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World Trade Organization (WTO)

Trade Policy Reviews: China, Israel

The seventh review of the trade policies and practices of China took place on 11 and 13 July 2018. The basis for the review was a [report by the WTO Secretariat](#) and a [report by the Government of China](#).

The fifth review of the trade policies and practices of Israel took place on 17 and 19 July 2018. The basis for the review was a [report by the WTO Secretariat](#) and a [report by the Government of Israel](#).

UK submits draft schedule to WTO outlining post-Brexit commitments

On 24 July 2018, the WTO [announced](#) that WTO members received the United Kingdom's draft schedule setting out its WTO market access commitments for goods once the UK leaves the European Union. Members will now have a three-month period to review the schedule that has been put forward for certification.

The United Kingdom considers this notification to constitute a rectification of its concessions under the WTO, on the grounds that the schedule replicates the concessions and commitments currently applicable to the UK as an EU member. Under this process, known as the "1980 Procedures for modification and rectification of Schedules", WTO members will have three months to review the schedule, which will be considered to be approved if there are no objections from other members.

More information on WTO goods schedules and the process for modification and rectification of schedules is available [here](#).

WTO Members raise concerns over US Section 232 investigation on automobiles and automotive parts

The WTO [announced](#) that Members expressed their concerns over possible measures by the United States regarding extra duties on the import of automobiles, including cars, SUVs, vans, light trucks and automotive parts, at the Council for Trade in Goods (CTG) held on 3 and 4 of July. Over 40 members — including the 28 European Union members — took the floor to warn of the "serious disruption" to world markets and the multilateral trading system that may arise as a result of these potential measures, particularly in light of the large proportion of global trade accounted for by these products. The announcement said:

The item was discussed at the request of Japan and the Russian Federation, which were of the view that such measures could trigger a spiral of counter-measures and result in serious disruption to the rules-based multilateral trading system. They recalled that the issue of US investigations under Section 232 provisions has been raised over the past year in several WTO bodies – the CTG and the Committee on Safeguards – only to see things change for the worse. Both Japan and Russia reserved their right to protect their legitimate rights and interests as provided for under WTO rules.

The European Union echoed these concerns and said that there can be no justification for measures to restrict imports of cars, car parts and light trucks on grounds of national security, as there is no apparent economic threat to a US industry which has steadily expanded domestic production over the last 10 years. Any trade restrictive measures in the sector will have a serious negative impact not only on the EU but on the global economy overall, the EU said.

China stressed that the measures at stake mostly involve products for civilian use and that, as such, they do not pose a threat to national security. According to Beijing,

these are simply protectionist measures that will significantly distort trade and global value chains and will bring serious challenges to the multilateral trading system. China said it stands ready to work with all WTO members to tackle this challenge and to take concrete action in order to safeguard the authority of the WTO and fight against unilateralism and protectionism.

Other members – Canada, Switzerland, Norway, Turkey, Costa Rica, Hong Kong China, Venezuela, Singapore, Brazil, Korea, Mexico, Qatar, Thailand and India – also raised concerns with the announced US investigation, which in their view will trigger a cycle of measures and counter-measures that will harm all members with negative effects on international trade.

On the impact of the existing US tariffs on steel and aluminium, some members pointed out that the additional tariffs in force since 23 March are already having negative effects on the supply chains, on producers and exporters, on the US downstream industry, and finally on US consumers. It was recognized that there is a serious problem of global overcapacity in the steel and aluminium sectors, but these members noted that import duties at the border will not solve it – it needs to be addressed through dialogue and negotiations in international fora such as the OECD.

In response, the United States said that the US Section 232 investigation on steel and aluminium is an issue that has been referred to the Dispute Settlement Body (DSB) and, therefore, should not belong to the CTG agenda. The US referred other members to the statements made on this issue in the Safeguards Committee, as well as the Dispute Settlement Body, for further information on the US position on this issue.

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
DS555	Morocco – Provisional Anti-Dumping Measures on School Exercise Books From Tunisia [Tunisia requests consultations on 05-07-18]	10-07-18
DS556	United States – Certain Measures on Steel And Aluminium Products [Request for Consultations on 09-07-18 by Switzerland]	12-07-18
DS557	Canada – Additional Duties on Certain Products From the United States [Request for Consultations by the United States on 16-07-18]	19-07-18
DS558	China – Additional Duties on Certain Products From the United States [Request for Consultations by the United States on 16-07-18]	
DS559	European Union - Additional Duties on Certain Products From the United States [Request for Consultations by the United States on 16-07-18]	
DS560	Mexico - Additional Duties on Certain Products From the United States [Request for Consultations by the United States on 16-07-18]	
DS561	Turkey - Additional Duties on Certain Products From the United States [Request for Consultations by the United States on 16-07-18]	

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
DS531	Canada — Measures Governing the Sale of Wine in Grocery Stores (second complaint) (Complainant: US)	DSB agreed to establish panel	20-07-18
DS536	United States — Anti-Dumping Measures on Fish	DSB agreed to	

DS No.	Case Name	Activity	Date
	Fillets from Viet Nam (Complainant: Vietnam)	establish panel	
DS493	Ukraine — Anti-Dumping Measures on Ammonium Nitrate (Complainant: Russian Federation)	Panel report circulated	
DS499	Russian Federation — Measures affecting the importation of railway equipment and parts thereof (Complainant: Ukraine)	Panel report circulated	30-07-18

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)

WCO publishes 2018 edition of SAFE Framework of Standards

On 26 July 2018, the WCO published the [2018 edition of the SAFE Framework of Standards](#), following its adoption by the Council - the Organization’s highest decision-making body - at the end of June 2018. The Framework provides baseline international standards to secure and facilitate global trade. It is updated every three years to ensure that it remains relevant and reflects new opportunities, challenges and associated solutions.

The 2018 version augments the objectives of the SAFE Framework with respect to strengthening cooperation between and among Customs administrations, for example through the exchange of information, mutual recognition of controls, mutual recognition of Authorized Economic Operators (AEOs), and mutual administrative assistance. In addition, it calls for enhanced Customs cooperation with government agencies entrusted with regulatory authority over certain goods (e.g., weapons, hazardous materials) and passengers, as well as with entities responsible for postal issues. The Framework now also includes a comprehensive list of AEO benefits with certain minimum assured benefits.

The updated SAFE Framework offers new opportunities for Customs, relevant government agencies and economic operators to work towards a common goal of enhancing supply chain security and efficiency, based on mutual trust and transparency.

Announcements and news releases [dd-mm-yy]

Date	Title
03-07-18	WCO supports Guatemala Customs in the implementation of Non-intrusive Inspection Technologies
	Strategic Trade Control Enforcement (STCE) workshop in Ghana
	The Republic of Armenia becomes the 70th Contracting Party to the WCO Istanbul Convention
	Ghana Revenue Authority inaugurates its Joint Customs Consultative Committee at the Port of Tema
	8th edition of the WCO Knowledge Academy opens its doors in Brussels
04-07-18	Singapore and Thailand sign an AEO-Mutual Recognition Arrangement
	Belgian Customs School awards diplomas to African Customs officers
06-07-18	WCO participates in French-speaking Customs Conference
	WCO-Japan Career Development Programme 2017/2018 Completion

Date	Title
09-07-18	WCO Leadership and Management Development (LMD) Workshop in Abuja (Gwagwalada), Nigeria
	HMRC and WCO launch two-year extension of the HMRC-WCO-UNCTAD TFA Implementation Programme at the 132nd Session of the WCO Council
	WCO supports Bosnia and Herzegovina Customs to develop its capacities in Post Clearance Audit
	WCO supports Vietnam on the correct implementation of the HS 2017 and AHTN 2017
10-07-18	WCO and OECD progress further in their cooperation on the Integrity agenda
	WCO publishes global standards on e-commerce
11-07-19	Development of new and updated materials related to origin including the Practical Guide to 2015 Nairobi Ministerial Decision
12-07-18	Successful WCO Leadership and Management Development Workshop in Bahamas
	WCO supports Bhutan on Advance Ruling System and improvement of tariff classification
13-07-18	National Workshop on Strategic Trade Control Enforcement (Pakistan, 25 - 29 June)
16-07-18	The WCO presented its study report on illicit financial flows
	WCO supports the ASEAN Member States to strengthen their IPR border enforcement
	India becomes Vice-Chair of WCO Council for the Asia Pacific Region
17-07-18	Niger launches change management and communication activities relating to the modernization of its Human Resource Management
18-07-18	WCO supports Papua New Guinea on Advance Ruling System and improvement of tariff classification
19-07-18	Nigeria sustains its commitment to facilitate the procedures for receiving international emergency relief consignments
	Asia/Pacific Region held a high-level dialogue on the implementation of the Cross-Border E-Commerce Framework of Standards
24-07-18	The WCO supports Malawi in implementing an Advance Ruling system and improving its tariff classification work
26-07-18	WCO publishes 2018 edition of SAFE Framework of Standards
27-07-18	The WCO supports Palestine in improving its tariff classification work and related infrastructure
	Pacific Alliance Members sign first plurilateral Mutual Recognition Arrangement

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
04-07-18	2018/066 Humphead wrasse (<i>Cheilinus undulatus</i>)
09-07-18	2018/067 Introduction from the sea
	• Annex: Questionnaire on Introduction from the sea
19-07-18	2018/068 Support for Elephant Trade Information System (ETIS)

The Americas - North America

CANADA

Global Affairs publishes notices on trade with UK post-Brexit

On July 28, 2018, Global Affairs Canada published a notice in the [Canada Gazette](#) regarding Canada's continued trade relationship with the United Kingdom post-Brexit. Excerpts from that notice follow:

Through this notice, the Government of Canada wishes to inform Canadians of the expected change to the scope of application of the Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement (hereinafter referred to as "CETA") between Canada and the European Union, resulting from the United Kingdom's withdrawal from the European Union, as well as of Canada's continued engagement with the United Kingdom on trade issues.

At the time of the United Kingdom's departure from the European Union, the United Kingdom will cease to be considered a party to the European Union treaties and, thus, will lose those treaties' benefits and obligations. This withdrawal will affect all treaties between Canada and the European Union, including CETA, which has been provisionally applied since September 21, 2017.

International trade is a key driver of economic growth, contributing to a prosperous middle class. The Government of Canada is committed to maintaining predictable and stable trade relations with the United Kingdom following its withdrawal from the European Union. Since countries' future trade relations with the United Kingdom will be affected by the outcome of the ongoing negotiations between the United Kingdom and the European Union, Canada is closely following those negotiations and is hopeful that the parties will reach an agreement soon.

One of the possible outcomes of the terms of the United Kingdom's withdrawal from the European Union includes the possibility for a time-limited transition period following Brexit during which the United Kingdom would, in some aspects, continue to be treated like a Member State of the European Union. Depending on the details and other outcomes of such a transition period, Canada would consent to the United Kingdom remaining party to CETA and all other Canada-European Union agreements.

Should the European Union and the United Kingdom not reach an agreement on their future relationship in time for Brexit, the Government of Canada is discussing a transitional agreement with the United Kingdom that will allow a seamless transition of CETA, while respecting the United Kingdom's lack of jurisdiction to negotiate free trade agreements while it is a Member State of the European Union. Post-Brexit, once the United Kingdom has the legal competence to negotiate trade agreements, Canada will work with the United Kingdom to ensure we take full advantage of our particular bilateral trade relationship.

The Government of Canada will continue to inform Canadians as it continues to actively engage the European Union and the United Kingdom in an effort to minimize disruptions from Brexit for Canadians.

Government of Canada process for requesting remission of surtaxes on certain US origin goods

On July 11, 2018, the Government of Canada published [guidelines on the process to make requests for remission from the surtaxes](#) on certain U.S. origin goods that came into effect on July 1, 2018. We wrote about the actions leading up to the Government of Canada's decision to impose a surtax, and the final list of products subject to the surtax, in our earlier Client Alerts dated [June 1](#) and [July 3](#).

Only companies registered in Canada are eligible to make remission requests. We are seeking clarification on what the Government means by “registered”; however, we expect that it means that the company has been issued a federal Business Number. Further, the guidelines stipulate that the Government of Canada will only consider requests for remission in “exceptional and compelling circumstances” where the public policy impact outweighs the primary rationale behind the imposition of the surtax. Specifically, remission requests will only be considered in the following circumstances:

1. To address situations of short supply in the domestic market, either on a national or regional basis.
2. Where there are contractual requirements, existing prior to May 31, 2018, for Canadian businesses to use U.S. steel or aluminum in their products or projects.
3. To address, on a case-by-case basis, other exceptional circumstances that could have severe adverse impacts on the Canadian economy.

Note that in addition to meeting the threshold set out above, the Government is requesting a significant amount of information to be provided in support of a remission request, including: evidence of inability to source the imported goods from a Canadian or non-US supplier; detailed cost information; unit selling prices and information on the impact of the surtaxes on cost and price; and consent to share non-confidential information with domestic producers to validate short supply submissions.

Remission requests will be reviewed by an inter-departmental committee that will make recommendations to the Minister of Finance. Any remissions granted will not take effect until an Order in Council is approved by the Governor in Council.

For additional information, please contact the authors, [Paul Burns](#), [Brian Cacic](#) and [Erica Lindberg](#).

Canadian countermeasures against US origin imports in effect from 1 July 2018

On July 1, 2018, Canada began imposing a surtax of either 10% or 25% against certain steel, aluminum, and other products from the United States. We wrote about the actions leading up to the Government of Canada’s decision to impose countermeasures, and the proposed list of products subject to the surtax, in an earlier [Client Alert dated June 1](#) and in the July International Trade Compliance Update.

Following a public comment period, the [final list of tariff items](#) subject to the surtax was published by the Government of Canada on June 29. Companies should confirm whether any of their products are subject to the surtax by reviewing the tariff classification of products imported into Canada against the final list.

The Canada Border Services Agency has also published a [Customs Notice \(CN 18-08\)](#) regarding the imposition of the surtax. The Customs Notice confirms that the surtaxes will only apply to goods that originate in the U.S., which are considered to be those goods eligible to be marked as goods of the U.S. in accordance with the *Determination of Country of Origin for the Purposes of Marking Goods (NAFTA Countries) Regulations*. Surtaxes will apply to both commercial and personal importations of goods. The Customs Notice contains directions on the calculation of surtax when accounting for imported goods.

Importantly, the Customs Notice also confirms that Canada's duty relief and duty drawback programs will continue to be available to importers that meet the requirements of the programs. Importers who are affected by the surtax should consider whether duty relief or duty drawback is available in the circumstances.

For additional information, please contact the authors, [Paul D. Burns](#), [Brian Cacic](#) and [Erica Lindberg](#).

On July 11, 2018, the *Canada Gazette* published the [United States Surtax Order \(Steel and Aluminum\) \(SOR/2018/152, June 28, 2018\)](#) and the [United States Surtax Order \(Other Goods\) \(SOR/2018-153, June 28, 2018\)](#). The objective of these countermeasures is to encourage a prompt end to US tariffs on Canadian steel and aluminum exports to the US, which significantly impact Canada's steel and aluminum industries and threaten to undermine the integrity of the global trading system.

Any applicable surtaxes will be calculated on the basis of the value for duty of the imported goods, as determined in accordance with sections 47 to 55 of the Customs Act. These surtaxes will apply in addition to any applicable customs duty imposed under the *Customs Tariff*. These countermeasures will only apply to goods originating from the US, which shall be considered as those goods eligible to be marked as a good of the US in accordance with the *Determination of Country of Origin for the Purposes of Marking Goods (NAFTA Countries) Regulations*.

These countermeasures take effect on July 1, 2018, and will remain in place until the US eliminates its trade restrictive measures against Canada. They will not apply to US goods that are in transit to Canada on the day on which these countermeasures come into force.

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
07-11-18	AGRICULTURE AND AGRI-FOOD: Order Amending the Quebec Maple Syrup Producers' Levy (Interprovincial and Export Trade) Order (SOR/2018-125, June 21, 2018) pursuant to the Quebec Maple Sap and Maple Syrup Order (O)
	ENVIRONMENT AND CLIMATE CHANGE / HEALTH: Order Adding a Toxic Substance to Schedule 1 to the Canadian Environmental Protection Act, 1999 (SOR/2018-129, June 22, 2018). (O)
	ENVIRONMENT AND CLIMATE CHANGE / HEALTH: Order Adding a Toxic Substance to Schedule 1 to the Canadian Environmental Protection Act, 1999 (SOR/2018-130, June 22, 2018). (O)
	HEALTH: Regulations Amending the Food and Drug Regulations and the Natural Health Products Regulations (Vaping Products) (SOR/2018-132, June 22, 2018) pursuant to the Food and Drugs Act (R)
	HEALTH: Regulations Excluding Certain Vaping Products Regulated Under the Food and Drugs Act from the Application of the Tobacco and Vaping Products Act (SOR/2018-133, June 22, 2018) pursuant to the Tobacco and Vaping Products Act (R)
	HEALTH: Regulations Amending the Toys Regulations (Magnetic Toys) (SOR/2018-138, June 25, 2018) pursuant to the Canada Consumer Product Safety Act (R)
	INNOVATION, SCIENCE AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: Regulations Amending the

Publication Date	Title
	Use of Patented Products for International Humanitarian Purposes Regulations (Miscellaneous Program) (SOR/2018-141, June 25, 2018) pursuant to the Patent Act (R)
	TRANSPORT: Regulations Amending the Motor Vehicle Safety Regulations (Bus Seat Belts and Other Amendments) (SOR/2018-143-2, June 25, 2018) pursuant to the Motor Vehicle Safety Act (R)
	HEALTH: Cannabis Regulations (SOR/2018-144, June 27, 2018) pursuant to the Food and Drugs Act, the Controlled Drugs and Substances Act, and the Cannabis Act (R)
	HEALTH: Industrial Hemp Regulations (SOR/2018-145, June 27, 2018) pursuant to the Cannabis Act (R)
	HEALTH: Regulations Amending and Repealing Certain Regulations Made Under the Controlled Drugs and Substances Act (SOR/2018-147, June 27, 2018) (R)
	JUSTICE: Cannabis Act (Police Enforcement) Regulations (SOR/2018-151, June 27, 2018) (R)
	FINANCE/GLOBAL AFFAIRS: United States Surtax Order (Steel and Aluminum) (SOR/2018/152, June 28, 2018) pursuant to the Customs Tariff (O)
	FINANCE/GLOBAL AFFAIRS: United States Surtax Order (Other Goods) (SOR/2018-153, June 28, 2018) pursuant to the Customs Tariff (O)
07-28-18	ENVIRONMENT: Notice of intent to amend the Domestic Substances List under subsection 87(3) of the Canadian Environmental Protection Act, 1999 to indicate that subsection 81(3) of that Act applies to the substance acetamide, N-(4-ethoxyphenyl)-, also known as phenacetin (N)
	ENVIRONMENT/HEALTH: Publication after screening assessment of a substance — acetamide, N-(4-ethoxyphenyl)- (phenacetin), CAS41 RN 62-44-2 — specified on the Domestic Substances List (subsection 77(6) of the Canadian Environmental Protection Act, 1999) (N)
	GLOBAL AFFAIRS: Canada's continued trade relationship with the United Kingdom post-Brexit

Restrictive measures

The following documents imposing restrictive measures on imports or exports were published in the [Canada Gazette](#) or posted on a Government website.

Publication Date	Title
07-11-18	GLOBAL AFFAIRS: Regulations Amending the Special Economic Measures (Burma) Regulations (SOR/2018-135, June 25, 2018) pursuant to the Special Economic Measures Act (R)

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](#).

There were no advance rulings posted by the CBSA during the period of coverage for this update.

D-Memoranda and CNs revised or cancelled

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

Date	Reference	Title
07-05-18	CN 18-09	Time Frames for the Release of Commercial Goods
07-11-18	CN 18-08	(Revised) Surtaxes Imposed on Certain Products Originating in the United States
07-30-18	CN 18-10	Highway Sufferance Warehouse Closure (Edmundston, New Brunswick)
07-31-18	CN 18-11	Grace Period for Late Accounting Penalty (LAP) related to surtax

Antidumping and countervailing duty cases

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

MEXICO

Government procurement thresholds pursuant to FTAs published

On July 4, 2018, the Secretariat of the Public Function published in the *Diario Oficial* an [Office Circular](#) (No. UNCP/309/TU/240/2018) setting forth two tables. The first table lists the trade agreements and where the listing of agencies covered may be found in that agreement. The second table shows the threshold amounts (in national currency) for the second six months of 2018 for government purchases by agencies and administrative bodies that are subject to the terms of various free trade agreements.

LOCATION OF UNITS AND ENTITIES SUBJECT TO THE COVERAGE OF GOVERNMENT PROCUREMENT CHAPTERS OR TITLES OF FREE TRADE AGREEMENTS		
Annex	Number of the Chapter or Title	Name of the FTA
Annexes 1001.1a-1 and 1001.1a- 2 to Article 1001	Chapter X	North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA)
Sections 1 and 2 of Part A of Annex I to Article 01.06	Chapter VI	Free Trade Agreement between the United Mexican States and the State of Israel (Mexico - Israel FTA)
Sections 1 and 2 of Part A of Annex XII Article 56	Chapter V	Free Trade Agreement between the United Mexican States and the States of the European Free Trade Association (Mexico EFTA FTA)
Sections 1 and 2 of Part A of Annex VI to Article 25 of Decision No. 2/2000 of the Joint Council EC-Mexico	Title III	Economic Partnership, Political Coordination and Cooperation Agreement between the United Mexican States and the European Community and its Member States, and specifically the Decision 2/2000 of the EC-Mexico. (EC FTA)
Sections 1 and 2 of Part B of Annex 11 to Article 119	Chapter 11	Agreement to Strengthen Economic Partnership between the United Mexican States and Japan (Mexico- Japan FTA)
Annex 15bis-01, Section B List Mexico	Chapter 15 bis	Free Trade Agreement between the United Mexican States and the Republic of Chile (Mexico Chile FTA)
Annex 8.2, Section H, called Thresholds, last paragraph	Chapter 8	Additional Protocol to the Pacific Alliance (Pacific Alliance)

FEDERAL AGENCIES LISTED IN THE CHAPTERS TITLES OR GOVERNMENT PROCUREMENT	
TYPE OF CONTRACT	NATIONAL CURRENCY THRESHOLD AMOUNT BY FTA
	NAFTA, Mexico - Israel FTA, Mexico – EFTA FTA, EC FTA, Mexico - Japan FTA, Mexico-Chile FTA, Pacific Alliance
Procurement contracts, leases of personal property and services, including those related to public works	\$ 1,595,594 (One million, five hundred ninety five thousand, five hundred ninety four pesos 00/100 M.N.)
Public works contracts	\$ 207,427,285.00 (Two hundred and seven million, four hundred twenty-seven thousand, two hundred and eighty-five pesos 00/100 MN)
PARASTATAL ENTITIES OF THE FEDERAL PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION LISTED IN THE CHAPTERS OR TITLES GOVERNMENT PROCUREMENT	
TYPE OF CONTRACT	NATIONAL CURRENCY THRESHOLD AMOUNT BY TREATY
	NAFTA, Mexico - Israel FTA, Mexico - EFTA FTA, EC FTA, Mexico - Japan FTA, Mexico - Chile FTA, Pacific Alliance
Procurement contracts, leases of personal property and services, including those related to public works	\$ 7,977,948.00 (Seven million, nine hundred and seventy-seven thousand, nine hundred forty-eight pesos 00/100 MN)
Public works contracts	\$ 255,307,032.00 (Two hundred fifty-five million, three hundred seven thousand, thirty-two pesos 00/100 MN)

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
07-04-18	PUBLIC FUNCTION SECRETARY: Circular whereby the dependencies and their decentralized administrative bodies are made known to the entities of the Parastatal Public Administration, as well as to the Attorney General's Office, subject to the coverage of the Free Trade Agreements indicated, the conversion to national currency for the second semester of the year 2018, effective from July 1 to December 31, 2018, according to the respective purchasing chapters
07-12-18	ECONOMY: Acuerdo that modifies the Acuerdo by which the Ministry of Economy issues rules and criteria of a general nature in matters of Foreign Trade
07-13-18	AGRICULTURE, ETC.: Acuerdo by which the list of prohibited substances or products for use or consumption in animals destined to supply is disclosed ECONOMY: Notice by which the names of the holders and numbers of the Manufacturing, Maquiladora and Export Services Programs are released
07-16-18	ECONOMY: Notice announcing the entry into force between the United Mexican States and the Republics of Chile, Colombia and Peru of Decision No. 4 of the Free Trade Commission of the Additional Protocol to the Framework Agreement of the Pacific Alliance, adopted on June 28, 2017.
07-17-18	ENERGY: Official Mexican Standard NOM-023-ENER-2018, Energy efficiency in split type air conditioners, free discharge and without air ducts. Boundaries, testing and labeling methods
07-24-18	Decree Promulgating the Agreement between the Government of the United Mexican States and the Swiss Federal Council on the Importation and Return of Cultural Property, signed in Mexico City on August 22, 2017.
07-27-18	Decree Promulgating the Agreement between the Government of the United Mexican States and the Government of Japan on Mutual Assistance and Cooperation in Customs Matters, made in Mexico City, on August 10, 2017 Decree Promulgating the Agreement of Cooperation between the United Mexican States and the Portuguese Republic in the matter of Demand Reduction

Publication Date	Title
	and Fight against the Illicit Traffic of Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances, signed in Mexico City on the 17th of October 2013
07-31-18	ECONOMY: Acuerdo by which Decision 94 of the Administrative Commission of the Free Trade Agreement between the United Mexican States and the Republic of Colombia, adopted on July 6, 2018, is made public

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. 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
07-16-18	Executive Order 13844 of July 11, 2018 - Establishment of the Task Force on Market Integrity and Consumer Fraud
07-18-18	Proclamation 9768 of July 13, 2018 - Made in America Day and Made in America Week, 2018
07-23-18	Notice of July 20, 2018 Continuation of the National Emergency With Respect to Transnational Criminal Organizations
07-24-18	Executive Order 13845 of July 19, 2018 Establishing the President's National Council for the American Worker
07-30-18	Notice of July 27, 2018 Continuation of the National Emergency with Respect to Lebanon

President Trump meets with European Commission President to ease the 'trade war'

On July 25, 2018, President Trump met with European Commission President Jean-Claude Juncker in an effort to ease the trade war. The White House released [their joint press statements](#) which summarized the outcome. The two sides agreed to:

- work together toward zero tariffs, zero non-tariff barriers, and zero subsidies on non-auto industrial goods;
- work to reduce barriers and increase trade in services, chemicals, pharmaceuticals, medical products, as well as soybeans. The EU will increase purchases of soy beans;
- strengthening of our strategic cooperation with respect to energy. The European Union wants to import more liquefied natural gas — LNG — from the United States and will build more LNG terminals;
- launch a close dialogue on standards, in order to ease trade, reduce bureaucratic obstacles, and slash costs dramatically;

- work closely together with like-minded partners to reform the WTO and to address unfair trading practices, including intellectual property theft, forced technology transfer, industrial subsidies, distortions created by state-owned enterprises, and overcapacity;
- set up immediately an Executive Working Group to identify short-term measures to facilitate commercial exchanges and assess existing tariff measures and what can be done about that to the betterment of both;
- resolve the steel and aluminum tariff issues, and we will resolve retaliatory tariffs; and
- hold off on further tariffs unless one party stops the negotiations.

President continues national emergencies with respect to Transnational Criminals, Lebanon

On the dates indicated below, the *Federal Register* published one year extensions of the national emergencies with respect to the countries listed because the situations in and in relation to the countries or groups indicated continue to pose an unusual and extraordinary threat to the national security and foreign policy of the United States:

- July 23, 2018. Presidential [Notice of July 20, 2018 - Continuation of the National Emergency With Respect to Transnational Criminal Organizations](#) continues the national emergency originally declared on July 24, 2011, by Executive Order (EO) 13581 to deal with the unusual and extraordinary threat to the national security, foreign policy, and economy of the United States constituted by the activities of significant transnational criminal organizations.

The activities of significant transnational criminal organizations have reached such scope and gravity that they threaten the stability of international political and economic systems. Such organizations are increasingly sophisticated and dangerous to the United States; they are increasingly entrenched in the operations of foreign governments and the international financial system, thereby weakening democratic institutions, degrading the rule of law, and undermining economic markets. These organizations facilitate and aggravate violent civil conflicts and increasingly facilitate the activities of other dangerous persons.

The national emergency is being extended for one year because activities of significant transnational criminal organizations continue to pose an unusual and extraordinary threat to the national security, foreign policy, and economy of the United States.

- July 31, 2018. Presidential [Notice of July 27, 2018 - Continuation of the National Emergency with Respect to Lebanon](#) continues the national emergency originally declared on August 1, 2007, by Executive Order 13441 to with the unusual and extraordinary threat to the national security and foreign policy of the United States constituted by the actions of certain persons to undermine Lebanon's legitimate and democratically elected government or democratic institutions; to contribute to the deliberate breakdown in the rule of law in Lebanon, including through politically motivated violence and intimidation; to reassert Syrian control or contribute to Syrian interference in Lebanon; or to infringe upon or undermine Lebanese sovereignty. Such actions contribute to political and economic instability in that country and the region.

The national emergency is being extended for one year because certain ongoing activities, such as Iran's continuing arms transfers to Hizballah -- which include increasingly sophisticated weapons systems -- serve to undermine Lebanese sovereignty, contribute to political and economic instability in the region, and continue to constitute an unusual and ex-

traordinary threat to the national security and foreign policy of the United States.

Senate passes Miscellaneous Tariff Bill – must go back to the House

On July 26, 2018, the US Senate unanimously passed the [Miscellaneous Tariff Bill Act of 2018](#) (MTB; H.R. 4318) with amendments. The MTB provides duty suspensions and reductions that will remain in place until December 31, 2020. The MTB must now go back to the US House of Representatives, which had passed a similar, but not identical, version of the MTB on Jan. 16, 2018 by a vote of 402-0. According to *International Trade Today*, the Senate [removed](#) propargyl butylcarbamate, the pesticide esfenvalerate, rotary cutting hand tools, electric cargo vehicles and bodies for electric vehicles, collapsible insulated bags and full-tang knives from the MTB. If passed by the House and signed by the President, it will take effect in 30 days. The MTB also extended customs user fees through October 13, 2027. It should be noted that the MTB only affects the Column 1 rates of duty. It will not change or otherwise impact Section 232 or Section 301 duties and those will still apply.

House Ways and Means Chairman seeks improvements to 232 exclusion process

On July 24, 2018, at a hearing on the exclusion process for section 232 tariffs, Ways and Means Subcommittee on Trade Chairman Reichert said in [opening remarks](#), that improvements were needed in the exclusion process. Reichert said in part:

Four months have passed since the steel and aluminum tariffs were imposed, and less than 700 out of the 27,000 requests have resulted in determinations by the Commerce Department, with only 266 accepted and 421 denied. The problem is not lack of resources. The fact is that the process is burdensome, unwieldy, and inefficient.

There are a variety of improvements that Commerce can and should make immediately so that the exclusion process works. I will highlight just a few, and I look forward to hearing more from our witnesses.

One common-sense solution would be to streamline the process both at the beginning and the end. Allowing trade associations to apply would prevent duplicative applications and save time and money for both the U.S. company that needs the exclusion and the Commerce Department that must review all requests. For the same reason, at the end of the process, when an exclusion is granted, it should be available to any U.S. company.

Both of these streamlining suggestions would particularly benefit small businesses and manufacturers that are at a disadvantage by having fewer resources to fill out these complicated exclusion forms and hire outside lawyers. We don't want a situation in which larger companies with more resources can use the product exclusion process to gain an advantage over smaller firms.

In addition, Commerce has not provided these companies whose petitions have been denied an opportunity to refute objections or appeal the decision even if an objection contains clearly incorrect information. Commerce should institute a brief but fair rebuttal process for these American businesses to ensure a robust record on which we can rely and not pick winners and losers arbitrarily. And if there are no objections, the petition should be automatically granted.

Moreover, Commerce should also allow our companies to use the product exclusion process for products coming from countries facing hard quotas like Argentina, Brazil, and South Korea.

These are only a few of the changes that can and should be made to make the exclusion process more fair and efficient. The last thing we need is an unnecessarily cumbersome process that acts as a new bureaucracy.

US Senate passes non-binding rebuke of President's section 232 tariffs

On July 11, 2018, the US Senate passed a non-binding resolution 88-11 to give Congress a role in administering any tariffs imposed under section 232 of the *Trade Expansion Act of 1962*, the law used by President Trump to impose 25% tariffs on steel and 10% tariffs on aluminum, deeming those imports a threat to national security. The non-binding vote encourages lawmakers currently conferring an energy and water spending bill to consider creating a role for Congress in the Section 232 process. The 88 yeas were bi-partisan, but the 11 nays were all from Republican Senators.

President's Trade Promotion Authority (TPA) has been extended

Under the terms of section 103(c) of the [Bipartisan Congressional Trade Priorities and Accountability Act of 2015](#), Pub. L. 114-26, since the President requested an extension of trade promotion authority ("fast track") prior to April 1, 2018 and neither House of Congress adopted an extension disapproval resolution before July 1, 2018, the President's trade promotion authority was extended to July 1, 2021. Trade promotion authority permits the President to negotiate trade agreements and then present them to Congress, which cannot amend the agreement but can vote them up or down. USTR issued a [press release](#) on the subject.

Commerce posts FAQ's on 232 product exclusions (steel and aluminum)

The Commerce Department's Bureau of Industry and Security (BIS) has created a website entitled, [Frequently Asked Questions Product Exclusions for Section 232 Steel and Aluminum Tariffs](#). The FAQs discuss the basis for exclusions, the process involved, notifications, retroactive refunds, resubmissions, period of validity, transfers to other organizations, revocations, contacts, and notification to CBP.

Commerce initiates a sec. 232 investigation into uranium imports

On July 18, 2018, Secretary of Commerce Wilbur Ross [announced](#) that he has launched an investigation under sec. 232 of the *Trade Expansion Act of 1962*, as amended, into whether the present quantity and circumstances of uranium ore and product imports into the United States threaten to impair national security. The investigation will canvass the entire uranium sector from the mining industry through enrichment, defense, and industrial consumption.

According to the announcement, the decision to launch the investigation follows a petition filed on January 17, 2018 by two US uranium mining companies, and comes after consultation with industry stakeholders, members of Congress, the Department of Defense, Department of Energy, and other administration partners. Secretary Ross sent a [letter](#) on July 18 to Secretary of Defense Mattis, informing him of the initiation of the investigation.

According to the announcement, the key considerations prompting the investigation were:

- Uranium powers 99 US commercial nuclear reactors that produce 20 percent of the electricity for the US electric grid, a key element to US critical infrastructure.
- Uranium is a required component of our nuclear arsenal and is used to power the Navy's nuclear fleet of submarines and aircraft carriers.
- US uranium production had been 49 percent of US requirements in 1987. Today, US uranium production has dropped to only five percent of US requirements.
- Three US companies with mining operations have been idled in recent years.
- Two US petitioners, accounting for over half of all uranium mined in the US, have laid off over half their workforce over the last two years and operate at roughly nine percent and 13 percent of capacity respectively.
- Shuttered mines would take years to reopen under current environmental permitting regulations.

On July 25, 2018, the Bureau of Industry and Security (BIS) published a [Federal Register notice and request for comments](#) on the investigation. Interested parties are invited to submit written comments, data, analyses, or other information pertinent to the investigation to BIS. This notice identifies issues on which the Department is especially interested in obtaining the public's views. This investigation is being undertaken in accordance with part 705 of the National Security Industrial Base Regulations (15 C.F.R. parts 700 to 709) ("NSIBR").

Comments may be submitted at any time but must be received by September 10, 2018.

Commerce changes date of sec. 232 auto investigation hearing

On July 16, 2018, the US Department of Commerce published in the *Federal Register* a [document changing the date of the public hearing](#) on the section 232 national security investigation of imports of automobiles, including cars, SUVs, vans and light trucks, and automotive parts. Commerce is cancelling one of the days of the two-day public hearing associated with the notice of request for public comments and public hearing that appeared in the *Federal Register* on May 30, 2018. In the notice, Commerce encouraged interested public participants to participate in a hearing for the investigation to assist Commerce in determining whether imports of automobiles, including cars, SUVs, vans and light trucks, and automotive parts threaten to impair the national security and in recommending remedies if such a threat is found to exist. The hearing was originally scheduled for July 19 and 20. Only 45 requests to testify were received. Because these requests can all be accommodated on a single day, the second day of the hearing originally scheduled for July 20 is cancelled. The hearing will be held on July 19 only. The hearing will begin at 8:30 am and will end at 5:30 pm. The location of the hearing remains Department of Commerce, 1401 Constitution Avenue NW, Washington DC, 20230. Detail on how to attend may be found in the *Federal Register* [notice](#).

US initiates dispute complaints against five members over duties on US products

The United States has requested WTO dispute consultations with Canada, China, the European Union, Mexico and Turkey regarding additional duties imposed by the five WTO members on imports of certain US products. The request was circulated to WTO members on 19 July. The duties were imposed in response to the additional duties imposed by the United States on steel and aluminium products. The United States claims the actions by the five WTO members are inconsistent with provisions of the WTO's General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade

(GATT) 1994. Further information is available in WTO documents [WT/DS557/1](#), [WT/DS558/1](#), [WT/DS559/1](#), [WT/DS560/1](#) and [WT/DS561/1](#).

USTR sets FY 2019 TRQs for raw cane sugar, refined and specialty sugar and sugar-containing products

On July 18, 2018, the US Trade Representative (USTR) published in the *Federal Register* a [notice of country-by-country allocations](#) of the Fiscal Year 2019 (Oct. 1, 2018 through Sept. 30, 2019) in-quota quantity of the tariff-rate quotas for imported raw cane sugar.

