizes notifications posted by the WTO during the past month.

World Customs Organization (WCO)

Dates and agenda for 59th Session of the HSC released

The February 8, 2017 edition of the [US] [Customs Bulletin and Decisions](#) (“Customs Bulletin”) announced that the 59th Session of the Harmonized System Committee (“HSC”) will be held from March 15, 2017 to March 24, 2017 at the

WCO Headquarters in Brussels. The HSC is composed of representatives from each of the contracting parties to the Harmonized System Convention. The HSC's responsibilities include issuing classification decisions on the interpretation of the Harmonized System. Those decisions may take the form of published tariff classification opinions concerning the classification of an article under the Harmonized System or amendments to the Explanatory Notes to the Harmonized System. The HSC also considers amendments to the legal text of the Harmonized System. The HSC meets twice a year in Brussels, Belgium. The Agenda for the Session is published in the Customs Bulletin. Additional information may be obtained from the US Customs and Border Protection or US International Trade Commission contacts listed in the Customs Bulletin

Announcements and news releases [dd-mm-yy]

Date	Title
01-02-17	The World Customs Organization supports Cape Verde with the completion of its Time Release Study!
02-02-17	WCO A/P Regional Accreditation Workshop on Risk Management Hosted by Malaysia
03-02-17	Two more WTO TFA Ratifications to go before the WTO TFA enters into Force: What, Next? The WCO Mercator Programme is ready to support National Committees on Trade Facilitation!
	WCO conducts a diagnostic on the capacity of KRA to enforce the CITES Convention
	Nepal accedes to the Revised Kyoto Convention and becomes the 107th Contracting Party
07-02-17	Americas and Caribbean region holds discussions on the WCO Transit Guidelines (Joint WCO-IADB regional Transit Workshop)
	WCO support to the General Department of Vietnam Customs in the area of Stakeholder Engagement is reflected in the signing of an MoU between Customs and an International Business Association
	Successful launch of the WCO-ESA Project II with the support of Finland
08-02-17	The WCO supports the Timor-Leste Customs Service with the development of its Training Plan for 2017-2019
	A Joint WCO-UNCTAD Mission Supports Performance Management within the Liberia Revenue Authority
10-02-17	Customs in post-crisis situations
	WCO acknowledges Zambia's progress in Customs modernization and explores further cooperation with COMESA
13-02-17	Upgraded IT system sustains Customs reform in Tanzania
	Workshop on Updating of Preferential Rules of Origin in relation to HS amendments – a challenge for the trading world
	The WCO supports Lebanese Customs in their path to accession to the Revised Kyoto Convention
16-02-17	WCO Regional Workshop on IPR Border Enforcement held in Namibia
	WCO and JICA jointly conducted a successful Post Seizure Analysis workshop to enhance intelligence analysis capacity for Customs Administrations in East Africa
17-02-17	With WCO support, the Central African Republic Customs Administration launches a new post-crisis reform and modernization strategy
	A Train-the-Trainer Integrity Workshop delivered for the Mauritius Revenue Authority (MRA)
20-02-17	WCO National Workshop on Post-Clearance Audit in Tunisia
	WCO partners with the WTO in building capacities of Chairs of National Committees on Trade Facilitation!
21-02-17	Denmark Customs inaugurates a mobile body scanner
22-02-17	Latest edition of WCO News now available
	WCO mission to Jordan to support the implementation of an advance ruling system
	WCO participates in Global Illicit Trade Summit organized by The Economist

Date	Title
	WCO welcomes entry into force of the WTO Trade Facilitation Agreement New WCO Counter-Terrorism Initiative for South East Asia to be funded by Japan
23-02-17	The Revised Kyoto Convention now has 108 Contracting Parties following the accession of Angola Towards the full and effective implementation of the WTO TFA in Jordan
24-02-17	The WCO supports the reform of the HRM function in Palestine Customs
27-02-17	WCO Mercator Programme supports Bosnia and Herzegovina with implementation of trade facilitation measures Kenya, Rwanda and Uganda officially launch Regional Electronic Cargo Tracking System Botswana takes steps to implement an advance ruling system for tariff classification and origin WCO builds Guinea's Coordinated Border Management capacity through COPES Training!
28-02-17	WCO supports the EAC Region to develop a Communication Plan for the Regional AEO program!

Other International Matters

CITES Notification to Parties

The *Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora* (CITES) has issued the following [notifications to the parties](#):

Date	Title
01-02-17	2017/012 - Application of Article XIII in the Lao People's Democratic Republic – Recommendation to suspend commercial trade in <i>Dalbergia cochinchinensis</i>
02-02-17	2017/013 - List of valid Notifications • Annex: List of valid Notifications (total: 126)
07-02-17	2017/014 - BAHAMAS – Security stamps 2017/015 - Explanatory notes for the export quotas
08-02-17	2017/016 - Registration of operations that breed Appendix-I animal species in captivity for commercial purposes
10-02-17	2017/017 - Jordan – Fraudulent CITES permits
15-02-17	2017/018 - Registration of operations that breed Appendix-I animal species in captivity for commercial purposes

The Americas - Central America

El Salvador

Customs personnel rotated to avoid corruption

On 15 February 2017, the General Directorate of Customs of the Ministry of Finance [reported](#) that the rotation of personnel was completed on 13 February, in a successful manner, staggered and respecting the labor rights of each of the employees.

The action is part of the anti-corruption and smuggling measures promoted by the Anti-Corruption Directorate to prevent unethical practices. The rotation included the personnel of different levels and in accordance with the current regulations and the good practices in the customs, among them, the creation of the Customs Unit of Transparency and Anti-corruption, an office that will carry out processes against those employees and officials who are linked to acts of corruption and other types of illicit conduct.

Documents

Date	Series and №	Subject
09-01-17	DGA 002-2017	Amendment of Bond Amount for Representative Managers (<i>Gestores de Encomiendas</i>)
01-17	OEA-SV № 1/2017	Operador Económico Autorizado - Extension of Pilot Test
26-01-17	DGA 003-2017 Annex	Reduction of time in customs procedures according to USAID study <ul style="list-style-type: none"> USAID study (Annex)
01-02-17	DGA 004-2017	Guidelines for making Declarations of Goods with items from items 5 to 6 Amendment

Nicaragua

Nicaraguan Classification Resolutions (Customs Rulings)

The Dirección General de Servicios Aduaneros (Nicaraguan Customs Service) has made the full text of tariff classification resolutions issued from 2004 to the present available on its [website](#). The tariff classification resolutions are based on the common Central American tariff known as [Sistema Arancelario Centroamericano](#).

Panama

Official Gazette

The following documents of interest to international traders (other than food safety standards) were published in the *Gaceta Oficial – Digital* (Official Gazette – Digital) during the period of coverage (dd-mm-yy):

Publication Date	Title
07-02-17	Commerce and Industries: Resolution № 03 (20-01-17) Approved the technical regulation DGNTI-COPANIT 52-2017 Food Technology. Fruit, Vegetables and Products Derived In General. Onion Quality Requirements.
09-02-17	Presidency: Executive Decree No. 44 (08-02-17) Designates the Financial Analysis Unit for the Prevention of the Crime of Capital Laundering and the Financing of Terrorism, to Centralize Statistics on the Prevention and Repression of Criminal Offenses and the Financing of Terrorism. Cabinet Decree № 3 (07-02-17) modifying the National Import Tariff

Food Safety Standards

The following food safety standards (AUPSA-DINAN Decisions) were published by the Food Safety Authority in the *Gaceta Oficial – Digital* (Official Gazette – Digital) during the period of coverage. [Repealed documents are not shown; unless otherwise specified, food is for human consumption; dates are dd/mm/yy]:

Publication Date	AUPSA-DINAN № and Date	Food and Origin
01-02-17	004-2017 06-01-17	Phytosanitary and sanitary requirements for the import of lettuces (<i>Lactuca Sativa</i>) and / or related, including the “witloof”, endibia, escarol (<i>cichorium endivia</i> var. and subsp).fresh or refrigerated for human consumption and / or transformation, originating in France.
	005-2017 12-01-17	Phytosanitary and sanitary requirements for the import of phaseolus (<i>Phaseolus</i> Spp.) or vigna (<i>vigna</i> spp.) types of dried and derivative grains for human consumption are provided for the import of Judías (porotes, alubias, beans) / or transformation, originating in Costa

Publication Date	AUPSA-DINAN № and Date	Food and Origin
		Rica
	006-2017 12-01-17	Phytosanitary and sanitary requirements for the import of phaseolus (phaseolus spp.) or vigna (vigna spp.) types of dried and derivative grains for human consumption are provided for the import of Judías (porotes, alubias, beans) / or transformation, originating Guyana
	007-2017 12-01-17	Phytosanitary and sanitary requirements for the import of Judías (porotes, beans, beans) of the type phaseolus (phaseolus spp.) or vigna (vigna spp.) and dried and derivative grains for human consumption and/or processing are provided for products of Paraguay
	008-2017 12-01-17	Repealing AUPSA-DINAN 144-2008 and establishing new phytosanitary and sanitary requirements for imports of dried grains of maize (Zea Mays) for human or animal consumption or processing – originating in Costa Rica
	010-2017 12-01-17	Phytosanitary and sanitary requirements for the import of Judías (porotes, beans, beans) of the type phaseolus (phaseolus spp.) or vigna (vigna spp.) and dried and derivative grains for human consumption and/or processing are provided for products originating in El Salvador
06-02-17	011-2017 12-01-17	Phytosanitary and sanitary requirements for the import of Judías (porotes, beans, beans) of the type phaseolus (phaseolus spp.) or vigna (vigna spp.) and dried and derivative grains for human consumption and/or processing are provided for products originating in Honduras
	012-2017 12-01-17	Phytosanitary and sanitary requirements for the import of Judías (porotes, beans, beans) of the type phaseolus (phaseolus spp.) or vigna (vigna spp.) and dried and derivative grains for human consumption and/or processing are provided for products originating in Dominican Republic
	013-2017 12-01-17	Repealing AUPSA-DINAN 119-2009 and establishing new phytosanitary and sanitary requirements for imports of sprouts, including broccoli, cabbages and similar edibles of brassica sp., fresh or refrigerated, for human consumption and / or processing, originating in Colombia.

The Americas - North America

Canada

European Parliament approves EU-Canada trade agreement

On 15 February 2017, the European parliament [announced](#) that it gave its approval to the *EU - Canada Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement* (CETA). The deal was approved by 408 votes to 254, with 33 abstentions and could apply provisionally from as early as April 2017. [See [European Union and EFTA section](#) for additional information.]

Miscellaneous regulations and proposals

The following documents of interest to international traders were published in the [Canada Gazette](#). (The sponsoring ministry, department or agency is also shown. N=notice, PR=proposed regulation, R=regulation, O=Order)

Publication Date	Title
02-04-17	Environment/Health: Publication after screening assessment of a living organism — <i>Trichoderma reesei</i> (T. reesei) strain ATCC 74252 — specified on the Domestic Substances List (subsection 77(1) of the Canadian Environmental Protection Act, 1999) (N)
	Environment/Health: Publication after screening assessment of two substances — 2-pyrrolidinone, 1-methyl-, CAS RN 872-50-4 (NMP), and 2-pyrrolidinone, 1-ethyl-, CAS RN 2687-91-4 (NEP) — specified on the Domestic Substances List (paragraphs 68(b) and (c) or subsection 77(1) of the Canadian Environmental Protection Act, 1999) (N)
	Environment/Health: Publication of results of investigations and recommendations for a substance — oils, lard, sulfurized (sulfurized lard oil), CAS RN 61790-49-6 — specified on the Domestic Substances List (paragraphs 68(b) and (c) of the Canadian Environmental Protection Act, 1999)
02-11-17	Environment: Draft Federal Environmental Quality Guidelines for certain substances pursuant to the Canadian Environmental Protection Act, 1999
	Environment: Order 2017-87-01-02 Amending the Non-domestic Substances List pursuant to the Canadian Environmental Protection Act, 1999
	Environment: Significant New Activity Notice No. 15796 Rescinding Significant New Activity Notice pursuant to Canadian Environmental Protection Act, 1999
	Environment/Health: Publication of results of investigations and recommendations for a substance — benzenesulfonamide, 2-methyl- (2-MBS), CAS RN 1 88-19-7 — specified on the Domestic Substances List (paragraphs 68(b) and (c) of the Canadian Environmental Protection Act, 1999)
	Health: Proposed Regulations Amending the Pest Control Products Regulations (Personal Use Import Exemption) pursuant to the Pest Control Products Act (PR)
02-18-17	Environment/Health: Order Adding Toxic Substances to Schedule 1 to the Canadian Environmental Protection Act, 1999 (PR)
	Environment: Significant New Activity Notice No. 18910 pursuant to the Canadian Environmental Protection Act, 1999 (N)
	Environment: Significant New Activity Notice No. 18911 pursuant to the Canadian Environmental Protection Act, 1999 (N)
	Environment/Health: Publication after screening assessment of a living organism — <i>Arthrobacter globiformis</i> (A. globiformis) strain ATCC 8010 — specified on the Domestic Substances List (subsection 77(1) of the Canadian Environmental Protection Act, 1999) (N)
	Environment/Health: Publication after screening assessment of a living organism — <i>Cellulomonas biazotea</i> (C. biazotea) strain ATCC 486 — specified on the Domestic Substances List (subsection 77(1) of the Canadian Environmental Protection Act, 1999) (N)
02-22-17	Health: Regulations Amending Certain Department of Health Regulations (Miscellaneous Program) (SOR/2017-18, Feb. 13, 2017) pursuant to the Food and Drugs Act and the Controlled Drugs and Substances Act (R)
	Health: Regulations Amending Certain Regulations Made Under the Controlled Drugs and Substances Act (SOR/2017-12, Feb. 3, 2017) pursuant to the Controlled Drugs and Substances Act (R)
	Environment: Order 2017-87-01-01 Amending the Domestic Substances List (SOR/2017-7, Feb. 1, 2017) pursuant to the Canadian Environmental Protection Act, 1999 (O)
	Environment: Regulations Amending the Export of Substances on the Export Control List Regulations (SOR/2017-11, Feb. 3, 2017) pursuant to the Canadian Environmental Protection Act, 1999 (R)
	Health: Regulations Amending the Food and Drug Regulations (Food Irradiation) (SOR/2017-16, Feb. 13, 2017) pursuant to the Food and Drugs Act (R)
02-25-17	Environment/Health: Publication of results of investigations and recommendations for a substance — cyclohexene, 4-ethenyl- (4-vinylcyclohexene or 4-VCH), CAS RN 100-40-3 — specified on the Domestic Substances List (paragraphs 68(b) and (c) of the Canadian Environmental Protection Act, 1999) (N)
	Environment/Health: Publication of final decision after screening assessment

Publication Date	Title
	of two liquefied petroleum gases — petroleum gases, liquefied, CAS RN 68476-85-7; and petroleum gases, liquefied, sweetened, CAS RN 68476-86-8 — specified on the Domestic Substances List (subsection 77(6) of the Canadian Environmental Protection Act, 1999) (N)

CBSA advance rulings

The Canada Border Services Agency (CBSA) has enhanced the Advance Ruling ([Tariff Classification](#) and [Origin](#)) and [National Customs Ruling](#) programs by publishing ruling letters in their entirety, with the applicant's consent, on the [CBSA Web site](#).

No advance rulings were posted by the CBSA during the period covered by this *Update*.

D-Memoranda and CNs revised or cancelled

The following is a list of Canada Border Services Agency D-Memoranda, Customs Notices (CNs) and other publications issued, revised or cancelled during the past month. (Dates are given in yyyy/mm/dd format.)

Date	Reference	Title
01-26-17	D17-2-1	The Coding, Submission and Processing of Form B2 Canada Customs Adjustment Request
02-01-17	CN 17-06	Changes to the Canada Border Services Agency Policies Respecting the Importation and Transportation of Goods (Delivery Requirements of Consolidated Cargo to Type CW Sufferance Warehouses)
02-02-17	CN 17-07	Changes to the Validity Period of the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation Business Travel Card
02-15-17	D8-4-2	Revised- Reporting and Summary Accounting of Vehicle Repairs by Highway Carriers

Antidumping and countervailing duty cases

[See separate *Antidumping Countervailing Duty and Safeguards Investigations, Orders & Reviews* section below.](#)

Mexico

New requirements for the temporary importation of sensitive goods by IMMEX

On January 31, the new requirements for the importation of sensitive goods under the IMMEX Program, published by the Ministry of Economy, became mandatory.

On December 12, 2016, the Ministry of Economy published in the Official Federal Gazette *Amendments to the general rules and criteria in Foreign Trade matters issued by the Ministry of Economy*, setting forth new mandatory requirements for companies who wish to temporarily import certain goods (sensitive goods) under their IMMEX Program.

Sensitive goods

Some of the goods that are considered as sensitive for this purpose include the following:

- Tire cutouts or tire waste, made of rubber or vulcanized rubber, unhardened, and worn-out tires or covers.
- Sugar products
- Cast iron, iron and steel, and articles thereof
- Textiles
- Aluminum and articles thereof
- Copper and articles thereof
- Waste and scrap for recovering gold
- Waste and scrap of nickel, lead, zinc, tin and magnesium, among others
- Tobacco

Validity

The validity of the authorizations to temporarily import sensitive goods under an IMMEX Program will be four months.

Requirements

Among the requirements that IMMEX companies must comply to temporarily import sensitive goods, are the following:

1. Information on the goods to be temporarily imported and the finished product.
2. Report by a Registered Public Accountant with specific information regarding the company, its inventory, its production capacity, its facilities, the products being manufactured, employees of the company registered at the Mexican Social Security Institute (IMSS by its acronym in Spanish) and employees of other companies that render sub-manufacture services to the applicant, among other information.
3. Documentation regarding employees hired through outsourcing.
4. Companies to whom the finished products will be transferred.

Previously authorized IMMEX companies

IMMEX companies who had already been authorized to temporarily import sensitive goods under the previous requirements must obtain a new authorization in terms with the new specific requirements, to be able to continue importing such sensitive goods.

VAT/IEPS Certification

Currently, companies that have been granted the VAT/IEPS Certification, in terms of Title 7 of the *Foreign Trade General Rules* (FTGR) issued by the Tax Administration Service (SAT by its acronym in Spanish), are exempt from obtaining an authorization to import sensitive goods.

Therefore, it is essential that such VAT/IEPS Certified companies are permanently in compliance with the initial requirements for such certification and the obligations established in the FTGR.

Electronic Audits

It is important to consider that the systems of SAT and the Ministry of Economy are interconnected; therefore, SAT may review if the information filed with the Ministry of Economy is true and congruent.

How we can help

Our Foreign Trade team has the knowledge and expertise to assist your company to comply with the new requirements, as well as with the preparation of the corresponding application to temporarily import sensitive goods under its IMMEX program.

Additionally, our team can help companies with the VAT/IEPS Certification to detect if they are in compliance with their obligations, in order to maintain this certification and keep enjoying all of its benefits.

For additional information or assistance please contact [Edith Salcedo Hinojosa](#), [Manuel M. Padrón](#), [Daniel Sanchez-Elizondo](#), [Adriana Ibarra-Fernández](#) or [Armando De Lille](#).

Mexico announces consultation on NAFTA negotiations

On February 1, 2017, the Mexican Government [announced](#) that the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the Ministry of Economy are initiating a formal public consultation process for the revision of the *North American Free Trade Agreement* (NAFTA) with the private sector and other relevant actors for a period of 90 days, which will continue permanently once the negotiation begins. The consultation will set the parameters that will guide the review and deepening of NAFTA.

The announcement said that the consultation in Mexico begins simultaneously with the one that the United States Government will carry out internally for its own purposes.

The consultation process in Mexico will be coordinated by the Ministry of Economy, through the established regular mechanisms. During the consultation, there will be an active participation of the Senate of the Republic in matters of foreign policy.

The consultation process is indispensable to achieve a modernization of the NAFTA that serves the national interest, as is being done in the case of the Agreement between Mexico and the European Union, whose negotiation will also occur in 2017.

Diario Oficial

The following documents of interest to international traders were published in the [Diario Oficial de la Federacion](#): *Note: With regard to standards, only those which appear to apply to international trade are listed. (An unofficial English translation is shown.)*

Publication Date	Title
02-02-17	Decree modifying the decree for the support of the terminal automotive industry and momentum for development of a domestic automotive market Agriculture, Livestock, Rural Development, Fisheries and Food: Acuerdo amending the resolution period for issuing the Animal Health Movement Certificate
02-03-17	Economy: 2017 National Standardization Program
02-07-17	Economy: Mexican Official Standard NOM-208-SCFI-2016, Products. Radio systems that employ the technique dispersed spectrum – Radio equipment that performs spectrum frequency hopping and digital modulation to operate in the bands 902 MHz-928 MHz, 2400 MHz-2483.5 MHz and 5725 MHz-5850 MHz-specifications and test methods
02-08-17	Economy: Notice of extension of validity for the second time of the Mexican Official Standard of Emergency NOM-EM-017-SCFI-2016 digital interface to public networks (digital interface to 2 048 kbit / S and 34 368 kbit / S.) Economy: Response to comments the Proposed Official Mexican Standard NOM-070-SCFI-2015 Beverage Alcoholic-Mezcal Specifications, published on March 4, 2016
02-09-17	Hacienda: Annexes 4, 5, 7, 8, 9, 11, 12, 14, 15, 16, 17, 19, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 30 and 31 of the General Rules of Commerce Exterior for 2017, published on January 27, 2017. (Continuation)
02-10-17	Economy: Notice announcing the entry into force between the United Mexican States and the Republics of Chile and Colombia of Decision No. 1 of the Free Trade Commission of the Additional Protocol to the Framework Agreement of the Pacific Alliance, adopted on June 30, 2016 Hacienda: Annex 1 of the General Rules of Foreign Trade for 2017 [Sec. 3] [Sec. 4] [Sec. 5] [Sec. 6] [Sec. 7] published 01-27-17
02-23-17	Economy: Standard NOM-070-SCFI-2016, Alcoholic-Mezcal-Specifications
02-24-17	Economy: Agreement establishing the requirements to grant the use, license and sub-license of the trademark “Hecho en Mexico”
02-28-17	Finance: Resolution amending the general provisions applicable to general deposit warehouses, exchange offices, credit unions and regulated multi-purpose financial corporations. (Continued in section: 3, 4)

Antidumping and countervailing duty cases

[See separate *Antidumping Countervailing Duty and Safeguards Investigations, Orders & Reviews* section below.](#)

United States

[NOTE ON FEDERAL REGISTER TABLES IN THE UNITED STATES SECTION BELOW: N=NOTICE, FR=FINAL RULE, PR=NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULEMAKING, AN=ADVANCE NOTICE OF PR, IR=INTERIM RULE, TR=TEMPORARY RULE OR ORDER, RFI/FRC= REQUEST FOR INFORMATION/COMMENTS; H=HEARING OR MEETING; E=EXTENSION OF TIME; C=CORRECTION; RO=REOPENING OF COMMENT PERIOD; W=WITHDRAWAL; DED= DELAYED EFFECTIVE DATE. PLEASE NOTE: MEETINGS WHICH HAVE ALREADY TAKEN PLACE ARE GENERALLY NOT LISTED.]

Presidential documents

During the past month, President Trump signed the following documents that relate to international trade or travel, regulatory reform, national security, law enforcement or related activities:

Date	Subject
02-01-17	Executive Order 13769 of January 27, 2017 - Protecting the Nation From Foreign Terrorist Entry Into the United States [suspended by court order]
02-02-17	National Security Presidential Memorandum–3 of January 28, 2017 Plan To Defeat the Islamic State of Iraq and Syria

Date	Subject
	National Security Presidential Memorandum—2 of January 28, 2017 Organization of the National Security Council and the Homeland Security Council
02-03-17	Executive Order 13770 of January 28, 2017 - Ethics Commitments by Executive Branch Appointees
	Executive Order 13771 of January 30, 2017 - Reducing Regulation and Controlling Regulatory Costs
02-08-17	Executive Order 13772 of February 3, 2017 - Core Principles for Regulating the United States Financial System
02-14-17	Executive Order 13773 of February 9, 2017 - Enforcing Federal Law With Respect to Transnational Criminal Organizations and Preventing International Trafficking
	Executive Order 13774 of February 9, 2017 - Preventing Violence Against Federal, State, Tribal, and Local Law Enforcement Officers
	Executive Order 13776 of February 9, 2017 - Task Force on Crime Reduction and Public Safety

Executive Order issued on transnational criminal organizations

On February 9, 2017, President Trump signed [Executive Order 13773 - Enforcing Federal Law With Respect to Transnational Criminal Organizations and Preventing International Trafficking](#) (published in the *Federal Register* on February 14, 2017). The Executive Order (EO) establishes a policy of the executive branch to:

(a) strengthen enforcement of Federal law in order to thwart transnational criminal organizations and subsidiary organizations, including criminal gangs, cartels, racketeering organizations, and other groups engaged in illicit activities that present a threat to public safety and national security and that are related to, for example:

- (i) the illegal smuggling and trafficking of humans, drugs or other substances, wildlife, and weapons;
- (ii) corruption, cybercrime, fraud, financial crimes, and intellectual-property theft; or
- (iii) the illegal concealment or transfer of proceeds derived from such illicit activities.

(b) ensure that Federal law enforcement agencies give a high priority and devote sufficient resources to efforts to identify, interdict, disrupt, and dismantle transnational criminal organizations and subsidiary organizations, including through the investigation, apprehension, and prosecution of members of such organizations, the extradition of members of such organizations to face justice in the United States and, where appropriate and to the extent permitted by law, the swift removal from the United States of foreign nationals who are members of such organizations;

(c) maximize the extent to which all Federal agencies share information and coordinate with Federal law enforcement agencies, as permitted by law, in order to identify, interdict, and dismantle transnational criminal organizations and subsidiary organizations;

(d) enhance cooperation with foreign counterparts against transnational criminal organizations and subsidiary organizations, including, where appropriate and permitted by law, through sharing of intelligence and law enforcement information and through increased security sector assistance to foreign partners by the Attorney General and the Secretary of Homeland Security;

(e) develop strategies, under the guidance of the Secretary of State, the Attorney General, and the Secretary of Homeland Security, to maximize coordination among agencies—such as through the Organized Crime Drug Enforcement Task Forces (OCDETF), Special Operations Division, the OCDETF Fusion Center, and the Inter-

national Organized Crime Intelligence and Operations Center—to counter the crimes described in subsection (a) of this section, consistent with applicable Federal law; and

(f) pursue and support additional efforts to prevent the operational success of transnational criminal organizations and subsidiary organizations within and beyond the United States, to include prosecution of ancillary criminal offenses, such as immigration fraud and visa fraud, and the seizure of the implements of such organizations and forfeiture of the proceeds of their criminal activity.

The EO directs the Secretary of State, the Attorney General, the Secretary of Homeland Security, and the Director of National Intelligence, or their designees, to co-chair and direct the existing interagency Threat Mitigation Working Group (TMWG) to implement the policy and to submit to the President a report, within 120 days, on transnational criminal organizations and subsidiary organizations, including the extent of penetration of such organizations into the United States, and issue additional reports annually thereafter to describe the progress made in combating these criminal organizations, along with any recommended actions for dismantling them.

Executive Order issued on reducing regulatory costs

On January 30, 2017, President Trump signed [Executive Order 13771 - Reducing Regulation and Controlling Regulatory Costs](#) (published in the Federal Register on February 3, 2017). EO 13771 requires that, unless prohibited by law, whenever an executive department or agency (agency) publicly proposes for notice and comment or otherwise promulgates a new regulation, it shall identify at least two existing regulations to be repealed. It further directs the heads of all agencies (for FY 2017) to keep the total incremental cost of all new regulations, including repealed regulations, to be finalized this year to no greater than zero, unless otherwise required by law or consistent with advice provided in writing by the Director of the Office of Management and Budget (Director) and requires that any new incremental costs associated with new regulations shall, to the extent permitted by law, be offset by the elimination of existing costs associated with at least two prior regulations. Guidance is to be provided by the Director. It also requires all regulations to appear in the Unified regulatory Agenda required under EO 12866 unless otherwise required by law or approved in advance by the Director.

For purposes of the EO, the term “regulation” or “rule” means an agency statement of general or particular applicability and future effect designed to implement, interpret, or prescribe law or policy or to describe the procedure or practice requirements of an agency, but does not include:

- (a) regulations issued with respect to a military, national security, or foreign affairs function of the United States;
- (b) regulations related to agency organization, management, or personnel; or
- (c) any other category of regulations exempted by the Director.

Senators request reversal of hiring freeze as it applies to trade enforcement

On February 2, 2017, several Democratic Senators on the Finance Committee wrote a [letter to President Trump](#) requesting an end to the Federal civilian [hiring freeze](#) as it applies to those responsible for trade enforcement, pointing out that during his campaign, the President described trade enforcement as the “center” of his campaign for trade reform. The letter said that it was critical that the Unit-

ed States has a robust workforce dedicated to addressing the nation's trade enforcement challenges and gave the following examples:

- Producers of steel, softwood lumber, and a range of other commodities are relying on skilled investigators and attorneys at the Commerce Department to address unfair trade that is harming American workers and devastating communities;
- American workers and businesses are calling upon trade specialists and border agents at Customs and Border Protection to identify and investigate companies that are failing to pay import duties, importing counterfeit merchandise, or otherwise violating U.S. trade laws;
- American companies facing barriers to trade in China and elsewhere, including U.S. aluminum producers, are relying on skilled lawyers and other staff at the U.S. Trade Representative's office to investigate and bring legal challenges against countries that fail to comply with their international obligations;
- Investigators at the Department of Labor's Bureau of International Labor Affairs are identifying cases in which foreign governments are violating labor commitments or foreign companies are producing goods using child or forced labor;
- The Office of Law Enforcement at the Department of Interior's U.S. Fish and Wildlife service is investigating wildlife crimes, including illegal trafficking in endangered species and stolen timber that can end up costing U.S. manufacturers that abide by the rules; and
- Attorneys at the U.S. Department of Justice are defending U.S. trade remedy actions in U.S. court and bringing legal challenges against companies that violate U.S. trade laws.

The letter also pointed out that the timing of the freeze was “particularly problematic given that several of these agencies are implementing new enforcement tools included in the [Trade Facilitation and Trade Enforcement Act of 2015](#), and as a result have been tasked with even more extensive trade enforcement responsibilities. Congress included a directive for more resources to be dedicated to trade enforcement as part of the Act, yet the freeze would have the effect of reducing such resources.”

USTR seeks comments and will hold hearing on request to reinstate actions taken with respect to EU measures on meat

On February 24, 2017, the Office of the United States Trade Representative (USTR) published in the *Federal Register* a [document](#) [Docket No. USTR–2016–0025] extending the date for submission of post-hearing rebuttal comments in connection with a public hearing on a request to reinstate action taken in connection with European Union measures on meat and meat products. USTR published a [document](#) in the *Federal Register* on December 28, 2016 (81 Fed. Reg. 95724) requesting comments and scheduling a public hearing on a request to reinstate action taken in connection with European Union measures on meat and meat products. The date specified for the submission of rebuttal comments has been extended to March 8, 2017.

Other USTR documents

F.R. Date	Subject
02-03-17	2017 Special 301 Review: Identification of Countries Under Section 182 of the Trade Act of 1974; Request for Public Comment and Notice of Public Hearing; Correction [Docket No. USTR–2016–0026] (RFC/H)

ITC investigations

The U.S. International Trade Commission (ITC) initiated (I), terminated (T), requested information or comments (RFC), issued a report (R), or scheduled a hearing (H) regarding the following investigations (other than 337 and antidumping, countervailing duty or safeguards) this month: (*Click on the investigation title to obtain details from the Federal Register notice or ITC Press Release*)

Investigation. No. and title	Requested by:
Inv. No. 332-561 - Global Digital Trade I: Market Opportunities and Key Foreign Trade Restrictions (I/RFC/H)	USTR
Inv. No. 103-030 - Probable Economic Effect of Certain Modifications to the U.S.-Morocco FTA Rules of Origin (USITC Publication 4662) (R)	USTR

GAO issues report on C-TPAT program

The U.S. Government Accountability Office (GAO) recently released a report on the U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) Customs -Trade Partnership Against Terrorism (C-TPAT) program that we thought you might find to be of interest. In conducting this review, the GAO sought to assess the extent to which (1) CBP is meeting its security validation responsibilities, and (2) C-TPAT members are receiving the benefits promised by CBP for participation.

While the full report is worth a quick read ([available here](#)), the GAO concluded that problems with the data management system (i.e., the Portal) have led to problems with C-TPAT validations (e.g., incorrect tier levels being reflected in the system, incorrect dates for profile updates/reviews, lack of standardized guidance from CBP HQ, etc.) and that CBP cannot determine the extent to which C-TPAT members are actually receiving benefits because of these data problems. On this latter point, GAO stated:

Since 2012, CBP has compiled data on certain events or actions it has taken regarding arriving shipments—such as examinations, holds, and processing times—for both C-TPAT and non-C-TPAT members through its C-TPAT Dashboard.²⁰ However, based on GAO’s preliminary analyses of data contained in the Dashboard, and data accuracy and reliability concerns cited by C-TPAT program officials, we concluded that CBP staff are not able to determine the extent to which C-TPAT members are receiving benefits, such as reduced likelihood of examinations of their shipments and expedited shipment processing, compared to non-members.

We conducted preliminary analyses of C-TPAT program data from the Dashboard to understand, for example, how the examination rates of C-TPAT members’ shipments compared with those of non-C-TPAT members across different modes of transportation (air, truck, vessel, and rail) for each year from fiscal year 2011 through fiscal year 2015. The results of our analyses showed that C-TPAT members’ shipments did not consistently experience lower examination and hold rates and processing times compared to non-members’ shipments across the different modes of transportation.

Report at 18.

While the findings of this report many not come as much of a surprise to the companies that participate in the program, it is good to see the government auditing the program and trying to make it better.

If you have any questions about the report, or C-TPAT more generally, please contact [Ted Murphy](#) or anyone in the Customs group with whom you normally deal.

CBP announces User Fee Advisory Committee meeting

On February 22, 2017, U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) published in the *Federal Register* a [notice](#) [Docket No. USCBP-2017-0002] announcing that The U.S. Customs and Border Protection User Fee Advisory Committee (UFAC) will meet from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. (EST) on Wednesday, March 22, 2017, in Washington, DC. The meeting will be open to the public. The meeting is scheduled for two hours but may close early if the committee completes its business. Meeting participants may attend either in person or via webinar after pre-registering using a method indicated in the *Federal Register* notice.

CBP publishes quarterly interest rates

On February 16, 2017, CBP published in the *Federal Register* a [general notice](#) that advises the public that the quarterly Internal Revenue Service interest rates used to calculate interest on overdue accounts (underpayments) and refunds (overpayments) of customs duties will remain the same from the previous quarter. For the calendar quarter beginning January 1, 2017, the interest rates for overpayments will be 3 percent for corporations and 4 percent for non-corporations, and the interest rate for underpayments will be 4 percent for both corporations and non-corporations.

CBP announces COAC meeting

On February 10, 2017, CBP published in the *Federal Register* a [notice](#) [Docket No. USCBP–2017–0001] announcing a Commercial Customs Operations Advisory Committee (COAC) meeting in Washington, DC on Wednesday, March 1, 2017.

Agenda

The COAC was scheduled to hear from the following subcommittees on the topics listed below:

1. The Trade Modernization Subcommittee: discussion on the progress of the International Engagement and Trade Facilitation Working Group which is identifying examples of best practices in the U.S. and abroad that facilitate trade; the progress of the Revenue Modernization Working Group which is generating advice pertaining to the strategic modernization of Customs and Border Protection's revenue collections process and systems; the progress of the Rulings and Decisions Working Group which has been identifying process improvements in the receipt and issuance of Customs and Border Protection Headquarters' rulings and decisions; and the progress of the newly formed E-Commerce Working Group.
2. The One U.S. Government Subcommittee (1USG): the progress of the Fish & Wildlife Service (FWS) Working Group; the progress and completion of the Automated Commercial Environment (ACE), core functions, and the Single Window Effort.
3. The Exports Subcommittee: the final work of the Truck Manifest Sub-Working Group, which has been comparing the proposed truck manifest data elements with the Canadian elements; the Post Departure Filing Group's progress in finalizing the details of its Table Top Exercise.
4. The Trade Enforcement and Revenue Collection (TERC) Subcommittee: the progress made on prior TERC recommendations and updates from the Anti-Dumping and Countervailing Duty (AD/CVD), Intellectual Property Rights (IPR), and Forced Labor Working Groups.
5. The Global Supply Chain Subcommittee: their involvement in the review of a draft supply chain security C-TPAT best practice framework, on-going input received regarding the C-TPAT minimum security criteria and the progress of the Pipeline Working Group.

6. The Trusted Trader Subcommittee: continuation of their discussion on their vision for an enhanced Trusted Trader concept that includes engagement with CBP to include relevant partner government agencies with a potential for international interoperability.

Meeting materials are [available here](#).

Miscellaneous CBP, ICE or DHS Federal Register documents

The following documents not discussed above were published by CBP, US Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE - trade related), or by the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) in the *Federal Register*. [Note that multiple listings of approved gaugers and laboratories reflects different locations and/or products.]

F.R. Date	Subject
02-08-17	CBP: Agency Information Collection Activities: Temporary Scientific or Educational Purposes OMB Control No. 1651-0036 (N) [<i>HTSUS Subheading 9801.00.40, and 19 C.F.R. 10.67(a)(3)</i>]
	CBP: Agency Information Collection Activities: Importation Bond Structure (N) [OMB Control No. 1651-0050] [<i>CBP Forms 301, and 5297</i>]
02-13-17	CBP: Agency Information Collection Activities: Haitian Hemispheric Opportunity Through Partnership Encouragement Act of 2006 [OMB Control No. 1651-0129] (N)
	CBP: Agency Information Collection Activities: Commercial Invoice [OMB Control No. 1651-0090] (N)
	CBP: Agency Information Collection Activities: Transportation Entry and Manifest of Goods Subject to CBP Inspection and Permit [OMB Control No. 1651-0003] (N) [<i>CBP Forms 7512 and 7512A</i>]
02-21-17	CBP: Agency Information Collection Activities: Electronic Visa Update System [OMB Control No. 1651-0139] (N)
02-24-17	CBP: Accreditation and Approval of Camin Cargo Control, Inc., as a Commercial Gauger and Laboratory [La Marque, TX] (N)
	CBP: Accreditation and Approval of Chem Coast, Inc., as a Commercial Gauger and Laboratory [LaPorte, TX] (N)
	CBP: Approval of Intertek USA, Inc., as a Commercial Gauger [Tampa, FL] (N)
	CBP: Accreditation and Approval of Amspec Services, Llc, as a Commercial Gauger and Laboratory [Everett, MA] (N)
	CBP: Accreditation and Approval of Intertek USA, Inc., as a Commercial Gauger and Laboratory [Ft. Lauderdale, FL] (N)

CBP expands ability to file post-entry claims for preferential tariff treatment

On February 15, 2107, the Acting Executive Director, Trade Policy and Programs, in CBP's Office of Trade wrote a memorandum (the "2017 Memo") to Directors of Field Operations and Center Directors providing guidance concerning acceptable methods for submission of post-importation preference claims in light of the decision issued in *Zojirushi America Corp v. U.S.*, Slip Op. 16-78 (August 4, 2016) by the Court of International Trade. The 2017 Memo (later issued on Feb. 28, 2017 as [CSMS# 17-000110](#)) amends guidance issued by CBP on August 11, 2014 which stated that if a preference program did not have a statutory post-importation mechanism, referenced in 19 USC § 1520(d), importers were precluded from claiming post -importation duty preferences through protests under 19 U.S.C. § 1514. In the 2014 guidance, CBP instructed ports to reject as non-protestable any initial preference claims made under 19 USC §1514.

