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2019 Year-End Import/Export Review in Santa Clara

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#### ANNOUNCING THE LAUNCH OF A NEW TOOL:

#### COVID-19 PIER PRODUCT IMPORT/EXPORT REVIEW

We are pleased to announce the launch of <u>Baker McKenzie's COVID-19 Product Import/Export Review ("COVID-19 PIER")</u> tool. This tool is a multijurisdictional tracker that provides information on import and export measures imposed around the world in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. New jurisdictions will be added as we continuously update the information in the tool.

The past few months have seen an exponential increase in the demand for personal protective equipment ("PPE"), medical supplies, and other products, along with actual or feared shortages in some of those same products. To address this mismatch, many jurisdictions have employed a mix of a "carrot" approach (relaxing import duties and product regulatory requirements to facilitate the importation of these products) and a "stick" approach (imposing export restrictions prohibiting the exportation of these products). The resulting patchwork of jurisdiction-specific measures is fast-changing, as exemplified by the European Commission's most recent lift of an export ban on PPE introduced just two months ago, while a number of EU member states still maintain their own national export restrictions.

<u>COVID-19 PIER</u> will be useful for companies that are engaged in the commercial manufacture and export of PPE and other affected products, as well as by companies looking to procure these items for export to their own offices around the world as part of their recovery planning and reopening strategies to keep their personnel healthy and safe at work.

The tool is easy to navigate. Simply select the exporting and importing jurisdiction(s) to view user-friendly and regularly updated information on the current import and export measures that have been implemented in response to the pandemic. You may also view contact details for our local experts. With one click you can generate and download a PDF report. A step-by-step quick reference guide can be accessed by clicking <a href="here">here</a>.

Please contact us if you wish to learn more about the measures and how they can affect your business.

Keep safe and best regards,

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To access <u>COVID-19 PIER click here</u> – To access the <u>Quick Reference Guide</u>, click here.

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## WORLD TRADE ORGANIZATION (WTO)

## WTO members discuss Kazakhstan's offer to host 12th Ministerial Conference in June 2021

The WTO <u>announced</u> that at a virtual meeting of the General Council on 29 May, WTO members discussed Kazakhstan's offer to host the WTO's 12th Ministerial Conference (MC12) in Nur-Sultan in June 2021.

The General Council chair, Ambassador David Walker (New Zealand), said that all delegations he consulted with welcomed Kazakhstan's proposal. At the same time, many delegations stressed that, given the uncertainty caused by the COVID-19 pandemic, any date set would be considered a "working hypothesis" and that an ongoing evaluation and review would be needed as circumstances become clearer.

Amb. Walker said he would continue consulting with members on setting a precise date for MC12.

MC12 was originally scheduled to take place in the Kazakh capital Nur-Sultan on 8-11 June 2020 but was postponed due to the COVID-19 outbreak. Kazakhstan informed WTO members in late April that it remained ready to host MC12 in June 2021 in Nur-Sultan and asked the General Council chair to consult with WTO members on its proposal.

Amb. Walker said that a formal decision about the new date for MC12 will need to be taken by the General Council and that he would aim to continue to consult with a view to setting a precise date for MC12 at the General Council's next meeting in July.

WTO members also discussed the timetable proposed by the General Council chair for the appointment of the next WTO Director-General. On 14 May, Director-General Roberto Azevêdo <u>informed members</u> that he intended to step down on 31 August 2020, a year before his term was to have expired.

#### Brazil submits application to join government procurement pact

The WTO <u>announced</u> that on 18 May 2020, the WTO Committee on Government Procurement received Brazil's bid to start negotiations on joining the *Government Procurement Agreement* (GPA). Brazil said it would circulate the necessary accession documents as soon as the COVID-19 situation allows it. The announcement said, in part:

In its <u>statement</u>, Brazil said that it hopes to present its initial market access offer and to reply to a checklist of issues about its government procurement legislation as soon as the COVID-19 crisis allows a return to normal working conditions. This will be the kick-off for negotiations with other GPA parties.

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Brazil was granted observer status by GPA parties in <u>October 2017</u>. At that time, Brazil said its request reflected a desire from the Brazilian people to modernize the economy and improve the management of public resources. Brazil also noted at that point that it had negotiated government procurement chapters in regional and bilateral free trade agreements that were based largely on the provisions of the GPA.

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The GPA is a plurilateral WTO agreement, meaning that not all WTO members are parties to the Agreement. It is open to all WTO members but is binding only for those members that have joined it.... Currently, <u>48 WTO members</u> (including the 27 member states of the European Union and the United Kingdom) are bound by the Agreement. <u>Australia</u> became the most recent member acceding to the Agreement in 2019.

#### COVID-19: Trade and trade-related measures.

The WTO has set up a <u>dedicated webpage</u> to help governments, business, the media and the public track the latest information on trade-related responses to the COVID-19 outbreak. For measures posted after March 31, 2020, <u>see the separate WTO COVID-19 Trade and Trade-Related Measures section.</u> Please see our <u>May 2020 Update</u> for measures posted prior to 1 May 2020.

#### **TBT Notifications**

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

## WORLD CUSTOMS ORGANIZATION (WCO)

## WCO list of temporary import and export measures related to COVID-19

The WCO has created a special Web Page dedicated to Coronavirus import and export measures where it will share advice, tools and best practices not only to Customs but also to the public. In addition, it has developed lists of national legislation of countries that adopted temporary import support (lowering or waiving of direct and indirect duties and taxes) and export restrictions on certain categories of critical medical supplies in response to COVID-19. The import-export lists are not exhaustive and were last updated by the WCO on 30 April 2020.

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

Date	Title		
04-05-20	WCO Secretariat receives access to INTERPOL's iARMS database to search and trace seized firearms		
06-05-20	WCO and OLAF: One seizure – one report  101 eople arrested and 19,000 artefacts recovered in international crackdown on cultural goods trafficking		
12-05-20	Joint WCO-IRU statement on responding to the impacts of COVID-19 on cross- border transport		
13-05-20	How to establish and utilize essential goods lists during a disaster		
14-05-20	Partnership for maritime digitalization to support flow of trade by ship		
15-05-20	Join WCO-OTIF-OSJD statement on responding to the impacts of COVID-19 on cross-border railway transport		
19-05-20	WCO BACUDA experts develop and share a neural network model to assist Customs to detect potential fraudulent transactions WCO partners with stakeholders to launch a COVID-19 Trade Facilitation Repository		
20-05-19	119 seizures from 14 WCA countries during WCO operation ALAMBA 2020 targeting suspected transnational terrorist organizations  Launch of the first PTC document-based meeting Cambodia's Air Cargo Control Unit successfully targets falsely declared COVID-19 test kits  First National COPES Workshop conducted remotely for Benin		
	The SECO-WCO Global Trade Facilitation Programme supports Guatemala to access the Revised Kyoto Convention		
25-05-20	Online training support of the UNODC-WCO Container Control Programme		

Date	Title	
27-05-20	WCO and Guatemala conduct initial working session on the Revised Kyoto Convention	
29-05-20	WCO and OSCE join forces to deploy the PITCH training online for the Balkan Region	
	WCO and UN-OHRLLS call for trade and transit facilitation during the COVID- 19 pandemic	

### 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		
18-05-20	2020/042 - Elephant Trade Information System (ETIS): questionnaire on data collection  • Annex: Questionnaire on ETIS data collection  2020/043 - CITES Identification Manual and other identification materials available on the Checklist of CITES species		
26-05-20	2020/044 - CHINA – Continued measures to ban the import of elephant tusks and their products		
29-05-20	2020/045 - Postponement of the 31st meeting of the Animals Committee and 25th meeting of the Plants Committee		

#### **FAS GAIN Reports**

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

Member	GAIN Report	
Burma	Rice Export Policy Updates during COVID-19	
China	China Revises Step-By-Step Tariff Exclusion Guide	
China	China Updates Frequently Asked Questions Document on Tariff Exclusion Process	
Colombia	Colombia Notifies Draft Measure to Restrict Processed Foods that Exceed Sodium Targets	
Egypt	Egypt's National Food Safety Authority Issues Registration Procedures for Food Safety Management Systems	
Hong Kong	MARA Updates Application Requirements for Feed Ingredient and Feed Additive Licenses	
Hong Kong	Exporter Guide	
Hong Kong	FAIRS - Narrative	
India	Delhi Government Imposes New Tax on Alcoholic Beverage Purchases	
Japan	Japan To Implement a Positive List System for Food Packaging and Container Substances	
Japan	Japan will Enforce Revised Quarantine Pest List in November 2020	
Japan	Japan Temporarily Accepts Electronic Copies of Phytosanitary Certificates for Horticultural Imports	

Member GAIN Report	
Kazakhstan	Kazakhstan COVID-19 Updates and Impacts
Namibia	Bans Poultry Imports from South Carolina
Philippines	New Excise Tax Structure for Alcohol Products
S. Korea	Korea Updates Foreign Food Facility Registration Portal
Serbia	Green Corridors Among CEFTA Countries to Facilitate Trade During COVID-19 Pandemic
Singapore	New Simplified Processed Beef and Offal Export Protocol to Singapore
Thailand	Thailand Moves Forward with Ban on Paraquat and Chlorpyrifos on 1 June 2020
Thailand The Status of Glyphosate in Thailand	
U.A.E.	FAIRS Country Report
Ukraine	Ukraine's MRLs for Microbiological Contaminants
Vietnam COVID-19 in Vietnam	

## THE AMERICAS - CENTRAL AMERICA

#### **EL SALVADOR**

#### **Customs Information Bulletins**

Date	Series and №	Subject
21-03-20	DGA-007-2020	Suspension of legal terms and deadlines due to the state of national emergency following the Covid-19 pandemic.
28-03-20	DGA-008-2020	Imports under Legislative Decree No. 604 "Modification of the Central American Import Tariff"
03-04-20	DGA-009-2020	On Imports in the Framework of Legislative Decree 616 "Special and Transitory Provisions to the Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock and to Individuals, in the operations of purchase of corn, beans and rice for human consumption, in the framework of the emergency by COVID-19"
08-04-20	DGA-011-2020	To business unions and importers
09-04-20	DGA-012-2020	Treatment of origin of merchandise imports under the association agreement between the European Union and Central America, during the COVID-19 emergency period
15-04-20	DGA-013-2020	Suspension of deadline for delivery of reports and reports, due to the state of national emergency following the COVID-19 pandemic (published on April 15, 2020 3:50 pm)
17-04-20	DGA-014-2020	Goods import process to guarantee hospital equipment during the COVID-19 emergency
05-05-20	DGA-016-2020	Reference Tariff Codes for Medicines and Medical Supplies by COVID-19 (published on May 5, 2020 1:30 PM)
13-05-20	DGA-017-2020	Procedure for the reception and customs clearance of used vehicles, parts and used spare parts, at San Bartolo Land Customs.
28-05-20	DGA-018-2020	Process to re-import exports from El Salvador to Costa Rica.