On June 29, 2018, the Secretary of Agriculture (Secretary) announced the sugar program provisions for Fiscal Year 2019. The Secretary announced an in-quota quantity of the TRQ for raw cane sugar for Fiscal Year 2019 of 1,117,195 metric tons (conversion factor: 1 metric ton = 1.10231125 short tons) raw value (MTRV), which is the minimum amount to which the United States is committed under the *World Trade Organization (WTO) Uruguay Round Agreements*. USTR is allocating this quantity (1,117,195 MTRV) to the following countries in the amounts specified below:

Country	FY 2019 Raw Cane Sugar Allocations (MTRV)	Country	FY 2019 Raw Cane Sugar Allocations (MTRV)
Argentina	45,281	Jamaica	11,584
Australia	87,402	Madagascar	7,258
Barbados	7,371	Malawi	10,530
Belize	11,584	Mauritius	12,636
Bolivia	8,424	Mexico	7,258
Brazil	152,691	Mozambique	13,690
Colombia	25,273	Nicaragua	22,114
Congo	7,258	Panama	30,538
Costa Rica	15,796	Papua New Guinea	7,258
Cote d'Ivoire	7,258	Paraguay	7,258
Dominican Republic	185,335	Peru	43,175
Ecuador	11,584	Philippines	142,160
El Salvador	27,379	South Africa	24,220
Fiji	9,477	St. Kitts & Nevis	7,258
Gabon	7,258	Swaziland	16,849
Guatemala	50,546	Taiwan	12,636
Guyana	12,636	Thailand	14,743
Haiti	7,258	Trinidad & Tobago	7,371
Honduras	10,530	Uruguay	7,258
India	8,424	Zimbabwe	12,636

The allocations of the in-quota quantities of the raw cane sugar TRQ to countries that are net importers of sugar are conditioned on receipt of the appropriate verifications of 4 origin, and certificates for quota eligibility must accompany imports from any country for which an allocation has been provided. Raw cane sugar for Fiscal Year 2019 TRQs may enter the United States as of October 1, 2018.

US seeks input on imposing additional 10% duty on another \$200 billion worth of Chinese imports

On July 17, 2018, the US Trade Representative (USTR) published in the *Federal Register* a [request for comments and notice of public hearing](#) [USTR-2018-0026] concerning additional duties on certain Chinese products as a result of the section 301 investigation that was initiated in August 2017 into certain acts, policies, and practices of the Government of China related to technology transfer, intellectual property, and innovation. The notice states that the US is considering imposing an additional 10% duty on \$200 billion worth of Chinese imports. Before do-

ing so, the USTR will accept public comments and testimony at a hearing. The notice includes the schedule (see below), as well as the list of the 6,031 tariff subheadings covered by the \$200 billion. In coming up with the list of covered HTS provisions, the notice provides as follows:

“In developing the list of tariff subheadings included in this proposed supplemental action, trade analysts considered products from across all sectors of the Chinese economy. The tariff subheadings considered by the analysts included subheadings that commenters suggested for inclusion in response to the April 6 notice. The selection process took account of likely impacts on U.S. consumers, and involved the removal of subheadings identified by analysts as likely to cause disruptions to the U.S. economy, as well as tariff lines subject to legal or administrative constraints.”

To be assured of consideration, comments and responses must be submitted in accordance with the following schedule:

- July 27, 2018: Due date for filing requests to appear and a summary of expected testimony at the public hearing, and for filing pre-hearing submissions.
- August 17, 2018: Due date for submission of written comments.
- August 20-23, 2018: The Section 301 Committee will convene a public hearing in the main hearing room of the U.S. International Trade Commission, 500 E Street SW, Washington DC, 20436 beginning at 9:30 am.
- August 30, 2018: Due date for submission of post-hearing rebuttal comments.

The action was not unexpected. On July 10, the Trump Administration [announced](#) that the US was beginning the process to impose an additional 10% duty on a further \$200 billion worth of Chinese imports.

As you may recall, when the Administration announced its intent to impose duties on \$50 billion worth of Chinese imports, the Chinese government announced an intent to retaliate on a comparable value of US imports. At that time, President Trump announced that if China retaliated on US imports, the United States would impose an additional duty on a further \$200 billion worth of Chinese imports.

On June 20, 2018 (83 Fed. Reg. 28710), the USTR provided notice of an initial action in the Section 301 investigation of the acts, policies, and practices of the Government of China related to technology transfer, intellectual property, and innovation. The initial action was the imposition of an additional 25 percent ad valorem duty on products of China with an annual trade value of approximately \$34 billion, effective July 6, 2018. China imposed an additional 25% duty on a first round of products also worth \$34 billion that same day.

In response to China's retaliation, the US Trade Representative issued a [press release](#) and [advance copy](#) of today's *Federal Register* notice on July 10.

Both countries are also considering imposing additional duty on an additional \$16 billion worth of merchandise. The June 20 *Federal Register* notice also sought public comment on the US proposed action, in the form of an additional 25 percent ad valorem duty on products of China with an annual trade value of approximately \$16 billion. The public comment process in connection with the proposed additional action is ongoing.

These actions are being taken under section 301 of the *Trade Act of 1974* (19 U.S.C. § 2411) which authorizes USTR to take all appropriate action, subject to

the specific direction, if any, of the President regarding any such action, including retaliation, to obtain the elimination of any act, policy, or practice of a foreign government that violates an international trade agreement or is unjustified, unreasonable, or discriminatory, and that burdens or restricts U.S. commerce.

It is clear that the US-China trade war is real and that the Trump Administration is willing to accept meaningful US casualties (i.e., harm to US businesses with interests in China). It is also clear that the range of imports impacted by the duties is growing (by necessity).

All companies that import articles from China should be developing short, medium, and long-term plans for coping with this trade war. We are assisting numerous clients with this and would be happy to discuss options with you further. If you have any questions or require assistance, please contact the author of the original article, [Ted Murphy](#), or any member of the US Customs group with whom you normally work.

US begins collecting additional 25% duties on certain Chinese goods

As previously announced by USTR in a [notice of action, request for public comment and notice of a public meeting](#) [Docket Number USTR-2018-0018] published in the *Federal Register* on June 20, 2018, US Customs and Border Protection began collection additional duties of 25% on certain Chinese goods (identified by HTSUS subheading in Annex A to the notice) that are entered for consumption, or withdrawn from warehouse for consumption, on or after 12:01 a.m. (EST) July 6, 2018. [CSMS #18-000419](#) provides detailed guidance and filing requirements as well as information on drawback and application of Chapter 98 HTSUS provisions.

USTR publishes product exclusion process for sec. 301 tariffs on Chinese goods

The US Trade Representative (USTR) issued a [press release](#) on July 6, 2018 that included details on the process for seeking product-based exclusions from the additional duties being imposed on certain Chinese-origin articles under Section 301 (the first round of those duties went into effect earlier on July 6). On July 11, 2018, the *Federal Register* [notice](#) [Docket Number USTR-2018-0025] containing the specifics for this process was published.

In summary, the product-based exclusion process is as follows:

- all requests to exclude a particular product **must be filed by October 9, 2018**;
- there is an opportunity to file comments on such requests, and then for the requester to respond;
- if an exclusion request is granted, it will be **effective back to July 6, 2018** (the effective date of this round of additional duties) and will **be valid for one year from the date the exclusion approval is published** in the Federal Register;
- exclusion requests should **cover a “particular product”** (this is broader than a just a part number and cannot be based on company-specific characteristics);
- exclusion requests may be filed by “interested persons, including trade associations” (which also suggests that the term “particular product” is meant to be interpreted broadly);

- requestors must provide the annual quantity and value of the Chinese-origin product that the requestor purchased in each of the last three years. For trade association requestors, such information should be based on members' data;
- each request must provide the **rationale for the exclusion** and, at a minimum, address (1) whether the particular product is available only from China, (2) whether the imposition of additional duties on this product will cause "severe economic harm" to the requestor or to other U.S. interests, and (3) whether the particular product is strategically important or related to China's industrial policies, including "Made in China 2025"; and
- USTR will evaluate each request individually and take into account "whether the exclusion would undermine the objective of the Section 301 investigation".

In terms of administering any approvals at the border, the notice also states that requestors may provide information on how US Customs and Border Protection can administer the exclusion (i.e., how will CBP be able to differentiate between products covered by the exclusion and products not covered by the exclusion?). Interestingly, the USTR's press release makes it clear that one need not apply in order to benefit from an approval – i.e., approvals are product-specific, not company-specific ("Because exclusions will be made on a product basis, a particular exclusion will apply to all imports of the product, **regardless of whether the importer filed a request.** The U.S. Customs and Border Protection will apply the tariff exclusions based on the product.").

The good news here is that (i) there is a product exclusion process (which should help address the impact the Section 301 duties are having on US companies), (ii) petitions can be filed on a "product" basis, rather than on a single SKU or part number basis, like with the Section 232 exclusion process, (iii) approvals will be retroactive to when the additional duties first went into effect (although it will be important to keep an eye on liquidation dates to be safe), and (iv) the USTR provided guidance on the factors that will be considered when reviewing requests.

The bad news is that there is no stated timeline for how long it will take the USTR to review and process exclusion requests. Undoubtedly, the USTR is hoping that by broadening the scope of the petitions and the approvals to "particular products" it will result in fewer petitions being filed than have been filed at Commerce in the steel and aluminum Section 232 cases (i.e., more than 20,000 exclusion petitions filed and only 98 acted on in 3+ months = 51 years of processing time . . .). We believe that hope is misplaced and that the USTR will likely receive thousands of exclusion requests.

Accordingly, it is important that any company impacted by the Section 301 duties, and considering filing a product exclusion petition, do so quickly. We are assisting numerous clients with this process (which began before today) and would be happy to discuss with you how best to approach this effort now that we have these additional details.

We hope this is helpful. If you have any questions, please contact the author, [Ted Murphy](#) or any member of the US Customs group with who you normally work.

USTR initiates annual review of country eligibility for AGOA benefits

On July 6, 2018, the Office of the United States Trade Representative (USTR) published in the *Federal Register* a [notice](#) [Docket Number USTR-2018-0022] announcing that USTR is initiating the annual review of the eligibility of the sub-Saharan African countries to receive the benefits of the *African Growth and Op-*

portunity Act (AGOA). The AGOA Implementation Subcommittee of the Trade Policy Staff Committee (Subcommittee) is developing recommendations for the President on AGOA country eligibility for calendar year 2019. The Subcommittee is requesting written public comments for this review and will conduct a public hearing on this matter. The Subcommittee will consider the written comments, written testimony, and oral testimony in developing recommendations for the President. Comments received related to the child labor criteria also may be considered by the Secretary of Labor in the preparation of the U.S. Department of Labor's report on child labor as required under the *Trade Act of 1974*. This notice identifies the eligibility criteria that must be considered under AGOA, and lists those sub-Saharan African countries that are currently eligible for the benefits of AGOA and those that were ineligible for such benefits in 2018.

The deadline for filing requests to appear at the August 16, 2018 public hearing, and for filing pre-hearing briefs, statements, or comments on sub-Saharan African countries' AGOA eligibility is August 1, 2018. The Subcommittee will convene a public hearing on AGOA country eligibility on August 16, 2018. The deadline for filing post-hearing briefs, statements, or comments on this matter is August 23, 2018.

USTR makes a determination under AGOA

On July 3, 2018, the Office of the United States Trade Representative (USTR) published in the *Federal Register* a [determination under the African Growth and Opportunity Act](#) (AGOA) that Eswatini (formerly known as Swaziland) has adopted an effective visa system and related procedures to prevent the unlawful transshipment of textile and apparel articles and the use of counterfeit documents in connection with the shipment of such articles, and has implemented and follows, or is making substantial progress towards implementing and following, the custom procedures required by the AGOA. Therefore, imports of eligible products from Eswatini qualify for the textile and apparel benefits provided under the AGOA. The notice also makes conforming changes to the *Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States* to reflect the recent change in name of the Kingdom of Swaziland (Swaziland) to Eswatini.

ITC investigations

The 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:
FTA-103-031- U.S.-Korea FTA: Advice on Modifications to Duty Rates for Certain Motor Vehicles (USITC Pub. 4791, June 2018)	USTR
Exporting Ecolabels: Is Demand for Certified Sustainable Products Affecting International Trade? (Staff Paper ID-18-052)	
Trade Restrictions and Modes of Supply in Services Trade (Staff Paper ID 18-051)	

CBP releases text of long-awaited text of proposed drawback regulations

On July 27, 2018, US Customs and Border Protection (CBP) released its long-awaited [notice of proposed rulemaking](#) (NPRM) [USCBP-2018-0029] on modernized drawback procedures under the *Trade Facilitation and Trade Enforcement Act of 2015* (TFTEA). The NPRM has been filed at the Office of the Federal Register for inspection for [publication](#) in the *Federal Register* on August 2, 2018 with comments due 45 days after publication. The drawback regulations were the subject of Congressional hearings as well as a lawsuit in which the Court of International Trade found that the statutory deadline had been missed.

The NPRM proposes to amend the CBP regulations to implement changes to the drawback regulations as directed by the TFTEA. The proposed regulations establish a new process for drawback pursuant to TFTEA which liberalizes the merchandise substitution standard, simplifies recordkeeping requirements, extends and standardizes timelines for filing drawback claims, and requires the electronic filing of drawback claims. TFTEA allows a transition period wherein drawback claimants will have the choice between filing claims under the existing process detailed in the current regulations or filing claims under the proposed new process. The NPRM document explains how filings during the transition period will work, discusses the interim policy guidance procedures for filing claims prior to these regulations becoming final, and proposes to make TFTEA-related changes, dealing with bonds, regarding joint and several liability for the importer of the goods and the drawback claimant, and technical corrections and conforming changes to CBP regulations.

The NPRM also proposes to clarify the prohibition on the filing of a substitution drawback claim for internal revenue excise tax paid on imported merchandise in situations where no excise tax was paid upon the substituted merchandise; or the substituted merchandise is the subject of a different claim for refund or drawback of tax under any provision of the *Internal Revenue Code*. CBP is proposing these amendments regarding excise taxes to protect the revenue by clarifying the relationship between drawback claims and Federal excise tax liability. Further, CBP proposes to add a basic importation and entry bond condition to foster compliance.

CBP publishes quarterly interest rates

On July 17, 2018, US Customs and Border Protection (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 July 1, 2018, the interest rates for overpayments will be 4 percent for corporations and 5 percent for non-corporations, and the interest rate for underpayments will be 5 percent for both corporations and non-corporations. The rates announced in the notice are applicable as of July 1, 2018.

COAC to meet via webinar on August 1, 2018

On July 16, 2018, CBP published in the *Federal Register* a [notice](#) [Docket No. USCBP-2018-0026] advising the public that the Commercial Customs Operations Advisory Committee (COAC) will hold its public meeting on Wednesday, August 1, 2018 via webinar. The meeting will be open to the public. Details on pre-registration and submitting comments are in the *Federal Register* notice.

Agenda The Designated Federal Officer will introduce the newly appointed, re-appointed, and alternate COAC members. The COAC will also hear from the following subcommittees on the topics listed below and then will review, deliberate, provide observations, and formulate recommendations on how to proceed:

1. The Exports Subcommittee will discuss a path forward for its work and the work of the Export Manifest Working Group for the 15th Term COAC. There will also be an update on the automated export manifest pilots, and on progress in implementing a post-departure filing pilot as part of the ocean pilot.
2. The Trusted Trader Subcommittee will present an update from the C-TPAT Minimum Security Criteria Working Group on its recommendation regarding CBP's plans to roll out new C-TPAT criteria. The subcommittee will also provide an update on the progress on the Trusted Trader Strategy and the formation of a new Trade Compliance Working Group.
3. The Trade Modernization Subcommittee will discuss the progress of the Regulatory Reform Working Group's efforts to identify and prioritize areas of regulations administered by CBP which can be reformed and the Foreign Trade Zone Regulations Working Group. In addition, the subcommittee will discuss the progress being made in the E-Commerce Working Group.
4. The Trade Enforcement and Revenue Collection (TERC) Subcommittee will provide updates from the Anti-Dumping/Countervailing Duties (AD/CVD), Bond, Forced Labor and Intellectual Property Rights Working Groups and will also speak to the lessons learned from the risk-based bonding tabletop exercise. Meeting materials will be available at: <http://www.cbp.gov/trade/stakeholder-engagement/coac/coac-public-meetings>

COAC Charter renewed

On July 10, 2018, US Customs and Border Protection published in the *Federal Register* a [notice](#) [Docket No. USCBP-2018-0020] advising the public that the Secretaries of the Department of the Treasury and the Department of Homeland Security approved the renewal of the charter for the Commercial Customs Operations Advisory Committee (COAC). The committee's charter is effective May 15, 2018, and expires May 15, 2020. Section 109 of the *Trade Facilitation and Trade Enforcement Act of 2015* (TFTEA) established the COAC. The committee operates in accordance with the provisions of the *Federal Advisory Committee Act* (5 U.S.C. App.), except as otherwise provided for in section 109 of TFTEA. The COAC is a statutory advisory committee that provides the Department of the Treasury and the Department of Homeland Security with the perspectives and advice of the private sector. Person wishing to submit comments on this action must submit them by September 10, 2018.

CBP continues import restrictions for archaeological and ethnological material from Libya

On July 9, 2018, US Customs and Border Protection (CBP) published in the *Federal Register* a [final rule](#) [CBP Dec. 18-07] that amends the CBP regulations to continue the import restrictions on archaeological and ethnological material from Libya previously imposed on an emergency basis in a final rule published on December 5, 2017 (82 Fed. Reg. 57346). These restrictions are being imposed pursuant to an agreement between the United States and Libya that has been entered into on February 23, 2018, under the authority of the *Convention on Cultural Property Implementation Act* (19 U.S.C. 2601 *et seq.*). The document also contains the Designated List of Archaeological and Ethnological Material of Libya that describes the articles to which the restrictions apply. Accordingly, the final rule amends the CBP regulations by removing Libya from the listing of countries for which emergency actions imposed the import restrictions, and adding

Libya to the list of countries for which an agreement has been entered into for imposing import restrictions. Import restrictions are being imposed for a five-year period (until February 23, 2023).

The Designated List covers archaeological material of Libya and Ottoman ethnological material of Libya (as defined in section 302 of the *Convention on Cultural Property Implementation Act* (19 U.S.C. 2601)), including, but not limited to, the following types of material. The archaeological material represents the following periods and cultures: Paleolithic, Neolithic, Punic, Greek, Roman, Byzantine, Islamic and Ottoman dating approximately 12,000 B.C. to 1750 A.D. The ethnological material represents categories of Ottoman objects derived from sites of Islamic cultural importance, made by a nonindustrial society (Ottoman Libya), and important to the knowledge of the history of Islamic Ottoman society in Libya from 1551 A.D. through 1911 A.D.

Miscellaneous CBP Federal Register documents

The following documents not discussed above were published by CBP in the *Federal Register*. [Note that multiple listings of approved gaugers and laboratories reflects different locations and/or products.]

F.R. Date	Subject
07-13-18	Agency Information Collection Activities: Trusted Traveler Programs and U.S. APEC Business Travel Card [OMB Control No. 1651-0121] (N) [Forms 823S (SENTRI) and 823F (FAST)]
	Agency Information Collection Activities: Small Vessel Reporting System [OMB Control No. 1651-0137] (N)
07-17-18	Agency Information Collection Activities: General Declaration [OMB Control No. 1651-0002] (N) [CBP Form 7507]
	Agency Information Collection Activities: Transfer of Cargo to a Container Station [OMB Control No. 1651-0096] (N)
07-20-18	Agency Information Collection Activities: Customs Declaration [OMB Control No. 1651-0009] (N) [CBP Form 6059B]
	Bog Creek Road Project Draft Environmental Impact Statement; Reopening of Comment Period (RO) [CBP & Forest Service]
07-23-18	Agency Information Collection Activities: Passenger List/Crew List [OMB Control No. 1651-0103] (N) [Form I-418]
	Agency Information Collection Activities: Screening Requirements for Carriers [OMB Control No. 1651-0122] (N)
07-24-18	Agency Information Collection Activities: Entry/Immediate Delivery Application and ACE Cargo Release [OMB Control No. 1651-0024] (N) [CBP Forms 3461 and 3461 ALT]
07-27-18	Agency Information Collection Activities: Visa Waiver Program Carrier Agreement [OMB Control No. 1651-0110] (N) [CBP Form I-775]
07-31-18	Notice of Availability of Updated Privacy Impact Assessment for the Southwest Border Pedestrian Exit Field Test (N)

CBP issues final determinations in procurement cases

CBP has published in the Federal Register the following determinations concerning the country of origin of merchandise for purposes of US Government procurement under the Trade Agreements Act. A copy of the final determination may be reviewed by clicking on the ruling number. Any party-at-interest may seek judicial review of the final determination within 30 days of the date of publication in the Federal Register.

F.R. Date	Ruling Reference (Date Issued) and Product	Country of Origin
07-09-18	HQ H290684 (July 2, 2018) Malarone tablets	Canada
07-20-18	HQ H298148 (July 13, 2018) Certain Insufflation Tubing	China
07-31-18	HQ H296072 (July 13, 2018) Subdermal Needle Electrode	US or Japan depending on the country of origin of the needle electrode used

EAPA Notices of Action and Final Determinations

The following Notices of Action and Final Determinations under the *Enforce and Protect Act* (Section 421 of the *Trade Facilitation and Trade Enforcement Act of 2015*) relating to alleged evasion of antidumping or countervailing duties were posted by CBP:

Date	Subject
06-27-18	EAPA Investigation 7238: Royal Brush Manufacturing, Inc. - Notice of Initiation of Investigation and Interim Measures
07-02-18	EAPA Investigation 7208: Ceka Nutrition Inc. - Notice of Final Determination as to Evasion
07-20-18	EAPA Case Number 7205: Lyke Industrial Tool, LLC and PowerTek Tool, Inc. - Notice of Final Determination as to Evasion

Revocations or modifications of CBP rulings

[See separate section below.](#)

CBP releases agenda for Atlanta Trade Symposium in August

CBP has released the [Agenda for the 2018 Trade Symposium](#), to be held August 14-15, 2018, in Atlanta, Georgia

CBP updates CSMS message on sec. 301 trade remedies

On July 3, 2018, CBP issued [CSMS #18-000419, UPDATE: Sec. 301 Trade Remedies to be Assessed on Certain Products from China 7/6/18](#) which provides filing requirements for Chapter 98 entries and drawback. It is reproduced below:

UPDATED VERSION WITH FILING REQUIREMENTS FOR CHAPTER 98 ENTRIES AND INFORMATION ON DRAWBACK

ELIGIBILITY

BACKGROUND:

On August 18, 2017, the Office of the United States Trade Representative (USTR) initiated an investigation under Section 301 of the Trade Act of 1974 into the government of China's acts, policies, and practices related to technology transfer, intellectual property, and innovation. On March 22, 2018, the USTR issued a notice of determination and request for comments that stated that the government of China's acts, policies, and practices covered by the investigation were found to be actionable under Section 301(b) of the Trade Act. The notice proposed the imposition of additional import duties on a preliminary list of 1,300 Chinese products, and indicated that a final list would be forthcoming after the period for public comment expired. See Federal Register, 83 FR 14906. On June 15, 2018, the USTR issued a notice of action providing for the imposition of additional import duties on a final list of Chinese products. See Federal Register 83 FR 28710.

GUIDANCE:

The additional import duties for Chinese goods covered by the Section 301 action will be effective with respect to goods entered, or withdrawn from warehouse for consumption, on or after 12:01 AM Eastern Standard Time on July 6, 2018.

Products Covered by the Section 301 Action

The USTR has issued a final list of products covered by the Section 301 action, represented by their eight digit Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTSUS) subheadings. The list comprises over 800 eight-digit HTSUS numbers, and is published in Annex A to the USTR's Notice of Action. Any article classified in a subheading covered by this list that is a product of China would be subject to a 25% ad valorem duty rate, in addition to the general (Column 1) rate of duty for that particular subheading.

In addition to reporting the Chapters 1-97 HTSUS classification of the imported merchandise, importers shall also report the 9903.88.01 special tariff number for goods subject to the additional duty assessment of 25% ad valorem as a result of the Section 301 trade remedy.

9903.88.01: 25% ad valorem additional duty for articles the product of China

The Section 301 duties currently only apply to products of China, and are based on the country of origin, not country of export.

Additional Information

CHAPTER 98

The rates of duty imposed by subheading 9903.88.01 shall not apply to products for which entry is properly claimed under a heading or subheading in Chapter 98.

When submitting an entry in which a heading or subheading in Chapter 98 is claimed on merchandise covered by the Section 301 remedy, a filer must first report subheading 9903.88.01, followed by the applicable Chapter 98 subheading, and the Chapter 1-97 HTSUS classification for the commodity being imported.

DRAWBACK

Section 301 duties are eligible for duty drawback.

TRADE PREFERENCE PROGRAMS

Products from China subject to the Section 301 trade remedy that are eligible for special tariff treatment under General Note 3(c)(i) to the HTSUS shall be subject to the additional 25 percent ad valorem rate of duty imposed by heading 9903.88.01.

FOREIGN TRADE ZONES

Per the Federal Register Notice published by the USTR, any product listed in Annex A, except any product that is eligible for admission under 'domestic status' as defined in 19 CFR 146.43, which is subject to the additional duty imposed by this determination, and that is admitted into a U.S. foreign trade zone on or after 12:01 am eastern daylight time on July 6, 2018, only may be admitted as 'privileged foreign status' as defined in 19 CFR 146.41. Such products will be subject upon entry for consumption to any ad valorem rates of duty or quantitative limitations related to the classification under the applicable HTSUS subheading.

PRODUCT EXCLUSIONS

The Federal Register Notice indicates that the USTR will establish a process by which U.S. stakeholders may request that particular products classified within an HTSUS subheading listed in Annex A be excluded from the additional Section 301 duties. USTR will publish a separate notice concerning the product exclusion process, and CBP will provide additional guidance on the matter as it becomes available.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION:

For further information, please refer to the USTR's Notice of Action and Request for Public Comment Concerning Proposed Determination of Action Pursuant to Section 301: China's Acts, Policies, and Practices Related to Technology Transfer, Intellectual Property, and Innovation, issued on June 15, 2018.

Questions related to Section 301 entry filing requirements should be emailed to traderemedymail@cbp.dhs.gov. Questions from the importing community concerning ACE rejections should be referred to their Client Representative.

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
07-02-18	18-000413	Entry Summary and HTS CERT deployment for Section 301 Filings Requirements
	18-000414	Updated Cargo Release Error Codes
	18-000415	ACE Ocean & Rail Manifest In-bond Reg Changes - Available for Testing in CERT
	18-000416	FTZ processing delays July 1 and 2, 2018
07-03-18	18-000417	ACE Tips for filing EPA ODS
	18-000418	UPDATE: Hourly Absolute Quota Allocation to be REMOVED from CERT 7/5/18
	18-000419	UPDATE: Sec. 301 Trade Remedies to be Assessed on Certain Products from China 7/6/18
	18-000420	PGA Intermediate Under Review Message
	18-000421	Identifying Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Order Third Country Case Numbers in ACE
07-05-18	18-000422	Harmonized System Update (HSU) 1811 created on July 3, 2018
	18-000423	ACE Drawback Certification Mailbox Deactivation
07-06-18	18-000424	UPDATE: Additional Duty on Imports of Steel and Aluminum Articles Under Section 232; FTZ
	18-000425	CBP Realigns Hours at Ports of Danville and Metaline Falls
	18-000426	Intermittent Issues with FTZ Admissions and Concurrence Dispositions
07-09-18	18-000427	Two HTS codes to be additionally flagged for NMFS, with NM5
	18-000428	Rejected QN/PN and SU transactions
07-10-18	18-000429	ACE FTZ Duplicate 1W (Permit To Transfer) Authorizations
07-11-18	18-000430	Delay in printing Preliminary Statements 7/11/2018
	18-000431	New ACE Reports Information Notice Posted
07-13-18	18-000434	ACE CERTIFICATION Deployment of FQ and CQ ABI Queries, Saturday July 14 @2200 ET
07-17-18	18-000436	Entry Summary Business Process Document Webinar
	18-000437	FDA ITACS Status "No public status available" Clarification
07-18-18	18-000438	Updated Drawback CATAIR and Error Dictionary
	18-000439	Section 232 Product Exclusion ID Test Data
	18-000440	Reconciliation Entry Summary Liquidation and Interest Issues
	18-000441	Local Port Closure for Ports 3801, 3802, and 3807 on 7-17-2018
	18-000442	CBP Network Upgrade Impacting ACE Portal apps Thurs evening, July 19 9pm-3am ET
07-19-18	18-000443	Updated Export Manifest Appendix I
	18-000444	Statement ACH Payment Rejections on 07/18/2018
	18-000445	Errors on Some Cargo Manifest Queries (CQ), July 19, 2018
07-20-18	18-000446	Statement ACH Payment Rejections on 07/18/2018
	18-000448	Updated CERT and PROD Dates for Drawback CATAIR
07-23-18	18-000450	Port of St. Louis Phone System Down
	18-000451	Final Notice: TRUCK X.12 Segment Delimiter x'15' for Upcoming MQ Trade Gateway Migration
	18-000452	Updated Drawback Trade Issue Tracker Document
07-24-18	18-000453	Port of St.Louis Phone System is now Fully Operational
07-25-18	18-000454	PRODUCTION ACE Protest & CQ Deployment, Thurs July 26, 2018 @0500ET

Date	CSMS#	Title
07-26-18	18-000455	AESTIR Appendix C – ISO Country Codes update
07-27-18	18-000457	Additional item for Prod ACE Truck Manifest deployment this weekend
07-29-18	18-000458	Some ACE entries with FDA data are being rejected erroneously
	18-000459	Resolved - ACE entries with FDA data can be resubmitted
07-30-18	18-000460	CBP Client Representatives to Host Webinar for ABI Brokers and Importer Self-Filers
07-31-18	18-000462	ACE Truck Manifest trade EDI is down
	18-000463	ACE Truck Manifest trade EDI Restored
	18-000464	Updated ABI Software Vendors List

Foreign Trade Zones

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

F.R. Date	Document
07-02-18	Foreign-Trade Zone 38-Charleston, South Carolina; Authorization of Production Activity; BMW Manufacturing Co., LLC (Hybrid Passenger Vehicles); Spartanburg, South Carolina [B-15-2018]
	Foreign-Trade Zone 61-San Juan, Puerto Rico; Authorization of Production Activity; Janssen Ortho LLC; (Pharmaceuticals); Gurabo, Puerto Rico [B-16-2018]
07-05-18	Foreign-Trade Zone 78-Nashville, Tennessee; Application for Reorganization Under Alternative Site Framework [B-41-2018]
07-06-18	Foreign-Trade Zone 244 – Riverside County, California; Notification of Proposed Production Activity; ModusLink Corporation (Camera and Accessories Kitting); Riverside, California [B-42-2018]
07-09-18	Foreign-Trade Zone 21 – Charleston, South Carolina; Authorization of Production Activity AGRU America Charleston, LLC (High Density Polyethylene Pipe) North Charleston, South Carolina [B-17-2018]
	Foreign-Trade Zone 21 – Charleston, South Carolina; Notification of Proposed Production Activity - AGRU America Charleston, LLC (Polyethylene Fittings and Floaters) North Charleston, South Carolina [B-43-2018]
	Foreign-Trade Zone 76 – Bridgeport, Connecticut; Application for Expansion of Subzone 76A - ASML US, LLC Wilton and Bethel, Connecticut [S-96-2018]
07-11-18	Foreign-Trade Zone 116 -- Port Arthur, Texas; Expansion of Subzone 116A Motiva Enterprises LLC Jefferson and Hardin Counties, Texas [B-44-2018]
	Reorganization of Foreign-Trade Zone 157 under Alternative Site Framework Casper, Wyoming [Order No. 2055]
	Reorganization of Foreign-Trade Zone 31 under Alternative Site Framework; Granite City, Illinois [Order No. 2054]
07-16-18	Foreign-Trade Zone 81 – Portsmouth, New Hampshire; Application for Subzone Albany Safran Composites LLC Rochester, New Hampshire [S-97-2018]
07-18-18	Approval of Subzone Status VF Outdoor, LLC Ontario, Santa Fe Springs and Corona, California [S-71-2018]
	Foreign-Trade Zone 70 – Detroit, Michigan; Notification of Proposed Production Activity; Brose New Boston, Inc. (Passenger Vehicle and SUV Subassemblies); New Boston, Michigan [B-45-2018]
07-23-18	Foreign-Trade Zone 41 – Milwaukee, Wisconsin; Notification of Proposed Production Activity; CNH Industrial America LLC (Tractors, Component Parts, and Axle Subassemblies) Sturtevant, Wisconsin [B-46-2018]
	Foreign-Trade Zone 64 – Jacksonville, Florida; Notification of Proposed Production Activity; Bacardi USA, Inc. (Kitting of Alcoholic Beverages); Jacksonville, Florida [B-47-2018]
07-26-18	Foreign-Trade Zone 176 – Rockford, Illinois Notification of Proposed Production Activity Leading Americas Inc. (Wire Harnesses) Hampshire, Illinois [B-48-2018]
07-26-18	Approval of Subzone Status Black & Decker, Inc. Fort Mill, South Carolina [S-

F.R. Date	Document
	83-208]
07-27-18	Foreign-Trade Zone 93 – Raleigh/Durham, North Carolina: Application for Sub-zone: MAS US Holdings, Inc. Siler City and Asheboro, North Carolina [S-103-2018]

Change in country name

Swaziland has changed its name to Eswatini. [According to the Department of State](#), the official name of the Kingdom of Swaziland was changed to the Kingdom of Eswatini, or Eswatini, in April 2018. In a diplomatic note sent on May 18, 2018, the Swaziland Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation requested that the United States Government change the name of the country from 'Swaziland' to 'Eswatini'. The U.S. Board on Geographic Names approved the change on May 25, 2018. Effective August 1, 2018, it is updated in the AES system. The ISO Country Code remains "SZ."

US Government warns about North Korea links in supply chains and related sanctions risks

The US Departments of State, Treasury, and Homeland Security warned companies in a new [advisory](#) that deceptive practices by North Korea to evade US, UN, and other sanctions could put them at risk of prohibited or sanctionable dealings with the North Korean regime. The advisory published on July 24, 2018 follows [February 2018 guidance](#) from the US Treasury Department's Office of Foreign Assets Control regarding certain deceptive shipping practices of North Korea to avoid US sanctions (see our prior blog post [here](#)). The new advisory encourages companies to undertake enhanced due diligence within their supply chains to avoid prohibited or sanctionable: (i) sourcing of goods, services, or technology from North Korea and (ii) use of the labor of North Korean citizens or nationals, which is presumed to be forced labor, regardless of where such labor occurs.

1. Red Flags for North Korean Involvement

The advisory highlights situations where practices used by North Korea to evade sanctions may place companies at higher risk of prohibited/sanctionable dealings with North Korea. Deceptive practices creating a potential for dealings in North-Korean goods, services, or technology include:

- Use of sub-contracting or consignment firms potentially located in North Korea;
- Mislabeling of North-Korean goods, services, or technology;
- Joint ventures, especially in China, that involve North Korean entities (a list of known North Korean joint ventures organized by sector is included in Annex 2 to the advisory);
- Sale of North Korean raw materials or goods at below-market prices to encourage their purchase; and
- Use of front companies, aliases, third country nationals, and freelance job boards to provide North-Korean IT services.

According to the advisory, factors indicating a higher risk for forced labor used to generate revenues for the North Korean regime include:

- Situations where single contracts for large numbers of workers are used in certain industries (e.g., apparel, construction, footwear manufacturing, hospitality, IT

services, logging, medical, pharmaceuticals, restaurant, seafood processing, textiles, shipbuilding).

- Use of contracted foreign labor in Russia and China, which account for the majority of exported North Korean workers; the advisory also lists numerous other countries in Section II.A, primarily in Africa and Asia, where the risk of North Korean forced labor is higher.
- Situations with indicia of North Korean forced labor such as:
 - Where wages are withheld from workers;
 - Where large up-front payments are made to the North Korean government for long-term contracts;
 - Laborers are housed separately or in substandard conditions;
 - Employers exercise significant control over workers, such as by limiting access to bank accounts; and
 - Where transparency of contract details is limited as is access to workers by outsiders.

The advisory distinguishes between North Korean labor in third countries working for the North Korean government and individuals who have fled North Korea, including refugees and asylum seekers. The latter category is not targeted by the sanctions that are the subject of the advisory.

2. Why Companies (Not Just US Companies) Should Pay Attention

The risks under US sanctions for engaging in business or transactions related to North Korea are not limited to US companies. As noted in the advisory, US sanctions may apply in several ways:

- “US Persons” (i.e., (i) entities organized under US laws and their non-US branches, (ii) individuals or entities in the United States, (iii) US citizens or permanent resident aliens (“Green Card” holders) wherever located) that engage in prohibited activities involving North Korea could face significant monetary and criminal penalties.
- Non-US persons could be designated as “Specially Designated Nationals” under US secondary sanctions in connection with many types of activities involving North Korea, including:
 - Engaging in any “significant” importation or exportation from North Korea (and the US Government has wide discretion over what it considers to be “significant”);
 - Engaging in, facilitating, or being responsible for human rights violation or the exportation of workers from North Korea;
 - Violating North Korea-related resolutions enacted by the UN Security Council.
- US Customs and Border Protection (“CBP”) may seize goods being imported into the United States that are believed to be made with forced North Korean labor and, in cooperation with Immigration and Customs Enforcement (“ICE”) take civil and criminal enforcement actions against the importer.

In addition to legal risks, the reputational risks for dealing in North-Korean goods, technology, services, or forced labor may also be significant and could involve greater harm to a company’s bottom line than potential sanctions penalties.

3. What Companies Should Do

The advisory encourages companies to put policies and procedures in place to examine and audit as appropriate their supply chains and identify where the risk of dealings with North Korea may be higher based on the above-highlighted situations and factors. In enforcement matters, the presence or absence of due diligence and compliance policies and procedures are generally taken into account by the US Government if violations occur and can serve to mitigate any penalty that might ultimately be imposed.