The 2017 Memo states that, pursuant to the *Zojirushi* decision, for those preference programs that do not specifically provide for claims under the statutory post-importation mechanism of 19 U.S.C. § 1520(d), CBP will permit use of the protest mechanism set forth in 19 U.S.C. § 1514 to submit initial post-importation preference claims. CBP will continue to allow unliquidated entries to be amended by filing a PEA or PSC prior to liquidation in accordance with current PEA and PSC procedures.

For preference programs that by law have a post-importation provision, CBP states that a 1520(d) post-importation claim remains the only appropriate mechanism to seek preference when not claimed at the time of importation.

The 2017 Memo also stated that since ports may have rejected as non-protestable (rather than denied) initial post-importation preference claims made under 19 U.S.C. § 1514, importers are requested to resubmit their protests to the appropriate field offices within 180 days of the issuance of this guidance to assist CBP in processing protests previously rejected as non-protestable.

The 2017 Memo set forth a table of the existing preference programs and the method by which a claim may now be made after importation.

19 U.S.C. §1520(d)		19 U.S.C. §1514, PEA, or PSC		
CAFTA-DR	NAFTA	AGOA	Civil Aircraft Agreement	Jordan FTA
Chile FTA	Oman FTA	Australia FTA	GSP	Morocco FTA
Colombia TPA	Panama TPA	Bahrain FTA	Insular Possessions	Pharmaceutical Products Agreement
Korea FTA	Peru TPA	CBERA	Israel FTA	Singapore FTA
		CBTPA	Uruguay Round Concession on Intermediate Chemicals for Dyes	

The Office of Trade will be revising all internal and external guidelines applicable to preference programs to permit filing of claims under 19 USC §1514. The 2017 memorandum supersedes any conflicting guidance previously published, including, but not limited to, the now amended memorandum, dated August 11, 2014, implementing instructions for free trade agreements, the FTA Guidelines, and the Side-by-Side Comparison of Free Trade Agreements and Selected Preferential Trade Legislation Programs.

This is a significant development since it expands the period in which post-entry refund claims may be made under certain preference programs. It also breathes new life into protests filed for such claims that were previously rejected as “non-protestable.” We have been helping clients secure refunds from CBP on such protests and would be happy to discuss this with you further, if relevant.

CBP announces West Coast Trade Symposium

U.S. Customs and Border Protection has announced that the 2017 West Coast Trade Symposium will be held on May 24-25, 2017 in Scottsdale, Arizona. Further information and on-line registration will be available soon. The contact point will be the [Office of Trade Relations](#).

CBP publications and fact sheets

During the period of coverage of this *Update*, CBP issued the following publications and fact sheets:

- [Trade Agreements – Priority Trade Issue Brochure](#) (CBP Pub. 0585-1116. December 2016)

Revocations or modifications of CBP rulings

[See separate section below.](#)

CSMS messages

The following CBP Cargo Systems Messaging Service (CSMS) notices were issued during the period covered by this Update. ACE outages or delays which have already occurred and problems which have been resolved are not included below.

Date	CSMS#	Title
02-01-17	17-000048	ACE Extract Reference File Query (FQ) fixes Deployed to CERTIFICATION
	17-000049	ACE PRODUCTION Deployment, Thurs Feb. 2, 2017 @0500ET, impact ACE CargoRel & EntrySummary
	17-000050	ACE CERTIFICATION CQ and Quota Query Deploys Thursday morning, Feb 2, 2017 at 0700-0730ET
	17-000051	Information on DEA Final Rule implementing ITDS
02-03-17	17-000052	For ACE Registered Pesticide Submissions
	17-000053	Designated FDA ACS Messaging to be Turned off 2/23/17
	17-000054	UPDATE: Designated FDA ACS Messaging to be Turned off 2/23/17
	17-000055	ATF PGA Message Set Filing
02-06-17	17-000056	ATF PGA Message Set Filing
02-06-17	17-000057	ATF PGA Message Set Filing
02-06-17	17-000059	ACE PRODUCTION Quota Query Deployed
02-07-17	17-000060	January 31, 2017 FDA Webinar Documents Posted on cbp.gov
	17-000061	Updated ACE PGA Documentation Posted to CBP.gov
	17-000062	ACE PROD deploy Official Notice of Extension, Suspension & Liquidation, Tues Feb 7 @2000ET
02-08-17	17-000063	Updated ACE PGA Documentation Posted to CBP.gov
	17-000064	ACE Drawback Citrus Provision
	17-000065	ACE Drawback "Lesser of" NAFTA Claims
	17-000066	Weekly Trade FAQs (Week of 1/30)
	17-000067	ACE PRODUCTION PGA Deployment, Thurs Feb. 9, 2017 @0500ET, impact ACE CargoRel & EntrySumm
	17-000068	Updated ACE CATAIR Documentation Posted to CBP.gov
02-08-17	17-000069	Information on FDA ACE Rejects and Importer of Record Reminder
	17-000070	Information on FDA ACE Rejects and Importer of Record Reminder
02-09-17	17-000071	FDA Requirements Change for Medical Devices, IUC 081.005
02-10-17	17-000072	Harmonized System Update (HSU) 1701 created on February 9, 2017
02-13-17	17-000073	EPA HTS Code Flagging Update and Reminders
	17-000074	EPA HTS Code Flagging Update and Reminders
	17-000075	Limited Network traffic for PGA responses to ACE this evening, Mon 2/13/2017 2000-0300ET
	17-000076	PROD Deployment to Fix FDA Business Rules 02/13/17 at 1545 EST
02-13-17	17-000077	Use of UNK In Place of an Intended Use Code for FDA Transmissions
	17-000078	Use of UNK In Place of an Intended Use Code for FDA Transmissions
02-14-17	17-000079	FDA Invalidation of registrations for failure to renew or complete the renewal process by
	17-000080	FDA Invalidation of registrations for failure to renew or complete the renewal process by
02-14-17	17-000081	ACE PRODUCTION CargoRel Deploy, Thur Feb 16, 2017 @0500ET, impact ACE CargoRel & EntrySumm
	17-000082	ACE PRODUCTION CargoRel Deploy, Thur Feb 16, 2017 @0500ET, impact ACE CargoRel & EntrySumm
02-15-17	17-000083	ACE Importer/Consignee Create ("TI") Message Requires Importer Type for U.S. entities
	17-000084	ACE Importer/Consignee Create ("TI") Message Requires Importer Type for U.S. entities
02-15-17	17-000085	ACE PRODUCTION Deployment, Thurs Feb. 16, 2017 @0500ET, impact ACE CargoRelease & EntrySumm
	17-000086	ACE PRODUCTION Deployment, Thurs Feb. 16, 2017 @0500ET, impact ACE CargoRelease & EntrySumm

Date	CSMS#	Title
	17-000083	ACE Cargo Release: Release Date Fix
02-16-17	17-000084	Weekly Trade FAQs (Week of 2/6)
	17-000086	Relocation of Buffalo, NY Client Representative Office
02-17-17	17-000087	Deactivation of Several Port Codes for Export Cargo
	17-000089	ACE CERTIFICATION Maintenance, Tues 2/21/17 & Wed 2/22/17, 1700 ET to 2000 ET
02-21-17	17-000090	ACE CERTIFICATION Maintenance, Tues Feb 21, 2017 only, 1700 ET to 2000 ET
02-22-17	17-000091	Clarification on DDTC Implementation Guide V1.5 Posted on CBP.gov
	17-000092	ACE HTS Query Update
	17-000093	ACE PRODUCTION PGA Deployment, Thurs Feb. 23,2017 @0500ET,impact ACE CargoRel & EntrySumm
	17-000094	Intermittent failed AE (Entry Summary) messages in ACE PROD, Wed. Feb. 22, 2017
02-23-17	17-000099	UPDATE: FDA ACS Messaging NOT turned off today (2/23/17)
	17-000100	ACE Processing Delays reoccurred but will resolve soon
	17-000101	ACE CERTIFICATION Maintenance this evening, Thurs 2/23/17, 1800 ET to 2000 ET
	17-000102	Publication of the Drawback Simplification Newsletter on CBP.gov
02-24-17	17-000104	FDA Prior Notice Rejection due to Registration Invalidation
	17-000105	Deactivation of final list of CBP Port Codes for Import Cargo
	17-000106	Local Closure - Port of New Orleans, LA (2002)- February 28, 2017
02-27-17	17-000107	FDA Some food facility registrations receiving incorrect invalid or cancelled rejects
	17-000108	RESOLVED: Some FDA food facility registrations improperly rejecting for invalid or cancel
02-28-17	17-000109	2017 COAC Survey
	17-000110	Post-importation Claims for Preferential Tariff Treatment

Foreign Trade Zones

The following documents were published in the *Federal Register* by the Foreign-Trade Zones Board:

F.R. Date	Document
02-02-17	Foreign-Trade Zone (FTZ) 82-Mobile, Alabama; Authorization of Limited Production Activity; Airbus Americas, Inc. (Commercial Passenger Jet Aircraft Production); Mobile, Alabama [B-67-2016]
02-03-17	Foreign-Trade Zone (FTZ) 277 – Western Maricopa County, Arizona - Authorization of Production Activity - IRIS USA, Inc. (Plastic Household Storage/Organizational Containers) Surprise, Arizona [B-68-2016]
	Approval of Subzone Status - AGFA Corporation, Branchburg, New Jersey [S-152-2016]
	Approval of Subzone Status - CGT U.S. Limited, New Braunfels, Texas [Order No. 2026]
02-06-17	Foreign-Trade Zone 163—Ponce, Puerto Rico; Application for Subzone, LT Autos, LLC, Ponce, Puerto Rico [S-11-2017]
02-07-17	Foreign-Trade Zone (FTZ) 8—Toledo, Ohio Notification of Proposed Production Activity – Whirlpool Corporation (Washing Machines) Clyde and Green Springs, Ohio [B-9-2017]
02-08-17	Approval of Subzone Status; AxisCare Health Logistics, Inc.; Toa Baja, Puerto Rico [S-154-2016]
02-15-17	Foreign-Trade Zone 280-Ada and Canyon Counties, Idaho; Application for Subzone; Orgill, Inc.; Post Falls, Idaho [S-17-2017]
	Approval of Subzone Status, Best Petroleum Corporation, Toa Baja, Puerto

F.R. Date	Document
	Rico [S-162-2016]
02-16-17	Production Activity Not Authorized, Foreign-Trade Zone (FTZ) 27-Boston, Massachusetts, Claremont Flock, a Division of Spectro Coating Corporation, (Textile Flock), Leominster, Massachusetts [B-69-2016] Foreign-Trade Zone 30—Salt Lake City, Utah; Application for Subzone; Scott USA, Inc.; Ogden, Utah [B-11-2017]
02-22-17	Foreign-Trade Zone (FTZ) 29 – Louisville, Kentucky; Notification of Proposed Production Activity - Hitachi Automotive Systems Americas, Inc. (Automotive Fuel Injection Assemblies) Harrodsburg, Kentucky [B-12-2017] Foreign-Trade Zone 20 – Norfolk, Virginia; Application for Expansion of Subzone 20E - STIHL Incorporated, Virginia Beach, Virginia [S-16-2017] Foreign-Trade Zone (FTZ) 177-Evansville, Indiana; Notification of Proposed Production Activity; Toyota Motor Manufacturing Indiana, Inc. (Automotive Vehicles); Princeton, Indiana [B-10-2017]
02-27-17	Foreign-Trade Zone (FTZ) 7-Mayaguez, Puerto Rico; Notification of Proposed Production Activity; Romark Global Pharma, LLC; Subzone 7P; Manati, Puerto Rico (Pharmaceuticals) [B-13-2017]

Harmonized Tariff Schedule (HTS) updated in the Automated Export System (AES)

On February 13, 2017, the Census Bureau advised that effective immediately, all recent additions to the *Harmonized Tariff Schedule* (HTS) are now available for use in AES. There have been no additions to Schedule B.

The ACE AESDirect program has been updated with these new HTS codes. The full 2017 Schedule B and HTS tables are available for [downloading here](#). The current list of HTS codes that are not valid for AES are [available here](#).

Treasury issues civil monetary penalties adjustment rule

On February 10, 2017, Department of the Treasury (Treasury), published in the *Federal Register* a [final rule](#) to adjust its civil monetary penalties (CMPs) for inflation as mandated by the *Federal Civil Penalties Inflation Adjustment Act of 1990*, as amended by the *Federal Civil Penalties Inflation Adjustment Act Improvements Act of 2015* (collectively referred to herein as “the Act”). The rule adjusts CMPs within the jurisdiction of certain components of Treasury, including the Financial Crimes Enforcement Network (FinCEN) and the Office of Foreign Assets Control (OFAC) to the maximum amount required by the Act.

As of January 15, 2017, the applicable statutory maximum civil penalty per violation for each statute enforced by OFAC is as follows: *International Emergency Economic Powers Act* (IEEPA)—greater of \$289,238 or twice the amount of the underlying transaction; *Trading with the Enemy Act* (TWEA)—\$85,236; *Foreign Narcotics Kingpin Designation Act* (FNKDA)—\$1,437,153; *Antiterrorism and Effective Death Penalty Act of 1996* (AEDPA)—greater of \$76,351 or twice the amount of which a financial institution was required to retain possession or control; and *Clean Diamond Trade Act* (CDTA)—\$13,066. The civil penalty amounts authorized under these statutes are subject to adjustment pursuant to the *Federal Civil Penalties Inflation Adjustment Act of 1990* (Pub. L. 101-410, as amended, 28 U.S.C. 2461 note). For violations involving laws enforced by FinCEN, penalties will range from \$8,084 for failure to register as a money transmitting business (31 U.S.C. 5330 (e)) to \$ 1,360,317 for violations of certain due diligence requirements, prohibition on correspondent accounts for shell banks, and special measures (31 U.S.C. 5321(a)(7)).

OFAC updates List of Medical Devices Requiring Specific Authorization for export or reexport to Iran

On February 2, 2017, the U.S. Treasury Department's Office of Foreign Assets Control (OFAC) [amended](#) the [List of Medical Devices Requiring Specific Authorization](#) ("List"), to update and clarify the scope of medical devices not authorized for export/reexport to Iran pursuant to the general license ("Ag/Med GL") at section 560.530(a)(3)(i) of the *Iranian Transactions and Sanctions Regulations*, 31 C.F.R. Part 560 (ITSR).

In December 2016, OFAC had [expanded](#) the scope of the Ag/Med GL to generally authorize exports/reexports of all items meeting the ITSR's definition of "medical devices," except for those identified on the List. Previously, only items appearing on a "List of Medical Supplies" were eligible for the Ag/Med GL. As a result of the December 2016 change, only medical devices on the List require specific licenses for export to Iran, which are issued by OFAC pursuant to ITSR §560.530(a)(1).

The specific changes to the List are as follows:

- OFAC has deleted a "catch-all" Note stating that the Ag/Med GL does not cover items (i) within the scope of the Statement of Understanding – medical equipment at Supplement No. 3 to Part 744 of the Export Administration Regulations, 15 C.F.R. Part 730 *et seq.* ("EAR") or (ii) excluded from an otherwise applicable Export Control Classification Number ("ECCN") on the Commerce Control List, Part 774 of the EAR because they are designed or modified for medical equipment or medical purposes. Such items may now be exported under the Ag/Med GL without a specific license from OFAC, provided they do not appear on the List.
- With regard to medical imaging equipment, OFAC has deleted "endoscopy equipment incorporating lasers for tissue ablation" and "elastography equipment" from the List as items requiring a specific license. Such medical devices are now eligible for the Ag/Med GL.
- With regard to laboratory equipment, OFAC has deleted "centrifuges and centrifugal separators" from the List but added "balancing machines," "motion simulators," and "rate tables"; the latter three items were previously mentioned as examples in the "catch-all" Note that has since been deleted from the List (as further detailed above) and therefore continue to require specific licenses from OFAC for export/reexport to Iran.

For additional information, please contact [Nicholas F. Coward](#), [Maria H. van Wagenberg](#), [Meghan Hamilton](#) or any member of the US Outbound Trade practice with whom you normally work.

OFAC issues General License authorizing certain dealings with the Russian Federal Security Service

On February 2, 2017, OFAC issued a [general license](#) (General License 1) permitting certain limited transactions with the Russian Federal Security Service (FSB), Russia's principal security agency. FSB was designated by OFAC as a Specially Designated National (SDN) on December 29, 2016 and subsequently also added to the U.S. Commerce Department's Entity List on January 4, 2017. FSB remains designated, but OFAC's General License 1 is a welcome step towards alleviating concerns of U.S. technology companies over the need to deal with FSB in its regulatory role in approving the import, distribution, and use of encryption products in Russia, as well as its broader law enforcement role. Meanwhile, the U.S. Commerce Department's Bureau of Industry and Se-

curity (BIS) has yet to take parallel action to authorize exports, reexports, and transfers to FSB of goods, software, and technology subject to U.S. jurisdiction under the Export Administration Regulations (EAR).

General License 1 permits certain activities involving FSB that are otherwise prohibited under [Executive Order 13757 of December 28, 2016](#) (Cyber EO 2). Cyber EO 2 was issued by President Obama in response to the Russian government's alleged cyber operations aimed at influencing the U.S. election. It expanded the sanctions authorities under the earlier [Executive Order 13694 of April 1, 2015](#) (Cyber EO) targeting certain "malicious cyber-enabled activities." For more on Cyber EO 2, please see our previous blog post [here](#).

What is Authorized?

General License 1 authorizes the following activities by U.S. Persons:

- transactions and activities that are "necessary and ordinarily incident to" receiving approval from FSB to import, distribute, or use encryption products in Russia. This includes requesting, receiving, using, paying for, or dealing in licenses, permits, certifications, or notifications issued or registered by FSB. Any exports/reexports of items subject to the EAR must be licensed or otherwise authorized by BIS. Any fees paid to FSB for such licenses, etc. may not exceed \$5000 in any calendar year.
- compliance with law enforcement or administrative actions or investigations involving FSB (e.g. anti-bribery investigations).
- compliance with the rules and regulations of FSB.

What is Not Authorized?

General License 1 expressly excludes the following:

- providing goods or technology to or on behalf of FSB, unless authorized as part of FSB's approval process covered by General License 1.
- exporting, reexporting, or providing goods, technology, or services to the Crimea region of Ukraine.
- dealing with other SDNs or transferring any property or debiting accounts blocked under other Executive Orders, statutes, or otherwise under the OFAC sanctions.

Also, until BIS takes similar action, exports, reexports, and transfers to FSB by any person, including non-U.S. companies, of goods, software, or technology subject to U.S. jurisdiction under the EAR remain prohibited at this time. We are continuing to follow-up on this and will issue a further update as developments occur.

For additional information, please contact [Eunkyung Kim Shin](#), [Alison J. Stafford Powell](#), or any member of the US Outbound Trade group with whom you normally work.

BIS extends validity of the ZTE related temporary general license

On February 24, 2017, the Bureau of Industry and Security (BIS) published in the *Federal Register* a [final rule](#) [Docket No. 160106014-7155-06] extending the validity of a temporary general license due to expire on February 27, 2017. On March 24, 2016, BIS published a final rule, [Temporary General License](#) (81 Fed.

Reg. 15633). The March 24 final rule created a temporary general license that restored, for a specified time period, the licensing requirements and policies under the *Export Administration Regulations* (EAR) for exports, reexports, and transfers (in-country) as of March 7, 2016, to two entities (ZTE Corporation and ZTE Kangxun) that were added to the Entity List on March 8, 2016. At this time, the U.S. Government has decided to extend the temporary general license until March 29, 2017. In order to implement this decision, this final rule revises the temporary general license to remove the expiration date of February 27, 2017, and to substitute the date of March 29, 2017. This final rule makes no other changes to the EAR.

BIS updates Export Compliance Guidelines

On February 8, 2017, BIS announced that it has updated the content of its *Export Compliance Guidelines* (Guidelines) and Audit Module (Module) and combined both documents into one “easy-to-use” [booklet](#). We understand that BIS’s primary purpose in updating the Guidelines and Module was to shorten and simplify them because, in BIS’s view, the prior versions of the documents were too long and contained too much unnecessary technical language.

The updated Guidelines and Module are designed to help exporters build and maintain an Export Compliance Program (ECP) that is considered effective by BIS to ensure that a company’s export activities are conducted in accordance with the *Export Administration Regulations* (EAR). The Guidelines provide details on the eight elements that BIS has determined are critical for an effective ECP for goods, software, and technology subject to the EAR, including: (1) management commitment; (2) risk assessment; (3) export authorization; (4) recordkeeping; (5) training; (6) audits; (7) handling export violations and taking corrective actions; and (8) building and maintaining an ECP. The Module provides a checklist that allows exporters to assess their particular export activities and export programs in order to revise or develop their ECP. The Guidelines and Module can be used by companies engaged in exports to benchmark their own compliance programs against the expectations set out by BIS in these updated documents.

The updated Guidelines and Module booklet can be found on the BIS Office of Exporter Services’ Export Management and Compliance Division [website](#), which also provides a number of other helpful resources for exporters, including webinars related to ECP development and other aspects of EAR compliance.

For additional information, please contact [Alex Lamy](#), [Kathryn Anderson](#), [Bart McMillan](#), or any member of the U.S. Outbound Trade group with whom you normally work.

BIS delays removal of certain nuclear nonproliferation column 2 controls

On February 1, 2017, BIS published in the *Federal Register* a [document delaying the implementation date](#) [Docket No. 160718621–7125–02] of one revision implemented by the final rule entitled “Commerce Control List: Removal of Certain Nuclear Nonproliferation (NP) Column 2 Controls” published by BIS in the *Federal Register* on November 25, 2016. The final rule amended the *Export Administration Regulations* (EAR) to remove nuclear nonproliferation (NP) Column 2 license requirements from certain pressure tubes, pipes, fittings, pipe valves, pumps, numerically controlled machine tools, oscilloscopes, and transient recorders on the Commerce Control List (CCL).

This rule is effective January 31, 2017. “Software” “specially designed” for the “development,” “production,” or “use” of items previously controlled under ECCN 3A292, as discussed in the final rule published in the *Federal Register* of November 25, 2016 (81 Fed. Reg. 85138), will continue to be classified and licensed by BIS under the designation EAR99 through a delayed date of March 21, 2017. As of March 22, 2017, such “software” will be classified and licensed by BIS under ECCN 3D991. This action is taken in accordance with the memorandum of January 20, 2017, from the Assistant to the President and Chief of Staff, entitled “Regulatory Freeze Pending Review,” published in the *Federal Register* on January 24, 2017.

State determines CARC paints do not require DSP-83

In a [notice](#) dated February 22, 2017, the State Department Directorate of Defense Trade Controls (DDTC) states that it has determined that Chemical Agent Resistant Coatings (CARC) paint does not possess “substantial military utility or capability” as defined by the term Significant Military Equipment (22 C.F.R. 120.7(a)), and therefore does not require a DSP-83 Non transfer and Use Certificate to accompany a license application for the permanent export of the defense article. As a result of a multi-agency review of export controls and the implementation of Export Control Reform (ECR), CARC paint was reassigned as category XIV(f)(7) on the United States Munitions List (USML).

When submitting a DSP-5 via D-Trade, the selection of any SME category in block 11 automatically identifies the defense article as SME and makes the DSP-83 a mandatory required document. Follow procedures below to submit your application without the DSP-83:

- Enter “XIV(f)(7)” in Block 11
- When asked if a DSP-83 is attached – answer “NO”
- When further asked “If SME, and a DSP-83 is not attached, state why.” –answer “Updated DDTC Web Notice 2/22/17 ref: no DSP-83 for CARC.”
- Please do not attach a copy of the web notice

Any questions or concerns should be directed to [Chuck Schwingler](#), Supervisory Defense Controls Analyst for the Light Weapons and PPE Systems Division.

Restrictive measures and additions to OFAC, State BIS blocking orders, designations, sanctions and entity lists

During the past month, the following notices adding, removing or continuing persons (including entities) to/from restrictive measures lists were published in the *Federal Register* by the Office of Foreign Assets Control (OFAC) or by the State Department (State) or the Bureau of Industry and Security (BIS):

F.R. Date	Applicable orders
02-08-17	OFAC: Sanctions Actions Pursuant to Executive Orders 13382 (N) [<i>nine individuals and eight entities</i>]
	OFAC: Sanctions Actions Pursuant to Executive Orders 13224 (N) [<i>4 individuals and 4 entities</i>]
02-17-17	OFAC: Sanctions Actions Pursuant to the Foreign Narcotics Kingpin Designation Act (N) [<i>2 persons, 13 entities and 1 aircraft</i>]

Treasury, Commerce, Homeland Security and State meetings and notices related to trade

AGENCIES: BIS = BUREAU OF INDUSTRY AND SECURITY; FINCEN = FINANCIAL CRIMES ENFORCEMENT NETWORK; ITA: INTERNATIONAL TRADE ADMINISTRATION; NIST- NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF STANDARDS AND TECHNOLOGY; OFAC= OFFICE OF FOREIGN ASSETS CONTROL; DHS= HOMELAND SECURITY; STATE=DEPARTMENT OF STATE.

[Note: Only meetings which occur after scheduled distribution of this Update are listed.]

F.R. Date	Subject
02-10-17	ITA: Quarterly Update to Annual Listing of Foreign Government Subsidies on Articles of Cheese Subject to an In-Quota Rate of Duty (N)
	State: Notice of Receipt of TransCanada Keystone Pipeline, L.P.'s Re-Application for a Presidential Permit To Construct, Connect, Operate, and Maintain Pipeline Facilities on the Border of the United States and Canada [Public Notice: 9881] (N)
	State: Notice of Availability of the Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (SEIS) for the Proposed Enbridge Energy, Limited Partnership Line 67 Expansion Project and Announcement of a Public Meeting [Public Notice 9880] (N)
02-13-17	State: Transfer of the Presidential Permit To Operate and Maintain the Brownsville West Rail Bypass From Cameron County, Texas to the Union Pacific Railroad Company [Public Notice: 9874] (N)
	State: Defense Trade Advisory Group; Notice of Open Meeting [Public Notice: 9886] (N) [March 30, 2017]
02-14-17	ITA: Advisory Committee on Supply Chain Competitiveness: Notice of Public Meeting (N) [March 8, 2017]
02-21-17	BIS: Transportation and Related Equipment Technical Advisory Committee: Notice of Partially Closed Meeting (N/H) [March 8, 2017]
	BIS: Materials Processing Equipment Technical Advisory Committee: Notice of Partially Closed Meeting (N/H) [March 7, 2017]
	BIS: Emerging Technology and Research Advisory Committee: Notice of Partially Closed Meeting (N/H) [March 23-24, 2017]
	BIS: Materials Technical Advisory Committee: Notice of Partially Closed Meeting (N/H) [March 9, 2017]
02-27-17	ITA: Calendar of Upcoming Trade Missions (N)

CPSC will not follow EO on regulations involving safety

On February 2, 2017, the Consumer Product Safety Commission, an independent agency, posted a [statement from its Chairman](#) on its website relating to the recent Executive Orders (EO) on reductions in regulations and delaying effective date on regulations, that said:

This Executive Order does not apply to independent agencies, including the Consumer Product Safety Commission. While we have looked to follow in spirit EOs that advance sound public policy and do not conflict with our critical public health and safety mission, this EO clearly fails on both accounts. To voluntarily follow it would lead to poor public policy decisions by ignoring the many necessary benefits provided by consumer protections that save lives and protect all of America's families. It would also be counter to our safety mission, as it would cruelly and unfairly have us pit vulnerable populations against each other when it comes to making safety decisions.

FTC and CPSC Federal Register documents

The following Federal Trade Commission (FTC) and Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) documents which may be of interest to importers were published *Federal Register* during the past month:

F.R. Date	Subject
02-01-17	CPSC: Request for Information Regarding Mattress Materials [Docket No. CPSC-2017-0008] (N)
	CPSC: Portable Generators: Notice of Opportunity for Oral Presentation of Comments [CPSC Docket No. CPSC-2006-0057] (N/H/RFC)
02-02-17	CPSC: Amendments to Fireworks Regulations [Docket No. CPSC-2006-0034] (PR)
	CPSC: Safety Standard Mandating ASTM F963 for Toys [Docket No. CPSC-2017-0010] (FR)
02-22-17	CPSC: Revisions to Safety Standard for Toddler Beds [Docket No. CPSC-2017-0012] (FR)

FDA and APHIS delay effective date for toxins rules

On February 16, 2017, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), published in the *Federal Register* a [document](#) [Docket No. CDC-2015-0045] delaying until March 21, 2017 the effective date of a final rule, published on January 19, 2017 (82 Fed. Reg. 6278), titled “Possession, Use, and Transfer of Select Agents and Toxins; Biennial Review and Enhanced Biosafety Requirements”

In a parallel document, on February 16, 2017, the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) also published in the *Federal Register* a [document](#) [Docket No. APHIS-2014-0095] delaying until March 21, 2017 the effective date of a final rule, published on January 19, 2017 (82 Fed. Reg. 6197-6210), amending the select agent and toxin regulations in several ways, including the addition of provisions to address the inactivation of select agents, provisions addressing biocontainment and biosafety, and clarification of regulatory language concerning security, training, incident response, and records.

Both actions are based on the memorandum of January 20, 2017 from the Assistant to the President and Chief of Staff entitled “Regulatory Freeze Pending Review.” This memorandum directed the heads of Executive Departments and Agencies to temporarily postpone for sixty days from the date of the memorandum the effective dates of all regulations that had been published in the Federal Register but had not yet taken effect.

FDA and HHS Federal Register documents

The FDA or the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) have posted the following *Federal Register* guides, notices or documents which may be of interest to international traders:

F.R. Date	Subject
02-01-17	FDA: Refuse To Accept Procedures for Premarket Tobacco Product Submissions: Revised Effective Date [Docket No. FDA-2016-N-1555] (FR/DED)
02-03-17	HHS: Annual Civil Monetary Penalties Inflation Adjustment (FR)
02-07-17	FDA: Clarification of When Products Made or Derived From Tobacco Are Regulated as Drugs, Devices, or Combination Products; Amendments to Regulations Regarding “Intended Uses”; Delayed Effective Date [Docket No. FDA-2015-N-2002] (FR/DED)
02-16-17	FDA: Use of the Term “Healthy” in the Labeling of Human Food Products; Public Meeting; Request for Comments [Docket No. FDA-2016-D-2335] (N/RFC/H)
	HHS/CDC: Possession, Use, and Transfer of Select Agents and Toxins; Biennial Review and Enhanced Biosafety Requirements; Delay of Effective Date [Docket No. CDC-2015-0045] (FR/DED)
02-17-17	FDA: Food and Drug Administration/Xavier University PharmaLink Confer-

F.R. Date	Subject
	ence—Leadership in a Global Supply Chain [Docket No. FDA-2017-N-0001] (N/H) [March 15-17, 2017]
02-21-17	FDA: Q11 Development and Manufacture of Drug Substances-Questions and Answers (Regarding the Selection and Justification of Starting Materials); International Council for Harmonisation; Guidance for Industry; Availability [Docket No. FDA-2017-D-0155] (N)
02-28-17	FDA: Use of Ozone-Depleting Substances [Docket No. FDA-2015-N-1355] (FR)

APHIS and other USDA notices issued

During the past month, the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) and other US Department of Agriculture (USDA) agencies issued the following *Federal Register* notices during the past month which may be of interest to international traders. [USDA=Office of the Secretary, FAS=Foreign Agricultural Service, AMS=Agricultural Marketing Service, FSIS=Food Safety Inspection Service; OPPM=Office of Procurement and Property Management]:

F.R. Date	Subject
02-09-17	AMS: National Organic Program (NOP); Organic Livestock and Poultry Practices [Doc. No. AMS-NOP-15-0012; NOP-15-06] (FR/DED)
02-10-17	APHIS: Importation of Hass Avocados From Colombia [Docket No. APHIS-2016-0022] (PR/E)
	APHIS: Importation, Interstate Movement, and Environmental Release of Certain Genetically Engineered Organisms [Docket No. APHIS-2015-0057] (PR/E)
02-13-17	APHIS: Plant Pest Regulations; Update of Provisions [Docket No. APHIS-2008-0076] (PR/E)
02-16-17	APHIS: Agricultural Bioterrorism Protection Act of 2002; Biennial Review and Republication of the Select Agent and Toxin List; Amendments to the Select Agent and Toxin Regulations; Delay of Effective Date [Docket No. APHIS-2014-0095] (FR/ DED)
02-17-17	AMS: National Organic Program: Notice of Draft Guidance for Calculating the Percentage of Organic Ingredients in Multi-Ingredient Products; Extension of Comment Period [Doc. No. AMS-NOP-16-0085; NOP-16-06] (N/E)
	AMS: Addition of Mandatory Country of Origin Labeling Requirements for Venison [Doc. No. AMS-LPS-16-0014] (PR/E)
	AMS: National Organic Program (NOP); Sunset 2017 Amendments to the National List [Doc. No. AMS-NOP-16-0052; NOP-16-03] (PR/E)
	AMS: Beef Promotion and Research; Reapportionment [Doc. No. AMS-LPS-16-0071] (PR/E)
	AMS: Revisions to Inspection Application Requirements [Doc. No. AMS-SC-16-0063] (IR/E)
02-21-17	OPPM: Designation of Product Categories for Federal Procurement (PR/E)
02-22-17	FSIS: Revision of the Nutrition Facts Labels for Meat and Poultry Products and Updating Certain Reference Amounts Customarily Consumed [Docket No. FSIS-2014-0024] (PR/E)
	FSIS: Codex Alimentarius Commission Committee on Contaminants in Food [Docket No. FSIS-2017-0004] (N/H)
02-23-17	AMS: Regulations Issued under Authority of the Export Apple Act and Export Grapes and Plums; Changes to Export Reporting Requirements [Doc. No. AMS-FV-14-0099; FV15-33/35-1 PR] (PR/RO)
02-27-17	AMS: Organic Research, Promotion, and Information Order [Doc. No. AMS-SC-16-0112] (PR/E)
	AMS: Organic Research, Promotion, and Information Order; Referendum Procedures [Doc. No. AMS-SC-16-0112] (PR/E)
	AMS: Cotton Research and Promotion Program: Request for Comments To Be Used in a Review of 1990 Amendments to the Cotton Research and Promotion Act [AMS-CN-16-0108] (N)

FAS GAIN reports

Below is a partial list of Global Agriculture Information Network (GAIN) reports that were recently issued by the US Foreign Agriculture Service (FAS) in the *Food and Agricultural Import Regulations and Standards (FAIRS)* series as well as other reports related to import or export requirements. These provide valuable information on regulatory standards, export guides, and MRL (maximum residue limits). Information about, and access to, other GAIN reports may be found at the FAS [GAIN reports website](#).

- Argentina - [FAIRS - Narrative](#)
- Argentina - [Government Modifies Export Rebates to Bolster Value-Added Products](#)
- China - [FAIRS - Certification](#)
- China - [FAIRS - Narrative](#)
- China - [Food Processing Ingredients](#)
- Czech Rep. - [Exporter Guide](#)
- EU - [EU Country of Origin Labeling - Member State Initiatives](#)
- EU - [Phytosanitary Requirements for EU Imports of Nuts](#)
- India - [Draft Food Import Regulations Re-Operationalized](#)
- India - [Draft Guidelines for Food Business Operators](#)
- India - [Draft Regulation on Product Approval Published in Indian Gazette](#)
- India - [Final Standards for Oats-Pasta-Fats-Oils Published in Indian Gazette](#)
- India - [FSSAI Publishes FAQs on Food Import Clearance Process](#)
- India - [FSSAI Publishes FAQs on Regulatory Compliance](#)
- India - [FSSAI Publishes Final Regulations on Food Recall Procedures](#)
- India - [GOI Notifies Standards for Histamine Level in Fish and Fish Products](#)
- India - [India Invites WTO Member Comments on Banned List of Pesticides](#)
- India - [India Invites WTO Member Comments on Nonalcoholic Beverage Standards](#)
- India - [India Notifies New Standards for Various Ingredient Products to WTO](#)
- India - [New Standards for Edible Fats Invite WTO Comments](#)
- India - [Regulations on Functional Foods Published in the Indian Gazette](#)
- India - [Revised Standards for Sweetening Agents Invite WTO Comments](#)
- India - [Standards for Special Dietary Foods Invite WTO Comments](#)
- India - [WTO Comments Invited on New Standards for Cereal and Cereal Products](#)
- India - [WTO Comments Invited on New Standards for Complementary Foods](#)
- Japan - [Japan to revise 10 MRLs and 5 analytical methods](#)
- Japan - [Japan proposes the revision of MRLs for 6 agricultural chemicals](#)
- Jordan - [FAIRS - Certification](#)
- Korea - [2017 Korea's Adjustment and Quota Tariffs Schedule](#)
- Mexico - [Mexico to Revise Christmas Tree Requirements as 2016 Imports Fall](#)
- Panama - [FAIRS - Narrative](#)
- Russia - [Renewed Temporary Export Ban on Some Hides and Skins](#)

- Saudi Arabia - [FAIRS - Narrative](#)
- Senegal - [Exporter Guide](#)
- Senegal - [FAIRS - Certification](#)
- Senegal - [FAIRS - Narrative](#)
- Thailand - [Thai FDA Revision on Pesticide Residue Standards and MRLs in Food](#)
- Turkey - [Turkey Updates List of Restricted Substances in Food Supplements](#)
- Vietnam - [MARD Removes Extra Steps to the Agricultural Substances Registration](#)

Federal Register documents

The following *Federal Register* documents which may be of interest to international traders were published during the past month by various Federal agencies:

F.R. Date	Subject
02-02-17	Energy: Energy Conservation Program: Test Procedures for Central Air Conditioners and Heat Pumps [Docket No. EERE-2016-BT-TP-0029] (FR/ DED)
	Energy: Energy: Energy Conservation Program: Test Procedures for Compressors [Docket No. EERE-2014-BT-TP-0054] (FR/ DED)
02-03-17	Federal Communications Comm. (FCC): Possible Revision or Elimination of Rules [OCBO: CB Docket No. BO 16-251; DA 16-792] (N/RFC)
	Justice: Civil Monetary Penalties Inflation Adjustment for 2017 [Docket No. OAG 156; AG Order No. 3823-2017] (FR)
02-06-17	National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA): Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards; Minimum Sound Requirements for Hybrid and Electric Vehicles [Docket No. NHTSA-2016-0125] (FR/ DED)
02-07-17	Environmental Protection Agency (EPA): Receipt of Information Under the Toxic Substances Control Act [EPA-HQ-OPPT-2013-0677; FRL-9958-08] (N)
	EPA: Receipt of Information Under the Toxic Substances Control Act [EPA-HQ-OPPT-2013-0677; FRL-9957-43] (N)
	EPA: Pesticide Product Registration; Receipt of Applications for New Uses [EPA-HQ-OPP-2015-0022; FRL-9957-35] (N)
	EPA: Receipt of Several Pesticide Petitions Filed for Residues of Pesticide Chemicals in or on Various Commodities [EPA-HQ-OPP-2015-0032; FRL-9956-86] (N)
	EPA: Propamocarb; Pesticide Tolerance [EPA-HQ-OPP-2016-0083; FRL-9957-68] (FR)
	EPA: 2,4-D; Pesticide Tolerances [EPA-HQ-OPP-2016-0594; FRL-9958-07] (FR)
02-08-17	EPA: Certain New Chemicals or Significant New Uses; Statements of Findings for November 2016 [EPA-HQ-OPPT-2016-0511; FRL-9957-06] (N)
	National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA): Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants: Notice of 12-Month Finding on a Petition To List the Gulf of Mexico Bryde's Whale as Endangered Under the Endangered Species Act (ESA); Reopening of Public Comment Period [Docket No. 141216999-6999-02] (PR/RO)
02-09-17	NMS, NOAA: Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants: Final Rule To List Two Guitarfishes as Threatened Under the Endangered Species Act [Docket No. 150211138-7024-02] (FR/delayed effective date)
02-14-17	EPA: Hexythiazox; Pesticide Tolerances [EPA-HQ-OPP-2015-0795, EPA-HQ-OPP-2015-0796 and EPA-HQ-OPP-2015-0797; FRL-9957-22] (FR)
02-15-17	EPA: Trichloroethylene (TCE); Regulation of Certain Uses Under Toxic Substances Control Act; Extension of Comment Periods [EPA-HQ-OPPT-2016-0163; EPA-HQ-OPPT-2016-0387; FRL-9959-03] (PR/E)
	EPA: Thiamethoxam; Pesticide Tolerance [EPA-HQ-OPP-2015-0705; FRL-9957-00] (FR)
	Federal Maritime Commission (FMC): Inflation Adjustment of Civil Monetary Penalties [Docket No. 17-01] (FR)

F.R. Date	Subject
02-22-17	US Postal Service: Revision to Mailing Standards for the Transport of Lithium Batteries (PR/RFC)
02-24-17	EPA: VNT1 Protein in Potato; Exemption From the Requirement of a Tolerance [EPA-HQ-OPP-2014-0457; FRL-9957-97] (FR)

Antidumping and countervailing duty cases

[See separate *Antidumping Countervailing Duty and Safeguards Investigations, Orders & Reviews* section below.](#)

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Boletin Oficial publications

The following Decrees, Administrative Decisions and Resolutions (Res.) which may be of interest to international traders were published in the *Boletin Oficial de la Republica Argentina* (Official Gazette) or the *Customs Bulletin* during the period covered by this Update [Unofficial translation].