### PANAMA

#### Official Gazette

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

Publication Date	Title
06-05-20	NCA: Resolution № 126 (04-05-20) Through Which The Suspension Of The
	Terms Within The National Customs Jurisdiction Is Extended

Publication Date	Title
13-05-20	NCA: Resolution № 130 (08-05-20) that amends an article of Resolution 126 of May 04, 2020 through which the suspension of the terms is extended within the customs jurisdiction at the national level.
26-05-20	NCA: Resolution № 134 (25-05-20) through which Resolution 126 of May 04, 2020 is extended, which extended the suspension of the judicial terms in all the criminal and administrative procedures of the customs jurisdiction at the national level.
	NCA: Resolution № 136 (25-05-20) by which temporary reciprocity measures for the lifting of cargo in fiscal warehouses, free zones and ports located in the territory of the Republic of Panama
	NCA: Resolution № 137 (25-05-20) through which the exclusive enabled routes and customs deposits are established to download goods by land carriers of Costa Rica.

### THE AMERICAS - NORTH AMERICA

#### **C**ANADA

#### Miscellaneous regulations and proposals

The following documents of interest to international traders were published in the <u>Canada Gazette</u>. (The sponsoring ministry, department or agency is also shown. N=notice, PR=proposed regulation, R=regulation, O=Order, OIC=Order in Council)

Publication Date	Title	
05-01-20	JUSTICE: Regulations Amending the Regulations Prescribing Certain Firearms and Other Weapons, Components and Parts of Weapons, Accessories, Cartridge Magazines, Ammunition and Projectiles as Prohibited, Restricted or Non-Restricted (SOR/2020-96 May 1, 2020) [Published as an Extra on 05-01, but also on 05-13] (R)	
	JUSTICE: Order Declaring an Amnesty Period (2020) (SOR/2020-97, May 1, 2020) [Published as an Extra on 05-01, but also on 05-13]	
05-02-20	PUBLIC HEALTH AGENCY: Minimizing the Risk of Exposure to COVID-19 in Canada Order (Prohibition of Entry into Canada from the United States) (OIC) [April 22, 2020 to May 21, 2020]	
05-27-20	FINANCE: Certain Goods Remission Order (COVID-19)(SOR/2020-101, May 5 2020) (OIC)	
05-30-20	PUBLIC HEALTH AGENCY: Minimizing the Risk of Exposure to COVID-19 in Canada Order (Prohibition of Entry into Canada from the United States) (OIC) [May 22, 2020 to June 21, 2020]	

#### CBSA advance rulings

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

No advance rulings were posted by the CBSA during the period of coverage.

#### D-Memoranda and CNs revised or cancelled

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

Date	Reference	Title
04-07-20	No. 992	Notice to Exporters: Export of items listed on the Export Control List to Turkey
05-01-20	No. 999	Notice to Exporters: Requirements for exporting prohibited fire- arms
	CN 20-17	Re-classification of "assault style" firearms to prohibited firearms
05-02-20	<u>CN 20-18</u>	Implementation of the Canada-United States-Mexico Agreement (CUSMA) De Minimis Threshold with Respect to Customs Duties and Taxes for Courier Imports
05-06-20	CN 20-19	Certain Goods Remission Order (COVID-19)
05-07-20	<u>D11-4-27</u>	(Revised) - Canada-Costa Rica Free Trade Agreement (CCRFTA): Costa Rica Free Zone Regime
05-08-20	D22-1-1	(Revised) - Administrative Monetary Penalty System
05-20-20	D10-14-29	Tariff Classification of Gloves
05-21-20	<u>CN 20-15</u>	(Revised) - Increase to the Low Value Shipment (LVS) Threshold and Simplification to the Proof of Origin Requirements for Goods Imported into Canada

#### Antidumping and countervailing duty cases

See separate Antidumping Countervailing Duty and Safeguards Investigations, Orders & Reviews section below.

#### **MEXICO**

#### Diario Oficial

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

Publication Date	Title	
05-13-20	HEALTH: Agreement by which the series of legends, images, pictograms, health messages and information that must appear on all packages of tobacco products and on all external packaging and labeling of these, starting on June 1, is disclosed. 2020 and until November 30, 2021.	
05-27-20	ECONOMY: Agreement that discloses Decision No. 104 of the Administrative Commission of the Free Trade Agreement between the United Mexican States and the Republic of Colombia, adopted on March 9, 2020.	
05-29-20	ECONOMY: Agreement that modifies the diverse by which terms are suspended in the Ministry of Economy and administrative measures are established to contain the spread of the coronavirus COVID-19.	

#### **UNITED STATES**

[NOTE ON FEDERAL REGISTER TABLES IN THE **UNITED STATES** SECTION BELOW: N=NOTICE, FR=FINAL RULE OR ORDER, PR=NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULEMAKING, AN=ADVANCE NOTICE OF PR, IR=INTERIM RULE OR ORDER, 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 OR ARE SCHEDULED BEFORE THIS EDITION WILL BE DISTRIBUTED ARE GENERALLY NOT LISTED. IN ADDITION, IN CITATIONS WITHIN ARTICLES, THE ABBREVIATIONS FR (FOR FEDERAL REGISTER) AND CFR (FOR CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS), THE GOVERNMENT'S PREFERRED ABBREVIATIONS, ARE OFTEN USED INSTEAD OF FED. REG. OR C.F.R., THE BLUE BOOK'S PREFERRED STYLE. FURTHERMORE, STATUTE TITLES AND REGULATIONS ARE ITALICIZED.]

#### 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	
05-01-20	Executive Order 13918 of April 28, 2020 - Establishment of the Interagency Labor Committee for Monitoring and Enforcement Under Section 711 of the United States-Mexico Canada Agreement Implementation Act	
	Executive Order 13917 of April 28, 2020 - Delegating Authority Under the Defense Production Act With Respect to Food Supply Chain Resources During the National Emergency Caused by the Outbreak Of Covid-19	
	Memorandum of April 28, 2020- Providing Continued Federal Support for Governors' Use of the National Guard to Respond to COVID-19 and to Facilitate Economic Recovery	
05.04.00	Executive Order 13920 of May 1, 2020 - Securing the United States Bulk- Power System	
05-04-20	Executive Order 13919 of April 30, 2020 Ordering the Selected Reserve of the Armed Forces to Active Duty	
	Notice of May 7, 2020 - Continuation of the National Emergency With Respect to the Central African Republic	
05-08-20	Notice of May 7, 2020 - Continuation of the National Emergency With Respect to the Actions of the Government of Syria	
	Notice of May 7, 2020 - Continuation of the National Emergency With Respect to Yemen	
05-12-20	Executive Order 13921 of May 7, 2020 - Promoting American Seafood Competitiveness and Economic Growth	
05-13-20	Memorandum of May 8, 2020 Providing Continued Federal Support for Governors' Use of the National Guard To Respond to COVID–19 and To Facilitate Economic Recovery	
05-14-20	Notice of May 13, 2020 - Continuation of the National Emergency With Respect to Securing the Information and Communications Technology and Services Supply Chain	
05-19-20	Executive Order 13922 of May 14, 2020 - Delegating Authority Under the Defense Production Act to the Chief Executive Officer of the United States International Development Finance Corporation to Respond to the Covid-19 Outbreak	
05-20-20	Executive Order 13923 of May 15, 2020 - Establishment of the Forced Labor Enforcement Task Force Under Section 741 of the United States-Mexico-Canada Agreement Implementation Act	
05-21-20	Notice of May 20, 2020 - Continuation of the National Emergency With Respect to the Stabilization of Iraq	
05-22-20	Executive Order 13924 of May 19, 2020 - Regulatory Relief to Support Economic Recovery	
05-26-20	Memorandum of May 20, 2020- Providing Continued Federal Support for Governors' Use of the National Guard to Respond to COVID-19 and to Facilitate Economic Recovery	

Date	Subject
05-28-20	Proclamation 10041 of May 24, 2020: Suspension of Entry as Immigrants and Nonimmigrants of Certain Additional Persons Who Pose a Risk of Transmitting 2019 Novel Coronavirus
	Proclamation 10042 Amendment to Proclamation of May 24, 2020, Suspending Entry as Immigrants and Nonimmigrants of Certain Additional Persons Who Pose a Risk of Transmitting 2019 Novel Coronavirus

#### President suspends entry of most aliens arriving from Brazil

On May 24, 2020, President Trump issued a <u>Proclamation on Suspension of Entry as Immigrants and Nonimmigrants of Certain Additional Persons Who Pose a Risk of Transmitting Novel Coronavirus</u> which restricts and suspends the entry into the United States, as immigrants or nonimmigrants, of all aliens who were physically present within the Federative Republic of Brazil during the 14-day period preceding their entry or attempted entry into the United States. The restrictions do not apply to:

- any lawful permanent resident of the United States;
- any alien who is the spouse of a US citizen or lawful permanent resident;
- any alien who is the parent or legal guardian of a US citizen or lawful permanent resident, provided that the US citizen or lawful permanent resident is unmarried and under the age of 21;
- any alien who is the sibling of a US citizen or lawful permanent resident, provided that both are unmarried and under the age of 21;
- any alien who is the child, foster child, or ward of a US citizen or lawful permanent resident, or who is a prospective adoptee seeking to enter the United States pursuant to the IR-4 or IH-4 visa classifications;
- any alien traveling at the invitation of the United States Government for a purpose related to containment or mitigation of the virus;
- any alien traveling as a nonimmigrant pursuant to a C-1, D, or C-1/D nonimmigrant visa as a crewmember or any alien otherwise traveling to the United States as air or sea crew;
- any alien seeking entry into or transiting the United States pursuant to one of the following visas: A-1, A-2, C-2, C-3 (as a foreign government official or immediate family member of an official), E-1 (as an employee of TECRO or TECO or the employee's immediate family members G-1, G-2, G-3, G-4, NATO-1 through NATO-4, or NATO-6 (or seeking to enter as a nonimmigrant in one of those NATO categories); or
- any alien whose travel falls within the scope of section 11 of the United Nations Headquarters Agreement;
- any alien who is a member of the US Armed Forces and any alien who is a spouse or child of a member of the US Armed Forces;
- any alien whose entry would not pose a significant risk of introducing, transmitting, or spreading the virus, as determined by the Secretary of Health and Human Services, through the CDC Director or his designee;
- any alien whose entry would further important United States law enforcement objectives, as determined by the Secretary of State, the Secretary of Homeland Security, or their respective designees, based on a recommendation of the Attorney General or his designee; or
- any alien whose entry would be in the national interest, as determined by the Secretary of State, the Secretary of Homeland Security, or their designees.

The Proclamation states: "The free flow of commerce between the United States and the Federative Republic of Brazil remains an economic priority for the United States, and I [the President] remain committed to facilitating trade between our nations."

Originally, the proclamation was to take effect at 11:59 p.m. EDT on May 28, 2020 and would not apply to persons aboard a flight scheduled to arrive in the United States that departed prior to 11:59 p.m. EDT on May 28, 2020. However, on May 25, 2020, the Presidents issued an Amendment to the Proclamation that made it effective at 11:59 p.m. EDT on May 26, 2020 except for persons aboard a flight scheduled to arrive in the United States that departed prior to 11:59 p.m. EDT on May 26, 2020.