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Energy issues final rule on small-scale natural gas exports

On July 25, 2018 the Department of Energy (DOE) published in the *Federal Register* a [final rule](#) [FE Docket No. 17-86-R] revising its regulations to provide that DOE will issue an export authorization upon receipt of any complete application that seeks to export natural gas, including liquefied natural gas (LNG), to countries with which the United States has not entered into a free trade agreement (FTA) requiring national treatment for trade in natural gas and with which trade is not prohibited by US law or policy (non-FTA countries), provided that the application satisfies the following two criteria: the application proposes to export natural gas in a volume up to and including 51.75 billion cubic feet (Bcf) per year (Bcf/yr) (equivalent to 0.14 Bcf per day (Bcf/d)), and DOE's approval of the application does not require an environmental impact statement (EIS) or an environmental assessment (EA) under the *National Environmental Policy Act of 1969* (NEPA). Applications that satisfy these criteria are requesting authorization for "small-scale natural gas exports," and DOE deems such exports to be consistent with the public interest under the *Natural Gas Act* (NGA). DOE's regulations regarding notice of applications and procedures conducted on applications do not apply to applications that satisfy these criteria. This regulation is intended to expedite DOE's processing of these applications and reduce administrative burdens for the small-scale natural gas export market. The final rule is effective August 24, 2018.

Commerce terminates ZTE Denial Order issued April 15, 2018

On July 13, 2018, the Department of Commerce's Bureau of Industry and Security (BIS) issued an [order](#) ("Termination Order") immediately terminating the denial order issued on April 15, 2018 against Zhongxing Telecommunications Equipment Corporation ("ZTE Corporation") and ZTE Kangxun Telecommunications Ltd. ("ZTE Kangxun" and, collectively, "ZTE") that had prohibited dealings with ZTE involving items subject to US jurisdiction. ZTE has been removed from the Denied Persons List, and exporters and reexporters are no longer generally prohibited from supplying to ZTE items subject to US jurisdiction, including parts and components, or servicing such items for ZTE.

The Termination Order (published in the [Federal Register](#) on July 23, 2018) is the latest development in BIS's long-running enforcement case against ZTE, China's second-largest producer of telecommunications equipment and a major customer for US chips and components. The matter first attracted public attention in March 2016 when ZTE Corporation, ZTE Kangxun, and two other ZTE entities (Beijing 8-Star and ZTE Parsian) were added to the BIS Entity List and subjected to a strict licensing requirement for all items subject to US jurisdiction. Transactions involving ZTE Corporation and ZTE Kangxun only were authorized under a series of temporary licenses to minimize the crippling effects of the action. In

March 2017, ZTE finally reached a \$1.19 billion combined civil and criminal settlement with BIS, OFAC, and the Department of Justice subject to a 7-year suspended denial order. Then, in April 2018, the US Government activated that suspended denial order based on apparent false statements made by ZTE to BIS before and after the agreement was reached. ZTE essentially became cut off from sourcing the US parts and components necessary to manufacture its products and was reportedly forced to cease operations.

In June 2018, following discussions between President Trump and the Chinese Government, BIS announced a [superseding settlement agreement](#) (previously described [here](#)) that anticipated removal of the denial order on ZTE in exchange for additional monetary penalties and heightened compliance measures. BIS also issued limited service authorizations, including allowing continued support of existing networks and equipment and for ZTE phones (as previously described [here](#)) while compliance with the superseding settlement agreement was pending.

A Commerce Department [press release](#) explains that the Termination Order was issued after ZTE fulfilled its obligations to pay a \$1 billion penalty and to place \$400 million in escrow pursuant to the superseding settlement. These amounts are in addition to the \$361 million in penalties ZTE has already paid to BIS under the original March 2017 settlement agreement, and together these payments represent the largest civil penalty for violations of US export controls. The superseding settlement agreement also requires that ZTE retain an external compliance coordinator answerable to BIS for a period of ten years to monitor and report on ZTE's compliance. If there is evidence of further noncompliance by ZTE during this ten year period, ZTE will forfeit the funds placed in escrow and BIS could activate another suspended denial order for a ten-year period.

US Commerce Secretary Wilbur Ross stated that the ten-year suspended denial order, the \$400 million in escrow, and the new compliance coordinator will allow the Commerce to effectively monitor and enforce the superseding settlement agreement with ZTE in furtherance of US national security interests. According to Commerce, such measures set a new precedent for monitoring to ensure compliance with US laws.

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Commerce authorizes limited transactions with ZTE

On July 2, 2018 the US Department of Commerce's Bureau of Industry and Security (BIS) issued a [temporary authorization](#) permitting certain limited transactions with Zhongxing Telecommunications Equipment Corporation ("ZTE Corporation") and ZTE Kangxun Telecommunications Ltd. ("ZTE Kangxun" and, collectively with ZTE Corporation, "ZTE") that would otherwise be prohibited under the [denial order](#) BIS activated against ZTE on April 15, 2018. The license grants authorization to all persons, aside from those located in Cuba, Iran, North Korea, Sudan and Syria, to resume certain technical support activities with ZTE from July 2 to August 1, 2018.

BIS issued the denial order, which essentially cut ZTE off from sourcing the US parts and components necessary to manufacture its products, after determining

that ZTE had made false statements before, during, and after settlement agreement negotiations following BIS's addition of ZTE to the Entity List in March 2016 for violating US sanctions targeting Iran and North Korea and US export control laws. More information on the settlement agreement reached in March 2017 is available [here](#), and more details on the subsequent activation of the denial order in April 2018 are available [here](#). Media reports indicate that the US Government anticipates ZTE will be in compliance with US conditions under the settlement agreement by August 1, 2018, and that a permanent order lifting the denial order will follow.

The new authorization permits the following, subject to conditions that include compliance with other provisions of the Export Administration Regulations ("EAR"), such as any applicable licensing requirements for exports to China:

- **Maintenance and Support of Networks and Equipment:** parties are permitted to engage in any transactions necessary to maintain and support any networks or equipment, including software updates and patches, that are subject to contracts and agreements between ZTE and third parties executed before April 15, 2018.
- **Support to ZTE Phones:** parties are permitted to engage in transactions necessary to provide service and support, including software updates or patches, to models of ZTE phones that were available to the public on or before April 15, 2018.
- **Cybersecurity Vulnerability Disclosure:** parties are permitted to disclose to ZTE information regarding security vulnerabilities in items owned, possessed, or controlled by ZTE when related to the process of providing ongoing security research critical to maintaining the integrity and reliability of communications networks and equipment.
- **Related Transfers of Funds:** parties are permitted to make and receive payment to or from ZTE in connection with the activities listed above.

Notwithstanding this temporary authorization, the April 15 denial order remains in effect. All other exports, reexports, in-country transfers, activities and transactions prohibited under the denial order remain prohibited.

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OFAC issues Venezuela General License 5; Venezuela-related FAQs

On July 19, 2018, the Office of Foreign Assets Control (OFAC) issued [Venezuela General License 5](#). General License 5 authorizes US persons to engage in all transactions related to, the provision of financing for, and other dealings in the Petroleos de Venezuela SA 2020 8.5 Percent Bond that would be prohibited by Subsection 1(a)(iii) of [Executive Order \(EO\) 13835](#) of May 21, 2018 ("Prohibiting Certain Additional Transactions With Respect to Venezuela"). OFAC also published [two new Frequently Asked Questions](#) (FAQs). One explains why OFAC is issuing General License 5. The other answers the question of whether EO 13835 prohibits a US person with a legal judgment against the Government of Venezuela from attaching and executing against Venezuelan government assets.

OFAC posts reminder on filing Annual Report of Blocked Property

On July 2, 2018 the Office of Foreign Assets Control (OFAC) [posted](#) a reminder that [31 C.F.R. § 501.603](#) requires persons holding property blocked pursuant to OFAC sanctions regulations published in Chapter V of Title 31 of the *Code of Federal Regulations* to provide OFAC with a comprehensive list of all blocked property held as of June 30 of the current year by September 30. Persons that do not hold blocked property as of June 30 do not need to file an Annual Report of Blocked Property (ARBP). Please note that the term blocked property only applies to property that is blocked pursuant to OFAC regulations. Property that has been unblocked by a general or specific license, but that has not been returned to its owner, is not blocked property, and should not be reported to OFAC in the ARBP. This includes, for example, property of the Government of Sudan unblocked as a result of the January 17, 2017 issuance of the general license found at 31 C.F.R. § 538.540. Similarly, a restricted account of a person ordinarily resident in Iran is not blocked, and should not be reported to OFAC in the ARBP, unless there is an interest in the account of a person whose property and interests in property are blocked pursuant to an applicable sanctions authority.

The annual reports must be filed using [Form TD F 90-22.50](#), Annual Report of Blocked Property. If your institution holds 20 or more blocked accounts, OFAC recommends, but does not require, supplementing Part B of your ARBP with a spreadsheet along with your completed form. Please send completed forms to <mailto:OFACReport@treasury.gov>. Failure to submit a required report by September 30 constitutes a violation of 31 C.F.R. Part 501 (“Reporting, Procedures and Penalties Regulations”). Click [here](#) to view OFAC’s Guidance on Filing the Annual Report of Blocked Property for additional guidance.

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
07-06-18	OFAC: Notice of OFAC Sanctions Actions (N) [Removed 10 individuals, 6 entities; updated 4 individuals]
07-11-18	STATE: In the Matter of the Designation of al-Ashtar Brigades (AAB), aka Saraya alAshtar, as a Foreign Terrorist Organization pursuant to Section 219 of the Immigration and Nationality Act, as amended [Public Notice 10459] (N)
	STATE: In the Matter of the Designation of al-Ashtar Brigades (AAB), aka Saraya alAshtar, as a Specially Designated Global Terrorist [Public Notice 10460] (N)
07-19-18	OFAC: Notice of OFAC Sanctions Actions (N) [1 entity]
07-23-18	STATE: In the Matter of the Amendment of the Designation of al-Shabaab (and other aliases) as a Specially Designated Global Terrorist [Public Notice: 10472] (N)
07-25-18	STATE: In the Matter of the Review of the Designation of al-Shabaab (and Other Aliases) as a Foreign Terrorist Organization Pursuant to Section 219 of the Immigration and Nationality Act, as Amended [Public Notice: 10478] (N)
	STATE: In the Matter of the Review of the Designation of al-Shabaab (and Other Aliases) as a Foreign Terrorist Organization Pursuant to Section 219 of the Immigration and Nationality Act, as Amended [Public Notice: 10471] (N)

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
07-16-18	NIST: Current and Future Workforce Needs to Support a Strong Domestic Semiconductor Industry [Docket Number: 180404350-8350-01] (N/RFI)
07-23-18	BIS: Notice of Partially Closed Meeting: Materials Processing Equipment Technical Advisory Committee (N) [August 7, 2018] STATE: International Telecommunication Advisory Committee; Solicitation of Membership [Public Notice: 10469] (N)
07-26-18	ITA: Notice of Charter Renewal of the U.S. Investment Advisory Council and Soliciting Nominations for Members; Correction (N/C)
07-27-18	ITA: Notice of 11th Annual U.S. Industry Program at the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) General Conference (N) [Sept. 16-19, 2018]

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
07-02-18	CPSC: Safety Standard for Booster Seats [CPSC Docket No. 2017-0023] (FR)
07-13-18	CPSC: Safety Standard for Automatic Residential Garage Door Operators [Docket No. CPSC-2015-0025] (FR)
07-23-18	CPSC: Prohibition of Children's Toys and Child Care Articles Containing Specified Phthalates: Revision of Determinations Regarding Certain Plastics; Correction [Docket No. CPSC-2016-0017] (FR/C) CPSC: Prohibition of Children's Toys and Child Care Articles Containing Specified Phthalates; Correction [Docket No. CPSC-2014-0033] (FR/C)

TTB announcements and Federal Register documents

The Alcohol and Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau (TTB) has posted the following information or regulatory actions of interest to international traders :

Date	Subject
07-13-18	New and Updated Craft Beverage Modernization and Tax Reform FAQs on Nonbeverage Products Drawback-Related Issues <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TR-01 (Revised) • TR-02 (New)
07-17-18	TTB Procedure 2018-1 Transfer of Beer Between Breweries Not of the Same Ownership

FDA Federal Register documents

The FDA has posted the following *Federal Register* guides, notices or documents which may be of interest to international traders:

F.R. Date	Subject
07-05-18	Statement of Organizations, Functions, and Delegations of Authority (N)
07-09-18	Indications and Usage Section of Labeling for Human Prescription Drug and Biological Products--Content and Format; Draft Guidance for Industry; Availability [Docket No. FDA-2018-D-1895] (N)
07-12-18	Food Labeling: Calorie Labeling of Articles of Food Sold From Certain Vending Machines; Front of Package Type Size [Docket No. FDA-2011-F-0171] (PR)
07-13-18	Q3D(R1) Elemental Impurities; International Council for Harmonisation; Draft Guidance for Industry; Availability [Docket No. FDA-2013-D-1156] (N)
07-19-18	Labeling for Biosimilar Products; Guidance for Industry; Availability [Docket No. FDA-2016-D-0643] (N)
07-23-18	Product-Specific Guidances; Draft and Revised Draft Guidances for Industry; Availability [Docket No. FDA-2007-D-0369] (N)
07-27-18	Food Safety Modernization Act Domestic and Foreign Facility Reinspection, Recall, and Importer Reinspection Fee Rates for Fiscal Year 2019 [Docket No. FDA-2018-N-2775] (N)

APHIS proposes Lacey Act exceptions

On July 9, 2018, the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) published in the *Federal Register* two proposed rules that would ease the burden or clarify the requirements for *Lacey Act* (16 U.S.C. 3371 et seq.) declarations. The *Food, Conservation, and Energy Act of 2008* amended the *Lacey Act* to provide, among other things, that importers submit a declaration at the time of importation for certain plants and plant products. The declaration requirement of the *Lacey Act* became effective on December 15, 2008, and enforcement of that requirement is being phased in. In the [first notice of proposed rulemaking](#) [Docket No. APHIS-2013-0055], APHIS is proposing to establish an exception to the declaration requirement for products containing a minimal amount of plant materials. This action would relieve the burden on importers while continuing to ensure that the declaration requirement fulfills the purposes of the *Lacey Act*. APHIS is proposing to amend the definition in the regulations to add the exclusions for common cultivars, common food crops, scientific specimens used only for laboratory or field research, and any plant that is to remain planted or to be planted or replanted, and also to add the exceptions to the application of those exclusions so that the proposed definition conforms with the statutory definition. APHIS is also proposing that all *Lacey Act* declarations be submitted within 3 business days of importation.

In the [second notice of proposed rulemaking](#) [Docket No. APHIS-2018-0017], APHIS is soliciting public comment on regulatory options that could address certain issues that have arisen with the implementation of the declaration requirement for composite plant materials. This exception would cover composite plant materials that are not otherwise considered de minimis quantities under the first regulatory option. Many composite plant materials are currently manufactured in a manner that makes identification of the genus, species, and country of harvest of all of the plant content difficult and perhaps expensive. While provisions in the *Lacey Act's* declaration requirement address how to complete a declaration in situations in which the species or country of harvest of plant material used in an imported product varies (16 U.S.C. 3372(f)(2)(A) and (B)), these provisions may not relieve the difficulties and expense faced by importers of some composite plant materials.

APHIS will consider all comments that it receives on or before September 7, 2018.

AMS clarifies that imported honey must be labeled with the country of origin, whether or not USDA graded.

On July 6, 2018, the Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS) published in the *Federal Register* a [final rule](#) clarification regarding the country of origin labeling of packed honey. AMS had published a final rule in the *Federal Register* on January 4, 2011, amending the Code of Federal Regulations (C.F.R.) governing the inspection and certification of processed fruits, vegetables, and miscellaneous products to include country of origin labeling (COOL) of packed honey.

A clarification of the 2011 rule was requested by several industry organizations, because the 2011 rule was published pursuant to Section 10402 of the *2008 Farm Bill* (Pub. L. 110-246), which amended section 1622(h) of the *Agricultural Marketing Act of 1946* (7 U.S.C. 1621-1627, 1635-1638) to require that all packed honey bearing any official USDA mark or statement also bear “legibly and permanently in close proximity (such as on the same side(s) or surface(s)) to the certificate, mark, or statement, and in at least a comparable size, the country or countries of origin of the lot or container of honey, preceded by the words ‘Product of’ or other words of similar meaning.” Specifically, the request sought clarification of whether country of origin labeling is required for honey that does not bear official grade marks.

The AMS clarification acknowledges that under pre-existing Federal laws and regulations, country of origin labeling is required by the *Tariff Act of 1930*, 19 U.S.C. 1304(a), and is enforced by U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) under CBP regulations (19 C.F.R. part 134). The Tariff Act requires that every imported item be conspicuously and indelibly marked in English to indicate its country of origin to the ultimate purchaser. The Food and Drug Administration provides guidance on COOL on behalf of CBP at www.fda.gov. AMS recognizes that requirement was not invalidated or superseded by the additional marking requirements required by the *2008 Farm Bill*. The additional COOL marking required by the Farm Bill applies only to the country of origin labeling statements associated with the existing regulations governing the inspection and grading of processed fruits, vegetables, and miscellaneous products, 7 C.F.R. 52.53, which provides for the use of approved identification marks, and paragraph (h), which describes prohibited uses of approved identification.

FAS publishes WTO Agricultural Quantity-Based Safeguard Trigger Levels

On July 3, 2018, the Foreign Agricultural Service (FAS), U.S. Department of Agriculture published in the *Federal Register* a [notice of product coverage and trigger levels for safeguard measures](#) provided for in the World Trade Organization (WTO) *Agreement on Agriculture*. The notice lists the updated quantity-based trigger levels for products which may be subject to additional import duties under the safeguard provisions of the *WTO Agreement on Agriculture*. The notice also includes the relevant period applicable for the trigger levels on each of the listed products:

PRODUCT	QUANTITY-BASED SAFEGUARD TRIGGER		
	TRIGGER LEVEL	UNIT	PERIOD
Beef	298,248	MT	01-01-18 – 12-31-18
Mutton	5,103	MT	01-01-18 – 12-31-18
Cream	1,323,021	Liters	01-01-18 – 12-31-18

PRODUCT	QUANTITY-BASED SAFEGUARD TRIGGER		
	TRIGGER LEVEL	UNIT	PERIOD
Evaporated or Condensed Milk	3,867,417	Kilograms	01-01-18 – 12-31-18
Nonfat Dry Milk	1,267,208	Kilograms	01-01-18 – 12-31-18
Dried Whole Milk	12,116,875	Kilograms	01-01-18 – 12-31-18
Dried Cream	10,167	Kilograms	01-01-18 – 12-31-18
Dried Whey/Buttermilk	245,833	Kilograms	01-01-18 – 12-31-18
Butter ¹	29,959,300	Kilograms	01-01-18 – 12-31-18
Butteroil	8,183,833	Kilograms	01-01-18 – 12-31-18
Chocolate Crumb	10,487,292	Kilograms	01-01-18 – 12-31-18
Lowfat Chocolate Crumb	163,000	Kilograms	01-01-18 – 12-31-18
Animal Feed Containing Milk	1,154,583	Kilograms	01-01-18 – 12-31-18
Ice Cream	5,925,091	Liters	01-01-18 – 12-31-18
Dairy Mixtures	18,623,423	Kilograms	01-01-18 – 12-31-18
Infant Formula Containing Oligosaccharides	3,909,000	Kilograms	01-01-18 – 12-31-18
Blue Cheese	4,179,292	Kilograms	01-01-18 – 12-31-18
Cheddar Cheese	11,799,917	Kilograms	01-01-18 – 12-31-18
American-Type Cheese	1,121,250	Kilograms	01-01-18 – 12-31-18
Edam/Gouda Cheese	8,804,167	Kilograms	01-01-18 – 12-31-18
Italian-Type Cheese	21,480,750	Kilograms	01-01-18 – 12-31-18
Swiss Cheese with Eye Formation	29,604,667	Kilograms	01-01-18 – 12-31-18
Gruyere Process Cheese	3,801,292	Kilograms	01-01-18 – 12-31-18
NSPF Cheese	52,789,750	Kilograms	01-01-18 – 12-31-18
Lowfat Cheese	443,875	Kilograms	01-01-18 – 12-31-18
Peanut Butter/Paste	4,314	MT	01-01-18 – 12-31-18
Peanuts ¹	14,577	MT	04-01-17 – 03-31-18
	40,078	MT	04-01-18 – 03-31-19
Raw Cane Sugar ¹	723,461	MT	10-01-17 – 09-30-18
	574,933	MT	10-01-18 – 09-30-19
Refined Sugars and Syrups ¹	444,126	MT	10-01-17 – 09-30-18
	396,386	MT	10-01-18 – 09-30-19
Articles over 65% Sugar	451	MT	10-01-17 – 09-30-18
	405	MT	10-01-18 – 09-30-19
Articles over 10% Sugar	15,540	MT	10-01-17 – 09-30-18
	8,028	MT	10-01-18 – 09-30-19
Blended Syrups	233	MT	10-01-17 – 09-30-18
	362	MT	10-01-18 – 09-30-19
Sweetened Cocoa Powder	81	MT	10-01-17 – 09-30-18
	111	MT	10-01-18 – 09-30-19
Mixes and Doughs	234	MT	10-01-17 – 09-30-18
	243	MT	10-01-18 – 09-30-19
Mixed Condiments and Seasonings	692	MT	10-01-17 – 09-30-18
	473	MT	10-01-18 – 09-30-19
Short Staple Cotton ²	3,376,608	Kilograms	09-20-17 – 09-19-18
	2,592,880	Kilograms	09-20-18 – 09-19-19

PRODUCT	QUANTITY-BASED SAFEGUARD TRIGGER		
	TRIGGER LEVEL	UNIT	PERIOD
Harsh or Rough Cotton	13	Kilograms	08-01-17 – 07-31-18
	32,958	Kilograms	08-01-18 – 07-31-19
Medium Staple Cotton	0	Kilograms	08-01-17 – 07-31-18
	8,333	Kilograms	08-01-18 – 07-31-19
Extra Long Staple Cotton	1,219,841	Kilograms	08-01-17 – 07-31-18
	722,750	Kilograms	08-01-18 – 07-31-19
Cotton Waste ²	1,232,012	Kilograms	09-20-17 – 09-19-18
	1,019,017	Kilograms	09-20-18 – 09-19-19
Cotton, Processed, Not Spun ²	23,004	Kilograms	09-11-17 – 09-10-18
	198,226	Kilograms	09-11-18 – 09-10-19

NOTES: 1/ Includes change in U.S. consumption; 2/ 12-month period from October to September.

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]:

F.R. Date	Subject
07-03-18	FAS: WTO Agricultural Quantity-Based Safeguard Trigger Levels
07-06-18	AMS: Country of Origin Labeling of Packed Honey [Document No. AMS-FV-08-0075; SC-17-326] (FR/Clarification)
07-09-18	APHIS: Lacey Act Implementation Plan: Composite Plant Materials [Docket No. APHIS-2018-0017] (PR)
	APHIS: Lacey Act Implementation Plan: De Minimis Exception [Docket No. APHIS-2013-0055] (PR)
07-25-18	AMS : Processed Raspberry Promotion, Research and Information Order; Continuance Referendum [Document No. AMS-SC-18-0041] (N) [includes importers]
	AMS: Referendum Procedures Under the Sorghum Promotion, Research, and Information Order and the Lamb Promotion, Research, and Information Order; Removal of Obsolete References [Doc. No. AMS-LPS-17-0052] (FR/RFC) [affects importers and exporters]

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](#).

- Canada - [Health Canada Public Comment for EBDC Fungicides](#)
- Canada - [Proposed Regulations for Front-of-Package Labels](#)
- China - [China Announces Tariff Reductions for Asia-Pacific Trade Agreement](#)
- China - [China Enacts Tariffs in Response to U.S. 301 Tariffs](#)

- China - [China Lifts Ban on Imports of French and British Beef](#)
- EU - [Commission Briefing on New Origin Labeling Rules](#)
- EU - [EU Court Extends GMO Directive to New Plant Breeding Techniques](#)
- EU - [New EU MRL Permits Phosphonate Fertilizer Use in U.S. Tree Nuts](#)
- EU - [Stronger Trade Defense Rules Enter into Force in the EU](#)
- Guatemala - [Guatemala drops individual state phytosanitary requirements](#)
- Indonesia - [MOT Revises Requirements on Horticultural Import Permits](#)
- Indonesia - [Retail Product Registration Guide for Imported Food and Beverages](#)
- Japan - [Japan Reopens Market to U.S. Lamb](#)
- Kenya - [Exporter Guide](#)
- Macau - [Macau FAIRS Report](#)
- Mexico - [The Phasing In Of Mexican Retaliatory Tariffs](#)
- Mongolia - [Mongolia Exporter Guide](#)
- Poland - [Poland Extends Use of Biotech Feed Ingredients](#)
- Russia - [Draft Amendments to EAEU Pest List Notified to WTO](#)
- Vietnam - [MARD Issues HS Codes for Plant Products](#)
- Vietnam - [MARD Revise List of Animal Products Subject to Quarantine Inspection](#)

Additional 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
07-03-18	OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET (OMB): OMB Guidelines to Agencies on Governmentwide Debarment and Suspension (Nonprocurement) [Docket OMB-2018-0001] (Interim final action)
07-09-18	ENERGY: Energy Conservation Program: Test Procedure for Water-Source Heat Pumps [EERE-2017-BT-TP-0029] (RFI/E)
	ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY (EPA): Receipt of Information under the Toxic Substances Control Act [EPA-HQ-OPPT-2013-0677; FRL-9979-37] (N)
07-10-18	DRUG ENFORCEMENT ADMINISTRATION (DEA): Schedules of Controlled Substances: Temporary Placement of NM2201, 5F-AB-PINACA, 4-CN-CUMYL-BUTINACA, MMB-CHMICA and 5F-CUMYL-P7AICA into Schedule I [Docket No. DEA-479] (Temp.)
	EPA: Pyroxsulam; Pesticide Tolerances [EPA-HQ-OPP-2017-0227; FRL-9978-15] (FR)
	EPA: Renewable Fuel Standard Program: Standards for 2019 and Biomass-Based Diesel Volume for 2020 [EPA-HQ-OAR-2018-0167; FRL-9980-37-OAR] (PR)
	EPA: Notice of Receipt of Requests to Voluntarily Cancel Certain Pesticide Registrations and Amend Registrations to Terminate Certain Uses [EPA-HQ-OPP-2018-0014; FRL-9979-71] (N)
07-13-18	NATIONAL HIGHWAY TRAFFIC SAFETY ADMINISTRATION (NHTSA): Decision that Certain Nonconforming Motor Vehicles Are Eligible for Importation [Docket No. NHTSA-2018-0068] (N)
	NHTSA: Notice of Receipt of Petition for Decision That Nonconforming Model Year 2014 BMW X3 Multipurpose Passenger Vehicles Are Eligible for Importation [Docket No. NHTSA-2017-0029; Notice 1] (N)
07-16-18	DEA: Controlled Substances Quotas [Docket No. DEA- 480] (FR)
07-19-18	EPA: Pesticide Product Registration; Receipt of Applications for New Active Ingredients [EPA-HQ-OPP-2018-0007; FRL-9980-26] (N)
	EPA: Pesticide Product Registration; Receipt of Applications for New Uses

F.R. Date	Subject
	[EPA-HQ-OPP-2018-0008; FRL-9980-25] (N)
07-20-18	ENERGY: Energy Conservation Program: Test Procedure for Single Package Vertical Air Conditioners and Single Package Vertical Heat Pumps [EERE-2017-BT-TP-0020] (RFI)
07-23-18	EPA: Flonicamid; Pesticide Tolerances [EPA-HQ-OPP-2017-0224; FRL-9977-82] (FR)
	EPA: Proposed Modification of Significant New Uses of a Certain Chemical Substance [EPA-HQ-OPPT-2011-0941; FRL-9979-23] (PR)
	EPA: Certain New Chemical Substances; Receipt and Status Information for April 2018 [EPA-HQ-OPPT-2017-0718; FRL-9979-98] (N)
07-24-18	EPA: Receipt of Several Pesticide Petitions Filed for Residues of Pesticide Chemicals in or on Various Commodities [EPA-HQ-OPP-2018-0006; FRL-9980-31] (N)
	NHTSA: Notice of Receipt of Petition for Decision that Nonconforming Model Year 2013 Porsche Panamera Passenger Cars Are Eligible for Importation [Docket No. NHTSA-2018-0011; Notice 1] (N)
07-25-18	US Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) and National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA): Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Revision of Regulations for Inter-agency Cooperation [Docket No. FWS-HQ-ES-2018-0009; FXES11140900000-189-FF09E300000; Docket No. 180207140-8140-01; 4500090023] (PR)
	FWS/NOAA: Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Revision of the Regulations for Listing Species and Designating Critical Habitat [Docket No. FWS-HQ-ES-2018-0006; Docket No. 180202112-8112-01; 4500030113] (PR)
	EPA: Florasulam; Pesticide Tolerances [EPA-HQ-OPP-2017-0226; FRL-9979-81] (FR)
07-26-18	EPA: 1,1-Difluoroethane; Exemption from the Requirement of a Tolerance [EPA-HQ-OPP-2018-0036; FRL-9980-20] (FR)
07-30-18	ENERGY: Energy Conservation Program: Data Collection and Comparison with Forecasted Unit Sales of Five Lamp Types [EERE-2011-BT-NOA-0013] (N)
07-31-18	LABOR: Notice of Initial Determination to Remove Cotton from Uzbekistan from the List of Products Requiring Federal Contractor Certification as to Forced or Indentured Child Labor Pursuant to Executive Order 13126 (N)

Commerce publishes notice of scope rulings

On July 9, 2018, the International Trade Administration, Department of Commerce published in the *Federal Register* [a list of scope rulings and anticircumvention determinations](#) made between April 1, 2017, and June 30, 2017, inclusive. Commerce intends to publish future lists after the close of the next calendar quarter. The list follows:

Countries	ITA Case № and Merchandise
Mexico	A-201-805: Certain Circular Welded Non-Alloy Steel Pipe from Mexico
Vietnam	A-552-818 and C-552-819: Certain Steel Nails from Vietnam
China	A-570-967 and C-570-968: Aluminum Extrusions from China (8 rulings)
	A-570-018 and C-570-019: Boltless Steel Shelving Units Prepackaged for Sale from China
	A-570-912 and C-570-913: Certain New Pneumatic Off-the-Road Tires from China
	A-570-910 and C-570-911: Circular Welded Carbon-Quality Steel Pipe from China
	A-570-891: Hand Trucks and Certain Parts Thereof from China (2 rulings)
	A-570-914 and C-570-915: Light-walled Rectangular Pipe and Tube from China
	A-570-970 and C-570-971: Multilayered Wood Flooring from China

Countries	ITA Case № and Merchandise
	A-570-875: Non-Malleable Cast Iron Pipe Fittings from China
	A-570-943 and C-570-944: Oil Country Tubular Goods from China
	A-570-924: Polyethylene Terephthalate film, sheet and strip from China
	A-570-956 and C-570-957: Seamless Carbon and Alloy Steel Standard, Line, And Pressure Pipe from China

Antidumping and countervailing duty cases

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

The Americas - South America

ARGENTINA

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
02-07-18	FEDERAL ADMINISTRATION OF PUBLIC REVENUES (AFIP): General Resolution 4267 /2018 (29-06-18) - Economic Complementation Agreement No. 35 - Fifty-eighth Additional Protocol. Certificate of Digital Origin (COD). Pilot Plan between the Argentine Republic and the Republic of Chile. Its implementation
03-07-18	AFIP: General Resolution 4271 /2018 (02-07-18) - Analysis services provided for third parties by the General Customs Directorate through the Technical Institute for the Examination of Goods Division (ITEM). General Resolution No. 253. Its replacement.
04-07-18	Decree 616/2018 (03-07-18) "XX Expo Products and Handicrafts of the World Winter 2018". [Exemption from the payment of import duty, Value Added Tax, internal taxes, fees for port services, statistics and verification of destination, which are levied on imports for consumption...] AFIP: Metro Customs Operations Res 16/2018 (29-06-18) extending for 360 days the Rio Gallegos customs operational zone
05-07-18	AFIP: Gen. Res. 4272 (04-07-18) Process. Computation of terms regarding tax, customs and social security resources. Gen. Res. № 1.983, its amendments and complementary. Complementary rule.
19-07-18	AFIP: General Resolution 4278 (18-07-18) Re-engineering of summary customs declarations. Systemic presentation of Import Cargo Manifests (MANISIM) and Manifests of Deconsolidation for the waterway. Its implementation
20-07-18	PRODUCTION/COMMERCE: Resolution 421/2018 (18-07-18) RESOL-2018-421-APN-SECC # MP regarding MALVINA Tariff 6113.00.00.200W
30-07-18	AFIP: General Resolution 4281 /2018 (24-07-18) Import. Values criterion of preventive character. General Resolution N ° 2730 and its amendment. Complementary rule.
	AFIP - CUSTOMS: General Resolution 4282 (24-07-18) Common Nomenclature of Mercosur Tariff classification of merchandise in said nomenclature, according to the procedure provided in General Resolution No. 1618. Annex
	AFIP - CUSTOMS: General Resolution 4282 (24-07-18) Common Nomenclature of Mercosur Tariff classification of merchandise in said nomenclature, according to the procedure provided in General Resolution No. 1618. Annex
	AFIP - CUSTOMS: General Resolution 4284 (24-07-18) Tariff classification of merchandise in the aforementioned nomenclature, in accordance with the procedure provided for in General Resolution No. 1618.

BO Date	Subject
31-07-18	Decree 704/2018 (30-07-18) DECTO-2018-704-APN-PTE - Authorization. For a Free Zone Province of Jujuy AFIP- CUSTOMS: Resolution 17/2018 (26-07-18) extension of the provisional rating granted through RESOL-2017-44-APN-DGADUA # AFIP to the General Pico Customs Operating Zone.

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
08-06-18	SECEX Ordinance № 30 (07-06-18) regulates the electronic administrative procedure related to the commercial defense processes covered by Decrees No. 1,488, dated May 11, 1995, No. 1,751, December 19, 1995, and No. 8,058, dated July 26, 2013
29-06-18	SECEX Ordinance № 31 (28-06-18) Includes Article 4-A and repeals subsection III of art. 4, both of Portaria SECEX nº 14, dated March 22, 2017, and includes art. 7th and the Single Annex to SECEX Ordinance No. 52, of December 27, 2017
02-07-18	SECEX Ordinance № 32 (29-06-18) Establishes criteria for the allocation of import quotas, determined by CAMEX Resolution No. 43, of June 28, 2018
05-07-18	SECEX Ordinance № 33 (04-07-18) Closes the revision of the special non-preferential origin verification procedure, with partial qualification of Vietnam origin for the product nylon yarn (NCM 5402.31.11, 5402.31.19 and 5402.45.20), declared as produced by Italon Company Limited.
06-07-18	SECEX Ordinance № 34 (05-07-18) Establishes criteria for the allocation of import quotas, determined by CAMEX Resolution No. 46, dated July 3, 2018.
07-07-18	CAMEX Res. № 46 (03-07-18) Alters the Brazilian List of Exceptions to the Mercosur Common External Tariff. [Correction to Res. № 46]
11-07-18	SECEX Ordinance № 35 (10-07-18) Authorizes the application of the Exception Mechanism to the Rule of Origin in case of shortages of inputs in Argentina, Brazil and Colombia
17-07-18	SECEX Ordinance № 37 (17-07-18) Approves the 9th Edition of the Drawback Exemption System Manual
18-07-18	Rectification of CAMEX Res. № 24 (28-03-28)
19-07-18	Rectification of CAMEX Res. № 44 (28-06-18)
23-07-18	Rectification of CAMEX Res. № 24 (28-03-28)
24-07-18	CAMEX Res. № 48 (23-07-18) Granting temporary reduction of the Import Tax rate pursuant to Resolution 08/08 of the MERCOSUR Common Market Group. CAMEX Res. № 49 (23-07-18) Alters the Brazilian List of Exceptions to the Mercosur Common External Tariff.
	SECEX Ordinance № 38 (23-07-18) Changes the paragraph 7 of Article 97 of Portaria SECEX nº 23, of July 14, 2011
25-07-18	SECEX Ordinance № 39 (24-07-18) Establishes criteria for allocation of quota for importation, determined by CAMEX Resolution No. 48, dated July 23, 2018

Antidumping and countervailing duty cases

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

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.]

Asia Pacific Free Trade Agreements march ahead

As the trade conflict between the United States and China continues, three free trade agreements are pressing ahead, including– the [Comprehensive and Progressive Agreement for Trans-Pacific Partnership](#) (CPTPP), soon to enter into force, the [Japan-EU Economic Partnership Agreement](#) (JEEPA), recently signed and which represents 30% of global economic output, and the *Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership* (RCEP), an agreement that includes both India and China and comprises the largest trading block in the region.

Specific developments include recent ratification by Mexico and Japan of the CPTPP that now requires ratification by four more signatories before entry into force. Additionally, CPTPP parties recently met to discuss and lay out a procedure for how other countries that are not currently members of the CPTPP can join the agreement. Japan and the EU recently signed JEEPA and hope it is ratified and enters into force early next year. And, separately, the RCEP's Trade Ministers met in Tokyo in early July, with further working level negotiations planned in July and August 2018.

CPTPP

On 6 July 2018, Japan notified New Zealand, the depository for the CPTPP, that it completed all domestic ratification procedures. Japan is the second country to ratify the treaty behind Mexico, which did so on 26 April 2018. The treaty will enter into force 60 days after at least six of the eleven signatories have ratified the agreement. After entry into force, signatories who have ratified will start enjoying treaty benefits and reduced tariffs.

Japanese ratification is significant because it is the largest economy within the group. After entry into force, businesses from countries that have ratified the agreement will enjoy first-mover advantages in developing new relationships with treaty partners. With ratification complete, the Japanese government is also pressing other signatories to do the same, aiming for the treaty's entry into force by the end of 2018.

The remaining CPTPP signatories are: Australia, Brunei, Canada, Chile, Malaysia, New Zealand, Peru, Singapore and Vietnam.

Accession

The CPTPP is also unique in that membership is not limited to its current signatories. Article 5 of the CPTPP provides for other parties to join after its entry into force. Particularly, “any State or separate customs territory” may accede to the treaty, subject to “terms and conditions... agreed between the [CPTPP signatories]” and the new interested party.

South Korea, Thailand, Taiwan, the United Kingdom and Indonesia are among those who have expressed interest, while Colombia is the first to have formally expressed interest in taking part to the New Zealand government.

For more information about the substantive benefits the CPTPP will bring, please refer to our previous blog entry [here](#).