BO Date	Subject
31-01-17	Federal Public Revenue Administration (AFIP): General Resolution № 3987 - E (30-01-17) Mercosur Common Nomenclature. Tariff classification of goods in the abovementioned nomenclature, according to the procedure established in General Resolution № 1.618.
02-02-17	National Administration of Medicines, Food and Medical Technology (ANMATM): Disp. № 1027 /2017 (31-01-17) Prohibition of use and commercialization of certain household (domisanitary) products
03-02-17	ANMATM: Disp. № 1029 /2017 (31-01-17) Prohibition of use and commercialization of certain medical products
	ANMATM: Disp. № 1032 /2017 (31-01-17) Prohibition of use and commercialization of certain medical products
09-02-17	AFIP: General Resolution 3991-E (07-02-17) General System of Baggage. Resolution N ° 3.751 / 94 (ANA), its modifications and its complementary ones. Your modification.
	AFIP: General Resolution 3992-E (07-02-17) Value criterion of preventive character for imports. General Resolution No. 2,730 and its amendment. Supplementary rule.
10-02-17	ANMATM: Disp. № 1292 (08-02-17) Prohibition on the use and commercialization of cosmetic products
	ANMATM: Disp. № 1293 (08-02-17) Prohibition on the use and commercialization of household (domisanitary) products
	ANMATM: Disp. № 1294 (08-02-17) Prohibition on the use and commercialization of household (domisanitary) products
	ANMATM: Disp. № 1295 (08-02-17) Prohibition on the commercialization of food products
	ANMATM: Disp. № 1297 (08-02-17) Prohibition on the commercialization of food products
	ANMATM: Disp. № 1298 (08-02-17) Prohibition on the use and commercialization of food products
	ANMATM: Disp. № 1300 (08-02-17) Prohibition on the use and commercialization of medical products
ANMATM: Disp. № 1301 (08-02-17) Prohibition on the use and commercialization of cosmetic products	
14-02-17	ANMATM: Disp. № 1321/2017 (09-02-17) Prohibition of use and distribution of certain medical products
15-02-17	Foreign Affairs...: Resolution 44-E/2017 (03-02-17) Publicizes the measures

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	taken by the United Nations Security Council in Resolution No. 2321 regarding the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (N. Korea).
	Foreign Affairs...: Resolution 53-E/2017 (10-02-17) Publicizes the measures taken by the United Nations Security Council in Resolutions Nos. 2182 (2014) and 2244 (2015) adopted measures concerning the sanctions regime relating to Somalia and Eritrea.
	ANMATM: Disp. № 1462 (13-02-17) Prohibition of commercialization of certain food products
	ANMATM: Disp. № 1463 (13-02-17) Prohibition on use and commercialization certain household (domisanitary) products
	ANMATM: Disp. № 1464 (13-02-17) Prohibition on use and commercialization of certain medical products
20-02-17	Foreign Trade: Decree 117/2017 (17-02-17) Modification of the Aliquots corresponding to the Extrazone Import Right.
	ANMATM: Disp. № 1836/2017 (20-02-17) Prohibition of use and distribution of certain medical products
	ANMATM: Disp. № 1837/2017 (20-02-17) Prohibition of use and distribution of certain medical products
22-02-17	ANMATM: Disp. № 1838/2017 (20-02-17) Prohibition of use and distribution of certain medical products
	ANMATM: Disp. № 1839/2017 (20-02-17) Prohibition of use and distribution of certain medical products
	AFIP: General Resolution 3995-E (22-02-17) Value criterion of preventive character. General Resolution No. 2730 and its amendment. Supplementary rule.
23-02-17	AFIP: General Resolution 3996-E/ (22-02-17) Tariff classification of goods in the MERCOSUR nomenclature, in accordance with the procedure established in General Resolution No. 1618

Brazil

Diário Oficial da União publications

The following notices, Ordinances (Portarias), Circulars and Resolutions of interest to international traders were published in the *Diário Oficial da União* (Official Gazette) during the period covered by this Update.

DOU Date	Subject
11-01-17	SECEX Ordinance № 02, (10-01-17) - Establishes criteria for quota allocation for importation, determined by CAMEX Resolution 137, dated December 28, 2016.
	SECEX Ordinance № 03 (13-01-17) Closes the special non-preferential origin verification procedure with the qualification of Vietnam origin for the product nylon yarn (NCM 5402.45.20), declared as produced by the company HYOSUNG DONG NAI CO.LTD.
16-01-17	SECEX Ordinance № 04 (13-01-17) -Closes the special non-preferential origin verification procedure with the disqualification of the Malaysia origin for the dishware (NCM 6911.10.10, 6911.10.90, 6911.90.00 and 6912.00.00) declared as produced by TAEYANG WORLD SDN. BHD.
23-01-17	CAMEX Resolution No. 1 (19-01-17) - Grants a temporary reduction of the Import Tax rate pursuant to Resolution No. 08/08 of the Mercosur Common Market Group.
	SECEX Ordinance № 05 (24-01-17) -Establishes criteria for the allocation of quotas for imports, determined by CAMEX Resolution No. 1, of January 19, 2017 (NCM 2833.11.10, 2921.11.21, 2929.10.30, 3215.11.00, 7502.10.10, 3908.10.24, 7606.12. 90 and 1210.20.10).
25-01-17	SECEX Ordinance № 06 (24-01-17) -Establishes criteria for the allocation of quotas for imports, determined by CAMEX Resolution No. 1 of January 19, 2017 (NCM 7607.11.90 and 7606.12.90).

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	SECEX Ordinance № 07 (24-01-17) - establishes criteria for the allocation of quotas for imports, determined by CAMEX Resolution No. 1, of January 19, 2017 (NCM 3002.20.29, 5403.31.00 and 3002.20.27).
	SECEX Ordinance № 08 (24-01-17) -Establishes criteria for the allocation of import quotas, determined by CAMEX Resolution No. 1, of January 19, 2017 (NCM 3002.20.29).
27-01-17	SECEX Ordinance № 09 (26-01-17) - Corrected in the DOU of 31-01-17 and in the DOU of 02-01-17 Alters Portaria SECEX nº 23, of July 14, 2011, to redraft the art. 37, art. 46, art. 250, art. 257, art. 2, § 13, III, b, art. 4, 7 and art. 7, paragraph 6 of Annex XVII, art. 6 of Annex XXIII, and art. 4 of Annex XXVII; Portaria SECEX № 39, of November 10, 2011, to give new wording to art. 28; Portaria SECEX № 38, of May 18, 2015, to give new wording to art. 52; SECEX Ordinance № 58, of July 29, 2015, to give new wording to art. 3º and art. 6º, §§ 1º and 2º; And repeals § 3 of art. 257 of Portaria SECEX № 23, of July 14, 2011 and Portaria SECEX № 3, of February 7, 2013.
02-02-17	SECEX Circular № 06 (01-02-17) -Rectified in the DOU of 03-02-2017. Public consultation to position the Brazilian private sector on trade negotiations with Japan and the Republic of Korea.
07-02-17	SECEX Ordinance № 10 (06-02-17) - Alters Ordinance № 23, of July 14, 2011, to give new wording to arts. 27, 28, 30, 36, 37, 42, 44, 46, 58, 117, 147, 148, 171, 187, 235, 238, 254, 257-A, 17 and 20 of Annex XVII, to items VII, VIII and IX of Annex XVIII, and to art. 7 of Annex XXIV; Include arts. 27-A and 46-A, Subsection IV to Section XX of Chapter IV with arts. 235-F, 235-G and 235-H, Chapter IV to Annex XXVII with arts. 12, 13, 14, 15 and 16, and Annex XXIX; And repeal arts. 11; 40; 40-A; Subsection I of art. 66; Arts. 78; 183; 196; 197; 198; 199; 200; Paragraphs 1 and 2 of art. 203; Art. 206; Subsections II, V and VI of art. 254; §3 of art. 257; Subsections I and II of art. 10 of Annex XVI; Arts. 3, 11, 14 and 15 of Annex XVII; And subsection VI of Annex XVIII.
16-02-17	CAMEX Resolution No. 2 (15-02-17) Alters the representative of the Ministry of Finance and the deputy representative of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in the Committee on Financing and Guarantee of Exports - Cofig.
17-02-17	CAMEX Resolution No. 12 (16-02-17) Approves the procedural rules of the Ombudsman Direct Investment - OID.
21-02-17	CAMEX Resolution No. 14 (17-02-17) Changes the Brazilian List of Exceptions to the Mercosur Common External Tariff.
	CAMEX Resolution No. 15 (17-02-17) Changes the Brazilian List of Exceptions to the Mercosur Common External Tariff.
	CAMEX Resolution No. 16 (17-02-17) - Updates the tariff framework and the numbering of Ex-Tariffs for Capital Goods and IT and Telecommunication Goods in force, in compliance with CAMEX Resolution № 125, dated December 15, 2016

Antidumping and countervailing duty cases

[See separate *Antidumping Countervailing Duty and Safeguards Investigations, Orders & Reviews* section below.](#)

Chile

National Customs postings and Diario Oficial

The following documents, which may be of interest to international traders were posted to the National Customs Service (NCS) [website](#) or published in the [Diario Oficial de la República de Chile](#) (Official Gazette) or [Partial list; Unofficial translation].

Date	Subject
01-02-17	NCS: Circular № 38 – 01.02.2017 Interest applicable to goods deposited under the regime of Private Warehouse Art. Ord. 109, according to Law № 19.479 / 96

Date	Subject
	NCS: Circular № 40 - 01.02.2017 Provide instructions for filling customs documents appropriate to the new Customs Tariff for modification of Unit of Measure in tariff heading 8415.9000
02-02-17	NCS: Exempt Resolution N ° 802 - 02.02.2017 Amends the table in Annex No. 51-19 "Import Regimes of the Compendium of Customs Standards"
	NCS: Exempt Resolution N ° 804 - 02.02.2017 Amend Chapter III of the Compendium of Customs Standards, 'Goods with Specific Descriptors Requirement'
03-02-17	Hacienda: Exempt Resolution № 388, of 2017.- Modifies Compendium of Customs Norms (20-01-17)
06-02-17	Hacienda: Exempt resolution № 442, of 2017.- Certifies percentage variation of the average customs tariff
07-02-17	Health: Exempt Resolution № 109, of 2017.- Authorizes the marketing of tobacco products
08-02-17	Foreign Affairs: Decree number 132, of 2016.- Promulgates the Amendment of the Convention on the Physical Protection of Nuclear Materials
10-02-17	NCS: Exempt Resolution N ° 990 - 02.10.2017 Establishes standards for the qualification of exports of services, including brokers.
14-02-17	Foreign Affairs: Decree number 155, of 2016.- Promulgates the Marrakesh Treaty to Facilitate Access to Public Works for Blind People with Visual Impairment or other Difficulties to Access Printed Text
16-02-17	Hacienda: Exempt Decree № 45, of 2017.- Applies reductions of customs duties for the import of wheat and wheat flour or morcajo (tranquillón)
	Hacienda: Exempt Resolution № 804, of 2017.- Modifies Chapter III of the Compendium of Customs Norms
	Agriculture: Exempt Resolution № 465, of 2017.- Modifies resolution No. 10,162, of 2015, which recognizes production center in the United States of North America for the shipment of clonal walnut plants
	Energy: Exempt Resolution № 8, of 2017.- Establishes energy consumption label for dishwashers
	Energy: Exempt Resolution № 7, of 2017.- Establishes energy consumption label for televisions
20-02-17	National Defense: Exempt Resolution № 96, of 2017.- Establishes provisions and lists for the permanent updating of explosive products and chemical substances controlled by Law No. 17,798 on Arms Control and its Supplementary Regulations
	Economy, etc.: Exempt Resolution № 366 of 2017.- Approves evaluation for the importation of ornamental species from Israel and authorizes Israel as country of origin to carry out the export
21-02-17	Hacienda: Exempt Resolution № 24, of 2017.- Establishes scale of rates according to the international price of the minerals that it indicates and for the effects that it indicates
22-02-17	Hacienda: Exempt Decree Number 56, of 2017.- Establishes extension of the provisional anti-dumping duty on imports of steel wire rod originating in China
28-02-17	Hacienda: Exempt Decree № 53, of 2017.- Applies reductions of customs duties for the import of raw sugar, refined sugar grades 1 and 2, and refined sugar grades 3 and 4, and substandard

Classification opinions, advance rulings and classification valuation and origin decisions

The National Customs Service has recently redesigned its website. [Advance Classification Rulings](#) (Resoluciones Anticipadas Clasificación) from 2010 to the present are available. Post entry [Classification, valuation and origin decisions on claims](#) (fallos de reclamaciones) at the first and second instance levels from 2003 to the present are also available.

Colombia

TPTA information

Information, on the *Colombia-United States Trade Promotion Agreement* including presentations, rules of origin and TRQ information (all in Spanish) may be [found here](#). Sample (non-mandatory) Certificates of Origin are [available here](#).

Tariff Classification Resolutions

Tariff Classification Resolutions issued in 2016 may be [found here](#). For prior years, please see http://www.dian.gov.co/DIAN/13Normatividad.nsf/pages/Clasificaciones_arancelarias.

MinCIT, MinHacienda and DIAN Documents

The following documents of interest to international traders were posted by the [Ministry of Commerce, Industry and Tourism](#) (MinCIT), [Ministry of Finance](#) (Hacienda) or the [National Directorate of Taxes and Customs](#) (DIAN):

Date	Subject
25-01-17	MinCIT: Circular 004 "Resolution 0130 of 2017 - Requirements and procedures for the single national registration of authorized importers and marketers of mercury – RUNIC"
	MinCIT: Circular 005 "Administration of the import quota for mercury classified by subheading 2805.40.00.00 by the Ministry of Trade Industry and Tourism"
26-01-17	MinCIT: Resolution 0108 "Whereby the list of tariff subheadings of capital goods and spare parts is set to import into development operations Article 17 paragraph c) and 174 of Decree Law 444 of 1967 and repealing Resolution 1148 of 2002."
30-01-17	MinCIT: Circular 006 "Extension of the deadline to modify the presentation and updating of exporting companies to the anti-narcotics police through the Single Window of Foreign Trade – VUCE"
	MinCIT: Circular 007 "Circular modification 033 of 2016 - presentation of raw material demonstration studies of special import-export systems"
31-01-17	DIAN: Circular 2714 2017 Ad valorem levies applicable to reference agricultural products, their substitutes, agroindustrial products or by-products
14-02-17	DIAN: Circular 003 of 2017 Reference Prices of Agricultural Products.
15-02-17	DIAN: Circular 004 of 2017 Procedure for the application of tariff levies of Decree 2153 of December 26, 2016
	DIAN: Circular 005 of 2017 Authorization for the physical presentation of the Application for the Early Resolution of Tariff Classification and Tariff Classification at the request of individuals
	DIAN: Circular 2721 of 2017 - Ad valorem levies applicable to reference agricultural products, their substitutes, agroindustrial products or by-products.
17-02-17	DIAN: Resolution 87 of 2016 By means of which the forms and formats for the fulfillment of the customs and exchange obligations for the year 2017 are authorized
21-02-17	MinCIT: Circular 008 Corrects error in Annex № 2 to Circular 037 of 2016 [Circular 037 requirements, permits and authorizations required by entities related to the Single Window for Foreign Trade - VUCE, for submission of applications for registration and import license]
28-02-17	DIAN: Circular 007 of 2017 Reference Prices of Agricultural Products

Peru

Tariff Classification database

A searchable [Tariff Classification Resolution \(ruling\) database](#) (from 2006 through the present) is available. It may be searched by the tariff number, resolution number, or description. The database currently has approximately 7400 resolutions, some with photographs.

SUNAT and *El Peruano* publications

The following documents of interest to international traders were posted during the past month by [SUNAT](#) (National Customs Superintendent and Tax Administration) or in the legal standards section of [El Peruano](#) (the Official Gazette) (dd-mm-yy):

Date	Subject
02-02-17	Agriculture and Irrigation: Directoral Resolution № 0004-2017-MINAGRI-SENASA-DSA Establishing specific health requirements of compulsory compliance for the importation of equines for reproduction competition or sport exhibition or trade fairs and work from Holland
04-02-17	External Trade and Tourism: Ministerial Resolution № 036-2017-MINCETUR Designate Specialist in Treasury of Public Investment Project Improvement of Foreign Trade Facilitation Services through the Single Window of Foreign Trade - VUCE Second Stage San Isidro Lima - Lima
	Economy and Finance: Ministerial Resolution No. 034-2017-EF / 50 Approve rates of distribution of resources collected during Fiscal Year 2017 corresponding to 2% of the Participation in Customs revenues
06-02-17	Agriculture : Directoral Resolution № 0005-2017-MINAGRI-SENASA-DSV They establish phytosanitary requirements of necessary fulfillment in the import of diverse biological controllers of origin and origin Netherlands.
	Agriculture: Directoral Resolution № 0006-2017-MINAGRI-SENASA-DSA Extend suspension period and suspend imports of live birds fertile eggs SPF poultry meat and other products capable of transmitting or serving as avian influenza vehicle from various departments of France
09-02-17	Agriculture: - Directoral Resolution № 012-2017-MINAGRI-SENASA-DIAIA They provide for the prohibition of registration import formulation local distribution commercialization and use of agricultural formulations of agricultural pesticides based on Chlordecone which includes derivatives and compounds
10-02-17	Agriculture: Directoral Resolution № 0007-2017-MINAGRI-SENASA-DSV Establishes phytosanitary requirements of necessary compliance in the importation of sweet potato plants (<i>Ipomoea batatas</i>) of origin and origin Israel
	Economy and Finance: Vice Ministerial Resolution № 002-2017-EF / 15.01-Reference prices and additional variable duties for maize, sugar, rice and whole milk powder
11-02-17	External Relations: International Agreement - Entry into force of the Protocol amending the TRIPS Agreement
	External Relations: Trips Agreement - Protocol Amending the TRIPS Agreement
12-02-17	External Relations: Ministerial Resolution No. 0115 / RE-2017 Published a summary of substantive paragraphs of the parties, which are considered and resolved in Resolution 2339 (2017) of the United Nations Security Council, concerning the situation in the Central African Republic
	SUNAT: Resolution No. 037-2017 / SUNAT Modify provisions for the declaration and payment of the monthly quota of the New Simplified Single Regime
13-02-17	Agriculture: Directoral Resolution № 0007-2017-MINAGRI-SENASA-DSA Setting forth specific animal health requirements for compulsory compliance for the importation of milk and milk products for human consumption from the European Union
15-02-17	SUNAT: Resolution No. 039-2017 / SUNAT - Modify Resolution of Superintend-

Date	Subject
	ence No. 014-2008 / SUNAT that regulates the notification of administrative acts by electronic means
17-02-17	Agriculture: Directorial Resolution № 0008-2017-MINAGRI-SENASA-DSV Establish phytosanitary requirements of necessary compliance in the importation of almond cuttings of origin and origin Chile SUNAT: Resolution No. 043-2017 / SUNAT Superintendency Resolution modifying Superintendency Resolution No. 182-2008 / SUNAT and amending rules in order to generalize the issuance and granting of fee receipts through electronic means
23-02-17	Agriculture: Directorial Resolution № 0110 Modify RD No. 0058-2016-MINAGRI-SENASA-DIAIA, which clarified the requirements of Resolution 630 for the Change or Addition of manufacturers or formulators or country of origin of chemical pesticides for agricultural use Foreign Trade: Supreme Decree № 002 -Provides for the implementation of the Protocol of Amendment to the Marrakesh Agreement Establishing the World Trade Organization incorporating the Agreement on Trade Facilitation in Annex 1A to the Agreement on the World Trade Organization
27-02-17	Agriculture: Directorial Resolution № 0046 Publicizes the Procedure of Sanitary and Phytosanitary Certification of Vegetable Products destined to Export

Asia-Pacific

[Please note that material pertaining to the Eurasian Economic Union (EAEU) and the Customs Union between Russia, Armenia, Belarus, Kazakhstan and the Kyrgyz Republic is shown under EUROPE.]

Australia

Proposal to expand sanctions against North Korea

On 28 February 2017, the Hon. Julie Bishop, Minister for Foreign Affairs, [announced](#) that she is proposing new and expanded autonomous sanctions in response to North Korea's reckless and dangerous nuclear and ballistic missile programs. The announcement said:

The Australian Government joined the international community in condemning North Korea's latest ballistic missile test on 12 February 2017. It followed an unprecedented rate of provocations in 2016 including two nuclear tests and more than 20 ballistic missile tests.

The proposed new sanctions will target North Korea's extractives industry and its vessels, building on the tough sanctions we already have in place.

Over the past six months, I have designated nine new persons and entities and re-designated 18 persons and entities for targeted financial sanctions and travel bans for their association with North Korea's weapons of mass destruction and missile programs.

The Australian Government's autonomous sanctions complement the strong measures adopted by the UN Security Council and the autonomous measures of our partners, including the Republic of Korea, Japan, and the United States.

These proposed new measures are contained in the draft [Autonomous Sanctions Amendment \(Democratic People's Republic of Korea\) Regulations 2017](#) and the draft [Autonomous Sanctions \(Sanctioned Vessels – Democratic People's Republic of Korea\) Amendment Designation 2017](#). Public comment on the proposals is being solicited.

Duty on certain tobacco and tobacco products increase on 1 March

On 23 February 2017, the Department of Immigration and Border protection (DIBP) issued [Notice 2017/05- Biannual indexation of customs duty rates for certain tobacco and tobacco products – 1 March 2017](#). The Notice announces that in accordance with the indexation provisions in section 19AB of the *Customs Tariff Act 1995* (the Tariff Act), the customs duty rates on certain tobacco and tobacco products, in Schedule 3 of the Tariff Act, will increase on 1 March 2017. The Notice sets out the new customs duty rates for excise-equivalent goods (Table 1) and excise duty rates (Table 2).

The indexation factor has been calculated at 1.011. The rates of excise-equivalent customs duty and excise duty on the day before the indexation day are multiplied by this factor to arrive at the new rates. The formula is also used to calculate the indexation rate for specific tobacco products subject to indexation in:

- Schedule 5 (US originating goods)
- Schedule 6 (Thai originating goods)
- Schedule 7 (Chilean originating goods)
- Schedule 8 (ASEAN-Australia-New Zealand originating goods)
- Schedule 9 (Malaysian originating goods)
- Schedule 10 (Korean originating goods)
- Schedule 11 (Japanese originating goods) and
- Schedule 12 (Chinese originating goods) in the Customs Tariff.

A [Notice of Substituted Rates of Customs Duty for Excise-Equivalent Goods Notice \(No. 2\) 2017](#) was published in the Commonwealth Gazette on 1 March 2017

Senate report on the Trans-Pacific Partnership Agreement

The Senate Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade References Committee report of its inquiry into the Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP) was tabled in Parliament on 7 February 2017. The Committee recommended that the Australian Government should defer undertaking binding treaty action until the future of the TPP is clarified. The Committee also recommended that the Australian Government expedite reforms to the treaty-making process.

- [Senate Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade References Committee TPP report](#)

New country of origin laws

On 8 February 2017, the Senate passed the long awaited [Competition and Consumer Amendment \(Country of Origin\) Bill 2017](#). The new laws supplement the recent country of origin labelling reforms for food businesses.

Under the new laws, businesses will be able to make representations that goods have been made or manufactured in, or otherwise originate in, a particular country if the goods were last substantially transformed in the stated country. It is no longer necessary to also demonstrate that 50% or more of the total cost of producing or manufacturing the goods is attributable to production or manufacturing processes occurring in the stated country.

The new laws also introduce a new definition for “substantial transformation”. Going forward, goods will be “substantially transformed” if, as a result of one or more processes undertaken in the stated country, the goods are fundamentally different in identity, nature or essential character from all of their ingredients or components that were imported into that country. The Government retains the right to pass regulations that prescribe processes or combinations of processes deemed not to be “substantial transformation”. The Government may also provide examples of processes or combinations of processes that amount to “substantial transformation”.

While the new laws will be welcomed by many businesses to the extent that they simplify and clarify the position with respect to “Made in” claims, it remains to be seen whether any regulations will be passed to clarify what does (or does not) amount to substantial transformation. Until then, the operation of the safe harbour for “Made in” claims will continue to be an area of uncertainty for many businesses.

The new laws [received royal assent](#) on 22 Feb. 2017.

Other trade labelling developments

A reminder that the new [Commerce \(Trade Descriptions\) Regulation 2016](#) commence on 1 April 2017 (to update and replace the *Commerce (Imports) Regulations 1940*). These regulations identify mandatory country of origin and other commerce labelling requirements applying to listed goods and prepacked articles. Most of the covered goods are consumer goods.

If you have any trade or labelling queries please contact [Julie Cox](#), [Stephanie Favotto](#), [Jonathan L. Flintoft](#), [Anne L. Petterd](#) or [Elisabeth White](#).

DIBP notices and advices

The following Department of Immigration and Border Protection (DIBP) Notices and Cargo advices (ACCA) were issued during the period covered by this Update:

Date	Series and No	Title
23-02-17	DIBP No 2017/05	Biannual indexation of customs duty rates for certain tobacco and tobacco products – 1 March 2017

Australian Gazettes

The following documents were published in the *Government Notices Gazette*, the *Tariff Concessions Gazette* (TC) or other Gazettes as noted(dd-mm-yy):

Date	Matter
01-02-17	TC17-08 Notice of Substituted Rates of Customs Duty for Excise-Equivalent Goods - Notice No. 1 (2017) (Customs Tariff Act 1995) - C2017G00124 • Published On: 01-02-2017
08-02-17	TC17-09
15-02-17	TC17-10
22-02-17	TC17-11
28-02-17	Acts of Parliament assented to - Act No. 2 to 13 of 2017 includes: - No. 5 of 2017—An Act to amend the <i>Competition and Consumer Act 2010</i> , and for related purposes. (<i>Competition and Consumer Amendment (Country of</i>

Date	Matter
	<p><i>Origin) Act 2017).</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - No. 8 of 2017—An Act to amend the <i>Hazardous Waste (Regulation of Exports and Imports) Act 1989</i>, and for related purposes. (<i>Hazardous Waste (Regulation of Exports and Imports) Amendment Act 2017</i>). - No. 9 of 2017—An Act to impose a levy on permit applications under the <i>Hazardous Waste (Regulation of Exports and Imports) Act 1989</i>, and for related purposes. (<i>Hazardous Waste (Regulation of Exports and Imports) Levy Act 2017</i>).

Australian Tariff Precedents

The Department of Immigration and Border Protection (DIBP) posts its [Tariff Precedent Files](#). Tariff Precedents are considered statements from DIBP made to provide guidance on various tariff classification issues. The latest file was issued 1 February 2017.

Antidumping and countervailing duty cases

[See separate *Antidumping Countervailing Duty and Safeguards Investigations, Orders & Reviews* section below.](#)

China (including Hong Kong SAR)

China suspends coal imports from North Korea for 2017

Background

On 18 February 2017, China's Ministry of Commerce and General Administration of Customs jointly issued *Announcement [2017] No. 12* ("Announcement No. 12"), imposing a blanket suspension on imports of coal produced in North Korea for the rest of the year. The suspension includes imports for which applications have been made, but not yet processed by Customs. Announcement No. 12 takes effect from 19 February 2017, and will be effective till 31 December 2017.

Announcement No. 12 is yet another implementation of the U.N. Security Council Resolution 2321 (2016), following various measures that have already been taken by China, including the ban on exports to North Korea of certain items connected to weapons of mass destruction.

Announcement No. 12 is a departure from China's previous position, encapsulated in *Announcement [2016] No. 81* ("Announcement No. 81"). In Announcement No. 81, the Chinese authorities imposed certain restrictions on the import of coal from North Korea such as those related to North Korea's nuclear programme. China had, in the past, taken the position that the importing of coal protected the livelihoods of the North Korean people.

While the Chinese authorities did not provide a reason for the imposition of the suspension, it is interesting to note that the Announcement came less than a week after North Korea's latest missile tests. The latest missile launches were strongly condemned by the Security Council in a Press Statement released on 13 February 2017. In the Press Statement, the Security Council called on Member States to redouble their efforts to implement fully the measures imposed by the Security Council, including the measures contained in Resolution 2321 (2016).

What Companies Can Expect

As we have observed previously, further action from China could be expected if North Korea continues to defy the demands of the U.N. Security Council and the global community. This latest ban on imports of coal from North Korea is a strong warning from China that North Korea can expect swift retaliation if it continues with its missile tests or nuclear programme. With coal being a significant portion of China-North Korea trade, and China being one of North Korea's top trading partners, it is likely that this ban would have a significant impact on North Korea's economy.

For additional information, please contact [Anne Peng](#), [Di Wu](#), [Eugene Lim](#) or [Frank Pan](#).

State Council approves 5 year plan on food and drug safety

On 3 February 2017, the Premier [announced](#) that the State Council, in an executive meeting that also discussed other matters, had adopted the 13th Five Year Plan regarding food and drug safety. The plan involves the following measures:

- **Strengthening the process of regulation:** local government implementation to protect food safety, including supervision of small vendors, pesticide residues in veterinary drugs; prevent systemic risks; verifying the accuracy of clinical trial data; cracking down on fake products; and preventing drug safety incidents.
- **Strengthening of spot checks and warnings:** increasing professional capacity building of inspectors; improving inspection and testing system; full coverage sampling of food, blood products, vaccines and essential medicines; improving risk monitoring, assessment and emergency response capability, creating an authoritative information release mechanism.
- **Strengthening of technical support:** accelerating revision of national standards for food safety; implementing standards for pharmaceuticals, medical devices and cosmetics; promoting the registration of drugs and medical devices purchased by the government; evaluating innovative drugs, urgent priorities and approvals; strict implementation of food and drug production, operation, use, testing and other regulatory aspects.

China announces bans on exports to North Korea in connection to weapons of mass destruction

In response to the nuclear test conducted by North Korea in September, China's Ministry of Commerce, the Ministry of Industry and Information Technology, the State Administration of Science, Technology and Industry for National Defence, the China Atomic Energy Authority and General Administration of Customs jointly issued [Announcement \[2017\] No. 9](#) [增列禁止向朝鲜出口的两用物项和技术清单] ("Announcement No. 9") on 25 January 2017. This was issued in conjunction with the U.N. Security Council Resolution 2321 (2016), adopted on November 30, 2016, to strengthen the U.N.'s sanctions regime against North Korea.

Announcement No. 9 builds upon the lists of items that China has already sanctioned from export to North Korea previously in [Announcement \[2016\] No. 22](#) [关于增列禁止向朝鲜出口的两用物项和技术清单公告] and [Announcement \[2013\] No. 59](#) [关于禁止向朝鲜出口的两用物项和技术清单公告]

Announcement No. 9 contains a detailed list of "dual-use" technologies, i.e., items that have both civilian and military uses, that are banned from export to North Korea, due to their connection to weapons of mass destruction and their

delivery systems. The extensive list of items includes material such as chemicals and metal alloys, but also extends to computer software and technology relating to sensors, navigation systems, and submarines.

What Companies Can Expect

While China shares a close relationship with North Korea, it has appeared more willing to impose sanctions on North Korea in recent years in response to the growing threat of North Korea's nuclear aspirations. These sanctions issued by China do not appear to be merely lip service, as they have also been accompanied with increasing reports of enforcement at the border. There may be further bans and increasing enforcement on exports to North Korea, and across more extensive categories of items should North Korea continue to defy the demands of the U.N. Security Council.

For additional information, please contact [Eugene Lim](#).

MOFCOM and GAC notices

The following Ministry of Commerce (MOFCOM) and General Administration of Customs (GAC) notices were posted during the period covered by this Update (mm-dd-yy):

Date	Series and №	Subject
02-04-17	GAC № 4/2017	Notice on the Imposition of Special Safeguard Measures for the Importation of Butter and Other Grease and Oil Originating in New Zealand in 2017
	GAC № 5/2017	Notice on the Implementation of Special Safeguard Measures for the Importation of Solid and Concentrated Non-solid Milk and Cream Originating in New Zealand in 2017
	GAC № 6/2017	Notice on further revision of the relevant content of GAC № 7/2015 [Re: Hainan Island Duty Free Shopping]
02-17-17	GAC № 8/2017	Announcement on Expanding the Scope of Application of Paperless Work in Customs Clearance
	GAC № 10/2017	Notice on the Operation of Electronic Information Exchange System of China and Korea under the Asia-Pacific Trade Agreement
02-18-17	MOFCOM 12/2017	Suspension until Dec. 31, 2017 of coal imports from DPRK (N. Korea) to implement UNSC Res. 2321

Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Cases

[See separate *Antidumping Countervailing Duty and Safeguards Investigations, Orders & Reviews* section below.](#)

India

Other CBEC and DGFT notifications, circulars and instructions

The following Central Board of Excise and Customs (CBEC) Customs notifications (NT-non tariff, T-tariff), circulars (Cir) and instructions (other than anti-dumping, countervailing duty and safeguard) and Directorate General of Foreign Trade (DGFT) notifications (N), public notices (PN) were issued during the period covered by this Update:

Date	Series and No	Subject
CBEC		
02-02-17	03/2017-Cus (T)	Further amends Not. 27/2011-Customs dated 01-03-11 (Exemptions of Customs duty on goods falling within the second schedule of Customs Tariff Act, 1975)
	04/2017-Cus (T)	Further amends Notification No. 21/2012-Customs, dated the 17-03-12 so as to specify the rate of additional duty of customs leviable under sub-section 3(5) of Customs Tariff Act, 1975 for items specified therein.
	05/2017-Cus (T)	Reduces Basic Customs Duty from 10/7.5 % to 5% on all items of machinery required for (a) initial setting up of fuel cell based system for generation of power or for demonstration purposes and (b) for balance of systems operating on biogas or bio-methane or by-product hydrogen.
	06/2017-Cus (T)	Further amends Notification No. 12/2012-Customs, dated the 17-03-12 so as to carry out Budgetary changes. Details are contained in Joint Secretary (TRU – I) DO letter dated 31-01-17.
15-02-17	11/2017-Cus (NT)	Tariff value Notification in respect of Fixation of tariff Value of Edible Oils, Brass Scrap, Poppy Seeds, Areca Nut, Gold and Sliver
28-02-17	13/2017-Cus (NT)	Tariff Notification in respect of Fixation of Tariff Value of Edible Oils, Brass Scrap, Poppy Seeds, Areca Nut, Gold and Sliver - Reg
DGFT		
17-02-17	N. 38/2015-2020	Amendment in the list of Military Stores requiring NOC for export purpose.
22-02-17	N. 39/2015-2020	Amendment in Para 4.44 of Chapter 4 of the Foreign Trade Policy(FTP) 2015-20.
23-02-17	N. 40/2015-2020	Amendment in Paragraph 4.34(i) of Chapter 4 of the Foreign Trade Policy (FTP) 2015-2020.
06-02-17	PN 56/2015-2020	Addition of new sub para 5.03(c)(i) and (ii) and amendment in sub para 5.10(d)(ii) of Handbook of Procedures 2015-20.
10-02-17	PN 57/2015-2020	Enlistment of 04 PSIA's in terms of Para 2.55(d) of HBP (2015-20) in Appendix-2G
13-02-17	PN 58/2015-2020	Amendment in Paragraph 3.06 of Handbook of Procedures 2015-20.
21-02-17	PN 59/2015-2020	Amendment in Chapter 2 of the Handbook of Procedure (2015-20).

Antidumping and countervailing duty cases

[See separate *Antidumping Countervailing Duty and Safeguards Investigations, Orders & Reviews* section below.](#)

Indonesia

Regulations and other legal documents

The following import or export regulations and other documents were issued by the Ministry of Trade (T), the Ministry of Finance (F) or Customs & Excise (CE) (dd-mm-yy).

