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## 2019: What's Up in International Trade?

Keeping up to Speed on Evolving Challenges



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## World Trade Organization (WTO)

### UK submits draft post-Brexit services commitments to WTO

On 3 December 2018, the WTO [announced](#) that WTO members received the United Kingdom's draft schedule outlining its WTO commitments for services once the UK leaves the European Union. The United Kingdom considers this notification to be a rectification of its concessions and commitments under the WTO, on the grounds that the schedule replicates, as far as possible, the UK's WTO concessions and commitments as an EU member. WTO members now have 45 days to review the schedule, as outlined in the ["Procedures for the certification of rectifications or improvements to schedules of specific commitments"](#). If no objections are made by the end of this period, the UK's services schedule will be considered to be certified. The UK will continue to trade on current EU terms while the separate EU withdrawal negotiating process between the UK and the EU is ongoing.

### Trade Policy Reviews: Nepal, USA

The second review of the trade policies and practices of Nepal took place on 3 and 5 December 2018. The basis for the review was a [report by the WTO Secretariat](#) and a [report by the Government of Nepal](#).

The fourteenth review of the trade policies and practices of the United States of America took place on 17 and 19 December 2018. The basis for the review is a [report by the WTO Secretariat](#) and a [report by the Government of the United States of America](#).

### India's cotton, sugar policies under the spotlight at WTO farm committee meeting

The WTO [announced](#) that India's policies for supporting its cotton and sugar producers were under the spotlight at a 26-27 November meeting of the WTO's Committee on Agriculture. Members also continued their review of a 2015 ministerial decision on improving the administration of tariff rate quotas (TRQs) and heard an update from several members regarding implementation of their commitment to eliminate agricultural export subsidies.

### 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
<a href="#">DS 572</a>	Peru - Anti-dumping and countervailing measures on biodiesel from Argentina - Request for consultations by Argentina	05-12-18
<a href="#">DS 573</a>	Turkey - Additional duties on imports of air conditioning machines from Thailand - Request for consultations by Thailand	10-12-18

### 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
<a href="#">DS547</a> <a href="#">DS556</a>	United States — Certain Measures on Steel and Aluminium Products (Complainants: India, Switzerland)	<a href="#">US refuses single panel, two panels to be established</a>	04-12-18
<a href="#">DS566</a>	Russian Federation — Additional Duties on Certain Products from the United States (Complainant: US)	<a href="#">Russia does not agree to US first panel request</a>	
<a href="#">DS567</a>	Saudi Arabia — Measures concerning the Protection of Intellectual Property Rights (Complainant: Qatar)	<a href="#">Saudi Arabia says that this is a national security issue exempt from DSU</a>	
<a href="#">DS524</a>	Costa Rica — Measures concerning the Importation of Fresh Avocados from Mexico (Complainant: Mexico)	<a href="#">Costa Rica did not agree to first panel request from Mexico</a>	
<a href="#">DS472</a> <a href="#">DS497</a>	Brazil — Certain Measures Concerning Taxation and Charges (Complainants: China and Japan)	<a href="#">Appellate Body issues report</a>	13-12-18
<a href="#">DS381</a>	United States — Measures Concerning the Importation, Marketing and Sale of Tuna and Tuna Products (Complainant: Mexico)	<a href="#">Appellate Body issues report on revised US “dolphin-safe” tuna labelling measure</a>	14-12-18
<a href="#">DS518</a>	India — Certain Measures on Imports of Iron and Steel Products (Complainant: Japan)	<a href="#">India appeals panel ruling</a>	
<a href="#">DS523</a>	United States — Countervailing Measures on Certain Pipe and Tube Products (Turkey) (Complainant: Turkey)	<a href="#">Panel report issued</a>	18-12-18
<a href="#">DS524</a>	Costa Rica — Measures concerning the Importation of Fresh Avocados from Mexico (Complainant: Mexico)	<a href="#">Panel established</a>	
<a href="#">DS566</a>	Russian Federation — Additional Duties on Certain Products from the United States (Complainant: US)	<a href="#">Panel established</a>	
<a href="#">DS567</a>	Saudi Arabia — Measures concerning the Protection of Intellectual Property Rights (Complainant: Qatar)	<a href="#">Panel established</a>	
<a href="#">DS543</a>	United States — Tariff Measures on Certain Goods from China (Complainant: China)	<a href="#">US did not agree to establishment of a panel due to ongoing negotiations</a>	

## 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)

### Announcements and news releases [dd-mm-yy]

Date	Title
03-12-18	<a href="#">WCO supports Indonesia Customs in developing a pool of Origin Trainers</a>
04-12-18	<a href="#">WCO Supports Myanmar Customs to Strengthen its IPR Border Enforcement</a>
	<a href="#">WCO Mercator Programme Diagnostic Mission to the Lesotho Revenue Authority (LRA) on WTO TFA Implementation</a>
	<a href="#">New E-learning Course on WCO SAFE Framework of Standards</a>

Date	Title
	<a href="#">WCO and SACU region celebrate successful conclusion of the regional Customs Modernization Programme</a>
	<a href="#">WCO publishes Handbook on Data Analysis</a>
	<a href="#">WCO and EAC celebrate EAC Regional AEO Programme success</a>
05-12-18	<a href="#">WCO signs Memorandum of Understanding with IMF</a>
	<a href="#">The WCO welcomes Suriname as new Member</a>
06-12-18	<a href="#">Workshop on Customs Valuation and Transfer Pricing for Royal Thai Customs Department</a>
07-12-18	<a href="#">Botswana Unified Revenue Service New Strategic Planning Kicks Off with WCO Diagnostic</a>
	<a href="#">WCO supports Pakistan in enhancing its Post Clearance Audit capacities</a>
10-12-18	<a href="#">WCO Sub-regional Workshop on Customs Valuation for the Pacific</a>
11-12-18	<a href="#">Regional Customs - Police Workshop on Wildlife Enforcement</a>
	<a href="#">Policy Commission holds successful meeting in Mumbai</a>
12-12-18	<a href="#">WCO supports the finalization of the CPLP Customs Strategic Plan 2019-2023</a>
	<a href="#">RILO CIS trained NCP officers of Armenia</a>
13-12-18	<a href="#">WCO workshop on Rules of Origin for Lao Customs</a>
	<a href="#">WCO Risk Management Diagnostic Mission to support Antigua and Barbuda Customs and Excise</a>
	<a href="#">Uzbekistan Customs benefits from WCO risk assessment and selectivity support</a>
	<a href="#">WCO Data Model Workshop in Colombia</a>
14-12-18	<a href="#">WCO National Workshop for Cambodia Customs on Border Enforcement of Intellectual Property Rights</a>
	<a href="#">WCO ESA Regional Structures enhanced their capacities in the area of Project Management</a>
	<a href="#">The First WCO Regional Workshop Ever on Data Analytics</a>
17-12-18	<a href="#">Mercator Programme - WCO supports Customs Authority of Argentina (AFIP/DGA) on implementing WTO TFA</a>
	<a href="#">Second WGRKC Meeting celebrates historic moment by discussing Members' concrete proposals for the RKC</a>
18-12-18	<a href="#">East African Customs Administrations are moving forward towards "SMART borders"</a>
	<a href="#">The WCO TEG-NII makes steady progress towards a global standard for an NII data format</a>
	<a href="#">WCO contributes to the APEC Chile 2019 Symposium</a>
	<a href="#">WCO successfully conducted a National Workshop on Post Clearance Audit (PCA) in Sri Lanka</a>
	<a href="#">Risk-based passenger controls at Entebbe Airport, Uganda</a>
	<a href="#">WCO successfully participate in the Africa e-Commerce Week</a>
	<a href="#">Peru inaugurated its new Central Customs Laboratory</a>
19-12-18	<a href="#">First Training on the Prevention of Illicit Trafficking of Cultural Heritage (PITCH) deployed in West and Central Africa</a>
	<a href="#">Signature of a WCO-ADEX Cooperation Agreement</a>
20-12-18	<a href="#">Successful WCO Leadership and Management Development (LMD) Workshop held at Comoros Customs</a>
	<a href="#">Signing of Memorandum of Understanding for Regional Training Centre in Kyrgyz Republic</a>
21-12-18	<a href="#">UNODC-WCO Container Control Programme wins prestigious award</a>
	<a href="#">Caribbean region develops enhanced understanding of the Revised Kyoto Convention (RKC)</a>
	<a href="#">Meeting with Iceland Customs</a>

## 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
03-12-18	2018/096 <a href="#">Proposals to amend Appendices I and II – Consultation with range States</a>
10-12-18	2018/097 <a href="#">Contribution of CITES to the Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services (IPBES)</a>
	2018/098 <a href="#">Clark R. Bavin Wildlife Law Enforcement Awards</a>
13-12-18	2018/099 <a href="#">Australia – New permits and certificates issued by Australia</a>
17-12-18	2018/100 <a href="#">Standard nomenclature – Standard references to be considered at CoP18</a>
21-12-18	2018/101 <a href="#">Eighteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties – General information</a>

## The Americas - North America

### CANADA

#### CBSA to pilot advance ruling e-communications project

The Canada Border Services Agency (CBSA) [announced](#) that effective December 10, 2018, the Greater Toronto Area Region (GTAR) will pilot the use of electronic communication to correspond with Advance Ruling (AR) applicants. This pilot project will run until March 31, 2019.

How to apply:

- Mail your AR request to the GTAR, in accordance with D11-11-3, [Advance Rulings for Tariff Classification](#) (451 Talbot Street, 10<sup>th</sup> Floor, London, ON, N6A 5C9)
- Include in your request a valid email address as well as confirmation that you agree to communicate with the CBSA via email
- An email address and confirmation for electronic communication is required from both the applicant and their agent/representative, if applicable
- The CBSA will electronically acknowledge your AR request
- Winzip 9 is required to send files to the CBSA
- Unique password(s) will be created by the CBSA and provided to the applicant and their agent/representative

Please note that the CBSA does not ensure the security of electronic communication and the applicant accepts the risks inherent in sending correspondence or other information electronically.

For more information regarding the Advance Ruling E-Communications Pilot Project, please contact [CBSA-ASFC GTAR Advance Rulings](#).

#### Implementation of the CPTPP

On December 5, 2018, the Canada Border Services Agency (CBSA) issued [Customs Notice 18-22 Implementation of the Comprehensive and Progressive Agreement for Trans-Pacific Partnership \(CPTPP\)](#), which announces that the CPTPP will be implemented in Canada, Australia, Japan, Mexico, New Zealand and Singapore on December 30, 2018. Additionally, the Agreement will enter into force for Vietnam on January 14, 2019. With the exception of a few agricultural goods, the CPTPP will essentially eliminate the customs duties on all qualifying imports into Canada from a country for which the CPTPP is in force ("CPTPP country"), either immediately upon implementation of the agreement, or through a tariff phase-out. At the time of issuance of CN 18-22, not



all CPTPP member countries will have completed their domestic ratification process and identified an implementation date. As the remaining CPTPP member countries reach ratification and confirm an implementation date, a separate customs notice will be issued. The text of the CPTPP is available at the [Global Affairs website](#).

The CPTPP implementing legislation, [Bill C-79](#), received Royal Assent on October 25, 2018 and is scheduled to come into force on December 30, 2018. Proposed regulatory amendments and new regulations under the [Customs Act](#) related to the CPTPP will be announced in a separate customs notice.

#### Requirements

- Entitlement to the CPTPP tariff treatment is determined in accordance with the rules of origin set out in [Annex 3-D](#) of Chapter 3 of the CPTPP. A new preferential tariff treatment is being introduced for originating imports from Australia, Japan, Mexico, New Zealand and Singapore as of December 30, 2018. The preferential tariff treatment is entitled the *Comprehensive and Progressive Trans-Pacific Partnership Tariff* and the newly assigned tariff treatment code is Code 33. This preferential tariff treatment will be extended to originating imports from Vietnam as of January 14, 2019.
- The required proof of origin is referred to as a certification of origin and consists of a set of data elements contained in [Annex 3-B](#) of Chapter 3, that may be placed on any document. Additional information concerning the CPTPP certification of origin is contained in Article 3.20 of [Chapter 3](#).
- Under the CPTPP, importers, exporters or producers of CPTPP eligible goods may complete the certification of origin. In order to claim the preferential tariff treatment accorded under the CPTPP, importers must have the certification of origin in their possession.
- Goods may be shipped from a CPTPP country, with or without transshipment, to Canada subject to the conditions contained in Article 3.18 of [Chapter 3](#) of the CPTPP.
- An application for a refund under paragraph 74(1)(c.11) of the [Customs Act](#) may be made within four years from the date the goods were accounted for under subsections 32(1), (3), or (5), in respect of goods that were imported from Australia, Japan, Mexico, New Zealand or Singapore on or after December 30, 2018, or from Vietnam on or after January 14, 2019.

#### Initial environmental assessment of Canada-US-Mexico Agreement

On December 1, 2018, Global Affairs Canada published a [notice in the Canada Gazette](#) inviting interested Canadians to provide views and comments on the initial environmental assessment of the *Canada - United States - Mexico Agreement* by Wednesday, January 30, 2019.

On November 30, 2018, Canada, the United States and Mexico signed the new Canada-United States-Mexico Agreement (CUSMA), on the margins of the G20 leaders' summit in Buenos Aires. This follows the announcement on September 30, 2018, that the Government of Canada concluded negotiations with the United States and Mexico to strengthen its trade relationship through the [Canada-United States-Mexico Agreement](#) (CUSMA). Further to the August 2017 notice of intent to conduct an environmental assessment of the renegotiations of the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA), Global Affairs Canada has completed an initial environmental assessment of the expected outcomes of the renegotiated NAFTA. The Government of Canada is committed to sustainable development. Mutually supportive trade, investment and environmental policies can contribute to this objective. To this end, trade negotiators endeavour to consider potential environmental effects of trade negotiations, and strategic environmental

assessments of trade negotiations are critical to this work. The purpose of this initial environmental assessment report is to document the potential environmental impacts of NAFTA.

Environmental assessments of trade negotiations are prepared pursuant to the 2010 [Cabinet Directive on the Environmental Assessment of Policy, Plan and Program Proposals](#). This initial environmental assessment was conducted in parallel to the NAFTA negotiations, and findings were taken into account by Canadian negotiators. Views and comments received through this process will be considered in the drafting of a report on the final environmental assessment of the modernized agreement.

- [Initial environmental assessment report on the modernization of the North American Free Trade Agreement \(NAFTA\)](#)

Comments can be sent to [EAconsultationsEE@international.gc.ca](mailto:EAconsultationsEE@international.gc.ca)

## 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
12-01-18	ENVIRONMENT: <a href="#">Ministerial Condition No. 19767 (Paragraph 84(1)(a) of the Canadian Environmental Protection Act, 1999)</a> (N) [pertaining to the substance hexanoic acid, 3,5,5-trimethyl-, 2-ethylhexyl ester, Chemical Abstracts Service Registry No. 70969-70-9]
	ENVIRONMENT: <a href="#">Notice to provide information for the risk management of certain coal tars and their distillates</a> [paragraph 71(1)(b) of the Canadian Environmental Protection Act, 1999] (N)
	GLOBAL AFFAIRS CANADA: <a href="#">Initial environmental assessment of the modernization of the North American Free Trade Agreement</a> (N)
12-08-18	ENVIRONMENT: <a href="#">Publication after screening assessment of a substance — talc (Mg<sub>3</sub>H<sub>2</sub>(SiO<sub>3</sub>)<sub>4</sub>) (talc), CAS RN 14807-96-6 — specified on the Domestic Substances List (subsection 77(1) of the Canadian Environmental Protection Act, 1999)</a> (N)
	ENVIRONMENT: <a href="#">Publication after screening assessment of six substances in the Triarylmethanes Group — specified on the Domestic Substances List (paragraphs 68(b) and (c) or subsection 77(1) of the Canadian Environmental Protection Act, 1999)</a> (N)
	CANADIAN FOOD INSPECTION AGENCY (CFIA): <a href="#">Proposed Regulations Amending the Fertilizers Regulations</a> (PR)
	NATURAL RESOURCES: <a href="#">Proposed Regulations Amending the Energy Efficiency Regulations, 2016</a> (PR)
12-12-18	HEALTH: <a href="#">Regulations Amending the Agriculture and Agri-Food Administrative Monetary Penalties Regulations Respecting the Pest Control Products Act and Regulations (Penalties and Schedules)</a> (SOR/2018-243, November 22, 2018) (R)
	HEALTH: <a href="#">Regulations Amending the Food and Drug Regulations (Mica)</a> (SOR/2018-248, November 23, 2018) (R)
	INNOVATION, SCIENCE AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: <a href="#">Regulations Amending the Textile Labelling and Advertising Regulations</a> (SOR/2018-253, November 23, 2018) (R)
	PRIME MINISTER: <a href="#">Order Designating the President of the Queen's Privy Council for Canada, a member of the Queen's Privy Council for Canada, as the Minister for the purposes of that Act</a> (SI/2018-105, December 12, 2018) (O) [Canadian Free Trade Agreement Implementation Act]
	GLOBAL AFFAIRS (INTERNATIONAL TRADE): <a href="#">Order Amending Order in Council P.C. 2018-1314 of October 26, 2018 pursuant to section 50 of the Comprehensive</a>

Publication Date	Title
	<a href="#"><i>and Progressive Agreement for Trans-Pacific Partnership Implementation Act (SI/2018-108, December 12, 2018)</i></a> (O) [Changes entry into force date to Dec. 30, 2018]
12-15-18	ENVIRONMENT: <a href="#"><i>Order 2018-87-07-02 Amending the Non-domestic Substances List pursuant to the Canadian Environmental Protection Act, 1999</i></a> (N)
	ENVIRONMENT: <a href="#"><i>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 hexanoic acid, 2-ethyl-, calcium salt, also known as calcium 2-ethylhexanoate</i></a>
	ENVIRONMENT: <a href="#"><i>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 14 substances set out in this Notice</i></a> (N)
	ENVIRONMENT/HEALTH: <a href="#"><i>Publication of final decision after screening assessment of two substances — hexanoic acid, 2-ethyl-, calcium salt (calcium 2-ethylhexanoate), CAS RN 136-51-6, and hexanoic acid, 2-ethyl-, 2-ethylhexyl ester (2-ethylhexyl 2-ethylhexanoate), CAS RN 7425-14-1 — specified on the Domestic Substances List (paragraphs 68(b) and (c) or subsection 77(6) of the Canadian Environmental Protection Act, 1999)</i></a> (N)
	ENVIRONMENT/HEALTH: <a href="#"><i>Publication of final decision after screening assessment of 88 substances specified on the Domestic Substances List (paragraphs 68(b) and 68(c) or subsection 77(6) of the Canadian Environmental Protection Act, 1999)</i></a> (N).
	HEALTH: <a href="#"><i>Notice to interested parties — Proposed Governor in Council Order amending schedules I and VI to the Controlled Drugs and Substances Act and proposed regulations amending the schedules to the Narcotic Control Regulations and the Precursor Control Regulations to capture additional substances used in the production of fentanyl and amphetamines pursuant to the Controlled Drugs and Substances Act</i></a> (N)
	ENVIRONMENT/HEALTH: <a href="#"><i>Proposed Regulations Amending the Chromium Electroplating, Chromium Anodizing and Reverse Etching Regulations pursuant to the Canadian Environmental Protection Act, 1999</i></a> (PR)
12-22-18	ENVIRONMENT/HEALTH: <a href="#"><i>Proposed Cross-border Movement of Hazardous Waste and Hazardous Recyclable Material Regulation pursuant to the Canadian Environmental Protection Act, 1999, Canada Shipping Act, 2001, Canadian Environmental Assessment Act, 2012 and Environmental Violations Administrative Monetary Penalties Act</i></a> (PR)
	ENVIRONMENT/HEALTH: <a href="#"><i>Publication of final decision after screening assessment of two substances — hexanoic acid, 2-ethyl-, calcium salt (calcium 2-ethylhexanoate), CAS RN 136-51-6, and hexanoic acid, 2-ethyl-, 2-ethylhexyl ester (2-ethylhexyl 2-ethylhexanoate), CAS RN 7425-14-1 — specified on the Domestic Substances List (paragraphs 68(b) and (c) or subsection 77(6) of the Canadian Environmental Protection Act, 1999)</i></a> (N)
	ENVIRONMENT/HEALTH: <a href="#"><i>Publication of final decision after screening assessment of two substances — phenol, 2-methoxy-4-(2-propenyl)- (eugenol), CAS RN 97-53-0, and rose, Rosa canina, ext. (Rosa canina extract), CAS RN 84696-47-9 — specified on the Domestic Substances List (paragraphs 68(b) and (c) or subsection 77(6) of the Canadian Environmental Protection Act, 1999)</i></a> (N)
	CANADA BORDER SERVICES AGENCY: <a href="#"><i>Proposed Regulations Amending the Immigration and Refugee Protection Regulations</i></a> (PR)
	HEALTH: <a href="#"><i>Proposed Regulations Amending the Cannabis Regulations (New Classes of Cannabis)</i></a> (PR)
	HEALTH: <a href="#"><i>Proposed Order Amending Schedules 3 and 4 to the Cannabis Act</i></a> (PR)
	HEALTH: <a href="#"><i>Proposed Regulations Amending the Food and Drug Regulations (Flavoured Purified Alcohol)</i></a> (PR)
	HEALTH: <a href="#"><i>Proposed Regulations Amending the Pest Control Products Incident Reporting Regulations</i></a> (PR)



Publication Date	Title
12-26-18	ENVIRONMENT: <a href="#">Order 2018-87-07-01 Amending the Domestic Substances List (SOR/2018-270, Dec. 7, 2018)</a> pursuant to paragraph 87(5)(a) of the <a href="#">Canadian Environmental Protection Act, 1999</a> (O)
	ENVIRONMENT: <a href="#">Order 2018-112-07-01 Amending the Domestic Substances List (SOR/2018-271, Dec. 7, 2018)</a> pursuant to paragraph 112(1)(a) of the <a href="#">Canadian Environmental Protection Act, 1999</a> (O)
	HEALTH: <a href="#">Regulations Amending the Pest Control Products Regulations (Products not Intended for the Canadian Market) (SOR/2018-284, Dec. 17, 2018)</a> pursuant to section 671a of the <a href="#">Pest Control Products Act</a> (R)
	FINANCE: <a href="#">Order Amending the Schedule to the Customs Tariff (Extension of a CPTPP Tariff to Australia, Japan, Mexico, New Zealand, Singapore and Vietnam) (SOR/2018-287, Dec. 17, 2018)</a> pursuant to subsection 52.61(1) of the <a href="#">Customs Tariff</a> (O)
	FINANCE: <a href="#">In-Transit Steel Goods Remission Order (SOR/2018-288, Dec. 17, 2018)</a> pursuant to section 115 of the <a href="#">Customs Tariff</a> (O)
12-29-18	FINANCE: <a href="#">Order Amending the United States Surtax Remission Order (SOR/2018-205) (SOR/2018-289, Dec. 17, 2018)</a> pursuant to section 115 of the <a href="#">Customs Tariff</a> (O)
	ENVIRONMENT: <a href="#">Proposed Order Amending Schedule 1 to the Species at Risk Act</a>

## 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
12-12-18	GLOBAL AFFAIRS (FOREIGN AFFAIRS): <a href="#">Regulations Amending the Justice for Victims of Corrupt Foreign Officials Regulations (SOR/2018-259, November 29, 2018)</a> pursuant to the <a href="#">Justice for Victims of Corrupt Foreign Officials Act (Sergei Magnitsky Law)</a> (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](#).

[See separate section below](#) for the advance rulings posted by the CBSA.

## D-Memoranda and CNs revised or cancelled

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

Date	Reference	Title
12-04-18	<a href="#">CN 18-21</a>	Changes to the Accounting for Imported Goods and Payment of Duties Regulations (Customs Self Assessment Authorizations)
	<a href="#">D2-6-7</a>	Use of Form BSF241, Non-monetary General Receipt
12-05-18	<a href="#">CN 18-22</a>	Implementation of the Comprehensive and Progressive Agreement for Trans-Pacific Partnership (CPTPP)
12-07-18	<a href="#">CN 18-23</a>	Amendment to the Departmental Consolidation of the Customs Tariff (related to CPTPP)
12-19-18	<a href="#">CN 18-16</a>	(Revised) United States Surtax Remission Order
	<a href="#">CN 18-24</a>	Provisional Safeguards – In-transit Steel Goods Remission Order

Date	Reference	Title
12-20-18	<a href="#">CN 18-25</a>	New requirements under the Ozone-depleting Substances and Halocarbon Alternatives Regulations
12-21-18	<a href="#">CN 18-26</a>	January 1, 2019 Version of the Departmental Consolidation of the Customs Tariff
12-24-18	<a href="#">D19-9-2</a>	Importation and Exportation of Cannabis, Controlled Substances and Precursors
12-27-18	<a href="#">CN 18-27</a>	Regulatory Amendments and New Regulations Related to the Implementation of the Comprehensive and Progressive Agreement for Trans-Pacific Partnership (CPTPP)

## Antidumping and countervailing duty cases

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

## MEXICO

### Mexico publishes CPTPP rules relating to customs procedures

On December 28, 2018, the Ministry of Finance and Public Credit (Hacienda) published in the *Diario Oficial de la Federación* (the *Federal Official Gazette*) the [Resolution that establishes the rules of a general nature related to the application of the provisions on customs matters of the Comprehensive and Progressive Trans-Pacific Partnership Treaty and its annex](#) (CPTPP Rules). The CPTPP Rules cover the rules of origin for preferential tariffs, the certification procedures, transit and transfer, billing in a non-party, minor errors, exemptions from certification requirements, importer and exporter obligations, recordkeeping requirements, origin verifications, textile and apparel verifications, late claims, refunds, advance rulings, advice, and the review and appeals of non-eligibility. This Resolution will enter into force on December 30, 2018.

### Preparation for business activities in Northern Border Zone

On December 1, 2018, Andrés Manuel Lopez Obrador was sworn into office as Constitutional President of the United Mexican States during the session of the General Congress, held at the Legislative Palace of San Lazaro.

In his speech before Congress and before the general public in the Zocalo of Mexico City, President Lopez Obrador reaffirmed the main points in his government's agenda, among which is the creation of a special fiscal regime for the northern border of the country, which includes:

- A “free zone” to be established in a strip of 25 kilometers parallel to the dividing line with the United States of America, and will also include the municipality of Ensenada, Baja California;
- Reduction of the Income Tax rate to 20%;
- Reduction of the Value Added Tax (“VAT”) rate from 16% to 8%;
- Reduction of the cost of gas, gas and electricity;
- Increase in the general minimum wage paid in said area to double of the current amount.

Moreover, during his various speeches, President Lopez Obrador has repeatedly indicated that the crime of tax fraud would be modified to prevent abuses in the application of the preferential measures that will be granted to the “special fiscal zone” of the country's northern border.

In consideration of the above, we suggest companies, in anticipation of the issuance of the special measures to be established in the northern border area, to proactively consider the following:

- Undertake an analysis of functions, assets and risks of the operations that would be carried out in the northern border area;
- Activities to be carried out in the northern border zone must have substance and/or “materiality”, in order to be in a position to apply the announced benefits;
- Compliance with transfer pricing obligations for transactions between national companies, in order to prevent the authority from considering that a possible tax fraud / elusion is incurred;
- In cases of companies that operate under the fiscal regime of maquila operation and of companies with distribution operations in Mexico, analyze the possible financial, accounting and fiscal effect of carrying out operations in the northern border area;
- Evaluate alternative operating models for manufacturing and / or commercialization activities in Mexico (greater flexibility for making sales in the National Territory), which could lead to a higher level of profitability.

In addition to announcing the imminent entry into force of the announced benefits for the northern border, we put at your disposal our team of economists and tax professionals, as well as our experts in tax audit and tax litigation to identify the possible effect that the special northern border tax regime may have on your operations, considering your current model of operations, as well as alternative models of manufacturing and / or commercialization.

At Baker McKenzie we are committed to share valuable information with our clients and friends. If you would like any further advice regarding the above, as well as to resolve any other inquiry you may have, please do not hesitate to contact us. The authors of this article are: [Luis C. Carbajo Martínez](#), [Juan Carlos Valles Zavala](#), [Eduardo Méndez Ojeda](#), and [Ramon Campos](#).

## Diario Oficial

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

Date	Title
12-12-18	ECONOMY: <a href="#">Draft Official Mexican Standard PROY-NOM-033-ENER-2018, Energy efficiency of alternating current motors, cooled with air, in nominal power greater than or equal to 1 W and less than 180 W. Limits, test method and marking</a>
12-13-18	HEALTH: <a href="#">Official Mexican Standard NOM-189-SSA1 / SCFI-2018, Products and services. Labeling and packaging for household cleaning products.</a>
12-18-18	HEALTH: <a href="#">Modification of numerals 5, 8, 9 and third, fourth and sixth paragraphs of the index section: 2.1, 2.6, 2.7, 2.9 to 2.11, 2.13, 4.1.3, 4.1.8, 5, 5.5, 5.9, 5.12, 6.2.8, 6.3.7, 7.3.8, 8, 8.1.1, 8.1.2, 8.1.8, 8.1.14, 8.2.2, 8.2.8, 8.3.2, 8.3.4, 8.3.7, 8.3.8, 9 and 9.1.1; as well as 3, 4, 6.2.1.3, 6.2.1.4 and 6.4, of Normative Annex 1; 1, of the Normative Annex 2 and the Informative Annex 4; and Addition of the numerals 3.1.25 to 3.1.27 of the Official Mexican Standard NOM-232-SSA1-2009 Pesticides: That establishes the requirements of packaging, packaging and labeling of technical grade products and for agricultural, forestry, live-stock, gardening, urban, industrial and domestic, published on April 13, 2010.</a>
12-24-18	HACIENDA: <a href="#">Fourth Resolution of Modifications to the General Rules of Foreign Trade for 2018, and its annex 2.</a>

Date	Title
	GENERAL HEALTH COUNCIL: <a href="#">Acuerdo by which the substance alpha-Phenylaceto-acetonitrile (APAAN) is added to Section I of Article 4 of the Federal Law for the Control of Chemical Precursors, Essential Chemicals and Machines for Making Capsules, Tablets and / or Tablets, and to the fraction I of article 245 of the General Health Law.</a>
12-28-18	HACIENDA: <a href="#">Resolution that establishes the Rules of a general nature related to the application of the provisions on customs matters of the Comprehensive and Progressive Trans-Pacific Partnership Treaty and its annex</a>
	ECONOMY: <a href="#">Acuerdo that modifies the Acuerdo by means of which the quota is announced to import, with the established tariff-quota , fresh, refrigerated and frozen pork meat.</a>

## 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.]

NOTE TO READERS: As a result of a lapse in appropriations and a funding impasse between the US Congress and the President, since December 21, 2018, there has been a partial shutdown of the US Federal Government. Many government websites (including CBP, ICE, Commerce [NIST, BIS, etc], USDA, DOJ, State, Treasury, USITC), have not been maintained or operated since that date and therefore some links to material may not work and recent material may not have been posted. In addition, some regular features may not be available until the partial shutdown ends. All the Federal Register links should work, however.

## 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
12-04-18	<a href="#">Memorandum of November 5, 2018 - Delegation of Authority Contained in Condition 23 of the Resolution of Advice and Consent to Ratification of the Chemical Weapons Convention</a>
12-19-18	<a href="#">Notice of December 18, 2018 Continuation of the National Emergency With Respect to Serious Human Rights Abuse and Corruption</a>
12-20-18	<a href="#">Presidential Determination No. 2019-05 of November 29, 2018 - Presidential Determination With Respect to the Efforts of Foreign Governments Regarding Trafficking in Persons</a>
12-21-18	<a href="#">Executive Order 13854 - Providing for the Closing of Executive Departments and Agencies of the Federal Government on December 24, 2018</a>
12-27-18	<a href="#">Presidential Determination No. 2019-06 of December 7, 2018 - Suspension of Limitations under the Jerusalem Embassy Act</a>
Not yet published in FR	<a href="#">Presidential Proclamation of December 21, 2018 - to Take Certain Actions Under the African Growth and Opportunity Act and for Other Purposes</a>

## President issues Proclamation modifying the HTS

On December 21, 2018, the President signed the [Presidential Proclamation to Take Certain Actions Under the African Growth and Opportunity Act and for Other Purposes](#). The Proclamation:

- Terminates the designation of Mauritania as a beneficiary sub-Saharan African country for purposes of section 506A of the *Trade Act of 1974*, as amended (the “Trade Act”), effective January 1, 2019, and deletes “Islamic Republic of Mauritania” from the list of beneficiary sub-Saharan African countries in general note 16(a) to the *Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States* (“HTS”). The modification to the HTS set forth above shall be effective with respect to articles that are entered for consumption, or withdrawn from warehouse for consumption, on or after January 1, 2019.
- Modifies the HTS as provided in Annex I in the proclamation in order to implement United States tariff commitments under the 2004 Agreement with Israel on agricultural products through December 31, 2019. The modifications to the HTS set forth in Annex I shall be effective with respect to eligible agricultural products of Israel that are entered for consumption, or withdrawn from warehouse for consumption, on or after January 1, 2019. The provisions of subchapter VIII of chapter 99 of the HTS, as modified by Annex I of the proclamation, shall continue in effect through December 31, 2019.
- Modifies the HTS by adding “Nepal Preference Program.....NP” after “United States–Panama Trade Promotion Agreement Implementation Act.....PA” in general note 3(c)(i). Section 915(b) of the *Trade Facilitation and Trade Enforcement Act of 2015* (the “TFTEA”) authorizes the President to grant preference to products originating in Nepal. The modification set forth in this paragraph shall be effective with respect to goods that are entered for consumption, or withdrawn from warehouse for consumption, on or after January 1, 2019, and shall continue in effect through December 31, 2025.
- Modifies the HTS by deleting “heading 6205 or 6206” and by inserting in lieu thereof “heading 6205, 6206, or 6211” in U.S. note 41 to subchapter XXII of chapter 98, in order to provide for previously proclaimed duty-free treatment for originating guayabera-style shirts under the PATPA,. The modification set forth in this paragraph shall be effective with respect to goods that are entered for consumption, or withdrawn from warehouse for consumption, on or after January 1, 2019.
- Modifies additional U.S. note 5(a) to chapter 24 by deleting “2403.11.00”, in order to correct a technical error in the administration of a tobacco tariff-rate quota. The modification set forth in this paragraph shall be effective with respect to goods that are entered for consumption, or withdrawn from warehouse for consumption, on or after January 1, 2019.
- Modifies U.S. note 20(f) to subchapter III of chapter 99 of the HTS by deleting “2009.89.60” and inserting “2009.89.65” and “2009.89.70” in numerical sequence, in order to maintain the scope of the modification of the Section 301 action. The modification set forth in this paragraph shall be effective with respect to goods that are entered for consumption, or withdrawn from warehouse for consumption, on or after November 1, 2018.
- Amends headings 9902.01.15, 9902.01.16, and 9902.01.17 of the HTS by deleting “subheading 2009.89.60” and inserting “subheading 2009.89.70” in lieu thereof, in order to reflect modifications to certain HTS subheadings made in Proclamation 9813 and to provide the intended tariff treatment under the *Miscellaneous Tariff Bill of 2018*. The modification set forth in this paragraph shall be effective with respect to goods that are entered for consumption, or withdrawn from warehouse for consumption, on or after November 1, 2018.
- Modifies the staging of duty treatment for specific goods of Korea under the terms of general note 33 to the HTS:



- the tariff treatment set forth in Proclamation 8783 with respect to subheadings 8704.21.00, 8704.22.50, 8704.23.00, 8704.31.00, 8704.32.00, and 8704.90.00 is terminated, effective with respect to goods that are entered for consumption, or withdrawn from warehouse for consumption, on or after January 1, 2019;
- in the Rates of Duty 1–Special subcolumn of column 1 for subheadings 8704.21.00, 8704.22.50, 8704.23.00, 8704.31.00, 8704.32.00, and 8704.90.00, the rate of duty “25% (KR)” shall continue in effect through December 31, 2040; and
- effective with respect to goods that are entered for consumption, or withdrawn from warehouse for consumption, on or after January 1, 2041, subheadings 8704.21.00, 8704.22.50, 8704.23.00, 8704.31.00, 8704.32.00, and 8704.90.00 are modified by inserting, in the Rates of Duty 1–Special subcolumn of column 1 in the parenthetical expression following the “Free” rate of duty, the symbol “KR”.
- Modifies the HTS as shown below in order to provide for the continuation of previously proclaimed staged duty reductions in the Rates of Duty 1–Special subcolumn for originating goods of Korea under the KORUS that are classifiable in the provisions modified by Annex III of Proclamation 9771 and entered for consumption, or withdrawn from warehouse for consumption, on or after each of the dates specified in Proclamation 9771:
  - effective January 1, 2019, the rate of duty in the HTS set forth in the Rate of Duty 1–Special subcolumn for each of the HTS subheadings enumerated in Annex II of this proclamation shall be modified by inserting in such subcolumn for each subheading the rate of duty specified for such subheading in the table column “2019” before the symbol “KR” in parentheses; and
  - for each of the subsequent dated table columns, the rates of duty in such subcolumn for such subheadings set forth before the symbol “KR” in parentheses are deleted and the rates of duty for such dated table column are inserted in each enumerated subheading in lieu thereof.
- Modifies general note 27 to the HTS as set forth in Annex III of the proclamation in order to implement agreed amendments to certain textile rules of origin under the US - Morocco FTA. The modifications set forth in Annex III shall enter into effect on the first day of the month following the date the United States Trade Representative announces in a notice published in the *Federal Register* that Morocco has completed its applicable domestic procedures to give effect to corresponding modifications to be applied to goods of the United States.

## President continues national emergency

On December 19, 2018, the *Federal Register* published Presidential [Notice of December 18, 2018 Continuation of the National Emergency With Respect to Serious Human Rights Abuse and Corruption](#), which continues for an additional one year period the national emergency originally declared on December 20, 2017, by Executive Order 13818 to deal with the unusual and extraordinary threat to the national security, foreign policy, and economy of the United States with respect to serious human rights abuse and corruption around the world. The national emergency is being continued because the prevalence and severity of human rights abuse and corruption that have their source, in whole or in substantial part, outside the United States, continue to pose an unusual and extraordinary threat to the national security, foreign policy, and economy of the United States.

## Temporary truce in US – China tariff war

On December 1, 2018, the President’s Press Secretary [announced](#) that Presidents Trump and Xi had concluded a “a highly successful” meeting at the G-20 meeting in Buenos Aires.

On Trade, President Trump has agreed that on January 1, 2019, he will leave the tariffs on \$200 billion worth of product at the 10% rate, and not raise it to 25% at this time. China will agree to purchase a not yet agreed upon, but very substantial, amount of agricultural, energy, industrial, and other product from the United States to reduce the trade imbalance between our two countries. China has agreed to start purchasing agricultural product from our farmers immediately.

President Trump and President Xi have agreed to immediately begin negotiations on structural changes with respect to forced technology transfer, intellectual property protection, non-tariff barriers, cyber intrusions and cyber theft, services and agriculture. Both parties agree that they will endeavor to have this transaction completed within the next 90 days. If at the end of this period of time, the parties are unable to reach an agreement, the 10% tariffs will be raised to 25%.

In addition to trade, they discussed North Korea, and China agreed to designate Fentanyl as a Controlled Substance, meaning that people selling Fentanyl to the United States will be subject to China's maximum penalty under the law. [See USTR notice below]

### US, Mexico, Canada sign "replacement agreement" for NAFTA

On November 30, 2018, the United States, Mexico, Canada [signed](#) a new trade agreement (referred to by the US as the USMCA) intended to replace the *North American Free Trade Agreement*. It is understood that at the signing ceremony, US President Trump, Mexican President Peña Nieto and the Canadian Prime Minister Trudeau signed an authorization for Canadian Foreign Affairs Minister Chrystia Freeland, US Trade Representative Bob Lighthizer, and Mexican Secretary of the Economy Ildefonso Guajardo to sign the actual agreement. The agreement was signed by the outgoing Mexican administration on President Peña Nieto's last day in office.

Canada, the United States and Mexico will now move forward with their respective domestic procedures toward the ratification and implementation of the new trade agreement. US passage is not assured in the next Congress due to opposition from labor groups and conservatives in the US President's party. However, President Trump has said he will file a formal notification withdrawing the US from NAFTA. Although the withdrawal notification must be given six months prior to actual withdrawal, it is not clear that the President can withdraw from NAFTA without Congressional approval since legislation was used to implement NAFTA.