JEEPA

The EU and Japan recently signed JEEPA at a time when the EU is also aggressively pursuing FTAs in the Asia Pacific region including the Singapore-EU agreement, the Vietnam-EU agreement and others, all of which have the potential to reduce the competitiveness of US businesses in those jurisdictions. The impact on US agriculture products could be significant. Japan is aiming to have the agreement ratified at the next Diet that is scheduled for this Fall and its entry into force by March 2019. By pushing the JEEPA forward, Japan is showing leadership for free trade, as it did when it recently ratified the CPTPP.

RCEP

The free trade agreement most compared to the CPTPP is the RCEP, due to the number of overlapping parties. Unlike, the CPTPP, the RCEP's terms are still undergoing negotiation, not available to the public and no agreement has been signed. RCEP parties comprise of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) together with Australia, China, India, Japan, New Zealand, and South Korea. The ten ASEAN member states are Brunei, Cambodia, Indonesia, Laos, Malaysia, Myanmar, Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, and Vietnam.

On 2 July 2018, Trade Ministers of the 16 RCEP parties met in Tokyo to reaffirm their commitment to reaching an agreement by the end of 2018. Two out of 18 sections of the RCEP have been concluded so far, with trade negotiators meeting in Bangkok later this month for working level talks. Trade Ministers will meet in Singapore at the end of August 2018 during the ASEAN Economic Ministers' Meeting for further discussions.

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AUSTRALIA

DHA notices and advices

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

Date	Series and No	Title
17-07-18	DHA Notice 2018/23	Item 1 By-law No.1339704 – revocation and replacement
25-07-18	DHA Notice 2018/24	Indexation of customs duty rates on excise-equivalent goods on 1 August 2018

Australian Tariff Precedents

The Department of Immigration and Border Protection (DIBP) has published a [List of Current Precedents](#), updated through 13 June 2017. Tariff Precedents are considered statements from Customs made to provide guidance on various classification issues. New information and tariff classification guides can be found on [Tariff Public Advice Products](#) webpage

Antidumping and countervailing duty cases

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

CHINA (INCLUDING HONG KONG SAR)

China retaliates against 545 US products worth US\$34 Billion

See, https://www.uschina.org/sites/default/files/list_of_chinese_retaliatory_tariffs_on_the_united_states_-_june_15_2018.pdf.

MOFCOM spokesperson speaks on US tariffs on US\$34 billion in Chinese products

A spokesperson for the Ministry of Commerce (MOFCOM) [issued the following statement](#):

On July 6, the United States began to impose a 25% tariff on 34 billion US dollars of Chinese products. The United States violated the WTO rules and launched the largest trade war in economic history to date. This kind of taxation is a typical trade bullyingism, which is seriously jeopardizing the global industrial chain and value chain security, hindering the pace of global economic recovery, triggering global market turmoil, and will affect more innocent multinational corporations, general enterprises and ordinary countries. Consumers will not only be helpless, but will also harm the interests of American businesses and people.

The Chinese side promised not to fight the first shot, but in order to defend the core interests of the country and the interests of the people, they had to be forced to make the necessary counterattacks. We will promptly inform the WTO about the situation and work with countries around the world to jointly safeguard free trade and the multilateral system. At the same time, China reiterated that we will unswervingly deepen reform, expand opening up, protect entrepreneurship, strengthen property rights protection, and create a good business environment for Chinese companies in the world. We will continue to assess the impact of the company and will work to take effective measures to help the business.

The Ministry of Commerce (MOFCOM) [reported](#) that on July 6, 2018, China filed a dispute settlement case in the WTO on the tariff measures officially implemented under the US 301 investigation.

SPC Launches International Commercial Courts in Shenzhen and Xi'an

Following its earlier announcements, the Supreme People's Court of China (SPC) has formally launched two branches in Shenzhen and Xi'an on 29 June 2018, namely the First and Second International Commercial Courts of China (CICC). On the same day, it also issued the "Provisions on Several Issues regarding the Establishment of International Commercial Courts" (the "Provisions"), providing for the scope and operation of the CICC.

The CICC is a significant development in China's judicial system and will offer more dispute resolution choices to parties doing business in China and internationally, particularly in connection with China's Belt and Road Initiative. Its jurisdiction will include, among other disputes, international commercial cases with claims worth over RMB 300 million or of nation-wide significance, and where a party applies for interim measures in aid of arbitration and enforcement or setting aside of applicable arbitral awards.

Key features of the CICC

The CICC is a division of the SPC and sits at the same level of the SPC in the hierarchy of the Chinese judiciary. This means that it has jurisdiction over matters which fall within the purview of the SPC as per the Civil Procedure Law (CPL). Its first instance judgments are final and binding and are not subject to appeal. However, like all other binding judgments in China, they are subject to motions for supervisory review under the CPL.

The Provisions provide, among other things, the following aspects in relation to the CICC's operation:

1. scope of jurisdiction;
2. rules for determining and ascertaining applicable law;
3. rules of evidence taking;
4. seamless collaboration with mediation and arbitration;
5. use of electronic facilities for filings, payments of court charges, submissions and exchanges of documents, services of process and hearings;
6. effect of judgments and enforcement procedure.

Scope of the CICC's Jurisdiction

According to the Provisions, the CICC has jurisdiction over the following categories of cases:

1. First instance international commercial cases with claims worth over RMB300 million where parties have agreed to refer their disputes to the jurisdiction of the SPC in accordance with Article 34 of the CPL. Article 34 provides that parties can choose to refer their disputes to the court in the place with actual connection with the disputes such as the place of the defendant's domicile, contract performance, contract signing, the claimant's domicile or the location of the subject matter.
2. First instance international commercial cases which would have been tried by a high court but are referred to the CICC by the high court with the approval of the SPC.
3. First instance international commercial cases with high nation-wide significance.
4. Applications for interim measures in aid of arbitration in accordance with Article 14 of the Provisions as well as those for enforcement or setting aside of the arbitral awards made as per that article.
5. Other international commercial cases which the SPC deems fit for the CICC to handle.

Evidence, electronic filing and applicable law

Interestingly, the Provisions do not require that all evidence formed outside China shall be notarized. Instead, it stresses that evidence should be examined at hearings. Documents in English are not required to be translated into Chinese should both parties agree. Collection and examination of evidence can be conducted via audio-visual facilities or other electronic transmission systems.

An electronic system will be set up to facilitate parties' filings of complaints, submissions, exchanges and review of documents, payment of court charges, service of process, status enquiry and even conduct of hearings online.

The CICC will apply the law agreed by the parties in priority to the law determined by China's rules of conflict of laws. A Committee of International Business

Experts will be established to aid judges sitting on the CICC, particularly with respect to the ascertainment of foreign laws. The Committee can also be mandated to mediate the cases where the parties so agree. How members of the Committee will be selected remains to be seen. However, we believe the vast majority of them will be from foreign jurisdictions. As foreigners do not qualify as judges under current Chinese law, it is unlikely any members of the Committee will be allowed to sit on the bench.

Eight reputable judges from the SPC have been appointed to the bench of the CICC, all of whom can hear cases in English and Chinese. They will not be based in Shenzhen or Xi'an but will rather only go there in case of need, such as for hearings.

Collaboration with mediation and arbitration

The most interesting feature of the CICC is that it will house mediation, arbitration and litigation under the same roof.

Some qualified mediation institutions and arbitration institutions will be selected to work seamlessly with the CICC. When cases are referred to the CICC, it will consult with the parties whether they would like to have mediation or arbitration. If the parties agree, the cases will then be referred to the Committee of International Business Experts or other mediation institutions for mediation, or a qualified arbitration institution for arbitration.

In addition, settlement agreements reached through the mediation can be converted into enforceable mediation statements or judgments by the CICC. Arbitral awards rendered under this mechanism can also be enforced by the CICC. Further, the CICC will grant interim measures in aid of the arbitration conducted in accordance with the Provisions.

What It Means for You

For foreign companies doing business with Chinese parties and seeking to enforce claims against their counterparties in China, the CICC is an additional option as a dispute resolution mechanism. It proposes to offer a more efficient procedure, wider choices of interim measures, higher professional quality in judgments and possibly better chances of enforceability. Clients who wish to utilize the CICC should seek legal advice in structuring their dispute resolution clauses to ensure that the potential dispute meets the CICC's jurisdiction criteria and to avoid ending up in other Chinese courts if the dispute falls short of the relevant criteria.

Comments

It remains to be seen whether the arbitration institutions selected for the purposes of the Provisions will include foreign arbitration institutions. If so, the interim measures granted in aid of arbitrations administered by such foreign arbitration institutions would be a break from current judicial practice in China, which has been to refuse such measures up till now.

Another factor worth noting is that the CICC does not directly address or broaden the scope of enforceability of its judgments in foreign jurisdictions. Since China has not entered into many bilateral treaties or multilateral conventions for the mutual enforcement of civil judgments, it is unlikely that the CICC will attract cases

brought in foreign jurisdictions for the sake of convenient enforcement. Further, cases with no actual connection with China cannot be tried by the CICC.

Despite the above uncertainties and limitations, the CICC is a welcome development in China's judicial system and will provide an additional and more efficient platform with more choices for dispute settlement in China, especially considering the prospect of housing arbitration under one roof and providing interim measure aids and enforcement to arbitration proceedings.

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MOFCOM and GAC notices

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

Date	Series and №	Subject
06-16-18	Tax Committee № 5	Announcement of the Customs Tariff Commission of the State Council on Adding Tariffs to Imports of US\$50 Billion (06-16-18)
06-26-18	Tax Committee № 27	Notice of the Customs Tariff Commission of the State Council on Implementing the Agreement Rate of the Second Amendment to the Asia-Pacific Trade Agreement (06-19-18)
06-22-18	Tax Committee № 28	Notice of the Customs Tariff Commission of the State Council on the Implementation of Zero Tariffs on Certain Goods under CEPA in the Second Half of 2018 (06-15-18)
06-30-18	MOFCOM and Nat. Reform and Dev. Comm. Order № 19	Special Administrative Measures for Foreign Investment Access to the Free Trade Pilot Zone Eff. 07-30-18
07-03-18	GAC Ann. № 81	Announcement on the Change of Imported Cotton Overseas Suppliers
07-05-18	GAC Ann. № 83	Notice on Adjusting the Format of Electronic Messages for Sea and Air Transport Vehicles for Import and Export and Domestic Customs Supervision of Goods
07-06-18	GAC Ann. № 87	Inspection and Quarantine Requirements for Imported Bolivian Quinoa
07-11-18	GAC Ann. № 89	Regulating Inspection and Quarantine of Exported Goods
	GAC Ann. № 90	Automation of Inspection and Quarantine Documents
07-12-18	GAC Ann. № 92	on the abolition of relevant documents
07-13-18	GAC Ann. № 93	adjustment of sea and air transport inbound and outbound transport and cargo manifest management
07-19-18	GAC Ann. № 94	Scope of the administrative approval authority for import and export goods for the adjustment of the customs supervision of the transshipment of the Yangtze River

Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Cases

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

INDIA

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India requests WTO Member States to examine issues related to moratorium of customs duties on electronic transmissions

On 12 July, 2018, India and South Africa communicated to the General Council of WTO concerning issues related to moratorium on customs duties on electronic transmissions which implies that customs duties are not imposed on products exported in digitalised form, even if bound rate on same product, if delivered in physical form, is not zero. Thus, moratorium on customs duties on electronic transmissions could in effect undermine existing schedule of tariff concessions of WTO Members. Considering the fact that average bound tariffs of developing countries are considerably higher than those of developed countries, a moratorium on customs duties on electronic transmissions could significantly alter negotiated balance of rights and obligations. Additionally, there is neither agreed definition nor common understanding amongst Members of what is covered under electronic transmissions. Hence, Members were requested to examine issues relation to electronic transmissions. [Circulated by WTO vide [Notification No. WT/GC/W/747](#) (dated 13 July, 2018)].

India notifies WTO of domestic support commitments

On 19 July, 2018, in pursuance of Article 18 of the *Agreement on Agriculture*, India notified the Committee on Agriculture concerning domestic support commitments for marketing year 2016-2017, which is circulated vide [Notification No. G/AG/N/IND/13](#) (dated 20 July, 2018) issued read with corrigendum circulated vide [Notification No. G/AG/N/IND/13/Corr.1](#) (dated 30 July, 2018) by the Committee on Agriculture.

India notifies WTO of draft Food Safety and Standards (Food Products Standards and Food Additives) Amendment Regulations, 2018

India notified the Committee on Technical Barriers to Trade concerning draft *Food Safety and Standards (Packaging and Labelling) Amendment Regulations, 2018* dealing with information that needs to be displayed in food service establishments which is circulated vide [Notification No. G/TBT/N/IND/81](#) (dated 24 July, 2018) issued by the Committee on Technical Barriers to Trade to invite comments from other Member States before 60 days from the date of notification.

India also notified the Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures concerning draft *Food Safety and Standards (Food Products Standards and Food Additives) Amendment Regulations, 2018* relating to revision of standards of synthetic syrup and sharbat which is circulated vide [Notification No. G/SPS/N/IND/221](#) (dated 26 July, 2018) by the Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures to invite comments from other Member States before 24 September, 2018.

Further, vide [Notification No. G/SPS/N/IND/222](#) (dated 27 July, 2018), the Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures circulated India's notification relating to insertion of Appendix C with respect to Processing Aids to draft *Food Safety and Standards (Food Products Standards and Food Additives) Amendment Regulations, 2018*.

Other CBIC and DGFT notifications, circulars and instructions

Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs (CBIC) and Directorate General of Foreign Trade (DGFT) issued following notifications, circulars (Cir) and instructions during the period covered by this Update:

Date	Series and No	Subject
CBIC Non-Tariff Notifications		
05-07-18	60/2018-Cus (NT)	Exchange rate notification providing conversion rate of foreign currencies to INR
11-07-18	61/2018-Cus (NT)	Notification No. 12/97-Customs (NT) dated 2 April, 1997 amended adding Village Varnama, Gujarat for unloading of imported goods and loading of export goods
13-07-18	62/2018-Cus (NT)	Tariff Notification regarding fixation of Tariff Value of Edible Oils, Brass Scrap, Poppy Seeds, Areca Nut, Gold and Silver
19-07-18	63/2018-Cus (NT)	Exchange rate notification providing conversion rate of foreign currencies to INR
27-07-18	64/2018-Cus (NT)	Levy of Fees (Customs Documents) Regulations, 1970 amended to provide non-levy of fees on amendment of export manifest in specified cases
30-07-18	65/2018-Cus (NT)	Amendment to Sea Cargo Manifest and Transshipment Regulations, 2018 to change date of its coming into force to November 1, 2018
31-07-18	66/2018-Cus (NT)	Tariff Notification regarding fixation of Tariff Value of Edible Oils, Brass Scrap, Poppy Seeds, Areca Nut, Gold and Silver
CBIC Tariff Notifications		
09-07-18	51/2018-Cus	Period of concessional rate of export duty extended upto 31 March, 2021 by amending Notification No. 27/2011-Customs dated 1 March, 2011 on export of Iron Ore by MMTC Limited (only NMDC origin) to Japan and South Korea under the Long-Term Agreement (LTA)
14-07-18	52/2018-Cus	Notification No. 50/2017-Customs dated 30 June, 2017 amended to expand list of exempt items for Handicraft Sector
16-07-18	53/2018-Cus	Amends Basic Customs Duty (BCD) rates on specified textile goods
20-07-18	54/2018-Cus	Notification No. 50/2017 dated 30 June, 2017 amended to withdraw tariff concession available to all goods imported under Tariff Heading 6310 (<i>Used or new rags, scrap twine, cordage, rope and cables and worn out articles of twine, cordage, rope or cables, of textile materials</i>) of Customs Tariff Act, 1975
26-07-18	55/2018-Cus	Exemption to Integrated Goods and Services Tax calculated on assessable value over and above Pool Issue Price at which Urea, falling under Tariff Item 3102 1000 of Customs Tariff Act, 1975 is sold by Department of Fertilizers to Fertilizer Marketing Entities on High Sea sale basis
CBIC Circulars		
18-07-18	21/2018-Customs	Setting up of Help Desks for refund of Integrated Goods and Services Tax on export of goods on payment of duty
18-07-18	22/2018-Customs	Clarification issued for rectification of errors for refund of Integrated Goods and Services Tax on export of goods on payment of duty
23-07-18	23/2018-Customs	Procedure to be followed by nominated agencies importing gold/ silver/ platinum under scheme for 'Export Against Supply by Nominated Agencies'
31-07-18	24/2018-Customs	Date for mandatory electronic sealing for movement

Date	Series and No	Subject
		of goods under warehousing bond extended up to 1 October, 2018
DGFT Notifications		
02-07-18	15/2015-2020	Restriction on import of peas classified under Exim Code 0713 1000 extended up to 30 September, 2018
02-07-18	16/2015-2020	Free import of Fresh Ginger wholly produced in Nepal classified under Exim Code 0910 11 10
03-07-18	17/2015-2020	SCOMET List provided in Appendix 3 to Schedule-2 of ITC (HS) 2018 amended
09-07-18	09-Corrigendum/2015-2020	Corrigendum issued to Notification No. 09/ 2015-2020 dated 28 May, 2018 to amend Para 1.41(iii)(b) of Foreign Trade Policy to provide duty free entitlement for import of trimmings, embellishments and footwear components for footwear (leather and synthetic) and other leather products up to 5% of FOB value of export of previous financial year
12-07-18	18/2015-2020	Vishakhapatnam port added to list of existing Ports/ ICDs for importing new vehicles
12-07-18	19/2015-2020	Import policy condition inserted to prohibit import of Oxytocin
25-07-18	20/2015-2020	Import policy condition amended to provide import of Arecanut over and above CIF INR 251 per kilogram free and import below CIF INR 251 prohibited
25-07-18	21/2015-2020	Import policy condition amended to provide import of pepper under Advance Authorisation Scheme by 100% Export Oriented Units and units in Special Economic Zones free and exempt from Minimum Import Price condition
26-07-18	22/2015-2020	Para 2.47 and Para 3.05 of Foreign Trade Policy amended to revise value limit for export through courier service/ post and increase eligibility criteria for entitlement under Merchandise Exports from India Scheme for courier/ post exports
26-07-18	23/2015-2020	Import policy condition amended to provide import of Urea for industrial/ non-agricultural / technical grade free with Actual User Condition
DGFT Public Notices		
03-07-18	17/2015-2020	Para 3.24 inserted in Handbook of Procedures to notify procedure to obtain No Incentive Certificate under Merchandise Exports from India Scheme
03-07-18	18/2015-2020	Addition to list of Pre-Shipment Inspection Agency
03-07-18	19/2015-2020	Para 2.74 of Handbook of Procedures amended to include Warning List or Awareness Raising Guidelines of Australia Group and Para 2.79A thereof amended to allow export of Category 1C chemicals of SCOMET List under stock and sale policy
12-07-18	20/2015-2020	Para 2.79 of Handbook of Procedures amended to widen scope for issue of authorisation for repeat orders of SCOMET items
12-07-18	21/2015-2020	Enlistment of M/s Uttar Pradesh Export Promotion Council to issue Non-Preferential Certificate of Origin
13-07-18	22/2015-2020	Merchandise Exports from India Scheme benefit for Bengalgram under ITC(HS) Code 0713 20 20 extended up to 20 September, 2018
13-07-18	23/2015-2020	Appendix 3B of the Handbook of Procedures amended to enhance Merchandise Exports from India Scheme benefit to certain items and include new items
26-07-18	24/2015-2020	Duty credit scrips allowed for debit of import of items not earlier permitted
27-07-18	25/2015-2020	Panipat notified as Town of Export Excellence for Carpets, Other Textile Floor Coverings and Bed Linen

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JAPAN

EU and Japan sign Economic Partnership Agreement

[See article in *EUROPE-EFTA* section above.](#)

SINGAPORE

Notices, circulars, etc.

Date	Reference	Matter
23-07-18	Cir. No 06/2018	Amendments to Dutiable Diesel Description

THAILAND

Local cosmetic manufacturers and importers required to confirm their identity to the FDA within the given deadline

Following our previous alert on the FDA's announcement regarding the transfer of cosmetic data from Hello to Privus system, and the renewal of cosmetic notification licenses before 8 September 2018, the FDA has now issued the Ministerial Notification re: *Rules, Procedure, and Conditions to Manufacture or Import Cosmetics*, as published in the *Government Gazette* on 23 May 2018, stipulating guidelines for local manufacturers and importers to arrange their manufacturing facilities, importer's offices and cosmetic storages.

Furthermore, the FDA requests immediate actions from local manufacturers and importers as follows:

1. Local manufacturers and importers whose cosmetics were already notified to the FDA before 24 May 2018 must confirm their identity with the FDA or the provincial health offices by submitting documents such as a company certificate, map showing the location of the premises, and floor plans of the office and cosmetic storage area. If they no longer manufacture or import cosmetics, a formal confirmation of the cancellation of all cosmetic notification licenses must be submitted. The FDA will soon send a letter to each local manufacturer and importer to contact the FDA within 45 days after receiving the letter. Failure to do so will result in the termination of all cosmetic notification licenses.
2. New local manufacturers and importers who wish to start cosmetics businesses after 24 May 2018 must register themselves with the FDA as manufacturers or importers of cosmetics before they can proceed with the notification of cosmetic formulas. Checklists of documents and materials required for registration, along with guidelines on how to arrange manufacturing facilities, import offices, and cosmetic storages, have now been made available.

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VIETNAM

Vietnam National Assembly passes new competition law

On 12 June 2018, the National Assembly of Vietnam passed the new Competition Law ("New Law"), which comes into effect on 1 July 2019. The official version has recently been made public. The New Law introduces, among other things, an expansion in scope of applicability, different approach to anti-

competitive agreements, new concept of assessing dominance, and new merger control thresholds.

Click [here](#) to read our full summary analysis. For additional information, please contact [Seck Yee Chung](#) or [Duong Bao Trung](#).

Europe, Middle East and North Africa

European Union and EFTA

Delegated Regulation implementing the Union Customs Code amended

On 30 July 2018, the *Official Journal* published [Commission Delegated Regulation \(EU\) 2018/1063 of 16 May 2018 amending and correcting Delegated Regulation \(EU\) 2015/2446 supplementing Regulation \(EU\) No 952/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards detailed rules concerning certain provisions of the Union Customs Code](#) (the 2018 Regulation). The practical implementation of [Regulation \(EU\) No 952/2013](#) (the Union Customs Code) together with [Commission Delegated Regulation \(EU\) 2015/2446](#) (the Delegated Regulation) has shown that some amendments need to be made to that Delegated Regulation in order to better adjust it to the needs of economic operators and customs administrations. The 2018 Regulation's amendments and corrections to the Delegated Regulation accomplish that. See the Regulation for detailed revisions.

EU imposes provisional safeguards on certain steel products

On 18 July 2018, the *Official Journal* published [Commission Implementing Regulation \(EU\) 2018/1013 of 17 July 2018 imposing provisional safeguard measures with regard to imports of certain steel products](#). On 26 March 2018, the Commission published a Notice of Initiation of a safeguard investigation concerning imports of 26 steel product categories (2018/C 111/10) in the *Official Journal*. The Commission decided to initiate the investigation in the light of sufficient evidence that imports of those products might cause or threaten to cause serious injury to the Union producers concerned. On 28 June, the investigation was extended to two additional product categories. There was also a high risk of further increase of imports resulting from trade diversion due to the measures against imports of steel adopted by the United States under Section 232 of the *Trade Expansion Act of 1962* ('Section 232'). The 28 product categories ('the product concerned' or the 'product categories concerned') are all covered by the steel surveillance mechanism introduced by the Commission in May 2016. They are also subject to the US tariff measures under Section 232.

Ultimately, it was decided to impose provisional safeguards on 23 product categories, which, together with the CN codes under which these products are currently classified, are listed in Annex I to the Regulation. The safeguards consist of quotas based on the average imports over the past three years. The quota is allocated on a first come first serve basis, thus at this stage not allocated by individual exporting country. When the quotas for a category are reached, further imports will be subject to a 25% additional duty. The safeguards will not apply to the EFTA EEA States (Norway, Iceland, and Liechtenstein) and to most of the developing countries listed in Annex IV. However, the safeguards will apply to certain product categories from the following developing countries, however: Brazil, China, Egypt, India, Indonesia, Malaysia, Moldova, Saudi Arabia, South Africa, FYR Macedonia, Turkey, Ukraine, UAE, Viet Nam, as indicated in Annex IV.

The Commission [announced](#) that these measures will address the diversion of steel from other countries to the EU market as a result of the recently imposed US tariffs.

The Commission announcement says that the Commission received overwhelming support for these measures from the EU Member States.

The provisional safeguard measures came into effect on Thursday, 19 July and can remain in place for a maximum of 200 days. All interested parties will now have the opportunity to comment on the findings of the investigation so far. The Commission will take these comments into consideration in order to reach its final conclusion, at the latest by early 2019. If all conditions are met, definitive safeguard measures may be imposed as a result.

EU and Japan sign Economic Partnership Agreement

On 17 July 2018, the European Commission [announced](#) that the EU and Japan had signed the *EU-Japan Economic Partnership Agreement* (EPA) at the EU-Japan summit in Tokyo. The announcement said that the trade agreement is the biggest ever negotiated by the EU and will create an open trade zone covering over 600 million people. The announcement also said:

The agreement will remove the vast majority of the €1 billion of duties paid annually by EU companies exporting to Japan, and has led to the removal of a number of long-standing regulatory barriers, for example on cars. It will also open up the Japanese market of 127 million consumers to key EU agricultural exports and will increase EU export opportunities in a range of other sectors.

The Economic Partnership Agreement will also in addition strengthen cooperation between Europe and Japan in a range of areas, reaffirm their shared commitment to sustainable development, and include for the first time a specific commitment to the Paris climate agreement.

The key parts of the agreement

With regards to agricultural exports from the EU, the agreement will, in particular:

- scrap Japanese duties on many cheeses such as Gouda and Cheddar (which currently are at 29.8%) as well as on wine exports (currently at 15% on average);
- allow the EU to increase its beef exports to Japan substantially, while on pork there will be duty-free trade in processed meat and almost duty-free trade for fresh meat;
- ensure the protection in Japan of more than 200 high-quality European agricultural products, so called Geographical Indications (GIs), and the protection of a selection of Japanese GIs in the EU.

The agreement also opens up services markets, in particular financial services, e-commerce, telecommunications and transport. It furthermore:

- guarantees EU companies access to the large procurement markets of 48 large Japanese cities, and removes obstacles to procurement in the economically important railway sector at national level;
- addresses specific sensitivities in the EU, for instance in the automotive sector, with transition periods of up to 7 years before customs duties are eliminated.

The agreement also includes a comprehensive chapter on trade and sustainable development; sets very high standards of labour, safety, environmental and consumer protection; strengthens EU and Japan's commitments on sustainable development and climate change and fully safeguards public services.

Concerning data protection, the EU and Japan concluded the negotiations on reciprocal adequacy on 16 July, which will complement the Economic Partnership Agreement. They agreed to recognise each other's data protection systems as 'equivalent', which will allow data to flow safely between the EU and Japan, creating the world's largest area of safe data flows.

The agreement is now awaiting ratification by the European Parliament and the Japanese Diet following which it could enter into force in 2019.

At the same time, negotiations with Japan continue on investment protection standards and investment protection dispute resolution. The firm commitment on both sides is to reach convergence in the investment protection negotiations as soon as possible, in light of their shared commitment to a stable and secure investment environment in Europe and Japan.

- [EU-Japan EPA](#) page including factsheets, legal text, exporters' stories
- [Text of the agreement](#)

EU-China Summit: deepening the strategic global partnership

On 16 July 2018, the European Commission [announced](#) that the 20th Summit between the European Union and the People's Republic of China held on 16 July in Beijing has underlined that EU-China partnership has reached a "new level of importance for our own citizens, for our respective neighbouring regions and for the international community more broadly." The following paragraphs are excerpts from the announcement:

The [Joint Summit Statement](#) agreed by the European Union and China illustrates the breadth and depth of the EU-China relationship and the positive impact that such a partnership can have, in particular when it comes to addressing global and regional challenges such as climate change, common security threats, the promotion of multilateralism, and the promotion of open and fair trade. The Summit follows the High-level [Strategic Dialogue](#), co-chaired by the EU High Representative for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy/Vice-President of the European Commission, Federica Mogherini and Chinese State Counsellor, Wang Yi, in Brussels on 1 June, and the [High-level Economic and Trade Dialogue](#), co-chaired by Vice-President Katainen and Chinese Vice-Premier, Liu He, in Beijing on 25 June.

This 20th Summit demonstrates the many ways in which the European Union and China are concretely strengthening what is already a comprehensive relationship. In addition to the [Joint Statement](#), a number of other concrete deliverables were agreed, including:

- [a Leaders' Statement on Climate Change and Clean Energy](#);
- an exchange of offers on the Comprehensive Agreement on Investment;
- [a Partnership Agreement on Oceans](#);
- [a Memorandum of Understanding on Circular Economy Cooperation](#);
- [a Memorandum of Understanding to Enhance Cooperation on Emissions Trading](#);
- agreement to conclude before the end of October, if possible, the negotiations on an Agreement on Geographical Indications;
- [an Action Plan concerning China-EU Customs Cooperation on Intellectual Property Rights \(2018-2020\)](#);
- a Memorandum of Understanding between the European Investment Fund and the Silk Road Forum confirming the first co-investment carried out under the recently established [China-EU Co-Investment Fund](#);

- a Strategic Administrative Cooperation Arrangement and an Action Plan (2018-2020) between the European Anti-Fraud Office (OLAF) and the General Administration of China Customs.

In the [Leaders' statement on climate change and clean energy](#), the European Union and China have committed to step up their cooperation towards low greenhouse gas emission economies and the implementation of the *2015 Paris Agreement* on climate change.

At the Summit, the EU and China confirmed their firm support to the rules-based, transparent, non-discriminatory, open and inclusive multilateral trading system with the WTO as its core and committed to complying with existing WTO rules. They also committed to co-operating on the reform of the WTO to help it meet new challenges, and established a joint working group on WTO reform, chaired at Vice-Ministerial level, to this end.

Good progress was made on the ongoing Investment Agreement negotiations, which is a top priority and a key project towards establishing and maintaining an open, predictable, fair and transparent business environment for European and Chinese investors.

In the area of food safety, the EU and China agreed to promote the highest food safety standards, and are ready to take the regionalisation principle into account, and committed to expanding market access for food products.

For further information:

- [EU-China Summit website](#)
- [EU-China relations factsheet](#)
- [Joint Statement following the 20th EU-China Summit](#)

EU adopts framework for sanctions on the Maldives

On 16 July 2018, the EU adopted a framework ([Council Regulation \(EU\) 2018/1001](#); [Council Decision \(CFSP\) 2018/1006](#)) to impose targeted sanctions (travel bans and asset freezes) against persons and entities who are responsible for “undermining the rule of law or obstructing an inclusive political solution in the Maldives”, as well as those responsible for “serious human rights violations or abuses”. The relevant EU press release on this framework can be found [here](#). This framework is a direct follow-up to the [EU conclusions adopted on 26 February 2018](#) in which the EU called on the competent Maldivian institutions to “immediately lift the State of Emergency, and restore all constitutionally guaranteed rights”.

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Commission issues tariff classification regulations

No tariff classification regulations were issued by the European Commission during the period covered by this Update.

Amendments to the CN Explanatory Notes

No amendments to the *Explanatory Notes to the Combined Nomenclature of the European Union* 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
02-07-18	Council Decision (EU) 2018/929 of 25 June 2018 on the conclusion, on behalf of the Union, of the Agreement between the European Union and the Swiss Confederation on supplementary rules in relation to the instrument for financial support for external borders and visa, as part of the Internal Security Fund, for the period 2014 to 2020 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Agreement between the European Union and the Swiss Confederation on supplementary rules in relation to the instrument for financial support for external borders and visa, as part of the Internal Security Fund, for the period 2014 to 2020
	Council Decision (EU) 2018/934 of 25 June 2018 on the putting into effect of the remaining provisions of the Schengen <i>acquis</i> relating to the Schengen Information System in the Republic of Bulgaria and Romania
	Commission Implementing Decision (EU) 2018/935 of 28 June 2018 amending Implementing Decision 2014/88/EU suspending temporarily imports from Bangladesh of foodstuffs containing or consisting of Betel leaves ('Piper beetle') as regards its period of application (notified under document C(2018) 3997)
	Commission Implementing Decision (EU) 2018/936 of 29 June 2018 authorising Member States to adopt certain derogations pursuant to Directive 2008/68/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council on the inland transport of dangerous goods (notified under document C(2018) 4003)
	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) [2018/C 230/04]
	Passenger name records (PNR) — Passenger Information Units — List of the Passenger Information Units referred to in Article 4 of Directive (EU) 2016/681 of the European Parliament and of the Council on the use of passenger name record (PNR) data for the prevention, detection, investigation and prosecution of terrorist offences and serious crime (This list reflects the established Passenger Information Units in the Member States responsible for collecting PNR data from air carriers, storing and processing those data and transferring those data or the result of processing them to the competent authorities referred to in Article 7 of the PNR Directive) [2018/C 230/05]
	Corrigendum to the List of customs offices empowered to handle formalities for the exportation of cultural goods, published in accordance with Article 5(2) of

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	Council Regulation (EC) No 116/2009 (This list annuls and replaces the list published in OJ C 67, 22.2.2018, p. 6.) [2018/C 230/10]
03-07-18	Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2018/941 of 2 July 2018 amending Regulation (EC) No 669/2009 implementing Regulation (EC) No 882/2004 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards the increased level of official controls on imports of certain feed and food of non-animal origin and Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) No 885/2014
	Decision No 1/2018 of the Community/Switzerland Inland Transport Committee of 12 June 2018 amending Annex 1 to the Agreement between the European Community and the Swiss Confederation on the carriage of goods and passengers by rail and road [2018/944]
04-07-18	Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2018/949 of 3 July 2018 amending Regulation (EC) No 1235/2008 laying down detailed rules for implementation of Council Regulation (EC) No 834/2007 as regards the arrangements for imports of organic products from third countries
	Commission Implementing Decision (EU) 2018/950 of 3 July 2018 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(2018) 4321)
	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)
05-07-18	Commission Implementing Decision (EU) 2018/954 of 4 July 2018 laying down certain protective measures in order to prevent the spread of peste des petits ruminants in Bulgaria (notified under document C(2018) 4374)
	Decision No 1/2018 of the EU-Moldova Association Committee meeting in Trade configuration of 16 April 2018 giving a favourable opinion regarding the comprehensive roadmap on public procurement [2018/955]
06-07-18	Commission Regulation (EU) 2018/960 of 5 July 2018 amending Annexes II and III to Regulation (EC) No 396/2005 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards maximum residue levels for lambda-cyhalothrin in or on certain products
	Commission information notice pursuant to Article 49(2) of Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2016/161 supplementing Directive 2001/83/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council by laying down detailed rules for the safety features appearing on the packaging of medicinal products for human use — Information concerning the date of application of Articles 1 to 48 of Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2016/161 [2018/C 235/08]
09-07-18	Regulation (EU) 2018/956 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 28 June 2018 on the monitoring and reporting of CO2 emissions from and fuel consumption of new heavy-duty vehicles
10-07-18	Council Decision (EU) 2018/966 of 6 July 2018 on the signing, on behalf of the European Union, of the Agreement between the European Union and Japan for an Economic Partnership
	Commission Implementing Decision (EU) 2018/971 of 9 July 2018 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(2018) 4460)
11-07-18	Decision No 1/2018 of the EU-Ukraine Association Committee in Trade Configuration of 14 May 2018 updating Annex XXI to Chapter 8 on Public Procurement of Title IV — Trade and Trade-Related Matters of the Association Agreement and giving a favourable opinion regarding the comprehensive roadmap on public procurement [2018/972]
12-07-18	Commission Regulation (EU) 2018/978 of 9 July 2018 amending Annexes II and III to Regulation (EC) No 1223/2009 of the European Parliament and of the Council on cosmetic products
	Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2018/981 of 11 July 2018 amending

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	<p>the list of Brazilian establishments from which imports into the Union of fishery products intended for human consumption are permitted</p> <p>Decision No 1/2018 of the EU-Republic of Moldova Association Council of 3 May 2018 as regards the amendment of Annex XXVI to the Association Agreement between the 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 [2018/984]</p>
13-07-18	<p>Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2018/991 of 12 July 2018 authorising the placing on the market of hen egg white lysozyme hydrolysate as a novel food under Regulation (EU) 2015/2283 of the European Parliament and of the Council, and amending Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2017/2470</p> <p>Commission Decision (EU) 2018/993 of 11 July 2018 amending Decisions (EU) 2017/1214, (EU) 2017/1215, (EU) 2017/1216, (EU) 2017/1218 and (EU) 2017/1219 as regards the duration of the transitional period(notified under document C(2018) 4312). [regarding Ecolabelling]</p> <p>Commission communication in the framework of the implementation of Directive 1999/5/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council on radio equipment and telecommunications terminal equipment and the mutual recognition of their conformity and 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 (Publication of titles and references of harmonised standards under Union harmonisation legislation) [2018/C 246/02]</p> <p>Commission communication in the framework of the implementation of Directive 2014/30/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council on the harmonisation of the laws of the Member States relating to electromagnetic compatibility (Publication of titles and references of harmonised standards under Union harmonisation legislation) [2018/C 246/01]</p>
16-07-18	<p>Commission Implementing Decision (EU) 2018/998 of 12 July 2018 amending Annex I to Decision 2009/177/EC as regards the status of Croatia for koi herpes virus (KHV) disease, of Finland for infectious haematopoietic necrosis (IHN), the list of areas in Ireland free of Bonamia ostreae, the list of areas in the United Kingdom free of Marteilia refringens and amending Annex I to Decision 2010/221/EU as regards the list of areas in the United Kingdom free of Ostreid herpesvirus 1 µvar (OsHV-1 µVar) (notified under document C(2018) 4381)</p>
17-07-18	<p>Commission Implementing Decision (EU) 2018/1008 of 16 July 2018 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(2018) 4771)</p>
18-07-18	<p>Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2018/1011 of 17 July 2018 authorising an extension of use levels of UV-treated mushrooms as a novel food under Regulation (EU) 2015/2283 of the European Parliament and of the Council, and amending Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2017/2470</p> <p>Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2018/1011 of 17 July 2018 authorising an extension of use levels of UV-treated mushrooms as a novel food under Regulation (EU) 2015/2283 of the European Parliament and of the Council, and amending Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2017/2470</p> <p>Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2018/985 of 12 February 2018 supplementing Regulation (EU) No 167/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards environmental and propulsion unit performance requirements for agricultural and forestry vehicles and their engines and repealing Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2015/96</p> <p>Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2018/986 of 3 April 2018 amending Implementing Regulation (EU) 2015/504 as regards the adaptation of the administrative provisions for the approval and market surveillance of agricultural and forestry vehicles to Stage V emission limits</p> <p>Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2018/987 of 27 April 2018 amending and correcting Delegated Regulation (EU) 2017/655 supplementing Regulation (EU) 2016/1628 of the European Parliament and of the Council with regard to monitoring of gaseous pollutant emissions from in-service internal combustion engines installed in non-road mobile machinery</p>