Date	Reference	Matter
19-01-17	(T) 01/M-DAG/PER/1/2017	Provisions of Mining Products Export Processing and Refining Results
26-01-17	(T) 02/M-DAG/PER/1/2017	Pricing Benchmark Top Export Agricultural and Forestry Products Subject to Customs Exit
09-02-17	(F) 13/PMK.010/2017	On Stipulation of Export Goods Subjected Levy

Date	Reference	Matter
		and Tariff.
14-02-17	(CE) PER-04/BC/2017	Implementation Guidelines for Customs Registration
23-02-17	(T) 10/M-DAG/PER/2/2017	Pricing Benchmark Mining Products Export Over subjected Duty
24-02-17	(T) 11/M-DAG/PER/2/2017	Pricing Benchmark Export Products On Agriculture And Forestry subjected Duty
27-02-17	(F) 24/PMK.010/2017	Determination of the Customs Tariff under the ASEAN-Korea Free Trade Area.
	(F) 25/PMK.010/2017	Determination of the Customs Tariff in the Framework of the ASEAN Trade in Goods Agreement
	(F) 26/PMK.010/2017	Determination of the Customs Tariff in the framework of the ASEAN-China Free Trade Area
	(F) 27/PMK.010/2017	Determination of the Customs Tariff in the framework of the ASEAN-India Free Trade Area
	(F) 28/PMK.010/2017	Determination of the Customs Tariff in the framework of the ASEAN-Australia-New Zealand Free Trade Area
	(F) 29/PMK.010/2017	Concerning Stipulation of Import Duty Tariff in Preferential Trade Agreement of the Republic of Indonesia and the Government of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan.
	(F) 30/PMK.010/2017	Concerning Stipulation of Import Duty Tariff in the Framework Agreement Between the Republic of Indonesia and Japan Concerning An Economic Partnership
28-02-17	(T) 14/M-DAG/PER/2/2017	Adjustment Classification of Goods Affected Provisions Prohibitions or Restrictions on Exports and Imports
	(F) KMK-446/KM.4/2017	Pricing for Calculation of Export Levy

Malaysia

Federal Government Gazette

The following documents were published in the [Warta Kerajaan Persekutuan - Federal Government Gazette](#)

Date	Matter
13-02-17	P.U. (B) 97/2017 Notification of Values of Crude Petroleum Oil Under Section 12 - Customs Act 1967
20-02-17	P.U. (B) 101/2017 Notification of Values of Crude Palm Oil Under Section 12 - Customs Act 1967
24-02-17	P.U. (B) 108/2017 Notification of Values of Crude Petroleum Oil Under Section 12 - Customs Act 1967
	P.U. (B) 109/2017 Notification of Values of Palm Kernel Under Section 12 - Customs Act 1967

Customs rulings

Monthly compendiums of Customs classification rulings (with images where available) are available on the recently redesigned Royal Malaysian Customs Department website. Although the rulings are written in Malay, the product is usually listed in English and there are often English language descriptions and

references to rulings in English from other Customs administrations. The rulings may be found under the topic: [Keputusan Ketetapan Kastam](#).

New Zealand

New Zealand publishes 2017 version of FTA/CEP rules of origin

The New Zealand Customs Service (NZCS) *Customs Release* (Issue 393, 24-Feb. 2017) states that:

Rules of origin under New Zealand's free trade agreements (FTAs) and closer economic partnership agreements (CEPs) establish the manufacturing or value thresholds required to qualify for the preferential tariff treatment offered under those agreements.

Product specific rules (PSRs), designed for individual products, are based on a specified change of tariff classification approach. These rules are constructed as schedules and follow the structure of the Harmonized System Nomenclature, the international document on which the New Zealand Tariff is based.

With the HS2017 revision of the Tariff, new regulations have been made to update the PSR schedules. A fully updated version of each of the schedules is published on our [website](#).

If you are looking for the rule applicable to your product go to Featured Topics, Free Trade Agreements and choose the agreement you are interested in. You will find the up-to-date version of the rules under the heading **Product Specific Rules**.

If you are wanting a comparison of the rules and the preferential tariff rate across different agreements you can find this on the [FTA Tariff Finder](#).

New Zealand Gazette

The following international trade related documents were published in the *New Zealand Gazette* (dd-mm-yy):

Date	Matter
07-02-17	Tariff Concession (Advertisement) Notice No. 2017/03
21-02-17	Tariff Concession Approvals, Withdrawals and Declines Notice (No. 4) 2017
21-02-17	Tariff Concession (Advertisement) Notice No. 2017/04
28-02-17	Tariff Concession Approvals, Withdrawals and Declines Notice (No. 5) 2017
28-02-17	Tariff Concession (Advertisement) Notice No. 2017/5

Fact Sheets and other publications issued, revised

During the period covered by this *Update* the New Zealand Customs Service issued the following new or revised Fact Sheets or other publications:

- [Annex 1 Product Specific Rules of Origin for Hong-Kong-China Goods \(2017\)](#)
- [Annex 2 Malaysia–New Zealand Product Specific Rules \(2017\)](#)
- [Annex 2 Thailand – New Zealand Goods containing non-originating materials \(2017\)](#)
- [Annex 3A Product Specific Rules Korea–New Zealand \(2017\)](#)
- [Annex 5 Product Specific Rules of Origin for Chinese Goods \(2017\)](#)
- [Annex G of the ANZCERTA \(2017\)](#)
- [Annex II Specific rules of origin for Trans-Pacific Strategic Economic Partnership Agreement goods \(2017\)](#)
- [ANZCERTA Article 3: Rules of Origin](#)

Singapore

Notices, circulars, etc.

Date	Reference	Matter
13-02-17	Notice 03/2017	Reminder: Implementation of CorpPass for Singapore Customs e-Services
20-02-17	Cir. № 03/2017	Imposition of New Excise Duty
28-02-17	AVA	Lifting of Restriction on Import of Poultry and Poultry Products from Denmark (Agri-Food & Veterinary Authority of Singapore)

Turkmenistan

Turkmenistan to require export documents for goods exempt from duty or temporarily imported

On 6 February 2017, the Romanian Customs Service [reported](#) that according to the *Customs Code of Turkmenistan*, as of February 15, 2017, when goods are imported into Turkmenistan of under exemption (free) of customs duties or under temporary storage (temporary import), besides the documents that certify the dates indicated in the customs declaration, it is mandatory to also submit a completed copy of the customs declaration in the country of dispatch.

Vietnam

Vietnam's potential new controls on physical and electronic import and export of software and software services

The Prime Minister recently published a draft Decision regarding Pilot Regulations on the Import/Export of Software Products and Services ("Draft Decision"). The Draft Decision is currently available for public comment. Once adopted, the Pilot Regulations under the Draft Decision are to be in force until 31 December 2020.

Key points of the Draft Decision include the following:

- (i) Registration requirements for electronic import / export of software / software services;
- (ii) Additional declaration requirements for physical import / export of software / software services through customs border gates;
- (iii) Rules to determine the customs value of imported software / software services; and
- (iv) Basis to determine the taxable revenue applicable to foreign suppliers of imported software / software services.

We elaborate on these points below.

1. Key concepts

The Draft Decision defines "software" as data, programs or instructions presented in the form of commands, codes, diagrams or any other form which, when loaded into a data processing device, enables such device to perform a task or achieve a certain result. "Audio, movie, or image products" are not considered to be 'software' for the purposes of this Draft Decision.

"Software services" is separately defined as the activities of directly supporting the development, installation, deployment, usage, upgrading, repair or maintenance of software and similar services relating to software.

The Draft Decision addresses both physical and electronic import and export of software and software services:

The Draft Decision covers the physical import or export (i.e. through customs gates) of software in the following forms:

- Software stored, installed or integrated in a physical device solely for storage or transport purposes (e.g., floppy disk, CD, DVD, tape, magnetic card, or external hard disk drive) (“Intermediate Device”). Intermediate Device does not include data integrated circuits, nano-circuits, semi-conductors or any other similar devices/parts attached to a circuit board.
- Software embedded, installed or integrated in an imported good that is not an Intermediate Device.

Though not entirely clear in the Draft Decision, electronic import/export of software may be understood to concern (i) software made available for download by an offshore software provider and downloaded by a user in Vietnam; and (ii) software made available for download by a software provider in Vietnam and downloaded by a user outside of Vietnam.

2. Electronic import / export of software / software services - MIC Registration Required

Those who electronically import software or software services must file a prescribed registration form and supporting documentation concerning the imported software or software services to the Ministry of Information and Communication (“MIC”). If the software is a type of cyber information security product the import of which requires an import permit, then the supporting documents must include the import permit. Certain documents from the offshore software provider (if applicable) must also be submitted.

Similarly, those who electronically export software or software services must undergo a registration procedure with the MIC.

Registration may be conducted online and it will take up to 5 working days from the date of receipt of a valid registration dossier for the MIC to issue a Confirmation of Registration.

The value of the imported/exported software or software services indicated in the Confirmation of Registration will determine the taxable income. The Confirmation of Registration may also determine if certain income tax incentives may apply to an importer or exporter.

The Draft Decision does not provide a penalty for non-compliance. However, it incentivizes MIC registration by making certain tax benefits available to entities that do so. Furthermore, the type of information required to be registered includes, *inter alia*, a business registration certificate of the applicant. These factors imply that the Draft Decision is targeting entities importing or exporting software / software services rather than individuals.

3. Physical import / export of software / software services – additional declaration requirements

In addition to a standard customs declaration form, an importer or exporter of software in physical form must submit a supplementary declaration form (“Supplemental Form”).

The MIC will prescribe the Supplemental Form which will require the details of the imported / exported software and software services.

A number of supporting documents (including an MIC import permit regarding certain cyber information security (“CIS”) products if applicable) must also be submitted with the Supplemental Form. Please refer to [our alert on MIC import permit requirements](#) for CIS products here.

4. Customs value of software / software services

The Draft Decision specifies rules to determine the customs value of imported software and software services. Valuation will differ dependent upon:

- whether the value of the Intermediate Device is separately indicated on the commercial invoice, and
- whether the software is stored in an imported good that is not an Intermediate Device.

5. Tax implications

The Draft Decision sets out new rules to determine taxable revenue applicable to foreign suppliers of imported software and software services.

Under current regulations, royalties payable to an offshore entity for software copyright is subject to withholding of 10% corporate income tax (“CIT”) but they are exempt from value added tax (“VAT”).

The Draft Decision appears to introduce a new category of income generated from a software license concerning the right to localize or deploy imported software in Vietnam other than fees payable for software copyright, called “income paid for software license”.

The Draft Decision defines “software license” as an agreement between producer/developer and buyer in which the buyer is allowed to use software (such ‘use’ does not include a transfer of ownership or a technology transfer). It is unclear what “software license” entails in practice, and for example, if it would include SaaS.

In addition, audio, movie, and image works are not considered “software” for purposes of the Draft Decision. It remains to be seen whether this exclusion means that such items will be categorized separately for taxable purposes.

Should you have any questions on the above, please do not hesitate to contact [Seck Yee Chung](#) (Ho Chi Minh City), [Dang Thanh Son](#) (Hanoi) or [Nguyen Thuy](#) (Singapore).

Recent Developments in Trade and Customs

Vietnam’s Government has, in 2016, implemented several actions to enforce more control and execute its international commitments in field of customs. Among those, several noteworthy developments are as follows:

1. Stricter Control on Customs Valuation

In December 2016, the General Department of Customs (“GDC”) issued a number of directives to strengthen the control on customs valuation of 9 commodity groups including:

- a. Alcoholic and beverage products;
- b. Electrical appliances of HS headings 8418, 8450, 8516, 8415, 8414, 8509, & 8422;
- c. Fruits, confectionary, cooking oils;
- d. Fish;
- e. Cell phones, tablets, projectors;
- f. Meat;
- g. Cigarettes;
- h. Playing cards; and
- i. Motorcycles, tricycles.

Accordingly, customs authority will reject the declared value of these commodities, and impose a prescribed customs value if importers fail to provide appropriate explanation.

2. Implementation of the WTO Trade Facilitation Agreement

The Government issued Decision No. 1969/QĐ-TTg on 13 October 2016 approving the “Plan of preparation and implementation of the Agreement on Trade Facilitation (the “TFA”) of the World Trade Organization”, and identifying specific responsibilities of each ministry in upcoming years (“Decision No. 1969”).

As a developing country, Vietnam is entitled to special and different treatment (“SDT”). According to which, Vietnam can determine when it will implement specific provisions of the TFA. To benefit from SDT, Vietnam must categorize each provision of the TFA and notify other WTO Members of these categorizations at the time the TFA comes into effect:

- Category A: TFA provisions that Vietnam will implement by the time the TFA enters into force
- Category B: TFA provisions that Vietnam will implement after a transitional period following the entry into force of the TFA;
- Category C: TFA provisions that Vietnam will implement on a date after a transitional period following the entry into force of the TFA and requiring the acquisition of assistance and support for capacity building.

Decision No. 1969 identifies the Ministry of Finance (“MOF”) as the national agency to implement the TFA. MOF is responsible for, *inter alia*,

- Implementing national outreach plans to provide information on the TFA;
- Operating the single-window system;
- Classifying Categories A, B, and C provisions;
- Seeking technical support and assistance for capacity building;
- Formulating roadmap for implementation of Categories B and C provisions; and
- Reviewing relevant legal framework for further amendments.

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According to Decision No. 1969,

- Vietnam has notified its Category A provisions to the WTO;
- Within the first quarter of 2017, the MOF in coordination with other competent authorities and the business communities will identify (i) Category A provisions which have not been fully implemented, (ii) Category B provisions; and (iii) Category C provisions;
- Domestic legislation will be amended to fully implement Category A provisions;
- Vietnam will inform the WTO of its official plan to implement Categories B and C provisions within 1 year from the effective date of the TFA; and
- For capability building, Vietnam has been seeking support from WB, ADB, UNCTAD, WTO, etc. and from developed countries such as the U.S., United Kingdom, Australia, and Japan.

The following authorities/organizations have been tasked with coordinating with the MOF in implementing specific aspects of the TFA: the Ministry of Transport, the Ministry of Science and Technology, the Ministry of Information and Communications, the Ministry of Health, the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development, the Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment, the Ministry of National Defence, the Ministry of Culture, Sports and Tourism, the Chamber of Commerce and Industry of Vietnam.

As such, the business community should keep an eye on seminars/work shops organized by the MOF and / or the relevant competent authorities on TFA implementation. Businesses should also seek inputs from their legal, compliance and operation teams to identify specific issues concerning trade facilitation and voice their concerns to the authorities in order for timely and appropriate categorization of TFA commitments by Vietnam.

3. Promulgation of Decrees to implement 9 Free Trade Agreements for the 2016-2019 period

The Government issued 9 Decrees on preferential import tariff specifically for the implementation of the Free Trade Agreements to which Vietnam is a member in the period from 2016 to 2018 and from 2016 to 2019. The concerned Free Trade Agreements are *Vietnam Japan Economic Partnership Agreement (VJEPA)*, *ASEAN - India Free Trade Agreement*, *ASEAN - Australia - New Zealand Free Trade Agreement (AANZFTA)*, *ASEAN - China Free Trade Agreement (ACFTA)*, *ASEAN Trade In Goods Agreement (ATIGA)*, *ASEAN - KOREA Free Trade Agreement (AKFTA)*, *Vietnam - Korea Free Trade Agreement (VKFTA)*, *Vietnam - Chile Free Trade Agreement (VCFTA)*, and *ASEAN - Japan Free Trade Agreement (AJCEP)*.

Should you wish to obtain further information or want to discuss any issues raised in this alert with us, please contact: [Fred Burke](#) (Ho Chi Minh City), [Nguyen Thanh Vinh](#) (Ho Chi Minh City), or [Nguyen Thuy](#) (Singapore).

Government documents

The following Government laws, decrees, decisions, notices and other documents related to international trade were posted by the General Department of Vietnam Customs on its [website](#). Translations are automated and unofficial [dd-mm-yy]:

Date	Reference and Matter
06-02-17	Official Letter No. 649 / TCHQ-TXNK of the General Administration of Customs v / v Steel Reinforced Concrete
	Official Letter No. 641 / TCHQ-TXNK of the General Department of Customs v / v obstacle tax refund or exemption
	Official Letter No. 642 / TCHQ-TXNK of the General Department of Customs v / v Items tire
	Official Letter No. 648 / TCHQ/TXNK of the General Department of Customs v / v Classification of goods (for machine sprouts)
	Official Letter No. 239 / GSQL-GQ3 of the General Department of Customs on imported cars as movable assets
07-02-17	Official Letter No. 190 / BXD-VLXD of the Ministry of Construction v / v specialized test for granite tiling items
10-02-17	Official Letter No. 418 / TXNK-PL of the General Department of Customs v / v Classification codes for items "Sensor LUXA 103-200"
13-02-17	Official Letter No. 782 / TCHQ-TXNK of the General Department of Customs v / v obstacle for goods production of exported goods
	Official Letter No. 797 / TCHQ-TXNK day of the General Department of Customs v / v Implementing Circular 274/2016 / TT-BTC
14-02-17	Decision No. 200 / QĐ-TTg of the Prime Minister v / v approve the Action Plan enhancing the competitiveness and development of logistics services Vietnam 2025
	Decision No. 433 to No. 438 from the Ministry of Industry and Trade v / v exemptions apply safeguard measures against imports of steel wire to produce HS 7227.90.00 welding material
	Official Letter No. 843 / TCHQ-TXNK of the General Department of Customs v / v Handling tax on marine fuel on board when exiting
15-02-17	Official Letter No. 855 / TCHQ-TXNK of the General Department of Customs v / v Sort items Wilpromil R (Soy Protein Concentrate)
16-02-17	Official Letter No. 167 / QLCT-P2 of MOIT v / v Lapsed anti-dumping duty on goods temporarily imported coated steel from China and Korea
17-02-17	Official Letter No. 318 /GSQL-QG4 of the General Department of Customs v / v obstacle on C / O
	Official Letter No. 905 TCHQ-TXNK of the General Department of Customs v / v Check customs value
	Official Letter No. 907 / TCHQ-TXNK of the General Department of Customs v / v collect customs fees with Circular No. 274/2016 / TT-BTC
20-02-17	Official Letter No. 1002 / TCHQ-TXNK of the General Department of Customs v / v Classification tractor trucks used to transport goods in the airport
	Official Letter No. 1003 / TCHQ-TXNK of the General Department of Customs v / v collect customs fees in accordance with Circular No. 274/2016 / TT-BTC
21-02-17	Official Letter No. 1018 / TCHQ-TXNK of the General Department of Customs v / v obstacle apply Decision No. 3914 / QĐ-BCT
22-02-17	Official Letter No. 365 / GSQL-GQ1 of the General Department of Customs on imported goods Chia
	Official Letter No. 1030 / TCHQ-TXNK of the General Department of Customs v / v Classification of Ultrasonic sensor reverse backup
23-01-17	Official Letter No. 371 / GSQL-GQ1 of the General Department of Customs on customs procedures of FDI
	Official Letter No. 367 / GSQL-GQ1 of the General Department of Customs on the location of customs procedures
	Official Letter No. 1083 / TCHQ-GSQL General Administration of Customs v / v Check specialized for food materials imported for manufacturing export products
	Official Letter No. 1081 / TCHQ-TXNK of the General Department of Customs v / v Answering concerns of businesses (Determination refractory bricks HS)
	Official Letter No. 578 / TXNK-TGHQ of the General Department of Customs v / v obstacle on customs valuation
24-02-17	Official Letter No. 392 / GSQL-GQ1 of the General Department of Customs on the implementation of data using settlement reports
27-02-17	Official Letter No. 396 /GSQL-GQ3 of the General Department of Customs on imported goods sold procedures for duty-free shops at
	Official Letter No. 631 / TXNK-CST of the General Department of Customs v / v

Date	Reference and Matter
	Complete steel safeguard duty
	Official Letter No. 2492 / BTC-TCHQ of the Ministry of Finance v / v VAT on goods quality water treatment
28-02-17	Directive No. 1193 / CT-TCHQ of the General Administration of Customs v / v deployment tasks of state budget revenues in 2017

Europe, Middle East and North Africa

European Union and EFTA

European Parliament approves EU-Canada trade agreement

On 15 February 2017, the European parliament [announced](#) that it gave its approval to the *EU - Canada Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement* (CETA). The deal was approved by 408 votes to 254, with 33 abstentions and could apply provisionally from as early as April 2017.

The announcement summarised benefits as follows:

- **Boosting trade** - CETA will remove tariffs on most traded goods and services. It also provides for the mutual recognition of certification for a wide range of products. Canada is to open up its federal and municipal public procurement markets, which are already open in Europe. EU suppliers of services ranging from sea shipping through telecoms and engineering to environmental services and accountancy will get access to the Canadian market.
- **Protecting farm produce and social standards** - In talks, the EU secured protection for over 140 [European geographical indications](#) for food and drinks sold on the Canadian market. Sustainable development clauses were included to safeguard environmental and social standards and ensure that trade and investment enhance both.

To allay citizens' concerns that the deal gives too much power to multinational companies and that governments will not be able to legislate to protect health, safety or the environment, the EU and Canada recognise in both the preamble to the deal and an attached joint declaration that its provisions apply without prejudice to the domestic right to regulate.

- **Exceptions** - The CETA deal will not remove tariff barriers in the fields of public services, audiovisual and transport services and a few agricultural products, such as dairy, poultry and eggs.
- **More transparent investment protection** - In response to European parliamentary pressure, the controversial investor-state-dispute settlement (ISDS) mechanism was replaced by the [Investment Court System](#) (ICS), which aims to ensure government control over the choice of arbitrators and enhances transparency.
- **EU-Canada Strategic Partnership Agreement** - MEPs also gave their consent to the conclusion of an *EU-Canada Strategic Partnership Agreement* (SPA). Complementing the CETA, this deal aims to step up EU-Canada bilateral cooperation on a wide range of non-trade issues such as foreign and security policy, counter-terrorism, fighting organised crime, sustainable development, research and culture.

The CETA deal could apply provisionally on the first day of the second month following the date both sides have notified each other that they completed all necessary internal procedures. MEPs expect this to be the case on 1 April 2017 at the earliest. As CETA [was declared a mixed agreement](#) by the European Commission in July 2016, it will also need to be ratified by national and regional parliaments.

EFTA Council approves priorities of Norwegian Chair for first half of 2017

On 8 February 2017, EFTA [announced](#) that Norway, holding the rotating EFTA Council Chair for the first six months of the year, presented its priorities at the Council's first meeting of 2017. The announcement said:

Special emphasis will be given to following developments closely between the United Kingdom and the European Union, with the assistance of the EFTA Secretariat, with a view to maintaining close economic and trade relations with the United Kingdom.

With regard to relations among the EFTA countries, the Chair put emphasis on updating the EFTA Convention in light of the evolving needs of the Member States, and on developing a common basis for future free trade negotiations, inter alia by formulating new approaches regarding trade in services and investment based on the latest developments in international trade policy.

Priorities for this semester also include ongoing free trade negotiations with India, Indonesia, Malaysia, Vietnam and Ecuador, as well as the management and development of existing free trade agreements. In addition, preparatory meetings with MERCOSUR will take place early this year, with a view to starting formal negotiations by mid-2017.

EFTA Secretary-General, Mr Kristinn F. Árnason, updated the Council on [recent major activities](#), such as progress with regard to third countries and recent high-level meetings of EFTA Ministers with EU and UK officials.

He also pointed out that in the current "uncertain international environment, it is more vital than ever for the EFTA States to strengthen their cooperation and to seize the opportunities as they present themselves".

[Priorities during the Norwegian EFTA Council Chair – first half of 2017](#)

Commission publishes negotiating proposals for EU-Indonesia trade deal

On 7 February 2017, the European Commission [announced](#) that it had published nine initial European proposals for the trade agreement under negotiation with Indonesia. Together with the proposals, the Commission has made available the report from the second round of talks that took place in Indonesia between 24 and 27 January. The announcement said in part:

[The texts](#) now made available represent the EU's initial negotiating position, and its publication is part of the Commission's commitment for a more transparent trade and investment policy.

Amongst other things, the texts presented by the EU in the negotiations so far aim to: increase participation of European companies in Indonesian public tenders and vice versa; increase cooperation on imports requirements related to food safety, plant and animal health; broaden protection of traditional European products, known as 'geographical indications'; reduce unnecessary overlapping regulatory barriers to trade and increase the part of trade benefits that go to small companies. At the same time, the agreement will uphold levels of consumer, worker and environment protection and promote sustainable development.

Further EU proposals will be made available as the negotiations progress on the [Transparency in Action](#) portal, where EU proposals from other negotiations have been published since October 2015. The negotiations with Indonesia were [launched in July](#) of last year.

GSP status adjusted for Tonga and Ukraine

On 9 February 2017, the *Official Journal* published [Commission Delegated Regulation \(EU\) 2017/217 of 5 December 2016 amending Annex II to Regulation \(EU\) No 978/2012 of the European Parliament and of the Council applying a scheme of generalised tariff preferences](#). The criteria for granting tariff preferences under the general arrangement of the Generalised Scheme of Preferences (GSP) provide that a country that has been classified by the World Bank as a high-income or an upper-middle income country for three consecutive years, or a country that benefits from a preferential market access arrangement which provides the same tariff preferences as the GSP, or better, for substantially all trade, should not benefit from GSP. The list of GSP beneficiary countries is reviewed annually. If a country's status changes, it is given time for an orderly adaptation to the new status.

Tonga was classified by the World Bank as upper middle-income country in 2013, 2014 and 2015. Therefore, Tonga was removed from the list of GSP beneficiary countries as from 1 January 2017. In 2016, however, Tonga was classified by the World Bank as a lower middle-income country. Therefore, Tonga will be reinserted into the list with application from 1 January 2017.

The implementation of the *Deep and Comprehensive Free Trade Area* (DCFTA), signed by the Union and Ukraine on 27 June 2014, as part of their broader Association Agreement, has been provisionally applied from 1 January 2016. As the DCFTA provides better tariff preferences as the GSP for substantially all trade, Ukraine is removed from the list of GSP beneficiary countries with application from 1 January 2018.

Commission issues tariff classification regulations

[See separate section below](#) for tariff classification regulations issued by the European Commission during the period covered by this Update.

Amendments to the CN Explanatory Notes

[See separate section below](#) for amendments to the *Explanatory Notes to the Combined Nomenclature of the European Union* that were published in the *Official Journal* during the period covered by this Update.

Binding Tariff Information

The European Community has created the Binding Tariff Information (BTI) system as a tool to assist economic operators to obtain the correct tariff classification for goods they intend to import or export.

Binding Tariff Information is issued on request to economic operators by the customs authorities of the Member States. It is valid throughout the Community, regardless of the Member State which issued it. For information about an existing BTI, you may want to contact the [customs administration of the Member State](#) which issued it. However, remember that, according to the provisions for data protection, there are limitations as to the information an administration can provide. You can search and consult existing BTIs on the [EBTI-database](#).

Official Journal documents

The following documents of interest to international traders (excluding documents relating to day-to-day management of agricultural matters, individual protected

designations of origin registrations, approvals or restrictions on specific substances and fishing rights) were published in the *Official Journal of the European Union*:

OJ Date	Subject
01-02-17	Commission Regulation (EU) 2017/160 of 20 January 2017 amending Council Regulation (EC) No 338/97 on the protection of species of wild fauna and flora by regulating trade therein
	Commission Implementing Decision (EU) 2017/167 of 30 January 2017 temporarily authorising Belgium, the Czech Republic, France and Spain to certify pre-basic mother plants and pre-basic material of specific species of fruit plants referred to in Annex I to Council Directive 2008/90/EC, produced in the field under non-insect-proof conditions (notified under document C(2017) 60)
	Decision No 1/2015 of the Joint Committee on Agriculture of 19 November 2015 concerning the amendment to Appendices 1, 2 and 4 to Annex 4 to the Agreement between the European Community and the Swiss Confederation on trade in agricultural products [2017/169]
	Update of the list of border crossing points as referred to in Article 2(8) of Regulation (EU) 2016/399 of the European Parliament and of the Council on a Union Code on the rules governing the movement of persons across borders (Schengen Borders Code) [2017/C 32/05]
02-02-17	Commission Regulation (EU) 2017/172 of 1 February 2017 amending Regulation (EU) No 142/2011 as regards parameters for the transformation of animal by-products into biogas or compost, conditions for imports of petfood and for the export of processed manure
	Commission Decision (EU) 2017/175 of 25 January 2017 on establishing EU Ecolabel criteria for tourist accommodation (notified under document C(2017) 299)
	Commission Decision (EU) 2017/176 of 25 January 2017 on establishing EU Ecolabel criteria for wood-, cork- and bamboo-based floor coverings (notified under document C(2017) 303)
03-02-17	Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2017/186 of 2 February 2017 laying down specific conditions applicable to the introduction into the Union of consignments from certain third countries due to microbiological contamination and amending Regulation (EC) No 669/2009
	Commission Regulation (EU) 2017/185 of 2 February 2017 laying down transitional measures for the application of certain provisions of Regulations (EC) No 853/2004 and (EC) No 854/2004 of the European Parliament and of the Council
	Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2017/187 of 2 February 2017 concerning the authorisation of a preparation of <i>Bacillus subtilis</i> (DSM 28343) as a feed additive for chickens for fattening (holder of authorisation Lactosan GmbH & Co. KG)
	Council Decision (EU) 2017/189 of 16 January 2017 on the positions to be adopted on behalf of the European Union within the Sanitary and Phytosanitary Management Sub-Committee, the Trade and Sustainable Development Sub-Committee, the Customs Sub-Committee and the Sub-Committee on Geographical Indications established pursuant to the Association Agreement between the European Union and the European Atomic Energy Community and their Member States, of the one part, and Ukraine, of the other part, as regards the adoption of the Rules of Procedure of those Sub-Committees
	Commission Regulation (EU) 2017/170 of 30 January 2017 amending Annexes II, III and V to Regulation (EC) No 396/2005 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards maximum residue levels for bifenthrin, carbetamide, cinidon-ethyl, fenpropimorph and triflusal in or on certain products
	Commission Regulation (EU) 2017/171 of 30 January 2017 amending Annexes II, III and IV to Regulation (EC) No 396/2005 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards maximum residue levels for aminopyralid, azoxystrobin, cyantraniliprole, cyflufenamid, cyproconazole, diethofencarb, dithiocarbamates, fluazifop-P, fluopyram, haloxyfop, isofetamid, metalaxyl, prohexadione, propaquizafop, pyrimethanil, <i>Trichoderma atroviride</i> strain SC1 and zoxamide in or on certain products
	Commission Regulation (EU) 2017/172 of 1 February 2017 amending Regulation (EU) No 142/2011 as regards parameters for the transformation of animal by-products into biogas or compost, conditions for imports of petfood and for the export of processed manure

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04-02-17	<p>Council Decision (EU) 2017/192 of 8 November 2016 on the conclusion of a Protocol to the Agreement between the European Community and its Member States, of the one part, and the Swiss Confederation, of the other, on the free movement of persons, regarding the participation of the Republic of Croatia as a Contracting Party, following its accession to the European Union</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Protocol to the Agreement between the European Community and its Member States, of the one part, and the Swiss Confederation, of the other, on the free movement of persons, regarding the participation of the Republic of Croatia as a Contracting Party, following its accession to the European Union
	<p>Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2017/193 of 3 February 2017 amending Annex II to Decision 2007/777/EC and Annex I to Regulation (EC) No 798/2008 as regards the entries for Ukraine in the lists of third countries from which the introduction of certain commodities into the Union is authorised in relation to highly pathogenic avian influenza</p>
	<p>Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2017/194 of 3 February 2017 concerning the authorisation of the preparation of <i>Lactobacillus diolivorans</i> DSM 32074 as a feed additive for all animal species</p>
	<p>Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2017/195 of 3 February 2017 amending Implementing Regulation (EU) No 540/2011 as regards the extension of the approval periods of several active substances listed in Part B of the Annex to Implementing Regulation (EU) No 686/2012 (AIR IV renewal programme)</p>
	<p>Commission Implementing Decision (EU) 2017/198 of 2 February 2017 as regards measures to prevent the introduction into and the spread within the Union of <i>Pseudomonas syringae</i> pv. <i>actinidiae</i> Takikawa, Serizawa, Ichikawa, Tsuyumu & Goto (notified under document C(2017) 460)</p>
07-02-17	<p>Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2017/201 of 6 February 2017 amending Regulation (EU) No 37/2010 to classify the substance fluralaner as regards its maximum residue limit</p>
	<p>Commission Implementing Decision (EU) 2017/204 of 3 February 2017 authorising Member States to provide for a temporary derogation from certain provisions of Council Directive 2000/29/EC in respect of ash wood originating or processed in the United States of America, and repealing Implementing Decision (EU) 2015/2416 recognising certain areas of the United States of America as being free from <i>Agrilus planipennis</i> Fairmaire (notified under document C(2017) 420)</p>
	<p>Commission Implementing Decision (EU) 2017/205 of 3 February 2017 amending the Annex to Implementing Decision 2014/709/EU concerning animal health control measures relating to African swine fever in certain Member States (notified under document C(2017) 503)</p>
	<p>Common catalogue of varieties of agricultural plant species — first supplement to the 35th complete edition [2017/C 40/01]</p>
	<p>Common catalogue of varieties of vegetable species — first supplement to the 35th complete edition [2017/C 40/02]</p>
08-02-17	<p>Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2017/210 of 7 February 2017 concerning the authorisation of a preparation of endo-1,4-beta-xylanase and endo-1,3(4)-beta-glucanase produced by <i>Talaromyces versatilis</i> sp. nov. IMI CC 378536 and <i>Talaromyces versatilis</i> sp. nov. DSM 26702 as a feed additive for laying hens (holder of the authorisation Adisseo France S.A.S.)</p>
	<p>Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2017/211 of 7 February 2017 concerning the authorisation of a preparation of endo-1,4-beta-xylanase (EC 3.2.1.8) produced by <i>Bacillus subtilis</i> (LMG-S 15136) as a feed additive for poultry, weaned piglets and pigs for fattening, and amending Regulations (EC) No 1259/2004, (EC) No 1206/2005, and (EC) No 322/2009 and repealing Regulation (EC) No 516/2007 (holder of authorisation Beldem, a division of Puratos NV)</p>
	<p>Corrigendum to List of competent authorities referred to in Article 3(2) of Council Regulation (EU) No 389/2012 (administrative cooperation in the field of excise duties) (OJ C 484, 24.12.2016) [2017/C 41/11]</p>
09-02-17	<p>Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2017/214 of 30 November 2016</p>

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	<p>amending Regulation (EU) No 98/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council, as regards adding aluminium powder to the list of explosives precursors in Annex II</p> <p>Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2017/215 of 30 November 2016 amending Regulation (EU) No 98/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council, as regards adding magnesium nitrate hexahydrate to the list of explosives precursors in Annex II</p> <p>Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2017/216 of 30 November 2016 amending Regulation (EU) No 98/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council, as regards adding magnesium powder to the list of explosives precursors in Annex II</p> <p>Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2017/217 of 5 December 2016 amending Annex II to Regulation (EU) No 978/2012 of the European Parliament and of the Council applying a scheme of generalised tariff preferences</p> <p>Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2017/219 of 8 February 2017 concerning the authorisation of a preparation of <i>Bacillus subtilis</i> (DSM 27273) as a feed additive for weaned piglets and weaned minor porcine species (holder of authorisation Chr. Hansen A/S)</p> <p>Commission Implementing Decision (EU) 2017/223 of 7 February 2017 authorising a laboratory in Brazil to carry out serological tests to monitor the effectiveness of rabies vaccines in dogs, cats and ferrets (notified under document C(2017) 572)</p>
10-02-17	<p>Commission Regulation (EU) 2017/227 of 9 February 2017 amending Annex XVII to Regulation (EC) No 1907/2006 of the European Parliament and of the Council concerning the Registration, Evaluation, Authorisation and Restriction of Chemicals (REACH) as regards bis(pentabromophenyl)ether</p> <p>Notice to undertakings intending to import or export controlled substances that deplete the ozone layer to or from the European Union in 2018 and undertakings intending to produce or import these substances for essential laboratory and analytical uses in 2018 [2017/C 43/05]</p> <p>Commission communication in the framework of the implementation of Commission Regulation (EU) 2015/1095 implementing Directive 2009/125/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council with regard to ecodesign requirements for professional refrigerated storage cabinets, blast cabinets, condensing units and process chillers and of Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2015/1094 supplementing Directive 2010/30/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council with regard to the energy labelling of professional refrigerated storage cabinets — <i>Publication of titles and references of harmonised standards and transitional methods of measurement and calculation for the implementation of Regulation (EU) 2015/1095 and of Delegated Regulation (EU) 2015/1094</i> [2017/C 44/01]</p> <p>Commission communication in the framework of the implementation of Directive 2014/53/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council on the harmonisation of the laws of the Member States relating to the making available on the market of radio equipment and repealing Directive 1999/5/EC (<i>Publication of titles and references of harmonised standards under Union harmonisation legislation</i>) [2017/C 44/02]</p>
14-02-17	<p>Commission Decision (Euratom) 2017/251 of 2 June 2016 on the conclusion on behalf of the European Atomic Energy Community, of the Agreement continuing the International Science and Technology Center between the European Union and Euratom acting as one Party and Georgia, Japan, the Kingdom of Norway, the Kyrgyz Republic, the Republic of Armenia, the Republic of Kazakhstan, the Republic of Korea, the Republic of Tajikistan, and the United States of America</p> <p>Council Decision (EU) 2017/248 of 6 February 2017 on the conclusion of the Agreement continuing the International Science and Technology Center</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Agreement continuing the International Science and Technology Center <p>Commission Implementing Decision (EU) 2017/253 of 13 February 2017 laying down procedures for the notification of alerts as part of the early warning and response system established in relation to serious cross-border threats to health and for the information exchange, consultation and coordination of responses to such threats pursuant to Decision No 1082/2013/EU of the European Parliament</p>