### USTR seeks comments, announces hearings, for the 2019 Special 301 Review

On December 28, 2018, the Office of the United States Trade Representative (USTR) published in the *Federal Register* a [request for comments and notice of public hearing](#) [Docket No. USTR-2018-0037] regarding the 2019 Special 301 Review. Each year, USTR conducts a Special 301 review to identify countries that deny adequate and effective protection of intellectual property rights (IPR) or deny fair and equitable market access to U.S. persons who rely on intellectual property protection. Based on this review, the USTR determines which, if any, of these countries to identify as Priority Foreign Countries. USTR requests written comments that identify acts, policies, or practices that may form the basis of a country's identification as a Priority Foreign Country or placement on the Priority Watch List or Watch List. USTR also requests notices of intent to appear at the public hearing.

Dates:

- Deadline for submission of written comments, hearing statements, and notices of intent to appear at the hearing from the public-February 7, 2019 at 11:59 pm EST.
- Deadline for submission of written comments, hearing statements, and notices of intent to appear at the hearing from foreign governments -February 21, 2019 at 11:59 pm EST.
- The Special 301 Subcommittee will hold a public hearing at the Office of the United State Trade Representative, 1724 F Street NW, Rooms 1&2, Washington DC. If necessary, the hearing may continue on the next business day. Please consult the USTR website at <https://ustr.gov/issue-areas/intellectual-property/Special301>, for confirmation of the date and location and the schedule of witnesses - February 27, 2019.
- Deadline for submission of post-hearing written comments from persons who testified at the public hearing - March 5, 2019 at 11:59pm EST.
- On or about April 26, 2019: USTR will publish the 2019 Special 301 Report within 30 days of the publication of the National Trade Estimate (NTE) Report.

## USTR releases US-Japan FTA negotiating objectives

On December 21, 2018, the Office of the US Trade Representative (USTR) released the [United States-Japan Trade Agreement \(USJTA\) Negotiations - Summary of Specific Negotiating Objectives](#). On October 16, 2018, the Trump administration notified Congress that the President intended to negotiate the *United States-Japan Trade Agreement* (USJTA), in accordance with section 105(a)(1)(A) of the *Bipartisan Congressional Trade Priorities and Accountability Act of 2015* (the Trade Priorities and Accountability Act). USTR states that its specific objectives for this negotiation will comply with the specific objectives set forth by Congress in section 102 of the Trade Priorities and Accountability Act.

In the Introduction, USTR states:

Our aim in negotiations with Japan is to address both tariff and non-tariff barriers and to achieve fairer, more balanced trade in a manner consistent with the objectives that Congress has set out in section 102 of the Trade Priorities and Accountability Act. We are committed to working closely with Congress, including on matters of scope, and to following the requirements of the Trade Priorities and Accountability Act and the guidelines issued pursuant to section 104(a)(3) of that Act. Further, we recognize that effective implementation and enforcement of the commitments made by our trading partners under our trade agreements are vital to the success of those agreements, and we will seek provisions that ensure effective implementation and enforcement.

## USTR posts first round of Sec. 301 product exclusions

On December 21, 2018, the Office of the US Trade Representative (USTR) announced that a first wave of approximately 1,000 Section 301 product exclusion petitions submitted under List 1 have been approved. According to an [advance copy](#) of a notice that was subsequently [published](#) in the *Federal Register* (on December 28, 2018), the approval covers products covered by (i) seven 10-digit tariff subheadings (which cover 918 product exclusion requests), and (ii) 24 specially-draft product descriptions (which cover 66 product exclusion requests).

The exemptions from the Section 301 duty are available to any product that meets the description of the tariff subheadings or the specially-drafted product descriptions identified in the notice. The exemptions relate back to the date the additional duty went into effect (i.e., July 6, 2018) and are good for one year from the date this notice is published in the *Federal Register* (which would normally be sometime this week, but for the government shutdown). US Customs and Border Protection (CBP) will issue instructions on entry guidance and implementation.

The USTR received more than 10,000 product exclusion petitions for List 1. Of those requests, approximately 1,250 have been denied, approximately 1,000 have been approved, and approximately 8,500 are in various stages of review. The notice indicates that this is the first round of approvals and that the USTR will publish further approvals periodically.

This is a positive development that shows that the standard for granting product exclusion petitions is not prohibitively high. Given the nature of the Section 301 dispute, it was not clear how high the USTR would hold the bar for approval (i.e., whether any exclusions would actually be approved). This action shows that approval is possible (for at least certain products), which is a positive development for all those companies who have pending petitions (whether for List 1 or List 2).

We hope that this is helpful. If you have any questions about the product exclusion process, or Section 301 mitigation strategies more generally, please let us know. Contact the author, Ted Murphy, or any member of the US Customs Practice with whom you normally work.

## USTR delays sec. 301 tariff increase from January 1 to March 2

On December 19, 2018, the US Trade Representative (USTR) published in the *Federal Register* a [notice of modification of action](#) that states that in accordance with the direction of the President, the USTR has determined to modify the action being taken in the Section 301 investigation by postponing the date on which the rate of the additional duties will increase from 10 percent to 25 percent for the products of China covered by the September 2018 action (83 Fed. Reg. 47974). As set out in this notice, the rate of additional duty for the products covered by the September 2018 action will now increase to 25 percent on March 2, 2019.

The Annex below supersedes Annex B to the September 21 notice.

### Annex

(Superseding Annex B of the Notice Published at 83 FR 47974)

Effective with respect to goods entered for consumption, or withdrawn from warehouse for consumption, on or after 12:01 am Eastern Standard Time on March 2, 2019, subchapter III of chapter 99 of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States is modified:

1. by deleting "10%" in the Rates of Duty 1-General column of headings 9903.88.03 and 9903.88.04, and inserting "25%" in lieu thereof; and
2. by deleting "10 percent" each place that it appears in U.S. Notes 20(e) and 20(g) to subchapter III of chapter 99 and inserting "25 percent" in lieu thereof.

## ITC releases shutdown plans

On December 21, 2018, the US International Trade Commission (ITC) posted its "[Plan for an Orderly Shutdown in the Absence of an Appropriation](#)" on its website. Among the significant activities that will be disrupted are:

- Investigative activities, including proceedings under sections 332, 337, and 201, and Title VII of the Tariff Act of 1930,
- maintenance of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the U.S.,
- technical assistance to the U.S. Trade Representative and Congress,
- as well as all other government functions other than those directly supporting active litigation to which the USITC or the United States is a party.

## ITC adopts final rule relating to petitions for duty suspensions and reductions

On December 26, 2018, the US International Trade Commission (ITC) published in the *Federal Register* a [final rule](#) adopting the interim rule published on September 30, 2016. The rule concerns the submission and consideration of petitions for duty suspensions and reductions under the *American Manufacturing and Competitiveness Act of 2016* (19 U.S.C. 1332 note; the Act). Section 3(b)(5) of the Act directs the ITC to prescribe and publish, in the *Federal Register* and on a publicly available internet website of the ITC, procedures to be complied with by members of the public in submitting petitions for duty suspensions and reductions under section 3(b)(1)(A) of the Act.

The ITC gained considerable experience in applying the interim rule to petitions submitted and considered with respect to its first report. Based on that experience, the ITC may propose several amendments to this final rule in the near future, with the intent that the amendments be in place before October 15, 2019. Should the ITC propose changes to Part 220, it expects to do so by first issuing a notice of proposed rulemaking and request for comments, and after considering those comments, by adopting a final rule.

## ITC starts investigation on US-UK Trade Agreement's probable effects

On December 13, 2018, the US International Trade Commission (ITC) published in the *Federal Register* a [notice of investigation and scheduling of a public hearing](#) [Investigation Nos. TA-131-045 and TPA-105-006] on a U.S.-UK Trade Agreement: Advice on the Probable Economic Effect of Providing Duty-free Treatment for Currently Dutiable Imports. Following receipt on November 9, 2018, of a request from the United States Trade Representative (USTR) for a report containing advice and an assessment, the Commission instituted Investigation Nos. TA-131-045 and TPA-105-006, U.S.-UK Trade Agreement: Advice on the Probable Economic Effect of Providing Duty-free Treatment for Currently Dutiable Imports.

Dates: January 10, 2019: Deadline for filing requests to appear at the public hearing. January 14, 2019: Deadline for filing prehearing briefs and statements. January 31, 2019: Public hearing. February 11, 2019: Deadline for filing post-hearing briefs and submissions. February 11, 2019: Deadline for filing all other written statements. May 8, 2019: Transmittal of Commission report to the USTR.

## 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:
<a href="#">Inv. Nos. TA-131-045 and TPA-105-006: U.S.-UK Trade Agreement: Advice on the Probable Economic Effect of Providing Duty-free Treatment for Currently Dutiable Imports; Institution of investigation and scheduling of hearing</a> (I/H)	USTR



## Limitation of duty-free imports of apparel articles assembled in Haiti under CBERA, as amended by the HOPE Act

On December 20, 2018, the International Trade Administration, Department of Commerce published in the *Federal Register* a [notification of annual quantitative limit on imports of certain apparel from Haiti](#). CBERA, as amended, provides duty-free treatment for certain apparel articles imported directly from Haiti. One of the preferences is known as the “value-added” provision, which requires that apparel meet a minimum threshold percentage of value added in Haiti, the United States, and/or certain beneficiary countries. The provision is subject to a quantitative limitation, which is calculated as a percentage of total apparel imports into the United States for each 12-month annual period. For the annual period from December 20, 2018 through December 19, 2019, the quantity of imports eligible for preferential treatment under the value added provision is 372,889,066 square meters equivalent.

## CBP adjusts certain civil monetary penalties for inflation

On December 28, 2018, US Customs and Border Protection (CBP) published in the *Federal Register* a [final rule](#) [CBP Dec. 18-16] that adjusts for inflation the amounts that CBP can assess as civil monetary penalties for the following two violations – transporting passengers coastwise for hire by certain vessels (known as Bowaters vessels) that do not meet specified conditions; and employing a vessel in a trade without a required Certificate of Documentation. These adjustments are being made in accordance with the *Federal Civil Penalties Inflation Adjustment Act Improvements Act of 2015* (2015 Act) which was enacted on November 2, 2015. Other CBP civil penalty amounts were adjusted pursuant to this 2015 Act in rule documents published in the *Federal Register* on July 1, 2016; January 27, 2017; December 8, 2017; and April 2, 2018, but the adjustments for these two civil penalties were inadvertently left out of those documents. This rule is effective on December 28, 2018. The adjusted penalty amounts will be applicable for penalties assessed after December 28, 2018 if the associated violations occurred after November 2, 2015.

TABLE 1— U.S. CUSTOMS AND BORDER PROTECTION CIVIL PENALTIES INITIAL CATCH-UP ADJUSTMENTS

Penalty Name	Citation	Current penalty	Baseline penalty* (year)	2016 Multiplier **	Preliminary new penalty [2016 multiplier x baseline penalty]	Adjusted 2016 penalty [increase capped at 150% more than current penalty]
Penalty for transporting passengers coastwise for hire by certain vessels (known as Bowaters vessels) that do not meet specified conditions	46 U.S.C. 12118(f)(3)	\$200	\$200 (1958)	8.22969	\$1646	\$500
Penalty for employing a vessel in a trade without a required Certificate of Documentation	19 U.S.C. 1706a 19 CFR 4.80(i)	\$500	\$500 (1980)	2.80469	\$1402	\$1250

\*The amount of the penalty and the year when the penalty was established or last adjusted in statute or regulation other than pursuant to the *Inflation Adjustment Act of 1990*.

\*\*OMB, Implementation of the *Federal Civil Penalties Inflation Adjustment Act Improvements Act of 2015*, Table A: 2016 Civil Monetary Penalty Catch-Up Adjustment Multiplier by Calendar Year, February 24, 2016. <https://obamawhitehouse.archives.gov/sites/default/files/omb/memoranda/2016/m-16-06.pdf>

## CBP to hold meeting on 21st Century Customs Framework

On December 21, 2018, US Customs and Border Protection (CBP) published in the *Federal Register*, a [notice of public meeting and request for public comments](#) [Docket No. USCBP-2018-0045]. (CBP) is cognizant of the need to stay modern in order to meet the challenges of an evolving trade landscape. New actors, industries, and modes of conducting business have emerged, disrupting the traditional global supply chain. To continue to effectively fulfill CBP's mission, CBP is pursuing an initiative titled "The 21st Century Customs Framework." "The 21st Century Customs Framework" will seek to address and enhance numerous aspects of CBP's trade mission to better position CBP to operate in the 21st century trade environment. Through preliminary efforts, CBP has identified key themes for which CBP seeks public input: Emerging Roles in the Global Supply Chain, Intelligent Enforcement, Cutting-Edge Technology, Data Access and Sharing, 21st Century Processes, and Self-Funded Customs Infrastructure. To that end, CBP is announcing a public meeting to discuss these themes. CBP will use the public comments received in response to this notice to initiate discussion at the public meeting for CBP to consider possible policy, regulatory, and statutory improvements to further the trade mission. CBP is already pursuing related efforts through the Border Interagency Executive Council and the Commercial Customs Operations Advisory Committee and is ensuring coordination among these initiatives.

The meeting to discuss "The 21st Century Customs Framework" will be held on Friday, March 1, 2019, from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. EST. Members of the public wishing to attend the meeting whether in-person or via teleconference must register as indicated in the Addresses section of the notice by 5:00 p.m. EST, February 4, 2019. February 4, 2019 is also the deadline for submitting public comments.

## CBP issues modernized drawback regulations

On December 18, 2018, CBP published in the *Federal Register*, a [final rule](#) [CBP Dec. 18-15; USCBP-2018-0029] that adopts with changes proposed amendments to the CBP regulations implementing changes to the drawback regulations, as directed by the *Trade Facilitation and Trade Enforcement Act of 2015* (TFTEA). These regulations establish new processes for drawback pursuant to TFTEA, which liberalize the merchandise substitution standard, simplify record-keeping requirements, extend and standardize timelines for filing drawback claims, and require the electronic filing of drawback claims. The document also provides details with respect to the process required to perfect TFTEA-based claims filed under CBP's Interim Guidance procedures. Further, this document also finalizes regulations clarifying the prohibition on the filing of a substitution drawback claim for internal revenue excise tax in situations where no excise tax was paid upon the substituted merchandise or where the substituted merchandise is the subject of a different claim for refund or drawback of tax.

CBP has been under an order of the US Court of International Trade to issue the final regulations by December 17, 2018.

The final rule, with the exception discussed below, is effective on December 17, 2018 (the date of the [Office of the Federal Register posting for public inspection](#)). The effective date for amendments regarding the drawback of excise taxes (§§ 190.22(a)(1)(ii)(C), 190.32(b)(3), 190.171(c)(3), 191.22(a), 191.32(b)(4), and 191.171(d)) is February 19, 2019.

In connection with the above, CBP issued [CSMS 18-000737](#) on December 17, 2018, governing the processing of claims for Accelerated Payment, which reads as follows:

Today, December 17, 2018, the Modernized Drawback Final Rule is posted online for public inspection. The regulations necessary for CBP to begin processing payments for Accelerated Payment (AP) on TFTEA drawback claims are now effective. Please access the posting online at the following link: <https://s3.amazonaws.com/public-inspection.federalregister.gov/2018-26793.pdf>.

CBP is returning certain TFTEA drawback claims to trade control in anticipation that these claims will be resubmitted with a request for AP.

The process for resubmission is as follows:

1. TFTEA claims with bond information on file will be placed in trade control.
2. Filer will select the AP indicator.
3. Filer will resubmit the claim.
4. Resubmission will not change the original claim date.
5. Claimant must have the appropriate approved privileges on file.
6. Upon claim acceptance by CBP, AP processing will generally take place within 3 weeks of the claim resubmission date.

If a TFTEA claim with 1A bond data was accepted by CBP prior to December 17, 2018, and the claim was not returned to trade control as noted above, please email the claim number to the OT mailbox: [OTDRAWBACK@cbp.dhs.gov](mailto:OTDRAWBACK@cbp.dhs.gov).

Additional Steps Required to Request AP for Certain Claims:

1. TFTEA manufacturing claims – Trade must update claims on file with the new manufacturing ruling number once an approval letter for TFTEA modification is received from CBP. After the claims are updated with the new ruling number, claimants will select the AP indicator and resubmit claim.
2. TFTEA substitution drawback claims potentially subject to limitations on internal revenue tax refunds (accounting class code 365) – Trade is advised not to submit additional AP claims with the accounting class code 365 until notified by CBP to do so. If submitted prior to notification from CBP, there is a risk of bond decrementation and loss of AP for the life of the claims. The above guidance regarding TFTEA substitution claims with class code 365, does not apply to the Oil Spill Tax, and the Harbor Maintenance Tax.

Direct relevant questions to the OT Mailbox at [OTDRAWBACK@cbp.dhs.gov](mailto:OTDRAWBACK@cbp.dhs.gov).

## Miscellaneous CBP and DHS Federal Register documents

The following documents not discussed above were published by CBP (or the Department of Homeland Security (DHS), relating to CBP activities) in the *Federal Register*. [Note that multiple listings of approved gaugers and laboratories reflects different locations and/or products.]

F.R. Date	Subject
12-10-18	<a href="#">Agency Information Collection Activities: Application for Withdrawal of Bonded Stores for Fishing Vessels and Certificate of Use</a> [OMB Control No. 1651-0092] (N) [CBP Form 5125]
12-18-18	<a href="#">Accreditation and Approval of AmSpec LLC (New Haven, CT) as a Commercial Gauger and Laboratory</a> (N)
	<a href="#">Accreditation and Approval of AmSpec LLC (Yorktown, VA) as a Commercial Gauger and Laboratory</a> (N)
	<a href="#">Accreditation and Approval of Intertek USA, Inc. (Benicia, CA), as a Commercial Gauger and Laboratory</a> (N)

F.R. Date	Subject
12-26-18	Agency Information Collection Activities: <a href="#">Entry and Manifest of Merchandise Free of Duty, Carrier's Certificate and Release</a> [OMB Control No. 1651-0013] (N) [CBP Form 7523]
12-27-18	<a href="#">Privacy Act of 1974: Implementation of Exemptions; Department of Homeland Security (DHS)/U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP)-024 CBP Intelligence Records System (CIRS) System of Records</a> [Docket No. DHS-2018-0064] (FR)

## 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
12-03-18	<a href="#">HQ H299701 (11-23-18) Airlift PTTD Brace</a>	Mexico
	<a href="#">HQ H292678 (11-23-18) Jet Fuel</a>	India

## 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
12-06-18	<a href="#">EAPA Cons. Investigation Number 7257: Prime Stainless Products, LLC</a> (Notice of Initiation of Investigation and Interim Measures)
12-11-18	<a href="#">EAPA Consolidated Case Number: 7227: Sun Bright International Corporation and Fair Importing Corporation</a> (Notice of Final Determination as to Evasion)

## CBP issues message on Sec. 301 product exclusions

On December 31, 2018, CBP issued [CSMS #18-000757 Section 301 Product Exclusions – Announced on 12/28](#). It is reproduced below:

Notice of Product Exclusions: China's Acts, Policies, and Practices Related to Technology Transfer, Intellectual Property, and Innovation (Section 301)

### BACKGROUND:

On December 28, 2018, the U.S. Trade Representative published Federal Register Notice 83 FR 67463 announcing the decision to grant certain exclusion requests from the 25% duty assessed on goods of China with an annual trade value of approximately \$34 billion (Tranche 1), as part of the action in the Section 301 investigation of China's acts, policies, and practices related to technology transfer, intellectual property, and innovation. The product exclusions announced in this notice will apply as of the July 6, 2018 effective date of the \$34 billion action (see Federal Register 83 FR 28710), and will extend for one year after the publication of this notice.

At the conclusion of the government funding hiatus, CBP will issue instructions on entry guidance and implementation. Any updates to the Automated Customs Environment (ACE) will be implemented 10 business days after the shutdown has concluded. Until these updates are completed, entry and entry summaries must be submitted without the Chapter 99 product exclusion number referenced in 83 FR 67463. Entry and entry summaries will be rejected by ACE if the Chapter 99 product exclusion number referenced in 83 FR 67463 is transmitted.

Once CBP issues guidance and implements ACE enhancements, a Post Summary Correction (PSC) or a Protest may be submitted for a refund.

All questions related to Section 301 entry filing requirements should be emailed to [traderemedy@cbp.dhs.gov](mailto:traderemedy@cbp.dhs.gov). After the funding hiatus, questions from the importing community concerning ACE rejections should be referred to their ABI Client Representative.

## CBP posts lapse in funding notice

CBP has posted the following notice on its website [homepage](#):

NOTICE: Due to the lapse in federal funding, this website will not be actively managed. This website was last updated on December 21, 2018 and will not be updated until after funding is enacted. As such, information on this website may not be up to date. Transactions submitted via this website might not be processed and we will not be able to respond to inquiries until after appropriations are enacted.

## CBP issues year-end immediate delivery procedures

On December 18, 2018, CBP issued [CSMS # 18-000743 Immediate Delivery Procedures at Year-End](#), which states:

CBP's Office of Trade is issuing a blanket authorization for Immediate Delivery (ID) procedures for merchandise to be released on or after December 17, 2018 through December 31, 2018, in accordance with 19 CFR § 142.21(i). The authorization is offered to filers who may elect to take advantage of the interim Harmonized Tariff Schedule changes, which take effect on or after January 1, 2019.

This blanket authorization does not apply to absolute quota merchandise and merchandise moved under an immediate transportation entry (type 61). Tariff rate quota merchandise previously authorized for ID release under 19 CFR § 142.21 (e) may still be released; however, the entry summary shall be presented within the time specified in 19 CFR § 142.23 or within the quota period, whichever expires first.

ABI entry transmissions, including the "paperless" provisional messages, will establish the desired entry date by using the estimated entry date in the summary transmission ("AE" transmissions). This will identify the change from "Entry" to "Immediate Delivery" and will allow filers to elect a date of entry in order to take advantage of tariff changes or special programs. Under ID procedures, the entry/entry summary must be filed within 10 working days after release. This blanket authority only extends to shipments released December 17, 2018 through December 31, 2018. No grace period will be granted for the purpose of timely filing ID entry summaries under this one-time allowance.

Questions regarding this policy should be addressed to the Commercial Operations, Revenue and Entry Division at [otentrysummary@cbp.dhs.gov](mailto:otentrysummary@cbp.dhs.gov).

## Revocations or modifications of CBP rulings

No revocations or modifications, or proposals to revoke or modify (pursuant to 19 U.S.C. 1625) rulings issued by US Customs and Border Protection were published during the period covered by this UPDATE.

## 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
12-03-18	<a href="#">18-000708</a>	Procedures and Requirements: Implementation of the 14-16% Still Wine Tax Pursuant to CBM



Date	CSMS#	Title
	<a href="#">18-000709</a>	Updated CATAIR CQ (Cargo Manifest/Entry Release Query) Implementation Guide
12-04-18	<a href="#">18-000710</a>	Government Closure on December 5, 2018
	<a href="#">18-000711</a>	Local Closure for Port of Anchorage, AK (605 West 4th Ave 99501) through December 5, 2018
	<a href="#">18-000712</a>	Updated - Government Closure on December 5, 2018
	<a href="#">18-000714</a>	ACE PRODUCTION Cargo Release Deployment, Thursday 12/06/2018 @0500 ET
12-06-18	<a href="#">18-000715</a>	Periodic Monthly Statement Dates for 2019
	<a href="#">18-000716</a>	Delay Processing FDA Entries
	<a href="#">18-000717</a>	Craft Beverage Modernization and Tax Reform Act of 2017 (CBMA) Trade Webinar
	<a href="#">18-000718</a>	Continued Delay Processing FDA Entries
12-07-18	<a href="#">18-000719</a>	Resolved Delay Processing FDA Entries
	<a href="#">18-000720</a>	Import Restrictions on Certain Mexican Fish and Fish Products
	<a href="#">18-000722</a>	FDA ITACS URL Not Functional
	<a href="#">18-000723</a>	December Preliminary Monthly Statement Print Date Change
	<a href="#">18-000724</a>	December Preliminary Monthly Statement Print Date Change - Update Completed
12-11-18	<a href="#">18-000727</a>	Requirements for Importing Regulated Composite Wood Products
12-12-18	<a href="#">18-000729</a>	Importer/Consignee Create/Update ABI CATAIR Available for Testing in ACE on 12/11/2018
	<a href="#">18-000731</a>	January 1: Manifest required for Section 321 truck shipments
12-13-18	<a href="#">18-000734</a>	Trade Call for TFTEA Drawback - December 14, 2018
	<a href="#">18-000735</a>	FDA ITACS URL Restored
12-17-18	<a href="#">18-000737</a>	Accelerated Payment for TFTEA Drawback Claims
	<a href="#">18-000738</a>	Updated Drawback Trade Issue Tracker Document
	<a href="#">18-000739</a>	Quota processing when primary HTS code is not subject to quota
	<a href="#">18-000740</a>	2019 Federal Holidays
	<a href="#">18-000741</a>	PN Rejections 4PN Submitted Late on 12/17/18
	<a href="#">18-000742</a>	Resolution: PN Rejections 4PN Submitted Late on 12/17/18
12-18-18	<a href="#">18-000743</a>	Immediate Delivery Procedures at Year-End
	<a href="#">18-000744</a>	Update to NMFS SIM program information
	<a href="#">18-000745</a>	Upcoming Retirement of Certain AM and ESM Reports on December 27, 2018
	<a href="#">18-000746</a>	Reminder – Monthly Call and Resources for TFTEA Drawback
	<a href="#">18-000747</a>	ACE CERTIFICATION Drawback deployment, this morning, Dec 18, 2018
12-19-18	<a href="#">18-000748</a>	Harmonized System Update (HSU) 1820 created December 19, 2018
	<a href="#">18-000750</a>	ACE PROD and CERT Entry Summary Deployment, Thurs 12/20/2018 @0500ET & 0530 ET
	<a href="#">18-000751</a>	Government Closure on December 24, 2018
12-20-18	<a href="#">18-000752</a>	Update-Change in Effective Date of Duty Increase of Goods Subject to Section 301 Duties
12-21-18	<a href="#">18-000753</a>	CBP to Make Sect. 201, 232, and 301 Reports Available to Importers/Brokers through ACE
12-26-18	<a href="#">18-000755</a>	Draft Revised CBP Form 5106 Available on cbp.gov
12-31-18	<a href="#">18-000756</a>	Section 321 Truck Manifest Enforcement Guidance for January 1, 2019
	<a href="#">18-000757</a>	Section 301 Product Exclusions – Announced on 12/28
	<a href="#">18-000758</a>	Advance Electronic Data Required for Postal Shipments
	<a href="#">18-000759</a>	Correction - Section 321 Truck Manifest Enforcement Guidance for January 1, 2019

## Foreign Trade Zones

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

F.R. Date	Document
12-07-18	<a href="#">Foreign-Trade Zone 70 – Detroit, Michigan, Notification of Proposed Production Activity, Fluid Equipment Development Company, LLC (Energy Recovery Turbines and Centrifugal Pumps), Monroe, Michigan [B-76-2018]</a>
	<a href="#">Foreign-Trade Zone 18 – San Jose, California, Authorization of Production Activity, Tesla, Inc. (Electric Passenger Vehicles and Components), Fremont and Palo Alto, California [B-49-2018]</a>
	<a href="#">Approval of Subzone Status, Mayfield Consumer Products, Mayfield and Hickory, Kentucky [S-165-2018]</a>
	<a href="#">Approval of Subzone Status, Winpak Heat Seal Corporation, Pekin, Illinois [S-160-2018]</a>
12-11-18	<a href="#">Foreign-Trade Zone 41 – Milwaukee, Wisconsin: Authorization of Production Activity: Generac Power Systems, Inc. (Outdoor Power Equipment, Pumps, and Lawn and Garden Equipment) Jefferson and Whitewater, Wisconsin [B-50-2018]</a>
	<a href="#">Foreign-Trade Zone 24 – Pittston, Pennsylvania: Application for Subzone adidas America, Inc. Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania [S-218-2018]</a>
12-12-18	<a href="#">Approval of Subzone Status: BAUER-Pileco Inc., Conroe, Texas [S-173-2018]</a>
	<a href="#">Approval of Subzone Status: Schumacher Electric Corporation, Fort Worth, Texas [S-167-2018]</a>
12-17-18	<a href="#">Foreign-Trade Zone 189 – Kent/Ottawa/Muskegon Counties, Michigan: Authorization of Production Activity: Helix Steel (Twisted Steel Micro Rebar) Grand Rapids, Michigan [B-51-2018]</a>
	<a href="#">Foreign-Trade Zone 168 – Dallas/Fort Worth, Texas: Notification of Proposed Production Activity: Gulfstream Aerospace Corporation (Disassembly of Aircraft) Dallas, Texas [B-77-2018]</a>
12-19-18	<a href="#">Expansion of Foreign-Trade Zone 163 Ponce, Puerto Rico [Order No. 2078]</a>
	<a href="#">Foreign-Trade Zone 99 – Wilmington, Delaware; Notification of Proposed Production Activity: Bloom Energy Corporation (Commercial Fuel Cells and Related Subassemblies) Newark, Delaware [B-78-2018]</a>
	<a href="#">Reorganization of Foreign-Trade Zone 113 (Expansion of Service Area) under Alternative Site Framework Ellis County, Texas [Order No. 2076]</a>
	<a href="#">Reorganization of Foreign-Trade Zone 78 under Alternative Site Framework Nashville, Tennessee [Order No. 2077]</a>
	<a href="#">Foreign-Trade Zone 163 – Ponce, Puerto Rico Application for Subzone Puerto Rico Steel Products Corporation Coto Laurel, Puerto Rico [S-222-2018]</a>
12-27-18	<a href="#">Foreign-Trade Zone 263 – Lewiston-Auburn, Maine: Application for Reorganization (Expansion of Service Area) under Alternative Site Framework [B-79-2018]</a>

## 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
12-10-18	STATE: <a href="#">Request for Information for the 2019 Trafficking in Persons Report</a> [Public Notice: 10630] (N/RFI)

F.R. Date	Subject
12-18-18	ITA: <a href="#">Advisory Committee on Supply Chain Competitiveness: Notice of Public Meetings</a> [January 16-17, 2018, Washington DC]
12-21-18	ITA: <a href="#">Renewed Request for Applicants for Appointment to the United States-Brazil CEO Forum (N)</a> STATE: <a href="#">Secretary of State's Determination under the International Religious Freedom Act of 1998 and Frank R. Wolf International Religious Freedom Act of 2016</a> [Public Notice: 10635]

## DOE/FE eliminates “end use” reporting in authorizations for LNG exports

On December 19, 2018, the Department of Energy’s Office of Fossil Energy, (DOE/FE) published in the *Federal Register* a [policy statement](#) that it is discontinuing its practice, adopted in 2016, of including an “end use” reporting provision in orders authorizing the export of domestically produced natural gas, including liquefied natural gas (LNG), issued under section 3 of the *Natural Gas Act* (NGA). Under this practice, many authorization holders are currently required to track and report the country (or countries) of destination into which their exported LNG or natural gas was “received for end use.” Due to practical concerns about this reporting requirement and a reconsideration of the need for the requirement given those concerns, DOE/FE has determined that it is prudent to discontinue this requirement in export authorizations going forward. DOE/FE will revert to its prior practice of requiring authorization holders to report, in relevant part, the country (or countries) into which the exported LNG or natural gas “was actually delivered.” DOE/FE believes this action will enhance the accuracy of information provided by authorization holders and will reduce administrative burdens for the U.S. LNG export market. This policy statement affects only future export authorizations issued by DOE/FE. However, concurrently with the issuance of this policy statement, DOE/FE is issuing a blanket order removing the end use provision from applicable existing export authorizations issued from February 2016 to present.

## Filing contracts and purchase agreements for exports of natural gas

On December 19, 2018, the Department of Energy’s Office of Fossil Energy, (DOE/FE) published in the *Federal Register* a [proposed interpretive rule](#) to clarify certain DOE regulations governing the export of natural gas, including liquefied natural gas (LNG), under the *Natural Gas Act* (NGA). Under DOE’s regulations, any person seeking authorization to export natural gas from the United States, or to amend an existing export authorization, must provide DOE’s Office of Fossil Energy (DOE/FE) with a copy of “all relevant contracts and purchase agreements.” DOE is proposing this interpretive rule to clarify the types of contracts and purchase agreements associated with the export of natural gas that DOE considers to be “relevant” for purposes of these regulations. DOE’s regulations also impose a “continuing obligation” on authorization holders to notify DOE/FE “as soon as practicable” of any prospective or actual changes to the information submitted during the application process upon which the authorization was issued, including “the terms and conditions of any applicable contracts.” In this proposed interpretative rule, DOE is seeking to clarify the phrase “as soon as practicable” to mean within 30 days of the execution of the contracts.

Public comment on this proposed interpretive rule will be accepted until January 18, 2019.

## ATF bans “bump-stock-type devices

On December 26, 2018, the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives (ATF) published in the *Federal Register* a [final rule](#) [Docket No. 2018R-22F; AG Order No. 4367-2018] that amends the ATF regulations to clarify that bump-stock-type devices—meaning “bump fire” stocks, slide-fire devices, and devices with certain similar characteristics—are “machineguns” as defined by the *National Firearms Act of 1934* and the *Gun Control Act of 1968* because such devices allow a shooter of a semiautomatic firearm to initiate a continuous firing cycle with a single pull of the trigger. Specifically, these devices convert an otherwise semiautomatic firearm into a machinegun by functioning as a self-acting or self-regulating mechanism that harnesses the recoil energy of the semiautomatic firearm in a manner that allows the trigger to reset and continue firing without additional physical manipulation of the trigger by the shooter. Hence, a semiautomatic firearm to which a bump-stock-type device is attached is able to produce automatic fire with a single pull of the trigger. With limited exceptions, the *Gun Control Act*, as amended, makes it unlawful for any person to transfer or possess a machinegun unless it was lawfully possessed prior to the effective date of the statute. The bump-stock-type devices covered by this final rule were not in existence prior to the effective date of the statute, and therefore will be prohibited when this rule becomes effective. Consequently, under the final rule, current possessors of these devices will be required to destroy the devices or abandon them at an ATF office prior to the effective date of the rule.

Machineguns, submachineguns, machine pistols, and fully automatic rifles fall within Category I(b) of the U.S. Munitions Import List when those defense articles are permanently imported. See 27 CFR 447.11, 447.21. The final rule makes it clear that bump-stock-type devices are covered. The revised section includes the following definition:

Machinegun. A “machinegun”, “machine pistol”, “submachinegun”, or “automatic rifle” is a firearm which shoots, is designed to shoot, or can be readily restored to shoot, automatically more than one shot, without manual reloading, by a single function of the trigger. The term shall also include the frame or receiver of any such weapon, any part designed and intended solely and exclusively, or combination of parts designed and intended, for use in converting a weapon into a machinegun, and any combination of parts from which a machinegun can be assembled if such parts are in the possession or under the control of a person. For purposes of this definition, the term “automatically” as it modifies “shoots, is designed to shoot, or can be readily restored to shoot,” means functioning as the result of a self-acting or self-regulating mechanism that allows the firing of multiple rounds through a single function of the trigger; and “single function of the trigger” means a single pull of the trigger and analogous motions. The term “machinegun” includes a bump-stock-type device, i.e., a device that allows a semi-automatic firearm to shoot more than one shot with a single pull of the trigger by harnessing the recoil energy of the semiautomatic firearm to which it is affixed so that the trigger resets and continues firing without additional physical manipulation of the trigger by the shooter.

The rule is effective March 26, 2019.

## ATF publishes list of explosive materials

On December 12, 2018, the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives (ATF) published in the *Federal Register* a [notice of a list of explosive materials](#) [Docket No. 2018R-03] as required by 18 U.S.C. 841(d) and 27 C.F.R. 555.23.

Each material listed, as well as all mixtures containing any of these materials, constitute “explosive materials” under 18 U.S.C. 841(c). Materials constituting blasting agents are marked by an asterisk. While the list is comprehensive, it is

not all-inclusive. The fact that an explosive material is not on the list does not mean that it is not within the coverage of the law if it otherwise meets the statutory definition in 18 U.S.C. 841. Explosive materials are listed alphabetically and, where applicable, followed by their common names, chemical names, and/or synonyms in brackets.

On December 28, 2017, the Department published in the *Federal Register* the 2017 Annual List of Explosive Materials [Docket No. 2017RR-19, 82 F.R. 61589]. The *Federal Register* inadvertently omitted the letter “A” from “ANFO” which is the acronym for ammonium nitrate-fuel oil. This notice does not make any substantive changes to the 2017 annual list; however, it corrects this error and supersedes the List of Explosive Materials dated December 28, 2017.

### **OFAC and State Department Russia sanctions developments, including OFAC notification to congress of intent to lift sanctions on En+, RUSAL, and EuroSibEnerg**

On December 19, 2018, the US Department of the Treasury’s Office of Foreign Assets Control (“OFAC”) submitted a [letter to congressional leaders](#) (“Congressional Letter”) notifying Congress of its intent to terminate the sanctions imposed on En+ Group plc (“En+”), UC Rusal plc (“RUSAL”), and JSC EuroSibEnerg (“ESE”) in 30 days. On the same day, OFAC [announced new sanctions](#) against a number of individuals and entities for their involvement in a range of malign activities. Concurrently, the US Department of State [announced](#) it had added 12 individuals and entities to the List of Specified Persons under Section 231 of the *Countering America’s Adversaries Through Sanctions Act* (“CAATSA”) for being part of, or operating for or on behalf of, the defense or intelligence sector of the Russian Federation.

The following day, on December 20, 2018, OFAC extended the expiration dates from January 21, 2019 to March 7, 2019 for the authorizations in two general licenses related to divestment from and winding down business with GAZ Group.

#### ***Delisting of EN+, RUSAL, and ESE***

EN+, RUSAL, and ESE were added to OFAC’s List of Specially Designated Nationals (“SDN List”) on April 6, 2018 for being owned or controlled, directly or indirectly, by Mr. Oleg Deripaska, who was also designated on that date. More information on the original designation of these parties can be found in our blog post [here](#).

After months of negotiations with OFAC, the Congressional Letter indicates that EN+, RUSAL, and ESE have agreed to undertake significant restructuring and corporate governance changes to address the circumstances that led to the companies’ designations, including, among other commitments:

- reducing Mr. Deripaska’s direct and indirect shareholding stake;
- overhauling the composition of the En+ and RUSAL boards of directors;
- taking other restrictive steps related to their corporate governance; and
- committing to full transparency with OFAC by undertaking extensive, ongoing auditing, certification, and reporting requirements.

The Congressional Letter indicates that OFAC will reserve the right to relist one or all of these companies should they fail to comply with the agreement.



EN+, RUSAL and ESE will be removed from the SDN List after 30 days of the Congressional Letter unless Congress passes a joint resolution of disapproval. Mr. Deripaska himself will remain on the SDN List and his property will remain blocked. US persons will continue to be prohibited from dealing, directly or indirectly, with Mr. Deripaska and foreign persons will continue to be subject to secondary sanctions should they knowingly facilitate a significant transaction for, or on behalf of, Mr. Deripaska.

### ***Additional SDN Designations***

Also on December 19, 2018, OFAC added 18 individuals and 15 entities to the SDN List. These parties were designated for their involvement in a range of malign activity including attempts to interfere with the 2016 US election, efforts to undermine international organizations through cyber-enabled means, and involvement in the Novichok nerve agent assassination attempt in the United Kingdom. This included 15 designations under CAATSA.

### ***Additions to CAATSA Section 231 List***

Concurrently, the US Department of State also added 12 individuals and entities to the List of Specified Persons under Section 231 of CAATSA ("Section 231 List") for being part of, or operating for or on behalf of, the defense or intelligence sector of the Russian Federation. Any person determined to knowingly engage in a significant transaction with these 12 parties or with any other parties on the Section 231 List may be sanctioned, including by being designated as an SDN.

### ***Extension of Deadline for Divestment and Winding Down Business with GAZ Group***

On December 20, 2018, OFAC extended the expiration dates for the authorizations in two general licenses related to divestment from and winding down business with GAZ Group, another entity designated on April 6, 2018 for being owned or controlled, directly or indirectly, by Mr. Deripaska. The relevant general licenses were reissued as [General License 13I](#) and [General License 15D](#), and the expiration dates were extended from January 21, 2019 to March 7, 2019. See our prior blog posts on these general licenses [here](#) and [here](#).

These expiration dates have been extended several times. OFAC has previously acknowledged that these earlier extensions were due to GAZ Group proposing substantial corporate governance changes that could potentially result in significant changes in control and its removal from the SDN List.