## The Trump Administration issues Executive Order 13920 to Protect the US Bulk-Power System from foreign adversaries

On May 1, 2020, the Trump Administration issued Executive Order 13920 on "Securing the United States Bulk-Power System" ("Bulk-Power System EO"), which aims to prevent "foreign adversaries" from exploiting vulnerabilities in the US bulk-power system in furtherance of US national security. As explained in further detail in the press release concurrently published by the Department of Energy, the Bulk-Power System EO is meant to prohibit certain transactions involving bulk-power system equipment where the Secretary of Energy has determined that:

- The transaction involves bulk-power system equipment designed, developed, manufactured, or supplied by persons owned/controlled by, or subject to the jurisdiction of a foreign adversary; and
- The transaction:
  - Poses an undue risk of sabotage to or subversion of the design, integrity, manufacturing, production, distribution, installation, operation, or maintenance of the US bulk-power system;
  - Poses an undue risk of catastrophic effects on the security or resiliency of US critical infrastructure or the US economy; or
  - Otherwise poses an unacceptable risk to US national security or the security and safety of US persons.

The Bulk-Power System EO authorizes the Secretary of Energy to establish criteria for recognizing certain bulk-power system equipment and vendors as prequalified for future transactions, and to publish a pre-qualified equipment and vendors list.

The Secretary of Energy is required to publish rules or regulations implementing the Bulk-Power System EO within 150 days of its issuance (i.e., by September 28, 2020). These rules and regulations may (i) identify particular countries or persons as "foreign adversaries," as none are currently identified; (ii) identify persons owned/controlled by "foreign adversaries"; (iii) identify particular equipment or countries with respect to which transactions warrant particular scrutiny; (iv) establish licensing procedures for otherwise prohibited transactions; and (v) identify a mechanism and relevant factors for negotiation of agreements that may mitigate the national security concerns identified in the Bulk-Power System EO.

The Bulk-Power System EO also tasks the Secretary of Energy with identifying bulk-power system equipment presenting a threat to the security of the US bulk-power system and to develop recommendations on ways to identify, isolate,

monitor, or replace such equipment "as soon as practicable," while considering the overall risk to the system.

Lastly, the Bulk-Power System EO establishes an interagency "Task Force on Federal Energy Infrastructure Procurement Policies Related to National Security" (the "Task Force"). Chaired by the Secretary of Energy, the Task Force will develop federal energy infrastructure procurement policies to integrate the national security considerations described in the order into broader energy security and cybersecurity policymaking, in coordination with the Electricity and Oil and Natural Gas Subsector Coordinating Councils. We note that the Bulk Power System EO is similar in aim to <a href="Executive Order 13873">Executive Order 13873</a>, "Securing the Information and Communications Technology and Services Supply Chain," which was issued last year and is discussed in detail in our previous blog posts <a href="here">here</a> and could have significant impacts on companies operating in the targeted sectors.

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FOR COMMERCE SECTION 232 AND USTR SEC. 201 AND 301 TARIFF AND EXCLUSION INFORMATION AND CBP GUIDANCE ON BOTH, PLEASE SEE THE **NEW SECTION** BELOW.

#### USTR seeks comments for annual AGOA review

On May 13, 2020, the Office of the US Trade Representative (USTR) published in the *Federal Register* a <u>notice</u> [Docket No. USTR-2020-0020] announcing the initiation of the annual review of the eligibility of the sub-Saharan African countries to receive the benefits of the African Growth and Opportunity Act (AGOA). The AGOA Implementation Subcommittee of the Trade Policy Staff Committee (AGOA Subcommittee) is developing recommendations for the President on AGOA country eligibility for calendar year 2021. The AGOA Subcommittee requests comments for this review. Due to COVID-19, the AGOA Subcommittee will foster public participation via written submissions rather than an in-person hearing. The notice includes the schedule for submission of comments and responses to questions from the AGOA Subcommittee related to this review:

- June 24, 2020 at 11:59 pm EDT: Deadline for submission of written comments on the eligibility of sub-Saharan African countries to receive the benefits of AGOA
- July 7, 2020 at 11:59 pm EDT: Deadline for the AGOA Subcommittee to pose any questions on written comments.
- July 16, 2020 at 11:59 pm EDT: Deadline for submission of commenters' responses to questions from the AGOA Subcommittee.
- July 25, 2020 at 11:59 pm EDT: Deadline for replies from other interested parties to the written comments and responses to questions.
- August 4, 2020 at 11:59 pm EDT: Deadline for the AGOA Subcommittee to pose any additional questions on written comments.
- August 13, 2020 at 11:59 pm EDT: Deadline for submission of responses to any additional questions from the AGOA Subcommittee.

#### USTR seeks comments for 2020 annual GSP review

On May 7, 2020, the Office of the US Trade Representative (USTR) published in the *Federal Register* a <u>notice</u> requesting comments [Docket No. USTR-2020-0019] on the petitions submitted in connection with the 2020 GSP Annual Product Review for further review. USTR has decided to accept for review several petitions seeking to add or remove products from GSP eligibility for all GSP beneficiary countries. USTR posted a list of petitions and products accepted for review on the USTR website at: <a href="https://ustr.gov/sites/default/files/IssueAreas/gsp/2020\_GSP\_Annual\_Review-Petitions\_Accepted\_for\_Review.pdf">https://ustr.gov/sites/default/files/IssueAreas/gsp/2020\_GSP\_Annual\_Review-Petitions\_Accepted\_for\_Review.pdf</a> under the title "2020 GSP Annual Review - Petitions Accepted for Review.

Due to COVID-19, the GSP Subcommittee of the Trade Policy Staff Committee will foster public participation via written submissions rather than an in-person hearing. The notice includes the schedule for submission of comments and responses to questions from the GSP Subcommittee, on all petitions that USTR accepted for the 2020 GSP Annual Product Review:

- May 27, 2020 at 11:59 pm EDT: Deadline for submission of written comments on petitions accepted for the 2020 GSP Annual Product Review.
- June 16, 2020 at 11:59 pm EDT: Deadline for the GSP Subcommittee to pose questions on written comments.
- June 30, 2020 at 11:59 pm EDT: Deadline for submission of commenters' responses to questions from the GSP Subcommittee.
- July 10, 2020 at 11:59 pm EDT: Deadline for replies from other interested parties to the written comments and responses to questions.
- July 22, 2020 at 11:59 pm EDT: Deadline for the GSP Subcommittee to pose additional questions on written comments.
- August 5, 2020 at 11:59 pm EDT: Deadline for submission of responses to any additional questions from the GSP Subcommittee

#### US-UK launch trade agreement talks

On May 5, 2020, US Trade Representative Robert Lighthizer and UK International Trade Secretary Liz Truss <u>announced</u> the formal launch of trade agreement negotiations between the US and the UK. The announcement said:

In light of the ongoing global pandemic caused by Covid-19, the first round of negotiations will be conducted virtually, with UK and US negotiators engaging in discussions over the next two weeks in nearly 30 different negotiating groups covering all aspects of a comprehensive trade agreement.

Both parties agree that a Free Trade Agreement would contribute to the long-term health of our economies, which is vitally important as we recover from the challenges posed by Covid-19.

An FTA is a priority for both countries and we share a commitment to secure an ambitious agreement that significantly boosts trade and investment. We will undertake negotiations at an accelerated pace and have committed the resources necessary to progress at a fast pace.

An opening plenary on May 5 will kick off the detailed discussions, followed by multiple virtual meetings from May 6 to May 15. The negotiations build on the work conducted through the US-UK Trade and Investment Working Group, which was established in July 2017, partly to lay the ground work for these negotiations.

The United States and the United Kingdom are the first and fifth largest economies in the world, respectively. Total two-way trade between the two countries is already worth about \$269 [£230] billion a year. Each country is the other's largest source of foreign direct investment, with about \$1 trillion [over £700 billion] invested in each other's economies. Every day, around one million Americans go to work for UK firms, while around one million Britons go to work for American firms.

The U.S.-UK trade agreement will be a modern agreement designed for the highly advanced and sophisticated U.S. and UK economies. Both governments are committed to maintaining high levels of health, safety, and environmental protection that will serve as a model free trade agreement for the world.

#### Other USTR documents

F.R. Date	Subject
05-14-20	List of Countries Denying Fair Market Opportunities for Government-Funded Airport Construction Projects [Docket Number USTR-2020-0019] (N) [none listed]
	port Construction Projects [Docket Number USTR-2020-0019] (N) [none listed]

## SECTIONS 201, 232 AND 301 TARIFF INFORMATION AND PRODUCT EXCLUSIONS

[In order to simplify research, Secs. 202, 232 and 301 tariff notices and CBP implementation instructions will now be covered in the same section of this Update]

## Commerce seeks comments in inquiry regarding the exclusion process for Sec. 232 steel and aluminum import tariffs and quotas

On May 26, 2020, the Bureau of Industry and Security (BIS), published in the Federal Register a notice of inquiry with request for comment [Docket No. 200514–0140] in connection with the exclusion process for Section 232 steel and aluminum import tariffs and quotas. In rendering decisions on requests for exclusions from the tariffs and quotas imposed on imports of steel and aluminum articles, BIS is seeking public comment on the appropriateness of the information requested and considered in applying the exclusion criteria, and the efficiency and transparency of the process employed. Comments must be received by BIS no later than July 10, 2020.

## Commerce initiates Sec. 232 investigation into imports of mobile cranes

On May 6, 2020, Secretary of Commerce Wilbur Ross <u>announced</u> that Commerce will initiate an investigation under Section 232 of the *Trade Expansion Act of 1962*, as amended, into whether the quantities or circumstances of mobile crane imports into the United States threaten to impair the national security. This decision follows a petition filed by domestic producer, The Manitowoc Company, Inc. (Manitowoc). The investigation, to be conducted by the Department's Bureau of Industry and Security, will provide the opportunity for public comment once the rule is posted in the *Federal Register*.

Manitowoc alleges that increased imports of low-priced mobile cranes, particularly from Germany, Austria, and Japan, and intellectual property (IP) infringement by foreign competition, have harmed the domestic mobile crane manufacturing industry. The Department of Homeland Security has identified mobile cranes as a critical industry because of their extensive use in national defense applications, as well as in critical infrastructure sectors.

On May 26, 2020, the Bureau of Industry and Security (BIS) published in the Federal Register a notice and request for public comments [Docket No. BIS-

2020-0009] in connection with the investigation to determine the effects on national security from imports of mobile cranes. This investigation was initiated on May 19, 2020, under section 232 of the *Trade Expansion Act of 1962*, as amended. Interested parties are invited to submit written comments, data, analyses, or other information pertinent to the investigation to the BIS by July 10, 2020. Rebuttal comments will be due by August 10, 2020. While the Department is interested in any information related to this investigation that the public can provide, the *Federal Register* notice identifies particular issues of significance.

# Commerce initiates Sec. 232 investigation into imports of laminations and wound cores for incorporation into transformers, electrical transformers, and transformer regulators

On May 4, 2020, Secretary of Commerce Wilbur Ross <u>announced</u> he will initiate an investigation into whether laminations for stacked cores for incorporation into transformers, stacked and wound cores for incorporation into transformers, electrical transformers, and transformer regulators are being imported into the United States in such quantities or under such circumstances as to threaten to impair the national security. The decision to launch an investigation under Section 232 of the *Trade Expansion Act of 1962*, as amended, follows inquiries and requests from multiple members of Congress as well as industry stakeholders. As required by law, Secretary Ross will send a letter to Secretary of Defense Mark Esper informing him of the investigation. Secretary Ross will also notify other relevant executive branch officials.