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15-02-17	<p>Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2017/254 of 30 November 2016 amending Delegated Regulations (EU) No 1059/2010, (EU) No 1060/2010, (EU) No 1061/2010, (EU) No 1062/2010, (EU) No 626/2011, (EU) No 392/2012, (EU) No 874/2012, (EU) No 665/2013, (EU) No 811/2013, (EU) No 812/2013, (EU) No 65/2014, (EU) No 1254/2014, (EU) 2015/1094, (EU) 2015/1186 and (EU) 2015/1187 with regard to the use of tolerances in verification procedures</p> <p>Summary of European Commission Decisions on authorisations for the placing on the market for the use and/or for use of substances listed in Annex XIV to Regulation (EC) No 1907/2006 of the European Parliament and of the Council concerning the Registration, Evaluation, Authorisation and Restriction of Chemicals (REACH) (Published pursuant to Article 64(9) of Regulation (EC) No 1907/2006) [2017/C 48/04]</p> <p>Summary of European Commission Decisions on authorisations for the placing on the market for the use and/or for use of substances listed in Annex XIV to Regulation (EC) No 1907/2006 of the European Parliament and of the Council concerning the Registration, Evaluation, Authorisation and Restriction of Chemicals (REACH) (Published pursuant to Article 64(9) of Regulation (EC) No 1907/2006) [2017/C 48/05]</p> <p>Summary of European Commission Decisions on authorisations for the placing on the market for the use and/or for use of substances listed in Annex XIV to Regulation (EC) No 1907/2006 of the European Parliament and of the Council concerning the Registration, Evaluation, Authorisation and Restriction of Chemicals (REACH) (Published pursuant to Article 64(9) of Regulation (EC) No 1907/2006) [2017/C 48/06]</p> <p>Summary of European Commission Decisions on authorisations for the placing on the market for the use and/or for use of substances listed in Annex XIV to Regulation (EC) No 1907/2006 of the European Parliament and of the Council concerning the Registration, Evaluation, Authorisation and Restriction of Chemicals (REACH) (Published pursuant to Article 64(9) of Regulation (EC) No 1907/2006) [2017/C 48/07]</p> <p>Summary of European Commission Decisions on authorisations for the placing on the market for the use and/or for use of substances listed in Annex XIV to Regulation (EC) No 1907/2006 of the European Parliament and of the Council concerning the Registration, Evaluation, Authorisation and Restriction of Chemicals (REACH) (Published pursuant to Article 64(9) of Regulation (EC) No 1907/2006) [2017/C 48/08]</p> <p>Summary of European Commission Decisions on authorisations for the placing on the market for the use and/or for use of substances listed in Annex XIV to Regulation (EC) No 1907/2006 of the European Parliament and of the Council concerning the registration, evaluation, authorisation and restriction of chemicals (REACH) (Published pursuant to Article 64(9) of Regulation (EC) No 1907/2006) [2017/C 48/09]</p> <p>Summary of European Commission Decisions on authorisations for the placing on the market for the use and/or for use of substances listed in Annex XIV to Regulation (EC) No 1907/2006 of the European Parliament and of the Council concerning the Registration, Evaluation, Authorisation and Restriction of Chemicals (REACH) (Published pursuant to Article 64(9) of Regulation (EC) No 1907/2006) [2017/C 48/10]</p>
16-02-17	<p>Commission Implementing Decision (EU) 2017/263 of 14 February 2017 on risk mitigating and reinforced biosecurity measures and early detection systems in relation to the risks posed by wild birds for the transmission of highly pathogenic avian influenza viruses to poultry (notified under document C(2017) 765)</p> <p>Commission Decision (EU) 2017/265 of 14 February 2017 including the Government of Northwest Territories of Canada as a recognised body in the list referred to in Article 3 of Implementing Regulation (EU) 2015/1850 laying down detailed rules for the implementation of Regulation (EC) No 1007/2009 of the European Parliament and of the Council on trade in seal products (notified under document C(2017) 757)</p> <p>Decision No 1/2016 of the EU-Republic of Moldova customs sub-Committee of 6 October 2016 replacing Protocol II to the Association Agreement between the</p>

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	European Union and the European Atomic Energy Community and their Member States, of the one part, and the Republic of Moldova, of the other part, concerning the definition of the concept of 'originating products' and methods of administrative cooperation [2017/266]
17-02-17	Commission Regulation (EU) 2017/269 of 16 February 2017 amending Regulation (EC) No 1185/2009 of the European Parliament and of the Council concerning statistics on pesticides, as regards the list of active substances
	Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2017/270 of 16 February 2017 amending Implementing Regulation (EU) No 540/2011 as regards the conditions of approval of the active substance sulfuryl fluoride
	Corrigendum to Commission Decision 2014/955/EU of 18 December 2014 amending Decision 2000/532/EC on the list of waste pursuant to Directive 2008/98/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council (OJ L 370, 30.12.2014)
	Regulation No 10 of the Economic Commission for Europe of the United Nations (UNECE) — Uniform provisions concerning the approval of vehicles with regard to electromagnetic compatibility [2017/260]
18-02-17	Corrigendum to Commission Regulation (EU) No 1357/2014 of 18 December 2014 replacing Annex III to Directive 2008/98/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council on waste and repealing certain Directives (OJ L 365, 19.12.2014) [REACH]
22-02-17	Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2017/307 of 21 February 2017 concerning the authorisation of dry grape extract of <i>Vitis vinifera</i> spp. <i>vinifera</i> as a feed additive for all animal species except for dogs
23-02-17	Corrigendum to Council Decision (EU) 2016/2143 of 1 December 2016 on the position to be adopted on behalf of the European Union within the CARIFORUM-EU Trade and Development Committee of the Economic Partnership Agreement between the CARIFORUM States, of the one part, and the European Community and its Member States, of the other part, as regards the establishment of a Special Committee on Agriculture and Fisheries (OJ L 332, 7.12.2016)
	Decisions of the EEA Joint Committee No 198/2016 through 206/2016 amending Annex IX Financial services to the EEA Agreement [2017/275 through 2017/283]
	Medicinal products — List of marketing authorisations granted by the EEA EFTA States for the first half of 2016 [2017/C 58/08] Corrigendum to Consolidated versions of the Treaty on European Union and the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union (OJ C 202, 7.6.2016) [2017/C 59/01]
24-02-17	Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2017/306 of 6 February 2017 indicating design, construction and performance requirements and testing standards for marine equipment
	Summary of European Union decisions on marketing authorisations in respect of medicinal products from 1 January 2017 to 31 January 2017 (Published pursuant to Article 13 or Article 38 of Regulation (EC) No 726/2004 of the European Parliament and of the Council). [2017/C 61/01]
25-02-17	Commission Regulation (EU) 2017/324 of 24 February 2017 amending the Annex to Regulation (EU) No 231/2012 laying down specifications for food additives listed in Annexes II and III to Regulation (EC) No 1333/2008 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards specifications for Basic methacrylate copolymer (E 1205)
28-02-17	Commission Regulation (EU) 2017/335 of 27 February 2017 amending Annex II to Regulation (EC) No 1333/2008 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards the use of steviol glycosides (E 960) as a sweetener in certain energy-reduced confectionery products
	Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2017/337 of 27 February 2017 amending Regulation (EC) No 1375/2007 on imports of residues from the manufacture of starch from maize from the United States of America
	Commission Implementing Decision (EU) 2017/351 of 24 February 2017 amending the Annex to Implementing Decision 2014/709/EU concerning animal health control measures relating to African swine fever in certain Member States

OJ Date	Subject
	(notified under document C(2017) 1261)

Restrictive measures established, amended, corrected

During the past month, the following restrictive measures were established, amended or corrected:

OJ Date	Restrictive Measure
03-02-17	Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2017/184 of 1 February 2017 amending Council Regulation (EC) No 1210/2003 concerning certain specific restrictions on economic and financial relations with Iraq
07-02-17	Council Implementing Decision (CFSP) 2017/203 of 6 February 2017 implementing Decision 2010/788/CFSP concerning restrictive measures against the Democratic Republic of the Congo
	Council Implementing Regulation (EU) 2017/199 of 6 February 2017 implementing Article 9(5) of Regulation (EC) No 1183/2005 imposing certain specific restrictive measures directed against persons acting in violation of the arms embargo with regard to the Democratic Republic of the Congo
09-02-17	Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2017/221 of 8 February 2017 amending for the 259th time Council Regulation (EC) No 881/2002 imposing certain specific restrictive measures directed against certain persons and entities associated with the ISIL (Da'esh) and Al-Qaida organisations
18-02-17	Council Decision (CFSP) 2017/288 of 17 February 2017 amending Decision 2011/101/CFSP concerning restrictive measures against Zimbabwe
	Council Regulation (EU) 2017/284 of 17 February 2017 amending Regulation (EC) No 314/2004 concerning certain restrictive measures in respect of Zimbabwe
21-02-17	Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2017/296 of 20 February 2017 amending for the 260th time Council Regulation (EC) No 881/2002 imposing certain specific restrictive measures directed against certain persons and entities associated with the ISIL (Da'esh) and Al-Qaeda organisations
27-02-17	Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2017/326 of 24 February 2017 amending for the 261st time Council Regulation (EC) No 881/2002 imposing certain specific restrictive measures directed against certain persons and entities associated with the ISIL (Da'esh) and Al-Qaida organisations
28-02-17	Council Decision (CFSP) 2017/345 of 27 February 2017 amending Decision (CFSP) 2016/849 concerning restrictive measures against the Democratic People's Republic of Korea
	Council Regulation (EU) 2017/330 of 27 February 2017 amending Regulation (EC) No 329/2007 concerning restrictive measures against the Democratic People's Republic of Korea
	Council Decision (CFSP) 2017/350 of 27 February 2017 amending Decision 2012/642/CFSP concerning restrictive measures against Belarus
	Council Regulation (EU) 2017/331 of 27 February 2017 amending Regulation (EC) No 765/2006 concerning restrictive measures in respect of Belarus

Antidumping and countervailing duty cases

[See separate *Antidumping Countervailing Duty and Safeguards Investigations, Orders & Reviews* section below.](#)

Individual Countries

France

Official Gazette (*Journal officiel*)

Date	Measure
02-02-17	23 Decree of 20 January 2017 amending the Decree of 13 April 2016 on the customs representation and registration of customs representatives
03-02-17	13 Decree of 21 December 2016 repealing the Decree of 29 April 2014 renewing the approval of Bureau Veritas as regards fuel consumption accounting systems (CCS) by equipment mounted on trucks falling 87 positions -04 and 87-05 of the Customs Tariff and operating at the stop of such vehicles
09-02-17	116 Notice to economic operators on the obligation to provide information on substances in articles, pursuant to Articles 7.2 and 33 of Regulation (EC) No 1907/2006 REACH
10-02-17	6 Order of 23 January 2017 amending the list of customs and indirect tax offices
16-02-17	6 Decree of 30 December 2016 amending the decree of 28 April 2016 on the communication from the shipper to the shipowner of the verified gross mass of a container penned in France to be loaded on the shipment document A ship calling at a seaport
23-02-17	12 Decree of 16 February 2017 amending the decree of 13 June 2014 fixing the amount of remuneration due for the approval and marketing authorization of bio-cidal substances and products
25-02-17	3 Law 2017-226 of 24 February 2017 authorizing France's accession to the Second Protocol to the 1954 Hague Convention for the Protection of Cultural Property in the Event of Armed Conflict

Notices to importers

The following [notices](#) were posted by Directorate General of Customs and Indirect Taxes (For laws and regulations, decrees, etc. please see listings under *Other EU-EFTA Notices - Import-export related measures*, below) :

Release Date	Ref. No. and Subject
09-02-17	Circular (DA 17-012) relating to the collection by the DGDDI, on importation, of the tax allocated to ITERG (Cust. Bull. № 7175)
	Circular (DA 17-011) concerning the collection by the DGDDI, on importation, of the tax allocated to the technical center for the foundry industries (Cust. Bull. 7174)
	Circular (DA 17-010) relating to the collection by the DGDDI, on importation, of the tax for the development of the plastics and composites industries. (Cust. Bull 7173)
10-02-17	2017/04-Notice to importers of goods originating in Tonga 2017/05-Notice to importers of certain stainless steel wire originating in India
21-02-17	2017/06-Notice to importers of crystalline silicon photovoltaic modules and their essential components (cells) consigned from Malaysia and Taiwan whether declared as originating in Malaysia or Taiwan
24-02-17	2017/07-Notice to importers of certain slightly modified aluminum foil originating in the People's Republic of China
27-02-17	2017/08-Notice to importers of parts of bicycles originating in the People's Republic of China

Switzerland

Federal Council tightens sanctions against N. Korea

On 22 February 2017, the Federal Council [announced](#) that it had once again tightened sanctions against the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (North

Korea), thereby implementing UN Security Council Resolution 2321 (2016). The [Amendment to the Ordinance imposing measures against the Democratic People's Republic of Korea](#) (RS 946.231.127.6) entered into force at 6 pm on 22 February. The announcement stated:

The UN Security Council (UNSC) adopted Resolution 2321 (2016) on 30 November, reinforcing sanctions against North Korea in response to its fifth nuclear test, conducted on 9 September 2016, which violated all previous UNSC resolutions. The resolution includes imposing tougher sanctions on trade in goods, on finance, shipping, air transport and on education. By its decision of 22 February 2017, the Federal Council implements in Switzerland these measures that are binding under international law.

Financial sanctions now specify that North Korea's diplomatic and consular representations in Switzerland as well as their diplomatic staff may hold only one bank account each. Any supernumerary accounts must be closed. Real estate owned or rented by North Korea may be expressly used only for diplomatic activities. Branches, subsidiaries and representations of Swiss banks may not be opened or operated in North Korea, and nor may Swiss bank accounts, unless they are used for humanitarian purposes, or for diplomatic or UN activities. Existing branches, subsidiaries, representations and bank accounts in North Korea must be closed by 31 March of this year. Any public or private financial support for trade with North Korea is prohibited.

In terms of *trade sanctions*, additional goods have been added to the current export ban on luxury goods and on certain dual-use goods for the production of conventional weapons. The purchase of certain raw materials (copper, nickel, silver and zinc) and statues of all kinds from North Korea is prohibited, as is the delivery of new helicopters and ships to North Korea. A new global limit not exceeding approximately USD 400m or 7.5m tonnes per year now has been imposed on the export of coal originating in North Korea. Compliance with these limits is monitored by the UN.

Additional sanctions are being introduced to *shipping and air transport*, including a ban on the procurement of crew services in North Korea. The provision of insurance or reinsurance is prohibited for ships owned, controlled or operated by North Korea, with the exception of cases where the activities of the ship are for the sole purpose of transporting essential goods or humanitarian purposes.

Existing *education sanctions* will also be extended. North Korean students will no longer be admitted to higher education programmes in materials science, machinery or electronics in Switzerland. Switzerland will suspend scientific and technical cooperation with North Korea, with the exception of medical cooperation.

The UN Security Council had already imposed sanctions several years ago against North Korea in response to its nuclear programme. On 25 October 2006, the Federal Council adopted the Ordinance on Measures against the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, which has been tightened several times since then. With this ordinance, Switzerland is implementing UN Security Council Resolutions 1718 (2006), 1874 (2009), 2087 (2013), 2094 (2013), 2270 (2016) and 2321 (2016).

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Official Gazette (*Recueil officiel*)

Date	Measure
31-01-17	Ordinance of the DFI regulating trade in import, transit and export of animals and animal products with third countries (OIT-PT-DFI) (RS 916.443.106)
02-02-17	Ordinance of the DFI regulating trade in import, transit and export of animals and animal products with third countries (OIT-PT-DFI) (RS 916.443.106)
03-02-17	Ordinance of the OSAV establishing measures to prevent the introduction into Switzerland of avian influenza present in certain Member States of the European Union (RS 916.443.102.1)
09-02-17	Ordinance of the DFI regulating trade in import, transit and export of animals and animal products with third countries (OIT-PT-DFI) (RS 916.443.10)

Date	Measure
13-02-17	Ordinance of the OSAV establishing measures to prevent the introduction of African swine fever present in certain Member States of the European Union (RS 916.443.107)
14-02-17	Ordinance on the Control of Lawful Origin of Imported Sea Fishery Products (RS 453.2)
	FDI Ordinance on Rates of Export Contributions for Agricultural Commodities (RS 632.111.723.1)
16-02-17	Ordinance of the OSAV establishing measures to prevent the introduction into Switzerland of avian influenza present in certain Member States of the European Union (RS 916.443.102.1)
21-02-17	Ordinance on the Importation of Agricultural Products (Ordinance on Agricultural Imports, OIAgr) (RS 916.01)
28-02-17	Order of the FDI on goods benefiting from customs relief according to their use (Ordinance on customs relief, OADou) (RS 631.012)
	FDI Ordinance Relating to Moving Components for the Importation of Processed Agricultural Products (RS 632.111.722.1)
	Ordinance on the Importation of Agricultural Products (Ordinance on Agricultural Imports, OIAgr) (RS 916.01)
	Amendment to Agreement of 15 April 1994 establishing the World Trade Organization. Amendment of the Agreement on Trade-Related Aspects of Intellectual Property Rights (TRIPS) (RS 0.632.20)
Date	Restrictive Measure
06-02-17	Amendment to the Ordinance of 2 October 2000 imposing measures against persons and entities associated with Osama bin Laden, the "Al-Qaeda" group or the Taliban (RS 946.203) [Entry into force 03-02-17]
16-02-17	Amendment to the Ordinance of 2 October 2000 imposing measures against persons and entities associated with Osama bin Laden, the "Al-Qaeda" group or the Taliban (RS 946.203) [Entry into force 15-02-17]
17-02-17	Amendment to the Ordinance of 2 October 2000 imposing measures against persons and entities associated with Osama bin Laden, the "Al-Qaeda" group or the Taliban (RS 946.203) [Entry into force 16-02-17]
21-02-17	Ordinance on the Locking of Assets in the Context of Ukraine (O-Ukraine) (RS 196.127.67)
22-02-17	Ordinance imposing measures against the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (RS 946.231.127.6) [Entry into force 22-02-17- implementing UNSC 2321]
	Amendment to the Ordinance of 7 August 1990 imposing economic measures against the Republic of Iraq (RS 946.206) [Entry into force 21-02-17]
23-02-17	Amendment to the Ordinance of 2 October 2000 imposing measures against persons and entities associated with Osama bin Laden, the "Al-Qaeda" group or the Taliban (RS 946.203) [Entry into force 22-02-17]
28-02-17	Ordinance imposing measures against the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (Only concerns the Italian text) (RS 946.231.127.6)

United Kingdom

UK Export Control Order comes into force

On 22 February 2017, the [Export Control \(North Korea Sanctions and Iran, Ivory Coast and Syria Amendment\) Order 2017 \(S.I. 2017/83\)](#) came into effect. The Order provides for the enforcement of trade restrictions against North Korea specified in Regulation [\(EC\) No 329/2007](#) concerning restrictive measures against the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (the "North Korea Regulation") as last amended by Council Implementing Regulation [\(EU\) 2017/80](#). The Order revokes the [Export Control \(North Korea and Ivory Coast Sanctions and Syria Amendment\) Order 2013 \(S.I. 2013/3182\)](#).

- Articles 5 to 12 create offences for contravention of the trade restrictions in the North Korea Regulation.

- Article 13 creates offences for the circumvention of the trade restrictions in the North Korea Regulation.
- Article 14 supplements the provisions of the North Korea Regulation that allow a competent authority to authorise activities that are otherwise prohibited. Article 14(1) makes it an offence knowingly and recklessly to provide false information for the purpose of obtaining an authorisation and article 8(3) makes it an offence to fail to comply with authorisation requirements or conditions.
- Article 15 sets out the penalties relating to the offences in the Order.
- Article 16 applies the ancillary provisions relevant to the enforcement of customs and excise legislation to the enforcement of the Order.
- Article 17 omits Ivory Coast from the list in Part 2 of Schedule 4 to the *Export Control Order 2008* ([S.I. 2008/3231](#)) and inserts it into the list in Part 4 of Schedule 4 to that Order, reflecting the fact that the Ivory Coast is no longer an embargoed destination.
- Article 18 makes a minor amendment to the *Export Control (Iran Sanctions) Order 2016* ([S.I. 2016/503](#)).
- Article 19 makes a minor amendment to the *Export Control (Syria Sanctions) Order 2013* ([S.I. 2013/2012](#)). This amendment, along with the amendment to the *Export Control Order 2008* in article 17(b)(ii), re-enacts and therefore continues the amendments that were contained in the *Export Control (North Korea and Ivory Coast Sanctions and Syria Amendment) Order 2013*, which is revoked by this Order.

UK Finance Bill will grant expanded powers to customs officers

The UK government published [draft provisions](#) for *Finance Bill 2017* for consultation on 5 December 2016, and consultations closed on 1 February 2017. In addition to the draft provisions, the government issued the following documents:

- An [Overview](#) of legislation in draft
- [Tax information and impact notes](#) (TIIN) for most provisions, which set out what the legislation seeks to achieve, why the government is undertaking the change and a summary of the expected impacts
- [Draft explanatory notes](#) which provide a more detailed guide to the legislation

Two provisions of the *Finance Bill 2017* grant additional powers to customs officers:

- **Examination powers** – Clause 96 of the *Finance Bill 2017* will extend the powers officers currently have under section 24 of the *Finance Act 1994* so they can examine goods away from ports, airports and other approved places, under customs control, inland after clearance. This will enable an officer to move, open or unpack goods or containers, or require them to be opened or unpacked, and search the containers and anything in them, as well as mark them as necessary. The use of this power is expected, in the main, to be exercised where goods have been mis-declared, without payment of the correct amount of duty, at the time of import. The changes will take effect upon Royal Assent.

Under current legislative powers, customs officers working inland and post-clearance, away from ports, airports and other approved places under customs control, do not have the ability to examine and take account of goods, which includes opening, marking, weighing, loading, unloading etc. Customs officers, at present, can only pick up and look at goods that are visible to them when visiting businesses premises and where there is reasonable cause to believe a customs offence has been committed. This amendment will ensure that HMRC can require any container to be opened or unpacked.

A [TIIN](#) was published on 5 December 2016.

- **Use of force to enter vehicles or vessels** – Clause 97 of the *Finance Bill 2017* to clarify the powers that allow customs officers to use force to gain access to a locked vehicle, when stopping and searching it, which they suspect contains goods liable to forfeiture. This will amend section 163 of the *Customs and Excise Management Act 1979*. The changes will take effect upon Royal Assent.

At present section 163 of the *Customs and Excise Management Act (CEMA) 1979* provides for a vehicle to be stopped and searched, but does not explicitly state that an officer has the power of force to gain entry to that vehicle. This measure will clarify existing provisions by putting beyond all doubt the powers an officer actually has.

A [TIIN](#) was published on 5 December 2016.

Overseas Terrorist Asset-Freezing Order amendment

On 16 February 2017, the [official UK Legislation website](#) posted [SI 2017/157 - The Terrorist Asset-Freezing etc. Act 2010 \(Overseas Territories\) \(Amendment\) Order 2017](#). According to the [Explanatory Note](#) that accompanied the Order, the Order amends the [Terrorist Asset-Freezing etc. Act 2010 \(Overseas Territories\) Order 2011 \(S.I. 2011/750\)](#) (as amended) (“the principal Order”). The principal Order extends, with modifications, Part 1 of the *Terrorist-Asset Freezing etc. Act 2010* (“the Act”) to the Overseas Territories. The amendments in article 4(3) alter the definition of “designated person” in the principal Order so this includes:

- (a) persons designated by the Treasury under Part 1 of the Act as it applies in the United Kingdom;
- (b) persons designated by the Council of the European Union under Article 2(3) of Council Regulation [\(EC\) 2580/2001](#) of 27 December 2001; and
- (c) persons designated by the Governor of an Overseas Territory.

Such persons will be subject to the asset freeze regime provided for in the principal Order.

The amendments in article 4(4) to (6) introduce requirements for the Governor to consult the Secretary of State before designating any person under the Act (as extended by the principal Order). The amendments in article 4(8) introduce requirements for the Governor to consult the Treasury before granting, varying or revoking a licence in respect of a person described in paragraphs (a) and (b) above, and to consult the Secretary of State before granting, varying or revoking a licence in respect of a person described in paragraph (c) above.

The Order also makes other minor amendments to the principal Order.

Legislation ([legislation.gov.uk](#))

Date	Measure
01-02-17	SI 2017/85 - The Export Control (Amendment) Order 2017
	SSI 2017/26 - Act of Sederunt (Rules of the Court of Session 1994 Amendment) (Temporary Exclusion Orders) 2017 [amendments to the Rules of the Court of Session 1994 to make provision in respect of proceedings under the Counter-Terrorism and Security Act 2015]
02-02-17	General Act 2017 c. 3 - Policing and Crime Act 2017
	SI 2017/62 - The Food for Specific Groups (Information and Compositional Requirements) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2017
14-02-17	SI 2017/136 - The Important Public Services (Border Security) Regulations 2017
22-02-17	SI 2017/181 - The Emergency Powers (Overseas Territories) Order 2017
23-02-17	SI 2017/193 - The Export Control (Amendment) (No. 2) Order 2017

Date	Measure
	SSI 2017/38 - The Animal Feed (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2017
24-02-17	2017 c. 6 - Cultural Property (Armed Conflicts) Act 2017
Date	Restrictive Measure
01-02-17	SI 2017/83 -The Export Control (North Korea Sanctions and Iran, Ivory Coast and Syria Amendment) Order 2017
16-02-17	SI 2017/157 - The Terrorist Asset-Freezing etc. Act 2010 (Overseas Territories) (Amendment) Order 2017
17-02-17	SI 2017/160 - The Democratic Republic of the Congo (Sanctions) (Overseas Territories) (Amendment) Order 2017
22-02-17	SI 2017/169 - The Syria (Restrictive Measures) (Overseas Territories) (Amendment) Order 2017

HMRC updates

The following [Notices](#) and [Customs Information Papers](#) (CIPs) were issued by HM Revenue & Customs:

Release Date	Ref. No. and Subject
Customs Information Papers	
16-02-17	Customs Information Paper 3 (2017): new address for sending Export Accompanying Documents (EAD) to HMRC
27-02-17	Customs Information Paper 5 (2017): free circulation of goods to parts of the EU
28-02-17	Customs Information Paper 57 (2016): Transfer of Residence (ToR) pre-import online application process for UK only (Updated)
Tariff and Anti-Dumping Notices	
03-02-17	Anti-Dumping Duty measure AD2171
06-02-17	Anti-Dumping Duty measure AD2172
09-02-17	Tariff Stop Press Notice 1 (2017): amendments to commodity codes in chapter 44 and 72
	Tariff Stop Press Notice 2 (2017): new customs procedure code for Non-Community goods
	Tariff Stop Press Notice 3 (2017): changes to the monthly trade euro rate
21-02-17	Anti-Dumping Duty measure AD2173
22-02-17	Tariff Quota Notice 8 (2017): new tariff quotas for certain products from Ecuador
27-02-17	Tariff Stop Press Notice 4 (2017): amendments to commodity codes in chapter 73
	UK Trade Tariff: preferential trade arrangements for countries outside the EU
	Anti-Dumping Duty measure AD2174
	Anti-Dumping Duty measure AD2175
Other Documents and Notices	
02-02-17	Import and export: apply for Inward Processing Relief (SP3)
	Import and export: apply to operate a customs warehouse (SP2)
	Import and export: apply for Temporary Admission (SP5)
06-02-17	Import and export: apply for End-Use Relief (SP1)
10-02-17	Import and export licensing - All about SIELs [DIT blog]
16-02-17	HMRC: single departmental plan 2015 to 2020
	Excise Notice DS5: UK Duty Stamps Scheme <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monochrome images of the 2 types of duty stamp
17-02-17	Excise Notice 204b: commercial importers and tax representatives - EU trade in duty paid excise goods
	Excise Notice 196: excise goods - registration and approval of warehousekeepers, warehouse premises, owners of goods and registered consignors
	Excise Notice 203a: registered consignees
	Notice 204a: Temporary Registered Consignees
21-02-17	Excise Notice 197a: excise goods - holding and movement

Release Date	Ref. No. and Subject
	Excise Notice 197: receipt into and removal from an excise warehouse of excise goods
	Excise Notice DS5: UK Duty Stamps Scheme
27-02-17	Import and export: apply for Outward Processing Relief (SP4)

ECO Notices to Exporters and DIT documents

The following Export Control Organisation (ECO) [Notices to Exporters](#) and other Department for International Trade (DIT) documents were issued:

Date	Notice No. and Subject
02-02-17	Guidance: Revoked open general export licences (cryptographic development)
	Guidance: Revoked open general export licences (PCBs and components for dual-use items)
	Guidance: Revoked open general export licences (PCBs and components for military goods)
	Guidance: Revoked open general export licences (historic military goods)
	Guidance: Revoked open general export licences (military and dual-use goods: UK forces deployed in embargoed destinations)
	Guidance: Revoked open general export licences (military and dual-use goods: UK forces deployed in non-embargoed destinations)
	Guidance: Revoked open general export licences (technology for military goods)
	Guidance: Revoked open general export licences (military goods: for demonstration)
03-02-17	Guidance: Revoked open general export licences (export after repair/replacement under warranty: military goods)
	Guidance: Revoked open general export licences (export for repair/replacement under warranty: military goods)
	Guidance: Revoked open general export licences (military surplus vehicles)
	Guidance: Revoked open general export licences (access overseas to software and technology for military goods: individual use only)
	Guidance: Revoked open general export licences (software and source code for military goods)
	Guidance: Revoked open general export licences (export for repair/replacement under warranty: dual-use items)
	Guidance: Revoked open general export licences (export after exhibition: dual-use items)
	Guidance: Revoked open general export licences (oil and gas exploration: dual-use items)
08-02-17	Entrepreneurs setting up in the UK
14-02-17	Guidance: Revoked open general export licences (export after repair/ replacement under warranty: dual-use items)
15-02-17	Notice to exporters 2017/02: Export Control Order 2008 amended
22-02-17	Notice to exporters 2017/03: North Korea order amended
23-02-17	Guidance: Consolidated list of strategic military and dual-use items that require export authorisation
24-02-17	Notice to exporters 2017/04: new consolidated list published

Other EU-EFTA countries

Import-export related measures

The following import, export or antibribery measures were published in the on-line editions of the official gazettes of the countries shown during the period covered by this Update. [This is a partial listing, unofficial translations.] *The date shown may be the signature date, release date or publication date, depending on local practice.

Date*	Measure
Germany	
17-02-17	First Ordinance amending the Ordinance on the Import of Hemp (26-01-17) From No. 6 of February 17, 2017, page 138
Greece	
20-12-16	In the context of promoting and facilitating the use of electronic payments and reducing cash usage, we inform you that from 01.01.2017 electronic payment of customs debt became mandatory if the amount to be paid a total of more than 1,000 € from the operators, in accordance with No. Orig. STS D1180878 EX 2016 (appointing authority OPSYNI-GNG / FEK4088 / B / 20-12-2016) Judgment of the General Secretariat of Public Revenues and no. STS D. 1188891 EX2016 / 23.12.2016 SERMs of D. / Directorate of Customs Procedures. Starting from 01.01.2017 the mandatory electronic submission of supporting the declaration Admission Document In the context of completion of the transition to a fully electronic environment in the process of importing, we inform you that from 01.01.2017 submission of supporting documents of import declaration by electronic means became mandatory.
Ireland (Eire)	
10-02-17	S.I. No. 39 of 2017 European Communities (Marketing of Fruit Plant Propagating Material) (Amendment) Regulations 2017
	S.I. No. 44 of 2017 European Union (Restriction of Certain Hazardous Substances in Electrical and Electronic Equipment) (Amendment) Regulations 2017
21-02-17	S.I. No. 49 European Union (Plastics and other materials) (Contact with food) Regulations 2017
Liechtenstein	
01-02-17	LGBl № 2017.038 Act of 1 December 2016 on the amendment of the Trade Law (LR № 930.1)
23-02-17	LGBl № 2017.058 Second Protocol to the Hague Convention of 1954 on the Protection of Cultural Property in Armed Conflicts (LR № 0.520.33)
Luxembourg	
03-02-17	Mem A144: Implementation of new European telecommunications standards applicable in the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg. Mem A145: Implementation of new European electrotechnical standards applicable in the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg. Mem A146: Implementation of new European non-electrical standards applicable in the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg.
Malta	
22-02-17	№ 61 of 2017 – Establishment of the ‘Products of Quality’ National Scheme (Amendment) Regulations, 2017 - Government Gazette of Malta No. 19,730 – 21.02.2017 № 62 of 2017 – Establishment of the National Register of Traditional Agro-food Products of Malta (Amendment) Regulations, 2017 - Government Gazette of Malta No. 19,730 – 21.02.2017
28-02-17	№ 67 of 2017 – Approval and Market Surveillance of Two- or Three-Wheel Vehicles and Quadricycles Regulations (Amendment), 2017 Government Gazette of Malta No. 19,733 – 28.02.2017 № 69 of 2017 – Approval and Market Surveillance of Agricultural and Forestry Vehicles (Amendment) Regulations, 2017 Government Gazette of Malta No. 19,733 – 28.02.2017
Norway	
01-02-17	FOR-2017-01-31-107 Ministry of Health, Agriculture and Food Regulation amending the Regulation on the import and transit of poultry and certain poultry products from third countries
03-02-17	FOR-2017-02-02-113 Climate and Environment Ministry Regulations amending the REACH Regulation (approval for use of trichlorethylene)
06-02-17	FOR-2017-02-06-121 Health and Care Services Regulation amending the Regulation on extraction for the production of foodstuffs
07-02-17	FOR-2017-02-04-122 Health and Care Services Regulation amending the Regulation on maximum levels for drug residues in food from animals

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	FOR-2017-02-04-123 Health and Care Services Regulation amending the Regulation on maximum levels for drug residues in food from animals
	FOR-2017-02-06-124 Health and Care Services Regulation amending the Regulation on feed additives
08-02-17	FOR-2017-02-04-130 Climate and Environment Ministry Amendments to product regulation (change in § 2-30)
	FOR-2017-02-06-131 Agriculture and Food Regulations amending the TSE Regulation
	FOR-2017-02-06-132 Health and Care Services Regulation amending the Regulation on certain contaminants in foodstuffs
09-02-17	FOR-2017-02-04-133 Climate and Environment Ministry Regulation amending the Regulation on Registration, Evaluation and Authorisation of Chemicals (REACH)
	FOR-2017-02-06-134 Health and Care Services Regulation amending the Regulation on fertilizers marketed as EC fertilizer
	FOR-2017-02-06-135 Ministry of Transport Regulation amending the Regulation on the approval of moped and motorcycle
	FOR-2017-02-06-136 Ministry of Transport Regulation amending the Regulation on the approval of the tractor and trailer wheels
10-02-17	LOV-2017-02-10-5 Health and Care Services Law amending the Tobacco Act (implementing Directive 2014/40 / EU and standardized tobacco packaging)
	FOR-2017-02-04-139 Climate and Environment Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs, Ministry of Justice Regulation amending the Regulation on biocides (Biocide)
	FOR-2017-02-06-140 Health and Care Services Regulation amending the Regulation on materials and articles in contact with food (EK)
	FOR-2017-02-06-141 Ministry of Health, Agriculture and Food Regulations on certificate model for trading [ufládd] slaughter of wild game between the EU / EEA countries
	FOR-2017-02-08-144 Health and Care Services Regulation amending the Regulation on the implementation of Regulation (EC) No. 136/2004 laying down the procedures for veterinary checks at border inspection posts EEA by importing products from third countries
	FOR-2017-02-08-145 Finance Regulations amending the Regulations to the law on customs and movement of goods (Customs Regulations)
13-02-17	FOR-2017-02-04-147 Health and Care Services Regulation amending the Regulation on nutrition and health claims made on foods
	FOR-2017-02-08-151 Ministry of Health, Agriculture and Food Regulation amending the Regulation on imports of cooked meat, meat products, treated stomachs, bladders and intestines from third countries and the Regulations on the import and transit of poultry and certain poultry products from third countries.
	FOR-2017-02-09-152 Industry and Fisheries Ministry of Agriculture and Food Regulation amending the Regulation on additives for use in animal nutrition
14-02-17	FOR-2017-02-10-171 Ministry of Justice Regulation on simple pressure vessels
15-02-17	FOR-2017-02-07-176 Health and Care Services Regulation amending the Regulation on residues of pesticides in food and feed
16-02-17	FOR-2017-02-14-184 Agriculture and Food Regulation amending the Regulation on pesticide
17-02-17	LOV-2017-02-17-7 Children and Equality Law on Consumer Complaints Committee (consumer complaint Act)
22-02-17	FOR-2017-02-20-203 Health and Care Services Regulations on special safeguard measures on imports of certain foodstuffs from third countries due to microbiological contamination
22-02-17	FOR-2017-02-20-204 Industry and Fisheries Ministry of Agriculture and Food, Ministry of Health Regulation amending the Regulation on official controls of compliance with legislation on feed, food and health and welfare of animals (control regulations) MCA
24-02-17	FOR-2017-02-21-215 Agriculture and Food, and Industry and Fisheries Ministry of Health and Care Services Regulation amending the Regulation on the live animals and animal products etc.. of which will be conducted veterinary checks

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Poland	
02-02-17	№ 206 Proclamation of the Marshal of the Polish Sejm of 20 January 2017. On the uniform text of the Act on the manufacture of ethyl alcohol and the manufacture of tobacco products
03-02-17	№ Regulation of the Minister of Internal Affairs and Administration of 13 January 2017. On the requirements for technical and non-technical safety of navigation of vessels of the Border Guard
	№ 214 Regulation of the Minister of Development and Finance of 1 February 2017. On the form of the obligations of the guarantor as collateral for general customs operations other than transit procedure, carried out on Polish territory № 215 The announcement of the Prime Minister dated 12 January 2017. On the uniform text of the Council of Ministers of the Legnica Special Economic Zone
07-02-17	№ 228 Regulation of the Minister of Development and Finance of 1 February 2017. On the appointment of the Director of the Tax Administration in Warsaw to perform certain customs matters
09-02-17	№ 239 Regulation of the Minister of Finance and Development of 7 February 2017. On the model authorizations to carry out inspections and customs duty
10-02-17	№ 242 Proclamation of the Marshal of the Polish Sejm on 2 February 2017. On the uniform text of the Law on animal products
15-10-17	№ 251 Regulation of the Minister of Internal Affairs and Administration of 10 February 2017. Amending the regulation on basic salary and supplements to the salaries of officers of the Border Guard
	№ 255 Regulation of the Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development dated 2 February 2017. On the detailed method of labeling, sealing and packaging material and nursery plants of vine
	№ 258 Regulation of the Minister of Development and Finance of 9 February 2017. On the appointment of directors of Chambers Fiscal Administration in Gdansk, Poznan, Szczecin, Warsaw and Wroclaw to perform certain customs matters
	№ 266 Regulation of the Minister of Internal Affairs and Administration of 7 February 2017. On periodic testing and inspection of the Border Guard
16-02-17	№ 273 The announcement of the Minister of Development and Finance of 25 January 2017. On the uniform text of the Regulation of the Minister of Finance on exemptions from excise duty
	№ 274 Regulation of the Minister of Internal Affairs and Administration of 10 February 2017. Amending the Regulation on the establishment of additional airport border checkpoints
	№ 280 Regulation of the Minister of Development and Finance dated February 9, 2017. Amending Regulation on the model application for binding excise
17-02-17	№ 281 Regulation of the Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development of 10 February 2017. Amending the ordinance on the type of packaging of agricultural seed and vegetable, how they protect and detailed method of labeling and sealing
	№ 284 Notice of the President of the Council of Ministers on 7 February 2017. On the uniform text of the Council of Ministers of the Suwalki Special Economic Zone
	№ 287 Regulation of the Minister of Internal Affairs and Administration of 10 February 2017. Amending the regulation on border checks carried out by officers of the Border Guard
20-02-17	№ 290 Proclamation of the Marshal of the Polish Sejm of 10 February 2017. On the uniform text of the law on execution of business activity in the manufacturing and trading of explosives, weapons, ammunition and technology for military or police
22-02-17	№ 323 Regulation of the Minister of Development and Finance of 17 February 2017. On the model of a simplified declaration for the excise tax on intra-Community acquisition
	№ 324 Regulation of the Minister of Development and Finance of 15 February 2017. On the model documents related to the registration of the excise duty
	№ 325 Regulation of the Minister of Development and Finance of 17 February 2017. Amending the regulation on information on the number of cigarettes each