If you have any questions, please contact the authors, [Kerry B. Contini](#), [Eunkyung Kim Shin](#), [Andrea Tovar](#), or any member of the Outbound Trade practice with whom you normally work.

### **State issues Global Magnitsky Human Rights Accountability Act Annual Report**

On December 28, 2018, the Department of State published in the *Federal Register* a [notice](#) [Public Notice: 10636] that contains the text of the report required by the *Global Magnitsky Human Rights Accountability Act* (Pub. L 114-328, Title XII, Subtitle F), as submitted by the Secretary of State pursuant to Executive Order 13818.

## Determination by the Secretary of State relating to Iran sanctions

On December 27, 2018, the Department of State published in the *Federal Register* a [document](#) [Public Notice: 10632] states:

The Secretary of State determined on November 3, 2018, pursuant to Section 1245(d)(4)(D) of the *National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2012* (NDAA), (Pub. L. 112-81), as amended, that as of November 3, 2018, each of the following jurisdictions have significantly reduced the volume of their crude oil purchases from Iran: China, Greece, India, Italy, Japan, South Korea, Taiwan, and Turkey.

## State DDTC posts notice on lapse in funding procedures

On December 22, 2018, the Directorate of Defense Trade Controls (DDTC) at the State Department posted the following notice:

Due to the lapse in funding affecting the Department of State that occurred at 12:01am on Saturday, December 22, 2018, services at the Directorate of Defense Trade Controls are significantly curtailed, including requests for licenses, advisory opinions, and retransfers except for those that provide direct support to the military, humanitarian aid, or other similar emergencies. In addition, the 3pm daily pick-up and drop-off service is cancelled. All D-Trade electronic submissions will be rejected by the system and returned to the applicant. Requests that are currently in process at DDTC as of December 21, 2018, will remain in that status however; further review actions will be delayed until after restoration of funding. If industry applicants believe they have a case (either "In-Review" or new submission required) involving direct support to the military, humanitarian aid, or other similar emergencies, please email the DDTC Response Team ([DDTCResponseTeam@state.gov](mailto:DDTCResponseTeam@state.gov)). The subject line of your email MUST read "Request for Emergency License" and the message must include the license number (if already pending with DDTC) the applicant name and registration code, the end-use/end-user, justification for needing an emergency license, and a point of contact. The Directorate will contact the requestor with guidance on how to proceed if the request will be honored. (12.22.19)

## BIS corrects CCL

On December 20, 2018, the Bureau of Industry and Security (BIS) published in the *Federal Register* a [final rule](#) [Docket No. 180918851-8851-01] that amends the *Export Administration Regulations* (EAR) by correcting two entries on the Commerce Control List (CCL) that control Global Navigation Satellite Systems (GNSS) receiving equipment. It was brought to BIS' attention that it did not implement controls over items that no longer warrant control under the United States Munitions List (USML) in a previous published rule. This rule corrects that error. BIS estimates that there will be 12 license applications submitted to BIS annually as a result of this rule.

## BIS extends deadline to submit public comments on review of emerging technology controls

On December 14, 2018, the Bureau of Industry and Security (BIS) published in the *Federal Register* a [document](#) [Docket No. 180712626-8840-01] extending the comment period for its November 19, 2018, advanced notice of proposed rulemaking (ANPRM), "Review of Controls for Certain Emerging Technologies" [Docket No. 180712626-8840-01] until January 10, 2019. In response to requests received from members of the public, BIS believes it is appropriate to extend the comment period to provide interested parties additional time to submit their responses to the ANPRM. See our previous blog post [here](#).

## BIS seeks comments on the impact of the CWC on legitimate pharmaceutical activities involving Schedule 1 chemical during 2018

On December 11, 2018, the Bureau of Industry and Security (BIS) published in the *Federal Register* a [notice of inquiry](#) [Docket No. 181108999-8999-01] seeking public comments on the impact that implementation of the Chemical Weapons Convention (CWC), through the *Chemical Weapons Convention Implementation Act* and the *Chemical Weapons Convention Regulations* (CWCRCR), has had on commercial activities involving “Schedule 1” chemicals during calendar year 2018. The purpose of this notice of inquiry is to collect information to assist BIS in its preparation of the annual certification to the Congress on whether the legitimate commercial activities and interests of chemical, biotechnology, and pharmaceutical firms are harmed by such implementation. This certification is required under Condition 9 of Senate Resolution 75 (April 24, 1997), in which the Senate gave its advice and consent to the ratification of the CWC. Comments must be received by January 10, 2019.

## 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
12-03-18	OFAC: <a href="#">Notice of OFAC Sanctions Actions</a> (N) [2 individuals]
12-04-18	OFAC: <a href="#">Notice of OFAC Sanctions Actions</a> (N) [2 individuals]
12-19-18	OFAC: <a href="#">Notice of OFAC Sanctions Actions</a> [Case ID DPRK2-12505] (N) [3 ind.]
12-20-18	OFAC: <a href="#">Notice of OFAC Sanctions Actions</a> (N) [3 individuals, 6 entities]
12-27-18	OFAC: <a href="#">Notice of OFAC Sanctions Actions</a> (N) [18 individuals; 4 entities]

## Orders denying export privileges

During the past month, the following orders were published:

F.R. Date	Subject
12-17-18	BIS: <a href="#">Mahan Airways, et al. - Order Renewing Order Temporarily Denying Export Privileges</a>

## 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
12-03-18	CPSC: <a href="#">Safety Standard for Cigarette Lighters; Adjusted Customs Value for Cigarette Lighters</a> [16 CFR Part 1210] (FR)

## FDA establishes compliance date for food labeling regulations

On December 19, 2018, the US Food and Drug Administration (FDA) published in the *Federal Register* a [final rule](#) [Docket No. FDA-2000-N-0011] establishing January 1, 2022, as the uniform compliance date for food labeling regulations that are published on or after January 1, 2019, and on or before December 31, 2020. The FDA periodically announces uniform compliance dates for new food labeling requirements to minimize the economic impact of label changes. The

rule is effective December 20, 2018. Electronic or written comments may be submitted by February 19, 2019.

## 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
12-12-18	<a href="#">Definition of the Term “Biological Product”</a> [Docket No. FDA-2018-N-2732] (PR)
12-14-18	<a href="#">Withdrawal of Proposed Rule on Supplemental Applications Proposing Labeling Changes for Approved Drugs and Biological Products</a> [Docket No. FDA-2013-N-0500] (PR/W)
12-17-18	<a href="#">Listing of Color Additives Subject to Certification; D&amp;C Yellow No. 8; Confirmation of Effective Date</a> [Docket No. FDA-2017-C-2902] (FR)
	<a href="#">Clarification of Radiation Control Regulations for Manufacturers of Diagnostic X-Ray Equipment; Draft Guidance for Industry and Food and Drug Administration Staff; Availability</a> [Docket No. FDA-2018-D-4115] (N)
	<a href="#">Medical Device Classification Procedures: Incorporating Food and Drug Administration Safety and Innovation Act Procedures</a> [Docket No. FDA-2013-N-1529] (FR)
12-20-18	<a href="#">Uniform Compliance Date for Food Labeling Regulations</a> [Docket No. FDA-2000-N-0011] (FR)
12-21-18	<a href="#">Food Labeling; Revision of the Nutrition and Supplement Facts Labels; Technical Amendments</a> [Docket No. FDA-2012-N-1210] (FR)
12-28-18	<a href="#">International Cooperation on Harmonisation of Technical Requirements for Registration of Veterinary Medicinal Products; Stability Testing of New Veterinary Drug Substances and Medicinal Products in Climatic Zones III and IV; Draft Guidance for Industry; Availability</a> [Docket No. FDA-2018-D-4662] (N)

## AMS requires labeling of bio-engineered food

On December 21, 2018, the Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS) published in the *Federal Register* a [final rule](#) [Doc. No. AMS–TM–17–0050] that establishes the new national mandatory bioengineered (BE) food disclosure standard (NBFDS or Standard). The new Standard requires food manufacturers, importers, and other entities that label foods for retail sale to disclose information about BE food and BE food ingredients. The rule is intended to provide a mandatory uniform national standard for disclosure of information to consumers about the BE status of foods. Establishment and implementation of the new Standard is required by an amendment to the *Agricultural Marketing Act of 1946*.

The rule becomes effective February 19, 2019. The implementation date is January 1, 2020. The extended implementation date for small food manufacturers is January 1, 2021. The voluntary compliance date ends on December 31, 2021. The mandatory compliance date is January 1, 2022.

## 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
12-07-18	FSIS: <a href="#">Uniform Compliance Date for Food Labeling Regulations</a> [Docket No. FSIS-2018-0049] (FR)

F.R. Date	Subject
12-14-18	APHIS: <a href="#">Branding Requirements for Bovines Imported Into the United States From Mexico</a> [Docket No. APHIS-2016-0050] (FR)
12-14-18	APHIS: <a href="#">Notice of Availability of a Pest Risk Analysis for the Importation of Fresh Guava Fruit from Taiwan into the Continental United States</a> [Docket No. APHIS-2018-0073] (N)
12-20-18	FSIS: <a href="#">2019 Rate Changes for the Basetime, Overtime, Holiday, and Laboratory Services Rates</a> [Docket Number FSIS-2018-0051] (N)
12-21-18	AMS: <a href="#">National Bioengineered Food Disclosure Standard</a> [Doc. No. AMS-TM-17-0050] (FR)
12-27-18	AMS: <a href="#">National Organic Program; Amendments to the National List of Allowed and Prohibited Substances (Crops, Livestock and Handling)</a> [Doc. No. AMS-NOP-14-0079; NOP-14-05] (FR)
12-27-18	APHIS: <a href="#">Notice of Request for Reinstatement of an Information Collection; Prohibited, Restricted, and Controlled Importation of Animal and Poultry Products and By-Products into the United States</a> [Docket No. APHIS-2018-0081] (N)
12-28-18	US CODEX OFFICE: <a href="#">Codex Alimentarius Commission: Meeting of the Codex Committee on Fats and Oils (CCFO)</a> (N/H/RFC) [January 16, 2019 from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. EST]

### 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
12-03-18	DRUG ENFORCEMENT ADMINISTRATION (DEA): <a href="#">Exempt Chemical Preparations Under the Controlled Substances Act</a> [Docket No. DEA-372] Order
12-04-18	ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY (EPA): <a href="#">Registration Review Proposed Interim Decisions for Several Pesticides; Notice of Availability</a> [EPA-HQ-OPP-2017-0750; FRL-9985-62] (N)
	EPA: <a href="#">Interim Registration Review Decisions and Case Closures for Several Pesticides; Notice of Availability</a> [EPA-HQ-OPP-2017-0751; FRL-9985-61] (N)
	EPA: <a href="#">Significant New Use Rules on Certain Chemical Substances; Withdrawal</a> [EPA-HQ-OPPT-2018-0627; FRL-9986-74] (FR/W)
	EPA: <a href="#">Bixafen; Pesticide Tolerances</a> [EPA-HQ-OPP-2016-0538; FRL-9982-42] (FR)
	EPA: <a href="#">Oxytetracycline; Pesticide Tolerances</a> [EPA-HQ-OPP-2015-0820; FRL-9986-87] (FR)
	EPA: <a href="#">Calcium Formate; Exemption From the Requirement of a Tolerance</a> [EPA-HQ-OPP-2018-0091; FRL-9986-06] (FR)
	EPA: <a href="#">1-Propanesulfonic acid, 2-methyl-2-[(1-oxo-2-propen-1-yl)amino]-, homopolymer, sodium salt and 1-Propanesulfonic acid, 2-methyl-2-[(1-oxo-2-propen-1-yl)amino]-, sodium salt (1:1), homopolymer; Tolerance Exemption</a> [EPA-HQ-OPP-2018-0290; FRL-9985-99] (FR)
12-06-18	NATIONAL MARINE FISHERIES SERVICE (NMFS), NATIONAL OCEANIC AND ATMOSPHERIC ADMINISTRATION (NOAA): <a href="#">Implementation of Fish and Fish Product Import Provisions of the Marine Mammal Protection Act--Notification of Comparability Findings</a> (N)
	EPA: <a href="#">Extension of Tolerances for Emergency Exemptions (Multiple Chemicals)</a> [EPA-HQ-OPP-2018-0717; FRL-9985-77] (FR)
	EPA: <a href="#">Clomazone; Pesticide Tolerances</a> [EPA-HQ-OPP-2017-0372; FRL-9985-83] (FR)
	US PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE (PTO): <a href="#">International Trademark Classification Changes</a> [Docket No. PTO-T-2018-0063] (FR)
12-07-18	EPA: <a href="#">Significant New Use Rules on Certain Chemical Substances; Withdrawal</a> [EPA-HQ-OPPT-2018-0649; FRL-9987-43] (FR/W)
12-10-18	DEA: <a href="#">Final Adjusted Aggregate Production Quotas for Schedule I and II Controlled Substances and Assessment of Annual Needs for the List I Chemicals</a>

F.R. Date	Subject
	<a href="#">Ephedrine, Pseudoephedrine, and Phenylpropanolamine for 2018</a> [Docket No. DEA-471A] (F)
	EPA: <a href="#">Significant New Use Rules on Certain Chemical Substances: Reopening of Comment Period</a> [EPA-HQ-OPPT-2018-0567; FRL-9986-34]
12-11-18	EPA: <a href="#">Renewable Fuel Standard Program: Standards for 2019 and Biomass-Based Diesel Volume for 2020</a> [EPA-HQ-OAR-2018-0167; FRL-9987-66-OAR] (FR)
12-13-18	EPA: <a href="#">6-Benzyladenine; Pesticide Tolerances</a> [EPA-HQ-OPP-2017-0288 and EPA-HQ-OPP-2017-0283; FRL-9986-73] (FR)
12-14-18	POSTAL REGULATORY COMMISSION: <a href="#">Inbound Parcel Post (at UPU Rates)</a> [Docket No. CP2019-43; Order No. 4919] (N)
12-17-18	FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION (FAA): <a href="#">Notice to Manufacturers of Lithium-ion Secondary Cell Battery Packs or Comparable Secondary Cell Battery Packs</a> (N/RFI)
12-19-18	EPA: <a href="#">Receipt of Information under the Toxic Substances Control Act</a> [EPA-HQ-OPPT-2013-0677; FRL-9987-50] (N)
12-21-18	DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE, DEFENSE ACQUISITION REGULATIONS SYSTEM (DoD/DARS): <a href="#">Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement: Foreign Commercial Satellite Services and Certain Items on the Commerce Control List</a> (DFARS Case 2018-D020) [Docket ARS-2018-0080] (IR)
	DoD/DARS: Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement: <a href="#">Restrictions on Acquisitions from Foreign Sources (DFARS Case 2017-D011)</a> [Docket DARS-2018-0004] (FR)
	DoD/DARS: <a href="#">Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement: Applicability of Inflation Adjustment of Acquisition Related Thresholds (DFARS Case 2018-D023)</a> [Docket DARS-2018-0059] (PR)
	EPA: <a href="#">Mefenoxam; Pesticide Tolerances</a> [EPA-HQ-OPP-2017-0562; FRL-9985-52] (FR)
	EPA: <a href="#">Tolfenpyrad; Pesticide Tolerances</a> [EPA-HQ-OPP-2017-0587; FRL-9987-34] (FR)
	EPA: <a href="#">Receipt of Several Pesticide Petitions Filed for Residues of Pesticide Chemicals in or on Various Commodities</a> [EPA-HQ-OPP-2018-0577; FRL-9985-67] (N)
	EPA: <a href="#">Pesticides; Petition Seeking Revised Testing Requirements of Pesticides Prior to Registration; Request for Comment</a> [EPA-HQ-OPP-2018-0262; FRL-9987-45] (N)
	EPA: <a href="#">Pesticide Product Registration; Receipt of Applications for New Active Ingredients</a> [EPA-HQ-OPP-2018-0578; FRL-9985-69] (N)
12-26-18	ENERGY: <a href="#">Inflation Adjustment of Civil Monetary Penalties</a> (FR)
	EPA: <a href="#">Chlorate; Pesticide Exemptions from Tolerance</a> [EPA-HQ-OPP-2017-0063; FRL-9986-85] (FR)
	EPA: <a href="#">Pesticide Experimental Use Permit; Receipt of Application; Comment Request</a> [EPA-HQ-OPP-2018-0671; FRL-9987-10] (N)
	EPA: <a href="#">Pesticide Product Registration; Receipt of Applications for New Active Ingredients</a> [EPA-HQ-OPP-2018-0578; FRL-9987-06] (N)
	EPA: <a href="#">Pesticide Product Registration; Receipt of Applications for New Uses</a> [EPA-HQ-OPP-2018-0576; FRL-9987-07] (N)
	NATIONAL HIGHWAY TRAFFIC SAFETY ADMINISTRATION (NHTSA): <a href="#">Temporary Exemption from Motor Vehicle Safety and Bumper Standards</a> [Docket No. NHTSA-2018-0103] (FR)
	NHTSA: <a href="#">Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards; Motor Vehicle Brake Fluids</a> [Docket No. NHTSA-2010-0012] (PR/W)
12-27-18	TREASURY: <a href="#">Notification of Inflation Adjustments for Civil Money Penalties</a> (N)
12-28-18	DEA: <a href="#">Schedules of Controlled Substances: Temporary Placement of 5F-EDMB-PINACA, 5F-MDMB-PICA, FUB-AKB48, 5F-CUMYL-PINACA, and FUB-144 in Schedule I</a> [Docket No. DEA-491] (Temp)
	DEA: <a href="#">Established Aggregate Production Quotas for Schedule I and II Controlled Substances and Assessment of Annual Needs for the List I Chemicals Ephedrine, Pseudoephedrine, and Phenylpropanolamine for 2019</a> [Docket No. DEA-488E] (Final)



## Antidumping and countervailing duty cases

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

## The Americas - South America

### ARGENTINA

#### Boletín Oficial publications

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

BO Date	Subject
07-12-18	FEDERAL ADMINISTRATION OF REVENUE (AFIP) DIRECTOR GENERAL OF CUSTOMS (DGA): <a href="#">General Res. 4350/2018 (05-12-18) Common Mercosur Nomenclature (NCM). Tariff classification of merchandise in the aforementioned nomenclature, in accordance with the procedure provided for in General Resolution No. 1.618.</a>
10-12-18	AFIP DGA: <a href="#">General Res. 4352/2018 (07-12-18) Fiscal Deposits. General Resolution No. 3,871. Its replacement.</a>
11-12-18	AFIP: <a href="#">General Res. 4353/2018 (07-12-18) Procedure for the use of Product Codes and Electronic Catalogs of Business Products. Its implementation</a>
14-12-18	AFIP: <a href="#">General Res. 4360/2018 (13-12-18) Automation of the procedure for the release of guarantees for customs operations. General Resolution No. 3,885. its amendments and complementary. Complementary rule.</a>
17-12-18	<a href="#">Decree 1140/2018 (14-12-18) DECTO-2018-1140-APN-PTE - 41st COAS Nations Fair 2018. Extension</a> [payment of the import duty, the Value Added Tax, the internal taxes, the fees for port services, statistics and verification of destination were exempted, which are levied the importation for consumption of products of small and medium industry, food, beverages, tobacco and handicrafts, originating in and coming from the countries that participated] AFIP: <a href="#">General Res. 4361/2018 (13-12-18) Luggage. Resolution No. 3,751 / 94 (ANA) of December 29, 1994, its amendments and complementary. modification</a>
18-12-18	PRODUCTION AND LABOR - COMMERCE: <a href="#">Res. 141/2018 (17-12-18) RESOL-2018-141-APN-SECC # MPYT regulating the Non-Preferential Origin Regime</a>
19-12-18	AFIP AND COMMERCE SECRETARY: <a href="#">Joint Gen. Res. 4364/2018 (18-12-18) relating to the "Integrated Importation Monitoring System" (SIMI)</a> PRODUCTION AND LABOR - COMMERCE: <a href="#">Resolution 143/2018 (18-12-18) RESOL-2018-143-APN-SECC # MPYT relating to non-preferential affidavits of origin</a>
27-12-18	AFIP DGA: <a href="#">General Res. 4369/2018 (21-12-18) Import. Values criterion of preventive character. General Resolution No. 2,730 and its amendment. Complementary rule.</a> AFIP DGA: <a href="#">General Res. 4370/2018 (21-12-18) Import. Values criterion of preventive character. General Resolution No. 2,730 and its amendment. Complementary rule.</a> AFIP DGA: <a href="#">General Res. 4371/2018 (21-12-18) Import. Values criterion of preventive character. General Resolution No. 2,730 and its amendment. Complementary rule.</a> AFIP DGA: <a href="#">General Res. 4372/2018 (21-12-18) Import. Values criterion of preventive character. General Resolution No. 2,730 and its amendment. Complementary rule. SIGEA No. 18004-32-2018</a> AFIP DGA: <a href="#">General Res. 4373/2018 (21-12-18) Values criterion - Cutting machines for cold cuts - Action 18004-30-2018.</a>

BO Date	Subject
28-12-18	AFIP DGA: <a href="#">General Res. 4374/2018 (21-12-18) Import. Values criterion of preventive character. Radiators - ACTION 18004-22-2018</a>
	AFIP DGA: <a href="#">General Res. 4375/2018 (21-12-18) Values of a preventive nature - ACTION 18004-12-2018. Import.</a>
	AFIP DGA: <a href="#">General Res. 4376/2018 (21-12-18) Criteria values - Bearings - Action 18004-20-2018. Import.</a>
	AFIP DGA: <a href="#">General Res. 4378/2018 (21-12-18) Import. Values criterion of preventive character. General Resolution No. 2,730 and its amendment. Complementary rule.</a>
	AFIP DGA: <a href="#">General Res. 4378 /2018 (21-12-18) Import. Values criterion of preventive character. General Resolution No. 2,730 and its amendment. Complementary rule.</a>
	AFIP DGA: <a href="#">General Res. 4379/2018 (21-12-18) Values criterion of preventive character. General Resolution No. 2,730 and its amendment. Complementary rule.</a>
	AFIP DGA: <a href="#">General Res. 4380/2018 (21-12-18) Import. Values criterion of preventive character. General Resolution No. 2,730 and its amendment. Complementary rule.</a>
	AFIP DGA: <a href="#">General Res. 4381/2018 (21-12-18) Import. Values criterion of preventive character. General Resolution No. 2,730 and its amendment. Complementary rule.</a>
	AFIP DGA: <a href="#">General Res. 4382/2018 (21-12-18) Import. Values criterion of preventive character. General Resolution No. 2,730 and its amendment. Complementary rule.</a>
	AFIP DGA: <a href="#">General Res. 4383/2018 (21-12-18) Import. Values criterion of preventive character. General Resolution No. 2,730 and its amendment. Complementary rule.</a>
	AFIP DGA: <a href="#">General Res. 4384/2018 (21-12-18) Import. Values criterion of preventive character. General Resolution No. 2,730 and its amendment. Complementary rule.</a>
	AFIP DGA: <a href="#">General Res. 4385/2018 (21-12-18) Import. Values criterion of preventive character. General Resolution No. 2,730 and its amendment. Complementary rule.</a>
	AFIP DGA: <a href="#">General Res. 4386/2018 (21-12-18) Import. Values criterion of preventive character. General Resolution No. 2,730 and its amendment. Complementary rule.</a>
	AFIP DGA: <a href="#">General Res. 4387/2018 (21-12-18) Import. Values criterion of preventive character. General Resolution No. 2,730 and its amendment. Complementary rule.</a>

## Antidumping and countervailing duty cases

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

## 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) or posted by the agencies concerned during the period covered by this Update.

DOU Date	Subject
	<a href="#">CAMEX Res. No. 90 (05-12-18) establishes good practices for the preparation and review of regulatory measures affecting foreign trade</a> SECEx
	<a href="#">CAMEX Res. No. 91 (05-12-18) Amending Annex of Resolution Nº 64 of September 10, 2018</a>

DOU Date	Subject
06-12-18	<a href="#">SECEX Portaria No. 64 (05-12-18) closes the special non-preferential origin verification procedure, qualifying the India origin for the product pens, (NCM 9608.10.00), declared as produced by the company SSB METAL WORKS.</a>
	<a href="#">CAMEX Res. No. 92 (06-12-18) Amending Annex III of Resolution № 125, of December 15, 2016.</a>
10-12-18	<a href="#">CAMEX Res. No. 95 (07-12-18) Changes to zero percent the Import Tax rates on the IT and Telecommunication Goods it mentions, in the condition of Ex-tariffs.</a>
	<a href="#">CAMEX Res. No. 96 (07-12-18) Changes to zero percent the Import Tax rates on the Capital Goods it mentions, in the condition of Ex-Tariffs. [Correction]</a>
	<a href="#">CAMEX Res. No. 98 (07-12-18) Amending Annex II of Resolution № 125, of December 15, 2016. (allocations)</a>
10-12-18	<a href="#">SECEX Portaria No. 65 (07-12-18) Amends Portaria SECEX nº 31, dated June 28, 2018, to provide for the distribution of tariff quotas for the export of vehicles to Colombia, which are dealt with in articles 2 and 3 of Appendix 5.1 of Annex II, Economic Complementation Agreement nº 72 (ACE-72).</a>
13-12-18	<a href="#">SECEX Portaria No. 66 (12-12-18) closes the special non-preferential origin verification procedure, qualifying the India origin for the product pens (NCM 9608.10.00), declared as produced by Flair Writing Industries Limited, formerly Flair Writing Instruments.</a>
14-12-18	<a href="#">SECEX Portaria No. 67 (13-12-18) Establishes criteria for the allocation of import quotas, determined by CAMEX Resolution 98, of December 7, 2018.</a>
	<a href="#">SECEX Portaria No. 68 (13-12-18) Establishes criteria for allocation of import quotas, determined by CAMEX Resolution No. 91, of December 7, 2018</a>
	<a href="#">SECEX Portaria No. 69 (13-12-18) Establishes criteria for the allocation of import quotas, determined by CAMEX Resolution 98, of December 7, 2018.</a>
	<a href="#">SECEX Portaria No. 70 (13-12-18) Establishes criteria for allocation of import quotas, determined by CAMEX Resolution No. 91, of December 7, 2018.</a>
	<a href="#">SECEX Portaria No. 71 (13-12-18) Establishes criteria for allocation of import quotas, determined by CAMEX Resolution No. 91, of December 7, 2018</a>
18-12-18	<a href="#">CAMEX Res. No. 101 (17-12-18) Amends Annex II of Resolution 125, dated December 15, 2016 to exclude MCN 6809.11.00.</a>
	<a href="#">CAMEX Res. No. 102 (17-12-18) Regulates the procedures to prove the condition of the absence of equivalent national production capacity and lists the auto parts exempted from the import tax, under the non-produced auto parts tax regime established by Law 13,755 of December 10, 2018, and regulated by Decree No. 9,557, of November 8, 2018.</a>
	<a href="#">CAMEX Res. No. 103 (17-12-18) Changes the CAMEX Resolution No. 66 of August 14, 2014, which provides for the reduction, temporary and exceptional, the rate of import duty, through the Ex-tariff regime for capital goods (BK) and goods (BIT) without equivalent national production, and lays down procedural rules.</a>
19-12-18	<a href="#">SECEX Circular No. 62 (18-12-18) It makes public the proposals for the modification of NCM and TEC, under analysis in the Department of International Negotiations (DEINT), with the objective of gathering support for the definition of position in the scope of Technical Committee No. 1, Tariffs, Nomenclature and Classification of Goods, of Mercosur.</a>
21-12-18	<a href="#">SECEX Portaria No. 72 (19-12-18) Provides information necessary for the preparation of petitions regarding the redetermination review provided for in Section II of Chapter IX of Decree No. 8,058, of July 26, 2013.</a>
	<a href="#">CAMEX Res. No. 104 (20-12-18) Approves the Strategy for opening, expanding and promoting Brazilian agribusiness in the international market - ESIAGRO</a>
21-12-18	<a href="#">SECEX Circular No. 64 (20-12-18) It extends the deadline for positioning in relation to the public consultation initiated through SECEX Circular No. 54 of 2018.</a>
27-12-18	<a href="#">CAMEX Res. No. 105 (26-12-18) Amends the Annex to Resolution No. 64 of September 10, 2018.[relating to quotas for certain chemicals]</a>
	<a href="#">CAMEX Res. No. 106 (26-12-18) Amending Annex II of Resolution the 125, of December 15, 2016.[relates to 9022.19.99 allocation]</a>

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27-12-18	<a href="#">SECEX Portaria No. 74 (24-12-18) Changes to SECEX Portaria No 23, of July 14, 2011</a>
28-12-18	<a href="#">CAMEX Res. No. 107 (27-12-18) Institutes a technical group to monitor and negotiate financing operations and to grant guarantees for the export of Brazilian defense products - Time Brasil Defesa.</a>

## Antidumping and countervailing duty cases

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

## CHILE

### National Customs postings and Diario Oficial

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

Date	Subject
01-12-18	HACIENDA: <a href="#">Extract of exempt resolution No 118, of 2018. - Authorizes to non-profit institutions that indicates, as distributors and / or recipients of diapers whose commercialization has become unviable</a>
	HACIENDA: <a href="#">Extract of exempt resolution No 117, of 2018. - Authorizes to institutions that indicates, like distributors and / or receivers of products of personal hygiene, whose commercialization has become unviable</a>
	HACIENDA: <a href="#">Extract of exempt resolution No 116, of 2018. - Authorizes non-profit institutions, as recipients of food whose commercialization is unfeasible</a>
06-12-18	HACIENDA: <a href="#">Exempt decree No 287, of 2018. - International Fair Expo Hospital 2019 declares and enables fairground</a>
	HACIENDA: <a href="#">Exempt decree No 285, of 2018. - International Fair Expo Andes 2019 declares and enables fairground</a>
20-12-18	HACIENDA: <a href="#">Exempt Decree No. 414, of 2018. - Applies reductions of customs duties for the importation of wheat and wheat or morcajo flour (tranquillum)</a>
24-12-18	HACIENDA: <a href="#">Exempt Decree No. 449, of 2018. - Applies reductions of customs duties for the importation of raw sugar, refined sugar grades 1 and 2, and re-refined sugar grades 3 and 4, and sub-standards</a>
27-12-18	HACIENDA: <a href="#">Extract of exempt resolution number 5.663, of 2018.- Modifies Compendium of Customs Rules</a>
	HACIENDA: <a href="#">Extract of exempt resolution number 5.661, of 2018.- Modifies Compendium of Customs Rules</a>
	HACIENDA: <a href="#">Extract of exempt resolution number 5.660, of 2018.- Modifies Compendium of Customs Rules and resolutions that indicates ...</a>

## Classification opinions, advance rulings and classification valuation and origin decisions

The National Customs Service has recently redesigned its website. [Advance Classification Rulings](#) (Resoluciones Anticipadas Clasificación) from 2010 to the present are available.

## PERU

### Tariff Classification database

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

### SUNAT and *El Peruano* publications

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

Date	Subject
01-12-18	SUNAT: <a href="#">Resolution Nº 284-2018/SUNAT</a> : Approves the General Procedure "Execution of Extraordinary Control Actions", Control-PG.02 (Version 1) and Repeal Other Procedures
	AGRICULTURE: <a href="#">Resolution N ° 269-2018-MINAGRI-SERFOR-DE</a> Approves the National Export Quota for mahogany species for the year 2018
05-12-18	CONGRESS OF THE REPUBLIC: <a href="#">Law Nº 30878</a> Law amending article 3 of Law 27613 Law of Participation in Customs Income and article 3 of Law 29775 Law that specifies the programs in charge of the Educational Fund of the Constitutional Province of Callao
11-12-18	ECONOMY AND FINANCE: <a href="#">Resolution Vice Ministerial Nº 012-2018-EF / 15.01</a> Reference prices and additional variable duties referred to in Supreme Decree Nº 115-2001-EF applicable to imports of corn, sugar, rice and whole milk powder
18-12-18	EXTERNAL RELATIONS: <a href="#">Supreme Decree Nº 053-2018-RE</a> Ratify the Agreement for the Exchange of Notes between the Republic of Peru and the Plurinational State of Bolivia regarding the Enabling of the San Lorenzo Border Crossing - Extrema
22-12-18	EXTERNAL RELATIONS: <a href="#">Agreement for the Exchange of Notes</a> Agreement for the Exchange of Notes between the Republic of Peru and the Plurinational State of Bolivia regarding the Enabling of the San Lorenzo Border Crossing - Extrema
	SUNAT: <a href="#">Resolution Nº 295-2018 / SUNAT</a> Exceptions to some requirements to the payment vouchers and other documents issued in contingency by issuers who were unable to request the authorization of printing and / or importation of documents for reasons not attributable to them
30-12-18	ECONOMY AND FINANCE: <a href="#">Supreme Decree Nº 342-2018-EF</a> They approve updating of Customs Tables applicable to the importation of products included in the Price Band System referred to in Supreme Decree No. 115-2001-EF
	ECONOMY AND FINANCE: <a href="#">Supreme Decree Nº 335-2018-EF</a> - Modify the Table of Sanctions applicable to the infractions provided for in the General Customs Law
31-12-18	SUNAT: <a href="#">Resolution Nº 310-2018 / SUNAT</a> - Modify the Specific Procedure Tariff Classification of Goods DESPA-PE.00.09 (version 4)

## Asia-Pacific

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

## AUSTRALIA

### CPTPP - entry into force 30 December 2018

On 30 December 2018, the *Comprehensive and Progressive Agreement for Trans-Pacific Partnership* (CPTPP or TPP-11) will [enter into force](#) for Australia,

Canada, Japan, Mexico, New Zealand and Singapore. On 14 January 2019, the TPP-11 will enter into force for Vietnam. [DHA Notice № 2018/37](#) summarises the implementation for goods.

### Trans-Pacific Partnership originating goods

Trans-Pacific Partnership originating goods are those that meet the requirements of Division 1GB of Part VIII of the *Customs Act 1901*. From 30 December 2018 to 13 January 2019, only materials sourced from Australia, Canada, Japan, Mexico, New Zealand and Singapore are considered as originating materials for the purposes of determining whether a good is a Trans-Pacific Partnership originating good. From 14 January 2019 materials sourced from Vietnam can also be considered as originating materials in Trans-Pacific Partnership originating goods. Goods and materials from the remaining TPP-11 Parties are not considered as originating materials until the TPP-11 enters into force for that Party. Further information about determining the originating status of goods and materials is available in the *Procedural Instruction: Comprehensive and Progressive Agreement for Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP-11) Rules of Origin*.

### Preferential rates of customs duty and duty rate phase down

Schedule 8B of the Customs Tariff Act 1995 (Customs Tariff Act) lists preferential rates of customs duty for Trans-Pacific Partnership originating goods that will be incrementally reduced to 'Free'. Schedule 8B provides the preferential rate that will apply for each relevant tariff subheadings on 30 December 2018, the incremental reductions to the preferential customs duty rate, and the day on which those reductions commence. Schedule 8B also provides the customs duty rates that apply to excise-equivalent goods. The rates set out in the schedule apply from 30 December 2018 and will be indexed consistent with the equivalent rates listed in Schedule 3 to the Customs Tariff Act. Goods classified to a tariff subheading not listed in Schedule 8B have a 'Free' rate of customs duty from 30 December 2018. Customs Tariff Working Pages for Schedule 8B, and other TPP-11 amendments, are at Attachment A. The Online Tariff will be updated prior to the commencement of TPP-11.

### Claiming preferential rates of customs duty

The Integrated Cargo System (ICS) preference scheme for TPP-11, the applicable Preference Rules and relevant country codes are outlined in the table below.

Preference Scheme Code TPP					
Preference Rule					
PSR		WO		WP	
Product Specific Rule of Origin		Wholly obtained goods		Goods produced entirely from originating materials only	
Preference Origin Countries					
Canada (CA)	Japan (JP)	Mexico (MX)	New Zealand (NZ)	Singapore (SG)	Vietnam (VN)*

\* From 14 January 2019

### Status of Parties that have not ratified TPP-11

Brunei Darussalam, Chile, Malaysia and Peru had not ratified TPP-11 as at the date of DHA Notice № 2018/37. For these Parties, TPP-11 will enter into force 60 days after the Party ratifies TPP-11. The Department of Home Affairs will issue further notification when the entry into force date for the remaining Parties is known. Importers should check the latest Home Affairs notices if they are in



doubt as to whether goods that they are importing from these countries are eligible for preferential tariff treatment under TPP-11.

Until TPP-11 enters into force for these Parties, goods that originate in one of these Parties will not be eligible for preferential treatment; and materials sourced from one of these Parties cannot be counted as Trans-Pacific Partnership originating. The only exceptions are those that apply to any non-originating materials under the TPP-11 Rules of Origin: i.e. they will become originating if they are incorporated into goods that originate in a Party where TPP-11 had entered into force at the time the goods were imported and meet any applicable Product-Specific Rules.

The requirements for obtaining a refund for duty overpaid as a result of a preferential rate of duty being available to goods that are Trans-Pacific Partnership originating are outlined in a table found in DHA Notice № 2018/37.

## DHA notices and advices

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

Date	Series and №	Title
26-10-18 10-12-18*	<a href="#">DHA № 2018/32</a>	(*Updated) Customs Legislation Amendment (Prohibited Substances) Regulations 2018
04-12-18	<a href="#">DHA № 2018/35</a>	Amendments to the Customs Act 1901 – Collecting tobacco duties at the border
07-12-18	<a href="#">DHA № 2018/37</a>	Comprehensive and Progressive Agreement for Trans-Pacific Partnership – Entry into Force
11-12-18	<a href="#">DHA № 2018/38</a>	GST Exemption Codes for Feminine Hygiene Products at the border (from 1 January 2019)

## Australian Gazettes

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

Date	Matter
03-12-18	<a href="#">Notice under Paragraph 15(1)(b) of the Customs Act 1901 - Airport Revocation and Appointment (No. 2616) - Avalon International Airport</a> C2018G00954
	<a href="#">Notice under Paragraph 15(2)(b) of the Customs Act 1901 - Boarding Station Revocation and Appointment (No. 2617) - Avalon International Airport</a> C2018G00955
	<a href="#">Notice under Subsection 234AA of the Customs Act 1901 - Specification of Areas to which Section 234AA applies (No. 2618) - Avalon International Airport</a> C2018G00956
	<a href="#">Acts of Parliament assented to - Act No. 136 to 143 of 2018 [including:]</a> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No. 137 of 2018—An Act to amend the Excise Tariff Act 1921, and for related purposes. (Excise Tariff Amendment (Collecting Tobacco Duties at Manufacture) Act 2018).</li> <li>No. 141 of 2018—An Act to amend the law relating to taxation, and for related purposes. (<i>Treasury Laws Amendment (Black Economy Taskforce Measures No. 2) Act 2018</i>).</li> </ul>

## 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 AND MACAO SAR)

### Mainland and Macao “CEPA Goods Trade Agreement” signed

The Ministry of Commerce (MOFCOM) [announced](#) that on December 12, 2018, with the approval of the State Council, Fu Ziying, the international trade negotiator and deputy minister of the Ministry of Commerce, signed the *CEPA Trade Agreement* with Macao Economic and Financial Secretary Liang Weite in Macao SAR. The agreement will take effect from the date of signing and will be officially implemented on January 1, 2019. The announcement said:

The CEPA Agreement on Goods Trade is an important part of the CEPA upgrade. It is a special economic and trade arrangement between the mainland and Macao under the framework of the “One Country, Two Systems” in accordance with the rules of the World Trade Organization. It is a high-level trade proposed in the report of the 19th National Congress of the Communist Party of China. The liberalization and facilitation policy, comprehensively promote mutually beneficial cooperation between the mainland and Macao, and support the implementation of Macao's integration into the important spirit of the overall development of the country, fully embodies the central government's support for Macao's long-term prosperity and stability. The CEPA Trade Agreement is a sub-agreement of CEPA. It has completed the CEPA upgrade task together with the previously signed CEPA Service Trade Agreement, CEPA Investment Agreement and CEPA Economic and Technical Cooperation Agreement. The CEPA upgrade target proposed by the 3rd Five-Year Plan.