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	<p>Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2018/988 of 27 April 2018 amending and correcting Implementing Regulation (EU) 2017/656 laying down the administrative requirements relating to emission limits and type-approval of internal combustion engines for non-road mobile machinery in accordance with Regulation (EU) 2016/1628 of the European Parliament and of the Council</p> <p>Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2018/989 of 18 May 2018 amending and correcting Delegated Regulation (EU) 2017/654 supplementing Regulation (EU) 2016/1628 of the European Parliament and of the Council with regard to technical and general requirements relating to emission limits and type-approval for internal combustion engines for non-road mobile machinery</p>
19-07-18	<p>Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2018/1018 of 18 July 2018 authorising an extension of use of UV-treated baker's yeast (<i>Saccharomyces cerevisiae</i>) as a novel food under Regulation (EU) 2015/2283 of the European Parliament and of the Council and amending Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2017/2470</p> <p>Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2018/1019 of 18 July 2018 concerning the non-renewal of approval of the active substance oxasulfuron, in accordance with Regulation (EC) No 1107/2009 of the European Parliament and of the Council concerning the placing of plant protection products on the market, and amending Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) No 540/2011</p> <p>Corrigendum to Commission Regulation (EU) 2018/978 of 9 July 2018 amending Annexes II and III to Regulation (EC) No 1223/2009 of the European Parliament and of the Council on cosmetic products (OJ L 176, 12.7.2018)</p>
20-07-18	<p>Decision No 1/2018 of the EU-Turkey Association Council of 27 March 2018 amending Protocol 2 to Decision No 1/98 on the trade regime for agricultural products [2018/1029]</p>
23-07-18	<p>Council Decision (EU) 2018/1030 of 13 July 2018 on the conclusion of the Agreement in the form of an Exchange of Letters between the European Union and New Zealand pursuant to Article XXIV:6 and Article XXVIII of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT) 1994 relating to the modification of concessions in the schedule of the Republic of Croatia in the course of its accession to the European Union</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Agreement in the form of an Exchange of Letters between the European Union and New Zealand pursuant to Article XXIV:6 and Article XXVIII of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT) 1994 relating to the modification of concessions in the schedule of the Republic of Croatia in the course of its accession to the European Union <p>Council Decision (EU) 2018/1031 of 13 July 2018 on the signing, on behalf of the Union, of the Status Agreement between the European Union and the Republic of Albania on actions carried out by the European Border and Coast Guard Agency in the Republic of Albania</p> <p>Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2018/1032 of 20 July 2018 authorising the extension of use of oil from the micro algae <i>Schizochytrium</i> sp. as a novel food under Regulation (EU) 2015/2283 of the European Parliament and of the Council, and amending Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2017/2470</p> <p>Commission Implementing Decision (EU) 2018/1036 of 19 July 2018 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(2018) 4875)</p>
24-07-18	<p>Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2018/1039 of 23 July 2018 concerning the authorisation of Copper(II) diacetate monohydrate, Copper(II) carbonate dihydroxy monohydrate, Copper(II) chloride dihydrate, Copper(II) oxide, Copper(II) sulphate pentahydrate, Copper(II) chelate of amino acids hydrate, Copper(II) chelate of protein hydrolysates, Copper(II) chelate of glycine hydrate (solid) and Copper(II) chelate of glycine hydrate (liquid) as feed additives for all animal species and amending Regulations (EC) No 1334/2003, (EC) No 479/2006 and (EU) No 349/2010 and Implementing Regulations (EU) No 269/2012, (EU) No 1230/2014 and (EU) 2016/2261</p> <p>Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2018/1023 of 23 July 2018 correcting Implementing Regulation (EU) 2017/2470 establishing the Union list of novel</p>

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	<p>foods</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)</p>
25-07-18	<p>Council Decision (EU) 2018/1041 of 13 July 2018 on the conclusion, on behalf of the European Union and its Member States, of a Protocol to the Framework Agreement between the European Union and its Member States, on the one part, and the Republic of Korea, on the other part, to take account of the accession of the Republic of Croatia to the European Union</p> <p>Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2018/1043 of 24 July 2018 concerning the non-renewal of approval of the active substance fenamidone, in accordance with Regulation (EC) No 1107/2009 of the European Parliament and of the Council concerning the placing of plant protection products on the market, and amending Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) No 540/2011</p> <p>Commission Implementing Decision (EU) 2018/1044 of 23 July 2018 amending the Annex to Implementing Decision (EU) 2017/247 on protective measures in relation to outbreaks of highly pathogenic avian influenza in certain Member States (notified under document C(2018) 4795)</p> <p>Decision No 2/2018 of the EU-Ukraine Association Committee in Trade Configuration of 14 May 2018 on recalculating the schedule of export duty elimination and safeguard measures for export duties set out in Annexes I-C and I-D to Chapter 1 of Title IV of the Association Agreement [2018/1045]</p> <p>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) [2018/C 261/03]</p>
26-07-18	<p>Information relating to the entry into force of the Agreement between the European Union and the Swiss Confederation on supplementary rules in relation to the instrument for financial support for external borders and visa, as part of the Internal Security Fund for the period 2014 to 2020</p> <p>Council Decision (EU) 2018/1047 of 16 July 2018 on the signing, on behalf of the Union, of the Partnership and Cooperation Agreement between the European Union and its Member States, of the one part, and the Republic of Singapore, of the other part</p> <p>Commission Regulation (EU) 2018/1049 of 25 July 2018 amending Annex I to Regulation (EC) No 396/2005 of the European Parliament and of the Council [re: maximum residue levels on food]</p> <p>Decisions 55/2017, 56/2017, 57/2017, 58/2017, 59/2017, 60/2017, 61/2017 of the Joint Committee established under the Agreement on Mutual Recognition between the European Community and the United States of America of 5 June 2018 related to the listing of Conformity Assessment Bodies under the Sectoral Annex for Electromagnetic Compatibility [2018/1051-2018/1057]</p> <p>Decision No 62/2018 of the Joint Committee established under the Agreement on Mutual Recognition between the European Community and the United States of America of 5 June 2018 related to the listing of Conformity Assessment Bodies under the Sectoral Annex for Electromagnetic Compatibility and the Sectoral Annex for Telecommunications Equipment [2018/1058]</p> <p>Update of reference amounts for the crossing of the external borders, as referred to in Article 6(4) 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) [2018/C 264/06]</p> <p>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) [2018/C 264/07]</p>
27-07-18	<p>Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2018/1060 of 26 July 2018 renewing the approval of the active substance trifloxystrobin in accordance with Regulation (EC) No 1107/2009 of the European Parliament and of the Council con-</p>

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	cerning the placing of plant protection products on the market, and amending the Annex to Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) No 540/2011 Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2018/1061 of 26 July 2018 renewing the approval of the active substance carfentrazone-ethyl in accordance with Regulation (EC) No 1107/2009 of the European Parliament and of the Council concerning the placing of plant protection products on the market, and amending Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) No 540/2011 Council Decision (EU) 2018/1062 of 16 July 2018 on the position to be adopted on behalf of the European Union within the CETA Joint Committee established by the Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement between Canada, of the one part, and the European Union and its Member States, of the other part as regards the adoption of the Rules of Procedure of the CETA Joint Committee and specialised committees Commission notice concerning a list of potentially low-risk active substances approved for use in plant protection [2018/C 265/02] Summary of European Union decisions on marketing authorisations in respect of medicinal products from 1 June 2018 to 30 June 2018 (Published pursuant to Article 13 or Article 38 of Regulation (EC) No 726/2004 of the European Parliament and of the Council) [2018/C 266/01]
30-07-18	Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2018/1063 of 16 May 2018 amending and correcting Delegated Regulation (EU) 2015/2446 supplementing Regulation (EU) No 952/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards detailed rules concerning certain provisions of the Union Customs Code Commission Implementing Decision (EU) 2018/1067 of 26 July 2018 amending Decision 2011/163/EU on the approval of plans submitted by third countries in accordance with Article 29 of Council Directive 96/23/EC (notified under document C(2018) 4804) Commission Implementing Decision (EU) 2018/1068 of 27 July 2018 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(2018) 5121)
31-07-18	Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2018/1075 of 27 July 2018 renewing the approval of the active substance <i>Ampelomyces quisqualis</i> strain AQ10, as a low-risk active substance, in accordance with Regulation (EC) No 1107/2009 of the European Parliament and of the Council concerning the placing of plant protection products on the market, and amending the Annex to Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) No 540/2011 Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2018/1076 of 30 July 2018 amending Regulation (EU) No 37/2010 to classify the substance isoflurane as regards its maximum residue limit Decision No 1/2018 of the EPA Committee set up by the Stepping Stone Economic Partnership Agreement between Côte d'Ivoire, of the one part, and the European Community and its Member States, of the other part, of 22 March 2018 regarding the adoption of the rules of procedure of the EPA Committee [2018/1088]

Restrictive measures established, amended, corrected

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

OJ Date	Restrictive Measure
04-07-18	Corrigendum to Council Implementing Regulation (EU) 2018/774 of 28 May 2018 implementing Regulation (EU) No 36/2012 concerning restrictive measures in view of the situation in Syria (OJ L 131, 29.5.2018) Corrigendum to Council Decision (CFSP) 2018/778 of 28 May 2018 amending Decision 2013/255/CFSP concerning restrictive measures against Syria (OJ L 131, 29.5.2018)
09-07-18	Council Decision (CFSP) 2018/964 of 5 July 2018 amending Decision

OJ Date	Restrictive Measure
	2014/512/CFSP concerning restrictive measures in view of Russia's actions destabilising the situation in Ukraine
12-07-18	Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2018/979 of 11 July 2018 amending Council Regulation (EC) No 1210/2003 concerning certain specific restrictions on economic and financial relations with Iraq
16-07-18	Council Implementing Regulation (EU) 2018/999 of 16 July 2018 implementing Regulation (EU) 2016/1686 imposing additional restrictive measures directed against ISIL (Da'esh) and Al-Qaeda and natural and legal persons, entities or bodies associated with them
	Council Decision (CFSP) 2018/1000 of 16 July 2018 amending Decision (CFSP) 2016/1693 concerning restrictive measures against ISIL (Da'esh) and Al-Qaeda and persons, groups, undertakings and entities associated with them
17-07-18	Council Regulation (EU) 2018/1001 of 16 July 2018 concerning restrictive measures in view of the situation in the Republic of Maldives
	Council Decision (CFSP) 2018/1006 of 16 July 2018 concerning restrictive measures in view of the situation in the Republic of Maldives
18-07-18	Council Implementing Regulation (EU) 2018/1009 of 17 July 2018 implementing Regulation (EU) 2017/1509 concerning restrictive measures against the Democratic People's Republic of Korea
	Council Implementing Decision (CFSP) 2018/1016 of 17 July 2018 implementing Decision (CFSP) 2016/849 concerning restrictive measures against the Democratic People's Republic of Korea
20-07-18	Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2018/1025 of 19 July 2018 amending Council Regulation (EC) No 1210/2003 concerning certain specific restrictions on economic and financial relations with Iraq
23-07-18	Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2018/1033 of 20 July 2018 amending for the 288th 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
27-07-18	Corrigendum to Council Regulation (EU) No 36/2012 of 18 January 2012 concerning restrictive measures in view of the situation in Syria and repealing Regulation (EU) No 442/2011 (OJ L 16, 19.1.2012)
	Corrigendum to Council Decision 2013/255/CFSP of 31 May 2013 concerning restrictive measures against Syria (OJ L 147, 1.6.2013)
30-07-18	Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2018/1066 of 27 July 2018 amending Council Regulation (EC) No 1210/2003 concerning certain specific restrictions on economic and financial relations with Iraq
31-07-18	Council Implementing Regulation (EU) 2018/1071 of 30 July 2018 implementing Article 2(3) of Regulation (EC) No 2580/2001 on specific restrictive measures directed against certain persons and entities with a view to combating terrorism and repealing Implementing Regulation (EU) 2018/468
	Council Decision (CFSP) 2018/1084 of 30 July 2018 updating the list of persons, groups and entities subject to Articles 2, 3 and 4 of Common Position 2001/931/CFSP on the application of specific measures to combat terrorism, and repealing Decision (CFSP) 2018/475
	Council Decision (CFSP) 2018/1085 of 30 July 2018 amending Decision 2014/145/CFSP concerning restrictive measures in respect of actions undermining or threatening the territorial integrity, sovereignty and independence of Ukraine
	Council Implementing Regulation (EU) 2018/1072 of 30 July 2018 implementing Regulation (EU) No 269/2014 concerning restrictive measures in respect of actions undermining or threatening the territorial integrity, sovereignty and independence of Ukraine
	Council Implementing Decision (CFSP) 2018/1086 of 30 July 2018 implementing Decision (CFSP) 2015/1333 concerning restrictive measures in view of the situation in Libya
	Council Implementing Regulation (EU) 2018/1073 of 30 July 2018 implementing Article 21(2) of Regulation (EU) 2016/44 concerning restrictive measures in view of the situation in Libya
	Council Decision (CFSP) 2018/1087 of 30 July 2018 amending Decision (CFSP)

OJ Date	Restrictive Measure
	2016/849 concerning restrictive measures against the Democratic People's Republic of Korea
	Council Implementing Regulation (EU) 2018/1074 of 30 July 2018 implementing Regulation (EU) 2017/1509 concerning restrictive measures against the Democratic People's Republic of Korea

Antidumping and countervailing duty cases

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

FRANCE

Official Gazette (*Journal officiel*)

Date	Measure
11-07-18	Order of 9 July 2018 amending the Decree of 22 February 1990 establishing the list of substances classified as narcotics
17-07-18	Order of 9 July 2018 amending the Decree of 24 February 2010 laying down the procedures for implementing Decree No. 2010-166 of 22 February 2010 on the safety of toys
18-07-18	Notice to exporters and importers of drug precursors

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
04-07-18	2018/38-Notice to importers of iron and steel products
	2018/39-Notice to importers of tartaric acid originating in the People's Republic of China
05-07-18	2018/40-Notice to Importers of Oxalic Acid from India and the People's Republic of China
10-07-18	2018/41-Notice to importers of products eligible for GSP benefits
11-07-18	2018/42-Notice to importers of ferrosilicon originating in the People's Republic of China and Russia
17-07-18	2018/43 - Notice to Importers of Biodiesel from Indonesia and Argentina
	2018/44-Notice to importers of electric bicycles originating in the People's Republic of China
19-07-18	2018 / 45- Notice to importers of certain iron and steel products originating in any third country
	2018/46 2018/46-Notice to Importers of Crystalline Silicon Photovoltaic Modules and Their Essential Components (Cells), Originating in or Coming from the People's Republic of China or Shipped from Malaysia and Taiwan
20-07-18	2018/47 2018/47-Notice to importers of ironing boards originating in the People's Republic of China
	DA № 18-038 - Regulation on protective measures against the introduction into the European Union of organisms harmful to plants or plant products NOR: CPAD1820665C
23-07-18	2018/48 - Notice to Importers of Low Carbon Ferrochrome

SWITZERLAND

Switzerland initiates WTO dispute settlement proceedings against US steel and aluminium duties

On 10 July 2018, the Swiss Federal Department of Economic Affairs, Education and Research [announced](#) that on 9 July, Switzerland, like other countries, submitted a request for consultations with the US as part of WTO dispute settlement proceedings in response to the imposition by the US, on 23 March, of additional duties on imports of certain steel and aluminium products.

In 2017, Swiss exports of the steel and aluminium products concerned to the US amounted to around CHF 80 million. From Switzerland's point of view, the additional duties, which according to the US have been introduced to protect national security, are unjustified. Switzerland first intervened with the US in March and also submitted a formal request to the US Administration for a country-specific exemption from these import duties.

The US has not responded to Switzerland's request for an exemption from the tariffs to date. In order to protect Switzerland's interests, Federal Councillor Schneider-Ammann [head of the Federal Department of Economic Affairs, Education and Research] has taken the decision to initiate WTO dispute settlement proceedings. Other WTO members affected by the tariffs, including Canada, the EU, Mexico, and Norway, have also requested consultations with the US.

- [US import duties on steel and aluminium: Switzerland initiates WTO dispute settlement proceedings](#)

Legislation (from *Recueil officiel* and SECO notifications)

Date	Measure
05-07-18	FSVO order instituting measures to prevent the introduction of peste des petits ruminants present in Bulgaria (RS 916.443.115)
10-07-18	FSVO Order instituting measures against the spread of African swine fever through import, transit and export trade with the Member States of the European Union, Iceland and Norway (RS 916.443.107)
11-07-18	FSVO order instituting measures to prevent the introduction of peste des petits ruminants present in Bulgaria (RS 916.443.115)
13-07-18	FSVO Order instituting measures against the spread of African swine fever through import, transit and export trade with the Member States of the European Union, Iceland and Norway (RS 916.443.107)
17-07-18	Ordinance on Energy Efficiency Requirements for Serially Manufactured Facilities, Vehicles and Appliances (OEEE Ordinance on Energy Efficiency Requirements) (RS 730.02)
	Ordinance on Technical Requirements for Road Vehicles (OETV) (RS 741.41)
	Agreement between the Swiss Federal Council and the Government of the United Mexican States on the Importation and Return of Cultural Property (RS 0.444.156.31)
20-07-18	FSVO Order instituting measures against the spread of African swine fever through import, transit and export trade with the Member States of the European Union, Iceland and Norway (RS 916.443.107)
24-07-18	Decision № 1/2017 of the Council amending the Appendix to Annex Q (Air Transport) of the Convention of 4 January 1960 establishing the European Free Trade Association (EFTA) (RS 0.632.31)
	Decision № 2/2017 of the Council amending the Appendix to Annex Q (Air Transport) of the Convention of 4 January 1960 establishing the European Free Trade Association (EFTA) (RS 0.632.31)
26-07-18	Ordinance of the DFI regulating the import, transit and export of animals and animal products with third countries (OITE-PT-DFI) (RS 916.443.106)
	FSVO Order instituting measures against the spread of African swine fever through import, transit and export trade with the Member States of the European

Date	Measure
	Union, Iceland and Norway (RS 916.443.107)
30-07-18	FSIV Ordinance instituting measures to prevent the introduction of avian influenza present in certain Member States of the European Union (RS 916.443.102.1)
31-07-18	Ordinance on the Importation of Agricultural Products (Ordinance on Agricultural Imports, OIAgr) (RS 916.01)
	Cooperation Agreement of 26 October 2004 between the Swiss Confederation, on the one hand, and the European Community and its Member States, on the other, to combat fraud and any other illegal activity affecting their financial interests (RS 0.351.926.81)
	Federal Order approving the Additional Agreement concerning the participation of Switzerland in the Fund for internal security and the exchange of notes between Switzerland and the EU concerning the resumption of Regulation (EU) No 514/2014 (Development of the Schengen acquis)
Date	Restrictive Measure
10-07-18	Amendment to the Ordinance of 28 March 2018 on Measures against Venezuela (RS 946.231.178.5) [Entry into force 10-07-18 at 18.00]
	Amendment to the Ordinance of 18 May 2016 instituting measures against the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (RS 946.231.127.6) [Entry into force 09-07-18]
16-07-18	Amendment to the Ordinance of 7 August 1990 on economic measures against the Republic of Iraq (RS 946.206) [Entry into force 13-07-18]
	Amendment to the Ordinance of 12 August 2015 instituting measures against South Sudan (RS 946.231.169.9) [Entry into force 13-07-18]
17-07-18	Ordinance of the Swiss Financial Market Supervisory Authority on Combating Money Laundering and Financing of Terrorism in the Financial Sector (FINMA Money Laundering Ordinance, OBA-FINMA) (RS 955.033.0)
18-07-18	Amendment to the Ordinance instituting measures against Syria (RS 946.231.172.7) [Entry into force 18-07-18 at 18.00]
24-07-18	Amendment to the Ordinance of 7 August 1990 instituting economic measures towards the Republic of Iraq (RS 946.206) [Entry into force 23-07-18]

UNITED KINGDOM

New public consultations announced for future trade agreements

The Department for International Trade (DIT) [announced](#) that in a [speech to business and civil society leaders](#) hosted by the Federation of Small Businesses on 18 July 2018, International Trade Secretary Dr Liam Fox announced 4 public consultations ahead of post-Brexit trade negotiations.

The consultations demonstrate the UK's intention to seek free trade agreements with the US, Australia and New Zealand and possible accession to the *Comprehensive and Progressive Agreement for Trans-Pacific Partnership* (CPTPP). The US is the UK's single largest trading partner, accounting for £100 billion of UK annual exports and supporting millions of UK jobs. UK exports to Australia and New Zealand, two of the UK's closest allies, are growing at 14.8% and 16.8% respectively, a faster pace than the UK's global average and far outstripping export growth to the EU. If the UK were to join CPTPP, it would be the second largest economy in the group, and CPTPP's coverage of global GDP would increase to around 17%.

These agreements can:

- enable increased trade and investment
- secure access for UK exporters to the key markets of today and the future
- give consumers access to a greater range of products at lower prices

- make the UK more innovative, competitive and prosperous

The consultations, which were released to the public 20 July 2018, will cover these prospective new trade agreements signalling the UK's immediate negotiating priorities as soon as it leaves the EU, in line with the terms of the draft Withdrawal Agreement and in light of the government's White Paper on the future relationship between the UK and EU. The consultation links released are shown below:

Trade with the US

Details of the [consultation](#) for possible negotiations with the US after the UK leaves the EU on the 29 March 2019 are being held with members of the public, businesses, trade experts, and any other interested organisations to help inform this work.

The UK Government has published an information pack to be read in conjunction with this consultation: [An information pack for the Consultation relating to a bilateral Free Trade Agreement between the United Kingdom and the United States](#).

The consultation closes at 23:59 on 26 October 2018. To respond to the consultation, take the [survey here](#) or email to US.Consultation@trade.gov.uk.

Trade with Australia

Details of the [consultation](#) for possible negotiations with Australia after the UK leaves the EU on the 29 March 2019 are being held with members of the public, businesses, trade experts, and any other interested organisations to help inform this work.

The UK Government has published an information pack to be read in conjunction with this consultation: [Information pack for the consultation relating to a bilateral Free Trade Agreement between the United Kingdom and Australia](#)

The consultation closes at 23:59 on 26 October 2018. To respond to the consultation, take the [survey here](#) or email to AUS.Consultation@trade.gov.uk.

Trade with New Zealand

Details of the [consultation](#) for possible negotiations with New Zealand after the UK leaves the EU on the 29 March 2019 are being held with members of the public, businesses, trade experts, and any other interested organisations to help inform this work.

The UK Government has published an information pack to be read in conjunction with this consultation: [Information pack for the consultation relating to a bilateral Free Trade Agreement between the United Kingdom and New Zealand](#)

The consultation closes at 23:59 on 26 October 2018. To respond to the consultation, take the [survey here](#) or email to NZ.Consultation@trade.gov.uk.

Trade with the Comprehensive and Progressive Agreement for Trans-Pacific Partnership

Details of the [consultation](#) for possible negotiations seeking accession to the *Comprehensive and Progressive Agreement for Trans-Pacific Partnership* (CPTPP) after the UK leaves the EU on the 29 March 2019 are being held with members of the public, businesses, trade experts and any other interested organisations to help inform the Department for International Trade.

The UK Government has published an information pack to be read in conjunction with this consultation: [An information pack for the Consultation relating to the UK potentially seeking accession to the Comprehensive and Progressive Agreement for Trans-Pacific Partnership \(CPTPP\)](#)

As well as setting out the rationale for free trade agreements and the provisions they typically cover, this pack gives an overview of trade and investment between the UK and the current membership of the CPTPP. The [full text of the CPTPP is also publicly available](#).

The consultation closes at 23:59 on 26 October 2018. To respond to the consultation, take the [survey here](#) or email to CPTPP.Consultation@trade.gov.UK.

Legislation (legislation.gov.uk)

Date	Measure
03-07-18	SI 2018/808 - The European Union (Withdrawal) Act 2018 (Commencement and Transitional Provisions) Regulations 2018
12-07-18	SI 2018/837 - The European Union (Definition of Treaties) (Canada Trade Agreement) Order 2018
23-07-18	SI 2018/874 - The Cross-border Railway Services (Working Time) (Amendment) (EU Exit) Order 2018
30-07-18	SI 2018/910 - The Plant Health (England) (Amendment) (No. 3) Order 2018
Date	Restrictive Measure
19-07-18	SI 2018/861 - The Republic of Maldives (Asset-Freezing) Regulations 2018
23-07-18	SI 2018/871 - The Export Control (Burma Sanctions) Order 2018
26-07-18	SI 2018/894 - The Export Control (Burma Sanctions) (No. 2) Order 2018

HMRC updates

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

Release Date	Ref. No. and Subject
Tariff and Anti-Dumping Notices	
02-07-18	UK Trade Tariff: export prohibitions and restrictions
05-07-18	Tariff Quota Notice 94 (2018): new tariff quotas for certain agricultural and industrial products
09-07-18	Solar panels and key components made by Chinese producers (Anti-Dumping Duty AD2280)
	Changes to anti-dumping and anti-subsidy regulations (Anti-Dumping Duty 2281)
	Investigation of seamless pipes and tubes originating in China (Anti-Dumping Duty 2282)
	Imports of tartaric acid originating in China (Anti-Dumping Duty 2283)
10-07-18	Notice 832: tariff preferences - rules of origin for Mexico
13-07-18	Tariff Stop Press Notice 22 (2018): changes to concessions for Iceland within the EEA agreement
20-07-18	UK Trade Tariff: community and common transit outwards

Release Date	Ref. No. and Subject
24-07-18	Tariff Stop Press Notice 24 (2018): amendments to CDS Volume 3 procedure codes
	Tariff Stop Press Notice 25 (2018): amendments to CDS Volume 3 Additional Information Statement Codes
	Tariff Stop Press Notice 26 (2018): amendments to CDS Volume 3 Documents and Other Reference Codes
	Tariff Stop Press Notice 27 (2018): changes to CDS Volume 3 documents
25-07-18	Tariff Stop Press Notice 23 (2018): changes to currency codes
	Imports of electric cycles originating in China (Anti-Dumping Duty 2285)
	Exemption of duty for imports of solar panels and cells (Anti-Dumping Duty 2286)
26-07-18	Amending the name of a Chinese exporting producer of ceramic tiles (Anti-Dumping Duty 2287)
	Ferro-chrome, originating in China, Russia and Turkey (Anti-Dumping Duty 2288)
30-07-18	Tariff Stop Press Notice 28 (2018): changes to the monthly trade euro rate
Other Documents and Notices	
12-07-18	Notice 830: General System of Preference rules of origin
	HM Revenue and Customs single departmental plan
17-07-18	Notice 830: General System of Preference rules of origin
20-07-18	CHIEF: box 47(a) tax type codes
23-07-18	UK Trade Tariff: Box 47(a) tax type codes
25-07-18	Notice 827: European Union preferences - export procedures
	Notice 301: civil penalties for contraventions of customs law
26-07-18	Notice 205: official customs seals and trader sealing

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 Subct
04-07-18	Guidance: Import controls - How the government monitors imports into the UK.
19-07-18	Impact assessment for EU-Singapore FTA
	Department for International Trade annual report and accounts 2017 to 2018
24-07-18	Notice to exporters 2018/18: 12 OGELs updated to clarify security provisions:
	• export after repair/replacement under warranty: dual use items
	• export for repair/replacement under warranty: dual use items
	• certified companies
	• export after repair/replacement under warranty: military goods
	• export for repair/replacement under warranty: military goods
	• exports or transfers in support of UK government defence contracts
	• exports under the US-UK Defence Trade Cooperation Treaty
	• military components
	• military goods, software and technology
25-07-18	• military goods, software and technology: government or NATO end use
	• software and source code for military goods
25-07-18	• technology for military goods
	Notice to exporters 2018/19: consultation launched on the national security and investment white paper

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 cov-

ered 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	
05-07-18	Regulation adapting the Energy Taxes Act and the Energy Tax Implementing Regulation to the Combined Nomenclature 2018 (26-06-18) from No. 23 from 05.07.2018, page 888
20-07-18	Notice of entry into force of the Protocol to Eliminate Illicit Trade in Tobacco Products (09-07-18) from No. 13 of 20.07.2018, page 321
ICELAND	
04-07-18	№ 667/2018 (03-07-18) Regulation on (3) amendment of Regulation no. 847/2014 on safeguard measures concerning imports of Turkey from Turkey intended for human consumption.
13-07-18	№ 709/2018 (13-07-18) Regulation about (5) amendment of Regulation no. 1096/2017 on the allocation of customs duties for imports of agricultural products in accordance with Annexes IVA and IVB to the Customs Act.
24-07-18	№ 728/2018 (05-07-18) Regulation on personal protection equipment [also applies to importers]
IRELAND (EIRE)	
29-06-18	S.I. No. 225 of 2018 - European Communities (Food Supplements) (Amendment) Regulations 2018
	S.I. No. 226 of 2018- European Union (Addition of Vitamins and Minerals and of Certain Other Substances to Foods) (Amendment) Regulations 2018
20-07-18	S.I. No. 257 of 2018 European Union (Plastics and other materials) (Contact with food) (Amendment) Regulations 2018
LUXEMBOURG	
02-07-18	Mem A 540: Law of 27 June 2018 amending the law of 27 May 2016 on the making available on the market of pyrotechnic articles
04-07-18	Mem A 553: Act of 2 July 2018 concerning certain implementing rules and the penalties of Regulation (EU) No 1143/2014 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 22 October 2014 on the prevention and management of the introduction and the spread of invasive alien species.
10-07-18	Mem A 571: Law of 9 July 2018 (1) on certain implementing rules and sanctions of Council Regulation (EC) 338/97 of 9 December 1996 on the protection of species of wild fauna and flora by controlling their trade ; (2) repealing sections 2 to 12 of the amended Act of 19 February 1975 approving the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora, signed at Washington on 3 March 1973.
19-07-18	Mem A 600: Law of 13 July 2018 approving the Framework Agreement between the European Union and its Member States, of the one part, and Australia, of the other part, done in Manila, on 7 August 2017.
20-07-18	Mem A 603: Law of 27 June 2018 - on the control of the export, transfer, transit and importation of goods of a strictly civil nature, defense-related goods and dual-use goods; - brokerage and technical assistance; the intangible transfer of technology; - the implementation of United Nations Security Council resolutions and acts adopted by the European Union containing trade restrictive measures against certain States, political regimes, persons, entities and groups, and repeal of - the amended law of 5 August 1963 concerning the import, export and transit of goods; - the Act of 5 August 1963 concerning the surveillance of imports, exports and the transit of goods; - the law of 28 June 2012 on the conditions for transfers of defense-related products in the European Union.
23-07-18	Mem A 605: Law of 13 July 2018 approving the Comprehensive and Comprehensive Partnership Agreement between the European Union and the European

Date*	Measure
	Atomic Energy Community and their Member States, of the one part, and the Republic of Armenia, on the other hand, done in Brussels on 24 November 2017.
27-07-18	Mem A 619: Law of 18 July 2018 amending the amended law of 12 February 1979 on value added tax for the purpose of transposing Article 1 of Council Directive (EU) 2017/2455 of 5 December 2017 amending Directive 2006 / 112 / EC and Directive 2009/132 / EC as regards certain value added tax obligations applicable to the supply of services and distance selling of goods.
MALTA	
17-07-18	229 of 2018 – Drugs (Control) (Amendment) Regulations, 2018 Government Gazette of Malta Nru. 20,026– 17.07.2018
	230 of 2018 – Dangerous Drugs Ordinance (Amendment of First Schedule) (No. 2) Order, 2018 - Government Gazette of Malta Nru. 20,026– 17.07.2018
	231 of 2018 – Medical and Kindred Professions Ordinance (Amendment of Third Schedule) Regulations, 2018 Government Gazette of Malta Nru. 20,026– 17.07.2018
NORWAY	
02-07-18	FOR-2018-06-29-1096 MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FOOD Regulations amending the regulation on the quota system for milk
	FOR-2018-07-02-1098 MINISTRY OF FINANCE Regulations concerning changes in regulations to the Customs and Customs Act (Customs Regulations)
	FOR-2018-07-02-1099 MINISTRY OF FINANCE Regulations for change in the Customs Regulations
05-07-18	FOR-2018-07-04-1140 MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FOOD Regulations amending the regulation on the allocation of tariff quotas for agricultural products
	FOR-2018-07-04-1143 MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND CARE SERVICES, MINISTRY OF FOOD AND FISHERIES, MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FOOD Regulations amending the regulation on official control of compliance with regulations on feed, food and animal welfare (control regulation) etc.
	FOR-2018-07-04-1144 MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND CARE SERVICES Regulations concerning changes to the regulations on medicinal products (pharmaceutical regulations), regulations on turnover, etc. of certain non-pharmacy-free medicines and regulations on wholesale pharmaceuticals
10-07-18	FOR-2018-07-09-1164 MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND CARE SERVICES Regulations on amendments to regulations concerning certain pollutants in foodstuffs
	FOR-2018-07-09-1167 MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND CARE SERVICES Regulations amending the regulation on pesticide residues in food and feed
12-07-18	FOR-2018-07-09-1173 MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND CARE SERVICES Regulations on changes in regulations regarding materials and articles in contact with foodstuffs (food contact regulations)
	FOR-2018-07-10-1174 Ministry of Health and Care Services Regulations concerning changes in food regulations to separate groups
	FOR-2018-07-11-1175 MINISTRY OF FOOD AND FISHERIES, MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND CARE SERVICES, MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FOOD Regulations concerning change in regulations regarding change in regulations on fertilizers, etc. of organic origin and regulations for payment of fees for special benefits from the Norwegian Food Safety Authority (wastewater fertilizer with special conditions of use, etc.)
16-07-18	FOR-2018-07-09-1189 MINISTRY OF CLIMATE AND ENVIRONMENT Regulations amending the Regulation on Registration, Evaluation, Authorization and Restriction of Chemicals (REACH Regulation)
	FOR-2018-07-13-1192 MINISTRY OF FINANCE Regulations concerning changes in regulations to the Customs and Customs Act (Customs Regulations)
30-07-18	FOR-2018-07-26-1209 MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND CARE SERVICES, MINISTRY OF FOOD AND FISHERIES, MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FOOD Regulations amending the Regulation on additives for use in feedstuffs
POLAND	
10-07-18	№ 1324 Regulation of the Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development of 29 June 2018 amending the regulation on the requirements that citrus fruit from certain third countries should meet in order to prevent the spread of the body

Date*	Measure
	Phyllosticta citricarpa (McAlpine) Van der Aa
23-07-18	№ 1415 Act of June 7, 2018 on the ratification of a Comprehensive and strengthened partnership agreement between the European Union and the European Atomic Energy Community and their Member States, of the one part, and the Republic of Armenia, of the other part, done at Brussels on November 24, 2017
27-07-18	№ 1446 Announcement of the Speaker of the Sejm of the Republic of Poland of July 5, 2018 regarding the publication of a uniform text of the Act on the Protection of Health against the Consequences of the Use of Tobacco and Tobacco Products
	№ 1449 Announcement of the Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development of 6 July 2018 regarding the publication of a uniform text of the Regulation of the Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development regarding the list of agricultural and food products imported from abroad and their minimum quantities subject to commercial quality control
SPAIN	
04-07-18	HACIENDA: Resolution of June 25, 2018, of the Consortium of the Free Zone of Vigo, by which the Agreement with the Official Chamber of Commerce, Industry, Services and Navigation of Pontevedra, Vigo and Vilagarcía de Arousa is published, for the execution of actions of external commercial promotion within the Program of the International Plan of Promotion of the Chamber of Commerce of Spain, financed by FEDER in the framework of the Operational Program 2014-2020. (BOE-A-2018-9321)
18-07-18	HEAD OF STATE: Instrument for Adherence to the Protocol for the Elimination of the Illicit Trade in Tobacco Products, held in Seoul on November 11, 2012. (BOE-A-2018-10062)
20-07-18	HEALTH: Order SCB / 770/2018, of July 12, by which new substances are included in Annex 1 of Royal Decree 2829/1977, of October 6, which regulates psychotropic medicinal substances and preparations, as well as the inspection and inspection of its manufacture, distribution, prescription and dispensation. (BOE-A-2018-10185)
30-07-18	AGRICULTURE, etc.: Order APA / 791/2018, of July 26, which modifies Order AAA / 2444/2015, of November 19, which establishes preventive emergency measures against foot-and-mouth disease in the Maghreb. (BOE-A-2018-10754)
	HACIENDA: Resolution of July 26, 2018, from the Office of the President of the State Agency for Tax Administration, whereby aptitude tests are convened for training as a customs representative. (BOE-A-2018-10813)

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)	
17-07-18	S.I. No. 243 of 2018 - European Union (Restrictive Measures concerning Syria) Regulations 2018
	S.I. No. 244 of 2018 - European Union (Restrictive Measures concerning Central African Republic) Regulations 2018
	S.I. No. 245 of 2018 - European Union (Restrictive Measures concerning Sudan)(No.2) Regulations 2018
	S.I. No. 246 of 2018 - European Union (Restrictive Measures concerning the Democratic People's Republic of Korea)(No.2) Regulations 2018
	S.I. No. 247 of 2018 - European Union (Restrictive Measures concerning the

Date*	Restrictive Measure
	Republic of Guinea-Bissau) Regulations 2018
	S.I. No. 248 of 2018 - European Union (Restrictive Measures concerning Tunisia) Regulations 2018
	S.I. No. 249 of 2018 - European Union (Restrictive Measures concerning South Sudan) Regulations 2018
20-07-18	S.I. No. 250 of 2018 European Union (Restrictive Measures concerning Venezuela) (No. 2) Regulations 2018
	S.I. No. 251 of 2018 European Union (Restrictive Measures concerning Zimbabwe) Regulations 2018
	S.I. No. 252 of 2018 European Union (Restrictive Measures concerning the Democratic Republic of the Congo) Regulations 2018
LIECHTENSTEIN	
06-07-18	LGBI № 2018.138 Ordinance of 3 July 2018 amending the Regulation on measures against Venezuela (LR № 946.224.7)
	LGBI № 2018.139 Order of 3 July 2018 amending the Regulation on measures against Myanmar (LR № 946.222.3)
25-07-18	LGBI № 2018.155 Order of 23 July 2018 on measures against the Republic of Maldives (LR № 946.224.8)
NORWAY	
11-07-18	FOR-2018-07-08-1170 Ministry of Foreign Affairs Regulations amending the regulation on special measures against Burma (Myanmar)
POLAND	
10-07-18	№ 1328 Amendment to the Council of Europe Convention on the laundering, disclosure, seizure and confiscation of proceeds of crime and on financing of terrorism, done at Warsaw on 16 May 2005, adopted in Strasbourg on 22 October 2014.
	№ 1329 Government statement dated 14 June 2018 regarding the binding force of the Amendment to the Council of Europe Convention on laundering, disclosure, seizure and confiscation of proceeds from crime and terrorism financing, done at Warsaw on 16 May 2005, adopted at Strasbourg on 22 October 2014.