Date*	Measure
	brand and quantity of smoking tobacco marked maximum retail price
24-02-17	№ 347 Regulation of the Minister of Development and Finance of 21 February 2017. On determining the tax office, on whose bank account shall be paid the amounts in respect of import or export duties, and from which bank account the payment is made for the reimbursement of import duties or export
	№ 350 Regulation of the Minister of Development and Finance of 21 February 2017. Amending the regulation on the entry in the list of customs agents
	№ 351 Regulation of the Minister of Development and Finance of 21 February 2017. Amending the Regulation on the place of supply of services and reimbursement of the tax unit making the acquisition (import) of goods or services
27-02-17	№ 359 Regulation of the Minister of Development and Finance of 21 February 2017. Amending Regulation on the jurisdiction of the customs authorities
	№ 363 Regulation of the Minister of Development and Finance of 21 February 2017. Amending the Decree on determining formulas: sign informing passengers about the possibility of purchasing the points of sale of goods on which entitled to a refund of tax on goods and services and stamp confirming the export of goods outside the European Union, and to identify the necessary data, which should include a supporting document for the tax refund to travelers
	№ 365 Regulation of the Minister of Development and Finance of 21 February 2017. On customs and tax offices, which may be carried out export, import and transit of goods of strategic importance
	№ 366 Regulation of the Minister of Internal Affairs and Administration of 17 February 2017. On the entry card designs and patterns cards queries on the data in the Schengen Information System and how to fulfill them
	№ 369 Regulation of the Minister of Development and Finance of 21 February 2017. Amending the regulation on investigation and disciplinary action in relation to customs officials
	№ 372 Regulation of the Minister of Development and Finance of 21 February 2017. On customs and tax offices and their subordinate departments of customs, which are carried out activities under the customs rules, depending on the type of goods or customs procedures which may be acquired goods
	№ 373 Regulation of the Minister of Development and Finance of 22 February 2017. On deposit office customs and tax
	№ 376 Regulation of the Minister of Internal Affairs and Administration of 23 February 2017. Amending the regulation on the method of determining territorial border crossings
28-02-17	№ 381 Regulation of the Minister of Development and Finance of 22 February 2017. On the conditions for the use of technical equipment and service dogs during the inspections and how to carry out a search of the person and the revision of luggage
	№ 384 Regulation of the Minister of Development and Finance of 17 February 2017. On the model tax returns for excise duty and the declaration on the pre-payment of excise duty
	№ 386 Council of Ministers of 22 February 2017. On the exercise of certain activities by officers of Customs and Tax Service and the Customs Service co-Tax Police and the Border Guard
	№ 387 Regulation of the Minister of Development and Finance of 22 February 2017. On payment equivalent under the Access Service officers Customs and Tax to the place of service
	№ 393 Regulation of the Minister of Development and Finance of 24 February 2017. On the territorial scope of action and headquarters directors of chambers of tax administration, heads of tax offices and heads of customs and tax offices and the director of the National Tax Information
	№ 397 Regulation of the Minister of Development and Finance of 22 February 2017. On the detailed method and mode of conduct by an officer of Customs and Service Tax control fuel
	№ 406 Regulation of the Minister of Development and Finance of 24 February 2017. Amending the regulation on procedure in cases of statements about the financial standing of customs officers
	№ 408 Council of Ministers of 24 February 2017. In the ranks, the Border Guard,

Date*	Measure
	<p>the Government Protection Bureau, Customs and Tax Service, State Fire Service, the Internal Security Agency, Foreign Intelligence Agency, Military Intelligence Service and the Military Counterintelligence Service corresponding degrees police</p> <p>№ 412 Regulation of the Minister of Development and Finance of 24 February 2017. On specific conditions of health and safety officers of the Customs and Tax Service</p> <p>№ 413 Regulation of the Minister of Development and Finance of 27 February 2017. Amending the regulation on medical examination of persons detained by the customs officer</p> <p>№ 414 Regulation of the Minister of Development and Finance of 27 February 2017. Amending the regulation on medical examination of persons detained by the customs officer</p> <p>№ 415 Council of Ministers of 22 February 2017. On the equivalence of degrees police, State Protection Office, Internal Security Agency, Foreign Intelligence Agency, Military Counterintelligence Service, the Military Intelligence Service, Bureau of Government Services Customs and Tax, State Fire Service, the Prison Service and ranks with steps missions Border Guard</p>
Spain	
03-02-17	Health, Social Services, etc.: Resolution of January 10, 2017, issued by the General Directorate of Public Health, Quality and Innovation, amending Annex I of the Order of January 20, 1994, which establishes modalities for sanitary control of products of Foreign trade destined to human use and consumption and the customs offices qualified for its realization. (BOE-A-2017-1113)
08-02-17	<p>Economy: Resolution of February 2, 2017, of the General Directorate of Industry and Small and Medium Enterprise, which publishes the list of European standards that have been ratified during the month of January 2017 as Spanish standards. (BOE-A-2017-1275)</p> <p>Economy: Resolution of February 2, 2017, of the General Directorate of Industry and the Small and Medium Enterprise, which publishes the list of UNE regulations canceled during the month of January 2017. (BOE-A-2017-1276)</p> <p>Economy: Resolution of February 2, 2017, of the General Directorate of Industry and Small and Medium Enterprise, which publishes the list of UNE standards approved by the Spanish Association for Standardization and Certification during the month of January 2017. (BOE-A-2017-1277)</p> <p>Economy: Resolution of February 2, 2017, of the General Directorate of Industry and Small and Medium-sized Enterprises, which submits to public information the draft UNE standard that the Spanish Association for Standardization and Certification has in process, corresponding to the month Of January 2017. (BOE-A-2017-1278)</p> <p>Economy: Resolution of February 2, 2017, of the General Directorate of Industry and Small and Medium-sized Enterprises, by which public projects are submitted to European and international standards that have been processed as draft UNE, corresponding to the month Of January 2017. (BOE-A-2017-1279)</p> <p>Economy: Resolution of January 30, 2017, of the General Secretariat for Industry and Small and Medium-sized Enterprises, updating Annex I.2 of Royal Decree 837/2002, of August 2, regarding the parameters Which determine the average consumption of new tourism vehicles that are put up for sale or offered in financial leasing in Spanish territory. (BOE-A-2017-1250)</p>
10-02-17	<p>Foreign Affairs: Amendments to the Agreement on International Carriage of Perishable Goods and Special Vehicles Used for Transport (ATP), adopted at Geneva on 10 October 2014. (BOE-A-2017-1333)</p> <p>Foreign Affairs: Amendments to Annexes A and C of the Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants, adopted in Geneva on 15 May 2015, by decisions SC-7/12, SC-7/13 and SC-7/14. (BOE-A-2017-1332)</p>
21-02-17	Foreign Affairs: Protocol to the Stabilization and Association Agreement between the European Communities and their Member States, of the one part, and the Republic of Montenegro, of the other part, to take account of the accession of the Republic of Croatia to the European Union, done at Brussels on Of December 2013. (BOE-A-2017-1747)

Date*	Measure
28-02-17	Foreign Affairs: Resolution of 20 February 2017 of the Technical General Secretariat concerning the withdrawal of Spain's objection to the accession of the Republic of Albania to the Convention by abolishing the requirement of legalization of foreign public documents, done at The Hague on 5 Of October 1961. (BOE-A-2017-2061)

Restrictive measures established, amended, corrected

The following restrictive measures (grouped by country) were established, amended or corrected and published in the national official journals or agency websites during the period covered by this Update. [This is a partial listing, unofficial translations.] *The date shown may be the signature date, release date or publication date, depending on local practice.

Date*	Restrictive Measure
Ireland (Eire)	
07-02-17	S.I. No. 36 Criminal Justice (Terrorist Offences) Act 2005 (Section 42) (Restrictive Measures concerning Certain Persons and Entities with a view to Combating Terrorism) Regulations 2017
Liechtenstein	
01-02-17	LGBI № 2017.047 Regulation of 31 January 2017 on the amendment to the Regulation on economic measures against the Republic of Iraq (LR № 946.221.1)
16-02-17	LGBI № 2017.050 Regulation of 14 February 2017 on the amendment of the Regulation on measures against persons and organizations with links to the grouping "Al-Qaida" (LR № 946.222.22)
	LGBI № 2017.051 Regulation of 14 February 2017 on the amendment of the Regulation on measures against certain persons from Tunisia (LR № 946.223.6)
23-02-17	LGBI № 2017.052 Regulation of 14 February 2017 on the amendment of the Regulation on measures against certain persons from Egypt (LR № 946.223.7)
	LGBI № 2017.55 Regulation of 21 February 2017 on the amendment of the Regulation on measures against persons and entities with links to the Taliban (LR № 946.222.21)
27-02-17	LGBI № 2017.056 Regulation of 21 February 2017 on the amendment of the Regulation on measures against persons and organizations with links to the grouping "Al-Qaeda" (LR № 946.222.22)
	LGBI № 2017.059 Regulation of 23 February 2017 on the amendment of the Regulation on measures against persons and organizations with links to the group "Al-Qaida" (LR № 946.222.22)
Luxembourg	
23-02-17	Mem. A No.210: Ministerial regulation of 23 February 2017 amending Annex IC to the Grand-Ducal Regulation of 29 October 2010 implementing the Law of 27 October 2010 on the implementation of United Nations Security Council resolutions Acts adopted by the European Union containing prohibitions and restrictive financial measures against certain persons, entities and groups in the context of the fight against the financing of terrorism.
Norway	
15-02-17	FOR-2017-02-03-175 Foreign Affairs Regulation amending the Regulation on sanctions against Somalia
	FOR-2017-02-13-177 Foreign Affairs Regulation amending the Regulation on sanctions and restrictive measures against Libya

Non EU-EFTA European countries CEFTA

The Central European Free Trade Agreement (CEFTA) Parties (Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Macedonia, Moldova, Montenegro, Serbia, and Kosovo) established the so-called “[Transparency Pack](#)” – a series of trade related databases – to provide businesses, officials and academics with valuable information on trade relations among the CEFTA Parties. The databases are:

- [Trade Portal](#)
- [TBT Platform](#)
- [SPS Database](#)
- [Market Access Barriers \(MAB\) Database](#)

Turkey

Legislation (laws, resolutions, orders, etc.)

<http://www.morogluarseven.com/news/turkish-trade-remedies-january-2017>

The following documents were published in the on-line [T.C. Resmî Gazete](#) (the Official Gazette).

Date	Subject
11-01-17	Council of Ministers: Karar Sayısı: 2016/9647 Additional customs duties applied to certain products (perfumes, cosmetics, shampoos, dentifrices and floss, shaving preparations, skin washes and creams, polishes, cleaning products and candles). Duty ranges from 0% to 25% depending on country group and product.
	Council of Ministers: Karar Sayısı: 2016/9595 Additional customs duties and tariff rate quota imposed on steel wire imports
18-01-17	Council of Ministers: Karar Sayısı : 2017/9750 Additional duties applied to certain tubes and pipes, engines, pumps, generators, tractors, gearboxes. Duty ranges from 0% to 30% depending on country group and product.
20-01-17	Communiqué published in Official Gazette № 29954 sets forth requirements and procedures for distribution of, application for and use tariff quotas on natural resins and abietic acids and catalysts containing tungsten trioxide established by Council of Ministers Karar Sayısı: 2016/9512 (07-12-16)
	Communiqué published in Official Gazette № 29954 sets forth requirements and procedures for distribution of, application for and use tariff quotas on certain industrial products established in Council of Ministers Karar Sayısı: 2016/9513 (07-12-16).
21-01-17	Communiqué Pertaining to the Amendment of the Communiqué Pertaining to the Conditions for the Application of the C Sugar Demands and the Principles of Implementation of the Sugar Product Claims by the Manufacturer-Exporters
24-02-17	Regulation on the Amendment of the Regulation on the Food Ingredients Carrying the Turkish Food Codex Aroma Sensitive and Flavoring Features
26-01-17	Regulation on Functional Safety Requirements for Vehicle for Type Approval of Two- or Three-Wheeled Vehicles and Four-Wheeled Motorcycles (EU / 3/2014)
	Regulation on the Construction and General Requirements of Vehicles for Type Approval of Two- or Three-Wheeled Vehicles and Four-Wheeled Motorcycles (EU / 44/2014)
	Implementing Regulation on Environmental and Driving Unit Performance Requirements for Type Approval of Two- or Three-Wheeled Vehicles and Four-Wheeled Motorcycles (EU / 134/2014)
	Regulation on the Administrative Conditions for Type Approval and Market Surveillance of Two or Three Wheeled Vehicles and Four Wheeled Motorcycles (EU / 901/2014)

Date	Subject
	Turkish Food Codex Regulation on the Notification of Food Labeling and Consumers
	Turkish Food Codex Regulation on Nutrition and Health Statements • Turkish Food Codex Bulgur Communiqué (No: 2016/49)
07-02-17	Communiqué on the Amendment of the Communiqué on the Implementation of Imports Surveillance (Communiqué No: 2007/29) Communiqué on the Amendment of the Communiqué on the Implementation of Imports Surveillance (Communiqué No: 2010/3) Communiqué on the Amendment of the Communiqué on the Implementation of Imports Surveillance (Communiqué No: 2011/5) Communiqué on the Amendment of the Communiqué on the Implementation of Imports Surveillance (Communiqué No: 2013/9)
08-02-17	Communiqué on the Amendment of the Communiqué Pertaining to the Requirements for the Obtaining of the Control Document for the Importation of Cattle and Sheep-Goat Species (Communiqué No: 2015/2) (No: 2017/5)
11-02-17	Communiqué on Customs General Communiqué (Tir Transactions) (Serial No: 1) on the Amendment of the "TIR Transactions" (Serial No: 6) Customs General Communiqué (Explanatory Notes on the Tariff Schedule) (Series No: 4)
14-02-17	2017/9779 Decision on the Amendment of the Decisions Concerning the Application of Tariff Coordinator in the Import of Certain Agricultural and Processed Agricultural Products on the Bilateral Agreements
15-02-17	General Customs Communiqué (Explanations of the Customs Tariff Schedule) (Series No: 3)
21-02-17	Implementing Regulation Relating to the Removal of the Regulation on Safeguard Measures in the Importation of Goods Originated from the People's Republic of China
22-02-17	Regulation on the Amendment of the Regulation on the Payment of Bonus to Informers and Handlers According to the Anti-Smuggling Law No. 5607 2017/9751 Decision on Amendment to Additional Regulation on Import Regime Decision
23-02-17	Communiqué on the Prevention of Unfair Competition in Imports (No: 2017/3) Communiqué on the Prevention of Unfair Competition in Imports (No: 2017/4)
24-02-17	Turkish Food Codex Food Enzymes Regulation Turkish Food Codex Regulation on the Common Permit Procedures for Food Additives, Food Enzymes and Food Aroma Substances Communiqué on Specimen Collection, Specimen Preparation and Analysis Method Criteria for Official Control of Trace Elements and Transmissible Levels in Turkish Food Codex Gidalard (No: 2017/7)

Ukraine

Legislation (laws, resolutions, orders, etc.)

The following Ukrainian Laws (*Закон України*), Resolutions (*Постанова*), Presidential Decrees (*Указ Президента*), Decrees of the Cabinet of Ministers (*Розпорядження Кабінету Міністрів України*), Regulations (*Положення*), Agency Orders (*Наказ*) and other pieces of legislation were posted on the [Parliamentary \(Верховної Ради\) website](#) during the period of coverage of this Update:

Date	Subject
01-02-17	On changes to the compensation for property damage (damage) caused to individuals as a result of the introduction of quarantine (quarantine restrictions) animals or in connection with the procedures and work to eliminate especially dangerous (quarantine) diseases Resolution of the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine on February 1, 2017 № 47

Date	Subject
14-02-17	On amending the list of economic operators who are competent to export military goods domestic production and imports of goods for military use in own production - Resolution of the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine on February 14, 2017 № 78
21-02-17	About Mykolska N. authorization to sign the Protocol on Approving the Procedure for the establishment and activities of the working body that coordinates the activities of Contracting Parties to the Agreement on free trade between the countries - participants of GUUAM July 20, 2002 - Order of the President of Ukraine on February 21, 2017 № 44/2017-rp

Eurasian Economic Union (EAEU)

Decisions and recommendations of the Eurasian Economic Commission

The following Eurasian Economic Commission (EEC) decisions and recommendations have been posted in the documents section of the [Eurasian Economic Commission documentation page](#). In general, only *Решения, Распоряжение* and Recommendations having a direct effect on international traders are listed.

Publication Date	Title
Board (Коллегии) of the Eurasian Economic Commission Решения	
01-02-17	№ 10 (24-01-17) On approval of the metrological examination of the draft technical regulations of the Eurasian Economic Union, the draft standards of the list, as a result of which, on a voluntary basis, compliance with the requirements of technical regulations of the Eurasian Economic Union, the draft standard lists containing rules and methods of researches (tests) and measurements, including sampling rules, required for application and implementation of the technical regulations of the Eurasian economic Union and the implementation of the conformity assessment of objects of technical regulation requirements
	№ 11 (24-01-17) Working group for coordination of activities related to the creation and maintenance of directories and classifiers that are part of a unified system of resources of reference data of the Eurasian Economic Union
02-02-17	№ 12 (31-01-17) On Amendments to the single commodity nomenclature of foreign economic activity of the Eurasian Economic Union and the Common Customs Tariff of the Eurasian Economic Union in respect of certain types of surface active agents for leather and footwear industries, as well as some of the decisions of the Eurasian Economic Commission
03-02-17	№ 13 (31-01-17) On establishing the rates of import customs duties of the Common Customs Tariff of the Eurasian Economic Union in respect of certain types of paper and cardboard
08-02-17	№ 14 (07-02-17) On amendments to subparagraph 4 of paragraph 12 of the Instruction on the manner of use of transport (shipping), commercial and (or) other documents as the Declaration of the goods
	№ 15 (07-02-17) The classification of a disposable kit for disinfecting blood plasma in accordance with the Single Commodity Nomenclature of Foreign Trade of the Eurasian Economic Union
	№ 16 (07-02-17) On the classification of latex plates in accordance with the Single Commodity Nomenclature of Foreign Trade of the Eurasian Economic Union
09-02-17	№ 17 (07-02-17) On the classification of chewy sweets according to the uniform Commodity nomenclature of foreign economic activity of the Eurasian Economic Union
	№ 18 (31-01-17) About requirements to subsystem agribusiness states - members of the Eurasian Economic Union within the framework of an integrated information system of the Eurasian Economic Union and the rules for its formation cooperation
14-02-17	№ 19 (07-02-17) On approval of the Advisory Committee on Industry

Publication Date	Title
	№ 20 (13-02-17) On Amendments to the decision of the Board of the Eurasian Economic Commission dated September 28, 2015 № 124
	№ 21(13-02-17) On amendments to some acts of the Board of the Eurasian Economic Commission
Board Распоряжение	
01-02-17	№ 7 (24-01-17) Draft decision of the Council of the Eurasian Economic Commission "About the order of the Eurasian Intergovernmental Council" On the International Forum "Antikontrafakt"
	№ 8 (24-01-17) Action plan to establish and improve a unified system of reference data of the Eurasian Economic Union in the 2017 - 2018 years
02-02-17	№ 9 (31-01-17) Draft decision of the Council of the Eurasian Economic Commission "On Amendments to the single commodity nomenclature of foreign economic activity of the Eurasian Economic Union, the Common Customs Tariff of the Eurasian Economic Union as well as the list of sensitive products for which the decision to change the rate of import duty is taken by the Council of the Eurasian Economic Commission in respect of certain types of ether-alcohols for the leather and footwear industry "
03-02-17	№ 10 (31-01-17) Draft decision of the Council of the Eurasian Economic Commission "On Amendments to the Decision of the Customs Union Commission on June 18, 2010 № 318"
09-02-17	№ 11 (07-02-17) On Amendments to the Advisory Committee on Agriculture
14-02-17	№ 12 (07-02-17) On Amendments to the Advisory Committee on Industry
	№ 13 (13-02-17) On Amendments to the Advisory Committee on Statistics
Board Recommendations	
17-01-17	№ 2 (16-01-17) On the application of the standard in terms of the formation of a set of key indicators to monitor the state of the national labor markets for labor force surveys in the states - members of the Eurasian Economic Union
	№ 3 (16-01-17) On the inclusion of a model block of questions on employment and migration in questionnaires states - members of the Eurasian Economic Union in national census round 2020
02-02-17	№ 4 (31-01-17) On informing the interested States parties - members of the Eurasian Economic Union on the possibility of participation in the work on identifying barriers and constraints in the domestic market

Classification decisions adopted by the Commission and preliminary decisions adopted by the States-Members

The Commission has posted a table which provides a [collection of classification decisions](#) under the common tariff adopted by the Commission. A separate website exists for [preliminary decisions on the classification of goods adopted by the customs authorities of states - members](#) of the Eurasian Economic Union. It was last updated 4 February 2017. The table lists the tariff codes, a description, rationale (GRIs) for the decision.

Belarus

Georgia and Belarus sign Customs cooperation agreements

On 23 February 2017, the State Customs Committee of Belarus [announced](#) that the Georgian Revenue Service of the Ministry of Finance and the State Customs Committee of Belarus had signed a protocol on cooperation in the fight against customs fraud relating to the movement of goods by air, and a memorandum on cooperation in the field of training. During the bilateral meeting, the two sides also discussed the possible establishment of a reciprocal trade system, and exchanging experiences regarding the application of the risk management system in the commission of customs operations, as well as other topics.

Customs integrates with national unified portal of e-Services

On 21 February 2017, the State Customs Committee (SCC) of the Republic of Belarus announced that Customs authorities completed integration of certain state information resources owned by the SCC with the national automated information system (UAIS or OAIС) to ensure the provision of the following electronic services in a single portal of electronic services (www.portal.gov.by). Electronic services may be carried out around the clock, except for time allocated for routine maintenance of state information resources. Information on how to obtain electronic services on the [single portal](#) of electronic services is available on the National Centre of e-Services [website](#).

Name of electronic service OAIС	List of consumers	Array of output data
Providing information about the departure of the goods, issued in the Republic of Belarus in accordance with customs procedures, without the obligation to re-import them (for declarants customs procedure)	Declarants of the customs procedure (Republic of Belarus residents)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. registration date of the goods declaration. 2. Registration number of the declaration of goods. 3. The code of the customs procedure. 4. Date of authorization for the departure of goods. 5. Authorization Number on the departure of goods. 6. Product code TN VED TS. 7. Product Name. 8. Number of actually exported goods in the basic and supplementary units.
Providing information about the declaration of goods, which are under control in customs bodies of the Republic of Belarus	Declarants of the customs procedure (Republic of Belarus residents)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Registration number of the declaration of goods. 2. The expiration date of the goods under customs control. 3. The customs procedure. 4. The number of goods. 5. Product code according to TN VED TS. 6. The number of goods placed under the customs procedure. 7. Code of measurement of number of goods. 8. Balance quantity of goods placed under the customs procedure.

State Customs Committee (acts, resolutions, orders, etc.)

The following normative legal acts of the State Customs Committee (SCC) were posted to the SCC website:

Date	Subject
01-02-17	On Approval of the procedure of issuing the conclusion about the purpose of imported raw materials for the manufacture of the Republic of Belarus manually art products, assorted glassware of crystal and glass normal and complicated configurations and on amendments and changes in the Council of Ministers resolution of the Republic of Belarus of February 17, 2012 , № 156 and from March 21, 2014 № 252 Resolution of the Council of Ministers on January 21, 2017 № 57
07-02-17	Clarification of the State Customs Committee, the Ministry of Finance and the Ministry of Taxes and Levies for the application of VAT rate of 10%
11-02-17	On some issues of reporting on the results of inspections of the Ministry of

Date	Subject
	Taxes and Duties of the Republic of Belarus - Resolution of the Ministry of Taxes and Duties of the Republic of Belarus of November 30, 2016 № 29

Preliminary decisions on tariff classification

The State Customs Committee maintains a [searchable database of preliminary decisions on the tariff classification of goods](#) (*База данных товаров, в отношении которых принято предварительное решение о классификации*). The database has been updated through February 2017. It may be searched by tariff code or description (in Russian).

Russian Federation

Russia announces a further sanctions-related legislative initiative

The Service on the Surveillance for Consumer Rights Protection and Human Well-Being of the Russian Federation has published today a draft law (the “Bill”) on the introduction of amendments into the Russian Code on Administrative Violations.

According to the Bill, it is proposed that an administrative fine be imposed for the realization, storage, and/or transportation of goods that are currently subject to the food embargo introduced by Russia as a response to the Ukraine-related sanctions. Specifically, legal entities committing the said violations of the Russian food embargo may receive an administrative fine of up to RUB 100 000 (approximately USD 1 700) with or without confiscation of the embargoed food products. If the violation is committed by individuals, each individual offender could be subject to an administrative fine of up to RUB 5 000 (approximately USD 80). Although it is not directly stated in the current text of the draft Bill, there is an understanding that the storage and transportation of the embargoed products would only constitute an offence if done for commercial purposes, as opposed to the personal consumption needs of a particular individual. Before this legislative initiative, local distribution of embargoed food products was not subject to any sanctions and/or restrictions.

At the moment, public consultations concerning the amendments are being carried out. We estimate that these amendments could be formally adopted by the Russian Parliament in the near future. We will continue monitoring the status of this legislative initiative.

Taking into account the recent initiatives, including the one restricting state owned companies from depositing funds with Russian subsidiaries of the foreign banks that refuse to service Russian sanctioned entities, we are seeing evidence of an increasing trend in Russia of additional measures to counteract the unilateral sanctions imposed on Russia by some jurisdictions and to strictly enforce the Russian restrictions introduced in this context.

For additional information, please contact [Alexander Bychkov](#) or [Vladimir Efremov](#) of our Moscow office.

Preliminary decisions on tariff classification

The Federal Customs Service (FCS) has a [searchable on-line database of preliminary decisions on tariff classification](#). The database has been updated

through December 2016. It may be searched by tariff code, description (in Russian) or note number.

Legislation (acts, resolutions, orders, etc.)

The following Russian Federation (RF) Acts, Government Resolutions/Decrees (Постановление Правительства) (GR), Federal Customs Service (FCS) Orders and other pieces of legislation were published in the [Rossiyskaya Gazeta](#) or the Official Portal for Legal Information ([Официальный интернет-портал правовой информации](#)) during the period of coverage of this *Update*:

R.G. Date of Publication	Subject
03-02-17	Russian Federation Government Resolution dated 26.01.2017 № 87 "On Amendments to the Rules of prior approval of transactions and agreement to establish control of foreign investors or a group of persons including a foreign investor over the business entities of strategic importance for national defense and state security" . The order of the Russian Federation from 01.31.2017 № 149-p "On conclusion of the Agreement amending the Agreement between the Government of the Russian Federation and the Government of the Republic of Latvia on the facilitation of mutual trips of residents of border areas of the Russian Federation and the Republic of Latvia of 20 December, 2010"
07-02-17	The order of the Russian Federation from 02-02-2017 № 171-p "On signing the Treaty on Trademarks, Service Marks and Appellations of Origin of the Eurasian Economic Union,"
21-02-17	Order of the Federal Customs Service of 9. 2.2017 № 200 "On the Annulment of the order of the FCS of Russia September 29, 2015 № 1957" On establishing the competence of the customs authorities to carry out customs operations with the goods moved from the ATA carnet " (Registered in the Ministry of Justice of Russia 20.2.2017 № 45709)

Africa (except North Africa)

South Africa

Harmonized System 2017

1 January 2017 marks the implementation of the 2017 version of the Harmonized System (HS) Nomenclature. The changes in HS 2017 reflect the amendments to the Nomenclature appended to the *International Convention on the Harmonized Commodity Description and Coding System* (HS Convention), which were accepted as a result of the Customs Co-operation Council's (now the World Customs Organisation) recommendations of 27 June 2014. These amendments entered into force on 1 January 2017. Complementary amendments to the HS Nomenclature 2017 have been accepted as a result of the Council Recommendation of 11 June 2015.

As a signatory to the HS Convention, South Africa implements the amendments in terms of section 48(1)(c) of the *Customs and Excise Act, 1964*.

The main sources of these amendments, amongst others, are as follows:

- Environmental and social issues of global concern, in particular the classification and coding of goods of specific importance to food security and the early warning data system of the United Nations' Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO)

- The amendments for fish and fishery products are to further enhance the coverage of species and product forms which need to be monitored for food security purposes and for better management of resource. This will assist in the collection of trade statistics
- The HS 2017 amendment aims at detailed information for several categories of products that are used as antimalarial commodities
- New subheadings have been created for the monitoring and control of certain products of bamboo and rattan, requested by the International Network for Bamboo and Rattan (INBAR)
- New subheadings have been created for specific chemicals controlled under the Chemical Weapons Convention (CWC)

Amendments that resulted from changes in international trade patterns, such as:

- separate identification of certain commodities in either existing or new headings;
- some advancements in technology; and
- amendments aimed at the clarification of text to ensure uniform application of the HS Nomenclature.

The HS 2017 amendments and correlation table (Schedule No. 1) up to a 6-digit level can be viewed on the WCO website at <http://www.wcoomd.org>

Date	HS 2017 documents	Explanation
02-12-16	Explanatory Memorandum	The Explanatory Memorandum elaborates on specific changes included in the amendments of the Schedules to the Customs and Excise Act, 1964, such as the implementation of HS2017, the phase-down of duties in terms of agreements, technical amendments, amongst others. 1. Explanatory Memorandum
	Amendment of the General Notes to Schedule No. 1	Amendment of the General Notes to Schedule No.1 to implement various technical amendments: 2. Notice R.1470 with effect from 01-01-17
	Amendment of Part 1 of Schedule No. 1 GG.40460	These documents contain, amongst others, the recommendations made by the WCO on a 6-digit level, as well as the consequential amendments on a national (8-digit) level. Part 1 of Schedule No. 1 also contains the following: The phase-down of duty for 2017 in terms of the EPA between the European Union (EU) and the South African Development Community (SADC) EPA States: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Notice R.1467 with effect from 01-01-17 • Notice R.1471 with effect from 01-01-17 • Notice R.1469 with retrospective effect from 01-01-17
	Amendment of Schedule No. 1 Part 2A GG.40460	Consequential amendments as a result of the HS 2017 amendment implemented in Part 1 of Schedule No. 1: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Notice R.1468 with effect from 01-01-17
	Amendment of Schedule No. 1 Part 2B GG.40460	Consequential amendments as a result of the HS 2017 amendment implemented in Part 1 of Schedule No. 1: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Notice R.1464 with effect from 01-01-17
	Amendment of Schedule No. 2 GG.40460	Consequential amendments as a result of the HS 2017 amendment implemented in Part 1 of Schedule No. 1: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Notice R.1472 with effect from 01-01-17

Date	HS 2017 documents	Explanation
	Amendment of Schedule No. 3 GG.40460	Consequential amendment as a result of the HS 2017 amendment implemented in Part 1 of Schedule No. 1: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Notice R.1474 with effect from 01-01-17
	Amendment of Schedule No. 4 GG.40460	Technical amendment in terms of APDP as specified in the explanatory memorandum: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Notice R.1473 with retrospective effect from 01-01-13
	Amendment of Schedule No. 5 Part 3 GG.40460	Technical amendments as specified in the explanatory memorandum: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Notice R.1465 with effect from 01-01-17
	Amendment of Schedule No. 5 Part 5 GG.40460	Technical amendments as specified in the explanatory memorandum: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Notice R.1475 with effect from 01-01-17
	Amendment of Schedule No. 6 Part 1C GG.40460	Consequential amendments as a result of the HS 2017 amendment implemented in Part 1 of Schedule No. 1 as well as technical amendments as specified in the explanatory memorandum: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Notice R.1479 with effect from 01-01-17
	Amendment of Schedule No. 6 Part 1C GG.40460	Consequential amendments as a result of the HS 2017 amendment implemented in Part 1 of Schedule No. 1 as well as technical amendments as specified in the explanatory memorandum: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Notice R.1477 with retrospective effect from 23-09-16
	Amendment of Schedule No. 6 Part 2 GG.40460	Consequential amendments as a result of the HS 2017 amendment implemented in Part 1 of Schedule No. 1 as well as technical amendments as specified in the explanatory memorandum: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Notice R.1476 with effect from 01-01-17
	Correlation Table Schedule No. 1 Part 1	The correlation table serve as a guide to assist with the transposition of goods on a national level but has no legal status: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Correlation table for Schedule No. 1 Part 1
	Correlation Table other Schedules	The correlation table serve as a guide to assist with the transposition of goods on a national level but has no legal status: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Correlation table for other Schedules
	FAQs	FAQs for HS 2017

South African Customs and Excise Act Amendments of Rules and Tariff Schedules

Date	Publication Details	Subject	Implementation Date
03-03-17	GG 40594 R. 95	Amended forms DA178 and DA185.4B2 as a consequence to the amendment to rule 54F to provide for environmental levy on tyres as announced by the Minister of Finance in his budget review on 24 February 2016 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Notice R.95 Form DA178 Form DA185.4B2 	With retrospective effect from 01-02-17
10-02-17	GG.40611 R.116	Amendment of Part 1 of Schedule No. 1, by the substitution of tariff subheadings 1701.12, 1701.13, 1701.14, 1701.91, and 1701.99 to reduce the rate of customs duty on sugar from 31.89c/kg to free of duty in terms of the existing	10-02-17

Date	Publication Details	Subject	Implementation Date
		variable tariff formula as recommended in Minute M06/2016 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Notice 116 	
22-02-17	n/a	Taxation Proposals as tabled by the Minister of Finance in his Budget Review 2017 at 14:32 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Taxation Proposals 	22-02-17 * Note the time of tabling

Other African Countries

Kenya Revenue Authority – [Customs and Border Control Rulings January 2017](#)

Trade compliance enforcement actions - import, export, IPR, FCPA

The links below will take you to official press releases and summaries of administrative and judicial trade compliance enforcement actions (arrests, indictments, penalties, seizures, convictions, debarments, settlements, etc.) involving US and foreign import, export, FCPA/anti-bribery, IPR border enforcement and related matters. Child pornography, controlled substance and currency related seizures and arrests will not be listed, unless connected to trade violations. [Foreign government cases are preceded by the letter (F) in parenthesis].

[Agency abbreviations: US agencies - APHIS= Animal & Plant Health Inspection Service; ATF=Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives; BIS= Bureau of Industry and Security, Office of Export Enforcement (Commerce); CBP=US Customs and Border Protection; CPSC=Consumer Product Safety Commission; DDTC= State Dep't Directorate of Defense Trade Controls; DOJ=Department of Justice, including US Attorneys; DOT= Dept. of Transportation; DEA=Drug Enforcement Administration; DoD=Dep't of Defense components [NCIS, DCIS, CID, etc.]; FBI=Federal Bureau of Investigation; FDA= US Food and Drug Administration; FRB= Federal Reserve Board of Governors; FTC= Federal Trade Commission; FWS= US Fish & Wildlife Service; GSA= General services Administration; HSI=US Immigration and Customs Enforcement, Homeland Security Investigations; NOAA=National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration; OFAC=Office of Foreign Assets Control (Treasury); SEC=Securities and Exchange Commission; USCG= US Coast Guard; USPIIS=Postal Inspection Service; USDA= US Department of Agriculture; ; DSS= Diplomatic Security Service. Local agencies - PD = Police departments; Non-US agencies - CBSA= Canada Border Services Agency; RCMP= Royal Canadian Mounted Police; SAT=Mexican Customs; HKCE= Hong Kong Customs & Excise; SFO = UK Serious Fraud Office.]

Date of Release	Subject
02-02-17	U.S. Man Residing in Costa Rica Pleads Guilty for Role in Two Separate Multi-Million Dollar Fraud Schemes (DOJ, ICE, FBI, USPIIS, FTC)
02-03-17	B Whale Corporation has received a Finding of Violation for violations of the Iranian Transactions Sanctions Regulations (OFAC)
02-06-17	Arizona Man Sentenced to Prison for Trafficking in Pet Products with Counterfeit Labels (DOJ, FDA, ICE)
02-07-17	Charleston, S.C. CBP Officers Seize “Ski Scooters” Potentially Dangerous Toys (CBP, CPSC)
02-22-17	Keurig Green Mountain, Inc., Provisional Acceptance of a Settlement Agreement and Order [CPSC Docket No. 17-C0002] (CPSC)
	Three Individuals Plead Guilty to Conspiracy and Trafficking of Counterfeit Electronic Goods into the United States (DOJ, ICE, Locals, Europol, Guardia di Finanza)
	California Auctioneer Charged in Rhinoceros Horn Smuggling Conspiracy (DOJ, FWS)
02-24-17	Eleven Individuals and One Company Charged in Florida With Exporting Prohibited Articles to Syria (DOJ, FBI, ICE)

Date of Release	Subject
02-27-17	Takata Corporation Pleads Guilty, Sentenced to Pay \$1 Billion in Criminal Penalties for Airbag Scheme (DOJ, FBI, DOT)
02-28-17	Exporter of Microelectronics to Russian Military Sentenced to 135 Months in Prison Following Convictions on All Counts (DOJ, FBI, BIS)
	Settlement Agreement between the U.S. Department of the Treasury's Office of Foreign Assets Control and United Medical Instruments, Inc. [\$515,400] for alleged ITSR violations (OFAC)

Newsletters, Reports, Articles, Etc.

Baker & McKenzie Global VAT/GST Newsletter

Baker & McKenzie's [September 2016 Global VAT/GST Newsletter](#) provides a quick update into important developments in the field of VAT/GST across the globe. In order to maximize the effectiveness of this newsletter to you, most articles are brief and are designed to flag topics that are likely to affect multi-national businesses. Contacts for the Global VAT/GST Newsletter are:

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Publications, Alerts, Newsletters

The following Baker & McKenzie publications, client alerts, legal alerts or newsletters released during the period of coverage of this *Update* may be of interest to you:

Subject
International Trade, Tax and Anti-corruption
Global International Trade Compliance Update – February 2017 {older issues}
China International Commercial & Trade Newsletter – February 2017
Kyiv Tax and Customs Client Alert: Ukraine and the U.S. sign Intergovernmental Agreement to Implement FATCA (Eng.); Україна та США підписали Міжурядову Угоду на виконання вимог закону про оподаткування іноземних рахунків (FATCA) (Ukr.)
Other areas
Kyiv Real Estate and Construction Client Alert – February 2017: Improvements to Urban Planning (Eng.); Удосконалення у сфері містобудівної діяльності (Ukr.); Усовершенствование градостроительной деятельности (Russ.)
Vietnam Information Technology & Communications Client Alert – February 2017: MIC to Require Select Offshore Service Providers of Online Content to Comply with Local Content Restrictions, Elect Authorized Representative in Vietnam
Vietnam Dispute Resolution Client Alert – February 2017 - Resolution on E-transactions with Vietnamese Courts
Vietnam Dispute Resolution Client Alert – February 2017 - VIAC [Vietnam International Arbitration Centre] Announces the Official Release of the VIAC Rules 2017
Vietnam Hotels, Resorts and Tourism Client Alert – February 2017 - New Decree Providing the Legal Framework for Casino Business Activities in Vietnam
Vietnam Information Technology & Communications Client Alert: Vietnam's Potential New Controls on Physical and Electronic Import and Export of Software and Software Services
Dispute Resolution: New Demands for the Drafting of ICC Arbitration Agreements as from 1 March 2017
Global IT & Communications Industry & Practice Group: LegalBytes Special Ed – February 2017- Spain to reintroduce the Private Copying Levy following a series of national and EU rulings

Subject

[North America International Litigation and Arbitration Newsletter January 2017](#)[Singapore Intellectual Property Newsletter February 2017](#)

Webinars, Meetings, Seminars, Etc.