On May 19, 2020, the Bureau of Industry and Security (BIS) published in the Federal Register a notice and request for public comments [Docket No. BIS-2020-0015] in connection with an investigation to determine the effects on national security of imports of Laminations for Stacked Cores for Incorporation into Transformers, Stacked Cores for Incorporation into Transformers, Wound Cores for Incorporation into Transformers, Electrical Transformers, and Transformer Regulators that was initiated by the Secretary of Commerce (the "Secretary") on May 11, 2020, based on inquiries and requests from interested parties in the United States, including multiple Members of Congress, a Grain-Oriented Electrical Steel (GOES) manufacturer, and producers of Power and Distribution Transformers.

Interested parties are invited to submit written comments, data, analyses, or other information pertinent to the investigation to BIS by June 9, 2020. Rebuttal comments will be due by June 19, 2020. While Commerce is interested in any information related to this investigation that the public can provide, this notice identifies particular issues of significance. All written comments on the notice must be addressed to Section 232 Electrical Steel Investigation and filed through the Federal eRulemaking Portal: https://www.regulations.gov.

# USTR seeks emergency clearance for information collection request re: Large Civil Aircraft Dispute Portal

On May 27, 2020, the Office of the United States Trade Representative (USTR) published in the *Federal Register* a notice of a request for emergency clearance of an information collection and a request for comments of a new information collection request (ICR) titled *Large Civil Aircraft Dispute Portal*. To meet the statutory schedule for revisions, USTR must open the Portal on or about June 23, 2020. Upon OMB approval of this emergency clearance request, USTR will follow the normal clearance procedures for the ICR.

After 15 years of litigation, USTR determined to take action under the *Trade Act* of 1974 in the form of additional duties on products of certain EU member States, at levels of 10 or 25 percent ad valorem, as specified in the list of products included in Annex A of the October 9 *Federal Register* notice, effective October 18, 2019 (retaliation list). See 84 Fed. Reg. 54245 (October 9, 2019).

The *Trade Act of 1974* requires USTR to revise the retaliation list unless certain conditions are met 120 days after he took action, and every 180 days thereafter unless certain conditions are met. Before making revisions, USTR is required to seek public comments. The USTR announced the beginning of the 120-day review of the action on December 12, 2019. *See* 84 Fed. Reg. 67992 (December 12 notice).and specifically requested public comments on:

- whether the USTR should remove products of specific EU member States from the list of products subject to additional duties or should remain on the list.
- if a product remains on the list, whether the USTR increase the current rate of additional duty to as high as 100 percent.
- whether the USTR should add additional EU products to the list.

USTR received nearly 26,000 comments in response to the December 12 notice. The USTR announced certain revisions to the action being taken in the investigation on February 14, 2020. See 85 Fed. Reg. 10204 (February 21, 2020), and 85 Fed. Reg. 14517 (March 12, 2020).

The next 180-day revision is required on or about August 12, 2020. USTR anticipates receiving at least as many public comments as it received in response to the initial 120-day review. To assist in timely and comprehensive review and public availability of comments in response to notices of periodic revisions, USTR is establishing the *Large Civil Aircraft Dispute Portal* and requiring use of the LCA Form attached to the notice. In compliance with statutory requirements, USTR anticipates that it will begin accepting comments regarding the next possible revision around June 23, 2020.

Comments are due no later than June 9, 2020.

#### USTR to grant some Sec. 301 Tranche 1 exclusions extensions

The US Trade Representative (USTR) has posted an advance copy of a notice to be published in the *Federal Register* on June 2, 2020, that announces the USTR's determination to extend certain exclusions to the \$34 Bn action (Tranche 1) granted in June 2019. In June 2019, USTR granted a set of exclusion requests, which expire on June 4, 2020. *See* 84 FR 25895 (the June 4 notice). On March 20, 2020, the USTR invited the public to comment on whether to extend by up to 12 months, particular exclusions granted in the June 4 notice based on the factors in the March 20, notice. *See* 85 FR 16181 (the March 20 notice). The March 20 notice required the submission of comments no later than April 30, 2020.

Based on evaluation of the factors set out in the July 11 notice and March 20 notice, USTR has determined to extend certain exclusions. The product exclusion extensions announced in the notice will apply as of June 4, 2020, and extend through December 31, 2020. U.S. Customs and Border Protection will issue instructions on entry guidance and implementation.

The exclusions are available for any product that meets the description in the Annex to the notice, regardless of whether the importer filed an exclusion request. Further, the scope of each exclusion is governed by the scope of the ten-digit HTSUS headings and product descriptions in the Annex to this notice, and not by the product descriptions set out in any particular request for exclusion.

As set out in the Annex, the U.S. Trade Representative has determined to extend, through December 31, 2020, the following exclusions granted under the June 4, 2019 notice under heading 9903.88.10 and under U.S. note 20(m) to subchapter III of chapter 99 of the HTSUS: (3), (6), (9), (13), (14), (22), (24), (28), (34), (42), (50), (51), (52), (53), (62), and (88). However, the extensions will be covered by a new HTSUS subheading (9903.88.50) and new US note 20(ccc) to subchapter III of chapter 99.

#### USTR publishes product exclusion amendments for Tranche 4

On May 28, 2020, the Office of the US Trade Representative (USTR) published in the *Federal Register* a <u>notice</u> that announces the USTR's determination, as specified in the Annex to the notice, to "correct technical errors in previously announced exclusions" for Tranche 4 (\$300 Bn.). The product exclusions announced in this notice will apply as of September 1, 2019, the effective date of List 1 of the \$300 billion action, and will extend to September 1, 2020. The USTR will continue to issue decisions on pending requests on a periodic basis.

Paragraph A, subparagraph (1)-(2) of the Annex removes US note 20(zz)(4) and US note 20(zz)(6), published at 85 FR 28693 (May 13, 2020).

#### USTR grants additional Sec. 301 Tranche 3 exclusions

On May 28, 2020 the Office of the US Trade Representative (USTR) published in the *Federal Register* a <u>notice</u> that announces the USTR's determination to grant certain exclusion requests, as specified in the Annex to this notice, and corrects technical errors in previously announced exclusions. The product exclusions apply as of September 24, 2018, the effective date of the \$200 billion action against certain Chinese actions (Tranche 3), and extend to August 7, 2020. The amendments announced in the notice are retroactive to the date that the original exclusions were published.

As set forth in the Annex, the exclusions are reflected in seventeen 10-digit HTSUS subheadings, which respond to 33 separate exclusion requests, and 61 specially prepared product descriptions, which respond to 70 separate exclusion requests. In accordance with the June 24 notice, the exclusions are available for any product that meets the description in the Annex, regardless of whether the importer benefitting from the product exclusion filed an exclusion request. Further, the scope of each exclusion is governed by the scope of the product descriptions in the Annex, and not by the product descriptions found in any particular request for exclusion.

- Paragraph A, subparagraphs (1) and (2) of the Annex create a new subheading 9903.88.48 for the exclusions and a new US note 20 (aaa) to subchapter III of chapter 99, Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTSUS).
- Paragraph A, subparagraphs (3)-(7) of the Annex contain conforming amendments to the HTSUS reflecting the modifications made by the Annex.
- Paragraph B of the Annex makes technical corrections to certain notes of the HTSUS. Specifically, Paragraph B, subparagraphs (1)-(4), make technical corrections to the specially prepared product descriptions in certain notes to the

HTSUS, specifically, US note (20)(qq)(57), published at <u>85 FR 6674</u> (February 5, 2020), US note (20)(ss)(22), published at <u>85 FR 9921</u> (February 20, 2020), and US notes (20)(vv)(58)- (59), published at <u>85 FR 17158</u> (March 26, 2020).

Paragraph B, subparagraphs (5)-(6), correct typographical errors in the product descriptions contained in US note (20)(vv)(118), published at <u>85 FR 17158</u> (March 26, 2020), and US note 20(xx)(11), published at <u>85 FR 23122</u> (April 24, 2020).

#### USTR grants additional Tranche 1 exclusions extensions

On May 15, 2020, the Office of the US Trade Representative (USTR) published in the *Federal Register* a <u>notice</u> that announces the USTR's determination to extend until December 31, 2020 certain exclusions from the 25% additional duties imposed in the first round [Tranche 1 (\$34 Bn.)] of Sec. 301 actions against certain Chinese goods. These exclusions were due to expire on May 14, 2020. Although the *Federal Register* notice requesting comments on possible extensions stated that USTR would consider extensions of up to 12 months, in light of the cumulative effect of current and possible future exclusions or extensions of exclusions on the effectiveness of the action taken in this investigation, USTR has determined to extend the exclusions in the Annex to this notice for less than 12 months -- until December 31, 2020.

As set out in the Annex to the notice, USTR has determined to extend, until December 31, 2020, the following exclusions granted under the May 14, 2019 notice under heading 9903.88.08 and under US note 20(k) to subchapter III of chapter 99 of the HTSUS: (4), (5), (8), (11), (18), (19), (21), (22), (23), (24), (25), (38), and (39).

# USTR corrects earlier exclusion notices for Tranches 1 (\$34Bn) and 2 (\$16 Bn)

On May 13, 2020, the Office of the US Trade Representative (USTR) published a notice in the *Federal Register* that announces USTR's determination to make certain technical amendments to previously granted exclusions to Tranche 1 (\$34 Bn.) and a <u>separate notice</u> that announces USTR's determination to make certain technical amendments to previously granted exclusions to Tranche 2 (16 Bn). The technical amendments announced in the notices are retroactive to the date the original exclusions were published and do not further extend the period for the original exclusions. US Customs and Border Protection will issue instructions on entry guidance and implementation.

- In the Tranche 1 notice, Subparagraph A of the Annex makes 2 technical amendments to US notes 20(q)(184), and 20(q)(228) to subchapter III of chapter 99 of the HTSUS, as set out in the Annex of the notice published at <u>84 FR 49564</u> (September 20, 2019)
- In the Tranche 2 notice, Subparagraph A of the Annex makes 4 technical amendments to US notes 20(v)(2), 20(v)(8), 20(v)(78), and 20(y)(83) to subchapter III of chapter 99 of the HTSUS, as set out in the Annexes of the notice published at 84 FR 49600 (September 20, 2019) and 84 FR 52553 (October 2, 2019).

#### USTR to grant additional Tranche 4 exclusions

On May 13, 2020, the Office of the US Trade Representative (USTR) published in the *Federal Register* a <u>notice</u> that announces the USTR's determination to grant certain exclusion requests <u>for</u> products covered by Tranche 4 (approximately \$300 Bn.) of the Section 301 action against goods from China, as speci-

fied in the Annex to the notice, and corrects a technical error in a previously announced exclusion. The product exclusions announced in the notice will apply as of September 1, 2019, the effective date of List 1 of the \$300 billion action, and will extend to September 1, 2020.

As set out in the Annex to the notice, the exclusions are reflected in three 10-digit HTSUS subheadings and five specially prepared product descriptions, which together respond to 27 separate exclusion requests. In accordance with the October 24 notice announcing the procedures for requesting exclusions, the exclusions are available for any product that meets the description in the Annex, regardless of whether the importer filed an exclusion request. Further, the scope of each exclusion is governed by the scope of the 10-digit HTSUS subheading as described in the Annex, and not by the product descriptions set out in any particular request for exclusion.