The CEPA Goods Trade Agreement summarizes the contents of the CEPA and its series of agreements on trade in goods, and combines the development of economic and trade between the mainland and Macao in the past 15 years signed by CEPA, and refers to the latest progress and achievements in the international trade agreement on the trade in goods. On the basis of the full liberalization of trade between the mainland and Macao, the level of trade facilitation will be further enhanced to provide more comprehensive institutional arrangements for trade in goods between the two places. The key contents of the agreement include: First, the rules of origin are in line with international rules and for the actual needs of Macao. The general rule applicable to the full tariff product is combined with the product-specific rules of origin containing only some products, and is a full-tax product. The establishment of the standard of origin has increased the transparency of the rules of origin, improved the targeting, and more “targeted” to meet the needs of the industry, which is conducive to maintaining the stable and healthy development of the Macao industry. The second is to set up a special chapter for facilitation measures in the Greater Bay Area of Guangdong, Hong Kong and Macau. On the basis of combining and summarizing the existing open and facilitation measures, combined with the actual situation and development needs of the economic cooperation between the Mainland and Macao, the study

proposes a series of facilitation measures implemented in the Dawan area to promote the supervision of the port authorities in the Mainland and Macao. Mutual recognition, information exchange, law enforcement and mutual assistance, improve the customs clearance capacity and efficiency of Guangdong and Macao ports. In particular, it is proposed to explore the more advanced and efficient inspection mode at the Guangdong-Macau port, strengthen the information sharing of goods and the docking of trade data standards, and support Macao and the Mainland to carry out innovative cooperation and try to promote efficient and convenient flow of elements.

- [CEPA Trade Agreement \(Simplified Chinese\).pdf](#)
- [CEPA Goods Trade Agreement Annex Product Specific Rules of Origin \(Simplified Chinese\).pdf](#)

## US trade sanctions and export controls targeting Iran – Potential risk exposure for companies and management personnel

US trade sanctions and export controls targeting Iran have attracted increasing attention from Chinese companies doing business in Iran or with Iran counterparties. Please see our [Client Alert](#), which aims to provide a high-level overview on US trade sanctions and export controls targeting Iran, their implications (particularly in terms of their extraterritorial application), and the potential penalties that can be imposed on companies and their executives and employees in the event of violations. The [Client Alert](#) discusses:

- US Trade Sanctions
- US Export Controls
- Potential Penalties - US Primary Sanctions and Export Controls
- Potential Penalties - US Secondary Sanctions
- Risk-mitigating measures (reproduced below)

### Risk-mitigating measures

The US Government regularly enforces US trade sanctions and export controls targeting Iran with criminal and civil enforcement as well as secondary sanctions. Chinese companies with Iranian business could be implicated in those enforcement actions should they run afoul of US sanctions or export controls targeting Iran. However, such US regulations do not necessarily mean that US trade sanctions and export controls prohibit Chinese companies from engaging in all Iran-related transactions. The key is to identify and properly manage potential risks. We suggest Chinese companies that engage in Iranian business consider the following risk mitigating measures:

1. Conduct a thorough risk assessment of a company's Iran-related business to determine (i) whether the company is at risk of implicating primary US sanctions or export control jurisdiction and, if not, (ii) whether any such activities may present US secondary sanctions risks; and
2. Implement a trade compliance program that puts in place safeguards based on the risk assessment results, e.g., restricting or withdrawing from the high-risk business; screening business partners for trade sanction and export control risks; updating contract templates; and conducting trade compliance training and auditing.

If you would like to learn more about US trade sanctions and export controls, please feel free to contact us: [Stanley Jia](#), [Vivian Wu](#), [Nicholas F. Coward](#), [Janet K. Kim](#) or [Alex Lamy](#).

## MOFCOM and GAC notices

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

Date	Series and №	Subject
12-03-18	<a href="#">GAC Ann. № 179</a>	On Real-time Access to Cross-border E-Commerce Platform Enterprise Payment Related Raw Data Access
	<a href="#">GAC Ann. № 180</a>	Full implementation of paperless manifests and related electronic data changes
	<a href="#">GAC Ann. № 181</a>	On Implementation of Relevant Matters Concerning the Management of Enterprise Coordinators
	<a href="#">GAC Ann. № 182</a>	On Adjusting the E-Message Format of Inbound and Outbound Manifest Water and Air Cargo Manifest
12-06-18	<a href="#">GAC Ann. № 183</a>	On the Issuance of Certain Commodity Classification Decisions
	<a href="#">GAC Ann. № 184</a>	On the publication of the sixth batch of watches of Hong Kong own brand watches (CEPA)
12-07-18	<a href="#">MOFCOM № 93</a>	Tendering of Export Quota for Licorice and Licorice Products in 2019
	<a href="#">GAC Ann. № 185</a>	On Adjusting the Declaration Contents of Import and Export Goods Declaration Forms and Declaring Electronic Message Formats
	<a href="#">GAC Ann. № 186</a>	On Quarantine Requirements for Imported Dominican Cigar Leaf Plants
	<a href="#">GAC Ann. № 187</a>	On Inspection and Quarantine Requirements for Imported Kazakhstan Rapeseed Meal
	<a href="#">GAC Ann. № 188</a>	Regulations on Inspection and Quarantine of Imported Kazakhstan Alfalfa
	<a href="#">GAC Ann. № 189</a>	On Inspection and Quarantine Requirements for Imported South African Alfalfa
	<a href="#">GAC № 190</a>	On Phytosanitary Requirements for Imported Kenyan Stevia
	<a href="#">GAC Ann. № 191</a>	On Further Optimizing the Relevant Issues Concerning Registration Management of Customs Declaration Units
12-10-18	<a href="#">MOFCOM, GAC № 95</a>	Adjustment of Automatic Import License Measures for Goods
	<a href="#">GAC Ann. № 192</a>	On matters related to the electronic information network of the origin of the China-Chile Free Trade Agreement
	<a href="#">GAC Ann. № 193</a>	On the full implementation of the paperless operation of customs clearance
12-11-18	<a href="#">MOFCOM № 94</a>	Tendering of Export Quota for Valerian and Its Products in 2019
12-12-18	<a href="#">MOFCOM Order № 8</a>	Administrative Penalties Implementation Measures
	<a href="#">GAC Ann. № 195</a>	On the regulation of customs verification
12-13-18	<a href="#">GAC Ann. № 194</a>	On Regulatory Issues Concerning Cross-border E-Commerce Retail Import and Export Commodities
	<a href="#">GAC Ann. № 196</a>	On Promoting Domestic Sales Taxation of Processing Trade Materials
12-14-18	<a href="#">GAC Ann. № 197</a>	On the Relevant Matters Concerning the Upgrade of the Customs Special Management Area Management System of the Second Phase of the Customs
	<a href="#">GAC Ann. № 199</a>	On matters related to “bonded mixed mines”

Date	Series and №	Subject
	<a href="#">GAC Ann. № 200</a>	On Preventing the Ebola Epidemic of the Democratic Republic of the Congo from Entering China
	<a href="#">GAC Ann. № 203</a>	On Issues Related to Supervision of Bonded Maintenance Business
12-17-18	<a href="#">GAC Ann. № 201</a>	On the publication of the customs inspection method of the People's Republic of China
	<a href="#">GAC Ann. № 204</a>	Regulations on the import and export of Chilean fresh fruit through the third country to China
12-21-18	<a href="#">GAC Ann. № 205</a>	On matters relating to the change of the system access address of the certificate of origin of export goods
	<a href="#">GAC Ann. № 206</a>	On Restoring the Importation of Ukrainian Poultry and Their Products
12-24-18	<a href="#">GAC Ann. № 207</a>	Regulations on the quarantine of imported South African citrus refrigerated ships
	<a href="#">GAC Ann. № 208</a>	On the publication time of China Customs statistics in 2019
12-26-18	<a href="#">MOFCOM Ann. № 106</a> <a href="#">GAC</a>	Catalogue of old mechanical and electrical products that are prohibited from being imported
	<a href="#">MOFCOM Ann. № 108</a>	Promulgating the Catalogue of Export License Management Goods in 2019
	<a href="#">GAC Ann. № 209</a>	On the number of agricultural product trigger levels imported from New Zealand in 2019
	<a href="#">GAC Ann. № 215</a>	On the Application of Tariff Guarantee Insurance to Aggregate Taxation)
12-27-18	<a href="#">GAC Ann. № 211</a>	On Inspection and Quarantine Requirements for Imported American Rice
12-28-18	<a href="#">GAC Ann. № 212</a>	On the tariff adjustment plan for 2019
	<a href="#">GAC Ann. № 213</a>	On the promulgation of the "Administrative Measures of the Customs of the People's Republic of China on the Agreement on the Origin of Import and Export Goods under the Agreement on the Establishment of Closer Economic Partnership Arrangement between the Mainland and Macao"
12-29-18	<a href="#">GAC Ann. № 217</a>	On the issuance of paperless declaration electronic message format for the issuance of manifests and related electronic data changes
	<a href="#">GAC Ann. № 220</a>	On the publication of the list of overseas manufacturers of imported infant formula approved for renewal of registration
	<a href="#">GAC Ann. № 221</a>	On matters related to the duty-free shopping supervision of passengers on boarding outbound islands in Hainan
	<a href="#">MOFCOM Ann. № 104</a> <a href="#">GAC</a>	Catalogue of Management of Import and Export Licenses for Dual-Use Items and Technologies
	<a href="#">MOFCOM Ann. № 109</a>	On the Cancellation of the Certificate of Operation and Production Capacity of Processing Trade Enterprises

## Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Cases

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

## Hong Kong Trade and Industry Department (TID) notices (dd-mm-yy)

Date	Matter
14-12-18	Notice to Exporters 2/2018 <a href="#">The Mainland and Hong Kong Closer Economic Partnership Arrangement (CEPA) Agreement on Trade in Goods (The Agreement) Exporting Goods Originating in Hong Kong to the Mainland</a>

Date	Matter
	Notice to Exporters 3/2018 <a href="#">The Mainland and Hong Kong Closer Economic Partnership Arrangement (CEPA) Agreement on Trade in Goods (The Agreement) Certificate of Hong Kong Origin - CEPA ("CO(CEPA)")</a>
18-12-18	Notice to Exporters 4/2018 <a href="#">The Mainland and Hong Kong Closer Economic Partnership Arrangement (CEPA) Agreement on Trade in Goods (The Agreement) Certificate of Hong Kong Origin - CEPA ("CO(CEPA)") Requirements for Including Product Development Costs in the "Regional Value Content"</a>
	Notice to Exporters 5/2018 <a href="#">The Mainland and Hong Kong Closer Economic Partnership Arrangement (CEPA) Agreement on Trade in Goods (The Agreement) Certificate of Hong Kong Origin - CEPA Requirements for Including the Value of Mainland Origin Goods and Materials (including the Raw Materials and Component Parts) in the "Regional Value Content"</a>
21-12--18	<a href="#">Circular on United Nations Sanctions (Democratic Republic of the Congo) Regulation 2018</a>

## INDIA

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### India notifies draft Plant Quarantine (Regulation of Import into India) (Ninth Amendment) Order, 2018

India notified the Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures regarding draft Plant Quarantine (Regulation of Import into India) (Ninth Amendment) Order, 2018 liberalizing provisions governing import of walnuts from Australia under Schedule VI of the Plant Quarantine (Regulation of Import into India) Order, 2003 and allowing import of plant and plant materials, inviting comments from Member States till 31 January, 2019, circulated vide [Notification No. G/SPS/N/IND/226](#) (dated 3 December, 2018).

### Revised proposal regarding Appellate Body appointments

On 6 December, 2018, India and other Member States revised proposals regarding filling vacancies in the WTO Appellate Body, circulated by the Dispute Settlement Body (DSB) vide [Notification No. WT/DSB/W/609/Rev.7](#) (dated 7 December, 2018).

### India responds to concerns raised by Member States on Technical Barriers to Trade measures

On 7 December, 2018, India communicated to the Committee on Technical Barriers to Trade its response to comments by the European Union, the United States of America, Japan and Canada on India's new telecommunication related Rules (Department of Telecommunications, No. 842-725/2005-Vas/Vol.III (3 December, 2009), No. 10-15/2009-AS-III/193 (18 March, 2010); and Nos. 10-15/2009-AS-III/Vol.II/(PT.)/ (25-29) (28 July, 2010); No. 10-15/2009-As.III/Vol.II/(PT.)/(30) (28 July, 2010) and Accompanying Template, "Security And Business Continuity Agreement"), circulated vide [Notification No. G/TBT/W/582](#) (dated 10 December, 2018).

India communicated to the Committee on Technical Barriers to Trade its response to concerns raised by the European Union, the United States of America



and Canada on India's *Electronics and Information Technology Goods (Requirements For Compulsory Registration) Order, 2012*, circulated vide [Notification No. G/TBT/W/583](#) (dated 10 December, 2018).

India communicated to the Committee on Technical Barriers to Trade its response to issues raised by the European Union on India's *Stainless Steel Products (Quality Control) Order, 2015*, circulated vide [Notification No. G/TBT/W/584](#) (dated 10 December, 2018).

India communicated to the Committee on Technical Barriers to Trade its response to questions raised by the European Union and Japan on India's draft *Food Safety and Standards (Alcoholic Beverages Standards) Regulations, 2015*, circulated vide [Notification No. G/TBT/W/585](#) (dated 10 December, 2018).

## Communication from India and other Member States to amend DSU

On 7 December, 2018, India and other Member States revised communication to the General Council calling on all Members to fill vacancies in the Appellate Body and to amend certain provisions of the Understanding on Rules and Procedures Governing the Settlement of Disputes (DSU) to add Costa Rica as co-sponsor to submission, circulated vide [Notification No. WT/GC/W/752/Rev.1](#) (dated 10 December, 2018).

Similarly, on 10 December, 2018, Montenegro added as co-sponsor to submission, circulated vide [Notification No. WT/GC/W/752/Rev.2](#) (dated 11 December, 2018).

Further, Montenegro also added as co-sponsor to submission of India and other Member States to the General Council regarding proposed additional amendments of the Understanding on Rules and Procedures Governing the Settlement of Disputes (DSU), circulated vide [Notification No. WT/GC/W/753/Rev.1](#) (dated 11 December, 2018).

## Introduction of Harmonized System Changes into WTO Schedules of Tariff Concessions

India, along with 26 other Member-States, granted waiver having regard to Articles IV:2 and IX:3 of the Marrakesh Agreement establishing the World Trade Organization (the WTO Agreement) for introducing Harmonised System 2012 changes in respective WTO Schedule of Tariff Concessions by the General Council until 31 December, 2019, circulated vide [Notification No. WT/L/1050](#) (dated 13 December, 2018).

Similarly, India, along with 28 other Member-States, granted waiver for introducing Harmonised System 2017 changes into respective WTO Schedule of Tariff Concessions by the General Council until 31 December, 2019, circulated vide [Notification No. WT/L/1051](#) (dated 13 December, 2018).

## India - testing and certification of telecommunication equipments under the Indian Telegraph (Amendment) Rules, 2017

On 21 December, 2018, the United States of America communicated concerns on provisions relating to testing and certification of telecommunication equipments under the Indian Telegraph (Amendment) Rules, 2017 urging India to address specific questions, circulated by the Committee on Technical Barriers to Trade vide [Notification No. G/TBT/W/596](#) (dated 21 December, 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
<b>CBIC NON-TARIFF NOTIFICATIONS</b>		
06-12-18	<a href="#">95/2018-Cus (NT)</a>	All Industry Rates of Duty Drawback revised subject to specified notes and conditions
	<a href="#">96/2018-Cus (NT)</a>	Exchange rate notification providing conversion rate of foreign currencies to INR
07-12-18	<a href="#">97/2018-Cus (NT)</a>	Port Meadow notified for unloading of imported goods and loading of export goods
14-12-18	<a href="#">98/2018-Cus (NT)</a>	Tariff Notification regarding fixation of Tariff Value of Edible Oils, Brass Scrap, Poppy Seeds, Areca Nut, Gold and Silver
20-12-18	<a href="#">99/2018-Cus (NT)</a>	Exchange rate notification providing conversion rate of foreign currencies to INR
27-12-18	<a href="#">100/2018-Cus (NT)</a>	The Chief Commissioner of Customs, Mumbai Zone-II notified as officer for areas of jurisdiction falling within the jurisdiction of the Commissioner of Customs (Audit), Nhava Sheva at All-India level for the purpose of audit
28-12-18	<a href="#">101/2018-Cus (NT)</a>	Dahanu Port in State of Maharashtra notified for purpose of unloading of imported coal by M/s Adani Electricity Mumbai Limited
31-12-18	<a href="#">102/2018-Cus (NT)</a>	Tariff Notification regarding fixation of Tariff Value of Edible Oils, Brass Scrap, Poppy Seeds, Areca Nut, Gold and Silver
	<a href="#">103/2018-Cus (NT)</a>	Addition to list of foreign post offices for clearance of imported goods or export of goods
<b>CBIC TARIFF NOTIFICATIONS</b>		
05-12-18	<a href="#">79/2018-Cus</a>	Condition to grant exemption to specified goods re-imported for repair or reconditioning by Export Oriented Unit (EOU) subject to re-export within specified period revised
15-12-18	<a href="#">80/2018-Cus</a>	Implementation of increased Customs Duty on specified imports originating in the United States of America postponed from 17 December, 2018 to 31 January, 2019
17-12-18	<a href="#">81/2018-Cus</a>	Exemption from Basic Customs Duty and Integrated Goods and Services Tax to imports by National Technical Research Organisation (NTRO) until 1 January, 2022
31-12-18	<a href="#">82/2018-Cus</a>	Deeper tariff concessions in respect of specified goods imported from the Association of Southeast Asian Nation (ASEAN) under the India-ASEAN Free Trade Agreement
	<a href="#">83/2018-Cus</a>	Deeper tariff concessions in respect of specified goods imported from Korea RP under the India-Korea Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement
	<a href="#">84/2018-Cus</a>	Deeper tariff concessions in respect of specified goods imported from Malaysia under the India-Malaysia Comprehensive Economic Cooperation Agreement
	<a href="#">85/2018-Cus</a>	Deeper tariff concessions in respect of Tariff Item 8708 4000 (gear box and parts thereof, of specified motor vehicles) imported under the India-Japan Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement
	<a href="#">86/2018-Cus</a>	Temporary importation of private road vehicles exempted from Integrated Goods and Services Tax and Goods and Services Compensation Cess
<b>CBIC CIRCULARS</b>		
03-12-18	<a href="#">48/2018-Customs</a>	Procedure prescribed for movement of goods under the Customs Convention on International Transport of Goods under Cover of TIR Carnets, 1975

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	<a href="#">49/2018-Customs</a>	Procedure prescribed for expeditious disposal of un-claimed/ un-cleared cargo lying with custodians
06-12-18	<a href="#">50/2018-Customs</a>	Clarification issued in relation to amendments in Customs and Central Excise notifications for Export Oriented Units (EOUs)
07-12-18	<a href="#">51/2018-Customs</a>	Manual filing and processing of Authorised Economic Operator (AEO)-T1 application to continue until 31 March, 2019 concurrently with online filings on web-based application. Further, period for frequency of review and onsite post clearance audit extended from two years to three years
12-12-18	<a href="#">52/2018-Customs</a>	Revision of All Industry Rates (AIR) of Duty Drawback
28-12-18	<a href="#">53/2018-Customs</a>	Manufacturing or other operations undertaken under Section 65 of the Customs Act, 1962 allowed to be continued in public bonded warehouses up to 31 January, 2019
31-12-18	<a href="#">54/2018-Customs</a>	Implementation of electronic sealing for deposit and removal of goods from Customs bonded warehouses deferred further
<b>CBIC INSTRUCTIONS</b>		
14-12-18	<a href="#">21/2018-Customs</a>	Applications received under Regulation 4 of the Customs Brokers Licensing regulations, 2018 to be forwarded to the National Academy of Customs, Indirect Taxes and Narcotics (NACIN) in prescribed format by 31 December, 2018
<b>DGFT NOTIFICATIONS</b>		
24-12-18	<a href="#">46/2015-2020</a>	Import of milk and milk products (including chocolates, chocolate products, candies, confectionery, food preparations with milk or milk solids as an ingredient) from China prohibited further until 23 April, 2019
31-12-18	<a href="#">47/2015-2020</a>	Krishnapatnam port added to list of ports to allow export of sawn timber made exclusively out of imported wood logs
<b>DGFT PUBLIC NOTICES</b>		
03-12-18	<a href="#">55/2015-2020</a>	Merchandise Exports from India Scheme (MEIS) amended for specified entries with effect from 1 January, 2017
05-12-18	<a href="#">56/2015-2020</a>	Territorial jurisdiction of Regional Authorities of the Directorate General of Foreign Trade (DGFT) revised
06-12-18	<a href="#">57/2015-2020</a>	Errata issued in relation to procedure for allocation of quota for import of Raw Pet Coke prescribed vide Public Notice No. 50/2015-20 dated 26 November, 2018
12-12-18	<a href="#">58/2015-2020</a>	Import/ export of exhibits for exhibitions, fairs and demonstration without an Authorisation on submission of bond/ security to Customs or ATA Carnet except prohibited items or items on SCOMET List
	<a href="#">59/2015-2020</a>	Procedure prescribed for re-export/ return of imported SCOMET items to foreign entity from which the same were originally imported due to reasons of obsolescence of technology of imported items, cancellation of order by Indian buyer or end user, dead on arrival, etc.
17-12-18	<a href="#">60/2015-2020</a>	Sal Oil, Kokam Oil and Mango Butter (cultivated) made eligible for benefits under the Merchandise Exports from India Scheme (MEIS)
18-12-18	<a href="#">61/2015-2020</a>	Import of PUF panels/ doors for chilled rooms/ cold storages and furniture and fixtures, etc. for hospitals allowed under EPCG Scheme
24-12-18	<a href="#">62/2015-2020</a>	All kinds of raw cane sugar falling under Tariff Items 1701 13 and 1701 14 at six-digit level notified for purpose of export of preferential quota sugar to the United States of America under Tariff Rate Quota (TRQ)
27-12-18	<a href="#">63/2015-2020</a>	Facility of second revalidation of Advance Authorisations for six months provided for making imports proportionate to export obligations already fulfilled

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	<a href="#">64/2015-2020</a>	Norms ratified by Norms Committee for Advance Authorisation valid upto the period of the Foreign Trade Policy i.e. 31 March, 2020 and all applicants of Advance Authorisation eligible to apply and get Authorisations based on ratified norms on repeat basis
28-12-18	<a href="#">65/2015-2020</a>	Rate of rewards under Merchandise Exports from India Scheme (MEIS) for onions, fresh or chilled, falling under Tariff Item 0703 1010 increased from 5% to 10%

## Antidumping and countervailing duty cases

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

## JAPAN

### EU-Japan EPA to take effect 1 February 2019

[Please see article under \*European Union and EFTA\*, below.](#)

### Japan removes Eritrea from Export Control Order

On December 14, 2018, Japan's Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry (METI) posted a notice on the [Cabinet Decision on the Cabinet Order to Partially Amend the Export Trade Control Order](#), which implements United Nations Security Council Resolution (UNSCR) 2444 that lifted sanctions imposed on Eritrea.

The Export Trade Control Order (Cabinet Order No. 378 of 1949; the "Order") provides more strict export control on transactions to destination areas stipulated in Appended Table 3-2, which are areas subject to the sanction measures over the arms embargo under UN resolutions, than transactions to other areas (under Article 4, paragraph (1), item (iii) and item (iv) of the Order).

As UNSCR 2444 lifted sanctions imposed on Eritrea, Japan revised the Order to remove Eritrea from Appended Table 3-2.

## KOREA

### Korean parliament approves revisions to KORUS

On December 7, 2018, the S. Korean parliament approved [modifications and revisions](#) to the 2012 *US-Korea Free Trade Agreement* (commonly referred to as KORUS). It is understood that the new terms will go into effect on January 1, 2019. The revisions, which include modifications to certain rules of origin, a [protocol making certain amendments](#) and an [automobile protocol](#) are intended to increase market access in Korea for certain US exports, including automobiles. Three exchanges of letters will also ease [customs verification procedures](#), revise [certain pharmaceutical pricing provisions](#), and modify the rules for [certain textile inputs](#) that are not commercially available in either the US or S. Korea. The revisions do not require approval by the US Congress.

## NEW ZEALAND

### New rates for tobacco and tobacco products

The annual indexation increase to excise and excise-equivalent duty rates together with a separate 10 percent increase will take place on 1 January 2019.

In addition to the annual indexation increase, the excise duty rates will also increase by 10 percent. This is the third of the four 10 percent increases announced in the 2016 Budget and legislated for in the Customs and Excise Act 2018.

The new rates are those set out in the [Excise and Excise-equivalent Duties Table \(Tobacco Products Indexation and Separate 10% Increase\) Amendment Order 2018](#). Tobacco and tobacco products removed from a licensed manufacturing area or imported after midnight on 31 December 2018 will be subject to the new rates. The new rates are summarised as:

Tobacco products	Rate of excise and excise-equivalent duty from 1 January 2018 (GST excluded)
Manufacture cigarettes: - exceeding in weight 0.8 kg actual tobacco content per 1,000 cigarettes - not exceeding in weight 0.8 kg actual tobacco content per 1,000 cigarettes	\$1,317.93 per kilo tobacco content (KTC) \$924.87 per 1,000 cigarettes
Smoking tobacco, homogenised or reconstituted tobacco	\$1317.93 per kilo tobacco content (KTC)
Other tobacco products, eg snuff, cigars, cheroots and cigarillos	\$1156.05 per kilo tobacco content (KTC)

### New Zealand Gazette

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

Date	Matter
04-12-18	<a href="#">Tariff Concession (Advertisement) Notice No. 2018/52</a>
04-12-18	<a href="#">Tariff Concession Approvals, Withdrawals and Declines Notice No. 52</a>
07-12-18	<a href="#">Tariff Concession (Advertisement) Notice No. 2018/53</a>
14-12-18	<a href="#">Tariff Concession (Advertisement) Notice No. 2018/54</a>
20-12-18	<a href="#">Tariff Concession (Advertisement) Notice No. 2018/55</a>
20-12-18	<a href="#">Notice No. 2018-go6482 Initiation of Reconsideration of Subsidy Investigation: Galvanised Steel Coil From China</a>

### Fact Sheets or Information Guides issued, revised

During the period covered by this *Update* the New Zealand Customs Service or Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade (MFAT) issued the following new or revised Fact Sheets or Information Guides:

- [Comprehensive and Progressive Trans-Pacific Partnership \(CPTPP\) Agreement](#)

The following fact sheets provide more details about specific areas in the CPTPP Agreement:

- [Goods market access](#)
- [Services market access](#)

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## SINGAPORE

Notices, circulars, etc.

Date	Reference	Matter
07-12-18	<a href="#">Cir. 12/2018</a>	Advisory: TradeNet Export Permit Declaration Procedure for Goods Claiming Preferential Tariff Treatment
12-12-18	<a href="#">Cir. 13/2018</a>	Rules of Origin under the Comprehensive and Progressive Agreement for Trans-Pacific Partnership (CPTPP)
	<a href="#">Cir. 14/2018</a>	Claiming of Preferential Tariff Treatment for Imports under the Comprehensive and Progressive Agreement for Trans-Pacific Partnership (CPTPP)
17-12-18	<a href="#">Notice 23/2018</a>	Commencement of Charges for Networked Trade Platform (NTP) Accounts from 1st January 2019 and Introduction of NTP-Lite Account
19-12-18	<a href="#">Notice 24/2018</a>	New Submission Procedures for Return of Supporting Documents for Selected Permits via NTP
28-12-18	<a href="#">Notice 25/2018</a>	Addition of the "South Africa Krugerrand" Silver Bullion Coin as Investment Precious Metal

## THAILAND

### Latest ministerial regulations clarify security and license requirements for direct sales and direct marketing businesses

Further to our previous [client alert](#) in February 2018 regarding the approval of the draft security regulation by the cabinet, the Ministerial Regulation on the Placement of Security for Direct Sales and Direct Marketing Business, B.E. 2561 (2018) (the "Security Regulation") was published in the Royal Gazette on 20 November 2018.

Applicants for direct sales and direct marketing licenses must provide security to the Office of the Consumer Protection Board (the "OCPB") based on the revenue of their businesses. The amount of the security to be provided by a direct sale business operator ranges from THB 25,000 to THB 200,000, while the amount for a direct marketing business operator ranges from THB 5,000 to THB 200,000.

The Security Regulation also applies to existing operators, who will need to place



security at the required rate with the OCPB. The OCPB aims to send out the notice to existing operators in early December 2018 and the operators will be required to place the security within 90 days from 20 November 2018.

In addition, the Ministerial Regulation Prescribing the Sale and Purchase of Goods or Services through E-Commerce that is not Considered Direct Marketing, B.E. 2561 (2018) was also published in the Royal Gazette on 20 November 2018.

The following e-commerce businesses will not be considered as direct marketing and, therefore, will not be required to obtain a direct marketing license under the direct sales and direct marketing law:

- (1) the sale of goods or services by natural persons with revenue from e-commerce channel of not exceeding THB 1.8 million per year;
- (2) the sale of goods or services by SMEs registered under the promotion of SMEs law;
- (3) the sale of goods or services by community enterprises or their networks registered under the promotion of community enterprises law; and
- (4) the sale of goods or services by co-operatives or groups of farmers registered under the co-operative law

The publication of the two Ministerial Regulations have brought clarity to the longstanding uncertainty of those operating in the direct sales and direct marketing businesses in Thailand.

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## Europe, Middle East and North Africa

### EUROPEAN UNION AND EFTA

#### Council extends sanctions against Russia

On 21 December 2018, the Council [announced](#) that it prolonged the economic sanctions targeting specific sectors of the Russian economy until 31 July 2019.

This decision follows an update from President Macron and Chancellor Merkel to the European Council of 13-14 December 2018 on the state of implementation of the Minsk agreements, to which the sanctions are linked. Given that no progress has been made, the European Council took the political decision to roll-over the economic sanctions against Russia.

The Council adopted this decision by written procedure and, in line with the rule for all such decisions, unanimously.

The measures target the financial, energy and defence sectors, and the area of dual-use goods. They were originally introduced on 31 July 2014 for one year in response to Russia's actions destabilising the situation in Ukraine and strengthened in September 2014.

The economic sanctions prolonged by this decision include:

- limiting access to EU primary and secondary capital markets for 5 major Russian majority state-owned financial institutions and their majority-owned subsidiaries established outside of the EU, as well as three major Russian energy and three defence companies;
- imposing an export and import ban on trade in arms;
- establishing an export ban for dual-use goods for military use or military end users in Russia;
- curtailing Russian access to certain sensitive technologies and services that can be used for oil production and exploration.

In addition to these economic sanctions, several EU measures are also in place in response to the crisis in Ukraine including:

- targeted individual restrictive measures, namely a visa ban and an asset freeze, currently against 164 people and 44 entities until 15 March 2019;
- restrictive measures in response to the illegal annexation of Crimea and Sevastopol, limited to the territory of Crimea and Sevastopol, currently in place until 23 June 2019.

The duration of the sanctions was linked to the complete implementation of the Minsk agreements by the European Council on 19 March 2015, which was foreseen to take place by 31 December 2015. Since this did not happen, the sanctions have remained in place.

- [Overview of EU restrictive measures in response to the crisis in Ukraine](#)
- [EU prolongs sanctions over actions against Ukraine's territorial integrity until 15 March 2019 \(press release 13/09/2018\)](#)

## Agreement to crack down on illicit trade in cultural goods

On 19 December 2018, the European Commission [announced](#) that it welcomes the political agreement reached by the European Parliament and EU Member States on preventing the illicit trade in cultural goods, in particular when it contributes to the financing of terrorism. The announcement said, in part:

The EU already prohibits the import of cultural goods from Iraq and Syria but there is no general EU framework for the import of cultural goods from other countries. This lack of rules can be exploited by unscrupulous exporters and importers who circumvent prohibitions by exporting the goods into the EU from a different non-EU country. Common EU rules will ensure consistent treatment of imports of cultural goods all along the Union's external borders. This will help prevent illicit cultural goods being brought into the EU and from directly weakening the cultural, historical and archaeological heritage of the country of origin.

The following actions shall ensure that the importation of illicit cultural goods becomes much more difficult:

- Customs authorities will also have the power to seize and retain goods when it cannot be demonstrated that the cultural goods in question have been legally exported.
- A new common EU definition for 'cultural goods' at importation which covers a broad range of objects including archaeological finds, the remains of historical monuments, manuscripts and rare books, artwork, collections and antiques. The new rules will apply to cultural goods that have been shown to be most at risk.

- The introduction of a new licensing system for the import of archaeological objects and elements of monuments that have been dismantled. Importers will have to obtain import licences from competent cultural authorities in the EU before they can bring such goods into the Union.
- For less sensitive categories of cultural goods, importers will now have to exercise a higher degree of due diligence when purchasing the items as they will be required to submit to customs a signed statement or affidavit that the goods have been exported legally from the third country.

EU Member States will be obliged to ensure that effective, proportionate and dissuasive penalties are in place for those who do not follow the rules, in particular for anyone who makes false statements or submits false information.

The rules provisionally agreed are even more relevant given the celebration this year of the [European Year of Cultural Heritage 2018](#) and the [50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the EU's Customs Union](#). Similarly, the protection of cultural heritage has been defined as a key objective of the Joint Communication '[Towards an EU strategy for international cultural relations](#)'.

### Next steps

The provisional agreement must now be formally approved by the European Parliament and the Council of the EU. Further technical work will also be needed in order to adopt the necessary implementing measures which will lay down procedural details.

For more information

- [Q&A on new proposal to fight illicit trade in cultural goods](#)
- [DG TAXUD webpage on the new proposal to fight illicit trade in cultural goods](#)
- [More information about the European Year of Cultural Heritage](#)

## EU-Japan EPA to take effect 1 February 2019

On 12 December 2018, the European Parliament gave its consent (474 votes for to 152 against with 40 abstentions) to the EU's trade agreement with Japan, the largest bilateral trade deal ever negotiated by the EU. The [EU-Japan Economic Partnership Agreement](#) will remove almost all custom duties adding up to €1 billion annually for EU companies. It represents a clear stance in support of rules-based, free and fair trade "at a time of serious protectionist challenges". A Parliament [announcement](#) said:

### Agriculture, SMEs win

While the most sensitive EU sectors such as rice production are safeguarded, wine, cheese, beef, pork, pasta, chocolate and biscuits will enter duty-free either immediately or after a transition period, 205 products with European geographical indications will be protected, to help small and medium sized enterprises (SMEs) which make up 78 percent of exporters to Japan. Parliament urges the Commission to set up contact points for them, so that they can quickly benefit from the agreement.

### Railways, services

Japan opens up its rail procurement market and public procurement in its main cities to European competition. E-commerce, international maritime transport and postal services will also be liberalised.

## Labour codes

The Parliament welcomed the high level of environmental and labour protection, the commitment to the Paris Agreement to combat climate change, and encourages both parties to combat illegal logging. MEPs nevertheless stressed that Japan must ratify all relevant labour codes set by the International Labour Organisation.

Parliament also approved today the [Strategic Partnership Agreement](#) with 535 votes for, 84 against and 45 abstentions, which extends cooperation to areas such as energy, education, research and development, development, and the fight against climate change and terrorism.

Japan has already ratified the agreement. After the European Parliament's approval, the Council is set to give its final go-ahead on 21 December, which allows the agreement to enter into force on 1 February 2019. For the strategic partnership agreement to enter into force, all member states have to ratify it, but a large part of the Agreement can be applied on a provisional basis in early 2019.

- [MEMO](#) on the Economic Partnership Agreement
- [Dedicated website](#) including thematic [factsheets](#), [text of the trade agreement](#), [exporter testimonies](#) and an [interactive map](#) of EU businesses exporting to Japan
- FACTSHEET on the [Strategic Partnership Agreement](#)
- [European Commission Press Release](#)

## EFTA FTA with Indonesia signed in Jakarta on 16 December

On 12 December 2018, the Swiss Government [announced](#) that on 16 December, Swiss Federal Councillor Johann N. Schneider-Ammann, the economics minister of Liechtenstein and representatives of Iceland and Norway will sign a free trade agreement with Indonesia's minister for trade, Enggartiasto Lukita. The agreement reached by the parties in early November will be signed in the presence of economic and political representatives of the EFTA states and Indonesia, and will make the EFTA states collectively Indonesia's primary free-trade partner in Europe. The announcement said:

The agreement with Indonesia is comprehensive in scope. It improves market access and legal certainty for trade in goods (industrial and agricultural products) and services. It also includes provisions on investment, the protection of intellectual property, the reduction of non-tariff barriers to trade, including sanitary and phytosanitary measures, on competition, trade facilitation, public procurement, trade and sustainable development, and economic cooperation.

Key elements of the agreement include free access to the Indonesian market for Swiss industrial products and selected agricultural products and rules on trading Indonesian palm oil. Switzerland grants certain market-compatible tariff rebates for this product, applying quotas so as not to jeopardise domestic production of vegetable oils. The agreement also requires the parties to comply with multilateral conventions, including labour and environmental conventions, and contains a specific provision to ensure the sustainable production of the palm oil traded. In a supplementary agreement on intellectual property, Indonesia undertakes to amend its patent protection legislation to comply with its international obligations.