Save the Date: Tuesday, May 23, 2017 in Chicago



Baker McKenzie lawyers from around the world will come together in Chicago to present on recent global trade and commercial compliance updates. Mark your calendars for this year's full-day conference, which will be held on Tuesday, May 23, 2017 at the Chicago office of Baker McKenzie.

A formal email invitation with additional details and the agenda will be distributed in the coming months, however registration is now open due to high demand. Register by clicking on the "Register now" button on the right and completing the form. The conference is complimentary, but registration is required.

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About this event

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2017 Global Trade and Supply Chain Webinar Series

“2017: Beginning of a New Era in Global Trade and Business?”

We are very pleased to announce our 14th annual, **Global Trade and Supply Chain Webinar Series** entitled, “2017: Beginning of a New Era in Global Trade and Business?”. The series will include the latest international trade developments including the impact of the Trump presidency on trade policy and of Brexit. In addition to our usual topics

Webinar Start Time:

08:00 AM (Pacific)
10:00 AM (Central)
11:00 AM (Eastern)
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Duration:

90 Minutes

of Customs, export controls/sanctions and FCPA/anti-bribery, we will also cover data privacy and intellectual property in the supply chain.

This year, we are very excited to expand our usual program to launch our *Customs Academy*, which will feature 6 “*Customs 101*” webinars (indicated in green). The Customs 101 program will be primarily aimed at participants who are new to Customs and/or those who would like a refresher and will include introductory sessions on key Customs topics such as tariff classification, valuation and origin; and an overview of Customs in some key jurisdictions.

Terrie Gleason, a partner in our Washington, DC office and Head of the Firm’s Global Customs Focus Group, and Jenny Revis, Of Counsel in the London office, will moderate these webinars and be joined by experts from across our global network.

All webinars will begin at 11:00 AM Eastern (US) and are scheduled to run approximately 90 minutes. If you reside in a different time zone and wish to verify your time - please click on the following link: www.timeanddate.com.

If you missed any webinar or wish to see it again, click on the [blue](#) title.

Webinar Dates and Topics:

January 31	Major Customs Developments in North America and Asia
Speakers: Stu Seidel (Washington, DC), Brian Cacic (Toronto), Eugene Lim (Singapore), and Adriana Ibarra-Fernandez (Mexico City)	
February 28	Customs Basic: How to Classify Your Products
Speakers: Daniel Lund (London), Jose Hoyos-Robles (Mexico City), and Eunkyung Kim Shin (Chicago)	
March 28	New Era of Protectionism? – Trump Presidency and Brexit Developments
Speakers: Terrie Gleason and Stu Seidel (Washington DC), and Jenny Revis (London)	
April 25	Customs Basic: How to Value Your Products
Speakers: Nicole Looks (Frankfurt), Eugene Lim (Singapore), Paul Burns (Toronto), and Daniel Sanchez-Elizondo (Guadalajara)	
May 23	Impact on Sanctions: Trump Administration’s Effects on US, EU, and Russian Sanctions
Speakers: Alexander Bychkov (Moscow), Ben Smith (London), Alex Lamy (Washington, DC) and Alison Stafford Powell (Palo Alto)	
June 27	Customs Basic: Determining the Origin of Your Products

Login Details:

Log-in details will be sent via email one week before the event.

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These webinars are all complimentary.

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Speakers: Terrie Gleason (Washington, DC), Daniel Lund (London), and Adriana Ibarra-Fernandez (Mexico City)		<p>Interested in learning more?</p>   
July 25	Major Developments in Data Privacy Laws – US, Canada and EU	
Speakers: Brian Hengesbaugh (Chicago), Theo Ling (Toronto), Dean Dolan (Toronto), Dyann Heward-Mills (London), Michael Egan (Washington, DC)		
August 22	Customs Basic: Reducing your Duty Liability Through the Use of Customs Procedures	
Speakers: Gooike van Slooten (Amsterdam), Paul Amberg (Chicago), Manuel Padron (Juarez), and Panya Sittisakonsin (Bangkok)		
September 26	Intellectual Property Considerations and Issues in Your Supply Chain	
Speakers: Joyce Smith (San Francisco) and Gary Shapiro (San Francisco)		
October 24	Customs Basic: What You Need to Know about Customs in the EU, Russia and China	
Speakers: Mariacristina Scarpa and Giulia Bettarini (Milan), Alexander Brychov and Vladimir Efremov (Moscow), and Frank Pan (Shanghai)		
November 28	Major Developments in FCPA/Anti-Bribery Regulation	
Speakers: John McKenzie (San Francisco), Mini vandePol (Hong Kong), and Peter Tomczak (Chicago)		
December 19	Customs Basic: What You Need to Know about Customs in the US, Mexico and Brazil	
Speakers: Alejandro Martinez-Galindo (Guadalajara), Alessandra S. Machado (Sao Paulo), Meredith DeMent (Washington, DC), and Meghan Hamilton (Chicago)		

2016 International Trade Compliance Webinar Series

Our 13th annual, International Trade Compliance Webinar Series entitled, **“TPP and New Developments in Global Trade”** had several sessions covering the Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP), as well as sessions covering key developments in customs, export and FCPA. All webinars run approximately 90 minutes. If you missed a webinar, wish to see it again or want to download a presentation, you may so at [this new link](#) or by clicking the blue title below which indicates the material has been posted. Due to a redesign of our website, previous links are no longer valid.

Recorded Webinars:

Date	Topic
Presented January 26	<u>Overview of the Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP)</u> Speakers: Frederick Burke (Ho Chi Minh City), Miguel Noyola (Chicago), Eugene Lim (Singapore), and Elizabeth Nightingale (Kuala Lumpur).
Presented February 16	<u>The Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP) and Labor and Environment</u> Speakers: Frederick Burke (Ho Chi Minh City) and Thuy Hang Nguyen (Ho Chi Minh City).
Presented March 29	<u>Customs Considerations in Free Trade Agreements, Including TPP and NAFTA</u> Speakers: Adriana Ibarra (Mexico City), Stuart Seidel (Washington, DC), and Meredith DeMent (Washington, DC).
Presented	<u>The Latest on Trade Sanctions: Iran, Russia, and Other Developments</u> Speak-

April 19	ers: Steven Hill (Washington, DC), Philippe Reich (Zurich), Alexander Bychkov (Moscow), and Ben Smith (London).
Presented May 24	<u>Cuba Sanctions Developments and Updates</u> Speakers: Alison Stafford-Powell (Palo Alto), Alexandre Lamy (Washington, DC), Brian Cacic (Toronto), and Julia Pfeil (Frankfurt).
Presented June 21 1	<u>FCPA Considerations Arising in Import/Export Operations</u> Speakers: John McKenzie (San Francisco), Joan Meyer (Washington, DC) and Mini vandePol (Hong Kong).
Presented July 26	<u>Update on Customs Valuation Issues Around the World – Transfer Pricing, First Sale, Royalties</u> Speakers: Paul Burns (Toronto), Nicole Looks (Frankfurt), Jennifer Revis (London), and Eugene Lim (Singapore).

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






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



Member countries of the World Trade Organization (WTO) are required under the *Agreement on Technical Barriers to Trade* (TBT Agreement) to report to the WTO all proposed technical regulations that could affect trade with other Member countries. The WTO Secretariat distributes this information in the form of “notifications” to all Member countries. This chart summarizes notifications in English posted by the WTO during the past month. If you are interested in obtaining copies of any of these notifications, please contact stuart.seidel@bakermckenzie.com who will try to obtain the text. Some notifications are only available in the official language of the country publishing the notification. *Note: All dates are given as mm/dd/yyyy; National flags are not scaled for relative comparison.*


Country	Notification	Date Issued	Final Date for Comments	Merchandise Covered
 Argentina	ARG/289/Add.6	01/16/2017	Not given	Motor vehicles, trailers and semi-trailers
 Argentina	ARG/304/Add.2	01/16/2017	Not given	Packaged paper
 Argentina	ARG/315/Add.1	01/25/2017	Not given	Alcoholic beverages - wine
 Argentina	ARG/309/Add.1	02/09/2017	Not given	Textile products and footwear
 Australia	AUS/104	02/16/2017	04/17/2017	Cosmetics and cosmetic ingredients, including (but not limited to) those contained in HS Chapters 28, 29 and 33.
 Bahrain	BHR/467/Corr.1	01/25/2017	Not given	Canned fruits

Country	Notification	Date Issued	Final Date for Comments	Merchandise Covered
 Botswana	BWA/56	01/26/2017	03/27/2017	Domestic refrigerating appliances
 Botswana	BWA/57	01/26/2017	03/27/2017	Room heaters
 Botswana	BWA/58	01/26/2017	03/27/2017	Drills and impact drills
 Botswana	BWA/59	01/26/2017	03/27/2017	Low-voltage switchgear and controlgear
 Brazil	BRA/325/Rev.1/ Add.1	02/21/2017	Not given	Almond of the cashew chestnut
 Brazil	BRA/562/Add.1	02/20/2017	Not given	Other electric lamps and lighting fittings (HS 9405.40)
 Brazil	BRA/676/Add.1	01/25/2017	Not given	Animal Products (HS 0511)
 Brazil	BRA/684/Add.3	02/13/2017	Not given	All foods containing originally lactose or food that have been altered and contain residual lactose
 Brazil	BRA/684/Add.4	02/13/2017	Not given	All foods containing originally lactose or food that have been altered and contain residual lactose
 Brazil	BRA/701/Add.1	02/20/2017	Not given	Fish, frozen, excluding fish fillets and other fish meat of heading 03.04 (HS: 0303), Fish fillets and other fish meat (whether or not minced), fresh, chilled or frozen. (HS: 0304)
 Brazil	BRA/705	01/26/2017	02/22/2017	Medicines
 Brazil	BRA/706	02/22/2017	03/20/2017	Ceiling fans (HS 841451)
 Brazil	BRA/707	02/22/2017	03/17/2017	Medicines, Pharmaceutical products (HS 30)
 Canada	CAN/394/Rev.2	01/25/2017	Not given	Food intended for human consumption
 Canada	CAN/513	01/26/2017	03/26/2017	Tobacco products
 Canada	CAN/514	02/01/2017	04/19/2017	Radiocommunications
 Canada	CAN/515	02/06/2017	04/19/2017	Telecommunications and Radiocommunications
 Canada	CAN/516	02/07/2017	04/17/2017	Prescription status of medicinal ingredients for human use (HS 3004.90)
 Canada	CAN/517	02/16/2017	Not given	Fresh and frozen raw ground beef products
 Canada	CAN/518	02/23/2017	05/10/2017	Radiocommunications
 Chile	CHL/343/Add.2	02/10/2017	Not given	Organic agricultural products
 Chile	CHL/344/Add.2	02/10/2017	Not given	Organic agricultural products
 Chile	CHL/347/Add.1	02/21/2017	Not given	Lighters
 Chile	CHL/354/Add.1	01/27/2017	Not given	Household electrical appliances: heating pads, mattress heaters and blankets
 Chile	CHL/358/Add.1	01/27/2017	Not given	Hot water storage units (water heaters)
 Chile	CHL/361/Add.1	02/10/2017	Not given	Portable air-conditioners; dehumidifiers
 Chile	CHL/362/Add.1	02/21/2017	Not given	Alternating current meters for active energy, classes 1 and 2
 Chile	CHL/363/Add.1	01/27/2017	Not given	Welded portable aluminium cylinders for liquefied petroleum gas (LPG), to be used in forklifts
 Chile	CHL/364/Add.1	02/21/2017	Not given	Diaphragm gas meters with battery-powered totalizers


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 Chile	CHL/365/Add.1	01/27/2017	Not given	Motor-pumps powered by liquid fuel
 Chile	CHL/366/Add.1	01/23/2017	Not given	Junction and distribution boxes for household fixed electrical installations
 Chile	CHL/378/Add.1	01/27/2017	Not given	Food for human consumption
 Chile	CHL/379/Add.1	01/27/2017	Not given	Food for human consumption
 Chile	CHL/381/Add.1	01/27/2017	Not given	Cell phone chargers (switch mode units)
 Chile	CHL/382/Add.1	01/27/2017	Not given	Non-metallic conduits for underground electrical installations.
 Chile	CHL/383/Add.1	02/21/2017	Not given	Water heaters
 Chile	CHL/386	01/20/2017	03/21/2017	Corrugated HDPE piping for drainage and other gravity-flow applications
 Chile	CHL/387	01/26/2017	03/27/2017	Gas-fired instantaneous domestic water heaters (HS 841911)
 China	CHN/1190	02/08/2017	04/09/2017	Diesel Fuels for Motor Vehicles; Petroleum oils and oils obtained from bituminous minerals, other than crude; preparations not elsewhere specified or included, containing by weight 70% or more of petroleum oils or of oils obtained from bituminous minerals, these oils being the basic constituents of the preparations; waste oils. (HS 2710)
 China	CHN/1191	02/08/2017	04/09/2017	Gasoline for motor vehicles; Petroleum oils and oils obtained from bituminous minerals, other than crude; preparations not elsewhere specified or included, containing by weight 70% or more of petroleum oils or of oils obtained from bituminous minerals, these oils being the basic constituents of the preparations; waste oils. (HS 2710)
 China	CHN/262/Rev.1	02/17/2017	Not given	Single-deck buses of class I, class II and class III of categories M2 and M3, except sleeper buses, school buses and special buses (HS 8702, 8707)
 China	CHN/1193	02/16/2017	04/17/2017	Vehicle of category M2 or M3 and school bus. Tractors (other than tractors of heading 87.09). (HS: 8701), Motor vehicles for the transport of ten or more persons, including the driver. (HS: 8702), Motor cars and other motor vehicles principally designed for the transport of persons (other than those of heading 87.02), including station wagons and racing cars. (HS: 8703), Motor vehicles for the transport of goods. (HS: 8704), Special purpose motor vehicles, other than those principally designed for the transport of persons or goods (for example, breakdown lorries, crane lorries, fire fighting vehicles, concrete- mixer lorries, road sweeper lorries, spraying lorries, mobile workshops, mobile radiological units). (HS: 8705), Chassis fitted with engines, for the motor vehicles of headings 87.01 to 87.0
 China	CHN/1194	02/16/2017	04/17/2017	Civil bulk coal -- Other coal (HS 270119)
 China	CHN/1195	02/16/2017	04/17/2017	Civil briquette. Briquettes, ovoids and similar solid fuels manufactured from coal (HS 270120)
 China	CHN/1196	02/16/2017	04/17/2017	Compressed natural gas (CNG) as vehicle fuel --

Country	Notification	Date Issued	Final Date for Comments	Merchandise Covered
				Natural gas (HS 271121)
 China	CHN/1197	02/17/2017	04/18/2017	Ships. Cruise ships, excursion boats, ferry-boats, cargo ships, barges and similar vessels for the transport of persons or goods. (HS 8901).
 Colombia	COL/109/Add.3	02/10/2017	Not given	Tricycles, scooters, pedal cars and similar wheeled toys; dolls' carriages; dolls, whether or not dressed; reduced-size ("scale") models and similar recreational models, working or not; puzzles of all kinds; electric trains, including tracks, signals and other accessories; toys representing animals or non-human creatures; toy musical instruments and apparatus; motorized toys; and balloons of natural rubber latex
 Costa Rica	CRI/164	01/24/2017	03/25/2017	Hazardous chemicals
 Costa Rica	CRI/137/Add.1	02/09/2017	Not given	Television receivers
 Costa Rica	CRI/165	02/07/2017	Not given	Conformity assessment
 Czech Republic	CZE/202	02/03/2017	03/05/2017	Measuring instrument, tachograph, digital tachograph
 Czech Republic	CZE/196/Add.1	02/13/2017	Not given	activities associated with the use of nuclear energy
 Czech Republic	CZE/199/Add.1	02/15/2017	Not given	Selected equipment (in the area of peaceful use of nuclear energy)
 Ecuador	ECU/106/Add.5	02/10/2017	Not given	Surface tension agents (HS 3401.11.00, 3401.19.00, 3401.19.10, 3401.19.90, 3401.20.00, 3401.30.00, 3402.11.10, 3402.11.90, 3402.12.10, 3402.12.90 and 3402.13.10)
 Ecuador	ECU/213/Add.2	02/08/2017	Not given	Mattresses (HS 9404.21 and 9404.29)
 Ecuador	ECU/284/Add.4	02/08/2017	Not given	Flexible retort packaging (HS 39232990)
 Ecuador	ECU/305/Add.1	02/08/2017	Not given	Ball point pens, propelling or sliding pencils, and graphite leads (HS 96081000, 96083000, 96084000, 96085000 and 96089910)
 Ecuador	ECU/322/Add.1	02/06/2017	Not given	Flanges and flanged fittings for drinking water pipes (HS 73071100, 73071900, 73079100, 73079900, 84842000, 84849000, 39269040, 39269090, 40169300, 731815, 73181590, 73181600, 73182200 and 73182900)
 Ecuador	ECU/323/Add.1	02/06/2017	Not given	Dry-barrel and wet-barrel fire hydrants, and fire hose reel systems (HS 8481809900)
 Ecuador	ECU/324/Add.1	02/10/2017	Not given	Metal valves used in water distribution systems (HS 84813000, 84818040, 84818051, 84818059, 84818060 and 84818099)
 Ecuador	ECU/327/Add.1	02/08/2017	Not given	Food supplements (HS 2106.90.71.00, 2106.90.72.00, 2106.90.73.00, 2106.90.74.00 and 2106.90.79.00)
 Ecuador	ECU/33/Add.6	02/08/2017	Not given	Insulated electrical conductors and wires
 Ecuador	ECU/90/Add.3	02/08/2017	Not given	Street lighting
 Ecuador	ECU/93/Add.5	02/08/2017	Not given	Spices and condiments
 Ecuador	ECU/9/Add.5	02/22/2017	Not given	Tyres (4011; 4012)
 Ecuador	ECU/11/Add.6	02/22/2017	Not given	Steel rods and wire (HS 7214, 7221)
 European Union	EU/450	01/31/2017	04/01/2017	Food




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 European Union	EU/451	02/09/2017	04/10/2017	Abamectin (pesticide active substance)
 European Union	EU/452	02/10/2017	04/11/2017	Electrical and electronic equipment
 European Union	EU/453	02/13/2017	04/14/2017	Tall oil crude (pesticide active substance)
 European Union	EU/454	02/13/2017	04/14/2017	Tall oil pitch (pesticide active substance)
 European Union	EU/455	02/16/2017	04/18/2017	Organic aquaculture
 European Union	EU/456	02/20/2017	04/21/2017	D4 and D5 in wash-off cosmetic products in a concentration equal to or greater than 0.1% by weight of either substance
 European Union	EU/457	02/23/2017	04/24/2017	Food
 France	FRA/171	02/10/2017	04/11/2017	Tanning devices (tanning booths/sunbeds)
 Guatemala	GTM/92/Add.1	01/31/2017	Not given	Organic agricultural products
 India	IND/57	02/17/2017	04/18/2017	Omission of provision from 2.10.6(1) Beverages Non - Alcoholic-Carbonated, for declaration of added sugar
 Indonesia	IDN/84/Add.1	01/5/2017	Not given	Processed food
 Indonesia	IDN/85/Add.1	02/10/2017	Not given	All products and HS numbers covered are contained in the annexes of Regulation of Minister of Trade No. 67/M-DAG/PER/11/2013 concerning Affixed Mandatory Label in Indonesian Language for Goods and Regulation of Minister of Trade No. 10/M-DAG/PER/1/2014 concerning Amendment of Regulation of Minister of Trade No. 67/M-DAG/PER/11/2013 concerning Affixed Mandatory Label in Indonesian Language for Goods
 Indonesia	IDN/101/Add.2	02/10/2017	Not given	Food
 Indonesia	IDN/112	02/10/2017	04/11/2017	Food Additives, Flavoring
 Indonesia	IDN/113	02/10/2017	04/11/2017	Fishery Products: Tuna, Sardines and Mackerel HS 1604.14.10.00, HS. 1604.12.10.00, 1604.13.10.00, 1604.1
 Japan	JPN/545	01/30/2017	02/28/2017	Antimony trioxide (Sb ₂ O ₃) and preparations containing them, etc. (HS 2825.80)
 Japan	JPN/546	02/13/2017	03/11/2017	Pharmaceutical products (HS 30)
 Japan	JPN/547	02/22/2017	04/23/2017	Motorcycles (including mopeds) and cycles fitted with an auxiliary motor, with or without side-cars; side-cars (HS 8711)
 Kazakhstan	KAZ/13	02/01/2017	03/25/2017	Railway rolling stock and its components
 Kazakhstan	KAZ/14	02/01/2017	03/25/2017	Railway rolling stock infrastructure
 Kenya	KEN/548	01/26/2017	02/28/2017	Fermented Camel Milk
 Kenya	KEN/549	01/26/2017	02/28/2017	Raw whole camel milk
 Kenya	KEN/550	01/26/2017	02/28/2017	Pasteurized camel milk
 Korea, Republic of	KOR/694/Add.1	01/27/2017	Not given	Health functional food products

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 Korea, Republic of	KOR/703	01/25/2017	03/26/2017	Noodles [19021910] including sauces [2103], Naeng-myun [19021930] including sauces [2103], Instant noodles [19023010] including sauces [2103], ready-to-eat hamburger and ready-to-eat sandwich. - Other (HS: 190219), - Other pasta (HS: 190230), Sauces and preparations therefor; mixed condiments and mixed seasonings; mustard flour and meal and prepared mustard (HS: 2103)
 Korea, Republic of	KOR/704	01/26/2017	03/27/2017	Windshield washer fluid for automobiles
 Korea, Republic of	KOR/705	02/01/2017	04/02/2017	Quasi-drugs
 Korea, Republic of	KOR/706	02/01/2017	04/02/2017	Quasi-drugs
 Korea, Republic of	KOR/707	02/03/2017	04/04/2017	Veterinary disinfectants
 Korea, Republic of	KOR/708	02/16/2017	04/17/2017	Environment-friendly agricultural and fishery products, processed organic foods and materials for organic farming
 Kuwait	KWT/349/Corr.1	01/25/2017	Not given	Canned fruits
 Mexico	MEX/301/Add.1	02/10/2017	Not given	Alcoholic beverages, mezcal (HS 2208.90.05)
 Mexico	MEX/305/Add.1	01/23/2017	Not given	Glass products - Safety glass used in construction (subheading 7006.00.00.00)
 Mexico	MEX/305/Add.2	02/07/2017	Not given	Glass products - Safety glass used in construction (subheading 7006.00.00.00)
 Mexico	MEX/326/Add.1	01/23/2017	Not given	Radiocommunications systems (tariff heading 8517)
 Mexico	MEX/326/Add.2	02/09/2017	Not given	Radiocommunications systems (tariff heading 8517)
 Mexico	MEX/339	01/17/2017	Not given	Trains composed of rail haulage units (tariff heading 8705.90)
 Mexico	MEX/340	01/17/2017	Not given	Motor vehicles (heading 87.03)
 Mexico	MEX/341	01/17/2017	Not given	Portable cooking appliances (tariff heading 84.38)
 Mexico	MEX/342	01/17/2017	Not given	Concrete railway sleepers (tariff heading: 2523)
 Mexico	MEX/343	01/17/2017	Not given	Water heaters (HS tariff subheading 8419.11)
 Mexico	MEX/344	01/17/2017	02/24/2017	Room air-conditioners (tariff heading 8415)
 Mexico	MEX/345	01/19/2017	Not given	Jamming equipment used to block mobile phone signals, radio communications and the transmission of images and other data (tariff heading 8517)
 Mexico	MEX/346	01/19/2017	Not given	Rice (HS tariff subheading 1006.10)
 Mexico	MEX/346/Add.1	01/31/2017	Not given	Rice (HS tariff subheading 1006.10)
 Mexico	MEX/347	01/24/2017	03/20/2017	Industrial radiography equipment (tariff heading 9022)
 Mexico	MEX/348	01/25/2017	03/26/2017	Integral and flexible connectors for use in liquefied petroleum gas (LPG) installations.
 Mexico	MEX/349	01/26/2017	03/21/2017	Infrastructure and equipment for outpatient medical facilities.
 Mexico	MEX/350	02/07/2017	04/02/2017	Pacific bluefin tuna (<i>Thunnus orientalis</i>) (Tariff heading 03.04.29.45)
 Mexico	MEX/351	02/10/2017	Not given	Digital interfaces (subheading 851762)
 Mongolia	MNG/7	02/20/2017	04/21/2017	All products

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 Oman	OMN/289/Corr.1	01/25/2017	Not given	Canned fruits
 Oman	OMN/290	02/07/2017	04/08/2017	Any product containing asbestos
 Panama	PAN/91	02/03/2017	03/20/2017	Split-type air-conditioners
 Paraguay	PRY/83/Add.1	01/31/2017	Not given	Strawberries (<i>Fragaria</i> spp.)
 Peru	PER/91	01/16/2017	04/2/2017	Measuring instruments in general (9027.10.10.00: Gas or smoke analysis apparatus, electrical or electronic; 9027.10.90.00: Other gas or smoke analysis apparatus)
 Peru	PER/69/Add.1	02/17/2017	Not given	Pharmaceutical products: biological products: biotech products, classified under Chapter 30
 Peru	PER/70/Add.1	02/17/2017	Not given	Pharmaceutical products: similar biological products, classified under Chapter 30
 Qatar	QAT/463/Corr.1	01/25/2017	Not given	Canned fruits
 Qatar	QAT/464	02/07/2017	04/08/2017	Washing machines
 Qatar	QAT/465	02/07/2017	04/08/2017	Household refrigerators, refrigerator-freezers, and freezers
 Russian Federation	RUS/81	02/03/2017	Not given	Coolants
 Saudi Arabia	SAU/969/Corr.1	01/25/2017	Not given	Canned fruits
 Seychelles	SYC/3	02/07/2017	04/08/2017	Plastic bags, utensils, boxes
 Singapore	SGP/33	02/09/2017	04/10/2017	Vehicular Emissions (HS 8701, 8702, 8703, 8704, 8705, 8709, 8716)
 South Africa	ZAF/83/Add.1	02/09/2017	Not given	Fresh apples (HS 0808)
 South Africa	ZAF/116/Rev.1	02/09/2017	Not given	Bread Wheat (HS 1001)
 South Africa	ZAF/196/Add.1	02/09/2017	Not given	Hot water storage tanks for domestic use
 South Africa	ZAF/215	02/16/2017	04/17/2017	Bananas
 Spain	ESP/36	01/25/2017	03/26/2017	Cider (HS 22.06.00)
 Switzerland	CHE/212	02/01/2017	03/31/2017	Mercury wastes; Elemental mercury (CAS No. 7439-97-6) and mercury compounds; New mercury uses in products; Dental amalgam
 Switzerland	CHE/212/Corr.1	02/08/2017	Not given	Mercury wastes; Elemental mercury (CAS No. 7439-97-6) and mercury compounds; New mercury uses in products; Dental amalgam
 Switzerland	CHE/213	02/01/2017	3/26/2017	Seal products
 Switzerland	CHE/213/Corr.1	02/08/2017	Not given	Seal products
 Switzerland	CHE/214	02/07/2017	05/05/2017	Refrigerators; washing machines; tumble driers; dishwashers; ovens; range hoods; vacuum cleaners; household lamps; fluorescent lamps; directional lamps, light emitting diode lamps and related equipment; televisions; air conditioners and comfort fans; professional refrigerated storage cabinets, blast cabinets, condensing units and process chillers; water heaters; space heaters and combination heaters; ventilation units; standby and off mode of electrical and electronic household and office equipment; set-top-boxes; external power supplies;

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				computers; motors; glandless circulators; ventilators; water pumps, transformers; coffee machines; cars
 Switzerland	CHE/215	02/07/2017	05/05/2017	Passenger cars, light commercial vehicles (vans and tractor trucks up to 3.5 t gross vehicle weight)
 Taiwan Economy	TPKM/230/Add. 2	02/10/2017	Not given	Food for human consumption
 Taiwan Economy	TPKM/245/Add. 1	02/20/2017	Not given	Bicycles for young children (refer to attachment) (HS 8712)
 Taiwan Economy	TPKM/248/Add. 1	02/13/2017	Not given	92 items of electrical and electronic products (HS: Chapters 84 & 85 & 90). Nuclear reactors, boilers, machinery and mechanical appliances; parts thereof (HS 84), electrical machinery and equipment and parts thereof; sound recorders and reproducers, television image and sound recorders and reproducers, and parts and accessories of such articles (HS 85), optical, photographic, cinematographic, measuring, checking, precision, medical or surgical instruments and apparatus; parts and accessories thereof (HS 90)
 Taiwan Economy	TPKM/249/Add. 1	01/25/2017	Not given	Cosmetics used for washing hair, cosmetics used for bathing, cosmetics used for face-washing, and soap as defined in relevant provisions of the Statute for Control of Cosmetic Hygiene and Toothpaste
 Taiwan Economy	TPKM/254/Add. 1	02/13/2017	Not given	Gas cylinders and the fuel thereof for portable gas stoves, blowtorches and refillable lighters (refer to attachment) (HS 271113, 271119, 290110)
 Taiwan Economy	TPKM/263	01/31/2017	04/01/2017	Medical devices
 Taiwan Economy	TPKM/264	02/13/2017	04/14/2017	Tobacco and manufactured tobacco substitutes (HS Section IV Chapter 24)
 Tanzania	TZA/45	01/27/2017	03/28/2017	Fertilizers
 Tanzania	TZA/46	01/27/2017	03/28/2017	Dry beans
 Tanzania	TZA/47	01/27/2017	03/28/2017	Fertilizers - Mono-Ammonium Phosphate and Di-Ammonium Phosphate (MAP & DAP)
 Tanzania	TZA/48	01/27/2017	03/28/2017	Maize grains
 Tanzania	TZA/49	01/27/2017	03/28/2017	Fertilizer - Potassium sulphate (sulphate of potash)
 Tanzania	TZA/50	01/27/2017	03/28/2017	Fertilizer - Potassium chloride (muriate of potash)
 Tanzania	TZA/51	01/30/2017	03/31/2017	Fertilizer - Calcium ammonium nitrate (CAN)
 Tanzania	TZA/52	01/30/2017	03/31/2017	Fertilizer - Triple Superphosphate
 Tanzania	TZA/53	01/30/2017	03/31/2017	Fertilizer - Ammonium Sulphate
 Tanzania	TZA/54	01/30/2017	03/31/2017	Fertilizers
 Tanzania	TZA/55	01/30/2017	03/31/2017	Fertilizer - Urea
 Tanzania	TZA/56	01/30/2017	03/31/2017	Solid fertilizers
 Tanzania	TZA/57	01/30/2017	03/31/2017	Blood meal

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 Tanzania	TZA/58	01/30/2017	03/31/2017	Fresh melons
 Tanzania	TZA/59	01/30/2017	03/31/2017	Steamed and calcined bone meal
 Tanzania	TZA/60	01/31/2017	04/01/2017	Oil-seed cakes
 Tanzania	TZA/61	01/31/2017	04/01/2017	Milled rice
 Tanzania	TZA/62	01/31/2017	04/01/2017	Wheat grains
 Tanzania	TZA/63	01/31/2017	04/01/2017	Malt drink
 Tanzania	TZA/64	02/20/2017	04/21/2017	Animal feed stuff
 Tanzania	TZA/65	02/20/2017	04/21/2017	Cheese
 Tanzania	TZA/66	02/20/2017	04/21/2017	Animal feed stuff
 Tanzania	TZA/67	02/20/2017	04/21/2017	Pharmaceuticals
 Tanzania	TZA/68	02/20/2017	04/21/2017	Cheese
 Tanzania	TZA/69	02/20/2017	04/21/2017	Cheese
 Tanzania	TZA/70	02/20/2017	04/21/2017	Cheese
 Tanzania	TZA/71	02/21/2017	04/22/2017	Cheese
 Tanzania	TZA/72	02/21/2017	04/22/2017	Cheese
 Tanzania	TZA/73	02/21/2017	04/22/2017	Labelling
 Tanzania	TZA/74	02/21/2017	04/22/2017	Clothes
 Thailand	THA/427/Rev.1	02/08/2017	Not given	Stretch Cling Film for Food (HS 3919)
 Thailand	THA/494	02/08/2017	4/9/2017	Tubes, pipes and hoses, and fittings therefor (for example, joints, elbows, flanges), of plastics (HS 3917)
 Thailand	THA/1/Rev.1/Add.2	02/16/2017	Not given	Food labelling (HS 4821)
 Thailand	THA/495	02/16/2017	Not given	Foods
 Uganda	UGA/606	02/16/2017	04/17/2017	Maize (HS 1005)
 Uganda	UGA/607	02/16/2017	04/17/2017	Onshore oil and gas production operations. Petroleum gases and other gaseous hydrocarbons. (HS: 2711), -- Natural gas (HS: 271111)
 Uganda	UGA/608	02/16/2017	04/17/2017	Onshore oil and gas production operations. Petroleum gases and other gaseous hydrocarbons. (HS: 2711), -- Natural gas (HS: 271111)
 United Arab Emirates	ARE/353/Corr.1	01/25/2017	Not given	Canned fruits
 United States	USA/1031/Add.3	02/10/2017	Not given	Tobacco products (HS 2402)
 United States	USA/1031/Add.4	02/17/2017	Not given	Tobacco products (HS 2402)
 United States	USA/1033/Add.4	02/10/2017	Not given	Proximity detection systems
 United States	USA/1033/Add.5	02/17/2017	Not given	Proximity detection systems
 United States	USA/1062/Add.3	02/01/2017	Not given	Ceiling fans (HS 8414.51)

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 United States	USA/1118/Add.3	02/20/2017	Not given	Organic livestock and poultry
 United States	USA/1122/Add.2	02/06/2017	Not given	Compressors
 United States	USA/1134/Add.2	01/31/2017	Not given	Renewable fuel standard program
 United States	USA/1141/Add.2	01/31/2017	Not given	Gas utilities and equipment
 United States	USA/1144/Add.4	02/10/2017	Not given	Chemical bulk storage
 United States	USA/1144/Add.5	02/17/2017	Not given	Chemical bulk storage
 United States	USA/1189/Add.3	02/01/2017	Not given	Walk-in coolers and walk-in freezers. Refrigerators, freezers and other refrigerating or freezing equipment, electric or other; heat pumps other than air conditioning machines of heading 84.15 (HS 8418)
 United States	USA/1232/Add.1	02/20/2017	Not given	Small battery chargers
 United States	USA/1245/Add.1	02/01/2017	Not given	Pet food
 United States	USA/1246/Add.1	02/03/2017	Not given	Commercial feed
 United States	USA/1247/Add.1	02/20/2017	Not given	Trichloroethylene
 United States	USA/1263/Add.1	01/31/2017	Not given	Dedicated-purpose pool pumps
 United States	USA/1264	01/26/2017	03/20/2017	Meat and poultry products
 United States	USA/1265	01/26/2017	3/24/2017	Hard cider (HS 2206)
 United States	USA/1265/Add.1	02/01/2017	Not given	Hard cider (HS 2206)
 United States	USA/1266	01/26/2017	04/10/2017	Finished smokeless tobacco products (HS 24)
 United States	USA/1267	01/31/2017	02/27/2017	Solid waste incineration units
 United States	USA/1268	01/31/2017	03/20/2017	Hazardous materials; unrefined petroleum products
 United States	USA/1269	02/01/2017	02/22/2017	Real-time text (RTT)
 United States	USA/1269/Add.1	02/10/2017	Not given	Real-time text (RTT)
 United States	USA/1269/Add.2	02/17/2017	Not given	Real-time text (RTT)
 United States	USA/1270	02/01/2017	03/20/2017	Trichloroethylene (TCE) (HS 290322)
 United States	USA/1270/Add.1	02/20/2017	Not given	Trichloroethylene (TCE) (HS 290322)
 United States	USA/1271	02/01/2017	04/19/2017	Methylene chloride and N-Methylpyrrolidone (HS 290312)
 United States	USA/1272	02/06/2017	03/06/2017	Toys (HS 95)
 United States	USA/1273	02/06/2017	04/18/2017	Fireworks (HS 3604)
 United States	USA/1274	02/20/2017	03/12/2017	Malt beverages (HS 2203)
 United States	USA/777/Add.2	02/10/2017	Not given	Hybrid and electric vehicles
 United States	USA/777/Add.3	02/17/2017	Not given	Hybrid and electric vehicles
 United States	USA/827/Add.6	01/31/2017	Not given	Formaldehyde emissions, composite wood products
 United States	USA/915/Add.1	02/01/2017	Not given	Sling carriers
 United States	USA/972/Add.2	01/31/2017	Not given	Information and communication technology
 Yemen	YEM/69/Corr.1	01/25/2017	Not given	Canned fruits

CBSA Advance Rulings

No [advance rulings](#) were posted by the Canada Border Services Agency (CBSA) during the period covered by this Update. In September of 2014, the CBSA enhanced the Advance Ruling ([Tariff Classification](#) and [Origin](#)) and [National Customs Ruling](#) programs by publishing ruling letters in their entirety, with the applicant's consent, on the CBSA Web site.

It is important to note that rulings are binding only between the CBSA and the applicant. While posted rulings are for reference purposes only, they provide meaningful guidance and help other importers in complying with Canada's trade legislation. Click on the "Merchandise" listing to see full text of the posted ruling.

CBP Rulings: Downloads and Searches

As US Customs and Border Protection (CBP) issues several thousand rulings a year, it is not practical to list each ruling. However, almost all rulings issued by US Customs or CBP from 1993 to the present and many issued before 1993 are available for search and downloading using the [CROSS search engine](#). Over 190,000 such rulings are in the database.

CBP Rulings: Revocations or Modifications


The following table summarizes proposals made or actions taken that were published in the weekly [Customs Bulletin and Decisions](#) during the past month by US Customs and Border Protection pursuant to 19 U.S.C. §1625(c) to revoke or modify binding rulings or treatment previously accorded to substantially identical merchandise.



Published in CBP Bulletin (P) Proposed (A) Action	Product(s) or Issue(s)	Ruling(s) to be Modified (M) or Revoked (R)	Old Classification or Position	New Ruling	New Classification or Position	Comments Due (C) or Effective Date (E)
Proposed Revocations/modifications						
(P) 01-18-17 Extension of comment period published on (P) 02-08-17	Application of the coastwise laws to certain merchandise and vessel equipment that are transported between coastwise points	HQ 101925 (M) HQ 108223 (R) HQ 108442 (R) HQ 113838 (R) HQ 115185 (R) HQ 115218 (R) HQ 115311 (R) HQ 115522 (R) HQ 115771 (R) HQ 105644 (R) HQ 110402 (R) HQ 111889 (R) HQ 112218 (R) HQ 113841 (R) HQ 114305 (R) HQ 114435 (R) HQ 115333 (R) HQ 115487 (R) HQ 115938 (R) HQ H004242 (R) HQ 111892 (R)	Broad meaning of "vessel equipment" included items "used in furtherance of the mission" and "necessary for the accomplishment of the mission"	HQ H082215	Amendments to 46 U.S.C. § 55102 (formerly 46 U.S.C. App. 883), 43 U.S.C. § 1333. Follows TD 49815(4) which says "equipment" "includes portable articles necessary and appropriate for the navigation, operation or maintenance of the vessel and for the comfort and safety of the persons on board." Definition of "Vessel Equipment" does not include articles such as pipe (for laying pipe), anodes, connectors, repair materials (for the pipe), pipeline tools,	(C) 02-17-17 Extended to 04-18-17 and CBP seeks comments on whether to extend it further


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		HQ 115381 (R) HQ 116078 (R) HQ H029417 (R) HQ H032757 (R)			goods of <i>de minimus</i> value – all are merchandise.	
(P) 02-08-17	Country of origin marking of dental instruments	NY A81309 (R)	Handles are not substantially transformed – require marking “Handle made in Pakistan”	HQ H278602	Excepted from marking because mfr. Is purchaser and handles are substantially transformed in the US when combined with US mfd. working ends.	(C) 03-10-17
	Tariff classification of reusable diaper covers	NY N266884 (R) NY N266899 (R)	9619.00.21 9619.00.74	HQ H271286	6111.20.60 6111.30.50 [GRI 1, 3(b) and 6]	

European Classification Regulations

The table below shows the Classification Regulations that were published in the *Official Journal* during the period covered by this *International Trade Compliance Update*.