- Paragraph A, subparagraphs (1)-(2) of the Annex create a new subheading 9903.88.47 for the exclusions and a new US note 20 (zz) to subchapter III of chapter 99, Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTSUS).
- Paragraph A, subparagraphs (3)-(4) of the Annex contain conforming amendments to the HTSUS reflecting the modifications made by the Annex.
- Paragraph B, subparagraph (1) makes a technical correction to US note 20(uu)(9), published at <u>85 FR 15244</u> (March 17, 2020).

#### USTR seeks comments on extending certain Tranche 3 exclusions

On May 6, 2020, the Office of the US Trade Representative (USTR) published in the *Federal Register* a <u>notice requesting comments</u> on whether to extend certain exclusions from the action against approximately \$200 Bn. of goods from China [Tranche 3] subject to 25% additional duties imposed on September 24, 2018. At this time, USTR is not considering product exclusion notices issued after March 26, 2020.

USTR initiated an exclusion process for the \$200 billion action in June 2019, and as of March 26, 2020, has issued 11 product exclusion notices under this action. The product exclusions granted under these notices are scheduled to expire on August 7, 2020. USTR has decided to consider a possible extension for up to 12 months of particular exclusions granted under these initial 11 product exclusion notices and invites public comments on whether to extend particular exclusions based on the criteria in the notice. USTR invites public comments on whether to extend particular exclusions granted under the following notices of product exclusions:

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84 FR 38717 (August 7, 2019)
85 FR 549 (January 6, 2020)
84 FR 49591 (September 20, 2019)
84 FR 57803 (October 29, 2019)
84 FR 61674 (November 13, 2019)
85 FR 15015 (March 16, 2020)
86 FR 65882 (November 29, 2019)
87 FR 69012 (December 17, 2019)
88 FR 17158 (March 26, 2020)
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For exclusions amended or corrected by a later issued notice, parties should provide their extension comments on the docket corresponding to the initial notice of product exclusions. The comments must be filed on USTR's online portal <a href="https://comments.ustra.gov">https://comments.ustra.gov</a> from May 1 to June 8 at 11:59 p.m.

#### USTR grants additional Sec. 301 (Tranche 3) product exclusions

On May 8, 2020, the Office of the US Trade Representative (USTR) published in the *Federal Register* a <u>notice</u> that announces the USTR's determination to grant certain exclusion requests, as specified in the Annex to the notice, and corrects technical errors in previously announced exclusions. The product exclusions will apply as of September 24, 2018, the effective date of the \$200 billion (Tranche 3) action, and extend to August 7, 2020. The amendments announced in the notice are retroactive to the date that the original exclusions were published.

As set forth in the Annex to the notice, the exclusions are reflected in two 10-digit HTSUS subheading, which cover 15 separate exclusion requests, and 144 specially prepared product descriptions, which cover 170 separate exclusion requests. As with previous exclusions, the exclusions are available for any product that meets the description in the Annex, regardless of whether the importer benefitting from the product exclusion filed an exclusion request. Further, the scope of each exclusion is governed by the scope of the product descriptions in the Annex, and not by the product descriptions found in any particular request for exclusion.

- Paragraph A, subparagraphs 1 and 2 create a new subheading 9903.88.46 for the exclusions and a new US note 20 (yy) to subchapter III of chapter 99, Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTSUS).
- Paragraph A, subparagraphs 3 through 7 of the Annex contain conforming amendments to the HTSUS reflecting the modifications made by the Annex.
- Paragraph B of the Annex contains amendments reflecting technical corrections to a certain notes to the HTSUS, specifically
- Paragraph B, subparagraph 1, makes a technical correction to US note 20(mm)(6), published at 84 FR 61674 (November 13, 2019), as modified by Annex B(b) of 85 FR 9921 (February 20, 2020).
- Paragraph B, subparagraph 2, makes a technical correction to US note (20)(qq)(40), published at 85 FR 6674 (February 5, 2020). Paragraph B, subparagraph 3, makes a technical correction to US note (20)(ss)(17), published at 85 FR 9921 (February 20, 2020).

## CBP GUIDANCE ON SEC. 201, 232 AND 301 TARIFFS AND PRODUCT EXCLUSIONS

CBP issues updated guidance on process for submitting retroactive claims, extension requests, PSC's and protests for Secs. 232 and 301 exclusions

On May 1, 2020, CBP issued <u>CSMS #42566154 - Section 232 and Section 301 - Extensions Requests</u>, <u>PSCs</u>, <u>and Protests</u>, which updates guidance [CSMS 19-000260] on seeking retroactive product exclusions. Additionally, the CSMS serves to provide information on the actions the Trade may take to preserve and/or extend the timeframes in which corrective action can be filed on entry summaries related to Section 232 and Section 301 product exclusion requests that have been submitted to the US Department of Commerce (DOC) or the Office of the US Trade Representative (USTR) and <u>a decision on the requested exclusion(s)</u> has not yet been rendered.

#### RETROACTIVE EXCLUSIONS

Section 232 and Section 301 product exclusions granted by the DOC and USTR, respectively, may be retroactive for unliquidated entries and for entries that are liquidated but where the liquidation is not final and the protest period has not expired.

If a product exclusion has been granted, an importer of record (IOR) may request a refund by filing a corrective action with CBP by filing a post summary correction (PSC) for unliquidated entries or file a protest for entries that have liquidated but where the liquidation is not final and the protest period has not expired.

When a product exclusion is granted, an importer may submit a PSC to request a refund on unliquidated entries up to 15 days prior to the scheduled liquidation date (generally within 300 days from the date of entry summary filing). If an entry summary is set to liquidate in less than 15 days or has already liquidated, the entry summary is beyond the PSC filing period. However, the importer may file a protest so long as the protest is filed within the 180-day period following liquidation of the impacted entry summary(ies).

## REQUESTS FOR EXTENSION(S) OF LIQUIDATION FOR PENDING PRODUCT EXCLUSION REQUESTS

Given the potential retroactive application of Section 232 and Section 301 product exclusions, in situations where the importer has requested a product exclusion and the request is pending with the DOC or USTR, the importer or their licensed representative may submit a request to extend the liquidation of impacted unliquidated entry summaries to CBP. Importers/filers may choose to submit an extension request via paper or electronic format to the appropriate Center of Excellence and Expertise. Refer to the ACE Entry Summary Business Process Document, Version 10.0, Section 10.3, for further guidance.

Approved requests extend the liquidation of an entry summary for one year. When a product exclusion is granted, an importer may submit a PSC to request a refund on the entry summary(ies). If a product exclusion is not approved, no further action is taken, and the entry summary will liquidate as entered one year later than the originally scheduled liquidation date. If necessary, the importer or their filer may request subsequent liquidation extensions for a total of not more than three years as mandated by 19 CFR 159.12.

Report ES-702, Official Notice of Extension, Suspension and Liquidation, is available in ACE for the Trade to monitor extension and suspension records.

#### STATUS OF TRADE REMEDY PRODUCT EXCLUSION REQUESTS

To check the status of a Trade Remedy Product Exclusion request:

- US Department of Commerce Section 232 website and contact information: https://232app.azurewebsites.net/steelalum
- USTR Section 301 website: <a href="https://ustr.gov/issue-areas/enforcement/section-301-investigations/tariff-actions">https://ustr.gov/issue-areas/enforcement/section-301-investigations/tariff-actions</a>

Section 232 exclusions, once approved by DOC, and activated by CBP in ACE, are posted at <a href="https://www.cbp.gov/trade/programs-administration/trade-remedies/section-232-trade-remedies-aluminum-and-steel">https://www.cbp.gov/trade/programs-administration/trade-remedies/section-232-trade-remedies-aluminum-and-steel</a>.

# CBP issues guidance for 4<sup>th</sup> round of product exclusions for Sec. 301 Tranche 4A (\$300 Bn.) (9903.88.47)

On May 27, 2020, CBP issued <u>CSMS #42837261 - GUIDANCE: Section 301</u> <u>Tranche 4A - \$300B: Fourth Round of Product Exclusions from China</u> (9903.88.47). The operative sections of the message is shown below:

#### BACKGROUND

On May 13, 2020, the US Trade Representative (USTR) published Federal Register (FR) Notice <u>85 FR 28693</u> announcing the decision to grant the fourth round of certain requested exclusions from the Section 301 duty related to goods covered under List 1 Annex A (Tranche 4A - \$300B Action).

These product exclusions relate to the imposed additional duties announced in <u>84 FR 43304</u> and <u>84 FR 45821</u> on Chinese goods with an annual aggregate trade value of approximately \$300 billion. The product exclusions will retroactively apply as of the

September 1, 2019 effective date of the \$300 billion action (Tranche 4A), and will extend through September 1, 2020.

The scope of each exclusion is governed by the scope of the HTSUS 10-digit classification and product descriptions in the Annex to <u>85 FR 28693</u>, and not by the product descriptions set out in any particular request for exclusion. A link to the Federal Register Notice is embedded in this message.

The functionality for the acceptance of the fourth round of products of China excluded from Section 301, Tranche 4A - \$300B Action duties will be available in the Automated Commercial Environment (ACE) by 7am, Eastern Daylight Time on May 21, 2020.

#### GUIDANCE

Instructions for the trade on submitting entries to CBP containing the Section 301 product exclusions announced in 85 FR 28693 are set out below:

- In addition to reporting the regular Chapters 33, 39, 65, 84 and 85 classifications of the HTSUS for the imported merchandise, importers shall report the HTSUS classification 9903.88.47 (Articles, the product of China, as provided for in US note 20(zz) to this subchapter, each covered by an exclusion granted by the USTR for imported merchandise subject to the exclusion).
- Importers shall not submit the corresponding Chapter 99 HTS number for the Section 301 duties when exclusion under HTS 9903.88.47 is claimed.

#### **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

Imports which have been granted a product exclusion from the Section 301 measures, and which are not subject to the Section 301 duties, are not covered by the Foreign Trade Zone (FTZ) provisions of the Section 301 Federal Register notices, but instead are subject to the FTZ provisions in 19 CFR part 146.

Duty exclusions granted by the USTR are retroactive for imports on or after the initial effective date of September 1, 2019. To request a refund of Section 301 duties paid on previous imports of products granted duty exclusions by the USTR, importers may file a Post Summary Correction (PSC) if within the PSC filing timeframe. If the entry is beyond the PSC filing timeframe, but within 180 days of the liquidation action, importers may protest the liquidation. The latest guidance on the process for submitting claims to CBP for retroactive product exclusions is found in CSMS 42566154.

Reminder: Refer to <u>CSMS 39587858</u> for instructions on the order of reporting for multiple HTSUS on an entry summary when Chapter 98 or 99 HTS are required.

For ease of reference, a summary of Section 301 duties and product exclusion notifications is attached.

Questions from the importing community concerning ACE entry rejections involving product exclusions should be referred to their CBP Client Representative. For questions related to Section 301 entry-filing requirements, please refer to <a href="CSMS">CSMS</a> 42203908 for information on Trade Remedy questions and resources.

Related CSMS: 42486753, 42219187, 42051464, 42049352, 41955151, 41538917, 40003027, 40984510, 40969690, 39587858, 39587690, 39473933, 19-000260, 19-000052

Section 301 Tranches and Rounds attachment 052720.pdf

CBP issues guidance on 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> rounds of exclusions for Sec. 301 Tranche 3 (9903.88.45 and 9903.88.46)

On May 1, 2020, CBP issued <u>CSMS #42566220 - GUIDANCE: Section 301 Tranche 3 - \$200B: Twelfth Round of Product Exclusions from China (9903.88.45)</u>. On May 8, 2020, CBP issued CSMS #42693720 - GUIDANCE: Section 301 Tranche 3 - \$200B: 13th Round of Product Exclusions from China. The operative sections of the messages have been combined and shown below:

#### BACKGROUND

On April 24, 2020, the US Trade Representative (USTR) published Federal Register (FR) Notice <u>85 FR 23122</u> announcing the decision to grant the twelfth round of certain requested exclusions from the Section 301 duty related to goods from China (\$200B Action - Tranche 3).