Non EU-EFTA European Countries

TURKEY

Legislation (laws, resolutions, orders, etc.)

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

Date	Subject
07-07-18	Regulation on the Amendment of the Regulation on the Determination of the Preferred Border of Trade in the Scope of the Western Balkan Origin Cumulation System
	Regulation on the Amendment of the Regulation on the Determination of the Preferred Region of Trade in the Scope of the Regional Convention on Pan European Mediterranean Preferential Rules of Origin
	Communiqué on the Implementation of Tariff Procurement for the Importation of Certain Agricultural Products Originated from the Republic of Albania
	Communiqué Pertaining to the Implementation of Tariff Procurement in the Import of Certain Processed Agricultural Products Released from the European Union
	Communiqué Pertaining to the Implementation of Tariff Procurement in the Importation of Certain Agricultural Products Originated by the European Union
	Communiqué Pertaining to the Implementation of Tariff Procurement in the Importation of Certain Agricultural Products Originating in the Kingdom of Morocco
	Communiqué on the Implementation of Tariff Procurement for the Importation of Certain Agricultural Products Originated in the Palestinian National Authority
	Communiqué Pertaining to the Implementation of Tariff Procurement for the

Date	Subject
	Importation of Certain Agricultural and Processed Agricultural Products Originated in Georgia
	Communiqué Pertaining to the Implementation of Tariff Procurement in the Importation of Certain Agricultural Products Originating in Islamic Republic of Iran
	Communiqué Pertaining to the Application of Tariff Concentration in the Importation of Some Agricultural and Processed Agricultural Products Originated by the State of Israel
	Communiqué Pertaining to the Implementation of Tariff Coordinator for the Importation of Certain Agricultural and Processed Agricultural Products Originated in Montenegro
	Communiqué Pertaining to the Implementation of Tariff Procurement for the Importation of Certain Agricultural Products Originated in the Republic of Macedonia
	Communiqué Pertaining to the Implementation of Tariff Procurement in the Importation of Certain Agricultural Products Originated in the Arab Republic of Egypt
	Communiqué on the Implementation of Tariff Procurement for the Importation of Certain Agricultural Products Originated from the Republic of Moldova
	Communiqué Pertaining to the Application of Tariff Coordinator in the Importation of Some Agricultural and Processed Agricultural Products Originated from Republic of Mauritius
	Communiqué on the Implementation of Tariff Procurement for the Importation of Certain Agricultural and Processed Agricultural Products Originating in the Republic of Serbia
	Communiqué on the Implementation of Tariff Coordinator for the Importation of Certain Agricultural and Processed Agricultural Products Originating in the Republic of Chile
	Communiqué Pertaining to the Implementation of Tariff Coordinator in the Importation of Certain Agricultural Products Originated from Republic of Tunisia
	Communiqué on the Implementation of Tariff Procurement for the Importation of Certain Agricultural and Processed Agricultural Products Originated in Jordan Hashemi Kingdom
	Communiqué on the Implementation of Imports Surveillance (No: 2018/14)
31-07-18	Decision on the Determination of Marketing Yearly Sugar Quotas for 2018/2019 (Decision Number: 4)

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
13-07-18	On adoption as the basis of the draft Law of Ukraine on amendments to the Customs Code of Ukraine and certain legislative acts of Ukraine regarding the import of vehicles into the customs territory of Ukraine Resolution of the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine dated July 13, 2018 No. 2512-VIII

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
Council (Совет) of the Eurasian Economic Commission - Решение	
16-07-18	№ 49 (13-07-18) On approval of the Rules for determining the origin of goods imported into the customs territory of the Eurasian Economic Union (non-preferential rules for determining the origin of goods)
	№ 50 (13-07-18) On the detailed plan for 2018 to implement the action plan for the implementation of the Basic Directions for the development of the Single Window mechanism in the system of regulation of foreign economic activity
18-07-18	№ 51 (14-06-18) On setting the import customs duty rate of the Single Customs Tariff of the Eurasian Economic Union with respect to superabsorbents for the production of diapers and on making changes to the List of goods and rates for which during the transition period the Republic of Armenia applies import customs duties other than the rates of the Single Customs Tariff of the Eurasian Economic Union
	№ 52 (14-06-18) On Amending the Single Commodity Nomenclature for Foreign Economic Activity of the Eurasian Economic Union and the Common Customs Tariff of the Eurasian Economic Union with regard to plastic blanks for spectacle lenses, as well as to certain decisions of the Higher Eurasian Economic Council and the Eurasian Economic Commission
20-07-18	№ 53 (14-06-18) On the introduction of amendments to Section II of the list of goods originating in developing countries or from least developed countries for which tariff preferences are granted for the importation into the customs territory of the Eurasian Economic Union for certain types of radiators for central heating
	№ 54 (14-06-18) On Amending Certain Decisions of the Council of the Eurasian Economic Commission on Certain Kinds of LED Light Sources
	№ 55 (14-06-18) On Amending the Decision of the Council of the Eurasian Economic Commission of November 3, 2016 No. 78
	№ 57 (14-06-18) On Amendments to the Procedure for Considering Violations of General Competition Rules in Cross-Border Markets
	№ 58 (14-06-18) On Amending the Procedure for Investigating Violations of General Competition Rules in Cross-Border Markets
	№ 59 (14-06-18) On Amending the Procedure for Considering Applications (Materials) on Violation of General Competition Rules in Cross-Border Markets
	№ 60 (14-06-18) On the Approval of the Rules for Determining the Origin of Goods from Developing and Least Developed Countries
Council Regulations/Orders - Распоряжения	
16-07-18	№ 16 (13-07-18) On the development of models for regulating cross-border data turnover
	№ 17 (13-07-18) On the development of the initiative to create an ecosystem of digital transport corridors of the Eurasian Economic Union
Board (Коллегии) of the Eurasian Economic Commission - Решения	
12-07-18	№ 106 (09-07-18) On the approval of interval quantitative values of the external parameters of forecasts for the preparation of official forecasts of the socio-economic development of the member states of the Eurasian Economic Union for 2018 and for the period 2019-2021
	№ 107 (09-07-18) On the classification of a bridge crane on fixed supports in accordance with the single Commodity Nomenclature for Foreign Economic Activity of the Eurasian Economic Union
	№ 108 (09-07-18) On approval of the Regulation on the Consultative Commit-

Publication Date	Title
	tee on Transport and Infrastructure № 109 (09-07-18) On the absence of a violation of Article 76 of the Treaty on the Eurasian Economic Union of May 29, 2014 № 110 (09-07-18) About the Certifying Center of the Eurasian Economic Commission
20-07-18	№ 111 (17-07-18) On approval of the Rules for the implementation of the general process "Formation, maintenance and use of the general register of authorized economic operators" № 112 (17-07-18) On the recognition of invalidation of certain decisions of the Commission of the Customs Union № 113 (17-07-18) On approval of the Guidelines for the Validation of Analytical Methods for Drug Testing № 114 (17-07-18) On Amending the Provisions on the Advisory Committee on Consumer Protection of the Member States of the Eurasian Economic Union № 115 (17-07-18) On Amending the Decision of the Board of the Eurasian Economic Commission of May 12, 2015, No. 53
26-07-18	№ 116 (24-07-18) On the Criteria for distinguishing elements of a medical device that are constituent parts of a medical device for the purpose of its registration № 117 (24-07-18) On the introduction of changes to the Program for the development (amendment, revision) of interstate standards, as a result of which voluntary compliance with the requirements of the technical regulations of the Customs Union "On the Safety of Perfumes and Cosmetics" (TR TS 009/2011), as well as interstate standards, containing the rules and methods of research (tests) and measurements, including the sampling rules necessary for the application and implementation of the requirements of the technical regulations, Customs Union on the Safety of Perfume and Cosmetic Products (TR TS 009/2011) and the implementation of the conformity assessment of technical regulation facilities № 118 (24-07-18) On the list of international and regional (interstate) standards and, in their absence, national (state) standards containing rules and methods of research (tests) and measurements, including sampling rules necessary for the application and implementation of the requirements of the technical regulations of the Eurasian Economic Union "On the safety of oil prepared for transportation and (or) use" (TR EAES 045/2017) and implementation of the assessment of compliance of technical regulation facilities № 119 (24-07-18) On the Program for the development (amendment, revision) of interstate standards containing rules and methods for research (testing) and measurements, including sampling rules necessary for the application and implementation of the requirements of the technical regulations of the Eurasian Economic Union "On the safety of oil prepared for transport and (or) use" (TP EAЭC 045/2017) and realization of an estimation of conformity of objects of technical regulation № 120 (24-07-18) On the classification of the aircraft in accordance with the single Commodity Nomenclature for Foreign Economic Activity of the Eurasian Economic Union № 121 (24-07-18) On the draft decision of the Council of the Eurasian Economic Commission "On the Approval of the Order of Cooperation between the Member States of the Eurasian Economic Union and the Eurasian Economic Commission with a view to eliminating restrictive measures in trade with third parties" and the invalidation of certain decisions of the Collegium of the Eurasian Economic Commission № 122 (24-07-18) On the recognition as invalid of certain decisions of the Commission of the Customs Union and the Board of the Eurasian Economic Commission № 123 (24-07-18) On the Criteria for the inclusion in a single registration certificate of several modifications of a medical device pertaining to one type of medical device in accordance with the nomenclature of medical devices used in the Eurasian Economic Union

Publication Date	Title
Board - Распоряжение	
22-07-18	№ 114 (26-06-18) On the composition of the working group for the implementation of the plan of measures for the implementation of the Basic Directions for the Development of the Single Window Mechanism in the System of Regulation of Foreign Economic Activities
12-07-18	№ 115 (09-07-18) On the introduction of changes to the composition of the Advisory Committee on Statistics
18-07-18	№ 116 (17-07-18) On the approval of the extension of the state regulation of prices for white sugar
20-07-18	№ 119 (17-07-18) About the introduction of changes in the composition of the working group on the formation of general approaches to the regulation of the circulation of medicinal products within the framework of the Eurasian Economic Union under the Board of the Eurasian Economic Commission
	№ 120 (17-07-18) On the establishment of a high-level working group on the implementation of state (municipal) procurement in the member states of the Eurasian Economic Union
26-07-18	№ 122 (24-07-18) On the Draft Decision of the Council of the Eurasian Economic Commission "On Amendments to the Technical Regulations of the Customs Union" Food Products in the Part of its Labeling "(TR TS 022/2011)"
	№ 123 (24-07-18) On the Draft Decision of the Council of the Eurasian Economic Commission "On Amendments to Certain Decisions of the Council of the Eurasian Economic Commission on the Marking of Goods of the Commodity" Clothes, Accessories for Clothing and Other Articles Made of Natural Fur "
Board Recommendations	
20-07-18	№ 11 (17-07-18) About the Guidelines for General Clinical Research Questions
26-07-18	№ 12 (24-07-18) On Amendments to the Explanations to the Unified Commodity Nomenclature for Foreign Economic Activities of the Eurasian Economic Union

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 12 June 2018. The table lists the tariff codes, a description, rationale (GRIs) for the decision.

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State Customs Committee 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 July 2018. It may be searched by tariff code or description (in Russian).

RUSSIAN FEDERATION

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*:

Date of Publication	Subject
10-07-18	Order of the Government of the Russian Federation No. 1389-r of 06.07.2018 "On the Signing of an Agreement between the Governments of the Caspian States on Trade and Economic Cooperation" (6 pages)
19-07-18	Decree of the Government of the Russian Federation No. 836 of 17.07.2018 "On the introduction of a temporary quantitative restriction on the export of logs from birch outside the territory of the Russian Federation to states that are not members of the Eurasian Economic Union" (4 pages)

MIDDLE EAST AND NORTH AFRICA

ALGERIA

Law on E-commerce

[Law No. 18-05 of 10 May 2018 on Electronic Commerce](#) sets forth the rules applicable to electronic commerce transactions when one of the parties to the electronic contract is an Algerian citizen, a legal resident of Algeria or an Algerian legal entity. The Law also applies when the contract is concluded or carried out in Algeria. The law covers electronic transactions both from and to Algeria.

The purchase of a good and/or a digital service from Algeria by an e-consumer from an e-supplier established in a foreign country and intended exclusively for personal use, is exempt from the foreign trade and exchange control formalities when its value does not exceed the equivalent in dinars of the limit set by the legislation and the regulation in force.

Pending the adoption of more specific regulations, this limit is currently understood as being the FOB counter value of DZD 100,000 per transaction pursuant to the Regulation of the Bank of Algeria No. 07-01 on the rules applicable to current transactions abroad and foreign currency accounts. The payment of the electronic transaction must be made from the foreign currency account of the e-consumer domiciled in Algeria.

The law does not regulate the tax aspects of electronic transactions.

2018 Supplemental Finance Law

Algeria recently adopted [Law No. 18-13 of 11 July 2018](#) setting forth the supplementary finance law for 2018.

The new text provides for an additional provisional safeguard duty (*droit additionnel provisoire de sauvegarde* or DAPS) applicable to all imports of goods released for consumption in Algeria. The rate of this tax, which is administered by Customs, varies between 30% and 200% without possibility of derogation. However, no implementation legislation has been published so far regarding the list of goods concerned by the measure and the corresponding rate. The DAPS will be

effective following consultation between the government and different branches to draw up the list of products concerned.

The DAPS is intended to eventually replace the import bans established since January 2018.

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MOROCCO

Morocco launches safeguard investigation on coated wood board

On 27 July 2018, Morocco [notified](#) the WTO's Committee on Safeguards that it had decided to initiate on 31 July 2018 a safeguard investigation on coated wood board. In the notification Morocco indicated, among other things, that:

All interested persons shall have 30 days from the date of initiation of the investigation to make themselves known as interested parties, and to provide any comments concerning the investigation, to the Ministry by fax or email using the coordinates below:

Royaume du Maroc
Ministère de l'Industrie, de l'Investissement, du Commerce et de l'Economie Numérique
Direction Générale du Commerce
Direction de la Défense et de la Réglementation Commerciale
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Further information is available in [G/SG/N/6/MAR/10](#).

Africa

SOUTH AFRICA

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

Date	Publication Details	Subject	Implementation Date
13-07-18	GG.41770 R.714	Amendment to Part 1 of Schedule No. 1, by the substitution of tariff subheadings 1001.91 and 1001.99 as well as 1101.00.10 and 1101.00.90 to reduce the rate of customs duty on wheat and wheaten flour from 43,72c/kg and 65,59c/kg to 28,17c/kg and 42,26c/kg respectively, in terms of the existing variable tariff formula – Minute 07/2018 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Notice R.714 	13-07-18
27-07-18	GG.41798 R.775	Amendment to Part 2 of Schedule No. 4, by the substitution of rebate item 460.03/0207.14.9/01.07 to increase the annual quota for bone-in cuts for the	With retrospective effect from

Date	Publication Details	Subject	Implementation Date
		species Gallus Domesticus, frozen, classifiable in tariff item 0207.14.9 imported from or originating in the United States of America – Minute 06/2018 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Notice R.775 	01-04-18
	GG.41798 R.776	Amendment to the Rules under sections 38 and 120, by the insertion of Rule 38.14A after Rule 38.14 – Southern African Customs Union Unique Consignment Reference (SACU UCR) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Notice R.776 	27-07-18

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, 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; DDTTC= State Dep't Directorate of Defense Trade Controls; DOJ=Department of Justice, including US Attorneys; 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; IG= Inspector General; NOAA=National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration; OFAC=Office of Foreign Assets Control (Treasury); SEC=Securities and Exchange Commission; USCG= US Coast Guard; USFIS=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
07-03-18	Philadelphia CBP Seizes \$1 Million in Fake Super Bowl Rings, Including Eagles Rings (CBP)
	Two Freight Forwarding Executives Arrested in Miami - Executives Charged with Fixing Prices (DOJ, FBI)
07-06-18	ICE seizes 181,000 counterfeit items worth nearly \$43 million in Laredo, Texas (ICE, CBP, SAT, Industry)
07-18-18	Connecticut Business Owners Who Profited from Unlawful Exports to Pakistan Are Sentenced (DOJ, DoD, ICE, USFIS, BIS)
	Former Venezuelan official pleads guilty in Houston to conspiracy charges in connection with bribery scheme (ICE, DOJ)
07-20-18	24 Defendants Sentenced in Multimillion Dollar India-Based Call Center Scam Targeting U.S. Victims (DOJ, ICE, Treasury IG, DHS IG, USSS, and numerous other agencies –see press release)
07-24-18	ICE removes British man convicted in conspiracy to illegally export sensitive technologies to Syria (DOJ, ICE, BIS, UK authorities)
07-25-18	Two Members of Billion-Dollar Venezuelan Money Laundering Scheme Arrested (DOJ, ICE, UK, Italian, Spanish, Maltese law enforcement)

Newsletters, Reports, Articles, Etc.

Baker & McKenzie Global VAT/GST Newsletter

Baker & McKenzie's [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 – July 2018 {older issues}
International Trade Client Alert: OFAC Revokes Iran General License H and Other General Licenses; State Department Threatens Sanctions Against Countries that Import Iranian Oil After November 2018
Mexico International Commercial Client Alert 39: Anti-dumping News – June 2018 (Eng.); Alerta Legal 39: Noticias Antidumping – Junio 2018 (Span.)
Turkey Legal Alert: It Is Now Easy to Keep Track of Your Goods in Customs (Eng.); Mevzuat Değişikliği: Gümrükteki Eşyanızı Takip Etmek Artık Daha Kolay (Tur.)
UK Dispute Resolution Client Alert: Seven years on: your chance to have a say on the effectiveness of the UK Bribery Act 2010
Government of Canada process for requesting remission of surtaxes on certain U.S. origin goods
Baker McKenzie FenXun Dispute Resolution Client Alert: SPC Launches International Commercial Courts in Shenzhen and Xi'an
Baker McKenzie FenXun Mergers & Acquisitions Client Alert: China further liberalizes restrictions on foreign investment
Other areas
London Dispute Resolution Client Alert: Privilege in internal investigations: the ENRC battle rages on
Francophone Africa Newsletter July-August 2018 - Newsletter Afrique Francophone
Vietnam Renewable Energy Client Alert: Vietnam Plans to Extend FIT Scheme for Solar Power Projects in Ninh Thuan Province until the end of 2020

Webinars, Meetings, Seminars, Etc.



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[John McKenzie](#)
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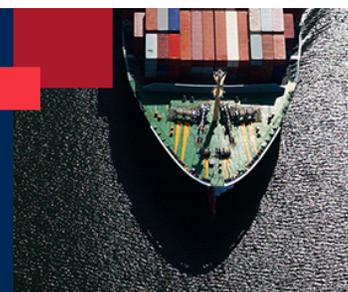
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We are very pleased to announce our 15th annual **Global Trade and Supply Chain Webinar Series** entitled, “**2018: Continuing Challenges in Global Trade**”. The series will include the latest international trade developments including the impact of the Trump presidency on trade policy, TPP and of Brexit. In addition to our usual topics of Customs and export controls/sanctions, we will also cover Human Rights, Forced Labor, and Ethical Supply Chains.

This year, we will again expand our usual program to include our **Customs Academy**, which will feature 6 “*Customs 101*” webinars (**dates shown in green** below). 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 San Francisco, CA office and Head of the Firm's Global Customs Focus Group, and **Jenny Revis**, a partner in our 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.

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January 30	<p>Human Rights, Forced Labor, and Ethical Supply Chains: Best Practices for Managing Growing Legal Obligations and Risks</p> <p>Speakers: Reagan Demas (DC), John Foote (DC), Francesca Richmond (London), and Christopher Burkett (Toronto)</p>	<p>To register for this complimentary webinar series, click on the REGISTER NOW button and provide your information. You can register for one or all webinars.</p> <p>We hope you will participate in and enjoy this exciting webinar series!</p> <p>Login Details: Log-in details will be sent via email one week before the event.</p> <p>Webinar Series Lead: Teresa A. Gleason Head, Global Customs Focus Group (San Francisco, CA) Tel: +1 415 576 3021 teresa.gleason@bakermckenzie.com</p> <p>These webinars are all complimentary.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">REGISTER NOW</p> <p>Questions: If you have any questions regarding this webinar series, please</p>
February 27	<p>Customs Basic: How to Classify Your Products</p> <p>Speakers: Jose Hoyos-Robles (Mexico City), Olof Johannesson (Stockholm), Andrew Rose (London), and Riza Buditomo (Jakarta)</p>	
March 27	<p>Hot Topics in US, European, and Asian Export Controls</p> <p>Speakers: Marc Lager (Vienna), Anne Petterd (Singapore), and Alex Lamy (DC)</p>	
April 24	<p>Customs Basic: How to determine the origin of your products</p> <p>Speakers: Adrianna Ibarra-Fernandez (Mexico City), Jessica Mutton (London), and John McKenzie (Palo Alto)</p>	
May 22	<p>Russian and EU Customs Update</p> <p>Speakers: Alexander Bychkov (Moscow), Nicole Looks (Frankfurt) and Jenny Revis (London)</p>	

June 26	<p><u>Customs Basic: How to value your products</u></p> <p>Speakers: Kevin Nordin (London), Jon Cowley (Hong Kong) and Brian Cacic (Toronto)</p>	<p>contact:</p> <p>Sal Gonzalez Business Development Specialist Tel: +1 202 835 1661 sal.gonzalez@bakermckenzie.com</p> <p>MCLE Credit: Approved for 1.5 California general CLE credits, 1.5 Illinois general CLE credits, 1.5 New York areas of professional practice CLE credits, and 1.5 Texas general CLE credits. Florida and Virginia CLE applications can be made upon request. Participants requesting CLE for other states will receive Uniform CLE Certificates.</p> <p>Baker & McKenzie LLP is a California and Illinois CLE approved provider. Baker & McKenzie LLP has been certified by the New York State CLE Board as an accredited provider in the state of New York for the period 12/12/15-12/11/18. This program may earn newly admitted New York attorneys credit under Areas of Professional Practice. Baker & McKenzie LLP is an accredited sponsor, approved by the State Bar of Texas, Committee on MCLE.</p>  <p><i>Pending - We have applied for CES and CCS credit for these webinars to the National Customs Brokers & Forwarders Association of America, Inc.</i></p>
July 24	<p>Update on US "Protectionism", Brexit and TPP</p> <p>Speakers: Terrie Gleason (San Francisco), Stu Seidel (DC) and Jenny Revis (London), and Fred Burke (Ho Chi Minh)</p>	
August 28	<p>Customs Basic: What you need to know about importing into China, Russia and the Middle East</p> <p>Speakers: Frank Pan (Shanghai), Vladimir Efremov (Moscow), and Reggie Mezu (Middle East)</p>	
September 25	<p>Customs Audits and Enforcement Actions: Best Practices and Trends</p> <p>Speakers: Adriana Ibarra-Fernandez (Mexico), Nicole Looks (Frankfurt), and Meredith DeMent (DC)</p>	
October 30	<p>Customs Basic: What you need to know about importing into Mexico, Brazil and Argentina</p> <p>Speakers: Manuel Padron (Juarez), Alessandra Machado (Sao Paolo), and Esteban Ropolo (Buenos Aires)</p>	
November 27	<p>Hot Topics in US, European, and Asian Trade Sanctions</p> <p>Speakers: Kerry Contini (DC), Ben Smith (London), and Jon Cowley (Hong Kong)</p>	
December 18	<p>Customs Basic: How to mitigate duties through use of customs procedures</p> <p>Speakers: Eunkyung Kim Shin (Chicago), Edith Salcedo-Hinojosa (Guadalajara), and Daniel Sanchez-Elizondo (Guadalajara)</p>	



**RECORDED SESSIONS FROM OUR
ANNUAL YEAR-END REVIEW OF IMPORT/EXPORT DEVELOPMENTS
IN SANTA CLARA, CALIFORNIA**

14 November 2017 – Year-End Review of Import/Export Developments (Export Day)

[AM Sessions Recording](#) –

- Export Control Developments in the United States and European Union
- Encryption Export Controls and Cloud Computing: A Comparative Analysis
- United States Economic Sanctions Update & Russian Response to US Sanctions

PM Sessions Recording –

- Economic Sanctions: A Comparative Analysis
- Export Enforcement (panel format did not include slides)
- Export Control Developments in the Asia Pacific Region
- Arab States Boycott of Qatar and the Implications Under the United States Anti-Boycott Regulations

15 November 2017 – Year-End Review of Import/Export Developments (Import Day)AM Sessions Recording –

- The Current International Trade Environment: Challenges to Globalization and its Impact on the Supply Chain
- Trade Policies and Initiatives Under the Trump Administration
- The NAFTA Renegotiation: A Multinational Perspective
- United States and Canadian Customs Regulatory Update

PM Sessions Recording –

- European Union Customs and Trade Developments
- Emerging Impediments to the Import of IT Products into China
- Latin American Trade Developments

2017 Global Trade and Supply Chain Webinar Series**“2017: Beginning of a New Era in Global Trade and Business?”**

Our 14th annual, **Global Trade and Supply Chain Webinar Series** entitled, “2017: Beginning of a New Era in Global Trade and Business?” included the latest international trade developments including the impact of the Trump presidency on trade policy and of Brexit. In addition to our usual topics of Customs, export controls/sanctions and FCPA/anti-bribery, the 2017 series also covered data privacy and intellectual property in the supply chain.

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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 Shin (Chicago)

March 28 [New Era of Protectionism? – Trump Presidency and Brexit Developments](#)

Speakers: Terrie Gleason and Stu Seidel (Washington DC), Ross Denton and Jessica Mutton (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](#)

Speakers: Olivia Colville (Chicago), Jessica Mutton (London), and Adriana Ibarra-Fernandez (Mexico City)

July 25 [Major Developments in Data Privacy Laws – US, Canada and EU](#)

Speakers: Brian Hengesbaugh (Chicago), 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: Roger van de Berg (Amsterdam), Eunkyung Kim Shin (Chicago), Manuel Padron-Castillo (Juarez), and Panya Sittisakonsin (Bangkok)

September 19 [Intellectual Property Considerations and Issues in Your Supply Chain](#)

Speakers: Gary Shapiro (San Francisco), Lothar Determann (Palo Alto), Jochen Herr (Munich), Isabella Liu, Kei Matsumoto, Flavia, Rabello

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)

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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)



WTO TBT Notifications

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 stu-art.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/68/Add.2	07/06/2018	Not given	Motor vehicles
 Argentina	ARG/193/Add.6	07/06/2018	Not given	Motor vehicles
 Argentina	ARG/294/Add.6	07/06/2018	Not given	All products subject to certification regimes
 Argentina	ARG/297/Add.1 2	07/06/2018	Not given	Low-voltage electrical products
 Argentina	ARG/335	07/06/2018	8/17/2018	Valves for vehicular natural gas (VNG) storage cylinders
 Argentina	ARG/336	07/19/2018	08/18/2018	Flexible aluminium tubes for product packaging
 Argentina	ARG/337	07/19/2018	08/18/2018	Solar collectors and compact solar systems
 Argentina	ARG/166/Add.1 2	07/25/2018	Not given	Latex paints
 Armenia	ARM/85	07/16/2018	07/25/2018	Underground Rolling Stock and its Components
 Armenia	ARM/86	07/16/2018	07/25/2018	Light Rail Transport, Trams and its Components
 Bahrain, Kingdom of	BHR/528	07/05/2018	09/03/2018	Passenger Car Tyres
 Bahrain, Kingdom of	BHR/529	07/05/2018	09/03/2018	Passenger Car Tyres
 Bahrain, Kingdom of	BHR/530	07/05/2018	09/03/2018	Passenger Car Tyres
 Bahrain, Kingdom of	BHR/531	07/04/2018	09/02/2018	Passenger Car Tyres
 Bahrain, Kingdom of	BHR/532	07/05/2018	09/03/2018	Passenger Car Tyres
 Bahrain, Kingdom of	BHR/533	07/05/2018	09/03/2018	Passenger Car Tyres
 Bahrain, Kingdom of	BHR/534	07/12/2018	09/10/2018	Chilled Chicken and Frozen
 Bahrain, Kingdom of	BHR/535	07/12/2018	09/10/2018	Bread
 Bahrain, Kingdom of	BHR/536	07/12/2018	09/10/2018	Chilled fish

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 Bahrain, Kingdom of	BHR/537	07/12/2018	09/10/2018	Chilled shrimp
 Bahrain, Kingdom of	BHR/538	07/12/2018	09/10/2018	Citrus fruits
 Bahrain, Kingdom of	BHR/539	07/12/2018	09/10/2018	Fruit juices, drink and nectars
 Bahrain, Kingdom of	BHR/540	07/13/2018	09/11/2018	Laban, Flavoured Laban, and Laban Drink
 Bahrain, Kingdom of	BHR/541	07/13/2018	09/11/2018	Ground paprika
 Bahrain, Kingdom of	BHR/542	07/16/2018	09/14/2018	Loose dates
 Bahrain, Kingdom of	BHR/543	07/16/2018	09/14/2018	Processed cheese
 Bolivia	BOL/6/Add.2	07/10/2018	Not given	Motor vehicles for the transport of 10 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 8702, including station wagons and racing cars (HS 8703); Motor vehicles for the transport of goods (HS 8704); and Chassis fitted with engines, for the motor vehicles of headings 8701 to 8705 (HS 8706)
 Brazil	BRA/738/Add.1	06/28/2018	Not given	Animal origin products (HS 0511)
 Brazil	BRA/829	07/02/2018	07/31/2018	Fish, molluscs, crustaceans (HS 0304, HS 0307, HS 0306)
 Brazil	BRA/810/Add.1	07/05/2018	Not given	Refrigerated raw milk, pasteurized milk and milk type A HS 04.01
 Brazil	BRA/821/Corr.1	07/10/2018	Not given	Public Taking of subsidies
 Brazil	BRA/830	07/09/2018	09/03/2018	Condensed milk (HS Code 04)
 Brazil	BRA/401/Rev.1/ Add.2	07/17/2018	Not given	Wooden baby cribs (HS 9403.50)
 Brazil	BRA/646/Add.2	07/17/2018	Not given	Cribs and cradles for domestic use (HS 9403)
 Brazil	BRA/831	07/16/2018	10/10/2018	Live swine (HS 0103)
 Brazil	BRA/821/Corr.2	07/18/2018	Not given	Public Taking of subsidies
 Brazil	BRA/832	07/19/2018	Not given	Animals, plants and their products and by-products (HS 01; 02; 03; 04; 05; 06; 07; 08; 09; 10; 11; 12; 13; 15; 16; 17; 18; 19; 20; 21; 22; 23)
 Brazil	BRA/833	07/23/2018	08/19/2018	In vitro diagnosis products
 Brazil	BRA/507/Add.4	07/24/2018	Not given	Personal care products, cosmetics and perfumes for children
 Brazil	BRA/625/Add.4	07/24/2018	Not given	Personal hygiene products, cosmetics and perfumes
 Brazil	BRA/805/Add.1	07/24/2018	Not given	Personal care, cosmetics and perfumes
 Canada	CAN/558	07/10/2018	09/13/2018	Motor vehicle: Motor vehicle tires; Motor Vehicle Restraint Systems and Booster Seats
 Canada	CAN/521/Add.1	07/18/2018	Not given	Motor vehicles
 Canada	CAN/535/Add.1	07/19/2018	Not given	Magnetic toys for children (may include Consumer Products (not including food, therapeutics or cosmetics))
 Canada	CAN/559	07/19/2018	09/24/2018	Radiocommunications

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 Canada	CAN/560	07/24/2018	10/04/2018	Telecommunications
 Chile	CHL/445	06/27/2018	08/26/2018	Manual valves for portable liquefied petroleum gas (LPG) cylinders weighing 33 or 45kg
 Chile	CHL/446	06/27/2018	08/26/2018	Electric hot and cold water dispensers
 Chile	CHL/447	07/10/2018	09/08/2018	Food for human consumption
 Chile	CHL/442/Add.1	07/26/2018	Not given	Milk and cheese
 Chile	CHL/448	07/24/2018	09/22/2018	Multi-layer pipes with an aluminium inner layer and related accessories, used for fuel gases
 China	CHN/1278	07/10/2018	09/08/2018	Common Portland Cement
 China	CHN/1276	07/09/2018	09/07/2018	Natural Gas (HS 271121)
 China	CHN/1277	07/09/2018	09/07/2018	Information processing products
 Costa Rica	CRI/177	07/09/2018	09/07/2018	Textiles, used clothing
 Costa Rica	CRI/178	07/24/2018	09/22/2018	Seeds
 Czech Republic	CZE/183/Add.1	07/17/2018	Not given	Milk and milk products, Ice cream and ice confectionery, Edible oils and fats, Oilseeds
 Czech Republic	CZE/200/Add.1	07/17/2018	Not given	Sources of ionising radiation (including radionuclide sources) and workplace equipment with a source of ionising radiation; Sources of ionising radiation used in healthcare; Construction materials; Drinking water (water intended for public supply)
 Czech Republic	CZE/201/Add.1	07/17/2018	Not given	Biological agents, toxins, handling of high-risk biological agents and toxins, handling of risky biological agents and toxins, transport of biological agents and toxins
 Czech Republic	CZE/202/Add.1	07/17/2018	Not given	Measuring instrument, tachograph, digital tachograph
 Czech Republic	CZE/203/Add.1	07/17/2018	Not given	Activities associated with the use of nuclear energy; nuclear installation design process; categorisation of systems, structures and components of nuclear installations; requirements for systems, structures and components of nuclear installations; requirements for nuclear installation design in terms of protection against internal and external events and characteristics of the location where the nuclear installation is to be sited; requirements for selected equipment; safety assessment of the nuclear installation design; requirements for the documentation for licensed activities
 Czech Republic	CZE/204/Add.1	07/17/2018	Not given	Vibrational gas density flow transducers, vibrational flow densometers
 Czech Republic	CZE/205/Add.1	07/17/2018	Not given	Breathalysers
 Ecuador	ECU/268/Add.1	07/06/2018	Not given	Wheat flour and maize (corn) flour (HS 1101.00.00 and 1102.20.00)
 Ecuador	ECU/268/Add.2	07/06/2018	Not given	Wheat flour and maize (corn) flour (HS 1101.00.00 and 1102.20.00)
 Ecuador	ECU/11/Add.7	07/17/2018	Not given	Steel rods and wire (HS 7214, 7221)
 Ecuador	ECU/39/Add.5	07/17/2018	Not given	Compact fluorescent lamps (HS 8539)

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 Ecuador	ECU/213/Add.3	07/17/2018	Not given	Mattresses (HS 9404.21 and 9404.29)
 European Union	EU/581	07/05/2018	09/03/2018	Servers and data storage products
 European Union	EU/582	07/05/2018	09/03/2018	Quinoxifen (pesticide active substance)
 European Union	EU/583	07/05/2018	09/03/2018	Etoxazole (pesticide active substance)
 European Union	EU/584	07/17/2018	09/15/2018	Motor vehicles, trailers, two- and three-wheeled vehicles, quadricycles, agricultural and forestry vehicles, systems, components, technical units and engines for use in non-road mobile machinery
 European Union	EU/585	07/17/2018	09/15/2018	Raw and processed agricultural and aquaculture products from organic production including baby food; fertilisers, plant protection products, additives and feed used in organic production
 European Union	EU/586	07/20/2018	09/18/2018	Hazardous substances
 European Union	EU/587	07/24/2018	09/22/2018	Railway interoperability constituents, subsystems and vehicles
 European Union	EU/588	07/24/2018	09/22/2018	Cosmetics
 European Union	EU/589	07/24/2018	09/22/2018	Mobile devices (HS 851712)
 European Union	EU/590	07/24/2018	09/22/2018	Yohimbe, substances other than vitamins and minerals
 India	IND/81	07/24/2018	09/22/2018	Food products
 India	IND/82	07/24/2018	09/22/2018	Electric Overhead Travelling Crane & Gantry Crane and Power Driven Mobile Crane (HS 84261100, 84261200, 84261900, 84264100, 84264900, 84269100 and 84269990)
 Israel	ISR/1012	07/24/2018	09/22/2018	Lamp control gear for fluorescent lamps (HS 850410, 850431, 853890)
 Israel	ISR/1013	07/24/2018	09/22/2018	Chemicals used for treatment of water (HS 280610)
 Japan	JPN/601	06/28/2018	08/27/2018	Road transport vehicles 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), Motorcycles (including mopeds) and cycles fitted with an auxiliary motor, with or without side-cars; side-cars (HS 8711)
 Japan	JPN/602	07/03/2018	08/02/2018	Fertilizer (HS 3101)
 Japan	JPN/603	07/05/2018	09/03/2018	Organic Plants, Organic Processed Foods, Organic livestock and organic livestock products
 Kenya	KEN/713	07/23/2018	09/14/2018	Black tea
 Kenya	KEN/714	07/23/2018	09/14/2018	Green tea
 Kenya	KEN/715	07/23/2018	09/14/2018	Flavoured black tea
 Kenya	KEN/716	07/23/2018	09/14/2018	Instant tea
 Korea, Republic of	KOR/778	06/28/2018	08/27/2018	Medical Devices