## Commission issues tariff classification regulations

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

## Amendments to the CN Explanatory Notes

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

## Binding Tariff Information

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

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

## Official Journal documents

The following documents of interest to international traders (excluding documents relating to day-to-day management of agricultural matters, individual protected designations of origin registrations, approvals or restrictions on specific substances and fishing rights) were published in the *Official Journal of the European Union*:

OJ Date	Subject
03-12-18	<a href="#">Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2018/1880 of 30 November 2018 amending Regulation (EC) No 3199/93 on the mutual recognition of procedures for the complete denaturing of alcohol for the purposes of exemption from excise duty</a>
	<a href="#">Corrigendum to Commission Implementing Decision (EU) 2018/719 of 14 May 2018 amending Decision 2009/821/EC as regards the lists of border inspection posts and veterinary units in Traces ( OJ L 120, 16.5.2018 )</a>
04-12-18	<a href="#">Commission Regulation (EU) 2018/1881 of 3 December 2018 amending Regulation (EC) No 1907/2006 of the European Parliament and of the Council on the Registration, Evaluation, Authorisation and Restriction of Chemicals (REACH) as regards Annexes I, III, VI, VII, VIII, IX, X, XI, and XII to address nanoforms of substances</a>
	<a href="#">Commission Implementing Decision (EU) 2018/1888 of 3 December 2018 determining that a temporary suspension of the preferential customs duty pursuant to Article 15 of Regulation (EU) No 19/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council and pursuant to Article 15 of Regulation (EU) No 20/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council is not appropriate for imports of bananas originating in Guatemala and Peru</a>
05-12-18	<a href="#">Commission Implementing Decision (EU) 2018/1892 of 3 December 2018 on a measure taken by Latvia in accordance with Directive 2006/42/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council to prohibit the placing on the market of a lawnmower manufactured by GGP Italy SpA (notified under document C(2018) 7656)</a>
06-12-18	<a href="#">Council Decision (EU) 2018/1893 of 16 July 2018 regarding the signature, on behalf of the European Union, of the Agreement in the form of an Exchange of Letters between the European Union and the Kingdom of Morocco on the amendment of Protocols 1 and 4 to the Euro-Mediterranean Agreement establishing an association between the European Communities and their Member States, of the one part, and the Kingdom of Morocco, of the other part</a>

OJ Date	Subject
	<a href="#">Commission Regulation (EU) 2018/1903 of 5 December 2018 correcting Annexes IV, VI and VII to Regulation (EC) No 767/2009 of the European Parliament and of the Council on the placing on the market and use of feed, and correcting certain language versions of Annexes II, IV, V and VI to that Regulation <sup>(1)</sup></a>
	<a href="#">Commission Decision (EU) 2018/1905 of 28 November 2018 on the proposed citizens' initiative entitled 'EU wide referendum whether the European Citizens want the United Kingdom to remain or to leave!' (notified under document C(2018) 8006)</a>
07-12-18	<a href="#">Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2018/1913 of 6 December 2018 renewing the approval of the active substance tribenuron 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</a>
	<a href="#">Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2018/1914 of 6 December 2018 concerning the non-renewal of approval of the active substance quinoxifen, 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</a>
	<a href="#">Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2018/1915 of 6 December 2018 approving the active substance <i>Metschnikowia fructicola</i> strain NRRL Y-27328 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</a>
	<a href="#">Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2018/1916 of 6 December 2018 amending Implementing Regulation (EU) No 540/2011 as regards the extension of the approval period of the active substance bispyribac</a>
	<a href="#">Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2018/1917 of 6 December 2018 concerning the non-renewal of approval of the active substance flurtamone, 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</a>
	<a href="#">Regulation (EU) 2018/1860 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 28 November 2018 on the use of the Schengen Information System for the return of illegally staying third-country nationals</a>
	<a href="#">Regulation (EU) 2018/1861 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 28 November 2018 on the establishment, operation and use of the Schengen Information System (SIS) in the field of border checks, and amending the Convention implementing the Schengen Agreement, and amending and repealing Regulation (EC) No 1987/2006</a>
	<a href="#">Regulation (EU) 2018/1862 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 28 November 2018 on the establishment, operation and use of the Schengen Information System (SIS) in the field of police cooperation and judicial cooperation in criminal matters, amending and repealing Council Decision 2007/533/JHA, and repealing Regulation (EC) No 1986/2006 of the European Parliament and of the Council and Commission Decision 2010/261/EU</a>
	<a href="#">Corrigendum to Regulation (EU) 2017/2225 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 30 November 2017 amending Regulation (EU) 2016/399 as regards the use of the Entry/Exit System (OJ L 327, 9.12.2017.)</a>
10-12-18	<a href="#">Notice concerning the provisional application of the Framework Agreement between the European Union and its Member States, of the one part, and Australia, of the other part</a>
	<a href="#">Council Decision (EU) 2018/1925 of 18 September 2018 on the position to be taken on behalf of the European Union position within the Association Council set up by the Euro-Mediterranean Agreement establishing an association between the European Community and its Member States, of the one part, and the</a>



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	<a href="#">Republic of Tunisia, of the other part, with regard to the adoption of the EU-Tunisia strategic priorities for the period 2018-2020</a>
11-12-18	<a href="#">Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2018/1936 of 10 December 2018 amending Implementing Regulation (EU) No 371/2011 as regards the maximum limit of dimethylaminoethanol (DMAE)</a> <a href="#">Council Decision (EU) 2018/1938 of 18 September 2018 on the position to be taken on behalf of the European Union in the Association Council set up by the Euro-Mediterranean Agreement establishing an association between the European Communities and their Member States, of the one part, and the Kingdom of Morocco, of the other part, with regard to the adoption of a recommendation approving the extension of the EU-Morocco Action Plan implementing the advanced status (2013-2017)</a> <a href="#">Council Decision (CFSP) 2018/1939 of 10 December 2018 on Union support for the universalisation and effective implementation of the International Convention for the Suppression of Acts of Nuclear Terrorism</a> <a href="#">Council Decision (CFSP) 2018/1943 of 10 December 2018 amending Decision (CFSP) 2017/2303 in support of the continued implementation of UN Security Council Resolution 2118 (2013) and OPCW Executive Council decision EC-M-33/DEC.1 on the destruction of Syrian chemical weapons, in the framework of the implementation of the EU Strategy against proliferation of weapons of mass destruction</a>
12-12-18	<a href="#">Commission Implementing Decision (EU) 2018/1959 of 10 December 2018 derogating from Council Directive 2000/29/EC as regards measures to prevent the introduction into and the spread within the Union of the harmful organism <i>Agrilus planipennis</i> (Fairmaire) through wood originating in Canada and in the United States of America (notified under document C(2018) 8235)</a>
13-12-18	<a href="#">Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2018/1967 of 12 December 2018 amending Regulation (EU) No 37/2010 to classify the substance paromomycin as regards its maximum residue limit</a> <a href="#">Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2018/1968 of 12 December 2018 opening a tariff quota for the year 2019 for the import into the Union of certain goods originating in Norway resulting from the processing of agricultural products covered by Regulation (EU) No 510/2014 of the European Parliament and of the Council</a> <a href="#">Commission Implementing Decision (EU) 2018/1970 of 11 December 2018 amending and extending Implementing Decision (EU) 2016/412 authorising Member States to provide for a temporary derogation from certain provisions of Council Directive 2000/29/EC in respect of ash wood originating or processed in Canada (notified under document C(2018) 8240)</a>
14-12-18	<a href="#">Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2018/1980 of 13 December 2018 amending Implementing Regulation (EU) 2017/2325 as regards the terms of authorisation of preparations of lecithins liquid, lecithins hydrolysed and lecithins de-oiled as feed additives for all animal species</a> <a href="#">Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2018/1981 of 13 December 2018 renewing the approval of the active substances copper compounds, as candidates for substitution, 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</a> <a href="#">Commission Implementing Decision (EU) 2018/1985 of 13 December 2018 not approving <i>Willaertia magna</i> c2c maky as an active substance for use in biocidal products of product-type 11</a> <a href="#">Decision No 1/2018 of the EU-CTC Joint Committee of 4 December 2018 as regards an invitation to the United Kingdom to accede to the Convention on a common transit procedure [2018/1987]</a> <a href="#">Decision No 2/2018 of the EU-CTC Joint Committee of 4 December 2018 amending the Convention on a common transit procedure [2018/1988]</a> <a href="#">Decision No 1/2018 of the EU-CTC Joint Committee of 4 December 2018 as regards an invitation to the United Kingdom to accede to the Convention on the simplification of formalities in trade in goods [2018/1989]</a>

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	<a href="#">Regulation No 79 of the Economic Commission for Europe of the United Nations (UN/ECE) — Uniform provisions concerning the approval of vehicles with regard to steering equipment [2018/1947]</a> <a href="#">Decision No 1/2018 of the Geographical Indications Sub-Committee of 24 August 2018 amending Annexes XXX-C and XXX-D 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 [2018/1948]</a> <a href="#">Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2018/1922 of 10 October 2018 amending Council Regulation (EC) No 428/2009 setting up a Community regime for the control of exports, transfer, brokering and transit of dual-use items</a>
17-12-18	<a href="#">Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2018/1991 of 13 December 2018 authorising the placing on the market of berries of <i>Lonicera caerulea</i> L. as a traditional food from a third country under Regulation (EU) 2015/2283 of the European Parliament and of the Council and amending Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2017/2470</a> <a href="#">Regulation No 99 of the Economic Commission for Europe of the United Nations (UN/ECE) — Uniform provisions concerning the approval of gas-discharge light sources for use in approved lamps of power-driven vehicles [2018/1997]</a> <a href="#">Regulation No 128 of the Economic Commission for Europe of the United Nations (UN/ECE) — Uniform provisions concerning the approval of light emitting diode (LED) light sources for use in approved lamp units on power-driven vehicles and their trailers [2018/1998]</a>
18-12-18	<a href="#">Commission Regulation (EU) 2018/2005 of 17 December 2018 amending Annex XVII to Regulation (EC) No 1907/2006 of the European Parliament and of the Council concerning the Registration, Evaluation, Authorisation and Restriction of Chemicals (REACH) as regards bis(2-ethylhexyl) phthalate (DEHP), dibutyl phthalate (DBP), benzyl butyl phthalate (BBP) and diisobutyl phthalate (DIBP)</a> <a href="#">Council Decision (CFSP) 2018/2010 of 17 December 2018 in support of countering illicit proliferation and trafficking of small arms, light weapons (SALW) and ammunition and their impact in Latin America and the Caribbean in the framework of the EU Strategy against Illicit Firearms, Small Arms &amp; Light Weapons and their Ammunition 'Securing Arms, Protecting Citizens'</a> <a href="#">Council Decision (CFSP) 2018/2011 of 17 December 2018 in support of gender mainstreamed policies, programmes and actions in the fight against small arms trafficking and misuse, in line with the Women, Peace and Security agenda</a> <a href="#">Commission Implementing Decision (EU) 2018/2013 of 14 December 2018 on the identification of 1,7,7-trimethyl-3-(phenylmethylene)bicyclo[2.2.1]heptan-2-one (3-benzylidene camphor) as a substance of very high concern pursuant to Article 57(f) of Regulation (EC) No 1907/2006 of the European Parliament and of the Council</a> <a href="#">Commission Implementing Decision (EU) 2018/2014 of 14 December 2018 amending Annex I to Decision 2010/221/EU as regards the list of areas in Ireland free of Ostreid herpesvirus 1 µvar (OsHV-1 µVar) (notified under document C(2018) 8618)</a> <a href="#">Commission Implementing Decision (EU) 2018/2015 of 17 December 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) 8998)</a>
19-12-18	<a href="#">Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2018/2016 of 18 December 2018 authorising the placing on the market of decorticated grains of <i>Digitaria exilis</i> as a traditional food from a third country under Regulation (EU) 2015/2283 of the European Parliament and of the Council and amending Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2017/2470</a> <a href="#">Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2018/2017 of 18 December 2018 authorising the placing on the market of syrup from <i>Sorghum bicolor</i> (L.) Moench as a traditional food from a third country under Regulation (EU) 2015/2283 of the European Parliament and of the Council and amending Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2017/2470</a>

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	<p><a href="#">Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2018/2018 of 18 December 2018 laying down specific rules concerning the procedure to be followed in order to carry out the risk assessment of high risk plants, plant products and other objects within the meaning of Article 42(1) of Regulation (EU) 2016/2031 of the European Parliament and of the Council</a></p> <p><a href="#">Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2018/2019 of 18 December 2018 establishing a provisional list of high risk plants, plant products or other objects, within the meaning of Article 42 of Regulation (EU) 2016/2031 and a list of plants for which phytosanitary certificates are not required for introduction into the Union, within the meaning of Article 73 of that Regulation</a></p> <p><a href="#">Commission Implementing Decision (EU) 2018/2023 of 17 December 2018 on amending Implementing Decision (EU) 2017/1984 determining, pursuant to Regulation (EU) No 517/2014 of the European Parliament and of the Council on fluorinated greenhouse gases, reference values as regards reference values for the period from 30 March 2019 to 31 December 2020 for producers or importers established within the United Kingdom, which have lawfully placed on the market hydrofluorocarbons from 1 January 2015, as reported under that Regulation (notified under document C(2018) 8801)</a></p>
20-12-18	<p><a href="#">Council Decision (EU) 2018/2024 of 22 May 2018 on the signing, on behalf of the European Union and its Member States, and provisional application of the Third Additional Protocol to the Economic Partnership, Political Coordination and Cooperation Agreement between the European Community and its Member States, of the one part, and the United Mexican States, of the other part, to take account of the accession of the Republic of Croatia to the European Union</a></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><a href="#">Third Additional Protocol to the Economic Partnership, Political Coordination and Cooperation Agreement between the European Community and its Member States, of the one part, and the United Mexican States, of the other part, to take account of the accession of the Republic of Croatia to the European Union</a></li> </ul> <p><a href="#">Commission Implementing Decision (EU) 2018/2029 of 18 December 2018 determining quantitative limits and allocating quotas for substances controlled under Regulation (EC) No 1005/2009 of the European Parliament and of the Council on substances that deplete the ozone layer, for the period 1 January to 31 December 2019 (notified under document C(2018) 8655)</a></p> <p><a href="#">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 459/14]</a></p> <p><a href="#">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 459/15]</a></p>
21-12-18	<p><a href="#">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 460/12]</a></p> <p><a href="#">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 460/13]</a></p> <p><a href="#">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 460/14]</a></p>

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27-12-18	<a href="#">Council Decision (EU) 2018/1907 of 20 December 2018 on the conclusion of the Agreement between the European Union and Japan for an Economic Partnership</a> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">Agreement between the European Union and Japan for an Economic Partnership</a></li> </ul> <a href="#">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 464/06]</a> <a href="#">Summary of European Union decisions on marketing authorisations in respect of medicinal products from 1 November 2018 to 30 November 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 465/01]</a>
28-12-18	<a href="#">Council Decision (EU) 2018/2068 of 29 November 2018 on the signing, on behalf of the Union, of the Sustainable Fisheries Partnership Agreement between the European Union and the Kingdom of Morocco, the Implementation Protocol thereto and the exchange of letters accompanying the Agreement</a> <a href="#">Council Regulation (EU) 2018/2069 of 20 December 2018 amending Regulation (EU) No 1387/2013 suspending the autonomous Common Customs Tariff duties on certain agricultural and industrial products</a> <a href="#">Council Regulation (EU) 2018/2070 of 20 December 2018 amending Regulation (EU) No 1388/2013 opening and providing for the management of autonomous tariff quotas of the Union for certain agricultural and industrial products</a> <a href="#">Commission Implementing Decision (EU) 2018/2079 of 19 December 2018 on the approval of the engine idle coasting function as an innovative technology for reducing CO2 emissions from passenger cars pursuant to Regulation (EC) No 443/2009 of the European Parliament and of the Council</a> <a href="#">Council Decision (EU) 2018/1908 of 6 December 2018 on the accession of Samoa to the Interim Partnership Agreement between the European Community, of the one part, and the Pacific States, of the other part</a>

## Restrictive measures established, amended, corrected

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

OJ Date	Restrictive Measure
10-12-18	<a href="#">Council Implementing Regulation (EU) 2018/1929 of 10 December 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</a> <a href="#">Council Decision (CFSP) 2018/1930 of 10 December 2018 amending Decision 2014/145/CFSP concerning restrictive measures in respect of actions undermining or threatening the territorial integrity, sovereignty and independence of Ukraine</a>

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11-12-18	<a href="#">Council Implementing Regulation (EU) 2018/1931 of 10 December 2018 implementing Article 9 of Regulation (EC) No 1183/2005 imposing certain specific restrictive measures directed against persons acting in violation of the arms embargo with regard to the Democratic Republic of the Congo</a>
	<a href="#">Council Decision (CFSP) 2018/1940 of 10 December 2018 amending Decision 2010/788/CFSP concerning restrictive measures against the Democratic Republic of the Congo</a>
	<a href="#">Council Regulation (EU) 2018/1932 of 10 December 2018 repealing Regulation (EU) No 667/2010 concerning certain restrictive measures in respect of Eritrea</a>
	<a href="#">Council Decision (CFSP) 2018/1944 of 10 December 2018 repealing Decision 2010/127/CFSP concerning restrictive measures against Eritrea</a>
	<a href="#">Council Regulation (EU) 2018/1933 of 10 December 2018 amending Regulation (EU) No 356/2010 imposing certain specific restrictive measures directed against certain natural or legal persons, entities or bodies, in view of the situation in Somalia</a>
	<a href="#">Council Implementing Regulation (EU) 2018/1934 of 10 December 2018 implementing Article 20(3) of Regulation (EU) 2015/735 concerning restrictive measures in respect of the situation in South Sudan</a>
	<a href="#">Council Implementing Decision (CFSP) 2018/1946 of 10 December 2018 implementing Decision (CFSP) 2015/740 concerning restrictive measures in view of the situation in South Sudan</a>
	<a href="#">Council Regulation (EU) 2018/2004 of 17 December 2018 amending Regulation (EU) 2016/44 concerning restrictive measures in view of the situation in Libya</a>
18-12-18	<a href="#">Council Decision (CFSP) 2018/2012 of 17 December 2018 amending Decision (CFSP) 2015/1333 concerning restrictive measures in view of the situation in Libya</a>
	<a href="#">Council Implementing Regulation (EU) 2018/2053 of 21 December 2018 implementing Regulation (EU) No 401/2013 concerning restrictive measures in respect of Myanmar/Burma</a>
21-12-18	<a href="#">Council Decision (CFSP) 2018/2054 of 21 December 2018 amending Decision 2013/184/CFSP concerning restrictive measures against Myanmar/Burma</a>
	<a href="#">Council Decision (CFSP) 2018/2078 of 21 December 2018 amending Decision 2014/512/CFSP concerning restrictive measures in view of Russia's actions destabilising the situation in Ukraine</a>

## Antidumping and countervailing duty cases

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

## INDIVIDUAL EU-EFTA COUNTRIES

### FRANCE

#### Official Gazette (*Journal officiel*)

Date	Measure
04-12-18	ACTION AND PUBLIC ACCOUNTS: <a href="#">Order of 23 November 2018 amending the decree of 22 December 2011 fixing the tariff and the procedures for the application of the tax on marine passengers boarded to natural protected areas provided for in Article 285 quater of the Customs Code</a>
20-12-18	ECOLOGICAL...: <a href="#">9. Order of 5 December 2018 amending the Order of 30 June 1998 laying down the procedures for applying the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora and Regulations (EC) No. 338 / 97 of the European Council and (EC) No 939/97 of the European Commission</a>
21-12-18	ACTION AND PUBLIC ACCOUNTS: <a href="#">72 Order of 11 December 2018 laying down the procedures for calculating the costs of storage, handling, transport and destruction of goods suspected of being infringing</a>



Date	Measure
27-12-18	ECONOMY: 8 <a href="#">Order of 21 December 2018 on the report on the organization of the internal control mechanisms for the fight against money laundering and the financing of terrorism and the freezing of assets</a>

## 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
30-11-18	<a href="#">2018/67-Notice to importers of citric acid originating in China</a>
06-12-18	<a href="#">2018/68-Notice to Importers of Ductile Iron Pipe and Pipe from India</a>
07-12-18	<a href="#">2018/69-Notice to importers of biodiesel from Indonesia</a>
11-12-18	<a href="#">2018/70 Notice to importers on cumulation between Mauritius and 12 ACP countries and OCTs of the Netherlands under Article 4 of Protocol 1 of the EU-ESA EPA</a>
13-12-18	<a href="#">2018/71-Notice to importers of certain drinks originating in Norway</a>
14-12-18	<a href="#">2018/72-Notice to Importers of Certain Fishery Products Eligible for Autonomous Community Tariff Rate Quotas Reduced or Nil for 2019-2020</a>
17-12-18	<a href="#">2018/73-Notice to Importers of Eligible Products under Tariff Rate Quotas Managed "As and When"</a>
18-12-18	<a href="#">2018/74-Notice to importers of peroxosulphates originating in the People's Republic of China</a>
21-12-18	<a href="#">2018/75 - Notice to importers of products eligible for TRQs managed on an "as and when" basis</a>
28-12-18	<a href="#">DA 18-075 - Duties and taxes applicable to energy products as of January 1, 2019</a>
31-12-18	<a href="#">2018/76 - Notice to Importers of Certain Agricultural and Industrial Products Eligible for Stand-By Suspension and Tariff Rate Quotas</a>

## SWITZERLAND

### FTA with Indonesia signed

The Federal Council [announced](#) that on 16 December 2018, Federal Councillor Johann N. Schneider-Ammann, the economics minister of Liechtenstein and representatives of Iceland and Norway signed a free trade agreement with Indonesia's minister for trade, Enggartiaso Lukita. Under the agreement, 98 percent of Swiss exports to Indonesia, the fourth most populous country in the world, will be exempt from customs duties over the coming years. Technical barriers to trade will be removed, market access for Swiss service providers made easier and bilateral economic relations in general improved. The EFTA states will collectively become Indonesia's primary trading partner in Europe.

The agreement with Indonesia is comprehensive in scope. It improves market access and legal certainty for trade in goods (industrial and agricultural products) and services. It also includes provisions on investment, the protection of intellectual property, the reduction of non-tariff barriers to trade, including sanitary and phytosanitary measures, on competition, trade facilitation, public procurement, trade and sustainable development, and economic cooperation.

### Federal Council lays the foundation for future economic and trade relations with the UK

The Federal Council [announced](#) that at its meeting on 14 December it approved the text of a trade agreement with the UK aiming to maintain existing economic



and trade relations with the country after its departure from the European Union. At present relations between Switzerland and the UK are largely based on the bilateral agreements that exist between Switzerland and the EU, particularly on an economic and commercial level. The conclusion of this agreement forms part of the Federal Council's 'Mind the Gap' strategy. The announcement said in part:

In October 2016 the Federal Council adopted the 'Mind the Gap' strategy aimed at guaranteeing as far as possible the mutual rights and obligations in all areas that currently link Switzerland and the UK. At its meeting on 14 December, the Federal Council approved the text of a trade agreement with the UK which could serve as a basis for future economic and trade relations. This agreement guarantees, as far as possible, the continuation of the economic and commercial rights and obligations arising from the agreements between Switzerland and the EU, and provides for exploratory discussions aimed at developing these bilateral relations in the future.

If the transition period between the EU and the UK comes into effect on 29 March next year, the bilateral agreements between Switzerland and the EU will continue to apply between Switzerland and the UK. Under this scenario, the text of the agreement approved by the Federal Council will serve as a basis for economic and trade relations between Switzerland and the UK after the transition period expires on 31 December 2020 (or at a later date agreed between the UK and the EU), until such time as new trade agreements can be concluded between the parties.

However, there is a possibility that the UK may leave the EU in a disorderly manner ('No deal' scenario) on 29 March next year, and that no transition period would not come into effect. In that event, the text of the agreement approved by the Federal Council makes it possible to replicate in substance the vast majority of trade agreements that currently regulate relations between Switzerland and the UK. If the relevant parliamentary committees, which will be consulted early next year, approve the agreement, it could be signed and be applied from the date on which the UK leaves the EU.

In 2017 the UK was Switzerland's sixth largest export market (CHF 11.4 billion) and its eighth largest supplier (CHF 6.1 billion of imports).

## Recueil officiel

Date	Measure
03-12-18	<a href="#">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</a> (RS 916.443.107)
04-12-18	<a href="#">Ordinance of the FDF on Customs (OD-DFE)</a> (RS 631.011)
	<a href="#">Ordinance of the FDF on goods benefiting from customs relief according to their use (Ordinance on Customs Relief, OADou)</a> (RS 631.012)
	<a href="#">Ordinance on the introduction of plant protection products (Ordinance on plant protection products, OPPh)</a> (RS 916.161)
	<a href="#">DEFR Ordinance on the Production and Circulation of Feed, Feed Additives and Dietetic Foods for Animals (Ordinance on the Feed Book, OLALA)</a> (RS 916.307.1)
11-12-18	<a href="#">Ordinance on the progressive introduction of free movement of persons between the Swiss Confederation and the European Union and its Member States and between the Member States of the European Association Free Trade Agreement (Ordinance on the Introduction of Free Movement of Persons, OLCP)</a> (RS 142.203)
	<a href="#">Ordinance on the Central Visa Information System and the National Visa Information System (VIS Ordinance, OVIS)</a> (RS 142.512)
	<a href="#">Ordinance on the Central Information System on Migration (SYMIC Ordinance)</a> (RS 142.513)
	<a href="#">Ordinance on the Amendment of the Federal Law on Administrative Criminal Law</a> (RS 313.0)
	<a href="#">Ordinance on the Computerized System of the Federal Judicial Police (Ordinance JANUS)</a> (RS 360.2)

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	<a href="#">Ordinance on the National Police Index</a> (RS 361.4)
	<a href="#">Ordinance on the national part of the Schengen Information System (N-SIS) and on the SIRENE Bureau (Ordinance N-SIS)</a> (RS 362.0)
	<a href="#">Customs Ordinance</a> (OD) (RS 631.01)
	<a href="#">Ordinance on the Importation of Agricultural Products (Ordinance on Agricultural Imports, OIAgr)</a> (RS 916.01)
	<a href="#">Ordinance on Fees for Trafficking in Animals (OEml-TA)</a> (RS 916.404.2)
	<a href="#">Ordinance of the DFI regulating the import, transit and export of animals and animal products with the EU Member States, Iceland and Norway (OITE-EU-DFI)</a> (RS 916.443.111)
18-12-18	<a href="#">Federal decree approving and implementing the Council of Europe Convention on the counterfeiting of medical products and similar offenses threatening public health (Medicrime Convention)</a> (RS 312.0)
	<a href="#">Ordinance of the FDF on goods benefiting from customs relief according to their use (Ordinance on Customs Relief, OADou)</a> (RS 631.012)
	<a href="#">DETEC Ordinance on Data on the Energy Label of New Passenger Cars (OEE-VT)</a> (RS 730.011.1)
	<a href="#">Ordinance of the Swiss Federal Gaming Commission on Due Diligence Obligations of Anti-Money Laundering and Anti-Money Laundering Establishments (CFMJ Money Laundering Ordinance, OBA-CFMJ)</a> (RS 955.021)
	<a href="#">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)</a> (RS 955.033.0)
21-12-18	<a href="#">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</a> (RS 916.443.107)
28-12-18	<a href="#">Ordinance of the Swiss Institute for Therapeutic Products on the enactment of the pharmacopoeia and the recognition of other pharmacopoeias</a> (RS 812.214.11)
	<a href="#">Exchange of notes of 14 December 2018 between Switzerland and the European Union concerning the resumption of Regulation (EU) 2018/1726 on the European Union Agency for the Operational Management of Large-Scale Information Systems (EU) -Lisa) amending Regulation (EC) 1987/2006 and decision 2007/533 / JHA and repealing Regulation (EU) No 1077/2011 (Development of the Schengen acquis)</a> (RS 0.362.380.078)
Date	Restrictive Measure
20-12-18	<a href="#">Amendment to the Ordinance of 27 August 2014 on measures to prevent the circumvention of international sanctions in connection with the situation in Ukraine</a> (RS 946.231.176.72) [Entry into force 21-12-18]
21-12-18	<a href="#">Amendments to the Ordinance of 22 November 2017 on measures against the Republic of Mali</a> (RS 946.231.154.1) [Entry into force 20-12-18]
28-12-18	<a href="#">Amendments to the Ordinance of 7 August 1990 on economic measures against the Republic of Iraq</a> (RS 946.206) [Entry into force 27-12-18]

## UNITED KINGDOM

### UK submits goods and services schedules to the WTO

On 24 July the UK submitted its goods schedule for certification at the WTO. On 3 December, the UK completed the same step for its services schedule. These schedules replicate as far as possible the UK's current obligations such as they exist in the EU's schedules.

The terms set out in the UK's goods and services schedules will form the basis of the UK's trade policy while the country completes the certification process.

The UK has now submitted both its [schedule of commitments](#) with separate [Cover Note](#) under the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT), and its [schedule of commitments](#) (and [UK services schedule list of MFN exemptions](#)) under the General Agreement on Trade in Services (GATS) to the World Trade Organization (WTO).

See also:

- [Press release regarding the UK's Services schedule.](#)
- [Written Ministerial Statement made by the Secretary of State for International Trade regarding submission of the UK's Goods schedule](#)

### Brexit update

On 5 December 2018, following the Motion passed on 4 December in the House of Commons, the Government has published the [Attorney General's legal advice to Cabinet on the Protocol on Ireland/Northern Ireland](#) and made this available to Parliament. This is the full, final advice that the Attorney General provided to Cabinet on 14 November on the legal effect of the Withdrawal Agreement. The release of this advice does not set a precedent for any future release of Law Officers' advice.

This document has been made available to Parliament through a Written Ministerial Statement from the Attorney General, available [here](#)

The Government has published a collection of material to support public and parliamentary assessment of the deal, including a document setting out the Government's legal position on the proposed Withdrawal Agreement. These documents are available [here](#).

### Legislation (legislation.gov.uk)

Date	Measure
04-12-18	<a href="#">SI 2018/1275 - The Quality Schemes (Agricultural Products and Foodstuffs) Regulations 2018</a>
06-12-18	<a href="#">SI 2018/1311 - The European Enforcement Order, European Order for Payment and European Small Claims Procedure (Amendment etc.) (EU Exit) Regulations 2018</a>
	<a href="#">SI 2018/1295 - The Road Vehicles (Registration, Registration Plates and Excise Exemption) (Amendment) (EU Exit) Regulations 2018</a>
	<a href="#">SI 2018/1294 - The Trade Barriers (Revocation) (EU Exit) Regulations 2018</a>
10-12-18	<a href="#">SI 2018/1326 - The Consumer Protection (Amendment etc.) (EU Exit) Regulations 2018</a>
13-12-18	<a href="#">SI 2018/1362 - The Taxation (Cross-border Trade) Act 2018 (Appointed day No. 1) (EU Exit) Regulations 2018</a>
	<a href="#">SI 2018/1349 - The European Union (Definition of Treaties) (Economic Partnership Agreements and Trade Agreement) (Eastern and Southern Africa States,</a>

Date	Measure
	<a href="#">Southern African Development Community States, Ghana and Ecuador) Order 2018</a>
	<a href="#">SI 2018/1337 - The Money Laundering and Terrorist Financing (Miscellaneous Amendments) Regulations 2018</a>
14-12-18	<a href="#">SI 2018/1352 - The Heavy Goods Vehicles (Charging for the Use of Certain Infrastructure on the Trans-European Road Network) (Amendment) (EU Exit) Regulations 2018</a>
	<a href="#">SI 2018/1377 - The Health and Safety (Amendment) (Northern Ireland) (EU Exit) Regulations 2018</a>
18-12-18	<a href="#">SI 2018/1376 - The Value Added Tax (Postal Packets and Amendment) (EU Exit) Regulations 2018</a>
	<a href="#">SI 2018/1370 - The Health and Safety (Amendment) (EU Exit) Regulations 2018</a>
	<a href="#">SI 2018/1367 - The Package Travel and Linked Travel Arrangements (Amendment) (EU Exit) Regulations 2018</a>
19-12-18	<a href="#">SI 2018/1387 - The Weighing and Measuring Equipment and Meters (Amendment of Secondary Legislation) (EU Exit) Regulations 2018</a>
	<a href="#">SR 2018/188 - The Pesticides, Genetically Modified Organisms and Fertilisers (Miscellaneous Amendments) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2018</a>
20-12-18	<a href="#">UK Public General Act 2018 c. 30 - Ivory Act 2018</a>
	<a href="#">SSI 2018/392 - The Foods for Specific Groups (Medical Foods) (Miscellaneous Amendments) (Scotland) Regulations 2018</a>
21-12-18	<a href="#">SI 2018/1410 - The Exotic Disease (Amendment etc.) (EU Exit) Regulations 2018</a>
	<a href="#">SI 2018/1408 - The Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (Amendment) (EU Exit) Regulations 2018</a>
	<a href="#">SI 2018/1406 - The Exotic Disease (Amendment) (England) (EU Exit) Regulations 2018</a>
	<a href="#">Correction: SI 2018/1249 The Customs (Special Procedures and Outward Processing) (EU Exit) Regulations 2018</a>
24-12-18	<a href="#">SI 2018/1398 - The Textile Products (Amendment) (EU Exit) Regulations 2018</a>
	<a href="#">SI 2018/1409 - The Equine Identification (England) (Amendment) (EU Exit) Regulations 2018</a>
Date	Restrictive Measure
04-12-18	<a href="#">Ordinance instituting measures against the Central African Republic (RS 916.408)</a>
	<a href="#">Order instituting measures against the Republic of South Sudan (RS 946.231.169.9)</a>
07-12-18	<a href="#">Repeal of the Ordinance on measures against Eritrea in compliance with United Nations Security Council Resolution 2444 (2018) (946.231.132.9) [repealed with effect from 6 pm on 07-12-18]</a>
19-12-18	<a href="#">SI 2018/1361 - The Chemical Weapons (Sanctions) (Overseas Territories) Order 2018</a>
	<a href="#">SI 2018/1357 - The Extraterritorial US Legislation (Sanctions against Cuba, Iran and Libya) (Protection of Trading Interests) (Amendment) Order 2018</a>
	<a href="#">SI 2018/1351 - The Burma and Somalia (Sanctions) (Overseas Territories) (Amendment) Order 2018</a>

## HMRC updates

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

Release Date	Ref. No. and Subject
	Customs Information Papers
16-10-18	<a href="#">Show your CITES import permit at the first point of entry in to the UK (CIP14)</a>
09-11-18	<a href="#">Changes to customs tariff rules on imported aircraft parts (CIP13)</a>
13-11-18	<a href="#">Check the statistical threshold for the UK in 2019 (CIP15)</a>
29-11-18	<a href="#">Approval of internal temporary storage facilities - remote (CIP17)</a>

Release Date	Ref. No. and Subject
07-12-18	<a href="#">Changes to approved depositories (CIP16)</a>
	Trade, Tariff and Anti-Dumping Notices
04-12-18	<a href="#">HMRC impact assessment for the movement of goods if the UK leaves the EU without a deal</a>
	<a href="#">Letters on 'no deal' Brexit advice for businesses only trading with the EU</a>
05-12-18	<a href="#">Monthly euro conversion rates for calculating Customs Duty</a>
	<a href="#">CHIEF: box 47(a) tax type codes</a>
07-12-18	<a href="#">Factsheet: our future UK trade policy [Updated]</a>
	<a href="#">Draft notices to be made under The Customs (Import Duty) (EU Exit) Regulations 2018</a>
12-12-18	<a href="#">Revenue and Customs Brief 12 (2018): refunds of VAT in the UK for non-EU businesses</a>
14-12-18	<a href="#">Apply for a voluntary clearance amendment (underpayment) (C2001CDS)</a>
	<a href="#">Apply for repayment or remission of import duties (C285CDS)</a>
	<a href="#">Investigation on imports of biodiesel originating in Indonesia (Anti-Dumping Duty 2308)</a>
	<a href="#">Claim repayment or remission of charges on rejected imports (C&amp;E1179CDS)</a>
	<a href="#">Money laundering supervision: civil measures</a>
18-12-18	<a href="#">Draft legislation: tobacco for heating</a>
19-12-18	<a href="#">Exports of ceramic tiles originating in the People's Republic of China (Anti-Dumping Duty 2309)</a>
	<a href="#">Tax on cryptoassets</a>
	<a href="#">Existing free trade agreements if there's no Brexit deal (Updated)</a>
	<a href="#">Exporting controlled goods if there's no Brexit deal (Updated)</a>
	<a href="#">Trade remedies if there's no Brexit deal (Updated)</a>
21-12-18	<a href="#">Partnership pack: preparing for changes at the UK border after a 'no deal' EU exit</a>
	<a href="#">Notices Made Under The Customs (Import Duty) (EU Exit) Regulations 2018</a>
	<a href="#">Notices Made Under the Customs (Special Procedures and Outward Processing) (EU Exit) Regulations 2018</a>
24-12-18	<a href="#">Notice 236: Returned Goods Relief</a>
	<a href="#">Apply for release of a private vessel on payment of customs duty and VAT (C384 (Vessels))</a>
31-12-18	<a href="#">UK Trade Tariff: correlation tables</a>
	<a href="#">UK Trade Tariff: customs duty relief on pharmaceutical products</a>

## ECO Notices to Exporters and DIT documents

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

Date	Notice No. and Subject
10-12-18	<a href="#">Export Control Training Bulletin</a> (This edition includes details of courses from January to March 2019)
13-12-18	<a href="#">Notice to exporters 2018/24: Annex 1 of EU regulation 428/2009 (list of dual use controlled items) to be updated soon</a>
21-12-18	<a href="#">Notice to Exporters 2018/25: open licence updates with effect from 4 January 2019</a> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><a href="#">export after exhibition: dual-use items</a></li> <li><a href="#">export after repair/replacement under warranty: dual-use items</a></li> <li><a href="#">export for repair/replacement under warranty: dual-use items</a></li> <li><a href="#">dual-use items: Hong Kong Special Administrative Region</a></li> <li><a href="#">low value shipments</a></li> <li><a href="#">Turkey</a></li> <li><a href="#">X</a></li> <li><a href="#">Transshipment Licence Dual-Use Goods: Hong Kong Special Administrative Region</a></li> </ul>

Date	Notice No. and Subject
	<a href="#">Notice to Exporters 2018/26: EU-imposed sanctions on Eritrea lifted</a>

## OTHER EU-EFTA COUNTRIES

### Import-export related measures

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

Date*	Measure
<b>GERMANY</b>	
14-12-18	<a href="#">Law on the avoidance of sales tax defaults when trading goods on the Internet and amending further tax regulations</a> (11-12-18) from No. 45 from 14.12.2018, page 2338
<b>ICELAND</b>	
14-12-18	<a href="#">№ 1132/2018 (13-12-18) Regulation on the allocation of customs duties for imports of agricultural products in accordance with Annexes IVA and IVB to the Customs Act</a>
18-12-18	<a href="#">№ 1168 (17-12-18) Regulation amending Regulation no. 1100/2006, on custody and handling of customs goods</a>
19-12-18	<a href="#">№ 1181 (18-12-18) Regulation amending Regulation no. 89/2009, on the title of customs officers.</a>
27-12-18	<a href="#">Law № 124/2018 (18-12-18) amending the Act on the Export of Horses, no. 27/2011, with subsequent amendments (fee to the guarantee fund)</a>
	<a href="#">Law № 136 Announcement on amendment of Annex I to the Customs Act No. 88 May 18, 2005, with subsequent amendments</a>
	<a href="#">Law № 140/2018 (21-12-18) on measures against money laundering and terrorist financing</a>
<b>IRELAND (EIRE)</b>	
14-11-18	<a href="#">No. 26 of 2018 Criminal Justice (Money Laundering and Terrorist Financing) (Amendment) Act 2018</a>
11-12-18	<a href="#">S.I. No. 523 of 2018. European Communities (Pesticide Residues) (Amendment) Regulations 2018.</a>
14-12-18	<a href="#">S.I. No. 531 of 2018 Health Products Regulatory Authority (Fees) (No. 2) Regulations 2018</a>
18-12-18	<a href="#">S.I. No. 533 of 2018 European Union (Mercury) Regulations 2018</a>
	<a href="#">S.I. No. 534 of 2018 Communications Regulation (Universal Postal Service) (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 2018</a>
<b>LIECHTENSTEIN</b>	
07-12-18	LGBI № 2018.274 <a href="#">Law of 4 October 2018 amending the Law on Customs</a> (LR № 631.010)
	LGBI № 2018.282 <a href="#">Law of 4 October 2018 amending the Consumer Protection Act</a> (LR № 944.0)
	LGBI № 2018.293 <a href="#">Law of 4 October 2018 amending the law on the enforcement of international sanctions</a> (LR № 946.21)
	LGBI № 2018.373 <a href="#">Law of 4 October 2018 amending the Law on Trade in Goods in Transition</a> (LR № 943.1)
	LGBI № 2018.385 <a href="#">Law of 4 October 2018 amending the War Material Law</a> (LR № 514.51)
	LGBI № 2018.386 <a href="#">Law of 4 October 2018 amending the Nuclear Goods Control Act</a> (LR № 514.52)
	LGBI № 2018.396 <a href="#">Exchange of Letters between the Principality of Liechtenstein and the European Union concerning the adoption of the Implementing Decision of 24 October 2018 amending Implementing Decision C (2011) 5500 final as regards the title and list of documents to be provided by visa applicants in Saudi</a>



Date*	Measure
	<a href="#">Arabia (further development of the Schengen Agreement) acquis</a> (LR № 0.362.380.088)
	<a href="#">LGBI № 2018.397 Exchange of Letters between the Principality of Liechtenstein and the European Union concerning the adoption of the Implementing Decision of 24 October 2018 establishing the list of documents to be submitted by visa applicants in Bolivia, Ecuador, Pakistan and South Korea in respect of short-stay visa applications (further development of the Schengen Agreement) acquis</a> (LR № 0.362.380.089)
<b>LUXEMBOURG</b>	
19-12-18	<a href="#">Mem A № 1150 Implementation of new European telecommunications standards applicable in the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg.</a>
	<a href="#">Mem A № 1151 Implementation of new European non-electric standards applicable in the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg.</a>
	<a href="#">Mem A № 1152 Implementation of new European standards in the electrotechnical field applicable to the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg.</a>
20-12-18	<a href="#">Mem A № 1158: Grand-Ducal Regulation of 14 December 2018 implementing the Law of 27 June 2018 on Export Control and amending the Grand-Ducal Regulation of 2 April 1993 concerning the execution of acts emanating from the competent institutions of the European Communities concerning agricultural matter.</a>
21-12-18	<a href="#">Mem A №1162: Law of December 21, 2018</a> (a) the purpose of which is 1. to authorize the Government to make, during the months of January to April 2019, the expenses appearing in the tables annexed to this law; 2. to authorize the Government to recover the direct and indirect taxes existing as of December 31, 2018, according to the laws and the tariffs which regulate the base and the perception; 3. to extend certain provisions of the amended law of 15 December 2017 concerning the budget of the State's revenue and expenditure for the 2018 financial year; (b) amending the amended Law of 17 December 2010 fixing excise duties and similar taxes on energy products, electricity, manufactured tobacco products, alcohol and alcoholic beverages.
	<a href="#">Mem A № 1163: Grand-Ducal Regulation of December 21, 2018</a> I. implementing the Law of 15 December 2017 on the budget of revenue and expenditure of the State for the financial year 2018, and implementing the law of 21 December 2018 (a) the purpose of which is 1. to authorize the Government to make, during the months of January to April 2019, the expenses appearing in the tables annexed to this law; 2. to authorize the Government to recover the direct and indirect taxes existing as of December 31, 2018, according to the laws and the tariffs which regulate the base and the perception; 3. to extend certain provisions of the amended law of 15 December 2017 concerning the budget of the State's revenue and expenditure for the 2018 financial year; (b) amending the amended Law of 17 December 2010 fixing excise duties and similar taxes on energy products, electricity, manufactured tobacco products, alcohol and alcoholic beverages.
<b>MALTA</b>	
12-12-18	<a href="#">№ 428 of 2018 – Conformity Assessment of Marine Equipment Regulations (Amendment), 2018 Government Gazette of Malta No. 20,103 – 12.12.2018</a>
	<a href="#">№ 429 of 2018 – Appliances Burning Gaseous Fuels Regulations, 2018 Government Gazette of Malta No. 20,103 – 12.12.2018</a>
	<a href="#">№ 430 of 2018 – Prevention of Money Laundering and Funding of Terrorism (Amendment) Regulations, 2018 Government Gazette of Malta No. 20,103 – 12.12.2018</a>
<b>NORWAY</b>	
06-12-18	<a href="#">FOR-2018-12-04-1795 MINISTRY OF CLIMATE AND ENVIRONMENT Regulations relating to amendments to the Regulations on Restrictions on the Use of Hygiene and Environmental Hazards and Other Products (Product Regulations).</a>