On May 8, 2020, the US Trade Representative (USTR) published Federal Register (FR) Notice <u>85 FR 27489</u> announcing the decision to grant the 13th round of certain requested exclusions from the Section 301 duty related to goods from China (\$200B Action - Tranche 3).

These product exclusions relate to the imposed additional duties announced in <u>83 FR 47974</u> on Chinese goods with an annual trade value of approximately \$200 billion. The product exclusions announced in this notice retroactively apply as of the September 24, 2018 effective date of the \$200 billion action (Tranche 3), and will extend through August 7, 2020.

The exclusions are available for any product that meets the description as set out in the Annex to <u>85 FR 23122</u>, regardless of whether the importer filed an exclusion request. Further, the scope of each exclusion is governed by the scope of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTSUS) 10-digit headings and product descriptions in the Annex; not by the product descriptions set out in any particular request for exclusion. For ease of reference, a link to the entire Federal Register Notice is embedded in this message.

The functionality for the acceptance of the twelfth round of products of China excluded from Section 301 duties will be available in the Automated Commercial Environment (ACE) as of 7 am eastern standard time, April 30, 2020.

#### GUIDANCE

Instructions for importers, brokers and filers on submitting entries to CBP containing products granted exclusions by the USTR from the Section 301 measures as set out in 85 FR 23122 are set out below.

- In addition to reporting the regular Chapters 07, 20, 28, 29, 38, 39, 40, 42, 48, 65, 70, 73, 81, 83, 84, 85, 87, 90, 91 94 and 96 classifications of the HTSUS for the imported merchandise, importers shall report the HTSUS classification 9903.88.45 (Articles, the product of China, as provided for in US note 20(xx) to this subchapter, each covered by an exclusion granted by the USTR for imported merchandise subject to the exclusion).
- Importers shall not submit the corresponding Chapter 99 HTS number for the Section 301 duties when HTS 9903.88.45 is submitted.

Instructions for importers, brokers and filers on submitting entries to CBP containing products granted exclusions by the USTR from the Section 301 measures as set out in 85 FR 27489 are set out below.

- In addition to reporting the regular Chapters 07, 11, 12, 21, 28, 29, 32, 34, 38, 39, 40, 42, 44, 48, 52, 68, 69, 70, 73, 82, 83, 84, 85, 87, 90 and 94 classifications of the HTSUS for the imported merchandise, importers shall report the HTSUS classification 9903.88.46 (Articles, the product of China, as provided for in US note 20(yy) to this subchapter, each covered by an exclusion granted by the USTR for imported merchandise subject to the exclusion).
- Importers shall not submit the corresponding Chapter 99 HTS number for the Section 301 duties when HTS 9903.88.46 is submitted.

#### **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

Imports which have been granted a product exclusion from the Section 301 measures, and which are not subject to the Section 301 duties, are not covered by the Foreign Trade Zone (FTZ) provisions of the Section 301 Federal Register notices, but instead are subject to the FTZ provisions in 19 CFR part 146.

Duty exclusions granted by the USTR are retroactive for imports on or after the initial effective date of September 24, 2018. To request a refund of Section 301 duties paid

on previous imports of products granted duty exclusions by the USTR, importers may file a Post Summary Correction (PSC) if within the PSC filing timeframe. If the entry is beyond the PSC filing timeframe, importers may protest the liquidation if within the protest filing timeframe.

Reminder: When importers, brokers, and/or filers are submitting an entry summary in which a heading or subheading in Chapter 99 is claimed on imported merchandise, refer them to CSMS <u>39587858</u> (Entry Summary Order of Reporting for Multiple HTS when 98 or 99 HTS are required). The latest guidance on the process for submitting retroactive claims for product exclusions to CBP is found in CSMS <u>42566154</u>.

For ease of reference, a summary of Section 301 duties and product exclusion notifications are attached.

Questions from the importing community concerning ACE entry rejections involving product exclusions should be referred to their CBP Client Representative. Questions related to Section 301 entry-filing requirements, please refer to CSMS message #42203908 (Information on Trade Remedy Questions and Resources) <a href="https://content.govdelivery.com/accounts/USDHSCBP/bulletins/283fb04">https://content.govdelivery.com/accounts/USDHSCBP/bulletins/283fb04</a>

- Sec. 301 Tranches and Rounds attachments 050120.pdf (12th)
- Section 301 Tranches and Rounds 051320.pdf (13th)

THE CHART BELOW SHOWS FEDERAL REGISTER NOTICES AND CSMS MESSAGES RE-GARDING PRODUCT EXCLUSIONS UNDER SEC. 301

SUMMARY OF SECTION 301 DUTIES ON PRODUCTS OF CHINA - Product Exclusions Granted						
Round	Tranche	Federal Regis- ter Notice	Publication Date	Effective Date*	HTS	CSMS
1 <sup>st</sup>		83 FR 67463	12/28/2018	7/6/2018 -12/28/2019	9903.88.05	19-000052
1**		84 FR 70616	12/23/2019	12/28/2019 -12/28/2020	Extensions granted	41167371
2 <sup>nd</sup>		84 FR 11152	3/25/2019	7/6/2018 -3/25/2020	9903.88.06	<u>19-000155</u>
3 <sup>rd</sup>		84 FR 16310	4/18/2019	7/6/2018 -4/18/2020	9903.88.07	19-000212
314		85 FR 20332	4/10/2020	4/18/2020 - 4/18/2021	Extensions granted	42355914
<b>4</b> <sup>th</sup>	Tranche 1 - \$34B Exclusion submissions due 10/9/2018	84 FR 21389	5/14/2019	7/6/2018 -5/14/2020	9903.88.08	19-000244
4 <sup>u1</sup>		85 FR 29503	5/15/2020	7/6/2018 - 12/31/2020	Extensions granted	42839255
5 <sup>th</sup>		84 FR 25895	6/4/2019	7/6/2018 -6/4/2019	9903.88.10	19-000332
5"'		85 FR	6/2/2020	6/4/2020- 12/31/2020	Extensions 9903.88.50	
6 <sup>th</sup>		84 FR 32821	7/9/2019	7/6/2018 -7/9/2020	9903.88.11	38840764
7 <sup>th</sup>		84 FR 49564	9/20/2019	7/6/2018 -9/20/2020	9903.88.14	40002982
8 <sup>th</sup>		84 FR 52567	10/2/2019	7/6/2018 -10/2/2020	9903.88.19	40330403
9 <sup>th</sup>		84 FR 69016	12/17/2019	7/6/2018 -10/1/2020**	Amendments & corrections	
10 <sup>th</sup>		85 FR 7816	02/11/2020	7/6/2018 -10/1/2020**	9903.88.19	41878462

		85 FR 28692	5/13/2020	Original dates	Corrections	
1 <sup>st</sup>		84 FR 37381	7/31/2019	8/23/2018 -7/31/2020	9903.88.12	<u>39169565</u>
2 <sup>nd</sup>		84 FR 49600	9/20/2019	8/23/2018 -9/20/2020	9903.88.17	40001360
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Tranche 2 - \$16B	84 FR 52553	10/2/2019	8/23/2018 -10/2/2020	9903.88.20	40208881
4 <sup>th</sup>	Exclusion submissions due	84 FR 69011	12/17/2019	8/23/2018 to **	Amendments & corrections	
5 <sup>th</sup>	12/18/2018	85 FR 10808	2/25/2020	8/23/2018 -10/1/2020 10/2/2019- 10/1/2020	Adds US Note 20(y)(112) Amendment	
		85 FR 28691	5/13/2020	Original dates	Corrections	
1 <sup>st</sup>		84 FR 38717	8/7/2019	9/24/2018- 8/7/2020	9903.88.13	39268267
2 <sup>nd</sup>		84 FR 49591	9/20/2019	9/24/2018 -8/7/2020	9903.88.18	40003027
3 <sup>rd</sup>		84 FR 57803	10/28/2019	9/24/2018 -8/7/2020	9903.88.33	40564257
4 <sup>th</sup>		84 FR 61674	11/13/2019	9/24/2018 -8/7/2020	9903.88.34	40710742
5 <sup>th</sup>		84 FR 65882	11/29/2019	9/24/2018 -8/7/2020	9903.88.35	40901928
6 <sup>th</sup>	Tranche 3 -	84 FR 69012	12/17/19	9/24/2018 -8/7/2020	9903.88.36	41052773
7 <sup>th</sup>	\$200B Exclusion submissions due 9/30/2019	<u>85 FR 549</u>	1/6/2020	9/24/2018 -8/7/2020	9903.88.37	<u>41702837</u>
8 <sup>th</sup>		85 FR 6674	2/5/2020	9/24/2018 -8/7/2020	9903.88.38	<u>41834749</u>
9 <sup>th</sup>		85 FR 9921	2/20/2020	9/24/2018 -8/7/2020	9903.88.40	
10 <sup>th</sup>		85 FR 15015	3/16/2020	9/24/2018 -8/7/2020	9903.88.41	42048963
11 <sup>th</sup>		85 FR 17158	3/26/2020	9/24/2018 -8/7/2020	9903.88.43	<u>42181055</u>
12 <sup>th</sup>		85 FR 23122	4/24/2020	9/24/2018 -8/7/2020	9903.88.45	42566220
13 <sup>th</sup>		85 FR 27489	5/8/2020	9/24/2018 -8/7/2020	9903.88.46	42693720
14 <sup>th</sup>		85 FR 32094	5/28/2020	9/24/2018 -8/7/2020	9903.88.48	
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1 <sup>st</sup>		85 FR 13970	3/10/2020	9/1/2019 -9/1/2020	9903.88.39	<u>41955151</u>
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Tranche 4A \$300B Exclusion submissions	85 FR 15244	3/17/2020	9/1/2019 -9/1/2020	9903.88.42	42049352
3 <sup>rd</sup>		85 FR 17936	3/31/2020	9/1/2019 -9/1/2020	9903.88.44	42219187
4 <sup>th</sup>	due 1/31/20	85 FR 28693	5/13/2020	9/1/2019 -9/1/2020	9903.88.47	<u>42837261</u>
		85 FR 32098	5/28/2020	9/1/2019 -9/1/2020	Amendments	

- \*/ Tranche 1 exclusions are retroactive to 7/6/2018 and expire 1 year after publication Tranche 2 exclusions are retroactive to 8/23/2018 and expire 1 year after publication
  - Tranche 3 exclusions are retroactive to 9/24/2018 and will expire on 8/7/2020

    Tranche 4 exclusions are retroactive to 9/1/2019 and will expire on 9/1/2020
- \*\*/ Corrections are retroactive to original date but do not extend exclusions beyond original expiration dates
- \*\*\*/ Notices regarding possible extensions have been published:
  - 84 FR 58427 Notice for 12/28/19; Decision 84 FR 70616
  - 84 FR 72102 Notice for 3/25/20
  - 85 FR 6687 Notice for 4/18/20
  - 85 FR 12373 Notice for 5/19/20