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 Korea, Republic of	KOR/779	06/28/2018	08/27/2018	Aviation Security Equipment
 Korea, Republic of	KOR/780	06/28/2018	08/27/2018	Medical devices
 Korea, Republic of	KOR/779/Corr.1	07/05/2018	Not given	Aviation Security Equipment
 Korea, Republic of	KOR/782	07/24/2018	09/22/2018	Environmentally-friendly agricultural and fishery products, processed organic foods and materials for organic farming
 Kuwait	KWT/410	07/05/2018	09/03/2018	Passenger Car Tyres
 Kuwait	KWT/411	07/05/2018	09/03/2018	Passenger Car Tyres
 Kuwait	KWT/412	07/05/2018	09/03/2018	Passenger Car Tyres
 Kuwait	KWT/413	07/04/2018	09/02/2018	Passenger Car Tyres
 Kuwait	KWT/414	07/05/2018	09/03/2018	Passenger Car Tyres
 Kuwait	KWT/415	07/05/2018	09/03/2018	Passenger Car Tyres
 Kuwait	KWT/416	07/05/2018	09/03/2018	Emulsion Paints
 Kuwait	KWT/417	07/05/2018	09/03/2018	Emulsion Paints
 Kuwait	KWT/418	07/05/2018	09/03/2018	Gloss Alkyd Paint
 Kuwait	KWT/419	07/05/2018	09/03/2018	Matt Alkyd Paint
 Kuwait	KWT/420	07/05/2018	09/03/2018	Semi Glossy Alkyd Paint
 Kuwait	KWT/421	07/12/2018	09/10/2018	Chilled Chicken and Frozen
 Kuwait	KWT/422	07/12/2018	09/10/2018	Bread
 Kuwait	KWT/423	07/12/2018	09/10/2018	Chilled fish
 Kuwait	KWT/424	07/12/2018	09/10/2018	Chilled shrimp
 Kuwait	KWT/425	07/12/2018	09/10/2018	Citrus fruits
 Kuwait	KWT/426	07/12/2018	09/10/2018	Fruit juices, drink and nectars
 Kuwait	KWT/427	07/13/2018	09/11/2018	Laban, Flavoured Laban, and Laban Drink
 Kuwait	KWT/428	07/13/2018	09/11/2018	Ground paprika
 Kuwait	KWT/429	07/16/2018	09/14/2018	Loose dates
 Kuwait	KWT/430	07/16/2018	09/14/2018	Processed cheese
 Liberia, Republic of	LBR/2	07/26/2018	09/15/2018	Pumps for dispensing fuel or lubricants, of the type used in filling-stations or in garages (HS 841311)
 Liberia, Republic of	LBR/3	07/26/2018	09/09/2018	Liquefied petroleum gas, Containers for compressed or liquefied gas, of iron or steel (HS 7311)
 Mexico	MEX/380/Add.1	06/27/2018	Not given	Breathalysers (devices for measuring the level of alcohol in the blood) (national tariff heading 90268099)
 Mexico	MEX/381/Add.1	06/27/2018	Not given	Alcoholometers (devices for measuring the level of alcohol in the blood) (national tariff heading 90268099)
 Mexico	MEX/422	06/27/2018	08/19/2018	Meters for cold potable water and hot water Tariff heading: 902820
 Mexico	MEX/423	06/27/2018	08/19/2018	Meters for cold potable water and hot water Tariff heading: 902820
 Mexico	MEX/424	06/27/2018	08/19/2018	Meters for cold potable water and hot water Tariff heading: 902820
 Mexico	MEX/387/Add.2	07/06/2018	Not given	Split-type, free-flow, ductless air conditioners

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				(known as mini-split and multi-split air conditioners), whether simple cycle (only cold) or reverse cycle (heat pump), with air-cooled condensers, powered by electricity, with nominal cooling capacities of 1W to 19,050W, which operate by mechanical compression.
 Mexico	MEX/425	07/06/2018	08/25/2018	Chemical, pharmaceutical, biological and food products for animal use or consumption
 Mexico	MEX/363/Add.1	07/16/2018	Not given	Equipment to block mobile phone signals, radio-communications and the transmission of data (85432005)
 Mexico	MEX/379/Add.1	07/16/2018	Not given	Onshore storage facilities for petroleum products and petroleum
 Mexico	MEX/368/Add.1	07/19/2018	Not given	Diving equipment and personal protective equipment (90200003)
 Mexico	MEX/380/Add.2	07/19/2018	Not given	Breathalysers (devices for measuring the level of alcohol in the blood) (national tariff heading 90268099)
 Mexico	MEX/381/Add.2	07/19/2018	Not given	Alcoholometers (devices for measuring the level of alcohol in the blood) (national tariff heading 90268099)
 Mexico	MEX/372/Add.2	07/20/2018	Not given	Household refrigerators and freezers 84.18.21.10
 Mexico	MEX/426	07/20/2018	09/11/2018	Mobile terminal equipment National tariff heading: 8517
 Mexico	MEX/387/Add.2/Corr.1	07/23/2018	Not given	Split-type, free-flow, ductless air conditioners (known as mini-split and multi-split air conditioners), whether simple cycle (only cold) or reverse cycle (heat pump), with air-cooled condensers, powered by electricity, with nominal cooling capacities of 1W to 19,050W, which operate by mechanical compression.
 Mexico	MEX/387/Add.3	07/24/2018	Not given	Split-type, free-flow, ductless air conditioners (known as mini-split and multi-split air conditioners), whether simple cycle (only cold) or reverse cycle (heat pump), with air-cooled condensers, powered by electricity, with nominal cooling capacities of 1W to 19,050W, which operate by mechanical compression.
 Oman	OMN/361	07/05/2018	09/03/2018	Passenger Car Tyres
 Oman	OMN/362	07/05/2018	09/03/2018	Passenger Car Tyres
 Oman	OMN/363	07/05/2018	09/03/2018	Passenger Car Tyres
 Oman	OMN/364	07/04/2018	09/02/2018	Passenger Car Tyres
 Oman	OMN/365	07/05/2018	09/03/2018	Passenger Car Tyres
 Oman	OMN/366	07/05/2018	09/03/2018	Passenger Car Tyres
 Oman	OMN/367	07/12/2018	09/10/2018	Chilled Chicken and Frozen
 Oman	OMN/368	07/12/2018	09/10/2018	Bread
 Oman	OMN/369	07/12/2018	09/10/2018	Chilled fish
 Oman	OMN/370	07/12/2018	09/10/2018	Chilled shrimp
 Oman	OMN/371	07/12/2018	09/10/2018	Citrus fruits
 Oman	OMN/372	07/12/2018	09/10/2018	Fruit juices, drink and nectars

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 Oman	OMN/373	07/13/2018	09/11/2018	Laban, Flavoured Laban, and Laban Drink
 Oman	OMN/374	07/13/2018	09/11/2018	Ground paprika
 Oman	OMN/375	07/16/2018	09/14/2018	Loose dates
 Oman	OMN/376	07/16/2018	09/14/2018	Processed cheese
 Pakistan	PAK/115	07/16/2018	09/14/2018	Self-Ballasted LED Lamps (HS 8539.3290,8539.5000,8539.5010,8539.5020,940
 Pakistan	PAK/116	07/16/2018	09/14/2018	LED Modules for General Lighting-Performance Requirements PS: 5253-2017, HS: 8539.3290,8539.5000,8539.5010,8539.5020,9405.1090 & 9405.4090 Electric filament or discharge lamps, including sealed beam lamp units and ultra-violet or infra-red lamps; arc-lamps. (HS 8539), - Chandeliers and other electric ceiling or wall lighting fittings, excluding those of a kind used for lighting public open spaces or thoroughfares (HS 940510), - Other electric lamps and lighting fittings (HS 940540)
 Pakistan	PAK/117	07/16/2018	09/14/2018	LED Modules for General Lighting HS: 8539.3290,8539.5000,8539.5010,8539.5020,9405.1090 & 9405.4090 Electric filament or discharge lamps, including sealed beam lamp units and ultra-violet or infra-red lamps; arc-lamps. (HS 8539), - Chandeliers and other electric ceiling or wall lighting fittings, excluding those of a kind used for lighting public open spaces or thoroughfares (HS 940510), - Other electric lamps and lighting fittings (HS 940540)
 Pakistan	PAK/118	07/16/2018	09/14/2018	Electronics Ballast for Fluorescent Lamps HS 8504.1090 (HS 850410)
 Peru	PER/97/Add.1	06/29/2018	Not given	Processed foods
 Qatar	QAT/527	07/05/2018	09/03/2018	Passenger Car Tyres
 Qatar	QAT/528	07/05/2018	09/03/2018	Passenger Car Tyres
 Qatar	QAT/529	07/05/2018	09/03/2018	Passenger Car Tyres
 Qatar	QAT/530	07/04/2018	09/02/2018	Passenger Car Tyres
 Qatar	QAT/531	07/05/2018	09/03/2018	Passenger Car Tyres
 Qatar	QAT/532	07/05/2018	09/03/2018	Passenger Car Tyres
 Qatar	QAT/533	07/12/2018	09/10/2018	Chilled Chicken and Frozen
 Qatar	QAT/534	07/12/2018	09/10/2018	Bread
 Qatar	QAT/535	07/12/2018	09/10/2018	Chilled fish
 Qatar	QAT/536	07/12/2018	09/10/2018	Chilled shrimp
 Qatar	QAT/537	07/12/2018	09/10/2018	Citrus fruits
 Qatar	QAT/538	07/12/2018	09/10/2018	Fruit juices, drink and nectars
 Qatar	QAT/539	07/13/2018	09/11/2018	Laban, Flavoured Laban, and Laban Drink
 Qatar	QAT/540	07/13/2018	09/11/2018	Ground paprika
 Qatar	QAT/541	07/16/2018	09/14/2018	Loose dates
 Qatar	QAT/542	07/16/2018	09/14/2018	Processed cheese
 Rwanda	RWA/144	07/20/2018	09/18/2018	Dairy goat feeds

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 Rwanda	RWA/145	07/20/2018	09/18/2018	Fuel additives
 Rwanda	RWA/146	07/20/2018	09/18/2018	Chemicals for purification of water
 Rwanda	RWA/147	07/20/2018	09/18/2018	Butter
 Rwanda	RWA/148	07/20/2018	09/18/2018	UHT milk
 Rwanda	RWA/149	07/20/2018	09/18/2018	Tea
 Rwanda	RWA/150	07/20/2018	09/18/2018	Yoghurt
 Rwanda	RWA/151	07/23/2018	09/21/2018	Milk powders and cream powder
 Rwanda	RWA/152	07/23/2018	09/21/2018	Raw cow milk
 Rwanda	RWA/153	07/23/2018	09/21/2018	Pasteurised milk
 Rwanda	RWA/154	07/23/2018	09/21/2018	Dairy ice cream
 Rwanda	RWA/155	07/23/2018	09/21/2018	Sweetened condensed milk
 Rwanda	RWA/156	07/23/2018	09/21/2018	Toothpaste
 Rwanda	RWA/157	07/23/2018	09/21/2018	Ghee
 Rwanda	RWA/158	07/23/2018	09/21/2018	Skin applied mosquito repellents
 Rwanda	RWA/159	07/23/2018	09/21/2018	Skin applied mosquito repellents
 Rwanda	RWA/160	07/23/2018	09/21/2018	Skin applied mosquito repellents
 Rwanda	RWA/161	07/23/2018	09/21/2018	Skin applied mosquito repellents
 Rwanda	RWA/162	07/23/2018	09/21/2018	Skin applied mosquito repellents
 Rwanda	RWA/163	07/23/2018	09/21/2018	Spatial application mosquito repellents
 Rwanda	RWA/164	07/23/2018	09/21/2018	Spatial application mosquito repellents
 Rwanda	RWA/165	07/23/2018	09/21/2018	Spatial application mosquito repellents
 Rwanda	RWA/166	07/23/2018	09/21/2018	Spatial application mosquito repellents
 Rwanda	RWA/167	07/23/2018	09/21/2018	Spatial application mosquito repellents
 Rwanda	RWA/168	07/24/2018	09/22/2018	Spatial application mosquito repellents
 Rwanda	RWA/169	07/23/2018	09/21/2018	Spatial application mosquito repellents
 Saudi Arabia	SAU/1060	07/05/2018	09/03/2018	Passenger Car Tyres
 Saudi Arabia	SAU/1061	07/05/2018	09/03/2018	Passenger Car Tyres
 Saudi Arabia	SAU/1062	07/05/2018	09/03/2018	Passenger Car Tyres
 Saudi Arabia	SAU/1063	07/04/2018	09/02/2018	Passenger Car Tyres
 Saudi Arabia	SAU/1064	07/05/2018	09/03/2018	Passenger Car Tyres
 Saudi Arabia	SAU/1065	07/05/2018	09/03/2018	Passenger Car Tyres

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 Saudi Arabia	SAU/1066	07/12/2018	09/10/2018	Chilled Chicken and Frozen
 Saudi Arabia	SAU/1067	07/12/2018	09/10/2018	Bread
 Saudi Arabia	SAU/1068	07/12/2018	09/10/2018	Chilled fish
 Saudi Arabia	SAU/1069	07/12/2018	09/10/2018	Chilled shrimp
 Saudi Arabia	SAU/1070	07/12/2018	09/10/2018	Citrus fruits
 Saudi Arabia	SAU/1071	07/12/2018	09/10/2018	Fruit juices, drink and nectars
 Saudi Arabia	SAU/1072	07/13/2018	09/11/2018	Laban, Flavoured Laban, and Laban Drink
 Saudi Arabia	SAU/1073	07/13/2018	09/11/2018	Ground paprika
 Saudi Arabia	SAU/1074	07/16/2018	09/14/2018	Loose dates
 Saudi Arabia	SAU/1075	07/16/2018	09/14/2018	Processed cheese
 Saudi Arabia	SAU/1076	07/16/2018	09/14/2018	Trailers
 Saudi Arabia	SAU/1077	07/20/2018	09/18/2018	Pyrotechnic articles (HS 36041000000)
 Saudi Arabia	SAU/1078	07/20/2018	09/18/2018	Electric batteries (HS 850440, 850600, 850610, 850630, 850640, 850650, 850660, 850680, 850700, 850710, 850720, 850730, 850740, 850750)
 Saudi Arabia	SAU/1079	07/20/2018	09/18/2018	Limited production vehicles (HS 870310 to 870390)
 Saudi Arabia	SAU/1080	07/20/2018	09/18/2018	Light duty vehicles
 Saudi Arabia	SAU/1081	07/24/2018	09/22/2018	Personal Protective Clothing and Equipments (HS 900490, 621139, 6116100092, 6116100092, 420329000002, 4015190000, 4015190002, 401519100000, 3926909900, 9506290000, 6211110000, 6401990000, 6307209000)
 Singapore	SGP/43	07/03/2018	09/01/2018	Water fittings covered under mandatory Water Efficiency Labelling Scheme (WELS) (HS 3922.90, 6910.10.00, 6910.90.00, 7324.90.10, 7324.90.93, 8481.80.50, 8481.80.91, 8481.90.21)
 Singapore	SGP/44	07/18/2018	09/16/2018	Lamps (i. HS: 8539 21xx, HS 8539 22xx, HS 8539 29xx: Non-directional[1] incandescent lamp for the illumination of an area, of power rating between 25 watts and 200 watts, with either Edison screw or bayonet lamp cap, that is designed to be connected to 230 volts mains voltage by means of a socket or lamp connector; ii. HS: 8539 31xx, HS 8539 39xx: Compact fluorescent lamp without integrated ballast (CFLni) for the illumination of an area with G24d lamp cap, that is designed to be connected to 230 volts mains voltage by means of a socket or lamp connector; iii. HS: 8539 50xx: LED lamp with G24d lamp cap, intended for replacing[2] CFLni with the same cap; iv. HS: 8539 31xx, HS 8539 39xx: Linear fluorescent lamp of 26mm diameter (T8 fluorescent lamp) and 0.5m to 1.5m long for illumination of an area with G13 lamp caps, that is designed to be connected to 230 volts mains voltage by means of a socket or lamp connector; v. HS: 8539 50xx: Lin-

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				ear LED lamp of 26mm diameter (T8 LED lamp) and 0.5m to 1.5m long with G13 lamp caps, intended for replacing 2 T8 fluorescent lamp with the same caps; vi. HS: 8504 1000: Ballasts used in conjunction with fluorescent lamps that are designed to be connected to 230 volts mains voltage by means of a socket or lamp connector. [1] Non-directional lamp means a lamp not having at least 80% light output within a cone angle of 120° [2] Only applicable for replacement without requiring any internal modification of the existing luminaire
 South Africa	ZAF/231	07/05/2018	09/03/2018	Lighters
 South Africa	ZAF/232	07/26/2018	09/24/2018	Heat treated and ready to eat (RTE) processed meat products
 Taiwan Economy	TPKM/297/Add. 1	06/29/2018	Not given	Agricultural products including plant, algae original, no matter fresh, freeze, frozen, fried, and processing by other methods, other food products and box meal
 Taiwan Economy	TPKM/317/Add. 1	06/28/2018	Not given	5 types of secondary lithium cells and batteries products - Other accumulators (HS 850780)
 Taiwan Economy	TPKM/195/Add. 1	07/02/2018	Not given	Cosmetics
 Taiwan Economy	TPKM/327	07/05/2018	09/03/2018	Electronic toilet seats (HS 6910, 851679)
 Taiwan Economy	TPKM/328	07/12/2018	09/10/2018	Automobile tyres
 Taiwan Economy	TPKM/329	07/12/2018	09/10/2018	Air cleaner (CCCN 8421.39)
 Taiwan Economy	TPKM/330	07/12/2018	08/11/2018	Metallic flexible hoses for gas (4009.21.90.00.9A; 4009.22.90.00.8; 4009.31.90.00.7A; 4009.32.90.00.6; 4009.41.90.00.5A; 4009.42.90.00.4) Plastic hoses for fuel gas (3917.32.00.10.6; 3917.32.00.20.4; 3917.32.00.90.9; 3917.33.00.20.3; 3917.33.00.90.8) Wire reinforced rubber hoses and hose assemblies for fuel gas (8307.10.00.00.2; 8307.90.90.00.6)
 Tanzania	TZA/192	07/05/2018	09/03/2018	Towels
 Tanzania	TZA/193	07/05/2018	09/03/2018	Footwear
 Tanzania	TZA/194	07/05/2018	09/03/2018	Footwear
 Tanzania	TZA/195	07/05/2018	09/03/2018	Footwear
 Tanzania	TZA/196	07/05/2018	09/03/2018	Clothes, kikoï
 Tanzania	TZA/197	07/05/2018	09/03/2018	Clothes, dera dress
 Tanzania	TZA/198	07/05/2018	09/03/2018	Warp and weft knitted fabrics
 Tanzania	TZA/199	07/05/2018	09/03/2018	Clothes, cotton khanga
 Tanzania	TZA/200	07/05/2018	09/03/2018	Clothes, cotton kitenge
 Tanzania	TZA/201	07/05/2018	09/03/2018	Ropes

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 Tanzania	TZA/202	07/05/2018	09/03/2018	Ropes
 Tanzania	TZA/203	07/05/2018	09/03/2018	Twines, man made fibres
 Tanzania	TZA/204	07/05/2018	09/03/2018	Leather products
 Tanzania	TZA/205	07/05/2018	09/03/2018	Ropes
 Tanzania	TZA/206	07/05/2018	09/03/2018	Ropes
 Tanzania	TZA/207	07/05/2018	09/03/2018	Twine, natural fibres
 Thailand	THA/215/Rev.2/Corr.1	07/20/2018	Not given	Snack foods
 Thailand	THA/505/Add.1	06/28/2018	Not given	Mobile phone and tablet covered accessories (Cases) which contained liquid chemical
 Thailand	THA/513/Add.1	07/02/2018	Not given	Foods
 Tunisia	TUN/26	07/16/2018	Not given	Canned tuna and canned bonito
 Turkey	TUR/119	07/19/2018	09/15/2018	Total diet replacement for weight control
 Turkey	TUR/120	07/19/2018	09/15/2018	Infant formula and follow-on formula
 Uganda	UGA/531/Add.1	07/10/2018	Not given	Miscellaneous chemical products
 Uganda	UGA/839/Add.1	07/10/2018	Not given	Toys; Electrical and electronics including solar panels and systems; Automotive products and inputs; Chemical commodities; Mechanical materials and gas appliances including construction materials and items; Textile, leather, plastic and rubber; Furniture including wood and metal articles; Paper and stationery; Protective safety Equipment; Food and food products; Used commodities including used motor vehicles Miscellaneous chemical products (HS 38), Rubber and articles thereof (HS 40), Headgear and parts thereof (HS 65), Furniture; bedding, mattresses, mattress supports, cushions and similar stuffed furnishings; lamps and lighting fittings, not elsewhere specified or included; illuminated signs, illuminated name- plates and the like; prefabricated buildings (HS 94), Toys, games and sports requisites; parts and accessories thereof (HS 95), Articles of leather or of composition leather, of a kind used in machinery or mechanical appliances or for other technical uses. (HS 4204), Textile products and articles, for technical uses, specified in Note 7 to this Chapter. (HS 5911), Filing cabinets, card-index cabinets, paper trays, paper rests, pen trays, office-stamp stands and similar office or desk equipment, of base metal, other than office furniture of heading 94.03. (HS 8304), Cooking appliances and plate warmers: (HS 73211), Mechanical (HS 470691), Electrical (HS 870911)
 Uganda	UGA/851	06/28/2018	08/27/2018	Sesame paste
 Uganda	UGA/851/Corr.1	07/09/2018	Not given	Sesame paste
 Uganda	UGA/852	06/28/2018	08/27/2018	Plain steel sheets; Corrugated sheets (HS 681110)

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 Uganda	UGA/853	06/28/2018	08/27/2018	Plain bars; Iron and steel (HS 72)
 Uganda	UGA/854	06/28/2018	08/27/2018	Ribbed bars; Iron and steel (HS 72)
 Uganda	UGA/855	06/28/2018	08/27/2018	Welded fabric; Iron and steel (HS 72)
 Uganda	UGA/856	06/28/2018	08/27/2018	Protective clothing
 Uganda	UGA/857	06/28/2018	08/27/2018	Fire and rescue services uniforms
 Uganda	UGA/858	06/28/2018	08/27/2018	Vegetable and nut spread; Jams, fruit jellies, marmalades, fruit or nut purée and fruit or nut pastes, obtained by cooking, whether or not containing added sugar or other sweetening matter (HS 2007)
 Uganda	UGA/859	07/04/2018	09/02/2018	Steel sections
 Uganda	UGA/860	07/05/2018	09/03/2018	Steel sheets and coils
 Uganda	UGA/861	07/05/2018	09/03/2018	Steel nails (HS 7317)
 Uganda	UGA/862	07/09/2018	09/07/2018	Salt; sulphur; earths and stone; plastering materials, lime and cement (HS 25)
 Uganda	UGA/863	07/09/2018	09/07/2018	Portland cement, aluminous cement, slag cement, supersulphate cement and similar hydraulic cements, whether or not coloured or in the form of clinkers (HS 2523)
 Uganda	UGA/864	07/09/2018	09/07/2018	Portland cement, aluminous cement, slag cement, supersulphate cement and similar hydraulic cements, whether or not coloured or in the form of clinkers (HS 2523)
 Uganda	UGA/865	07/09/2018	09/07/2018	Portland cement, aluminous cement, slag cement, supersulphate cement and similar hydraulic cements, whether or not coloured or in the form of clinkers (HS 2523)
 Uganda	UGA/866	07/09/2018	09/07/2018	Portland cement, aluminous cement, slag cement, supersulphate cement and similar hydraulic cements, whether or not coloured or in the form of clinkers (HS 2523)
 Uganda	UGA/867	07/09/2018	09/07/2018	Portland cement, aluminous cement, slag cement, supersulphate cement and similar hydraulic cements, whether or not coloured or in the form of clinkers (HS 2523)
 Uganda	UGA/868	07/09/2018	09/07/2018	Portland cement, aluminous cement, slag cement, supersulphate cement and similar hydraulic cements, whether or not coloured or in the form of clinkers (HS 2523)
 Uganda	UGA/869	07/09/2018	09/07/2018	Portland cement, aluminous cement, slag cement, supersulphate cement and similar hydraulic cements, whether or not coloured or in the form of clinkers (HS 2523)
 Uganda	UGA/870	07/09/2018	09/07/2018	Portland cement, aluminous cement, slag cement, supersulphate cement and similar hydraulic cements, whether or not coloured or in the form of clinkers (HS 2523)
 Uganda	UGA/871	07/09/2018	09/07/2018	Portland cement, aluminous cement, slag cement, supersulphate cement and similar hydraulic cements, whether or not coloured or in the form of

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				clinkers (HS 2523)
 Uganda	UGA/872	07/13/2018	09/11/2018	Protective Ensembles (HS 61042), Clothing, clothing accessories, footwear and headgear (HS 681250)
 Uganda	UGA/873	07/13/2018	09/11/2018	Confined Area Entry, vapor degreasers, cold cleaning tanks, van trailers, ships or barges, pits or sumps. Ships, boats and floating structures (HS 89), - Tank wagons (tank cars) and the like (HS 860610), -- Tanker trailers and tanker semi-trailers (HS 871631)
 Uganda	UGA/874	07/13/2018	09/11/2018	Traffic paint, Paints and varnishes (including enamels and lacquers) based on synthetic polymers or chemically modified natural polymers, dispersed or dissolved in a non-aqueous medium; solutions as defined in Note 4 to this Chapter (HS 3208), Paints and varnishes (including enamels and lacquers) based on synthetic polymers or chemically modified natural polymers, dispersed or dissolved in an aqueous medium (HS 3209)
 Uganda	UGA/875	07/13/2018	09/11/2018	Organic Coatings, Organic chemicals (HS 29)
 Uganda	UGA/876	07/13/2018	09/11/2018	Painted panels, plastic plaques, textile swatches, Paints and varnishes (including enamels and lacquers) based on synthetic polymers or chemically modified natural polymers, dispersed or dissolved in a non-aqueous medium; solutions as defined in Note 4 to this Chapter (HS 3208), Paints and varnishes (including enamels and lacquers) based on synthetic polymers or chemically modified natural polymers, dispersed or dissolved in an aqueous medium (HS 3209)
 Uganda	UGA/877	07/13/2018	09/11/2018	Paints and varnishes (including enamels and lacquers) based on synthetic polymers or chemically modified natural polymers, dispersed or dissolved in a non-aqueous medium; solutions as defined in Note 4 to this Chapter. (HS 3208), Paints and varnishes (including enamels and lacquers) based on synthetic polymers or chemically modified natural polymers, dispersed or dissolved in an aqueous medium (HS 3209)
 Uganda	UGA/878	07/13/2018	09/11/2018	Roads, Parking Lots
 Uganda	UGA/879	07/13/2018	09/11/2018	Pavements
 Uganda	UGA/880	07/13/2018	09/11/2018	Pavement marking materials Paints and varnishes (including enamels and lacquers) based on synthetic polymers or chemically modified natural polymers, dispersed or dissolved in a non-aqueous medium; solutions as defined in Note 4 to this Chapter. (HS 3208), Paints and varnishes (including enamels and lacquers) based on synthetic polymers or chemically modified natural polymers, dispersed or dissolved in an aqueous medium (HS 3209)
 Uganda	UGA/881	07/13/2018	09/11/2018	Paints and varnishes (including enamels and lacquers) based on synthetic polymers or chemically modified natural polymers, dispersed or dissolved

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				in a non-aqueous medium; solutions as defined in Note 4 to this Chapter (HS 3208), Paints and varnishes (including enamels and lacquers) based on synthetic polymers or chemically modified natural polymers, dispersed or dissolved in an aqueous medium (HS 3209)
 Uganda	UGA/882	07/13/2018	09/11/2018	Paints and varnishes (including enamels and lacquers) based on synthetic polymers or chemically modified natural polymers, dispersed or dissolved in a non-aqueous medium; solutions as defined in Note 4 to this Chapter. (HS 3208), Paints and varnishes (including enamels and lacquers) based on synthetic polymers or chemically modified natural polymers, dispersed or dissolved in an aqueous medium (HS 3209)
 Uganda	UGA/883	07/13/2018	09/11/2018	Paints and varnishes (including enamels and lacquers) based on synthetic polymers or chemically modified natural polymers, dispersed or dissolved in a non-aqueous medium; solutions as defined in Note 4 to this Chapter. (HS 3208), Paints and varnishes (including enamels and lacquers) based on synthetic polymers or chemically modified natural polymers, dispersed or dissolved in an aqueous medium (HS 3209)
 Uganda	UGA/884	07/13/2018	09/11/2018	Paints and varnishes (including enamels and lacquers) based on synthetic polymers or chemically modified natural polymers, dispersed or dissolved in a non-aqueous medium; solutions as defined in Note 4 to this Chapter. (HS 3208), Paints and varnishes (including enamels and lacquers) based on synthetic polymers or chemically modified natural polymers, dispersed or dissolved in an aqueous medium (HS 3209)
 Uganda	UGA/885	07/13/2018	09/11/2018	Textiles, paints, plastics, Paints and varnishes (including enamels and lacquers) based on synthetic polymers or chemically modified natural polymers, dispersed or dissolved in a non-aqueous medium; solutions as defined in Note 4 to this Chapter. (HS 3208), Paints and varnishes (including enamels and lacquers) based on synthetic polymers or chemically modified natural polymers, dispersed or dissolved in an aqueous medium (HS 3209)
 Uganda	UGA/886	07/13/2018	09/11/2018	Dried films Paints and varnishes (including enamels and lacquers) based on synthetic polymers or chemically modified natural polymers, dispersed or dissolved in a non-aqueous medium; solutions as defined in Note 4 to this Chapter (HS 3208), Paints and varnishes (including enamels and lacquers) based on synthetic polymers or chemically modified natural polymers, dispersed or dissolved in an aqueous medium (HS 3209)
 Uganda	UGA/887	07/13/2018	09/11/2018	Traffic marking Paints; Pavement marking paints Paints and varnishes (including enamels and lacquers) based on synthetic polymers or chemically modified natural polymers, dispersed or dissolved in a non-aqueous medium; solutions as defined in Note 4 to this Chapter (HS 3208), Paints and var-

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				nishes (including enamels and lacquers) based on synthetic polymers or chemically modified natural polymers, dispersed or dissolved in an aqueous medium (HS 3209)
 Uganda	UGA/888	07/13/2018	09/11/2018	Glass spheres (HS 70)
 Uganda	UGA/889	07/13/2018	09/11/2018	Glass Spheres (HS 70)
 Uganda	UGA/890	07/13/2018	09/11/2018	Glass beads, imitation pearls, imitation precious or semi-precious stones and similar glass smallwares, and articles thereof other than imitation jewellery; glass eyes other than prosthetic articles; statuettes and other ornaments of lamp- Worked glass, other than imitation jewellery; glass microspheres not exceeding 1 mm in diameter (HS 7018)
 Uganda	UGA/891	07/13/2018	09/11/2018	Road marking paints, Runway marking paints Paints and varnishes (including enamels and lacquers) based on synthetic polymers or chemically modified natural polymers, dispersed or dissolved in an aqueous medium (HS 3209)
 Uganda	UGA/892	07/13/2018	09/11/2018	Hospital cotton bed sheets Toilet paper and similar paper, cellulose wadding or webs of cellulose fibres, of a kind used for household or sanitary purposes, in rolls of a width not exceeding 36 cm, or cut to size or shape; handkerchiefs, cleansing tissues, towels, tablecloths, serviettes, napkins for babies, tampons, bed sheets and similar household, sanitary or hospital articles, articles of apparel and clothing accessories, of paper pulp, paper, cellulose wadding or webs of cellulose fibres (HS 4818)
 Uganda	UGA/893	07/13/2018	09/11/2018	Green surgical fabric for gowns and drapery, Woven fabrics of cotton, containing 85% or more by weight of cotton, weighing more than 200 g/m ² (HS 5209)
 Uganda	UGA/894	07/17/2018	09/15/2018	Chromium in Paint - Paints and varnishes (including enamels and lacquers) based on synthetic polymers or chemically modified natural polymers, dispersed or dissolved in an aqueous medium (HS 3209)
 Uganda	UGA/895	07/17/2018	09/15/2018	Paint films - Paints and varnishes (including enamels and lacquers) based on synthetic polymers or chemically modified natural polymers, dispersed or dissolved in an aqueous medium (HS 3209), - Paint, distemper, varnish or similar brushes (other than brushes of subheading 9603.30); paint pads and rollers (HS 960340)
 Uganda	UGA/538/Rev.1/ Add.1	07/19/2018	Not given	Reinforcing and Pre-stressing Steel for Concrete; Structural Steel Products; Roof Covering Steel Products; Cement, Building Lime and Other Hydraulic Binders; Pneumatic Tyres and Tubes for Automotive Vehicles and Trailers; Protective Safety Equipment; Gas cylinders, Valves and Regulators; Power cables and Luminaries (Lighting Equipment); Electronic, Sound and Communication Equipment; High Risk Foods and Food Products; High Risk Chemical Products, Personal Hygiene and Con-

Country	Notification	Date Issued	Final Date for Comments	Merchandise Covered
				sumer Goods; Neutral spirit for manufacture of gins and alcoholic beverages; Toys; Electrical and Electronics; Automotive Products and Inputs; Chemical Products; Mechanical Materials and Gas Appliances; Textile, Leather, Plastics and Rubber; Furniture (wood and metal articles); Paper and Stationery; Protective Safety Equipment; Food and Food Products and Used Products, including used Motor Vehicles.
 Uganda	UGA/861/Corr.1	07/20/2018	Not given	Steel nails (HS 7317)
 Ukraine	UKR/130/Add.1	07/19/2018	Not given	Transportable pressure equipment
 United Arab Emirates	ARE/421	07/05/2018	09/03/2018	Passenger Car Tyres
 United Arab Emirates	ARE/422	07/05/2018	09/03/2018	Passenger Car Tyres
 United Arab Emirates	ARE/423	07/05/2018	09/03/2018	Passenger Car Tyres
 United Arab Emirates	ARE/424	07/04/2018	09/02/2018	Passenger Car Tyres
 United Arab Emirates	ARE/425	07/05/2018	09/03/2018	Passenger Car Tyres
 United Arab Emirates	ARE/426	07/05/2018	09/03/2018	Passenger Car Tyres
 United Arab Emirates	ARE/427	07/12/2018	09/10/2018	Chilled chicken and frozen
 United Arab Emirates	ARE/428	07/12/2018	09/10/2018	Bread
 United Arab Emirates	ARE/429	07/12/2018	09/10/2018	Chilled fish
 United Arab Emirates	ARE/430	07/12/2018	09/10/2018	Chilled shrimp
 United Arab Emirates	ARE/431	07/12/2018	09/10/2018	Citrus fruits
 United Arab Emirates	ARE/432	07/12/2018	09/10/2018	Fruit juices, drink and nectars
 United Arab Emirates	ARE/433	07/13/2018	09/11/2018	Laban, Flavoured Laban, and Laban Drink
 United Arab Emirates	ARE/434	07/13/2018	09/11/2018	Ground paprika
 United Arab Emirates	ARE/435	07/16/2018	09/14/2018	Loose dates
 United Arab Emirates	ARE/436	07/16/2018	09/14/2018	Processed cheese
 United States	USA/1107/Add.3 /Corr.2	06/29/2018	Not given	Building codes
 United States	USA/1107/Add.4	07/03/2018	Not given	Building codes
 United States	USA/1201/Add.1	06/29/2018	Not given	Baby changing products
 United States	USA/1293/Add.1	07/10/2018	Not given	Booster seats
 United States	USA/1367/Add.1	07/10/2018	Not given	Blowout preventer systems
 United States	USA/1375	06/27/2018	08/03/2018	Radiology devices
 United States	USA/1376	06/27/2018	Not given	Microneedling device for aesthetic use
 United States	USA/1377	06/27/2018	Not given	In vivo cured intramedullary fixation rod
 United States	USA/1378	07/10/2018	08/16/2018	Lead-based paint (HS 3208; HS 3209)
 United States	USA/476/Add.2	07/10/2018	Not given	Honey (HS 0409)
 United States	USA/622/Rev.1	07/16/2018	Not given	Prepackaged food (HS 2101-2106)
 United States	USA/1379	07/16/2018	09/04/2018	Turbo fan engine, medium flocking bird test
 United States	USA/1380	07/16/2018	08/17/2018	Renewable fuel standard program

Country	Notification	Date Issued	Final Date for Comments	Merchandise Covered
 United States	USA/1381	07/16/2018	08/09/2018	Petroleum refinery emissions
 United States	USA/1382	07/17/2018	09/07/2018	Plants, plant products - Wood and articles of wood; wood charcoal (HS 44), Live trees and other plants; bulbs, roots and the like; cut flowers and ornamental foliage (HS 06)
 United States	USA/1383	07/17/2018	09/07/2018	Plants, plant products - Wood and articles of wood; wood charcoal (HS 44), Live trees and other plants; bulbs, roots and the like; cut flowers and ornamental foliage (HS 06)
 United States	USA/1380/Add.1	07/19/2018	Not given	Renewable fuel standard program
 United States	USA/1384	07/19/2018	08/13/2018	Residential garage door operators
 United States	USA/1385	07/19/2018	10/15/2018	Transport category airplanes
 United States	USA/947/Add.2/Corr.1	07/26/2018	Not given	Children's articles containing specified phthalates
 United States	USA/1186/Rev.1/Corr.1	07/26/2018	Not given	Phthalates
 United States	USA/1345/Add.1	07/26/2018	Not given	Ignition interlock devices
 United States	USA/1360/Add.1	07/26/2018	Not given	Commercial measuring devices
 Viet Nam	VNM/131	07/05/2018	09/03/2018	Horticultural equipment
 Viet Nam	VNM/132	07/05/2018	09/03/2018	Agricultural tractors
 Viet Nam	VNM/133	07/05/2018	09/03/2018	Combine harvesters
 Yemen	YEM/130	07/05/2018	09/03/2018	Passenger Car Tyres
 Yemen	YEM/131	07/05/2018	09/03/2018	Passenger Car Tyres
 Yemen	YEM/132	07/05/2018	09/03/2018	Passenger Car Tyres
 Yemen	YEM/133	07/04/2018	09/02/2018	Passenger Car Tyres
 Yemen	YEM/134	07/05/2018	09/03/2018	Passenger Car Tyres
 Yemen	YEM/135	07/05/2018	09/03/2018	Passenger Car Tyres
 Yemen	YEM/136	07/12/2018	09/10/2018	Chilled Chicken and Frozen
 Yemen	YEM/137	07/12/2018	09/10/2018	Bread
 Yemen	YEM/138	07/12/2018	09/10/2018	Chilled fish
 Yemen	YEM/139	07/12/2018	09/10/2018	Chilled shrimp
 Yemen	YEM/140	07/12/2018	09/10/2018	Citrus fruits
 Yemen	YEM/141	07/12/2018	09/10/2018	Fruit juices, drink and nectars
 Yemen	YEM/142	07/13/2018	09/11/2018	Laban, Flavoured Laban, and Laban Drink
 Yemen	YEM/143	07/13/2018	09/11/2018	Ground paprika
 Yemen	YEM/144	07/16/2018	09/14/2018	Loose dates
 Yemen	YEM/145	07/16/2018	09/14/2018	Processed cheese