Date*	Measure
	FOR-2018-12-05-1808 MINISTRY OF LABOR AND SOCIAL AFFAIRS, MINISTRY OF CLIMATE AND ENVIRONMENT <a href="#">Regulations concerning change in biocidal regulation (Biocidal Regulations)</a>
07-12-18	FOR-2018-12-06-1814 MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND CARE SERVICES <a href="#">Regulations amending the regulation on public control of compliance with regulations on feed, food and animal welfare (regulation of control)</a> FOR-2018-12-06-1817 MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FOOD <a href="#">Regulations amending the regulation on trade in animals</a>
10-12-18	FOR-2018-12-05-1846 MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND CARE SERVICES <a href="#">Regulations amending the regulation on limit values for drug residues in foodstuffs from animals</a> FOR-2018-12-07-1848 MINISTRY OF CLIMATE AND ENVIRONMENT <a href="#">Regulations amending the Regulation on Registration, Evaluation, Authorization and Restriction of Chemicals (REACH Regulation)</a>
11-12-18	FOR-2018-12-06-1870 MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND CARE SERVICES, MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FOOD, MINISTRY OF FOOD AND FISHERIES <a href="#">Regulations amending the regulation on limit values for drug residues in foodstuffs from animals</a> FOR-2018-12-06-1872 Ministry of Climate and Environment <a href="#">Regulations for change in regulations on recycling and treatment of waste (registration of battery manufacturers, etc.)</a>
12-12-18	FOR-2018-12-06-1879 MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND CARE SERVICES, MINISTRY OF FOOD AND FISHERIES <a href="#">Regulations amending the Regulations on Special Health Rules for Foodstuffs of Animal Origin (Animal Health Regulations)</a> FOR-2018-12-10-1882 MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FOOD <a href="#">Regulations on change in regulation of plants and measures against pests</a>
14-12-18	Law-2018-12-14-96 Ministry of Transport and Communications <a href="#">Law on changes to the Road Traffic Act (requirements for CO<sub>2</sub> emissions)</a>
17-12-18	FOR-2018-12-12-1971 Ministry of Transport and Communications <a href="#">Regulations concerning change in regulations on energy and environmental requirements for the purchase of vehicles for road transport</a>
19-12-18	FOR-2018-12-10-2026 Ministry of Health and Care <a href="#">Regulations for change in regulation of new food</a> FOR-2018-12-14-2032 Ministry of Climate and Environment <a href="#">Regulations amending the Regulation on Restrictions on the Use of Hygiene and Environmental Hazardous Chemicals and Other Products (Amendment of Chapter 6a on Fluidous Substances)</a>
20-12-18	Law-2018-12-20-107 Ministry of Finance <a href="#">Law on amendments to the Customs Act</a>
21-12-18	FOR-2018-12-19-2136 Ministry of Finance <a href="#">Regulations concerning changes in regulations to the Customs and Customs Act (Customs Regulations)</a> GSP as of 1 Jan. 2019
<b>POLAND</b>	
04-12-18	№ 2260 <a href="#">Regulation of the Minister of Finance of November 9, 2018 amending the ordinance on the excise duty exemptions from the duty to mark with excise marks</a> № 2262 <a href="#">Decree of the Minister of Finance of 9 November 2018 regarding the publication of a uniform text of the Regulation of the Minister of Finance on customs declarations</a>
07-12-18	№ 2289 <a href="#">Announcement of the Minister of Enterprise and Technology of 16 November 2018 regarding the publication of a uniform text of the Regulation of the Minister of Economy regarding the establishment of a development plan for the Pomeranian Special Economic Zone</a>
13-12-18	№ 2326 <a href="#">Regulation of the Minister of the Environment of December 3, 2018 on the models of reporting forms for electrical and electronic equipment and waste equipment for 2018</a>
18-12-18	№ 2355 <a href="#">Regulation of the Minister of National Defense of December 7, 2018 amending the ordinance on crossing the state border and flights of foreign military aircraft in the airspace of the Republic of Poland</a>
29-12-18	№ 2488 <a href="#">Regulation of the Minister of Finance of December 21, 2018 regarding the secondment of an officer of the Customs and Tax Service to perform work or perform official duties outside the Customs and Treasury Service</a>

Date*	Measure
31-12-18	<a href="#">№ 2511 The Act of December 14, 2018 amending the Act on the Amendment of the Excise Duty Act and the Customs Law Act</a>
	<a href="#">№ 2512 Regulation of the Minister of Finance of December 21, 2018 on the transfer of Police officers, Internal Security Agency, Intelligence Agency, Military Intelligence Service, Military Counterintelligence Service, Central Anticorruption Bureau, Border Guard or State Protection Service for service in the Customs and Tax Service</a>
	<a href="#">№ 2520 Regulation of the Minister of Finance of December 21, 2018 on the models of authorizations for customs and tax control</a>
	<a href="#">№ 2546 Regulation of the Minister of Finance of 31 December 2018 amending the regulation on the exclusion of certain obligations in the field of declaration of carriage of goods</a>
	<a href="#">№ 2547 Regulation of the Minister of Finance of 31 December 2018 amending the regulation on customs and tax control of certain excise goods</a>
SPAIN	
08-12-18	HEAD OF STATE: <a href="#">Royal Decree-Law 20/2018, of December 7, on urgent measures to boost economic competitiveness in the industry and commerce sector in Spain.(BOE-A-2018-16791)</a>
11-12-18	FOREIGN AFFAIRS, EU AND COOPERATION: <a href="#">Entry into force of the Convention on centralized customs clearance, as regards the distribution of national collection costs that are withheld when traditional own resources are made available to the EU budget, done in Brussels on 10 March 2009.(BOE-A-2018-16901)</a>
15-12-18	AGRICULTURE: <a href="#">Royal Decree 1450/2018, of December 14, by which Royal Decree 38/2017, of January 27, is modified on the application provisions of the European Union regulations on information and promotion actions related to products agricultural products in the internal market and in third countries. (BOE-A-2018-17136)</a>
17-12-18	INDUSTRY, TRADE AND TOURISM: <a href="#">Resolution of December 3, 2018, of the General Directorate of Industry and of Small and Medium-Sized Enterprises, publishing the list of European standards that have been ratified during the month of November 2018 as Spanish standards. (BOE-A-2018-17273)</a>
18-12-18	INDUSTRY, TRADE AND TOURISM: <a href="#">Resolution of December 3, 2018, of the General Directorate of Industry and of the Small and Medium-Sized Companies, publishing the list of UNE regulations annulled during the month of November 2018. (BOE-A-2018-17358)</a>
	INDUSTRY, TRADE AND TOURISM: <a href="#">Resolution of December 3, 2018, of the General Directorate of Industry and of Small and Medium-Sized Enterprises, publishing the list of UNE standards approved by the Spanish Association for Standardization, during the month of November 2018. (BOE-A-2018-17359)</a>
20-12-18	FOREIGN AFFAIRS, EU AND COOPERATION: <a href="#">Amendments to Annexes 6, 8 and 9 of the Customs Convention on the International Transport of Goods under the TIR Carnets, adopted in Geneva on October 12, 2017. (BOE-A-2018-17426)</a>
28-12-18	INDUSTRY, TRADE AND TOURISM: <a href="#">Resolution of December 17, 2018, of the Secretary of State for Commerce, approving the official calendar of international trade fairs of the year 2019 (BOE-A-2018-17959)</a>

### 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
LIECHTENSTEIN	
14-12-18	LGBI № 2018.410 <a href="#">Ordinance of 11 December 2018 amending the Regulation on Measures with the Central African Republic (LR № 946.224.1)</a>
	LGBI № 2018.411 <a href="#">Order of 11 December 2018 amending the Regulation on measures against the Republic of South Sudan (LR № 946.224.3)</a>

Date*	Restrictive Measure
21-12-18	LGBI № 2018.457 <a href="#">Order of 18 December 2018 amending the Regulation on measures against the Democratic Republic of the Congo</a> (LR № 946.222.5)
	LGBI № 2018.458 <a href="#">Order of 18 December 2018 amending the Regulation on measures to prevent the circumvention of international sanctions in relation to the situation in Ukraine</a> (LR № 946.224.2)
	LGBI № 2018.459 <a href="#">Order of 18 December 2018 concerning the repeal of the Regulation on measures against Eritrea</a> (LR № 946.223.5)

## 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
06-12-18	<a href="#">Communiqué Amending the Customs General Communiqué on the Status of Approved Person (Line No: 1) 1 (Number: 5)</a>
07-12-18	<a href="#">Resolution on the Abrogation of the Decision on the Implementation of Tariff Quotas in the Import of Some Agricultural Products (Number of Decision: 414)</a>
	<a href="#">Decision on Amendment to Additional Decision to Import Decree (Number of Decision: 415)</a>
	<a href="#">Additional Decision to Import Regime Decree (Number of Decision: 416)</a>
	<a href="#">Decision on the Amendment of the Borders of the Free Zone of Bursa (Number of Decision: 417)</a>
	<a href="#">Communiqué Amending the Communiqué on the Implementation of Tariff Quotas in the Importation of Some Agriculture and Processed Agricultural Products of Bosnia and Herzegovina</a>
11-12-18	<a href="#">Decision on the Implementation of Safeguard Measures on the Import of Flat Glass from the Islamic Republic of Iran (Number of Decision: 452)</a>
	<a href="#">Communiqué on Protection Measures in Importation (No: 2018/8)</a>
12-12-18	<a href="#">Communiqué on the Export List of Natural Flower Bulbs for the Year 2019 (No: 2018/49)</a>
	<a href="#">List of Inland Processing Permits (D1) of November 2018</a>
	<a href="#">List of Permissions for Inward Processing, Revoked Based on Company Request</a>
	<a href="#">Revoked List of Inward Processing Permissions</a>
14-12-18	<a href="#">Regulation on the Import of Plant Protection Products and Plant Protection Product Raw Materials</a>
22-12-18	<a href="#">Regulation Amending the Regulation on the Pedigree, Records, Import and Export of Purebred Arabian and British Horses</a>
23-12-18	<a href="#">Regulation Amending the Regulation on Procedures and Principles on Domestic and Foreign Trade of Alcohol and Alcoholic Beverages</a>
26-12-18	<a href="#">Decision on the Implementation of Tariff Quota in the Import of Sunflower Seed (Number of Decision: 497)</a>
	<a href="#">Decision on the Application of a Statement of Origin for the Goods to be Utilized from the Preferred Regime within the Scope of the Generalized System of Preferences (Number of Decisions: 501)</a>
	<a href="#">General Communiqué on Customs (Customs Transactions) (Serial No: 157)</a>
	<a href="#">Communiqué Amending the Communiqué Regarding the Customs Brokerage and the Authorized Customs Consultancy Minimum Fee Tariff</a>
27-12-18	<a href="#">Decision on the Implementation of Tariff Quota in the Importation of Some Industrial Products (Number of Decisions: 512)</a>
28-12-18	<a href="#">Decision on the Amendment to the Decision on the Implementation of Tariff Quota for Livestock and Meat Import (Decision Number: 518)</a>
	<a href="#">Communiqué on Import Quota and Tariff Allotment Administration (No: 2018/8)</a>
	<a href="#">Communiqué on Import Quota and Tariff Allotment Administration (No: 2018/9)</a>
29-12-18	<a href="#">Turkish Customs Tariff Schedule Divided to Statistics Positions (Number of Decisions: 516)</a>

Date	Subject
	<a href="#">President Additional Decision to Import Decree (Number of Decisions: 517)</a>
	<a href="#">Communiqué on International Fairs Organized in Turkey (Import: 2019/1)</a>
	<a href="#">Communiqué on the Import of Parts and Parts of Warfare Weapons (Import: 2019/2)</a>
	<a href="#">Communiqué on Import of Radioactive Substances and Their Use (Import: 2019/3)</a>
	<a href="#">Communiqué on Import of High Density Sweeteners (Import: 2019/4)</a>
	<a href="#">Communiqué on Import of Goods Including Maps and Map Information (Import: 2019/5)</a>
	<a href="#">Communiqué on the System of Generalized Preferences (Import: 2019/6)</a>
	<a href="#">Communiqué on Import of Road Vehicles (Import: 2019/7)</a>
	<a href="#">Communiqué on Importation of Civil Air Vehicles (Import: 2019/8)</a>
	<a href="#">Communiqué on Import of Used or Refurbished Goods (Import: 2019/9)</a>
	<a href="#">Communiqué on the Import of Receipts of Banknotes and Similar Instruments (Import: 2019/10)</a>
	<a href="#">Communiqué on the Import of Certain Explosives, Firearms, Knives and Similar Instruments (Import: 2019/11)</a>
	<a href="#">Communiqué on the Registration of End Use Certificates for Dual-Use Materials and Technologies (Import: 2019/12)</a>
	<a href="#">Communiqué on the Import of Certain Materials Affecting Occupational Health and Safety (Import: 2019/13)</a>
	<a href="#">Communiqué on Import of Substances that Decrease Ozone Layer (Import: 2019/14)</a>
	<a href="#">Communiqué on the Inspection of Certain Textiles, Apparel and Leather Products (Import: 2019/15)</a>
	<a href="#">Communiqué on the Import of Fertilizers (Import: 2019/16)</a>
	<a href="#">Communiqué on the Import of Chemical Substances in the Annex of the Chemical Weapons Convention (Import: 2019/17)</a>
	<a href="#">Communiqué on Suspension System (Import: 2019/18)</a>
30-12-18	<a href="#">Communiqué on Safeguard Measures in Importation (No: 2018/9)</a>
	<a href="#">Communiqué on the Abrogation of the Import Control Communiqué on Some Consumer Products (Product Safety and Inspection: 2018/18)</a>
	<a href="#">Communiqué on the Compliance with Standards Compliance in Importation (Product Safety and Inspection: 2019/1)</a>
	<a href="#">Communiqué on Import Inspection of Wastes that are under control for the protection of the environment (Product Safety and Inspection: 2019/3)</a>
	<a href="#">Communiqué on Import Inspection of Substances Subject to Special Permissions of the Ministry of Health (Product Safety and Inspection: 2019/4)</a>
	<a href="#">Communiqué on Import Inspection of Products Subject to the Control of the Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry (Product Safety and Inspection: 2019/5)</a>
	<a href="#">Communiqué on Import Inspection of Chemicals that are under control for the protection of the environment (Product Safety and Inspection: 2019/6)</a>
	<a href="#">Communiqué on Import Inspection of Solid Fuels that are under control for the protection of the environment (Product Safety and Inspection: 2019/7)</a>
	<a href="#">Communiqué on Import Supervision of Radio and Telecommunications Terminal Equipment (Product Safety and Inspection: 2019/8)</a>
	<a href="#">Communiqué on Import Inspection of Certain Products for which 201 CE: Marking is required (Product Safety and Inspection: 2019/9)</a>
	<a href="#">Communiqué on Import Inspection of Toys (Product Safety and Inspection: 2019/10)</a>
	<a href="#">Communiqué on Import Inspection of Personal Protective Equipment (Product Safety and Inspection: 2019/11)</a>
	<a href="#">Communiqué on Import Inspection of Consumer Products (Product Safety and Inspection: 2019/12)</a>
	<a href="#">Communiqué on the Announcement of New Values of Administrative Fines Held with the Law on the Preparation and Implementation of Technical Legislation Regarding the Products numbered 4703 (Product Safety and Inspection: 2019/13)</a>
	<a href="#">Communiqué on Import Inspection of Construction Materials (Product Safety and Inspection: 2019/14)</a>



Date	Subject
	<a href="#">Communiqué on Import Inspection of Batteries and Accumulators (Product Safety and Inspection: 2019/15)</a>
	<a href="#">Communiqué on Import Inspection of Medical Devices (Product Safety and Inspection: 2019/16)</a>
	<a href="#">Communiqué on Import Inspection of Some Products Audited by the Ministry of Health (Product Safety and Inspection: 2019/20)</a>
	<a href="#">Communiqué on Commercial Quality Control in the Export and Import of Some Agricultural Products (Product Safety and Inspection: 2019/21)</a>
	<a href="#">Communiqué on Import Inspection of Metal Scrapes under Environmental Protection (Product Safety and Inspection: 2019/23)</a>
	<a href="#">Communiqué on Import Inspection of Vehicle Parts (Product Safety and Inspection: 2019/25)</a>
31-12-18	<a href="#">Communiqué Amending the Communiqué (Export: 2017/4) on Exports, Transit Trade, Exports, Sales and Delivery, Taxation, Duty and Fees Exemption in Foreign Exchange-Making Services and Activities (Export: 2018/9)</a>
	<a href="#">Communiqué on the Implementation of Supervision on Importation (No: 2018/15)</a>
	<a href="#">Communiqué on the Implementation of Supervision on Importation (No: 2019/1)</a>
	<a href="#">Communiqué on the Prevention of Unfair Competition in Importation (No: 2018/40)</a>
	<a href="#">Communiqué on the Prevention of Unfair Competition in Importation (No: 2019/1)</a>
	<a href="#">Communiqué on the Prevention of Unfair Competition in Importation (No: 2019/2)</a>
	<a href="#">Communiqué on the Prevention of Unfair Competition in Importation (No: 2019/3)</a>
	<a href="#">Communiqué on the Prevention of Unfair Competition in Importation (No: 2019/4)</a>
	<a href="#">Free Trade Zone of Sales Made from Third Countries Export Credit Bank of Turkey Inc.'s credit, insurance and warranty Communiqué on the Enjoyment of Service (Export: 2018/10)</a>

## 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
04-12-18	INTERDEPARTMENTAL COMMISSION ON INTERNATIONAL TRADE (ICIT): <a href="#">Notice on the suspension of an anti-subsidy investigation concerning the import of passenger cars originating in Uzbekistan without the use of measures</a> AC-401/2018 / 4411-05 (03-12-18)
12-12-18	<a href="#">On Approval of the Provisional Procedure for the Execution of Customs Formalities in the course of customs clearance of vehicles for their free circulation in the customs territory of Ukraine and amending the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine Decrees of 7 September 1998 No. 1388 and No. 499 of June 4, 2007</a> Resolution of the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine; Order from 12.12.2018 № 1077
18-12-18	<a href="#">On adoption as the basis of the draft Law of Ukraine on amendments to certain legislative acts concerning the provision of engineering and technical equipment and maintenance of the state border</a> Resolution of the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine dated 12/18/2018 No. 2652-VIII



Date	Subject
20-12-18	ICIT: <a href="#">Notification of anti-dumping investigation against roller bearings of roller radials with short cylindrical rollers from Kazakhstan</a> No. AD-403/2018 /4411-05 (14-12-18)
	ICIT: <a href="#">Notification of the expiration on 19-09-19 of the definitive anti-dumping measures on the import into Ukraine of products made of ferrous metals, without electrical insulation (excluding products made of corrosion-resistant (stainless steel) steel and products for civil aviation) originating from China</a> No. AD-320/2014 /4421-06 (15-09-14)
	ICIT: <a href="#">Notification of the expiration on 08-07-19 of the period of application of the definitive anti-dumping measures on imports into Ukraine of fibreboard originating from Belarus</a> AD-314/2014 /4421-06 (01-07-14)
	ICIT: <a href="#">Notification of the expiration on 08-07-19 of the term of the definitive anti-dumping measures on imports into Ukraine of ammonium nitrate (ammonium nitrate) originating from the Russian Federation</a> AD-315/2014 /4421-06 (07-07-14)
	ICIT: <a href="#">Notice on the extension of the deadline for an anti-dumping investigation on imports into Ukraine of electric filament lamps of general purpose originating from Belarus</a> AD-402/2018 /4411-05 (14-12-18)
22-12-18	<a href="#">On adoption as the basis of the draft Law of Ukraine on amendments to certain legislative acts of Ukraine on the procurement of products, works and services of defense purposes for import</a> Resolution of the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine dated 12/22/2012 No. 2664-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, and draft documents are not generally listed.

Publication Date	Title
<b>COUNCIL (COBET) OF THE EURASIAN ECONOMIC COMMISSION РЕШЕНИЕ</b>	
***	<a href="#">№ 90 (01-11-18) On the system of labeling goods with control (identification) marks</a>
	<a href="#">№ 96 (05-12-18) On the requirements for the creation, development and operation of a cross-border trust space</a>
	<a href="#">№ 97 (05-12-18) On setting the import customs duty rate of the Unified Customs Tariff of the Eurasian Economic Union in respect of plasticized plastic to produce wallpaper and amending the List of goods and rates to which the customs duty rates during the transition period by the Republic of Armenia differ from the Unified Customs Tariff Eurasian Economic Union</a>
	<a href="#">№ 98 (05-12-18) On technical regulations of the Eurasian Economic Union "On the safety of alcoholic beverages"</a>
<b>BOARD (КОЛЛЕГИИ) OF THE EURASIAN ECONOMIC COMMISSION РЕШЕНИЯ</b>	
30-11-18	<a href="#">№ 191 (28-11-18) On the structure and format of preliminary information on goods intended for importation into the customs territory of the Eurasian Economic Union by water transport</a>
	<a href="#">№ 192 (28-11-18) On the structure and format of preliminary information on goods intended to be imported into the customs territory of the Eurasian Economic Union by air</a>
	<a href="#">№ 193 (28-11-18) On the structure and format of preliminary information on goods intended to be imported into the customs territory of the Eurasian Economic Union by rail</a>

Publication Date	Title
	<p><a href="#">№ 194 (28-11-18) On the structure and format of preliminary information on goods intended to be imported into the customs territory of the Eurasian Economic Union by road</a></p> <p><a href="#">№ 195 (28-11-18) On fulfillment by the Republic of Armenia of obligations within the framework of the functioning of the internal market of the Eurasian Economic Union</a></p> <p><a href="#">№ 196 (28-11-18) On technological documents regulating information interaction when implementing by means of an integrated information system of the Eurasian Economic Union a common process "Formation, maintenance and use of a single register of notifications"</a></p>
04-12-18	<p><a href="#">№ 197 (03-12-18) On the provision of the Eurasian Economic Commission with official statistical information by the authorized bodies of the member states of the Eurasian Economic Union</a></p>
14-12-18	<p><a href="#">№ 198 (11-12-18) On setting the rate of import customs duty of the Unified Customs Tariff of the Eurasian Economic Union in respect of certain types of fertilized fish roe and on introducing changes in the list of goods and rates for which the Kyrgyz Republic applies in the transition period import duty rates Common Customs Tariff of the Eurasian Economic Union</a></p> <p><a href="#">№ 199 (11-12-18) On the extension of the validity of the rate of import customs duty of the Unified Customs Tariff of the Eurasian Economic Union in relation to natural calcium phosphates, natural calcium aluminum phosphates and phosphate chalk, ground</a></p> <p><a href="#">№ 200 (11-12-18) On the extension of the antidumping measure on cold-formed seamless stainless steel pipes originating from the People's Republic of China and Malaysia and imported into the customs territory of the Eurasian Economic Union, and recognizing the Decision of the Board of the Eurasian Economic Commission of April 3, 2018 No. 49 as invalid</a></p> <p><a href="#">№ 201 (11-12-18) On technological documents regulating information interaction during the implementation by means of an integrated information system of the Eurasian Economic Union of the general process "Ensuring exchange between authorized bodies of the member states of the Eurasian Economic Union information on the movement of ozone-depleting substances and products containing them in the implementation of mutual trade within the Eurasian Economic Union"</a></p> <p><a href="#">№ 202 (11-12-18) On introducing changes to the list of common processes within the Eurasian Economic Union</a></p> <p><a href="#">№ 203 (11-12-18) On some issues of the application of customs procedures</a></p> <p><a href="#">№ 204 (11-12-18) On making amendments to the Instruction on the procedure for filling in goods declarations</a></p>
21-12-18	<p><a href="#">№ 205 (18-12-18) On making changes to the Unified Veterinary (Veterinary-Sanitary) requirements for goods subject to veterinary control (supervision)</a></p> <p><a href="#">№ 206 (18-12-18) On Amendments to the Decision of the Commission of the Customs Union of April 7, 2011 No. 607</a></p> <p><a href="#">№ 207 (18-12-18) On approval of the Rules for the implementation of the overall process "Ensuring the implementation of electronic information interaction between the member states of the Eurasian Economic Union in order to exchange customs information with third countries"</a></p> <p><a href="#">№ 208 (18-12-18) On technological documents regulating information interaction when implementing by means of an integrated information system of the Eurasian Economic Union a common process "Ensuring the implementation of electronic information interaction between the member states of the Eurasian Economic Union in order to exchange customs information with third countries"</a></p> <p><a href="#">№ 209 (18-12-18) On Amendments to the Decision of the Board of the Eurasian Economic Commission of May 12, 2015 No. 53</a></p>
<b>BOARD RECOMMENDATIONS</b>	
30-11-18	<p><a href="#">№ 26 (28-11-18) On the development of cooperation between the States members of the Eurasian Economic Union in the field of poultry meat production and its products</a></p>

Publication Date	Title
04-12-18	<a href="#">№ 27 (03-12-18) On the collective classification grouping of goods in the field of information and communication technologies for the formation of statistical indicators in order to implement the digital agenda of the Eurasian Economic Union</a>
21-12-18	<a href="#">№ 28 (18-12-18) On the procedure for electronic interaction between the customs authority and the authorized bodies of the member state of the Eurasian Economic Union, exercising control (supervision) at the customs border of the Union, with prior notification</a>

## 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 web-site 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 2 January 2019. The table lists the tariff codes, a description, rationale (GRIs) for the decision.

## BELARUS

### 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 November 2018. It may be searched by tariff code or description (in Russian).

## RUSSIAN FEDERATION

### Russia expands sanctions list against Ukraine

On 25 December 2018, the Russian Prime Minister signed Resolution No. 1656, which expands the list of Ukrainian individuals and legal entities subject to Russian sanctions.

The sanctions against Ukraine were initially introduced by the Russian Government on 1 November 2018 under Resolution No. 1300. The sanctions include: (a) the blocking/ freezing of non-cash funds, non-documentary securities and property located within the Russian Federation, and (b) a ban on the transfer of money from Russia abroad.

Resolution No. 1656 adds 245 individuals and 7 companies to this list. As a result, the current list includes 567 individuals and 75 companies from Ukraine.

Resolution No. 1656 entered into force on 25 December 2018.

For additional information, please contact the authors, [Vladimir Efremov](#) and [Alexander Bychkov](#).

### From January 1, 2019, the norms for the importation of goods for personal use without paying customs duties and taxes changes

The Federal Customs Service (FCS) of Russia [informs](#) that from January 1, 2019, the norms of goods that are imported into Russia without paying customs duties in international mail or express carriers, as well as in accompanied and unaccompanied baggage, change.

For goods purchased abroad and delivered within one calendar month to one individual in international parcels or express carriers, individuals will not have to pay customs duties and taxes if the value of the goods does not exceed an equivalent of 500 euros, and their weight - 31 kg.

Goods ordered (purchased) in 2018, but received for customs clearance in 2019, will be subject to the 2019 norms.

[As previously reported by the Press Service of the Federal Customs Service of Russia](#), from January 1, 2019, the norms for importing goods for personal use without paying customs duties, which are imported into Russia by various means of transport in accompanied and (or) unaccompanied baggage, change.

The rate for goods transported by air remains unchanged. Without paying duties, taxes, it will be possible to import goods worth up to 10,000 euros and weighing up to 50 kg.

If individuals carry goods by road and rail, sea and river transport, as well as on foot, accompanied and (or) unaccompanied baggage, then customs payments are not subject to goods up to 500 euros and (or) up to 25 kg

Duties must be paid If the duty free limits are exceeded. In the calculations, a single rate of 30% of the value of the goods is applied, but not less than 4 euros per kilogram of weight in terms of exceeding the value and / or weight norms.

For indivisible goods weighing more than 35 kg, customs duties and taxes will be calculated on the total value and on the total weight of the goods.

The rules for importing goods for personal use, as well as with the rules within which goods are imported without paying customs duties and taxes may be seen [here](#).

### 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
03-12-18	<u><a href="#">Order of the Government of the Russian Federation of 30.11.2018 No. 2637-p "On signing the Protocol on amending the Agreement between the Government of the Russian Federation and the Government of the Republic of Kazakhstan on the procedure for crossing the Russian-Kazakh state border by residents of the border areas of the Russian Federation and the Republic of Kazakhstan of October 3, 2006 . "</a></u>
05-12-18	<u><a href="#">Order of the Government of the Russian Federation of 03.12.2018 No. 2671-p "Concerning the conclusion by exchanging notes of the Agreement between the Government of the Russian Federation and the Government of the Republic of Kazakhstan on the establishment of a bilateral freight railway checkpoint on the Russian-Kazakh state border of Buskulsky - Buskul with an operating mode on an irregular basis"</a></u>
	<u><a href="#">Decree of the Government of the Russian Federation of 03.12.2018 No. 2672-p "On the conclusion by exchanging notes of the Agreement between the Government of the Russian Federation and the Government of the Republic of Kazakhstan on the establishment of a bilateral freight railway checkpoint across the Russian-Kazakh state border Kvartsitny - Kairak with operating on an irregular basis"</a></u>

Date of Publication	Subject
07-12-18	<a href="#">Decree of the Government of the Russian Federation of 07.12.2018 No. 1495 "On the distribution of the tariff quota volume for certain types of long-grain rice originating from the Socialist Republic of Vietnam, in 2019"</a>
10-12-18	<a href="#">Decree of the Government of the Russian Federation of 06.12.2018 No. 1491 "On the definition of checkpoints across the state border of the Russian Federation, in which various types of state control (supervision) are carried out by customs officials"</a>
13-12-18	<a href="#">Presidential Decree No. 714 of December 13, 2018 "On Amendments to the List of dual-use goods and technologies that can be used to create weapons and military equipment and for which export controls are carried out, approved by Decree of the President of the Russian Federation of December 17, 2011 No. 1661"</a>
14-12-18	<a href="#">Decree of the Government of the Russian Federation of 12.12.2018 No. 1512 "On approval of the list of checkpoints across the state border of the Russian Federation, which allow the sale of goods to individuals arriving to the customs territory of the Eurasian Economic Union by air or water transport"</a>
	<a href="#">Resolution of the Government of the Russian Federation No. 1524 of December 14, 2018 "On the Distribution of Tariff Quotas for Cattle Meat, Pork and Poultry Meat in 2019"</a>
18-12-18	<a href="#">Order of the Federal Customs Service of 21.11.2018 No. 1875 "On recognizing invalid the order of the Federal Customs Service of Russia of December 28, 2010 No. 2634" On approval of forms of documents on imposing (canceling) arrest on the property of the payer as a way to enforce the decision of the customs authority to collect customs duties and taxes at the expense of other property of the payer " (Registered on 12/14/2018 No. 53018)</a>
19-12-18	<a href="#">Order of the Federal Customs Service of 21.11.2018 No. 1879 "On recognizing invalid the order of the Federal Customs Service of Russia of November 8, 2011 No. 2263" On approval of the Administrative Regulations of the Federal Customs Service for the provision of state services for issuing and revoking qualification certificates of specialists in customs operations "and submitted changes in it " (Registered 12/18/2018 No. 53038)</a>
26-12-18	<a href="#">Order of the Government of the Russian Federation of 24.12.2018 No. 2924-p "On the Deputy Head of the Federal Customs Service"</a>
	<a href="#">Order of the Government of the Russian Federation of 24.12.2018 No. 2925-p "On the Deputy Head of the Federal Customs Service"</a>

## Africa

### African Continental FTA status

On 13 December 2018, [tralac](#) (the Trade Law Centre) reported:

African leaders held an Extraordinary Summit on the African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA) from 17-21 March 2018 in Kigali, Rwanda, during which the Agreement establishing the AfCFTA was presented for signature, along with the Kigali Declaration and the Protocol on Free Movement of Persons, Right to Residence and Right to Establishment. In total, 44 out of the 55 AU member states signed the consolidated text of the AfCFTA Agreement, 47 signed the Kigali Declaration and 30 signed the Protocol on Free Movement.

Additionally, five countries signed the AfCFTA Agreement during the 31st Ordinary Session of the African Union Assembly in Mauritania on 1 July 2018 – South Africa, Sierra Leone, Lesotho, Burundi, and Namibia – bringing the total number of signatories to 49. Twenty-two (22) ratifications are required for the Agreement to enter into force. The African Union Commission hopes to achieve the required number of ratifications by March 2019.

To date, seven countries have deposited their instruments of AfCFTA ratification with the Chairperson of the African Union Commission: Ghana, Kenya, Rwanda, Niger, Chad, eSwatini (former Swaziland), and Uganda. Guinea, South Africa, Sierra Leone, Ivory Coast, Mali, Namibia and Senegal have received parliamentary approval for ratification, bringing the total number of ratifications (deposited and pending) to 14.

## SOUTH AFRICA

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

Date	Publication Details	Subject	Implementation Date
21-12-18	GG.42131 R.1422	Amendment to Part 1 of Schedule No. 1, by the substitution of tariff subheadings 1701.12, 1701.13, 1701.14, 1701.91, and 1701.99 to reduce the rate of customs duty on sugar from 460.86c/kg to 369.57c/kg in terms of the existing variable tariff formula – Minute M12/2018 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><a href="#">Notice R.1422</a></li> </ul>	21-12-18
	GG.42128 R.1420	Amendments to the Rules under section 77H, to repeal and replace the current outdated rules dealing with internal administrative appeals <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><a href="#">Notice R.1420</a></li> </ul>	
28-12-18		Explanatory memorandum to the amendments to Schedules No. 1, 3, 4, 5 and 6, to implement changes to the rates of customs duties in terms of the Economic Partnership Agreement between the European Union and the Southern African Development Community EPA States for 2019 and other miscellaneous amendments <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><a href="#">Explanatory memorandum</a></li> </ul>	01-01-19
	GG.42140 R.1438	Amendment to Part 1 of Schedule No. 1, to implement changes to the rates of customs duties in terms of the Economic Partnership Agreement between the European Union and the Southern African Development Community EPA States for 2019 and other miscellaneous amendments <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><a href="#">Notice R.1438</a></li> </ul>	
	GG.42140 R.1439	Amendment to Part 2A of Schedule No. 1, to delete tariff items in Part 2A of Schedule No. 1 as a consequence to a deletion in Part 1 of Schedule No. 1 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><a href="#">Notice R.1439</a></li> </ul>	
	GG.42140 R.1440	Amendment to Part 1 of Schedule No. 3 – <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>to delete rebate item 315.05/7308.90.90/01.01 in Part 1 of Schedule No. 3 as a consequence to a deletion in Part 1 of Schedule No. 1 and to insert rebate item 315.05/7308.90.99/01.01; and</li> <li>to delete Note 10 to rebate item 317.03 which covered the transitional note for the migration from the MIDP to the APDP as it has become redundant.</li> <li><a href="#">Notice R.1440</a></li> </ul>	
	GG.42140 R.1441	Amendment to Part 2 of Schedule No. 4, to delete rebate item 460.02/12.06/01.04 and rebate item 460.07/39.19/01.04 as they have become redundant <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><a href="#">Notice R.1441</a></li> </ul>	



Date	Publication Details	Subject	Implementation Date
	GG.42140 R.1443	Amendment to Part 3 of Schedule No. 5 – <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>to delete Note 1 to rebate item 537.00 applicable to MIDP and Notes 2 is renumbered as Note 1, to remove the reference to rebate item 317.04 applicable to MIDP;</li> <li>to delete refund items 537.01, 537.01/8701.20/01.06, 537.01/87.02/01.04, 537.01/87.03/01.04, 537.01/87.04/01.04 and 537.01/87.06/01.04 are being deleted, as they were applicable to MIDP; and</li> <li>to delete refund item 538.00/00.00/02.00 applicable to MIDP</li> <li><a href="#">Notice R1443</a></li> </ul>	
	GG.42140 R.1442	Amendment to Part 1F of Schedule No. 6, to delete rebate items 623.27/105.10/01.01 and 623.27/105.10/02.01 as they have become redundant <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><a href="#">Notice R.1442</a></li> </ul>	
	GG.42140 R.1436	Amendment to Schedule No. 1, to implement the revised Tariff Rate Quota in terms of the Economic Partnership Agreement (EPA) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><a href="#">Notice R.1436</a></li> </ul>	
	GG.42140 R.1437	Amendment to Schedule No. 1, to implement the revised Tariff Rate Quota in terms of the Economic Partnership Agreement (EPA) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><a href="#">Notice R.1437</a></li> </ul>	01-09-18 to 31-12-18
	GG.42140 R.1435	Amendment to Part 1C of Schedule No. 6, by the insertion of Note 7 as well a rebate items 620.25; 620.25/604.15.21/01.01 and 620.25/604.15.23/02.1, to create a rebate provision for unfortified wine used in the manufacture of foodstuffs <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><a href="#">Notice R.1435</a></li> </ul>	28-12-18

## 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; DDTC= 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; NOAA=National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration; OFAC=Office of Foreign Assets Control (Treasury); SEC=Securities and Exchange Commission; USCG= US Coast Guard; USPIS=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
12-04-18	<a href="#">4 indicted in Panama Papers investigation</a> (DOJ, ICE, IRS, FBI, French and UK authorities)
12-05-18	<a href="#">Former Head of Organization Backed by Chinese Energy Conglomerate Convicted of International Bribery, Money Laundering Offenses</a> (DOJ, FBI, IRS, ICE)
12-10-18	<a href="#">Texas businessman pleads guilty to conspiracy to obstruct justice in connection with Venezuela bribery scheme</a> (DOJ, ICE)
12-12-18	<a href="#">Members of international movie piracy ring indicted in scheme to steal and sell pre-release Hollywood films and TV shows</a> (DOJ, ICE, London Police, French and Canadian authorities)
	<a href="#">Settlement Agreement between the U.S. Department of the Treasury's Office of Foreign Assets Control and Yantai Jereh Oilfield Services Group Co. Ltd.</a> [ITSR-\$2,774,972] (OFAC, BIS, CBP)
13-12-18	<a href="#">U.S. Customs and Border Protection Officer Indicted on Charges of Theft and False Statements</a> (DOJ, DHS-IG)
12-14-18	<a href="#">Former Florida CEO Pleads Guilty To Export Violations And Agrees To Pay Record \$17 Million To Department Of Commerce</a> (DOJ, BIS, ICE)
12-18-18	<a href="#">2 L.A. Fashion District executives and their import-export company sentenced in scheme to launder money for drug cartels</a> (DOJ, ICE, IRS)
	<a href="#">IAV GmbH to Pay \$35 Million Criminal Fine in Guilty Plea for Its Role in Volkswagen AG Emissions Fraud</a> (DOJ, FBI, EPA)
12-20-18	<a href="#">Order Relating to Eric Baird [BIS settlement - Payment of 17,000,000 of which 7,000,000 is suspended]</a> (BIS)
	<a href="#">California Man Sentenced to Nearly 4 Years in Federal Prison for Scheme to Smuggle Rifle Scopes and Tactical Equipment to Syria</a> (DOJ, FBI, ICE, BIS, IRS)
	<a href="#">Chinese Citizens Sentenced in Scheme to Sell Mislabeled Dietary Supplements</a> (DOJ, FDA)

## 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 on-line articles, publications, client alerts, legal alerts or newsletters released during the period of coverage of this *Update* may be of interest to you:


Subject
<b>INTERNATIONAL TRADE, TAX AND ANTI-CORRUPTION</b>
<a href="#">Global International Trade Compliance Update – December 2018</a> <span style="float: right;">(older issues)</span>
<a href="#">Global Compliance News: A New Proposed Metric For Defense Co. Corruption Risk</a>
<a href="#">Baker McKenzie FenXun China International Commercial &amp; Trade Client Alert: US Trade Sanctions and Export Controls Targeting Iran – Potential Risk Exposure for Companies</a>

Subject
<a href="#">and Management Personnel</a> (Eng.); <a href="#">美国针对伊朗的贸易制裁和出口管制 — 公司和 管理人员的潜在风险</a> (Chinese).
<a href="#">Mexico Tax Client Alert (Alert 70) - Preparation for business activities in Northern Border Zone</a> (Eng.); <a href="#">Preparación de operaciones en Zona Fronteriza Norte</a> (Span.)
<a href="#">Thailand Client Alert: Latest ministerial regulations clarify security and license requirements for direct sales and direct marketing businesses</a>
<b>OTHER AREAS</b>
<a href="#">London IP Tech Client Alert: Updated Audiovisual Media Services Directive</a>
<a href="#">Vietnam Insurance Client Alert: Vietnam simplifies certain Insurance Business Conditions for Insurance Companies and Agents</a>
<a href="#">BM Blockchain Blog: Launch of First Multi-Crypto ETP at SIX Swiss Exchange</a>
<a href="#">BM Blockchain Blog: EU Blockchain Roundtable meets to discuss future of technology and formation of international association</a>
<a href="#">EMEA Healthcare Industry Group Newsletter (December 2018)</a>
<a href="#">Hong Kong Dispute Resolution Client Alert: Arbitration in Hong Kong – Third Party Funding Takes Effect</a>
<a href="#">Insight: US - FDA Looks to Notably Change 510(k) Review Process</a>
<a href="#">Insight: Mexico: The Federal Institute of Telecommunications issues the Annual Program of Use and Exploitation of Frequency Bands 2019</a>
<a href="#">Brexit Blog: “Brexit” deal or no deal and the impact on your IP – what do you need to do now?</a>
<a href="#">Thailand Insurance Newsletter: Insurance Revolution #9: Insurtech Mergers and Acquisitions.</a>
<a href="#">Thailand Client Alert: Cancellation of Investment Promotion Scheme for IHQ and ITC</a>
<a href="#">Thailand Client Alert: Recent release of subordinated legislation under Thai Competition Act 2017 anticipated to significantly enhance enforceability</a>
<a href="#">Vietnam Renewable Energy Client Alert: Vietnam's updates on new Circular on application for power generation licenses for power plants and its impacts on solar power projects</a>
<a href="#">BMVN Vietnam Intellectual Property Newsletter - December 2018 I. 지식 재산권 관련 최신 뉴스</a> (In Korean - Latest IP News)
<a href="#">Mexico Environmental Client Alert (Alert 65) - New guidelines for forestry land use change approvals in Mexico</a> (Eng.); <a href="#">Nuevos lineamientos para el cambio de uso de suelo forestal en México</a> (Span.)
<a href="#">Employment Client Alert: End of service gratuity in the UAE and KSA - Limiting your liability when your employee leaves</a>
<a href="#">Global Technology, Media &amp; Telecommunications Group LegalBytes December 2018/January 2019: Updates - Privacy and Data Protection, Telecoms &amp; Regulatory, IT &amp; E-Commerce and Consumer Law</a>
<a href="#">Vietnam Technology, Media &amp; Telecommunications Client Alert: Vietnam to build a Code of Conduct for social networks</a>
<a href="#">Vietnam Technology, Media &amp; Telecommunications Client Alert: Baker McKenzie Vietnam and industry stakeholders share views on OTT services as the government reviews the draft decree on the management, provision, and use of radio and television services</a>
<a href="#">US Employment &amp; Compensation Law Digest 2018/2019</a>
<a href="#">Insight: Takeaways from the First GDPR Fines</a>
<a href="#">Blockchain blog: Australia Uses Blockchain to Provide Better Counterfeit Protections for Australian Businesses and Consumers</a>
<a href="#">Blockchain blog: Blockchain Leadership Summit in Basel</a>
<a href="#">Global Compliance blog: Thailand: Cybersecurity Bill Revised and Reissued in November 2018</a>
<a href="#">Russia Banking and Finance Client Alert: Internet Payments Could Be Heavily Regulated By Proposed Legislation</a> (Eng.); <a href="#">Интернет платежи могут подвергнуться жестким ограничениям</a> (Rus.)