Commission Implementing Regulation	Description of the goods	Classification (CN code)	Reasons
(EU) 2017/181 of 27-01-17	<p>A single glass shelf presented with metal supports for fixing it to the wall.</p> <p>The glass shelf consists of a transparent glass plate measuring approximately 60 × 13,5 × 0,7 cm of irregular shape with processed edges (the front edge is formed in a curve shape) and two holders made of an alloy of copper and zinc (brass), plated with nickel and chrome. The glass plate has two holes for mounting on the holders.</p> <p>The product is presented unassembled, together with screws and dowels for mounting, packed in a carton box.</p> <p>See image</p> 	9403 89 00	<p>Classification is determined by General Rules 1, 3(b) and 6 for the interpretation of the Combined Nomenclature (CN), note 2(a) to Chapter 94 and by the wording of CN codes 9403 and 9403 89 00 .</p> <p>The article is used for equipping rooms in, for example, private dwellings. It is therefore a piece of furniture in the sense of heading 9403 . According to note 2 (a) to Chapter 94, this heading includes single shelves presented with supports for fixing them to the wall. Classification under heading 7020 as other articles of glass is therefore excluded.</p> <p>The glass shelf gives the article its essential character. The metal holders, screws and dowels only serve to fix the glass shelf to the wall. Classification under CN code 9403 20 80 as other metal furniture is therefore excluded.</p> <p>The article is therefore to be classified under CN code 9403 89 00 as other furniture.</p>
(EU) 2017/182 of 27-01-17	<p>Articles (so-called ‘thumb grips for a game console controller’) measuring approximately 20 mm in diameter and 6 mm in height made of elastic silicone (plastics) with an anti-slip surface. They are equipped with a self-adhesive aluminium profile, cut to the design of the support.</p> <p>These grips are used as caps on the joysticks of a game console controller.</p>	3926 90 97	<p>Classification is determined by general rules 1 and 6 for the interpretation of the Combined Nomenclature and by the wording of CN codes 3926 , 3926 90 and 3926 90 97 .</p> <p>The ‘thumb grips’ merely enhance the function of the game controller. Thus, they are neither adapting the game controller for a particular operation, nor increasing its range of operations, nor performing a particular service relative to the main</p>

Commission Implementing Regulation	Description of the goods	Classification (CN code)	Reasons
	<p>The thumb grip caps are intended to protect the game controller against the sweat, wear and tear caused by intensive use, as well as to prevent fingers from slipping off the controller, by means of their anti-slip surface.</p> <p>See image</p>		<p>function of the game controller or of the game console (see case C-152/10 Unomedical ECLI:EU:C:2011:402, paragraphs 13, 29 and 38). Consequently, the classification as an accessory of video game consoles and machines of heading 9504 is excluded.</p> <p>The article is therefore to be classified according to its constituent material (plastics) under CN code 3926 90 97 as other articles of plastics.</p>
<p>(EU) 2017/183 of 27-01-17</p>	<p>An article (so-called 'tatami puzzle mat') made of EVA (Ethylene-vinyl acetate) in the form of 100 × 100 cm tiles with non-slip surface, and of a thickness of approximately 3 cm. The tiles have an interlocking connecting system based on the principle of puzzles, which are laid firmly on another surface and thus form a mat.</p> <p>The article is designed to absorb shocks generated during various sportive activities (for example yoga, gymnastics, or martial arts) through the cellular structure of the mat to protect the body. The 'tatami puzzle mat' is also designed as an insulator of noise, heat, and moisture. It serves thus as a protection against damage of the surface underneath and to protect people performing various other activities, for example, when used by nurseries or artists.</p> <p>See image</p>	<p>3918 90 00</p> 	<p>Classification is determined by general rules 1 and 6 for the interpretation of the Combined Nomenclature and by the wording of CN codes 3918 and 3918 90 00 .</p> <p>Classification under heading 9506 as articles and equipment for general physical exercise, gymnastics, athletics, other sports or outdoor games is excluded as the unassembled plastic floor covering is not solely for sports but also for the protection of surfaces and to protect people performing other activities.</p> <p>Accordingly, the article is to be classified according to its constituent material (plastics).</p> <p>It is therefore to be classified as floor coverings of plastics under CN code 3918 90 00</p>
<p>(EU) 2017/200 of 01-02-17</p>	<p>An electrical apparatus using Digital Audio Broadcasting (DAB) and Frequency Modulation (FM) technology for radio broadcast reception. Its overall dimensions are approximately 115 × 180 × 120 mm and it is capable of operating without an external source of power.</p> <p>The apparatus is equipped with a built-in loudspeaker, Bluetooth/Advanced Audio Distribution Profile (A2DP) (which allows the apparatus to make sound audible wirelessly from sound-reproducing devices (e.g. MP3 players) that are also equipped with Bluetooth/A2DP profile), a socket for connection to headphones, and a socket for connection to an external power adaptor.</p>	<p>8527 19 00</p>	<p>Classification is determined by general rules 1 and 6 for the interpretation of the Combined Nomenclature, note 3 to Section XVI, and by the wording of CN codes 8527 and 8527 19 00.</p> <p>Apart from the function of radio broadcast reception, the apparatus receives, converts and transmits data (via the A2DP profile), which is a function covered by heading 8517 (see Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2016/2224⁽¹⁾). Therefore, the apparatus cannot be considered to be combined with a sound-reproducing apparatus (function of heading 8519).</p> <p>The apparatus is therefore to be classified as a radio-broadcast receiver not combined with a sound-reproducing apparatus under CN code 8527 19 00.</p> <p>1 OJ L 336, 10.12.2016, p. 22</p>
<p>(EU) 2017/209 of 02-02-17</p>	<p>Three items packaged together for retail sale:</p> <p>a) a notepad consisting of approximately 75 blank sheets of paper (the rear sheet contains contact details where replacement notepads can be obtained) measuring approximately 8 × 14 cm. The sheets are bound by glue at the top, and are perforated to allow individual sheets to</p>	<p>4820 10 30</p>	<p>Classification is determined by general rules 1, 3(b) and 6 for the interpretation of the Combined Nomenclature (GIR) and by the wording of CN codes 4820 , 4820 10 and 4820 10 30 .</p> <p>The items constitute goods put up in a set for retail sale within the meaning of GIR 3(b). The notepad plays the essential role in relation to the use of the set, which is to provide writing paper for small notations or messages. The holder</p>

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	<p>be removed. The back and a small part of the front are covered in cardboard;</p> <p>b) a notepad holder measuring approximately 32 × 10 cm, made of plastic sheeting reinforced with cardboard on the inside. The cardboard part of the notepad is inserted into an incision in the holder. The holder, which can be folded to cover the notepad, also includes a pocket of transparent plastics in the upper part and a loop of elasticated textile materials to hold a ballpoint pen;</p> <p>c) a thin ballpoint pen of plastic that is approximately 10 cm long is inserted into the textile loop.</p> <p>See image</p>		<p>merely provides a sort of envelope to protect the notepad from soiling and crushing. Considering its objective characteristics (size, design and value), the plastic ballpoint pen does not constitute an essential component of the set. Any other pen or pencil might be used to write in the notepad. Therefore, the notepad gives the set its essential character.</p> <p>The notepad is classified under heading 4820 , which covers notebooks and notepads of all kinds (see the Harmonized System Explanatory Notes to heading 4820 , first paragraph, (1)).</p> <p>Consequently, the set is to be classified under CN code 4820 10 30 as 'notebooks, letter pads and memorandum pads'.</p>
<p>(EU) 2017/226 of 07-02-17</p>	<p>Toys, put up in the same packing for retail sale, consisting of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> — a battery-powered locomotive and a carriage, of plastics, — wooden tracks, — traffic signs, cars, human figures, animals, trees, etc. <p>See image.</p> 	<p>9503 00 70</p>	<p>Classification is determined by general rules 1 and 6 for the interpretation of the Combined Nomenclature and by the wording of CN codes 9503 00 and 9503 00 70 .</p> <p>Classification under CN code 9503 00 30 as an 'electric train, including tracks, signals and other accessories therefor' is excluded because the 'set' also contains other toys of wood and plastics, such as traffic signs, cars, human figures, animals, trees, etc., which are toys in their own merit. Those toys are not directly connected with the electric train and the tracks like a train station, a railway crossing or a railway bridge would be and are consequently not considered as accessories to an electric train (see also the Harmonized System Explanatory Note (HSEN) to heading 9503, (D) (iv)).</p> <p>The 'set' of toys consists of different types of articles, designed for the amusement of children or adults, put up in the same packing for retail sale (see also the HSEN to chapter 95, General, and the Explanatory notes to CN code 9503 00 70).</p> <p>The article is therefore to be classified under CN code 9503 00 70 as 'other toys, put up in sets'.</p>
<p>(EU) 2017/268 of 14-02-17</p>	<p>A product consisting of white tablets composed of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> — steviol glycosides, — sodium carbonate, — sodium citrate, — leucine. <p>200 tablets (each of 56 mg) put up for retail sale in a pocket dispenser.</p> <p>The product has a caloric value of 0,06 kcal per tablet.</p>	<p>2106 90 92</p>	<p>Classification is determined by general rules 1 and 6 for the interpretation of the Combined Nomenclature, Note 1(b) to Chapter 38 and the wording of CN codes 2106 , 2106 90 and 2106 90 92.</p> <p>In accordance with Note 1(b) to Chapter 38, the product cannot be regarded as a chemical product of Chapter 38 as it contains substances with nutritive value, of a kind used in the preparation of foodstuffs. There is no threshold for the amount of the nutritive value.</p> <p>Steviol glycosides and leucine are regarded as substances with nutritive value (see also the</p>

Commission Implementing Regulation	Description of the goods	Classification (CN code)	Reasons
			Harmonized System Explanatory Notes (HSEN) to Chapter 38, General, antepenultimate and penultimate paragraph). Preparations (such as tablets) consisting of a sweetener and a foodstuff used for sweetening purposes should be classified under heading 2106 (see also the HSEN to heading 2106 , number 10). The product is therefore to be classified under heading 2106 as other food preparation of CN code 2106 90 92.
(EU) 2017/285 of 18-02-17	A remote-controlled multi-rotor helicopter (so-called 'drone') with a diagonal length of 35 cm and a weight of 1 030 g together with a remote control unit in a package for retail sale. The helicopter is equipped with a system to ensure stability, Wi-Fi and a global positioning system (GPS) module. The maximum flight speed is approximately 54 km/h and the flight time is 25 minutes. The remote control unit operates at a frequency of 2,4 GHz and is operated by four batteries. The helicopter can be controlled by the remote control unit (in an open area) for a distance of up to 1 000 m.	8802 11 00	Classification is determined by general rules 1 and 6 for the interpretation of the Combined Nomenclature and by the wording of CN codes 8802 and 8802 11 00 . As the helicopter is equipped with advanced systems for flight and has a substantial maximum speed, it cannot be considered a toy within the meaning of heading 9503 . The helicopter is therefore to be classified under CN code 8802 11 00 as a helicopter of an unladen weight not exceeding 2 000 kg.

Amendments to the CN Explanatory Notes

The table below shows amendments to the explanatory notes to the *Combined Nomenclature of the European Union* that were published in the *Official Journal* during the period covered by this *International Trade Compliance Update*.

Official Journal	CN code or page	Description of Articles
2017/C 33/02 02-02-17	pg. 235	Text and image added to General section
2017/C 35/04 03-02-17	pg. 368 8802 11 00	New text inserted relating to drones
	pg. 381 9503 00	New text inserted relating to drones
2017/C 48/03 15-02-17	pg. 106 23 09	Replace: '2309 10 11 to 2309 10 90 Dog or cat food, put up for retail sale' with
2017/C 52/05 18-02-17	pg. 98 2204 10 15	Insert text regarding Prosecco

Section 337 Actions

In the United States, section 337 of the Tariff Act of 1930 as amended (19 U.S.C. §1337) provides *in rem* relief from unfair practices in import trade, including unfair methods of competition in the importation of articles, importation and sale in

the United States of articles which infringe US patents, registered trademarks, copyrights or mask works. Listed below are 337 actions published during the past month by the US International Trade Commission, the independent United States agency charged with enforcement of section 337.

Inv. №	Commodity	Action
337-TA-959	Certain Electric Skin Care Devices, Brushes and Chargers Therefor, and Kits Containing the Same	Modification of Initial Determination; Issuance of a General Exclusion Order, a Limited Exclusion Order, and Cease and Desist Orders; Termination of Investigation
337-TA-965	Certain Table Saws Incorporating Active Injury Mitigation Technology and Components Thereof	Issuance of a Limited Exclusion Order and a Cease and Desist Order; Termination of the Investigation
337-TA-972	Certain Automated Teller Machines, ATM Modules, Components Thereof, and Products Containing the Same	Commission Determination to Review in Part a Final Initial Determination Finding a Violation of Section 337; Schedule for Filing Written Submissions on the Issues Under Review and on Remedy, the Public Interest, and Bonding; and Granting a Motion to Amend the Complaint and Notice of Investigation
337-TA-973	Certain Wearable Activity Tracking Devices, Systems, and Components Thereof	Commission Determination Not To Review an Initial Determination Granting Complainant's Unopposed Motion To Terminate the Investigation in Its Entirety Based Upon Withdrawal of the Complaint; Termination of the Investigation
337-TA-997	Certain Sleep-Disordered Breathing Treatment Systems and Components Thereof	Commission Determination Not To Review an Initial Determination Granting a Joint Motion To Terminate the Investigation in Its Entirety Based Upon Settlement
337-TA-998	Certain Hybrid Electric Vehicles and Components Thereof	Termination of Investigation on the Basis of Settlement
337-TA-1006	Certain Passenger Vehicle Automotive Wheels	Commission Determination Not To Review Initial Determination Terminating the Investigation as to the Last Remaining Respondents; Termination of the Investigation
337-TA-1040	Certain Basketball Backboard Components and Products Containing the Same	Institution of an investigation based on a complaint filed on behalf of Lifetime Products, Inc. alleging patent infringement

In addition to the above actions, the ITC has published notices indicating that it has received complaints filed on behalf of the following companies alleging violations of §337 with regard to the listed commodities and soliciting comments on any public interest issues raised by the complaints:

Ref. №	Commodity	Complaint filed on behalf of:
DN 3195	Certain Digital Television Set-Top Boxes, Remote Control Devices, and Components Thereof	OpenTV, Inc.; Nagra USA Inc; NagraVision SA; and Kudelski SA
DN 3196	Certain Hybrid Electric Vehicles and Components Thereof	Paice LLC and Abell Foundation, Inc.
DN 3197	Certain Electrical Connectors, Components Thereof, and Products Containing the Same	J.S.T Corporation
DN 3198	Certain Document Cameras and Software for Use Therewith	Pathway Innovations and Technologies, Inc.

Antidumping, Countervailing Duty and Safeguards Investigations, Orders & Reviews

In order to assist our clients in planning, we are listing antidumping, countervailing duty and safeguards notices published or posted during the past month from the US, Canada, Mexico, the EU, Australia, India, Brazil, and occasionally other countries. (Click on blue text for link to official document.)

Key: AD, ADD=antidumping, antidumping duty; CV, CVD=countervailing duty or subsidy; LTFV=less than fair value.



United States Department of Commerce, International Trade Administration (ITA)

Case №	Merchandise/Country	Action
A-570-886	Polyethylene Retail Carrier Bags From China	Rescission of ADD Administrative Review; 2015-2016
A-351-847 A-791-822 A-489-828	Certain Carbon and Alloy Steel Cut-to-Length Plate From Brazil, South Africa, and Turkey	ADD Orders
C-122-858	Certain Softwood Lumber Products From Canada	Postponement of Preliminary Determination in the CVD Investigation
A-533-869	Certain New Pneumatic Off-the-Road Tires From India	Affirmative Amended Final Determination of Sales at LTFV and Final Negative Determination of Critical Circumstances
A-570-863	Honey From China	Initiation of ADD New Shipper Review; 2015-2016
A-549-820	Prestressed Concrete Steel Wire Strand From Thailand	Preliminary Results of ADD Administrative Review; 2015
A-570-832	Pure Magnesium From China	Final Results of Expedited Fourth Sunset Review of the ADD Order
A-580-889	Diocetyl Terephthalate From S.Korea	Affirmative Preliminary Determination of Sales at LTFV, Negative Preliminary Determination of Critical Circumstances, and Postponement of Final Determination
A-570-033	Large Residential Washers From China	Amended Final Affirmative ADD Determination and ADD Order
A-570-890	Wooden Bedroom Furniture From China	Initiation and Preliminary Results of ADD Changed Circumstances Review
A-570-970 C-570-971	Multilayered Wood Flooring From China	Initiation and Preliminary Results of AD and CVD Changed Circumstances Reviews
A-475-835	Finished Carbon Steel Flanges From Italy	Preliminary Determination of Sales at LTFV and Postponement of Final Determination
C-570-043	Stainless Steel Sheet and Strip From China	CVD Investigation – Final Affirmative Determination, and Final Affirmative Critical Circumstances Determination, in Part
A-533-871	Finished Carbon Steel Flanges From India	Preliminary Determination of Sales at LTFV and Postponement of Final Determination
A-570-937	Citric Acid and Certain Citrate Salts From China	Preliminary Results of ADD Administrative Review, Preliminary Determination of No Shipments, and Preliminary Partial Rescission of ADD Administrative Review; 2015-2016
A-469-815	Finished Carbon Steel Flanges From Spain	Preliminary Determination of Sales at LTFV
A-570-042	Stainless Steel Sheet and Strip From China	ADD Investigation - Final Determination of Sales at LTFV and Final Affirmative Determination of Critical Circumstances
A-580-839 A-583-833	Certain Polyester Staple Fiber From S. Korea and Taiwan	Continuation of ADD Orders
A-570-970	Multilayered Wood Flooring From China	Correction to the Final Results of ADD Administrative Review, Rescission of Review, in Part
A-570-904	Certain Activated Carbon From China	Notice of Court Decision Not in Harmony With Final Results of Administrative Review and Notice of Amended Final Results


United States Department of Commerce, International Trade Administration (ITA)

Case №	Merchandise/Country	Action
A-570-890	Wooden Bedroom Furniture From China	Final Results ADD Administrative Review and Final Determination of No Shipments in Part; 2015
A-201-837	Certain Magnesite Carbon Bricks From Mexico	Rescission of Antidumping Duty Administrative Review; 2015-2016
A-570-836	Glycine From China	Continuation of ADD Order
A-570-929	Small Diameter Graphite Electrodes From China	Final Results of ADD Administrative Review and Final Determination of No Shipments; 2015-2016
A-570-010 C-570-011 A-583-853	Certain Crystalline Silicon Photovoltaic Products From China and Taiwan	Preliminary Results of Changed Circumstances Reviews, and Intent To Revoke ADD Orders and CVD Order in Part
A-489-501	Welded Carbon Steel Standard Pipe and Tube Products From Turkey	Amended Final Results of ADD Administrative Review; 2014-2015
A-201-838	Seamless Refined Copper Pipe and Tube From Mexico	Final Results of ADD Administrative Review and Final Determination of No Shipments; 2014-2015
A-560-826	Monosodium Glutamate From Indonesia	Final Results of ADD Administrative Review; 2014-2015
A-552-802	Certain Frozen Warmwater Shrimp From Vietnam	Final Results of ADD Administrative Review; 2015-2016
A-570-985	Xanthan Gum From China	Final Results of ADD Administrative Review, Final Determination of No Shipments, Final Partial Rescission; 2014-2015
A-570-985	Xanthan Gum From China	Final Results of ADD Administrative Review; 2013-2014
A-570-890	Wooden Bedroom Furniture From China	Continuation of ADD Order
A-351-849	Emulsion Styrene-Butadiene Rubber From Brazil	Preliminary Affirmative Determination of Sales at LTFV, Negative Determination of Critical Circumstances, Postponement of Final Determination, and Extension of Provisional Measures
A-201-848	Emulsion Styrene-Butadiene Rubber From Mexico	Preliminary Affirmative Determination of Sales at LTFV, Postponement of Final Determination, and Extension of Provisional Measures
A-455-805	Emulsion Styrene-Butadiene Rubber From Poland	Preliminary Affirmative Determination of Sales at LTFV, Postponement of Final Determination, and Extension of Provisional Measures
A-580-890	Emulsion Styrene-Butadiene Rubber From S. Korea	Preliminary Affirmative Determination of Sales at LTFV, Affirmative Determination of Critical Circumstances, in Part, Postponement of Final Determination, and Extension of Provisional Measures
A-475-818	Certain Pasta From Italy	Notice of Partial Rescission of ADD Administrative Review
A-201-830	Carbon and Certain Alloy Steel Wire Rod From Mexico	Notice of Partial Rescission of the ADD Administrative Review; 2015-2016


United States International Trade Commission (USITC)

Inv. №	Merchandise/Country	Action
731-TA-539-C	Uranium From Russia	(Fourth Review) Institution of a Five-Year Review
731-TA-718	Glycine From China	(Fourth Review) Determination that revocation of the ADD order would be likely to lead to continuation or recurrence of material injury to an industry in the United States within a reasonably foreseeable time
731-TA-1306	Large Residential Washers From China	(Final) Determination that an industry in the United States is materially injured by reason of imports that have been found by Commerce to be sold in the United States at LTFV
731-TA-825-826	Polyester Staple Fiber From Korea and Taiwan	(Third Review) Determinations that revocation of the ADD orders would be likely to lead to continuation or recurrence of material injury to an industry in the United States within a reason-



United States International Trade Commission (USITC)

Inv. №	Merchandise/Country	Action
		bly foreseeable time.
731-TA-696	Pure Magnesium From China	(Fourth review) Scheduling of an Expedited Five-Year Review
701-TA-560 731-TA-1320	Carbon and Alloy Steel Cut-to-Length Plate From China	(Final) Supplemental Schedule for the Subject Investigations
701-TA-476 731-TA-1179	Multilayered Wood Flooring From China	(Review) Notice of Commission Determination to Conduct Full Five-Year Reviews
731-TA-1058	Wooden Bedroom Furniture From China	(Second Review) Determination that revocation of the ADD order would be likely to lead to continuation or recurrence of material injury to an industry in the United States within a reasonably foreseeable time
701-TA-563 731-TA-1331-1333	Finished Carbon Steel Flanges From India, Italy and Spain	(Final) Scheduling of the Final Phase of CVD and ADD Investigations
701-TA-552-553 731-TA-1308	Certain New Pneumatic Off-the-Road Tires From India and Sri Lanka	(Final) Determinations that an industry in the US is materially injured by reason of imports that have been found by the Department of Commerce ("Commerce") to be sold in the United States at LTFV and subsidized by the government of India, and by reason of imports of certain new pneumatic off-the-road tires found by Commerce to be subsidized by the government of Sri Lanka



Canadian International Trade Tribunal (CITT)

Ref. Number	Merchandise/Country	Action
NQ-2016-004	<i>Dumping:</i> Certain fabricated industrial steel components originating in or exported from China, S. Korea, Spain; <i>Subsidizing:</i> subject goods originating in or exported from China.	Revised Notice of Commencement of Inquiry
LE-2016-002	<i>Dumping and subsidizing</i> of certain stainless steel sinks originating in or exported from China	Notice of Expiry of Finding [on May 24, 2017]
RD-2016-001	Certain Carbon Steel Fasteners originating in or exported from China and Chinese Taipei	Interim Review: Order and Statement of Reasons
NQ-2016-001	<i>Dumping:</i> Certain welded large diameter carbon and alloy steel line pipe, originating in or exported from China and Japan. <i>Subsidizing:</i> the above-mentioned goods originating in or exported from China	Corrigenda issued for Statement of reasons
PI-2016-004	<i>Dumping:</i> Certain silicon metal, originating in or exported from Brazil, Kazakhstan, Laos, Malaysia, Norway, the Russian Federation and Thailand. <i>Subsidizing:</i> the subject goods originating in or exported from Brazil, Kazakhstan, Malaysia, Norway and Thailand	Notice of Commencement of Preliminary Injury Inquiry
RD-2016-003	<i>Dumping:</i> Certain carbon steel fasteners originating in or exported from China and Chinese Taipei. <i>Subsidizing:</i> such products originating in or exported from China	Notice of Commencement of Interim Review
NQ-2016-003	Concrete reinforcing bar originating in or exported from Belarus, Chinese Taipei, the Hong Kong SAR, Japan, Portugal and Spain	Hearing scheduled for 04-03-17



Canada Border Services Agency (CBSA)

Ref. Number	Merchandise/Country	Action
FISC 2016 IN	<i>Dumping:</i> Certain Fabricated Industrial Steel Components originating in or exported from China, S. Korea, Spain, UAE and the UK. <i>Subsidizing:</i> Certain Fabricated Industrial Steel Components originating in or exported from China.	Preliminary Determinations - Statement of Reasons
TR 2017 RI	Certain Liquid Dielectric Transformers originating in or exported from S. Korea	Notice of Re-investigation



NAFTA Panels

Ref. Number	Merchandise/Country	Action
CDA-USA-2017-1904-01	Certain gypsum board originating in or exported from the United States of America	Request for Panel Review



Mexico - Ministry of Economy

Ref. №	Merchandise/Country	Action
EC 22/16	Graphite electrodes for electric arc furnaces originating in China and the United Kingdom	Resolution declaring the initiation of the review period of validity of the ADD – obtained from UK Carbon and Graphite, Co. Ltd and produced with graphite bars originating in China
Clarification	Ceramic Coatings for Walls and Floors from China, Regardless of Country of Export	Clarification of the Final Determination of the AD Investigation on Imports and Accepting Price Commitment, published on 24 October 2016.



European Union

Ref. Number	Merchandise/Country	Action
(EU) 2017/206	Certain polyethylene terephthalate originating in, or exported from, China	Commission Decision terminating an expiry review of the AD measures
2017/C 41/05	Steel ropes and cables originating in, or exported from, Ukraine and Moldova	Notice of the expiry of certain AD measures on 10-02-17
(EU) 2017/220	Certain stainless steel wires originating in India	Commission Implementing Regulation amending Council Implementing Regulation imposing a definitive ADD following a partial interim review
2017/C 48/11	Aluminium radiators originating in, or exported from, China	Notice of the impending expiry of certain anti-dumping measures on 10-11-2017
(EU) 2017/271	Certain aluminium foil originating in China	Commission Implementing Regulation extending the definitive ADD imposed by Council Regulation to imports of slightly modified certain aluminium foil
(EU) 2017/272	Certain seamless pipes and tubes of stainless steel originating in China	Commission Implementing Regulation initiating an investigation concerning the possible circumvention of AD measures imposed by Council Implementing Regulation (EU) No 1331/2011 by imports consigned from India, whether declared as originating in India or not, and making such imports subject to registration
(EU) 2017/322	Certain bicycle parts originating in China	Commission Implementing Decision concerning exemptions from the extended ADD
(EU) 2017/325	High tenacity yarns of polyesters origi-	Commission Implementing Regulation imposing a definitive ADD


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Ref. Number	Merchandise/Country	Action
	nating in China	following an expiry review
(EU) 2017/336	Certain heavy plate of non-alloy or other alloy steel originating in China	Commission Implementing Regulation imposing a definitive ADD and collecting definitively the provisional duty imposed


Australian Anti-Dumping Commission

Ref. №	Merchandise/Country	Action
2017/12	Aluminium Road Wheels From China	Extension of Time Granted to Issue the Statement of Essential Facts and Final Report
2017/13	Hollow Structural Sections From Thailand	Extension of Time Granted to Issue the Statement of Essential Facts and Final Report
2017/14	Aluminium Extrusions From Malaysia and Vietnam	Extension of Time Granted to Issue the Statement of Essential Facts and Final Report
2017/15	Grinding Balls From China	Initiation of an Exemption Inquiry
2017/16	Resealable Can Ends Closures From India	Termination of an Investigation
2017/18	Hollow Structural Sections From China, Korea, Malaysia and Taiwan	Extension of Time Granted to Issue the Statement of Essential Facts and Final Report
2017/19	Steel Shelving Units From China	Extension of Time Granted to Issue the Statement of Essential Facts and Final Report
2017/22	Power Transformers From Indonesia	Extension of Time Granted to Issue the Statement of Essential Facts and Final Report
2017/23	Various	Status Report as at 31 January 2017


China Ministry of Commerce (MOFCOM) or General Administration of Customs (GAC)

Ref. №	Merchandise/Country	Action
№ 4/2017	Ortho-chloro-para- nitroaniline originating in India	Institution of AD investigation
№ 5/2017	Ortho-chloro-para- nitroaniline originating in India	Institution of CV investigation
№ 11/2017	Methyl methacrylate originating in Singapore, Thailand and Japan	Interim review
GAC 7/2017	Vinylidene chloride monochloroethylene copolymer resin originating in Japan	Notice on the implementation of the provisional AD measures


Government of India Ministry of Finance (Department of Revenue)

Notification №	Merchandise/Country	Action
05/2017-Cus (ADD)	Hot rolled products of alloy or non-alloy steel originating in or exported from China PR, Japan, Korea RP, Russia, Brazil and Indonesia	Extends the levy of ADD for a further period of two months.
06/2017-Cus (ADD)	Cold rolled flat products of alloy or non-alloy steel originating in or exported from China PR, Japan, Korea RP and Ukraine	Extends the levy of ADD for a further period of two months
07/2017-Cus (ADD)	Certain seamless tubes, pipes and hollow profiles of iron, alloy or non-alloy steel (other than cast iron and stainless steel), whether hot finished or cold drawn or cold rolled originating in, or exported from China	Levies definitive ADD



Brazil Ministry of Development, Industry and Trade

Reference	Merchandise/Country	Action
SECEX Cir № 7	Citric acid, sodium citrate, potassium citrate, calcium citrate and mixtures thereof from China	Announcing the update of the price commitment to support Brazilian imports
SECEX Cir № 8	n-butanol tubes originating in the USA	Sets forth the deadlines that will serve as a yardstick for the remainder of the ADD review
SECEX Cir № 9	Panoramic dental, analog or digital X-ray apparatus from Germany	Closes, without the application of an AD measure, the investigation to investigate the existence of dumping
SECEX Cir № 10	Monocalcium phosphate monohydrate food grade - MCP originating in Argentina	Sets forth the deadlines that will serve as a parameter for the remainder of the review of the AD measure
SECEX Cir № 11	Tableware originating in Argentina, China and Indonesia	Initiates ADD assessment
CAMEX Res. № 3	Agricultural tires originating in China	Imposes a definitive ADD for a period of up to five (5) years
CAMEX Res. № 4	Acetic esters, originating in the USA and Mexico	Imposes a provisional ADD, for a period of up to six (6) months,
CAMEX Res. № 5	Tempered and rolled automotive glass originating in China	Imposes definitive ADD for a period of up to five (5) years
CAMEX Res. № 6	Frozen potatoes originating in Germany, Belgium, France and the Netherlands	Ratifies a price undertaking and imposes a definitive ADD for a period of up to five (5) years
CAMEX Res. № 7	Viscose fabrics originating in China	Extends the definitive ADD for a period of up to five (5) years
CAMEX Res. № 8	Titanium-plated plates originating in China	Extends the application of the definitive ADD for the same period of validity as the measure in force
CAMEX Res. № 9	Polyvinyl chloride (PVC) fabrics with textile reinforcement coated on both sides, originating in South Korea and China.	Modifies the corporate name of the South Korean company Ilshin Tarpaulin Co. set forth in CAMEX Resolution No. 51 of June 23, 2016.
CAMEX Res. № 10	Tempered and rolled automotive glass, originating in China	Dismisses the request for reconsideration pursuant to Camex Resolution 116 of 2016, which extended for three (3) months the period of application of the provisional ADD measure
CAMEX Res. № 11	n-butanol originating in South Africa and Russia	Dismisses the request for reconsideration pursuant to Camex Resolution 121 of 2016, which imposed a definitive ADD for a period of up to five (5) years.

Opportunity to Request Administrative Review

In a February 8, 2017 *Federal Register* [notice](#), the US Department of Commerce announced that it will receive requests to conduct administrative reviews of various antidumping (AD) and countervailing duty (CVD) orders and findings with January anniversary dates:

AD/CVD Proceedings - Country/ Merchandise	Case No.	Period
Antidumping Duty Proceedings		
Brazil: Frozen Warmwater Shrimp	A-351-838	2/1/16-1/31/17
Stainless Steel Bar	A-351-825	2/1/16-1/31/17
France: Uranium	A-427-818	2/1/16-1/31/17
India: Certain Preserved Mushrooms	A-533-813	2/1/16-1/31/17
Certain Cut-To-Length Carbon-Quality Steel Plate	A-533-817	2/1/16-1/31/17
Frozen Warmwater Shrimp	A-533-840	2/1/16-1/31/17
Stainless Steel Bar	A-533-810	2/1/16-1/31/17
Indonesia: Certain Preserved Mushrooms	A-560-802	2/1/16-1/31/17
Certain Cut-To-Length Carbon-Quality Steel Plate	A-560-805	2/1/16-1/31/17

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AD/CVD Proceedings - Country/ Merchandise	Case No.	Period
Italy: Stainless Steel Butt-Weld Pipe Fittings	A-475-828	2/1/16-1/31/17
Japan: Carbon Steel Butt-Weld Pipe Fittings	A-588-602	2/1/16-1/31/17
Stainless Steel Bar	A-588-833	2/1/16-1/31/17
Malaysia: Stainless Steel Butt-Weld Pipe Fittings	A-557-809	2/1/16-1/31/17
Mexico: Large Residential Washers	A-201-842	2/1/16-1/31/17
Philippines: Stainless Steel Butt-Weld Pipe Fittings	A-565-801	2/1/16-1/31/17
S. Korea: Large Residential Washers	A-580-868	2/1/16-1/31/17
Certain Cut-To-Length Carbon-Quality Steel Plate	A-580-836	2/1/16-1/31/17
SR of Vietnam: Frozen Warmwater Shrimp	A-552-802	2/1/16-1/31/17
Steel Wire Garment Hangers	A-552-812	2/1/16-1/31/17
Utility Scale Wind Towers	A-552-814	2/1/16-1/31/17
Taiwan: Crystalline Silicon Photovoltaic Products	A-583-853	2/1/16-1/31/17
Thailand: Frozen Warmwater Shrimp	A-549-822	2/1/16-1/31/17
PR of China: Certain Preserved Mushrooms	A-570-851	2/1/16-1/31/17
Crystalline Silicon Photovoltaic Products	A-570-010	2/1/16-1/31/17
Frozen Warmwater Shrimp	A-570-893	2/1/16-1/31/17
Heavy Forged Hand Tools, With or Without Handles	A-570-803	2/1/16-1/31/17
Small Diameter Graphics Electrodes	A-570-929	2/1/16-1/31/17
Uncovered Innerspring Units	A-570-928	2/1/16-1/31/17
Utility Scale Wind Towers	A-570-981	2/1/16-1/31/17
Countervailing Duty Proceedings		
India: Certain Cut-To-Length Carbon-Quality Steel Plate	C-533-818	1/1/16-12/31/16
Prestressed Concrete Steel Wire Strand	C-533-829	1/1/16-12/13/16
Indonesia: Certain Cut-To-Length Carbon-Quality Steel Plate	C-560-806	1/1/16-12/31/16
S. Korea: Large Residential Washers	C-580-869	1/1/16-12/31/16
Certain Cut-To-Length Carbon-Quality Steel Plate	C-580-837	1/1/16-12/31/16
SR of Vietnam: Steel Wire Garment Hangers	C-552-813	1/1/16-12/31/16
PR of China: Crystalline Silicon Photovoltaic Products	C-570-011	1/1/16-12/31/16
Utility Scale Wind Towers	C-570-982	1/1/16-12/31/16
Suspension Agreements		
None		

Requested Reviews

In a February 13, 2017 *Federal Register* [notice](#), the US Department of Commerce announced that it has received timely requests to conduct administrative reviews of various antidumping and countervailing duty orders and findings with December anniversary dates. See actual notices for companies requesting review:

AD/CVD Proceedings - Country/ Merchandise	Case No.	Period
Antidumping Duty Proceedings		
India: Carbazole Violet Pigment 23	A-533-838	12/1/15-11/30/16
Mexico: Seamless Refined Copper Pipe and Tube	A-201-838	11/1/15-10/31/16
S. Korea: Welded ASTM A-312 Stainless Steel Pipe	A-580-810	12/1/15-11/30/16
Welded Line Pipe	A-580-876	12/1/15-11/30/16
Taiwan: Steel Wire Garments Hangers	A-583-849	12/1/15-11/30/16
PR of China: Certain Cased Pencils	A-570-827	12/1/15-11/30/16
Crystalline Silicon Photovoltaic Cells, Whether or Not assembled into Modules	A-570-979	12/1/15-11/30/16
Fresh Garlic	A-570-831	11/1/15-10/31/16
Honey	A-570-863	12/1/15-11/30/16
Malleable Cast Iron Pipe Fittings	A-570-881	12/1/15-11/30/16
Multilayered Wood Flooring	A-570-970	12/1/15-11/30/16
Seamless Refined Copper Pipe and Tube	A-570-964	11/1/15-10/31/16
Turkey: Welded Line Pipe	A-489-822	5/22/15-11/30/16

AD/CVD Proceedings - Country/ Merchandise	Case No.	Period
Countervailing Duty Proceedings		
Canada: Supercalendered Paper	C-122-845	8/3/15-12/31/15
India: Carbazole Violet Pigment 23	C-533-839	1/1/15-12/31/15
PR of China: Multilayered Wood Flooring	C-570-971	1/1/15-12/31/15
Crystalline Silicon Photovoltaic Cells, Whether or Not assembled into Modules	C-570-980	1/1/15-12/31/15
Turkey: Welded Line Pipe	C-489-823	3/20/15-12/31/15
Suspension Agreements		
Mexico: Sugar	A-201-845	12/1/15-11/30/16
Mexico: Sugar	C-201-846	1/1/16-12/31/16

Initiation of Sunset Reviews

In a February 3, 2017, *Federal Register* [notice](#), the US Department of Commerce advised that it was automatically initiating a five-year (“Sunset”) review of the anti-dumping and countervailing duty orders listed below.

AD/CVD DOC Case No.	ITC Case No.	Country	Merchandise
A-821-802	731-A-539-C	Russia	Uranium (4 th Review) (Suspension Agreement)



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