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 Classifica- tion or Posi- tion	New Ruling	New Classification or Position [and basis]	Comments Due (C) or Effective Date (E)	
PROPOSED REVOCATIONS/MODIFICATIONS							
(P) 07-05-18	Tariff classification of rigid molded plastic waterproof camera housings	NY N240464	R		8529.90.86 [GRI 1, 6; Section XVI LN 2(b)]	(C) 08-06-18	
		NY L83830 NY I84647 NY N222075	R R M	4202.99.9000	HQ H287090		3926.90.99 [GRI 1, 6; Chap 39 LN 1&2]
	Tariff classification of decorative wooden nutcrackers	NY I82063 NY I82064	M M	4420.10.00 or 9505.10.15	HQ H143395		4420.10.00 [GRI 1, 3(b), 6; Chap 95 LN.1(w); Chap. 44 LN.1(p); EN 44.20, 95.05]
	Tariff classification of a Mine Personnel Carrier	NY N106796	M	8703.33.0045	HQ H269330	8703.33.01 [GRI 1, 6]	
(P) 07-11-18	Tariff classification of cordierite pizza stones	NY N134696 NY N021167	R R	6912.00.4810	HQ H281863	7116.20.4000 [GRI 1, 3(b), Chap 60 GN 2 (c), Chap 71 GN 1(a)]	(C) 08-11-18
	Tariff classification of cast iron, porcelain-coated floor sinks	NY N259783 NY N244050	R R	7326.90.8588	HQ H265069	7324.90.00 [GRI 1; EN 73.24, 73.26]	
	Tariff classification of soiled dish tables and undercounter dish tables made of stainless steel	NY N278687	M	7324.10.0050 [GRI 3(b)]	HQ H281936	7324.10.00 [GRI 1,6]	
	Tariff classification of decorative glassware imported with lids	NY N036984 NY N110556	R R	9405.50.40	HQ H286689	7013.99.50 [GRI 1; Chap 70 LN 1(e), EN 94.05]	
	Tariff classification of a Radiator/ Charge Air Cooler Assembly	NY R04029	R	8708.99.8080	HQ H275146	8708.91.50 [GRI 1,6; Sec. XVII, N 2(e),3]	
	Tariff classification of Poly Bd R-20LM	NY N034669	R	4002.20.00	HQ H286021	3902.90.00 [GRI 1, 6; Chap 39 N 2(l), Chap 40 N 4(a)]	
REVOCATIONS/MODIFICATIONS							
(A) 07-11-18	Tariff classification of automatic stereo turntable system from China	NY N268674	R	8519.30.10	HQ H271390	8519.89.20 [GRI 1, 3(b), 6; EN 85.19(H)]	(E) 09-10-18
	Tariff classification of	NY N012532	R	9503.00.0080	HQ H212596	9506.91.0030 [GRI 1, 6;	

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	JumpSmart Trampoline				EN to 95.03, 95.06]		
	Tariff classification of trampolines safety enclosure	NY R03134	R	9506.99.6080	HQ H292029	9506.91.0030 [GRI 1,6; Chap 95 LN3, EN 95.06]	
	Tariff classification of children's fishing rod and reel combinations.	NY N003439 NY N004939	W	9503.90.80 and 9503.70.00		Proposed revocation withdrawn	Withdrawn
	Tariff classification of natamycin 50% with lactose and natamycin 50% with sodium chloride	NY NY 182455	M	3003.20.00	HQ H261418	3808.92.50 [GRI 1,6; Chap 30 N 3(b)(1), Chap 38 N 1(b); EN 30.03, 38.08]	(E) 09-10-18

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-945	Certain Network Devices, Related Software and Components Thereof (II) (Modification 2)	Modification of Limited Exclusion Order and Cease and Desist Order; Termination of the Modification Proceeding as to U.S. Patent No. 6,377,577 and Suspension of the Modification Proceeding as to U.S. Patent No. 7,224,668
337-TA-989 (Enforcement)	Certain Automated Teller Machines, ATM Modules, Components Thereof, and Products Containing the Same	Commission Determination Not to Review an Initial Determination Amending the Complaint and Notice of Enforcement Proceeding to Reflect a Corporate Name Change
337-TA-1046	Certain Non-Volatile Memory Devices and Products Containing Same	Notice of Commission Determination To Review in Part a Final Initial Determination Finding No Violation of Section 337; Schedule for Filing Written Submissions on the Issues Under Review and on Remedy, the Public Interest and Bonding; Extension of Target Date
337-TA-1047	Certain Semiconductor Devices and Consumer Audiovisual Products Containing the Same	Commission Determination to Review in Part a Final Initial Determination Finding No Violation of Section 337; Schedule for Briefing; Extension of Target Date
337-TA-1053	Certain Two-Way Radio Equipment and Systems, Related Software and Components Thereof	Notice of Request for Statements on the Public Interest
337-TA-1057	Certain Robotic Vacuum Cleaning Devices and Components Thereof Such as Spare Parts	Notice of Request for Statements on the Public Interest
337-TA-1078	Certain Amorphous Metal and Products Containing Same	Termination of Investigation
337-TA-1082	Certain Gas Spring Nailer Products and Components Thereof	Commission Decision Not to Review an Initial Determination Granting Complainant's Motion to Amend the Notice of Investigation to Add Claim 30 of U.S. Patent 8,267,297
337-TA-1095	Certain Load Supporting Systems, Including Composite Mat Systems, and Components Thereof	Commission Determination Not To Review an Initial Determination Granting a Joint Motion To Terminate the Investigation Based on Consent Orders and a Settlement Agreement; Issuance of Consent Orders; Termination of the Investigation

Inv. №	Commodity	Action
337-TA-1106	Certain Toner Cartridges and Components Thereof	Commission Determination Not to Review an Initial Determination Amending the Complainant and Notice of Investigation
337-TA-1122	Certain Convertible Sofas and Components Thereof	Initiation of an Investigation Based on a Complaint Filed on behalf of Sauder Manufacturing Company alleging patent infringement
337-TA-1123	Certain Carburetors and Products Containing Such Carburetors	Initiation of an Investigation Based on a Complaint Filed on behalf of Walbro, LLC alleging patent infringement
337-TA-1124	Certain Powered Cover Plates	Initiation of an Investigation Based on a Complaint Filed on behalf of SnapRays, LLC d/b/a SnapPower alleging patent infringement
337-TA-1125	Certain Height-Adjustable Desk Platforms and Components Thereof	Initiation of an Investigation Based on a Complaint Filed on behalf of Varidesk LLC 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 3327	Certain Microperforated Packaging Containing Fresh Produce (II)	Windham Packaging, LLC
DN 3328	Certain Lithography Machines and Systems and Components Thereof (I)	Carl Ziess SMT GmbH
DN 3329	Certain Lithography Machines and Systems and Components Thereof (II)	Carl Ziess SMT GmbH

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-570-865	Certain Hot-Rolled Carbon Steel Flat Products From China	Preliminary Results of ADD Administrative Review; 2016-2017
C-570-080	Cast Iron Soil Pipe From China	Preliminary Affirmative CVD Determination and Alignment of Final Determination With Final ADD Determination
A-823-815	Certain Oil Country Tubular Goods From Ukraine	Amendment to the Agreement Suspending the ADD Investigation
A-570-893	Certain Frozen Warmwater Shrimp From China	Rescission of ADD Administrative Review; 2017-2018
A-570-909	Certain Steel Nails From China	Notice of Court Decision Not in Harmony with Final Results of Administrative Review and Notice of Amended Final Results of ADD Administrative Review
A-469-814	Chlorinated Isocyanurates From Spain	Preliminary Results of ADD Administrative Review; 2016-2017


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

Case №	Merchandise/Country	Action
A-570-831	Fresh Garlic From China	Initiation of Semiannual ADD New Shipper Review; 2017-2018
C-549-836	Rubber Bands From Thailand	Preliminary Negative CVD Determination and Alignment of Final Determination with Final ADD Determination
C-570-070	Rubber Bands From China	Preliminary Affirmative CVD Determination and Alignment of Final Determination with Final ADD Determination
A-570-898	Chlorinated Isocyanurates From China	Preliminary Results of ADD Administrative Review; 2016-2017
C-570-978	High Pressure Steel Cylinders From China	Preliminary Results of CVD Administrative Review; 2016
A-570-071	Sodium Gluconate, Gluconic Acid, and Derivative Products From China	Preliminary Determination of Sales at LTFV
C-570-063	Cast Iron Soil Pipe Fittings From China	Final Affirmative CVD Determination
A-570-866	Certain Folding Gift Boxes From China	Continuation of the ADD Order
C-570-913	Certain New Pneumatic Off-The-Road Tires From China	Amended Final Results of CVD Administrative Review, 2015
C-570-913	Certain New Pneumatic Off-The-Road Tires From China	Preliminary Results and Partial Rescission of CVD Administrative Review; 2016
A-588-854	Certain Tin Mill Products From Japan	Continuation of the ADD Order
A-520-803	Polyethylene Terephthalate Film, Sheet and Strip From the United Arab Emirates	Notice of Correction to Partial Rescission of ADD Administrative Review; 2016-2017
A-570-918	Steel Wire Garment Hangers From China	Preliminary Results of ADD Administrative Review; 2016-2017
A-580-836	Certain Cut-to-Length Carbon-Quality Steel Plate Products From S. Korea	Final Results of ADD Administrative Review; 2016-2017
A-570-909	Certain Steel Nails From China	Notice of Court Decision Not in Harmony With the Final Results of Administrative Review and Notice of Amended Final Results of ADD Administrative Review
A-351-845	Certain Hot-Rolled Steel Flat Products From Brazil	Preliminary Results of the ADD Administrative Review; 2016-2017
A-475-828	Stainless Steel Butt-Weld Pipe Fittings From Italy	Final Results of ADD Administrative Review; 2016-2017
C-580-837	Certain Cut-to-Length Carbon-Quality Steel Plate from S.. Korea	Final Results of CVD review and Rescission of CVD Administrative Review, in Part
A-533-840	Certain Frozen Warmwater Shrimp from India	Final Results of ADD Administrative Review; 2016-2017
A-570-929	Small Diameter Graphite Electrodes From China	Final Results of ADD Administrative Review; 2016-2017
A-570-062	Cast Iron Soil Pipe Fittings From China	Final Affirmative Determination of Sales at LTFV and Final Determination of Critical Circumstances, in Part
C-570-089	Certain Steel Racks From China	Initiation of CVD Investigation
A-570-088	Certain Steel Racks From China	Initiation of LTFV Investigation
A-580-876	Welded Line Pipe From S. Korea	Final Results of ADD Administrative Review; 2015-2016
C-570-048	Certain Carbon and Alloy Steel Cut-to-Length Plate From China	Final Results of CVD Expedited Review
C-489-823	Welded Line Pipe From Turkey	Final Results of CVD Administrative Review; 2015
A-520-807	Circular Welded Carbon-Quality Steel Pipe From the United Arab Emirates	Notice of Court Decision Not in Harmony with Final Determination of Sales at LTFV
A-570-979 C-570-980	Crystalline Silicon Photovoltaic Cells, Whether or Not Assembled Into Modules, From China	Notice of Initiation of Changed Circumstances Reviews, and Consideration of Revocation of the AD and CVD Orders in Part
A-570-983	Drawn Stainless Steel Sinks From China	Final Results of the Expedited First Sunset Review of the ADD Order
A-570-060 A-533-875 A-580-893 A-583-860	Fine Denier Polyester Staple Fiber From China, India, S. Korea, and Taiwan	ADD Duty Orders


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

Case №	Merchandise/Country	Action
A-570-967	Aluminum Extrusions From China	Initiation and Preliminary Results of Expedited Changed Circumstances Review
C-570-980	Crystalline Silicon Photovoltaic Cells, Whether or Not Assembled Into Modules, From China	Final Results of CVD Administrative Review; 2015
C-570-971	Multilayered Wood Flooring From China	Correction to Final Results of CVD Administrative Review; 2015
A-570-814	Carbon Steel Butt-Weld Pipe Fittings From China	Preliminary Affirmative Determination of Circumvention of the ADD Order
C-570-968	Aluminum Extrusions From China	Final Results of CVD Administrative Review; 2016
C-570-984	Drawn Stainless Steel Sinks From China	Final Results of the Expedited First Sunset Review of the CVD Order
C-542-801	Certain New Pneumatic Off-The-Road Tires From Sri Lanka	Notice of Court Decision Not in Harmony With Final Affirmative CVD Determination, Notice of Amended Final Determination and Revocation of CVD Order
A-423-813 A-301-803 A-549-833	Citric Acid and Certain Citrate Salts From Belgium, Colombia and Thailand	ADD Orders
A-570-970	Multilayered Wood Flooring From China	Notice of Court Decision Not in Harmony With the Second Amended Final Determination and Notice of Third Amended Final Determination of the ADD Investigation
A-570-851	Certain Preserved Mushrooms From China	Rescission of ADD Administrative Review; 2017-2018
A-570-970	Multilayered Wood Flooring From China	Final Results of ADD Administrative Review, Final Determination of No Shipments, and Partial Rescission; 2015-2016
A-583-849	Steel Wire Garment Hangers From Taiwan	Rescission of ADD Administrative Review; 2016-2017
A-570-967	Aluminum Extrusions From China	Final Results of ADD Administrative Review and Final Determination of No Shipments; 2016-2017
A-533-869	Certain New Pneumatic Off-the-Road Tires From India	Notice of Rescission of ADD Administrative Review; 2017-2018
A-570-979	Crystalline Silicon Photovoltaic Cells, Whether or Not Assembled into Modules, From China	Final Results of ADD Administrative Review and Final Determination of No Shipments; 2015-2016
A-570-979	Crystalline Silicon Photovoltaic Cells, Whether or Not Assembled into Modules, From China	Notice of Partial Rescission of ADD Administrative Review; 2016-2017
A-570-964	Seamless Refined Copper Pipe and Tube From China	Rescission of ADD Administrative Review; 2016-2017
A-583-863	Forged Steel Fittings From Taiwan	Final Determination of Sales at LTFV
A-552-801	Certain Frozen Fish Fillets From Vietnam	Notice of Court Decisions Not in Harmony with Final Results of Administrative Review and Notice of Amended Final Results of ADD Administrative Review
A-552-801	Certain Frozen Fish Fillets From Vietnam	Notice of Court Decisions Not in Harmony with Final Results of Administrative Review and Notice of Amended Final Results of ADD Administrative Review
A-549-822	Certain Frozen Warmwater Shrimp From Thailand	Rescission of ADD Administrative Review; 2017-2018
A-570-836	Glycine From China	Rescission of ADD Administrative Review; 2017-2018
A-552-823	Laminated Woven Sacks From Vietnam	Postponement of Preliminary Determination in the LTFV Investigation


United States International Trade Commission (USITC)

Inv. №	Merchandise/Country	Action
731-TA-1418	Steel Propane Cylinders From Taiwan	(Preliminary) Termination of Investigation
731-TA-1103	Certain Activated Carbon 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 US within a reasonably foreseeable time.
701-TA-588	Polytetrafluoroethylene Resin From India	(Final) Determination that an industry in the US is not materially injured or threatened with material injury, and the establishment of an industry in the US is not materially retarded by reason of imports that have been found by Commerce to be subsidized by the government of India.
731-TA-1374-1376	Citric Acid and Certain Citrate Salts From Belgium, Colombia, and Thailand	(Final) Determination that an industry in the US is materially injured by reason of imports that have been found by the Commerce to be sold in the US at LTFV.
731-TA-739	Clad Steel Plate From Japan	(Fourth Review) Scheduling of a Full Five-Year Review
701-TA-591 731-TA-1399	Common Alloy Aluminum Sheet From China	(Final) Scheduling of the Final Phase of CVD and ADD Investigations
701-TA-590 731-TA-1397	Sodium Gluconate, Gluconic Acid, and Derivative Products From China	(Final) Scheduling of the Final Phase of CVD and ADD Investigations
731-TA-1369-1372	Fine Denier Polyester Staple Fiber From China, India, Korea, and Taiwan	(Final) Determinations that an industry in the US is materially injured by reason of imports that have been found by Commerce to be sold in the US at LTFV
701-TA-481 731-TA-1190	Crystalline Silicon Photovoltaic Cells and Modules From China	(Review) Scheduling of Full Five-Year Reviews
731-TA-1383	Stainless Steel Flanges from China	(Final) Determination that an industry in the US is materially injured by reason of imports that have been found by the Commerce to be sold in the US at LTFV
701-TA-582 731-TA-1377	Ripe Olives From Spain	(Final) Determinations that an industry in the US is materially injured by reason of imports that have been found by the Commerce to be sold in the US at LTFV and to be subsidized by Spain


Canadian International Trade Tribunal (CITT)

Ref. Number	Merchandise/Country	Action
RR-2017-003	Carbon and Alloy Steel Pipe Piles Originating In or Exported From China	Expiry Review – Order continuing finding
PI-2018-004	Certain Carbon Steel Welded Pipe... including water well casing, piling pipe, sprinkler pipe and fencing pipe, but excluding oil and gas line pipe ..., originating in or exported from Pakistan, the Philippines, Turkey and Vietnam	Notice of Commencement of Preliminary Injury Inquiry
PI-2018-002	<i>Dumping and Subsidizing</i> Certain Cold-Reduced Flat-Rolled Sheet Products Of Carbon Steel (alloy and non-alloy), in coils or cut lengths, ..., originating in or exported from China, S. Korea, and Vietnam	Preliminary Determination of Injury
PI-2018-001	<i>Dumping and Subsidizing:</i> Certain Sucker Rods, Including Pony Rods, with or without couplings attached ..., originating in or exported from China	Preliminary Determination of Injury
NQ-2017-005	<i>Dumping and Subsidizing:</i> All Dry Wheat-Based Pasta, not stuffed or otherwise prepared, and not containing ..., originating in or exported from Turkey	Finding Issued: the dumping and subsidizing of the above-mentioned goods have caused injury to the domestic industry
PI-2018-005	Certain Corrosion-Resistant Steel Sheet originating in or exported from China, Chinese Taipei, India, and S. Korea	Notice of Commencement of Preliminary Injury Inquiry



Canada Border Services Agency (CBSA)

Ref. Number	Merchandise/Country	Action
SC 2018 ER	Certain Seamless Casing originating in or exported from China	Expiry Review Determination – Statement of Reasons
GB2 2018 IN	Certain 54-inch Gypsum Board originating in or exported from the USA, imported into Canada for use or consumption in the provinces of British Columbia, Alberta, Saskatchewan, and Manitoba, as well as the Yukon and Northwest Territories.	Initiation of the Dumping Investigation – Statement of Reasons
DWP 2017 IN	Certain Dry Wheat Pasta originating in or exported from Turkey	Final Determinations – Statement of Reasons
GB 2018 RI	Certain Gypsum Board originating in or exported from the USA, imported into Canada for use or consumption in the provinces of British Columbia, Alberta, Saskatchewan, and Manitoba, as well as the Yukon and Northwest Territories (Western Canada)	Notice of Conclusion of Re-investigation
CSWP3 2018 IN	Carbon Steel Welded Pipe from Pakistan, the Philippines, Turkey and Vietnam	Notice of Initiation of Investigation
OR 2018 IN	Certain Corrosion-Resistant Steel Sheet from China, Chinese Taipei, India and South Korea	Notice of Initiation of Investigation
FISC 2018 SP	Certain Fabricated Industrial Steel Components from China, South Korea and Spain	Notice of Initiation of Scope Proceeding to establish whether or not liquefied natural gas (LNG) modules are subject to the CITT's injury finding



Mexico - Ministry of Economy

Ref. No	Merchandise/Country	Action
EC 09/17	Dicloxacillin sodium originating in India, regardless of the country of export	Final resolution of the ADD
EC 05/17	Hexagonal mesh originating in China, regardless of the country of export.	Final resolution of the ADD
EC 09/18	Welded link steel chains originating in China, regardless of the country of export	Resolution declaring the commencement of the examination of the effectiveness of the ADD



European Union

Ref. Number	Merchandise/Country	Action
(EU) 2018/931	Oxalic acid originating in India and China	Commission Implementing Regulation imposing a definitive ADD following an expiry review
(EU) 2018/683	Certain pneumatic tyres, new or retreaded, of rubber, of a kind used for buses or lorries, with a load index exceeding 121 originating in China	Corrigendum to Implementing Regulation imposing provisional ADD and amending Implementing Regulation (EU) 2018/163
2018/C 250/08	Biodiesel originating in or exported from Argentina and Indonesia	Notice of the impending expiry of certain AD measures on 27-11-2018
(EU) 2018/1012	Electric bicycles originating in China	Commission Implementing Regulation imposing a provisional ADD on imports
(EU) 2018/1013	Certain steel products	Imposition of provisional safeguard measures
(EU) 2018/1017	Crystalline silicon photovoltaic modules and key components (i.e. cells) originating in or exported from China	Commission Implementing Regulation amending Implementing Regulations imposing definitive CV and ADD and Implementing


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	ing in or consigned from China extended to imports consigned from Malaysia and Taiwan, whether declared as originating in Malaysia and in Taiwan or not	Regulations extending the definitive CV and ADD
2018/C 253/09	Ironing boards originating in China	Notice of initiation of an expiry review of the AD measures
(EU) 2018/1037	Low carbon ferro-chrome originating in China, Russian Federation and Turkey	Commission Implementing Decision terminating the anti-dumping proceeding
2018/C 258/08	Ceramic tiles originating in China	Notice concerning the Commission Implementing Regulation imposing a definitive ADD: name change of one company subject to the ADD rate for cooperating non-sampled companies


Australian Anti-Dumping Commission

Ref. №	Merchandise/Country	Action
2018/85	Hollow Structural Sections From China #285	Findings in Relation to a Review of AD Measures
2018/94	Zinc Coated (Galvanised) Steel From China, Korea, Taiwan #457	Findings in relation to a review of AD measures
2018/95	Aluminium Zinc Coated Steel From China, Korea #456	Findings in relation to a review of AD measures
2018/96	Zinc Coated (Galvanised) Steel From China, Korea, Taiwan #449	Findings of a continuation inquiry into AD Measures
2018/97	Aluminium Zinc Coated Steel From China, Korea #450	Findings of a continuation inquiry into AD Measures
2018/105	Wire Rope From Southh Africa #483	Initiation of an anti-circumvention inquiry
2018/106	Tomato Products, Prepared or Preserved From Italy #488	Initiation of a continuation inquiry
2018/107	Hot Rolled Structural Steel Sections From Korea #465	Extension of time to publish Statement of Essential Facts and Final Report
2018/110	Aluminium Extrusions From China #485	Initiation of an Accelerated Review
2018/111	Aluminium Extrusions From China #482	Initiation of a Review of Measures
2018/113	A4 Copy Paper From Austria, Finland, Korea, Russia and Slovakia #463	Extension of time to publish Statement of Essential Facts and Final Report
2018/114	Various	Monthly Status Report - June 2018
2018/115	Wind Towers From China and Korea #487	Initiation of a continuation inquiry
2018/118	Steel Reinforcing Bar From China #467	Extension of time to publish Statement of Essential Facts and Final Report
2018/119	Rod in Coils From China #468	Extension of time to publish Statement of Essential Facts and Final Report
2018/120	Aluminium Extrusions From China and Thailand #442	Termination of Investigation
2018/121	Railway Wheels From China and France #466	Extension of time to publish Statement of Essential Facts and Final Report
2018/125	A4 Copy Paper From Austria, Finland, Korea, Russia and Slovakia #463	Extension of time to publish Statement of Essential Facts and Final Report


China Ministry of Commerce (MOFCOM)

Ref. №	Merchandise/Country	Action
53 of 2018	Non-dispersion-shifted Single-mode Fiber Originating in the United States	Results of Review



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Ref. No	Merchandise/Country	Action
57 of 2018	Optical Fiber Precasts Originating in Japan and the United States	Final Review of the AD Measures
58 of 2018	Sugar safeguards	Cancellation of list of countries not subject to safeguard measures
61 of 2018	Nitrile Rubber Originating in Korea and Japan	Preliminary determination of dumping and collection of deposit
62 of 2018	Stainless Steel Billets and Stainless Steel Hot Rolled Sheets/Ropes Originating in the European Union, Japan, Korea and Indonesia	Initiation of AD investigation



Government of India Ministry of Finance (Department of Revenue)

Notification No	Merchandise/Country	Action
35/2018-Cus (ADD) 09-07-18	High Tenacity Polyester Yarn (HTPY) originating in, or exported from China PR	Imposes definitive ADD
36/2018-Cus (ADD) 13-07-18	Grinding Media Balls (excluding Forged Grinding Media Balls) originating in or exported from Thailand and People's Republic of China	Imposes definitive ADD post Sunset Review Investigation
37/2018-Cus (ADD) 13-07-18	Grinding Media Balls (excluding Forged Grinding Media Balls) originating in or exported from Thailand and People's Republic of China	Rescinds Notification No. 36/2012-Customs (ADD), dated 16 July, 2012 imposing definitive ADD
01/2018-Cus (SG) 30-07-18	Solar Cells, whether or not assembled in modules or panels falling under Heading 8541 or Heading 8541 40 11 of Customs Tariff Act, 1975	Imposes definitive Safeguard duty for a period of 2 years



Government of India Ministry of Commerce and Industry (Department of Commerce)

File No and Date	Merchandise/Country	Action
INITIATIONS		
7/24/2018-DGAD 02-07-18	Jute Products – Jute Yarn/ Twine (multiple folded/cabled and single), Hessian Fabric and Jute Sacking Bags originating in or exported from Bangladesh	Initiates New Shipper Review for determination of individual dumping margin for M/s Natore Jute Mills (Producer), Bangladesh and M/s PNP Jute Trading LLC (Exporter/ Trader), USA
7/25/2018-DGAD 02-07-18	Jute Products – Jute Yarn/Twine (multiple folded/cabled and single), Hessian Fabric and Jute Sacking Bags originating in or exported from Bangladesh	Initiates New Shipper Review for determination of individual dumping margin for M/s Aziz Fibres Limited (Producer/ Exporter), Bangladesh
7/26/2018-DGAD 06-07-18	Acetone originating in or exported from European Union, Singapore, South Africa and United States of America	Initiates Second Sunset Review Investigation
ORAL HEARINGS		
7/13/2018-DGAD 04-07-18	Graphite Electrodes of all diameters originating in or exported from China PR	Schedules oral hearing on 17 July, 2018 in Mid-Term Review Investigation
6/9/2018-DGAD 05-07-18	Ethylene Vinyl Acetate (EVA) Sheet for Solar Module from China PR, Malaysia, Saudi Arabia, South Korea and Thailand	Schedules oral hearing on 19 July, 2018 in Anti-dumping Investigation
6/10/2018-DGAD 06-07-18	Certain Epoxy Resins originating in or exported from China PR, European Union, Korea RP, Taiwan and Thailand	Schedules oral hearing on 25 July, 2018 in Anti-dumping Investigation
7/4/2018-DGAD	Soda Ash from Turkey and Russia	Schedules oral hearing on 25 July, 2018 in Sunset


Government of India Ministry of Commerce and Industry (Department of Commerce)

File № and Date	Merchandise/Country	Action
13-07-18		Review Investigation
7/15/2018-DGAD 13-07-18	Methylene Chloride originating in or exported from EU, USA and Korea RP	Schedules oral hearing on 26 July, 2018 in Sunset Review Investigation
06/12/2018-DGAD 20-07-18	Non-Plasticized Industrial Grade Nitrocellulose excluding Nitrocellulose Damped in Ethanol and Waterwet originating in or exported from Brazil, Indonesia and Thailand	Schedules oral hearing on August 3, 2018 in Anti-dumping Investigation
FINAL FINDINGS		
14/51/2016-DGAD 13-07-18	Saturated Fatty Alcohols originating in or exported from Indonesia, Malaysia, Thailand and Saudi Arabia	Corrigendum issued modifying Final Findings
22/1/2018-DGTR 16-07-18	Solar Cells whether or not assembled in modules or panels into India	Final Findings issued in Safeguard Duty Investigation
15/22/2016-DGAD 26-07-18	1 1 1 2 Tetrafluoroethane or R 134a originating in or exported from China PR and Japan	Final Findings issued in New Shipper Review for determination of individual dumping margin
6/29/2017-DGAD 30-07-18	Sodium Nitrite originating in or exported from Russia	Final Findings issued in Anti-dumping Investigation
7/12/2017-DGAD 30-07-18	Sodium Nitrite originating in or exported from European Union	Final Findings issued in Mid-Term Review Investigation
7/25/2017-DGAD 30-07-18	Glass Fibre originating and exported from China PR	Final Findings issued in Anti- circumvention Investigation
OTHERS		
6/13/2018-DGAD 16-07-18	Saccharin originating in or exported from Indonesia	Extends time granted for submission of questionnaire in Anti-dumping Investigation


Brazil Ministry of Development, Industry and Trade

Reference	Merchandise/Country	Action
SECEX Cir 29	Frozen potatoes originating in France or the Netherlands	Adjustment o price commitment in resales by certain companies
SECEX Cir 30	Certain seam pipes, of austenitic grade 304 and 316 stainless steels oinating in China and Chinese Taipei	Initiates review of ADD
SECEX Cir 31	Gypsum board, etc. originating in Mexico	Extending deadline for completion of the dumping investigation
SECEX Cir 32	New rubber tires for passenger cars of radial construction originating in China	Initiation of administrative review
CAMEX Res № 47	Coarse salt, originating in the Republic of Chile	Suspension of the definitive AD measure applied and the homologated price commitment dealt with in Resolution 74 of August 31, 2017, of the Foreign Trade Chamber.

Opportunity to Request Administrative Review

In a July 3, 2018 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 July anniversary dates:



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AD/CVD Proceedings - Country/ Merchandise	Case No.	Period
Antidumping Duty Proceedings		
India: Corrosion-Resistant Steel Products	A-533-863	7/1/17 - 6/30/18
Polyethylene Terephthalate (Pet) Film	A-533-824	7/1/17 - 6/30/18
Iran: In-Shell Pistachios	A-507-502	7/1/17 - 6/30/18
Italy: Certain Pasta	A-475-818	7/1/17 - 6/30/18
Corrosion-Resistant Steel Products	A-475-832	7/1/17 - 6/30/18
Japan: Clad Steel Plate	A-588-838	7/1/17 - 6/30/18
Cold-Rolled Steel Flat Products	A-588-873	7/1/17 - 6/30/18
Polyvinyl Alcohol	A-588-861	7/1/17 - 6/30/18
Stainless Steel Sheet and Strip in Coils	A-588-845	7/1/17 - 6/30/18
Steel Concrete Reinforcing Bar	A-588-876	3/7/17 - 6/30/18
Malaysia: Steel Nails	A-557-816	7/1/17 - 6/30/18
Welded Stainless Steel Pressure Pipe	A-557-815	7/1/17 - 6/30/18
Oman: Steel Nails	A-523-808	7/1/17 - 6/30/18
S.Korea: Corrosion-Resistant Steel Products	A-580-878	7/1/17 - 6/30/18
Stainless Steel Sheet and Strip in Coils	A-580-834	7/1/17 - 6/30/18
Steel Nails	A-580-874	7/1/17 - 6/30/18
SR of Vietnam: Steel Nails	A-552-818	7/1/17 - 6/30/18
Welded Stainless Pressure Pipe	A-552-816	7/1/17 - 6/30/18
Taiwan: Corrosion-Resistant Steel Products	A-583-856	7/1/17 - 6/30/18
Polyethylene Terephthalate (Pet) Film	A-583-837	7/1/17 - 6/30/18
Stainless Steel Sheet and Strip in Coils	A-583-831	7/1/17 - 6/30/18
Steel Nails	A-583-854	7/1/17 - 6/30/18
Thailand: Carbon Steel Butt-Weld Pipe Fittings	A-549-807	7/1/17 - 6/30/18
Weld Stainless Steel Pressure Pipe	A-549-830	7/1/17 - 6/30/18
PR of China: Carbon Steel Butt-Weld Pipe Fittings	A-570-814	7/1/17 - 6/30/18
Certain Potassium Phosphate Salts	A-570-962	7/1/17 - 6/30/18
Certain Steel Grating	A-570-947	7/1/17 - 6/30/18
Circular Welded Carbon Quality Steel Pipe	A-570-910	7/1/17 - 6/30/18
Cold-Rolled Steel Flat Products	A-570-029	7/1/17 - 6/30/18
Corrosion-Resistant Steel Products	A-570-026	7/1/17 - 6/30/18
Persulfates	A-570-847	7/1/17 - 6/30/18
Xanthan Gum	A-570-985	7/1/17 - 6/30/18
Turkey: Certain Pasta	A-489-805	7/1/17 - 6/30/18
Steel Concrete Reinforcing Bar	A-489-829	3/7/17 - 6/30/18
Countervailing Duty Proceedings		
India: Corrosion-Resistant Steel Products	C-533-864	1/1/17 - 12/31/17
Polyethylene Terephthalate (Pet) Film	C-533-825	1/1/17 - 12/31/17
Italy: Certain Pasta	C-475-819	1/1/17 - 12/31/17
Corrosion-Resistant Steel Products	C-475-833	1/1/17 - 12/31/17
S. Korea: Corrosion-Resistant Steel Products	C-580-879	1/1/17 - 12/31/17
SR of Vietnam: Steel Nails	C-552-819	1/1/17 - 12/31/17
The PR of China: Certain Potassium Phosphate Salts	C-570-963	1/1/17 - 12/31/17
Circular Welded Carbon Quality Steel Pipe	C-570-911	1/1/17 - 12/31/17
Cold-Rolled Steel Flat Products	C-570-030	1/1/17 - 12/31/17
Corrosion-Resistant Steel Products	C-570-027	1/1/17 - 12/31/17
Prestressed Concrete Steel Wire Strand	C-570-946	1/1/17 - 12/31/17
Steel Grating	C-570-948	1/1/17 - 12/31/17
Turkey: Certain Pasta	C-489-806	1/1/17 - 12/31/17
Steel Concrete Reinforcing Bar	C-489-830	3/1/17 - 12/31/17
Suspension Agreements		
Ukraine: Oil Country Tubular Goods	A-823-815	7/1/17 - 6/30/18

Requested Reviews

In a July 12, 2018 *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 May anniversary dates. See actual notices for companies requesting review:

AD/CVD Proceedings - Country/ Merchandise	Case No.	Period
Antidumping Duty Proceedings		
Austria: Carbon and Alloy Steel Cut-to-Length Plate,	A-433-812	11/14/16-4/30/18
Belgium: Carbon and Alloy Steel Cut-to-Length Plate,	A-423-812	11/14/16-4/30/18
Canada: Citric Acid and Citrate Salt,	A-122-853	5/1/17-4/30/18
Polyethylene Terephthalate Resin,	A-122-855	5/1/17-4/30/18
France: Carbon and Alloy Steel Cut-To-Length Plate,	A-427-828	11/14/16-4/30/18
Germany: Carbon and Alloy Steel Cut-To-Length Plate,	A-428-844	11/14/16-4/30/18
India: Certain Frozen Warmwater Shrimp,	A-533-840	2/1/17-1/31/18
Certain Welded Carbon Steel Standard Pipes and Tubes,	A-533-502	1/1/17-4/30/18
Italy: Carbon and Alloy Steel Cut-To-Length Plate,	A-475-834	11/14/16-4/30/18
Japan: Diffusion-Annealed Nickel-Plated Flat-Rolled Steel Products,	A-588-869	5/1/17-4/30/18
Oman: Polyethylene Terephthalate Resin,	A-523-810	5/1/17-4/30/18
R. of Korea: Polyester Staple Fiber,	A-580-839	5/1/17-4/30/18
Carbon and Alloy Steel Cut-To-Length Plate,	A-580-887	11/14/16-4/30/18
Taiwan: Carbon and Alloy Steel Cut-To-Length Plate,	A-583-858	11/14/16-4/30/18
Certain Circular Welded Carbon Steel Pipes and Tubes,	A-583-008	5/1/17-4/30/18
Stilbenic Optical Brightening Agents,	A-583-848	5/1/17-4/30/18
The PR of China: Aluminum Extrusions,	A-570-967	5/1/17-4/30/18
1-Hydroxyethylidene-1,1-Diphosphonic Acid (Hedp),	A-570-045	11/14/16-4/30/18
Oil Country Tubular Goods,	A-570-943	5/1/17-4/30/18
Pure Magnesium,	A-570-832	5/1/17-4/30/18
Turkey: Circular Welded Carbon Steel Pipes and Tubes,	A-489-501	5/1/17-4/30/18
Light-Walled Rectangular Pipe and Tube,	A-489-815	5/1/17-4/30/18
Countervailing Duty Proceedings		
R. of Korea: Carbon and Alloy Steel Cut-To-Length Plate,	C-580-888	9/14/16- 12/31/17
The PR of China: Aluminum Extrusions,	C-570-968	1/1/17-12/31/17
1-Hydroxyethylidene-1,1-Diphosphonic Acid (Hedp),	C-570-046	9/8/16-12/31/17
Suspension Agreements - None		



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