## Webinars, Meetings, Seminars, Etc.

### 2019: What's Up in International Trade?

Keeping up to Speed on Evolving Challenges



We are very pleased to announce our **16<sup>th</sup> annual Global Trade and Supply Chain Webinar Series** entitled, “**2019: What's Up in International Trade? Keeping up to Speed on Evolving Challenges**”. The series will include the latest international trade developments including updates on Trade Wars, Trade Agreement negotiations and key customs, export controls and sanctions developments. In addition to our usual topics of Customs and export controls/sanctions, we will also cover Foreign investment review regimes around the world and emerging compliance risks in areas such as Human Rights and Forced Labour.

This year, we will expand our program of basic customs webinars to cover the areas of export controls and sanctions. The Basic program (highlighted in **orange**) will be primarily aimed at participants who are new to Global Trade and/or those who would like a refresher.

**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 and co-leader of the EMEA Customs practice, 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](http://www.timeanddate.com)

To register for this **complimentary webinar series**, click on the **Register Now** button below and provide your information. You can register for one or all webinars.

We hope you will participate in and enjoy this exciting webinar series!

Upcoming Webinar Dates and Topics:		Details
Date	Topic	
January 29	<b>Basic: How to Classify Your Products (Customs)</b> <b>Speakers:</b> Jose Hoyos-Robles (Mexico City), Olof Johannesson (Stockholm), Andrew Rose (London), and Riza Buditomo (Jakarta)	<b>Webinar Start Time:</b> 08:00 AM (Pacific) - San Francisco 10:00 AM (Central) - Chicago 11:00 AM (Eastern) - DC 4:00 PM (GMT) - London 5:00 PM (CET) - Frankfurt 12:00 AM+ (CST) - Beijing 1:00 AM+ (JST) - Tokyo  *see <a href="http://timeanddate.com">timeanddate.com</a> for time in your location.  <b>Duration:</b> 90 Minutes  <b>Login Details:</b> Log-in details will be sent via email one week before the event.  <b>Webinar Series Lead:</b>
February 26	<b>Trade Wars vs. Free Trade Agreements (Brexit, TPP, NAFTA)</b> <b>Speakers:</b> Stu Seidel (DC), Cindy Owens (Singapore), Jenny Revis (London), and Meera Rolaz (London)	
March 19	<b>Basic: Export controls and sanctions</b> <b>Speakers:</b> Ben Smith (London), Olof Konig (Stockholm), Hanna Shtepa (Kyiv), and Paul Amberg (Amsterdam)	

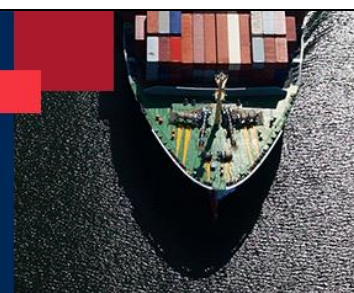
<b>April 30</b>	<b>Conducting investigations and making disclosures</b> <b>Speakers:</b> Ross Denton (London), John McKenzie (San Francisco), Anahita Thoms (Dusseldorf), and Lise Test (DC)	<p><b>Teresa A. Gleason</b>  Head, Global Customs Focus Group  (San Francisco, CA)  T +1 415 576 3021  <a href="mailto:teresa.gleason@bakermckenzie.com">teresa.gleason@bakermckenzie.com</a></p> <p><b>Jennifer F. Revis</b>  Partner  (London)  T 44 20 7919 1381  <a href="mailto:jenny.revis@bakermckenzie.com">jenny.revis@bakermckenzie.com</a></p> <p><b>These webinars are all complimentary.</b></p> <p><b>REGISTER NOW!</b></p> <p><b>Questions:</b>  If you have any questions regarding this webinar series, please contact:</p> <p><b>Sal Gonzalez</b>  Business Development Specialist  Tel: +1 202 835 1661  <a href="mailto:sal.gonzalez@bakermckenzie.com">sal.gonzalez@bakermckenzie.com</a></p> <p><b>MCLE Credit:</b>  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 &amp; McKenzie LLP is a California and Illinois CLE approved provider. Baker &amp; 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. We have applied to renew our accreditation for our webinar in December and our upcoming webinars in 2019. This program may earn newly admitted New York attorneys credit under Areas of Professional Practice. Baker &amp; McKenzie LLP is an accredited sponsor, approved by the State Bar of Texas, Committee on MCLE.</p> <p>  These webinars have been approved for 1.5 CCS, CES and MES credit by the National Customs Brokers &amp; Forwarders Association of America, Inc. </p>
<b>May 21</b>	<b>Basic: How to determine the origin of your products (Customs)</b> <b>Speakers:</b> Adrianna Ibarra-Fernandez (Mexico City), Jessica Mutton (Barcelona), and John F. McKenzie (San Francisco)	
<b>June 25</b>	<b>Overview of global ABC enforcement</b> <b>Speakers:</b> Yindi Gesinde (London), Julian Godfray (London), Omid Uskowi (DC), and Henry Chen (Shanghai). <b>Moderator:</b> Tristan Grimmer (London)	
<b>July 30</b>	<b>Basic: How to value your products (Customs)</b> <b>Speakers:</b> Kevin Nordin; (London) Jon Cowley (Hong Kong), and Brian Cacic (Toronto)	
<b>August 27</b>	<b>Foreign investment review regimes around the world: Focus on US, EU, UK, Germany and Canada</b> <b>Speakers:</b> Kevin Nordin; (London) Jon Cowley (Hong Kong), and Brian Cacic (Toronto)	
<b>September 24</b>	<b>Basic: Overview of customs and imports developments: US, Brazil, China/Asia and Mexico</b> <b>Speakers:</b> Eunkyung Kim Shin (Chicago), Alessandra Machado (Sao Paulo), Frank Pan (Shanghai), and Armando De Lille (Monterrey)	
<b>October 29</b>	<b>Key updates on export controls and sanctions</b> <b>Speakers:</b> Kerry Contini (DC), Sven Bates (London), Alexandra Alberti (London), Alexander Bychkov (Moscow), and Anne Petterd (Singapore)	
<b>November 19</b>	<b>Basic: Overview of customs and imports developments: EU, Middle East and Russia</b> <b>Speakers:</b> Nicole Looks (Frankfurt), Ana Royuela (Barcelona), Reggie Mezu (Dubai), and Vladimir Efremov (Moscow)	
<b>December 17</b>	<b>Managing Emerging Compliance Risks</b> <b>Speakers:</b> Tristan Grimmer (London), Christopher Burkett (Toronto), and Francesca Richmond (London)	





## 2018 Global Trade and Supply Chain Webinar Series

### Continuing Challenges in Global Trade



Our 15<sup>th</sup> annual **Global Trade and Supply Chain Webinar Series** entitled, “**2018: Continuing Challenges in Global Trade**” ended on December 8, 2018.

In 2018, we again expanded our usual program to include our **Customs Academy**, which featured six “*Customs 101*” webinars (**highlighted in green** below). The Customs 101 program is primarily aimed at participants who are new to Customs and/or those who would like a refresher and included 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, moderated these webinars and were joined by experts from across our global network.

If you missed a webinar that has already been given, wish to see it again or want to download a presentation, you may do so at [this link](#) or by clicking the blue title below which indicates the material has been posted. Webinars are usually posted approximately two weeks after the live presentation.

<b>January 30</b>	<a href="#">Human Rights, Forced Labor, and Ethical Supply Chains: Best Practices for Managing Growing Legal Obligations and Risks</a>	<b>Webinar Series Lead:</b> <b>Teresa A. Gleason</b> Head, Global Customs Focus Group (San Francisco, CA) Tel: +1 415 576 3021 <a href="mailto:teresa.gleason@bakermckenzie.com">teresa.gleason@bakermckenzie.com</a>
	<b>Speakers:</b> Reagan Demas (DC), John Foote (DC), Francesca Richmond (London), and Christopher Burkett (Toronto)	
<b>February 27</b>	<a href="#">Customs Basic: How to Classify Your Products</a>	
	<b>Speakers:</b> Jose Hoyos-Robles (Mexico City), Olof Johannesson (Stockholm), Andrew Rose (London), Riza Buditomo (Jakarta) and Nicole Looks (Frankfurt)	
<b>March 27</b>	<a href="#">Hot Topics in US, European, and Asian Export Controls</a>	
	<b>Speakers:</b> Marc Lager (Vienna), Anne Petterd (Singapore), Alex Lamy (DC), John McKenzie (San Francisco)	
<b>April 24</b>	<a href="#">Customs Basic: How to determine the origin of your products</a>	<b>Questions:</b> If you have any questions regarding this webinar series, please contact:  <b>Sal Gonzalez</b> Business Development Specialist Tel: +1 202 835 1661 <a href="mailto:sal.gonzalez@bakermckenzie.com">sal.gonzalez@bakermckenzie.com</a>
	<b>Speakers:</b> Adrianna Ibarra-Fernandez (Mexico City), Jessica Mutton (London), and John McKenzie (Palo Alto)	
<b>May 22</b>	<a href="#">Russian and EU Customs Update</a>	
	<b>Speakers:</b> Alexander Bychkov (Moscow), Nicole Looks (Frankfurt) and Jenny Revis (London)	
<b>June 26</b>	<a href="#">Customs Basic: How to value your products</a>	<b>MCLE Credit:</b> 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.  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-



	<b>Speakers:</b> Kevin Nordin (London), Jon Cowley (Hong Kong) and Brian Cacic (Toronto)	<p>12/11/18. This program may earn newly admitted New York attorneys credit under Areas of Professional Practice. Baker &amp; McKenzie LLP is an accredited sponsor, approved by the State Bar of Texas, Committee on MCLE.</p> <p><b>NEI</b> NCBFAA EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTE</p> <p><i>Pending</i> - We have applied for CES and CCS credit for these webinars to the National Customs Brokers &amp; Forwarders Association of America, Inc.</p> <p><b>Interested in learning more?</b></p> <div>    </div>
July 24	<a href="#">Update on US "Protectionism", Brexit and TPP</a>	
	<b>Speakers:</b> Stu Seidel (DC), Jenny Revis (London), Cindy Owens (Singapore) and Fred Burke (Ho Chi Minh)	
August 28	<a href="#">Customs Basic: What you need to know about importing into China, Russia and the Middle East</a>	
	<b>Speakers:</b> Frank Pan (Shanghai), Vladimir Efremov (Moscow), and Reggie Mezu (Dubai)	
September 25	<a href="#">Customs Audits and Enforcement Actions: Best Practices and Trends</a>	
	<b>Speakers:</b> Adriana Ibarra-Fernandez (Mexico), Nicole Looks (Frankfurt), and Stuart Seidel (DC)	
October 30	<a href="#">Customs Basic: What you need to know about importing into Mexico, Brazil and Argentina</a>	
	<b>Speakers:</b> Armando de Lille-Calatayud (Monterrey), Alessandra Machado (Sao Paulo), and Esteban Ropolo (Buenos Aires)	
November 27	<a href="#">Hot Topics in US, European, and Asian Trade Sanctions</a>	
	<b>Speakers:</b> Kerry Contini (DC), Ben Smith (London), and Jon Cowley (Hong Kong)	
December 18	<b>Customs Basic: How to mitigate duties through use of customs procedures</b>	
	<b>Speakers:</b> Eunkyung Kim Shin (Chicago), Edith Salcedo-Hinojosa (Guadalajara), and Daniel Sanchez-Elizondo (Guadalajara)	




Recorded Sessions From Our 2018 Annual Year-End Review of Import/Export Developments

**IN SANTA CLARA, CALIFORNIA**

**14 November 2018 – [Year-End Review of Import/Export Developments \(Export Day\) Video](#)**

- Foreign Investment Risk Review Act ("FIRRMA") and the Revision of the CFIUS Process
- United States Export Control Developments

- European Union Export Control Developments
- Emerging Export Control Programs in the Asia/Pacific Region
- Economic Sanctions Developments
- Export Control and Economic Sanctions Enforcement

[Click here to view and/or download the materials.](#)

**15 November 2018 – [Year-End Review of Import/Export Developments \(Import Day\) Video](#)**

- The Trump Administration Trade Agenda (this panel did not include slides)
- Trade Wars
- Trade Agreements Developments
- Overview of Customs and Import Developments: USA, Canada, EU, Mexico and Brazil
- Update on Foreign Import Restrictions
- Anti-Corruption Compliance and Trade Issues

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**Presentation Materials**

- [Changes and Developments in Japan and Asia Pacific](#)
- [Business Implications of Trade Conflict](#)
- [Free Trade Agreement Developments](#)
- [Trade Sanctions and Export Controls](#)

[E Commerce Challenges and Opportunities](#)



Recorded Sessions From Our 2017

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

## 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 [stuart.seidel@bakermckenzie.com](mailto:stuart.seidel@bakermckenzie.com) who will try to obtain the text. Some notifications are only available in the official language of the country publishing the notification. *Note: All dates are given as mm/dd/yyyy; National flags are not scaled for relative comparison.*

Country	Notification	Date Issued	Final Date for Comments	Merchandise Covered
 Argentina	ARG/68/Add.3	11/27/2018	Not given	Motor vehicles
 Argentina	ARG/111/Add.2	11/26/2018	Not given	Footwear
 Argentina	ARG/211/Add.6	11/27/2018	Not given	Gas appliances for domestic use
 Argentina	ARG/287/Add.1	11/26/2018	Not given	Infant formula
 Argentina	ARG/300/Add.1	11/26/2018	Not given	Food products
 Argentina	ARG/338/Add.1	11/26/2018	Not given	Other footwear with outer soles and uppers of rubber or plastics (HS 6402), Footwear with outer soles of rubber, plastics, leather or composition leather and uppers of leather (HS 6403), Footwear with















Country	Notification	Date Issued	Final Date for Comments	Merchandise Covered
				outer soles of rubber, plastics, leather or composition leather and uppers of textile materials (HS 6404), Other footwear (HS 6405) - Other footwear: (HS 64019)
 Argentina	ARG/339/Add.1	11/26/2018	Not given	Construction cements; Portland cement (HS 25232)
 Argentina	ARG/344/Add.1	11/26/2018	Not given	Construction materials and building
 Australia	AUS/109	12/05/2018	02/24/2019	Refrigerated Display cabinets, refrigerated storage cabinets, gelato scooping cabinets, small ice cream freezers Refrigerators, freezers and other refrigerating or freezing equipment, electric or other; heat pumps other than air conditioning machines of heading 84.15 (HS 8418)
 Bahrain, Kingdom of	BHR/556	12/10/2018	02/08/2019	Coffee and coffee substitutes
 Brazil	BRA/850	12/03/2018	Not given	Cosmetics
 Brazil	BRA/851	12/04/2018	Not given	Medical equipment
 Brazil	BRA/739/Add.1	12/10/2018	Not given	Live trees and other plants; bulbs, roots and the like; cut flowers and ornamental foliage (HS 06), Edible vegetables and certain roots and tubers (HS 07), Edible fruit and nuts; peel of citrus fruit or melons (HS 08)
 Brazil	BRA/810/Add.2	12/10/2018	Not given	Refrigerated raw milk, pasteurized milk and milk type A HS 04.01
 Brazil	BRA/852	12/11/2018	Not given	Beer made from malt (HS 2203)
 Brazil	BRA/592/Add.2	12/13/2018	Not given	Recognized sources of food allergies or food intolerances in sensitive persons
 Brazil	BRA/853	12/14/2018	Not given	Export and import certification of beverages, fermented acetic, wines and wine and grapes derived products (HS 20.09; 22.04; 22.05; 22.06; 22.07; 22.08; 22.09)
 Brazil	BRA/724/Add.1	12/17/2018	Not given	Pneumatic tires used on bicycles for adult use (HS 401150) - New pneumatic tyres, of rubber, of a kind used on bicycles.
 Brazil	BRA/786/Add.1	12/21/2018	Not given	Animal feed products (HS 23)
 Brazil	BRA/820/Add.1	12/21/2018	Not given	Market goods
 Canada	CAN/571	12/11/2018	02/21/2019	Fertilizers and Supplements imported under HS codes: 25 - Salt; Sulphur; Earths and Stone; Plastering Materials, Lime and Cement; 30 - Pharmaceutical Products; 31 - Fertilizers; 38 - Miscellaneous chemical products
 Canada	CAN/572	12/14/2018	01/25/2019	Energy efficiency standards for consumer and commercial refrigeration products
 Canada	CAN/539/Add.1	12/17/2018	Not given	Mica
 Chile	CHL/377/Add.1	11/26/2018	Not given	Light and medium-sized vehicles. Motorcycles.
 Chile	CHL/461	11/27/2018	01/26/2019	Electric buses
 China	CHN/1303	12/18/2018	02/16/2019	Burglary-resistant safes; Armoured or reinforced safes, strong-boxes and doors and safe deposit lockers for strong-rooms, cash or deed boxes and the like, of base metal (HS 8303)

Country	Notification	Date Issued	Final Date for Comments	Merchandise Covered
 China	CHN/1304	12/18/2018	02/16/2019	Vault doors; Armoured or reinforced safes, strong-boxes and doors and safe deposit lockers for strong-rooms, cash or deed boxes and the like, of base metal. (HS 8303).
 China	CHN/1305	12/18/2018	02/16/2019	Point-type combustible gas detectors for industrial and commercial use (HS: 9027100090); - Gas or smoke analysis apparatus (HS 902710).
 China	CHN/1306	12/18/2018	02/16/2019	Household combustible gas detectors (HS: 9027100090); - Gas or smoke analysis apparatus (HS 902710).
 China	CHN/1307	12/18/2018	02/16/2019	Portable combustible gas detectors for industrial and commercial use (HS: 9027100090); - Gas or smoke analysis apparatus (HS 902710).
 China	CHN/1308	12/18/2018	02/16/2019	Line-type optical beam combustible gas detectors for industrial and commercial use (HS: 9027100090); - Gas or smoke analysis apparatus (HS 902710).
 China	CHN/1309	12/18/2018	02/16/2019	Precipitator; -- Other (HS 842139).
 China	CHN/1310	12/18/2018	02/16/2019	Cosmetics (HS: 33); Essential oils and resinoids; perfumery, cosmetic or toilet preparations (HS 33).
 Czech Republic	CZE/227	12/19/2018	02/17/2019	Measuring instruments used to monitor activity limits and concentration of effluents from nuclear facilities, nuclear raw material mining or processing facilities, radioactive waste processing plants and from the processing or application of radioactive materials, and also used to determine environmental radiation exposure due to effluents - measuring instruments for continuous monitoring of radioactive noble gases in gaseous effluents from nuclear facilities.
 Czech Republic	CZE/228	12/19/2018	02/17/2019	Tyre (tire) pressure gauges for road motor vehicles
 Czech Republic	CZE/229	12/19/2018	02/17/2019	Rotary-piston and velocity gas flow meters
 Czech Republic	CZE/230	12/20/2018	02/18/2019	Measuring instruments used to monitor activity limits and concentration of effluents from nuclear facilities, nuclear raw material mining or processing facilities, radioactive waste processing plants and from the processing or application of radioactive materials, and also used to determine environmental radiation exposure due to effluents.
 Ecuador	ECU/66/Add.6	12/5/2018	Not given	"premium" and "super" petrol, diesel fuel (HS 2707.50.90, 2710.11.11, 2710.11.13, 2710.19.14, 2710.19.21, 2710.19.22, 2711.11.00, 2711.12.00, 2711.13.00, 2711.21.00)
 El Salvador	SLV/202	11/26/2018	02/02/2019	Coffee
 European Union	EU/625	12/04/2018	02/02/2019	Chlorothalonil (pesticide active substance)
 European Union	EU/626	12/10/2018	02/08/2019	Children's toys, i.e. products designed or intended, whether or not exclusively, for use in play by children under 14 years of age.
 European Union	EU/627	12/10/2018	02/08/2019	Biocidal products
 European Union	EU/628	12/10/2018	01/09/2019	Unmanned aircraft systems
 European Union	EU/432/Rev.1	12/12/2018	Not given	Spirit drinks
























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 European Union	EU/629	12/12/2018	02/10/2019	Hazardous substances
 European Union	EU/630	12/12/2018	02/10/2019	Chemical substances
 European Union	EU/631	12/13/2018	02/11/2019	SI base units of measurement
 European Union	EU/632	12/13/2018	02/11/2019	Quiet Road Transport Vehicles
 European Union	EU/633	12/14/2018	02/12/2019	Cyflumetofen (pesticide active substance)
 European Union	EU/634	12/18/2018	02/16/2019	Construction products, balustrade kits and railing kits
 European Union	EU/635	12/18/2018	02/16/2019	Children's toys, i.e. products designed or intended, whether or not exclusively, for use in play by children under 14 years of age
 European Union	EU/636	12/19/2018	02/17/2019	Food intended for infants and young children.
 European Union	EU/637	12/20/2018	02/18/2019	Cosmetics
 India	IND/86	12/18/2018	02/16/2019	Plugs and Socket-outlets/Alternating Current Direct Connected Static Prepayment Meters for Active Energy (Class 1 and 2)
 Indonesia	IDN/36/Add.2	12/03/2018	Not given	Bicycles (HS 8712)
 Indonesia	IDN/86/Add.3	12/03/2018	Not given	Instant coffee (HS 2101.11.10)
 Indonesia	IDN/119/Add.1	12/03/2018	Not given	Lubricating oils for 4 (four) steps gasoline engines of motorized vehicles, Lubricating oils for 4 (four) steps gasoline engines of motor cycle, Lubricating oils of 2 (two) steps gasoline engines with air coolers; Lubricating oils of 2 (two) steps gasoline engines with water coolers, Lubricating oils of high rotation diesel engines, Lubricating oils of manual transmission and differential gears, Lubricating oils of automatic transmission (HS ex.2710.19.43; ex.3403.19.12; ex.3403.19.19; ex.3403.99.12; ex.3403.99.19)
 Indonesia	IDN/15/Add.3	12/17/2018	Not given	Cement (HS 2523)
 Indonesia	IDN/30/Add.2	12/17/2018	Not given	Sheet glass (HS 7003, 7004, 7005)
 Indonesia	IDN/38/Add.2	12/17/2018	Not given	Plastic - Vertical cylinder water tanks - Polyethylene (PE)(HS 392)
 Indonesia	IDN/77/Add.3	12/17/2018	Not given	Palm Oil
 Japan	JPN/605/Add.1	12/03/2018	Not given	Agricultural Chemicals (Pesticides) (HS 3808)
 Japan	JPN/614	12/03/2018	02/01/2019	Fertilizer (HS 3101)
 Japan	JPN/615	12/10/2018	02/08/2019	Cosmetics (HS:33)
 Japan	JPN/616	12/21/2018	Not given	Substances with probable effects on the central nervous system
 Kenya	KEN/766	12/07/2018	12/29/2018	Cereals, pulses and derived products (ICS 67.060).
 Kenya	KEN/767	12/07/2018	12/29/2018	Cereals, pulses and derived products (ICS 67.060).
 Kenya	KEN/768	12/07/2018	12/30/2018	Cement. Gypsum. Lime. Mortar (ICS 91.100.10).
 Kenya	KEN/769	12/07/2018	12/30/2018	Cement. Gypsum. Lime. Mortar (ICS 91.100.10).



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 Kenya	KEN/770	12/07/2018	12/30/2018	Cement. Gypsum. Lime. Mortar (ICS 91.100.10).
 Kenya	KEN/771	12/07/2018	12/15/2018	Ventilators. Fans. Air-conditioners (ICS 23.120).
 Kenya	KEN/750	12/05/2018	12/13/2018	Varnishes for interior surfaces
 Kenya	KEN/751	12/05/2018	12/13/2018	Hot applied thermoplastic road marking paint
 Kenya	KEN/752	12/05/2018	12/13/2018	Road marking paints
 Kenya	KEN/753	12/05/2018	12/13/2018	Solvent-based paint remover
 Kenya	KEN/754	12/05/2018	12/16/2018	Green gram
 Kenya	KEN/755	12/05/2018	12/16/2018	Finger millet grains
 Kenya	KEN/756	12/05/2018	12/16/2018	Sorghum grains
 Kenya	KEN/757	12/05/2018	12/16/2018	Wheat flour
 Kenya	KEN/758	12/05/2018	12/23/2018	Milled maize (corn) products
 Kenya	KEN/759	12/05/2018	12/16/2018	Composite flour
 Kenya	KEN/760	12/05/2018	12/16/2018	Edible full fat soya flour
 Kenya	KEN/761	12/06/2018	12/23/2018	Painting of Buildings
 Kenya	KEN/762	12/05/2018	12/23/2018	Bacon
 Kenya	KEN/763	12/05/2018	12/23/2018	Fresh coarsely ground meat products
 Kenya	KEN/764	12/05/2018	12/23/2018	Fermented sausages (salami)
 Kenya	KEN/765	12/05/2018	12/23/2018	Ham
 Kenya	KEN/772	12/07/2018	12/15/2018	Particleboards
 Kenya	KEN/773	12/11/2018	12/29/2018	Arrowroot (Taro) Crisps
 Korea, Republic of	KOR/805	12/10/2018	01/04/2019	Consumer Chemical Products (Quasi-drug such as insecticides, rodenticides, etc. that do not come in contact with the human body)
 Korea, Republic of	KOR/806	12/18/2018	02/16/2019	Secondary lithium cells
 Kuwait	KWT/443	12/10/2018	02/08/2019	Coffee and coffee substitutes
 Kuwait	KWT/444	12/13/2018	02/11/2019	Ceramic tiles - Definitions, classification, characteristics and marking
 Kuwait	KWT/439/Corr.1	12/17/2018	Not given	Energy Efficiency Labelling and Minimum Energy Performance Requirements for DX Air-Conditioners up to 70 000 Btu/h
 Lithuania	LTU/34	12/18/2018	02/16/2019	Food products in general
 Mexico	MEX/343/Add.2	11/28/2018	Not given	Water heaters (HS tariff subheading 8419.11)
 Mexico	MEX/437	11/23/2018	12/14/2018	Ionizing radiation sources
 Mexico	MEX/399/Add.1	11/29/2018	Not given	Hygiene products (irrespective of their physical state), substances intended for the washing or cleaning of objects, surfaces or buildings, and substances that release a specific fragrance into the air. These products include soaps, detergents,

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				cleaners, whiteners, starches for external use, stain-removers, disinfectants, deodorisers and air fresheners, and other similar products determined by the Ministry of Health.
 Mexico	MEX/438	11/28/2018	01/15/2019	Radioactive materials and packages containing them
 Mexico	MEX/439	11/28/2018	01/20/2019	Waste generated by the hydrocarbon sector (see Appendix A to the draft)
 New Zealand	NZL/84/Add.1	12/10/2018	Not given	Imported and domestically produced fruit, vegetables, meat, fish and seafood which are fresh or frozen and no more than minimally processed; and cured pork sold in New Zealand
 Oman	OMN/389	12/10/2018	02/08/2019	Coffee and coffee substitutes
 Philippines	PHL/195/Rev.1/Add.1	12/20/2018	Not given	Steel pipes; deformed steel bars; rerolled steel bars; equal-leg angle bars; flat glass; cement
 Qatar	QAT/554	12/10/2018	02/08/2019	Coffee and coffee substitutes
 Saudi Arabia	SAU/1096	12/10/2018	02/08/2019	Coffee and coffee substitutes
 Singapore	SGP/47	12/05/2018	02/03/2019	Mixing taps and valves, public utilities (HS 8481.80.50)
 Singapore	SGP/48	12/13/2018	2/11/2019	Automotive Diesel, Automotive Petrol Motor Spirit of Ron 97 & Above Leaded Motor Spirit of Ron 90 & Above but Below 97 Leaded Motor Spirit of Ron Under 90 Leaded Motor Spirit of Ron 97 & Above Unleaded & Unblended Motor Spirit of Ron 97 & Above Unleaded & Blended with Ethanol Other Motor Spirit of Ron 97 & Above Unleaded & Blended Excl Blended with Ethanol Motor Spirit of Ron 90 & Above but Below Ron 97 Unleaded & Unblended Motor Spirit of Ron 90 & Above but Below Ron 97 Unleaded & Blended with Ethanol Other Motor Spirit of Ron 90 & Above but Below Ron 97 Unleaded & Blended Excl Blended with Ethanol Motor Spirit of Ron Below 90 Unleaded & Unblended Motor Spirit of Ron Below 90 Unleaded & Blended with Ethanol Other Motor Spirit of Ron Below 90 Unleaded & Blended Excl Blended with Ethanol
 South Africa	ZAF/233	12/03/2018	01/31/2019	Potatoes
 Taiwan Economy	TPKM/342	12/07/2018	02/05/2019	Bicycles for young children; Bicycles and other cycles (including delivery tricycles), not motorized. (HS 8712)
 Taiwan Economy	TPKM/343	12/11/2018	02/09/2019	Cosmetics; Toiletries
 Taiwan Economy	TPKM/344	12/11/2018	02/09/2019	Cosmetics; Toiletries
 Taiwan Economy	TPKM/324/Add.1	12/13/2018	Not given	Hot rolled steel H-beams (HS 7216)
 Taiwan Economy	TPKM/328/Add.2	12/12/2018	Not given	Automobile tyres
 Taiwan Economy	TPKM/340/Corr.1	12/17/2018	Not given	Cosmetics
 Taiwan Economy	TPKM/345	12/17/2018	02/15/2019	Cosmetic products
 Tanzania	TZA/226	12/17/2018	02/15/2019	Goat carcasses and meat cuts

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 Tanzania	TZA/227	12/17/2018	02/15/2019	Chilled and frozen Ostrich meat
 Tanzania	TZA/228	12/17/2018	02/15/2019	Chicken sausages
 Tanzania	TZA/229	12/17/2018	02/15/2019	Lamb and mutton carcasses and meat cuts
 Thailand	THA/481/Add.1	12/03/2018	Not given	Road vehicle tyres (HS 4011)
 Thailand	THA/482/Add.1	12/03/2018	Not given	Road vehicle tyres (HS 4011)
 Thailand	THA/531	12/10/2018	02/08/2019	Cleaning or sanitizing products for food production and products
 Thailand	THA/483/Add.1	12/13/2018	Not given	Road vehicle tyres (HS 4011)
 Thailand	THA/149/Rev.2	12/19/2018	Not given	Steels (HS 7208)
 Turkey	TUR/137	12/03/2018	Not given	Tobacco products and manufactured tobacco substitutes (HS 24)
 Turkey	TUR/138	12/11/2018	02/09/2019	Textiles and furnishings
 Turkey	TUR/139	12/11/2018	02/09/2019	Assembly tools for screws and nuts
 Turkey	TUR/140	12/11/2018	02/09/2019	Fasteners - hexagon slotted and castle nuts
 Turkey	TUR/141	12/11/2018	02/09/2019	Copper and copper alloys - seamless round tubes
 Turkey	TUR/142	12/11/2018	01/31/2019	Honey
 Turkey	TUR/143	12/11/2018	02/09/2019	Belt Drive - Pulleys and V Belts for Automotive Industries
 Turkey	TUR/144	12/19/2018	02/17/2019	Hexagon fit bolts M12 to M30, with product quality C, used in bolting of steel constructions
 Uganda	UGA/1001	12/03/2018	02/01/2019	Cakes; Bread, pastry, cakes, biscuits and other bakers' wares, whether or not containing cocoa; communion wafers, empty cachets of a kind suitable for pharmaceutical use, sealing wafers, rice paper and similar products (HS 1905)
 Uganda	UGA/1002	12/03/2018	02/01/2019	Vegetable juices; Fruit juices (including grape must) and vegetable juices, unfermented and not containing added spirit, whether or not containing added sugar or other sweetening matter (HS 2009)
 Uganda	UGA/1003	12/14/2018	02/12/2019	Paper food contact packaging material, board food contact packaging material; Packaging and distribution of goods in general
 Uganda	UGA/1004	12/14/2018	02/12/2019	Glass containers
 Uganda	UGA/1005	12/14/2018	02/12/2019	Dessicants
 Uganda	UGA/1006	12/17/2018	02/15/2019	Paper plates, paper cups; Trays, dishes, plates, cups and the like, of paper or paperboard (HS 482360)
 Uganda	UGA/1007	12/17/2018	02/15/2019	Determination of formaldehyde in an aqueous extract; Boxes, cases, crates and similar articles (HS 392310)
 Uganda	UGA/1008	12/17/2018	02/15/2019	Flexible laminate tubes; Other plates, sheets, film, foil and strip, of plastics. (HS 3921), Articles for the conveyance or packing of goods, of plastics; stoppers, lids, caps and other closures, of plastics. (HS 3923)

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 Uganda	UGA/1009	12/17/2018	02/15/2019	Dried meat; Meat and edible meat offal, salted, in brine, dried or smoked; edible flours and meals of meat or meat offal. (HS 0210)
 Uganda	UGA/1010	12/17/2018	02/15/2019	Rabbit meat; Of rabbits or hares (HS 020810)
 Uganda	UGA/1011	12/19/2018	02/17/2019	Steviol glycosides; glycosides, natural or reproduced by synthesis, and their salts, ethers, esters and other derivatives (HS 2938)
 Ukraine	UKR/135/Add.1	12/13/2018	Not given	Paints and varnishes for buildings and repairing wheeled vehicles
 United Arab Emirates	ARE/452	12/10/2018	02/08/2019	Coffee and coffee substitutes
 United States	USA/1396/Add.2	12/10/2018	Not given	Chemical substances; Environmental protection (ICS 13.020), Products of the chemical industry (ICS 71.100).
 United States	USA/1431	12/10/2018	02/13/2019	Residential wood heaters, hydronic heaters and forced-air furnaces
 United States	USA/1432	12/10/2018	01/14/2019	Residential wood heaters, hydronic heaters and forced-air furnaces
 United States	USA/1399/Add.2	12/11/2018	Not given	Chemical substances
 United States	USA/853/Add.1	12/17/2018	Not given	Cigarette lighters (HS 9613)
 United States	USA/1380/Add.2	12/17/2018	Not given	Renewable fuel standard program
 United States	USA/1395/Add.3	12/17/2018	Not given	Chemical substances
 United States	USA/1433	12/17/2018	02/25/2019	Biological product; Vocabularies, Pharmaceuticals, Microbiology.
 United States	USA/1434	12/18/2018	01/07/2019	Food labeling; Food products in general, Meat, meat products and other animal produce
 Viet Nam	VNM/137	12/11/2018	02/09/2019	Stainless steels
 Yemen	YEM/157	12/10/2018	02/08/2019	Coffee and coffee substitutes

## CBSA Advance Rulings

The following table lists [advance rulings](#) posted by the Canada Border Services Agency (CBSA). In September of 2014, the CBSA enhanced the Advance Ruling ([Tariff Classification](#) and [Origin](#)) and [National Customs Ruling](#) programs by publishing ruling letters in their entirety, with the applicant's consent, on the CBSA Web site.

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

Date	TRS Number	Merchandise	Tariff Classification and Basis
02-21-17	<a href="#">276973</a>	<a href="#">AMC-400 Aluminum Motorcycle Carrier</a>	8708.99.99.19 [GIR 1, 6; EN 87.08]
01-25-17	<a href="#">275908</a>	<a href="#">Girl's Top, Style #371102</a> [outer garment]	6211.43.90.29 [GIR 1, 6; Chap 62 n 1]
	<a href="#">275921</a>	<a href="#">Girl's Top, Style #371102</a> [inner garment]	6109.90.00.10 [GIR 1, 6; Chap 61 n 1]
03-01-17	<a href="#">277300</a>	<a href="#">Norwegian Crispbread – Gluten Free With Sunflower seeds and Quinoa (product # 0994)</a> <a href="#">Norwegian Crispbread - Gluten Free with Oats (product # 0993)</a>	1905.10.60.00 [GIR 1, 6]

Date	TRS Number	Merchandise	Tariff Classification and Basis
04-13-17	<a href="#">277729</a>	<a href="#">Pattern# 15F09 for 14 parts of a garment</a>	6217.90.90.00 [GIR 1, 6; EN 62]
03-29-17	<a href="#">277224</a>	<a href="#">Rail (Item No. HOP-SSR)</a>	7610.90.90.90 [GIR 1, 6; EN 76.10, 73.08]
01-31-17	<a href="#">277173</a>	<a href="#">Rescue canines</a> [donations of animals]	9815.00.00.00 [GIR 1; special classification provision and exempt from GST]
01-25-18	<a href="#">276911</a>	<a href="#">T-post without studs</a>	7326.90.90.90 [GIR 1, 6; EN 73.26]
03-22-17	<a href="#">276844</a>	<a href="#">The Basic Baby Wrap</a>	6307.90.93.00 [GIR 1, 6; EN, Sec. XI n 7(f)]
03-22-17	<a href="#">276787</a>	<a href="#">XMAS-8" Felt gift bag with embroidered face and rope tie, #3058468</a>	6307.90.99.90 [GIR 1, 6; Sec. XI n 7(f) and Chap. 95 n 1(w); EN 63.07(5)]

## 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

No notices pursuant to 19 U.S.C. §1625(c) to revoke or modify binding rulings or treatment previously accorded to substantially identical merchandise were published in the weekly [Customs Bulletin and Decisions](#) during the past month by US Customs and Border Protection.