# USITC extends postponement of all in-person Sec. 337 hearings until July 10, 2020

On May 20, 2020, the US International Trade Commission (USITC) published in the *Federal Register* a <u>notice</u> that the USITC has determined to extend post-ponement of all in-person hearings under section 337 of the Tariff Act of 1930 until July 10, 2020

#### **USITC** investigations

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

Investigation. No. and title	Requested by:
Inv. No. 332-576 COVID-19 Related Goods: U.S. Imports and Tariffs (R) (USITC Pub.5047)	Congress
Inv. No. 332-577 Raspberries for Processing: Conditions of Competition between U.S. and Foreign Suppliers, with a Focus on Washington State (I, RFC)	USTR
Inv. No. 332-578 Generalized System of Preferences: Possible Modifications, 2020 Review (I, RFC, H)	USTR
Inv. No. 332-352 Andean Trade Preference Act: Impact on U.S. Industries and Consumers and on Drug Crop Eradication and Crop Substitution (RFI)	Statutory
Inv. Nos. TA-131-046 and TPA-105-007 - U.SKenya Trade Agreement:  Advice on the Probable Economic Effect of Providing Duty-free Treat- ment for Currently Dutiable Imports Institution of Investigation and Scheduling of Hearing (H)	USTR

#### CUSTOMS, IMPORTS AND FOREIGN TRADE ZONES

#### CBP publishes notice of intent to distribute FY 2020 CDSO

On May 28, 2020, US Customs and Border Protection (CBP) published in the *Federal Register* a <u>notice of intent to distribute</u> assessed antidumping or countervailing duties (known as the continued dumping and subsidy offset) for Fiscal Year 2020 in connection with countervailing duty orders, antidumping duty orders, or findings under the *Antidumping Act of 1921*. The document provides the instructions for affected domestic producers, or anyone alleging eligibility to receive a distribution, to file certifications to claim a distribution in relation to the listed orders or findings. Certifications to obtain a continued dumping and subsidy offset under a particular order or finding must be received by July 27, 2020.

Certifications received after July 27, 2020, will be summarily denied, making claimants ineligible for the distribution.

## CBP and TSA direct Brazilian flights to 15 airports with public health resources

On May 28, 2020, US Customs and Border Protection (CBP) and the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) published in the *Federal Register* a notification of arrival restrictions applicable to flights carrying persons who have recently traveled from or were otherwise present within Brazil. A person is considered to have recently traveled from, or otherwise been present within, Brazil if that person departed from, or was otherwise present within, Brazil within 14 days of the date of the person's entry or attempted entry into the United States.

The notification announces the decision of the Secretary of Homeland Security to direct all flights to the United States carrying persons who have recently traveled from, or were otherwise present within, Brazil to arrive at one of the United States airports where the United States Government is focusing public health resources. The document updates the previous decisions of the Secretary of Homeland Security to direct all flights to the United States carrying persons who have recently traveled from, or were otherwise present within China (excluding Hong Kong and Macau), Iran, the countries of the Schengen Area, the United Kingdom, excluding overseas territories outside of Europe, or the Republic of Ireland, d to arrive at one of the United States airports where the United States Government is focusing public health resources. The documents also adds two airports (Fort Lauderdale-Hollywood International Airport (FLL) and George Bush Intercontinental/Houston Airport (IAH)) to the list of airports where such flights may land.

Flights departing after 11:59 pm (EDT) on Tuesday, May 26, 2020, and covered by the arrival restrictions announced or modified in the document are required to land at one of the following 15 airports:

- John F. Kennedy International Airport (JFK), New York;
- Chicago O'Hare International Airport (ORD), Illinois;
- San Francisco International Airport (SFO), California;
- Seattle-Tacoma International Airport (SEA), Washington;
- Daniel K. Inouye International Airport (HNL), Hawaii;
- Los Angeles International Airport, (LAX), California;
- Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport (ATL), Georgia;
- Washington-Dulles International Airport (IAD), Virginia;
- Newark Liberty International Airport (EWR), New Jersey;
- Dallas/Fort Worth International Airport (DFW), Texas;
- Detroit Metropolitan Airport (DTW), Michigan;
- Boston Logan International Airport (BOS), Massachusetts;
- · Miami International Airport (MIA), Florida;
- Fort Lauderdale-Hollywood International Airport (FLL), Florida; and
- George Bush Intercontinental/Houston Airport (IAH), Texas

These arrival restriction will continue until cancelled or modified by the Secretary of Homeland Security and notification is published in the *Federal Register* of such cancellation or modification.

# CBP continues temporary travel restrictions applicable to land ports of entry and ferries service between the United States and Canada or Mexico

On May 22, 2020, US Customs and Border Protection (CBP) published in the Federal Register a notification that Secretary of Homeland Security has decided to continue temporary travel restrictions to Canada at land ports of entry and a separate notification of the decision continuing temporary travel restrictions to Mexico at land ports of entry and limit such travel to "essential travel" as defined in the notification. At this time, the notifications do not apply to air, freight rail, or sea travel between the United States and Canada or Mexico, but do apply to passenger rail, passenger ferry travel, and pleasure boat travel between the United States and Canada or Mexico. These operations should not interrupt legitimate trade between the nations or disrupt critical supply chains that ensure food, fuel, medicine, and other critical materials reach individuals on both sides of the borders. The CBP Commissioner is authorized, on an individualized basis and for humanitarian reasons or for other purposes in the national interest, permit the processing of travelers to the United States not engaged in "essential travel."

These restrictions go into effect at 12 a.m. Eastern Daylight Time (EDT) on May 21, 2020 and will remain in effect until 11:59 p.m. EDT on June 22, 2020

# CBP announces online application and update of mailing and email addresses for submission of vessel manifest confidentiality certifications

On May 22, 2020, US Customs and Border Protection (CBP published in the Federal Register a final rule and technical amendments [CBP Dec. 20-09] to the CBP regulations by updating the mailing address and codifying the email address for submitting requests for confidential treatment of vessel manifest certifications. In addition, this document amends the regulations to announce a new way to submit requests for confidential treatment of vessel manifest certifications—via the Vessel Manifest Confidentiality Online Application, an online portal on <a href="https://www.CBP.gov">www.CBP.gov</a>. The document also makes other technical conforming changes, specifically updating names and references

#### Miscellaneous CBP Federal Register documents

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

F.R. Date	Subject		
05-04-20	Agency Information Collection Activities: Application and Approval To Manipulate, Examine, Sample or Transfer Goods [OMB Control № 1651-0006] (N) [CBP Form 3499]		
05-05-20	Agency Information Collection Activities: Vessel Entrance or Clearance Statement [OMB Control № 1651-0019] (N) [CBP Form 1300]		
05-07-20	Agency Information Collection Activities: Temporary Scientific or Educational Purposes [OMB Control № 1651-0036] (N)		
05-11-20	Period of Admission and Extensions of Stay for Representatives of Foreign Information Media Seeking to Enter the United States (FR)		
	Notice of Revocation of Customs Brokers' Licenses (N)		
05-15-20	Tuna Tariff-Rate Quota for Calendar Year 2020 for Tuna Classifiable Under Subheading 1604.14.22, Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTSUS) [CBP-Dec. 20–08] (N)		

F.R. Date	Subject
	Agency Information Collection Activities: Passenger and Crew Manifest (Advance Passenger Information System) [OMB Control No. 1651-0088]
05-18-20	Notice of Revocation of Customs Brokers' Licenses; Correction (N/C)
	Accreditation and Approval of Camin Cargo Control, Inc. (Bellingham, WA), as a Commercial Gauger and Laboratory (N)
05-19-20	Accreditation and Approval of Camin Cargo Control, Inc. (Fife, WA), as a Commercial Gauger and Laboratory (N)
	Accreditation and Approval of NMK Resources, Inc. (Pasadena, TX) as a Commercial Gauger and Laboratory (N)
	Accreditation and Approval of Intertek USA, Inc. (Bellingham, WA) as a Commercial Gauger and Laboratory (N)
	Accreditation and Approval of Intertek USA, Inc. (Deer Park, TX) as a Commercial Gauger and Laboratory (N)
	Accreditation of Intertek USA, Inc. (St. James, LA), as a Commercial Laboratory (N)
	Accreditation and Approval of Intertek USA, Inc. (St. Louis, MO) as a Commercial Gauger and Laboratory (N)
05-20-20	Accreditation and Approval of Quality Custom Inspection and Laboratories, Inc. (Pasadena, TX) as a Commercial Gauger and Laboratory (N)
	Accreditation and Approval of SGS North America, Inc. (Deer Park, TX), as a Commercial Laboratory (N)
	Accreditation and Approval of SGS North America, Inc. (Fort Lauderdale, FL), as a Commercial Gauger and Laboratory (N)
	Accreditation and Approval of SGS North America, Inc. (Houston, TX), as a
	Commercial Gauger and Laboratory (N)
	Accreditation and Approval of Intertek USA, Inc. (Ft. Lauderdale, FL) as a Com-
	mercial Gauger and Laboratory (N)
	Accreditation and Approval of AmSpec LLC (Avenel, NJ) as a Commercial Gauger and Laboratory (N)
05-21-20	Accreditation and Approval of AmSpec LLC (St. James, LA) as a Commercial Gauger and Laboratory (N)
	Approval of(N) AmSpec LLC (Glen Burnie, MD) as a Commercial Gauger (N)
	Approval of AmSpec LLC (Rensselaer, NY), as a Commercial Gauger (N)
	Approval of Petrospect, Inc. (Honolulu, HI), as a Commercial Gauger (N)
05-26-20	Accreditation and Approval of King Laboratories Inc. (Tampa, FL) as a Commer-
	cial Gauger and Laboratory (N)
	Accreditation and Approval of Intertek USA, Inc. (St. Croix, USVI) as a Commer-
	cial Gauger and Laboratory (N)
	Approval of Intertek USA, Inc. (Kapolei, HI) as a Commercial Gauger (N)
	Western Hemisphere Travel Initiative: Designation of an Approved Native Amer-
05-27-20	ican Tribal Card Issued by the Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation as an Acceptable Document to Denote Identity and Citizenship for Entry in the
	United States at Land and Sea Ports of Entry [CBP Dec. 20-06] (N)

#### **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
05-04-20	EAPA Cons. Investigation Number 7423: Classic Metals Suppliers, Florida Aluminum Extrusion, LLC, Industrias Feliciano Aluminum Inc., Global Aluminum Distributor, LLC, H&E Home Inc., JL Trading Corp, and Puertas y Ventanas JM Inc. Notice of Initiation of Investigation and Interim Measures
05-06-20	<u>EAPA Investigation 7412: Fedmet Resources Corporation, LLC</u> (Notice of Initiation of Investigation and Interim Measures)

Date	Subject
05-11-20	EAPA Cons Case Number 7311: Concannon Corporation (Notice of Final Determination as to Evasion)
05-18-20	EADA Investigation 7190: Aspects Eurpiture International Inc. (Notice of Final
05-19-20	EAPA Investigation 7320: Brio USA, LLC (Notice of Final Determination as to Evasion)

#### **Detention Orders (Withhold Release Orders)**

When information reasonably but not conclusively indicates that merchandise within the purview of 19 U.S.C. §1307 (forced or convict labor) is being imported, the Commissioner of US Customs and Border Protection (CBP) may issue withhold release orders pursuant to 19 C.F.R. § 12.42(e). The following withhold release orders were issued by the Commissioner during the period of coverage of this Update.