## European Classification Regulations

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

Commission Implementing Regulation	Description of the goods	Classification (CN code)	Reasons
<a href="#">(EU) 2018/2041 of 17-12-18</a>	Cable connectors ('male or female type') for a voltage not exceeding 1 000 V, made of copper. The article has either a plug (so-called male type connector) or a socket (so-called female type connector) on one side and on the other side a contact device in the form of a clip shielded with a layer of insulating material. The article is used to connect wires or cables other than coaxial cables. The article makes the connection by plugging the 'male connector' into the 'female connector' without using any tools.	8536 69 90	Classification is determined by general rules 1 and 6 for the interpretation of the Combined Nomenclature and by the wording of CN codes 8536, 8536 69 and 8536 69 90 . The article presents the objective characteristics of a plug ('male type connector') or a socket ('female type connector') fitted with another contact device (see also Harmonized System Explanatory Notes to heading 8536 group (III) letter (A), point (1), and also Explanatory Notes to the Combined Nomenclature to subheadings 8536 69 10 to 8536 69 90 ). Therefore its classification as other connections and contact elements for wire and cables under subheading 8536 90 10 is excluded. Consequently, it is to be classified under CN code 8536 69 90 as other plugs and sockets.

Commission Implementing Regulation	Description of the goods	Classification (CN code)	Reasons
	See the image 		

## Amendments to the CN Explanatory Notes

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

Official Journal	CN code/Page	Description of Articles
<a href="#">2018/C 466/04</a>	9406 / p. 380	9406 00 Prefabricated buildings: replacement text with images

## 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
<a href="#">337-TA-989</a>	Certain Automated Teller Machines, ATM Modules, Components Thereof, and Products Containing the Same	(RESCISSION PROCEEDING) Commission Determination to Institute a Rescission Proceeding, to Rescind the Remedial Orders, and to Terminate the Rescission Proceeding
<a href="#">337-TA-1050</a>	Certain Dental Ceramics, Products Thereof, and Methods of Making the Same	Termination of Investigation with a Finding of No Violation of Section 337
<a href="#">337-TA-1057</a>	Certain Robotic Vacuum Cleaning Devices and Components Thereof Such as Spare Parts	Notice of the Commission's Final Determination Finding a Violation of Section 337; Issuance of a Limited Exclusion Order and Cease and Desist Orders; Termination of the Investigation
<a href="#">337-TA-1065</a>	Certain Mobile Electronic Devices and Radio Frequency and Processing Components Thereof	Commission Determination to Review In Part A Final Initial Determination Finding A Violation of Section 337; Schedule for Filing Written Submissions on the Issues Under Review and on Remedy, Public Interest, and Bonding; and Extension of the Target Date
<a href="#">337-TA-1068</a>	Certain Microfluidic Devices	Commission Determination to Review in Part a Final Initial Determination Finding a Violation of Section 337; Schedule For Filing Written Submissions on the Issues Under Review and on Remedy, the Public Interest, and Bonding; Extension of Target Date
<a href="#">337-TA-1073</a>	Certain Thermoplastic-Encapsulated Electric Motors, Components Thereof, and Products and Vehicles Containing Same II	Certain Thermoplastic-Encapsulated Electric Motors, Components Thereof, and Products and Vehicles Containing Same II



Inv. №	Commodity	Action
<a href="#">337-TA-1074</a>	Certain Industrial Automation Systems and Components Thereof Including Control Systems, Controllers, Visualization Hardware, Motion and Motor Control Systems, Networking Equipment, Safety Devices, and Power Supplies	Commission Determination Not to Review a Final Initial Determination Finding a Section 337 Violation by the Defaulted Respondents
<a href="#">337-TA-1081</a>	Certain LED Devices, LED Power Supplies, and Components Thereof	Notice of Request for Submissions on the Public Interest
<a href="#">337-TA-1084</a>	Certain Insulated Beverage Containers, Components, Labels, and Packaging Material Thereof	Notice of Issuance of a Limited Exclusion Order against Two Respondents Found in Default; Termination of Investigation
<a href="#">337-TA-1092</a>	Certain Self-Anchoring Beverage Containers	Commission Final Determination of Violation of Section 337; Issuance of a General Exclusion Order; Termination of Investigation
<a href="#">337-TA-1101</a>	Certain Fuel Pump Assemblies Having Vapor Separators and Components Thereof	Notice of Issuance of a Limited Exclusion Order against a Respondent Found in Default; Termination of Investigation
<a href="#">337-TA-1113</a>	Certain Submarine Telecommunication Systems and Components Thereof	Commission Determination Not To Review an Initial Determination Granting an Unopposed Motion To Terminate the Investigation; Termination of the Investigation
<a href="#">337-TA-1105</a>	Certain Programmable Logic Controller (PLCs), Components Thereof, And Products Containing Same	Commission Determination Not to Review an Initial Determination Terminating the Investigation in its Entirety; Termination of Investigation
<a href="#">337-TA-1121</a>	Certain Earpiece Devices and Components Thereof	Notice of Correction Concerning Commission Determination Not to Review an Initial Determination Granting a Motion for Leave to Amend the Complaint and Notice of Investigation
<a href="#">337-TA-1139</a>	Certain Electronic Nicotine Delivery Systems and Components Thereof	Institution of an investigation based on a complaint and amended complaint filed by Juul Labs, Inc. alleging patent infringement
<a href="#">337-TA-1140</a>	Certain Multi-Stage Fuel Vapor Canister Systems and Activated Carbon Components Thereof	Institution of an investigation based on a complaint filed on behalf of Ingevity Corp. and Ingevity South Carolina, LLC alleging patent infringement
<a href="#">337-TA-1141</a>	Certain Cartridges for Electronic Nicotine Delivery Systems and Components Thereof	Institution of an investigation based on a complaint filed on behalf of Juul Labs, Inc. alleging patent infringement

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

Ref. №	Commodity	Complaint filed on behalf of:
<a href="#">DN 3355</a>	Certain Pocket Lighters	BIC Corporation
<a href="#">DN 3356</a>	Certain Pickup Truck Folding Bed Cover Systems and Components Thereof	Extang Corporation and Laurmark Enterprises, Inc. d/b/a BAK Industries
<a href="#">DN 3357</a>	Certain Dental and Orthodontic Scanners and Software	Align Technology, Inc.,
<a href="#">DN 3358</a>	Certain Integrated Circuits and Products Containing the Same	Tela Innovations, Inc.

## Antidumping, Countervailing Duty and Safeguards Investigations, Orders & Reviews

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

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



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

Case №	Merchandise/Country	Action
<a href="#">C-570-089</a>	Certain Steel Racks From China	Preliminary Affirmative CVD Determination, and Alignment of Final Determination With Final ADD Determination
<a href="#">C-570-094</a>	Refillable Stainless Steel Kegs From China	Postponement of Preliminary Determination in the CVD Investigation
<a href="#">A-489-815</a>	Light-Walled Rectangular Pipe and Tube From Turkey	Rescission of ADD Administrative Review; 2017-2018
<a href="#">A-475-818</a> <a href="#">A-489-805</a>	Certain Pasta from Italy and Turkey	Final Results of Expedited Fourth Sunset Reviews of the ADD Orders
<a href="#">C-475-819</a>	Certain Pasta from Italy	Final Results of the Expedited Fourth Sunset Review of the CVD Order
<a href="#">C-489-806</a>	Certain Pasta from Turkey	Final Results of the Expedited Fourth Sunset Review of the CVD Order
<a href="#">C-570-991</a>	Chlorinated Isocyanurates From China	Preliminary Results of CVD Administrative Review; 2016
<a href="#">A-520-803</a>	Polyethylene Terephthalate Film, Sheet, and Strip From the United Arab Emirates	Preliminary Results of ADD Administrative Review; 2016-2017
<a href="#">A-489-501</a>	Welded Carbon Steel Standard Pipe and Tube Products From Turkey	Final Results of ADD Administrative Review; 2016-2017
<a href="#">C-570-978</a>	High Pressure Steel Cylinders From China	Final Results of CVD Administrative Review; 2016
<a href="#">C-489-819</a>	Steel Concrete Reinforcing Bar From Turkey	Preliminary Results of CVD Administrative Review and Intent To Rescind the Review in Part; 2016
<a href="#">A-570-909</a>	Certain Steel Nails From China	Notice of Court Decision Not in Harmony With the Final Results of the First ADD Administrative Review and Notice of Amended Final Results of the First ADD Administrative Review
<a href="#">A-469-805</a>	Stainless Steel Bar From Spain	Preliminary Results of ADD Administrative Review; 2017- 2018
<a href="#">A-570-831</a>	Fresh Garlic From China	Preliminary Results of ADD Administrative Review; 2016- 2017
<a href="#">A-475-818</a>	Certain Pasta From Italy	Final Results of ADD Administrative Review; 2016-2017
<a href="#">A-523-812</a>	Circular Welded Carbon-Quality Steel Pipe From Oman	Preliminary Results of ADD Administrative Review; 2016-2017
<a href="#">A-580-809</a>	Circular Welded Non-Alloy Steel Pipe From S. Korea	Preliminary Results of ADD Administrative Review; 2016-2017
<a href="#">A-560-826</a>	Monosodium Glutamate From Indonesia	Preliminary Results of ADD Administrative Review; 2016-2017
<a href="#">A-583-837</a>	Polyethylene Terephthalate Film, Sheet, and Strip From Taiwan	Final Results of ADD Administrative Review; 2016-2017
<a href="#">A-201-844</a>	Steel Concrete Reinforcing Bar From Mexico	Preliminary Results of ADD Administrative Review; 2016-2017
<a href="#">A-570-828</a> <a href="#">A-823-805</a>	Silicomanganese From China and Ukraine	Continuation of the ADD Orders
<a href="#">A-570-890</a>	Wooden Bedroom Furniture From China	Preliminary Results of ADD Administrative Review; 2017
<a href="#">A-533-867</a>	Welded Stainless Pressure Pipe From India	Preliminary Results of ADD Administrative Review; 2016-2017
<a href="#">C-533-864</a>	Certain Corrosion-Resistant Steel Products From India	Rescission of 2017 CVD Administrative Review
<a href="#">A-489-816</a>	Certain Oil Country Tubular Goods From Turkey	Final Results of ADD Administrative Review; 2016-2017
<a href="#">C-475-819</a>	Certain Pasta From Italy	Rescission of 2017 CVD Administrative Review
<a href="#">A-570-992</a>	Monosodium Glutamate From China	Final Results of ADD Administrative Review; 2016-2017
<a href="#">A-533-863</a>	Certain Corrosion-Resistant Steel Products From India	Final Results of ADD Administrative Review; 2016-2017



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

Case №	Merchandise/Country	Action
<a href="#">A-570-905</a>	Certain Polyester Staple Fiber From China	Notice of Court Decision Not in Harmony with Final Results of ADD Administrative Review and Notice of Amended Final Results of ADD Administrative Review
<a href="#">A-570-900</a>	Diamond Sawblades and Parts Thereof From China	Final Results of Antidumping Duty Administrative Review; 2016-2017
<a href="#">A-588-869</a>	Diffusion-Annealed, Nickel-Plated, Flat-Rolled Steel Products From Japan	Final Results of ADD Administrative Review; 2016-2017
<a href="#">C-475-819</a>	Pasta From Italy	Final Results of CVD Administrative Review; 2016
<a href="#">A-533-838</a>	Carbazole Violet Pigment 23 From India	Preliminary Results of ADD Administrative Review; 2016-2017
<a href="#">A-583-856</a>	Certain Corrosion-Resistant Steel Products From Taiwan	Final Results of ADD Administrative Review; 2016-2017
<a href="#">A-533-823</a> <a href="#">A-834-807</a> <a href="#">A-307-820</a>	Silicomanganese From India, Kazakhstan, and Venezuela	Final Results of Expedited Third Sunset Reviews of the ADD Orders
<a href="#">C-570-043</a>	Stainless Steel Sheet and Strip From China	Rescission of CVD Administrative Review; 2016-2017
<a href="#">A-449-804</a> <a href="#">A-455-803</a> <a href="#">A-560-811</a> <a href="#">A-570-860</a> <a href="#">A-822-804</a> <a href="#">A-823-809</a> <a href="#">A-841-804</a>	Steel Concrete Reinforcing Bars From Belarus, China, Indonesia, Latvia, Moldova, Poland, and Ukraine	Continuation of the ADD Orders
<a href="#">A-588-838</a>	Clad Steel Plate From Japan	Continuation of the ADD Order
<a href="#">A-570-985</a>	Xanthan Gum From China	Final Results of ADD Administrative Review, Final Determination of No Shipments, and Partial Discontinuation of ADD Administrative Review; 2016-2017
<a href="#">A-580-836</a>	Certain Cut-to-Length Carbon-Quality Steel Plate Products From S. Korea	Preliminary Results of ADD Administrative Review; 2017-2018
<a href="#">A-570-979</a> <a href="#">C-570-980</a>	Crystalline Silicon Photovoltaic Cells, Whether or Not Assembled into Modules, From China	Final Results of Changed Circumstances Reviews, and Revocation of the AD and CCVD Orders, in Part
<a href="#">A-201-845</a>	Sugar From Mexico	Agreement Suspending the ADD Investigation (as amended); Preliminary Results of 2017 Administrative Review
<a href="#">C-201-846</a>	Sugar From Mexico	Agreement Suspending the CVD Investigation (as amended); Preliminary Results of 2017 Administrative Review
<a href="#">A-570-970</a>	Multilayered Wood Flooring From China	Preliminary Results of ADD New Shipper Review; 2014-2015
<a href="#">A-570-970</a>	Multilayered Wood Flooring From China	Preliminary Results of the Antidumping Duty Administrative Review; 2016-2017
<a href="#">A-570-928</a>	Uncovered Innerspring Units From China	Final Affirmative Determination of Circumvention of the ADD Order
<a href="#">A-533-840</a>	Certain Frozen Warmwater Shrimp From India	Initiation of ADD Changed Circumstances Review
<a href="#">C-570-913</a>	Certain New Pneumatic Off-the-Road Tires From China	Final Results of CVD Administrative Review; 2016
<a href="#">A-201-820</a>	Fresh Tomatoes From Mexico	Final Results of the Full Sunset Review of the Suspended ADD Investigation
<a href="#">A-549-839</a>	Steel Propane Cylinders From Thailand	Preliminary Affirmative Determination of Sales at LTFV and Postponement of Final Determination
<a href="#">A-570-086</a>	Steel Propane Cylinders From China	Preliminary Affirmative Determination of Sales at LTFV and Postponement of Final Determination
<a href="#">A-570-814</a>	Carbon Steel Butt-Weld Pipe Fittings From China	Rescission of the ADD Administrative Review, In Part; 2017-2018
<a href="#">A-570-979</a>	Crystalline Silicon Photovoltaic Cells, Whether or Not Assembled into Modules From China	Preliminary Results of ADD Administrative Review and Preliminary Determination of No Shipments; 2016-2017



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Case №	Merchandise/Country	Action
<a href="#">A-570-983</a>	Drawn Stainless Steel Sinks From China	Preliminary Results of the ADD Administrative Review and Preliminary Determination of No Shipments; 2017 - 2018
<a href="#">C-570-971</a>	Multilayered Wood Flooring From China	Preliminary Results of CVD Administrative Review, Rescission of Review, in Part, and Intent to Rescind Review, in Part; 2016



## United States International Trade Commission (USITC)

Inv. №	Merchandise/Country	Action
<a href="#">731-TA-1114</a>	Steel Nails From China	[SECOND REVIEW] Institution of a Five-Year Review
<a href="#">701-TA-603-605</a> <a href="#">731-TA-1413-1415</a>	Glycine From China, India, Japan, and Thailand	[FINAL] Scheduling of the Final Phase of CVD and ADD Investigations
<a href="#">731-TA-1392-1393</a>	Polytetrafluoroethylene (PTFE) Resin From China and India	[FINAL] Determinations that an industry in the US is not materially injured or threatened with material injury by reason of imports from China and India that have been found by Commerce") to be sold in the United States at less than fair value ("LTFV")
<a href="#">731-TA-672-673</a>	Silicomanganese from China and Ukraine	[FOURTH REVIEW] Determinations that revocation of the ADD orders would be likely to lead to continuation or recurrence of material injury to an industry in the US within a reasonably foreseeable time
<a href="#">731-TA-873-875</a> <a href="#">878-880, and 882</a>	Steel Concrete Reinforcing Bar from Belarus, China, Indonesia, Latvia, Moldova, Poland, and Ukraine	[THIRD REVIEW] Determinations that revocation of the ADD orders would be likely to lead to continuation or recurrence of material injury to an industry in the United States within a reasonably foreseeable time.
<a href="#">701-TA-612-613</a> <a href="#">731-1429-1430</a>	Polyester Textured Yarn From China and India	[PRELIMINARY] Determinations that there is a reasonable indication that an industry in the United States is materially injured by reason of imports that are alleged to be sold in the United States at LTFV and to be subsidized by the governments of China and India
<a href="#">731-TA-739</a>	Clad Steel Plate from Japan	[FOURTH REVIEW] Determination that revocation of the ADD order would be likely to lead to continuation or recurrence of material injury to an industry in the United States within a reasonably foreseeable time
<a href="#">731-TA-1110</a>	Sodium Hexametaphosphate From China	[SECOND REVIEW] Determination that revocation of the ADD order would be likely to lead to continuation or recurrence of material injury to an industry in the United States within a reasonably foreseeable time
<a href="#">731-TA-1279</a>	Hydrofluorocarbon Blends and Components From China	[FINAL (SECOND REMAND)] Notice of the court-ordered remand of its final determination
<a href="#">701-TA-614</a> <a href="#">731-TA-1431</a>	Magnesium From Israel	[PRELIMINARY] Determinations that there is a reasonable indication that an industry in the United States is materially injured by reason of imports that are alleged to be sold in the United States at LTFV and to be subsidized by the government of Israel
<a href="#">701-TA-606</a> <a href="#">731-TA-1416</a>	Quartz Surface Products From China	[FINAL] Scheduling of the final phase of CVD and ADD investigations.
<a href="#">731-TA-919</a>	Certain Welded Large Diameter Line Pipe From Japan	[THIRD REVIEW] Notice of Commission Determination to Conduct a Full Five-Year Review



## Canadian International Trade Tribunal (CITT)

Ref. Number	Merchandise/Country	Action
<a href="#">PI-2018-006</a>	Capsules and tablets of nitisinone with a dosage of 2 mg, 5 mg, 10 mg and 20 mg, whether or not they are packaged for retail, originating in or exported from Sweden	Determinations - Reasons issued
<a href="#">RR-2018-006</a>	<i>Dumping</i> : Structural Tubing Known as Hollow Structural Sections, originating in or exported from S. Korea and Turkey	Notice of Expiry Review of Order
<a href="#">NQ-2018-001</a>	<i>Dumping and subsidizing</i> : Sucker Rods originating in or exported from China	Findings issued
<a href="#">NQ-2018-002</a>	Cold-Rolled Steel from China, Korea and Vietnam	Finding issued
<a href="#">NQ-2018-005</a>	Capsules and tablets of nitisinone with a dosage of 2 mg, 5 mg, 10 mg and 20 mg, whether or not they are packaged for retail, originating in or exported from Sweden	Notice of Commencement of Inquiry
<a href="#">RD-2016-002</a>	Hot-Rolled Carbon Steel Plate and High-Strength Low-Alloy Steel Plate originating in or exported from Bulgaria, the Czech Republic, Romania, Ukraine, Brazil, Denmark, Indonesia, Italy, Japan and S. Korea	Interim review - Order issued continuing the orders and finding without amendment
<a href="#">RR-2018-007</a>	Hot-Rolled Carbon Steel Plate and High-Strength Low-Alloy Steel Plate originating in or exported from Bulgaria, the Czech Republic and Romania	Notice of Expiry Review of Order



## Canada Border Services Agency (CBSA)

Ref. Number	Merchandise/Country	Action
<a href="#">HSS 2018 ER</a>	Certain Hollow Structural Sections From S. Korea and Turkey	Notice of Initiation of Expiry Review Investigation
<a href="#">RB1 2018 UP COLAKOGLU</a>	<i>Dumping</i> : Concrete Reinforcing Bar From China, Korea, and Turkey; <i>Subsidizing</i> : same from China	Notice of Conclusion of Normal Value Review of goods from Turkey [Çolakoğlu Metalurji A.S.]
<a href="#">RB1 2018 UP ICDAS</a>	<i>Dumping</i> : Concrete Reinforcing Bar From China, Korea, and Turkey; <i>Subsidizing</i> : same from China	Notice of Conclusion of Normal Value Review of goods from Turkey [İÇDAŞ Çelik Enrji Tersane ve Ulasim Sanayi A.S.]
<a href="#">NIT 2018 IN</a>	Certain Nitisinone Capsules From Sweden	Notice of Preliminary Determination - Provisional duties will now be payable on the subject goods that are released from customs on or after December 20, 2018.
<a href="#">PLA5 2018 ER</a>	Certain Hot-rolled Carbon Steel Plate From Bulgaria, Czech Republic and Romania	Notice of Initiation of Expiry Review Investigation



## NAFTA Panels

Case Number	Merchandise/Country	Action
No reported cases this month		



## Mexico - Ministry of Economy

Ref. №	Merchandise/Country	Action
<a href="#">10/17</a>	Sheet steel plate originating in Italy and Japan, regardless of the country of export.	Preliminary ruling of the AD investigation
<a href="#">12/18</a>	Aluminum pressure cookers originating in China, regardless of the country of export.	Resolution accepting the request of an interested party and declaring the initiation of the AD investigation



## Mexico - Ministry of Economy

Ref. №	Merchandise/Country	Action
<a href="#">17/18</a>	Crockery and loose pieces of ceramic tableware, including porcelain, originating in China, regardless of the country of export.	Resolution declaring the commencement of the examination of the effectiveness of the duty imposed



## Argentina Ministry of Production and Labor - Commerce Secretary

Ref. Number	Merchandise/Country	Action
<a href="#">Res. 143/2018</a>	Certain Electric Motors of alternating current originating in China	After expiry review - imposed ADD for five years
<a href="#">Res. 122/2018</a>	Wood Fiber Boards obtained by wet process originating in Brazil	Initiation of an investigation for alleged dumping; demand certificates of origin
<a href="#">Res. 120/2018</a>	Electrical Appliances for Heating spaces or floor originating in China	Completed Non-Preferential Verification of Origin claim of Malaysia
<a href="#">Res. 120/2018</a>	Aluminum Radiators originating in Spain, Italy, China	Initiation of an ADD investigation without the application of provisional ADD
<a href="#">Res. 125/2018</a>	Plates, Sheets, Sheets, Self-Adhesive Plastic Tapes and Strips, of regenerated cellulose, of polyurethanes or of fluorinated polymers and those of polyvinyl chloride in rolls, originating in Chile	Initiation of an expiry review
<a href="#">Res. 139/2018</a>	Steel wheels, with a nominal diameter greater than or equal to 444.5 mm (17.5 "), but not exceeding 622.33 mm (24.5") and nominal width greater than or equal to 152.4 mm (6 "), of the types used in buses, trucks, trailers and semi-trailers. trailers ", originating in China	Initiation of an AD investigation
<a href="#">Res. 140/2018</a>	Table, wall and turbo fans, with a built-in electric motor, connectable to the electric network, with and without a timer, ... , declared as originating in Vietnam and Mexico	Open process of verification of non-preferential origin for Vietnam because of suspected circumvention of AD case against China (Mexico must be done under the ECA)



## Brazil Ministry of Development, Industry and Trade

Reference	Merchandise/Country	Action
<a href="#">CAMEX Res. № 93</a>	Ferrite Magnets in Segment Format (arc), originating in China and S. Korea	Change in name
<a href="#">CAMEX Res. № 94</a>	Frozen Potatoes originating in Belgium	Terminates ad valorem price commitment
<a href="#">CAMEX Res. № 97</a>	Certain imports of flat rolled products of alloy or non-alloy steel, originating in Russian Federation or China	Extends, for a period of one year, the suspension of the collection of ADD on grounds of public interest
<a href="#">CAMEX Res. № 99</a>	Frozen Potatoes originating in Belgium	Terminates ad valorem price commitment
<a href="#">SECEX Cir. № 61</a>	Cast iron pipe pipes originating in China, India and the United Arab Emirates.	Extends the deadline for the conclusion of the dumping investigation
<a href="#">CAMEX Res. № 100</a>	Technical porcelain tiles originating in China	Changes the Term of Price Commitment approved by CAMEX Resolution No. 122, dated December 18, 2014
<a href="#">SECEX Port. № 73</a>	Pens From India	Terminate the special procedure of verification of non-preferential origin, with the qualification of origin India
<a href="#">SECEX Cir. № 63</a>	New diagonal rubber tires of the type used on motorcycles, originating in China, Thailand and Vietnam	Initiates review of ADD





## Brazil Ministry of Development, Industry and Trade

Reference	Merchandise/Country	Action
<a href="#">SECEX Cir. № 65</a>	Certain nylon filament yarn originating in China, S. Korea, Thailand and Chinese Taipei.	Initiates review of the ADD



## European Union

Reference	Merchandise/Country	Action
<a href="#">2018/C 437/08</a>	Tubes and pipes of ductile cast iron (also known as spheroidal graphite cast iron) originating in India	Notice of initiation of a partial interim review of the CV measures
<a href="#">2018/C 439/15</a>	Biodiesel originating in Indonesia	Notice of initiation of an anti-subsidy proceeding
<a href="#">2018/C 449/09</a>	Ceramic tiles originating in China	Notice concerning the name change of one company subject to the ADD rate for cooperating non-sampled companies
<a href="#">2018/C 454/06</a>	Peroxosulphates (persulphates) originating in China	Notice of initiation of an expiry review of the AD measures
<a href="#">2018/C 457/07</a>	<i>Safeguards</i> : Certain steel products	Notice extending the duration of the safeguard investigation a maximum period of 2 months



## Australian Anti-Dumping Commission

Ref. №	Merchandise/Country/Case #	Action
<a href="#">2018/185</a>	Steel Reinforcing Bar From China #467	Findings in Relation to a Review of Measures
<a href="#">2018/186</a>	Aluminium Extrusions From Malaysia #498	Initiation of an Accelerated Review
<a href="#">2018/187</a>	Various	Monthly Status Report - November 2018
<a href="#">2018/188</a>	Wire Ropes From South Africa #483	Extension of time to granted to issue the Statement of Essential Facts and Final Report
<a href="#">2018/189</a>	Steel Pallet Racking #441	Extension of time to pro
<a href="#">2018/190</a>	Aluminium Extrusions From China #482	Extension of time to issue Statement of Essential Facts and Final Report
<a href="#">2018/191</a>	Aluminium Extrusions From Malaysia #490/494	Extension of time to issue the Statement of Essential Facts and Final Report
<a href="#">2018/192</a>	Aluminium Zinc Coated Steel From China, Korea, Taiwan #500	Initiation of an accelerated review
<a href="#">2018/193</a>	A4 Copy Paper From Austria, Finland, Russia, Korea, Slovakia #463	Extension of time to publish Final Report
<a href="#">2018/194</a>	Rod In Coil From China #468	Extension of time to issue Final Report
<a href="#">2018/195</a>	Clear Float Glass From Thailand #479	Extension of time to provide REP 479 to the Minister
<a href="#">2018/196</a>	Ammonium Nitrate From China, Sweden and Thailand #473	Extension of Time to Issue Statement of Essential Facts and Final Report
<a href="#">2018/198</a>	Pineapple Fruit, FSI From Thailand #477	Extension of time to issue Final Report
<a href="#">2018/199</a>	Pineapple Fruit, Consumer From Thailand #478	Extension of time to issue Final Report



## China Ministry of Commerce (MOFCOM)

Ref. №	Merchandise/Country	Action
<a href="#">Ann. № 99</a>	Barley Originating in Australia	Anti-subsidy Investigation
<a href="#">Ann. № 91</a>	7-phenylacetamido-3-chloromethyl-4-cephalosporanic acid p-methoxybenzyl ester originating in India	Investigation of the anti-subsidy investigation on the import of 2018

<a href="#">Ann. № 90</a>	7-phenylacetamido-3-chloromethyl-4-cephalosporanic acid p-methoxybenzyl ester originating in India	Investigation of the anti-dumping investigation on the import of 2018
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Government of India Ministry of Finance (Department of Revenue)

Notification №	Merchandise/Country	Action
<a href="#">56/2018-Cus (ADD) 04-12-18</a>	Uncoated Copier Paper originating in or exported from Indonesia, Thailand and Singapore	Definitive Anti-dumping Duty (ADD) imposed for a period of 3 years
<a href="#">57/2018-Cus (ADD) 13-12-18</a>	Zeolite 4A (Detergent grade) originating in or exported from China PR	Definitive Anti-dumping Duty (ADD) imposed for a period of 5 years



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

File № and Date	Merchandise/Country	Action
INITIATIONS		
<a href="#">7/37/2018-DGAD 12-12-18</a>	Low Ash Metallurgical Coke originating in or exported from Australia and China PR	Initiates Mid-term Review Investigation
ORAL HEARINGS		
<a href="#">14/01/2014-DGAD 03-12-18</a>	Cold Rolled Flat Products of Stainless Steel width 600 mm to 1250 mm originating in or Exported from China PR, the European Union, South Africa, Taiwan, Thailand, the United States of America and Korea	Reschedules oral hearing at 1100 hrs on 6 December, 2018 in change of name request by exporter
FINAL FINDINGS		
<a href="#">7/2/2018-DGAD 13-12-18</a>	Metaphenylene Diamine originating in or exported from China PR	Final Findings issued in Sunset Review Investigation
<a href="#">7/5/2017-DGAD 14-12-18</a>	Soda Ash originating in or exported from China PR, the European Union, Kenya, Pakistan, Iran, Ukraine and the United States of America	Final Findings issued in Sunset Review Investigation
<a href="#">7/5/2018-DGAD 14-12-18</a>	Peroxosulphate (Persulphate) originating in or exported from China PR and the United States of America	Final Findings issued in Sunset Review Investigation
<a href="#">6/42/2017-DGAD 26-12-18</a>	Coated Paper originating in or exported from China PR, the European Union and the United States of America	Final Findings issued in Anti-dumping Investigation
<a href="#">6/25/2017-DGAD 27-12-18</a>	Fluoroelastomers originating in or exported from China PR	Final Findings issued in Anti-dumping Investigation
<a href="#">15/04/2014-DGAD 31-12-18</a>	Cold Rolled Flat Products of Stainless Steel width 600 mm to 1250 mm originating in or Exported from China PR, the European Union, South Africa, Taiwan, Thailand, the United States of America and Korea	Final Findings issued in Sunset Review Investigation amended to incorporate change of name of exporter
OTHERS		
<a href="#">7/36/2018-DGTR 11-12-18</a>	Purified Terephthalic Acid originating in or exported from Korea RP and Thailand	Time for filing questionnaire response extended until 31 December, 2018 in Sunset Review Investigation
<a href="#">7/34/2018-DGTR 12-12-18</a>	Poly Vinyl Chloride Suspension Grade Resin from China PR, Thailand and the United States of America	Time for filing questionnaire response extended until 8 January, 2018 in Sunset Review Investigation
<a href="#">7/11/2017-DGAD 31-12-18</a>	Melamine originating in or exported from China PR	Intimation to interested parties to complete New Shipper Review Investigation by 30 June, 2019



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## Opportunity to Request Administrative Review

In a December 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 DEcember anniversary dates:

AD/CVD Proceedings - Country/ Merchandise	Case No.	Period
<b>Antidumping Duty Proceedings</b>		
Brazil: Carbon Steel Butt-Weld Pipe Fittings	A-351-602	12/1/17-11/30/18
Chile: Certain Preserved Mushrooms	A-337-804	12/1/17-11/30/18
Germany: Non-Oriented Electrical Steel	A-428-843	12/1/17-11/30/18
India: Carbazole Violet Pigment 23	A-533-838	12/1/17-11/30/18
Certain Hot-Rolled Carbon Steel Flat Products	A-533-820	12/1/17-11/30/18
Commodity Matchbooks	A-533-848	12/1/17-11/30/18
Stainless Steel Wire Rod	A-533-808	12/1/17-11/30/18
Indonesia: Certain Hot-Rolled Carbon Steel Flat Products	A-560-812	12/1/17-11/30/18
Japan: Prestressed Concrete Steel Wire Strand	A-588-068	12/1/17-11/30/18
Non-Oriented Electrical Steel	A-588-872	12/1/17-11/30/18
Welded Large Diameter Line Pipe	A-588-857	12/1/17-11/30/18
Oman: Circular Welded Carbon-Quality Steel Pipe	A-523-812	12/1/17-11/30/18
Pakistan: Circular Welded Carbon-Quality Steel Pipe	A-553-903	12/1/17-11/30/18
S. Korea: Non-Oriented Electrical Steel	A-580-872	12/1/17-11/30/18
Welded Astm A-312 Stainless Steel Pipe	A-580-810	12/1/17-11/30/18
Welded Line Pipe	A-580-876	12/1/17-11/30/18
Russia: Certain Hot-Rolled Flat-Rolled Carbon-Quality Steel Products	A-821-809	12/1/17-11/30/18
SR of Vietnam: Uncovered Innerspring Units	A-552-803	12/1/17-11/30/18
South Africa: Uncovered Innerspring Units	A-791-821	12/1/17-11/30/18
Sweden: Non-Oriented Electrical Steel	A-401-809	12/1/17-11/30/18
Taiwan: Carbon Steel Butt-Weld Pipe Fittings	A-583-605	12/1/17-11/30/18
Non-Oriented Electrical Steel	A-583-851	12/1/17-11/30/18
Steel Wire Garment Hangers	A-583-849	12/1/17-11/30/18
Welded Astm A-312 Stainless Steel Pipe	A-583-815	12/1/17-11/30/18
PR of China: Carbazole Violet Pigment 23	A-570-892	12/1/17-11/30/18
Cased Pencils	A-570-827	12/1/17-11/30/18
Crystalline Silicon Photovoltaic Cells, Whether or Not Assembled Into Modules	A-570-979	12/1/17-11/30/18
Hand Trucks and Certain Parts Thereof	A-570-891	12/1/17-11/30/18
Honey	A-570-863	12/1/17-11/30/18
Malleable Cast Iron Pipe Fittings	A-570-881	12/1/17-11/30/18
Melamine	A-570-020	12/1/17-11/30/18
Multilayered Wood Flooring	A-570-970	12/1/17-11/30/18
Non-Oriented Electrical Steel	A-570-996	12/1/17-11/30/18
Porcelain-On-Steel Cooking Ware	A-570-506	12/1/17-11/30/18
Silicomanganese	A-570-828	12/1/17-11/30/18
Turkey: Welded Line Pipe	A-489-822	12/1/17-11/30/18
United Arab Emirates: Circular Welded Carbon-Quality Steel Pipe	A-520-807	12/1/17-11/30/18
<b>Countervailing Duty Proceedings</b>		
India: Carbazole Violet Pigment 23	C-533-839	1/1/17-12/31/17
Certain Hot-Rolled Carbon Steel Flat Products	C-533-821	1/1/17-12/31/17
Commodity Matchbooks	C-533-849	1/1/17-12/31/17
Indonesia: Certain Hot-Rolled Carbon Steel Flat Products	C-560-813	1/1/17-12/31/17
Taiwan: Non-Oriented Electrical Steel	C-583-852	1/1/17-12/31/17
Thailand: Certain Hot-Rolled Carbon Steel Flat Products	C-549-818	1/1/17-12/31/17
PR of China: Melamine	C-570-021	1/1/17-12/31/17
Crystalline Silicon Photovoltaic Cells, Whether or Not Assembled Into Modules	C-570-980	1/1/17-12/31/17
Non-Oriented Electrical Steel	C-570-997	1/1/17-12/31/17
Multilayered Wood Flooring	C-570-971	1/1/17-12/31/17
Turkey: Welded Line Pipe	C-489-823	1/1/17-12/31/17

AD/CVD Proceedings - Country/ Merchandise	Case No.	Period
Suspension Agreements		
Mexico: Sugar	A-201-845	12/1/17-11/30/18
Sugar	C-201-846	1/1/17-12/31/17

## Requested Reviews

In a December 11, 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 October anniversary dates. See actual notices for companies requesting review:

AD/CVD Proceedings - Country/ Merchandise	Case No.	Period
Antidumping Duty Proceedings		
Australia: Certain Hot-Rolled Steel Flat Products	A-602-809	10/1/17 - 9/30/18
Japan: Certain Hot-Rolled Steel Flat Products	A-588-874	10/1/17 - 9/30/18
Mexico: Carbon and Certain Alloy Steel Wire Rod	A-201-830	10/1/17 - 9/30/18
Poland: Emulsion Styrene-Butadiene Rubber	A-455-805	2/24/17 - 8/31/18
S. Korea: Certain Hot-Rolled Steel Flat Products	A-580-883	10/1/17 - 9/30/18
Emulsion Styrene-Butadiene Rubber	A-580-890	2/24/17 - 8/31/18
Taiwan: Steel Concrete Reinforcing Bar	A-583-859	3/7/17 - 9/30/18
The Netherlands: Certain Hot-Rolled Steel Flat Products	A-421-813	10/1/17 - 9/30/18
The PR of China: Freshwater Crawfish Tailmeat	A-570-848	9/1/17 - 8/31/18
Steel Wire Garment Hangers	A-570-918	10/1/17 - 9/30/18
Turkey: Certain Hot-Rolled Steel Flat Products	A-489-826	10/1/17 - 9/30/18
Heavy Walled Rectangular Welded Carbon Steel Pipes and Tubes	A-489-824	9/1/17 - 8/31/18
Countervailing Duty Proceedings		
S. Korea: Certain Hot-Rolled Steel Flat Products	C-580-884	1/1/17 - 12/31/17
Suspension Agreements		
Russia: Uranium	A-821-802	10/1/17 - 9/30/18

## Initiation of Sunset Reviews

In a December 3, 2018, *Federal Register* [notice](#), the US Department of Commerce advised that it was automatically initiating a five-year ("Sunset") review of the antidumping and countervailing duty orders listed below.

AD/CVD DOC Case No.	ITC Case No.	Country	Merchandise
A-570-909	731-TA-1114	China	Steel Nails (2 <sup>nd</sup> Review)

## Advance Notification of Sunset Reviews

In a December 3, 2018, *Federal Register* [notice](#), the US Department of Commerce advised that the following cases were scheduled for five-year ("Sunset") reviews for January 2019.

AD/CVD Proceedings - Merchandise/Country	Case No.
Antidumping Duty Proceedings	
Certain Hot-Rolled Carbon Steel Flat Products from China	A-570-865 (3 <sup>rd</sup> Review)
New Pneumatic Off-The-Road Tires from China	A-570-912 (2 <sup>nd</sup> Review)
Non-Malleable Cast Iron Pipe Fitting from China	A-570-975 (3 <sup>rd</sup> Review)
Raw Flexible Magnets from China	A-570-922 (2 <sup>nd</sup> Review)
Sodium Nitrite from China	A-570-925 (2 <sup>nd</sup> Review)
Sodium Nitrite from Germany	A-428-841 (2 <sup>nd</sup> Review)
Certain Hot-Rolled Carbon Steel Flat Products from India	A-533-820 (3 <sup>rd</sup> Review)

AD/CVD Proceedings - Merchandise/Country	Case No.	
Certain Hot-Rolled Carbon Steel Flat Products from Indonesia	A-560-812*	(3 <sup>rd</sup> Review)
Certain Hot-Rolled Carbon Steel Flat Products from Taiwan	A-583-835	(3 <sup>rd</sup> Review)
Raw Flexible Magnets from Taiwan	A-583-842	(2 <sup>nd</sup> Review)
Certain Hot-Rolled Carbon Steel Flat Products from Thailand	A-549-817	(3 <sup>rd</sup> Review).
Certain Hot-Rolled Carbon Steel Flat Products from Ukraine	A-823-811	(3 <sup>rd</sup> Review)
Countervailing Duty Proceedings		
New Pneumatic Off-The-Road Tires from China	C-570-913	(2 <sup>nd</sup> Review)
Raw Flexible Magnets from China	C-570-923	(2 <sup>nd</sup> Review)
Certain Hot-Rolled Carbon Steel Flat Products from India	C-533-821	(3 <sup>rd</sup> Review)
Certain Hot-Rolled Carbon Steel Flat Products from Indonesia	C-560-813*	(3 <sup>rd</sup> Review)
Certain Hot-Rolled Carbon Steel Flat Products from Thailand	C-549-818	(3 <sup>rd</sup> Review)
Sodium Nitrite from China	C-570-926**	
Suspended Investigations		
No Sunset Review of suspended investigations is scheduled for initiation in January 2019.		

\* [Case number corrected in Federal Register of 12-26-18](#)

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