Date	Country	Merchandise and Manufacturer(s)
05-01-20	China	Imported merchandise made wholly or in part with hair products manufactured by Hetian Haolin Hair Accessories Co. Ltd.
05-08-20	Taiwan	Imported merchandise made wholly or in part with seafood harvested by the Yu Long No. 2, a Taiwanese flagged fishing vessel
05-28-20	DR Congo	Modified WRO to allow imports of gold by Chambers Federation

#### Revocations or modifications of CBP rulings

See separate section below.

#### **CSMS** messages

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

Date	CSMS# and Title
	CSMS #42561433 - Drawback: Application Approvals for TFTEA General Rulings Under 1313(b)
	CSMS #42564135 - Updated ACE CATAIR Entry Summary Status Notification
05-01-20	CSMS #42565463 - Updated FTZ Phase II Release 2 CATAIR Now Available CSMS #42566154 - Section 232 and Section 301 – Extensions Requests,
	PSCs, and Protests
	CSMS #42566220 - GUIDANCE: Section 301 Tranche 3 - \$200B: Twelfth
	Round of Product Exclusions from China (9903.88.45)
	CSMS #42584902 - Upgrades to ACE Reports Deployed
	CSMS #42586002 - Food and Drug Administration (FDA) Entry Processing De-
	lays at this Time
	CSMS #42583667 - Updated ACE Development and Deployment Schedule
	Posted to CBP.gov/ACE
05-04-20	CSMS #42587675 - Delays in ACE Cargo Release Processing and Manifest
05-04-20	postings
	CSMS #42588536 - AESTIR Appendix A – Commodity Filing Response Mes-
	sages
	CSMS #42589252 - RESOLVED: Food and Drug Administration (FDA) Entry
	Processing Delays
	CSMS #42590577 - Filing Entries of Hand Sanitizers for FDA

Date	CSMS# and Title
	CSMS #42589704 - UPDATE: Delays in ACE Cargo Release Processing and Manifest postings
	CSMS #42592058 - UPDATE: Delays in ACE Cargo Release Processing and Manifest postings
	CSMS #42601420 - Information on Upcoming Deployment of ACE Truck Mani-
05-05-20	fest Functionality  CSMS #42603462 - Delays in processing ACE Manifest response messages
	CSMS #42604516 - UPDATE to CSMS # 42588536 - AESTIR Appendix A -
	Commodity Filing Response Messages CSMS #42613959 - Updated ACE Entry Summary Status Notification CATAIR
	Now Available on CBP.gov
	CSMS #42614709 - UPDATE: Delays in ACE Manifest EDI Message Pro-
	cessing CSMS #42615473 - Information: Suspension of \$1.3 Billion Worth of Goods for
05-06-20	Trade Preference under the Generalized System Of Prefer-
00 00 20	ences (GSP) for Thailand as Outlined in Presidential Proclamation 9955, Dated October 25, 2019
	CSMS #42616136 -ACE to Begin Sending Warning Error Messages to Trade
	for EPA VNE Errors
	CSMS #42616686 - Delays in processing ACE Manifest and Cargo Release messages
	CSMS #42623557 - UPDATE: Delays in ACE Manifest message processing
	CSMS #42624693 - RESOLVED: Delays in ACE Manifest message processing
	CSMS #42629242 - NCSD May 2020 Webinars CSMS #42629672 - Information on Entry Type 86 Filing-related Delays and
05-07-20	May 8 Support Call
	CSMS #42630256 - Recordatorio: Mejorías al manifiesto de camión en ACE – Fase 1: La interfaz actual se retirará el 22 de junio de 2020
	(materiales de apoyo incluidos)
	CSMS #42635055 - FDA Document Submission During COVID-19 Pandemic
	CSMS #42635915 - Initiation of ADCVD Investigations: Prestressed Concrete Steel Wire Strand, Mult. Countries
05-08-20	CSMS #42640686 - The USDA Agriculture Marketing Service IG has been Up-
	dated
	CSMS #42640875 - Update to FWS Message Set Samples CSMS #42659459 - Updated Draft ACE Entry Summary Create-Update CA-
05-11-20	TAIR Now Available on CBP.gov
	CSMS #42672419 - The APHIS Core Implementation Guide has been Updated
05.40.00	CSMS #42674505 - APHIS Core Implementation Guide Update Version 5.1 CSMS #42677194 - RESOLVED: Issues Accessing ACE Technical Guidance
05-12-20	Document Webpages
	CSMS #42677896 - ACE Bi-weekly Trade Support Call Schedule Updated – Recurring WebEx Meeting Link
	CSMS #42687044 - ABI Software Vendors List
	CSMS #42689190 - Recordatorio: Mejorías al manifiesto de camión en ACE –
05-13-20	Fase 1: La interfaz actual se retirará el 22 de junio de 2020 (materiales de apoyo incluidos)
	CSMS #42693720 - GUIDANCE: Section 301 Tranche 3 - \$200B: 13th Round
	of Product Exclusions from China CSMS #43703638 Clarification on the CRR Added Lines in the E4 Output
	CSMS #42703638 - Clarification on the CBP Added Lines in the E4 Output Record
	CSMS #42707651 - Enhancements to ACE Truck Manifest - Phase 1: New
05-14-20	Features Available CSMS #42708445 - ACE validation on certain trade remedy HTS numbers will
	be updated 5/16/2020
	CSMS #42708445 - ACE validation on certain trade remedy HTS numbers will
	be updated 5/16/2020 CSMS #42716074 - Updated Drawback Error Dictionary (v18) Posted on
05-15-20	CBP.gov
	CSMS #42716388 - NCSD June through August 2020 Webinars

Date	CSMS# and Title
	CSMS #42716621 - FDA Scheduled System Down Time: Saturday, May 16th,
	2020 11:00 PM Eastern to Sunday May 17th, 2020 1:00 AM
	<u>Eastern</u>
	CSMS #42718573 - Extended Immediately through July 18, 2020: USDA APHIS Allows Electronic Copies of Veterinary Certificates
	and Phytosanitary Certificates Due to COVID-19
	CSMS #42718726 - U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) : Australia
	Beef Export Certificate Hard Reject beginning 5/18/2020
	CSMS #42719473 - Drawback: Commencing AP Processing on Substitution Claims that Include IRT under CC 365
	CSMS #42720612 - Updated Draft ACE Cargo Release CATAIR Now Available on CBP.gov
	CSMS #42720619 - UPDATE: U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP):
	Australia and Argentina Beef Export Certificate Hard Reject Delayed
05.40.00	CSMS #42740288 - Food and Drug Administration (FDA) End-Dated Center
05-18-20	for Devices and Radiological Health (CDRH) Product Code
	CSMS #42751860 - EPA VNE Warning Error Message Available in the Certification Region
	CSMS #42753846 - Recording of Enhancements to ACE Truck Manifest –
	Phase 1 Training Webinar Now Available
	CSMS #42754238 - Updated ACE Development and Deployment Schedule Posted to CBP.gov/ACE
05.40.00	CSMS #42747527 - Information on Deployment of New Electronic Vessel Man-
05-19-20	ifest Confidentiality Online Application
	CSMS #42756645 - Updated ACE Development and Deployment Schedule
	Posted to CBP.gov/ACE – LINK CORRECTED
	CSMS #42756814 - Department of State is amending the International Traffic
	in Arms Regulations (ITAR) to revise the licensing exemp- tion for transfers made by or for an agency of the U.S. Gov-
	ernment
	CSMS #42763941 - ACE System Failures on EDI
	CSMS #42764177 - Resolved - ACE System Failures on EDI
05-20-20	CSMS #42770912 - U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP): Revised Australia and Argentina Beef Export Certificate Hard Reject re-
	lease date 5/31/2020
05-21-20	CSMS #42783265 - Update: Proper Entry/Entry Summary Reporting for Pipe
00-21-20	Spools with Pipes from Multiple Countries of Origin
05-22-20	CSMS #42789402 - Updated Draft ACE Cargo Release CATAIR Now Available on CBP.gov
	CSMS #42790947 - USMCA Trade Call June 1 at 2:00PM ET
	CSMS #42826026 - Food and Drug Administration (FDA) System Scheduled
	Down Time: Tuesday June 2, 2:30AM to 4:30AM ET
05-26-20	CSMS #42827113 - Drawback: AP on Substitution Claims that Include IRT under CC 365
	CSMS #42827228- Food and Drug Administration (FDA) Entry Processing De-
	lays at this Time
	CSMS #42837261 - GUIDANCE: Section 301 Tranche 4A - \$300B: Fourth
05 07 00	Round of Product Exclusions from China (9903.88.47)
05-27-20	CSMS #42839255 - GUIDANCE: Section 301 China Extension of Certain  Product Exclusions Covered under Tranche 1 - \$34B –Ac-
	tion
	CSMS #42852451 - Additional EPA VNE Warning Error Messages Available in
	the Certification Region
05-28-20	CSMS #42854651 - RESOLVED: AES and several ACE applications experi-
05-26-20	enced EDI message processing Delays
	CSMS #42855606 - RESOLVED: AES and several ACE applications experi-
	enced EDI message processing delays CSMS #42866592 - U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) Pilot Expansion to
05-29-20	All Filers in FWS Authorized Ports
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Date	CSMS# and Title
	CSMS #42866721 - CPSC 1USG Messaging Update
Undated	CSMS #42679516 - RESOLVED: ACE Truck Manifest Processing Delay
and not	CSMS #42676574 - Delay in ACE Truck Manifest processing of trade EDI
on-line	messages
OH-IIIIE	CSMS #42674930 - ACE Portal was Unavailable but has now been Resolved

## Foreign Trade Zones

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

F.R. Date	Document
05-06-20	Foreign-Trade Zone 7—San Juan, Puerto Rico; Notification of Proposed Production Activity; Amgen Manufacturing Limited (Pharmaceuticals), Juncos, Puerto Rico [B–24–2020]  Foreign-Trade Zone 139—Sierra Vista, Arizona; Application for Reorganization (Expansion of Service Area) Under Alternative Site Framework; Correction [B–22–2020]
05-07-20	Foreign-Trade Zone 116 – Port Arthur, Texas, Notification of Proposed Production Activity, Golden Pass LNG Terminal LLC (Liquified Natural Gas Processing), Port Arthur, Texas [B-26-2020]  Foreign-Trade Zone 26 – Atlanta, Georgia, Notification of Proposed Production Activity, Janssen Pharmaceuticals Inc. (Pharmaceutical Products), Athens, Georgia [B-25-2020]
05-14-20	Foreign-Trade Zone 116 Port Arthur, Texas; Application for Subzone, Golden Pass LNG Terminal LLC, Port Arthur, Texas [B-28-2020]
05-15-20	Approval of Subzone Status; Cheniere Energy, Inc., Portland, Texas [Order No. 2098]  Foreign-Trade Zone 143—West Sacramento, California; Notification of Proposed Production Activity, LiCAP Technologies, Inc. (Electrodes), Sacramento, California (B-27-2020]  Foreign-Trade Zone 7—Mayaguez, Puerto Rico; Application for Expansion of Subzone 7F, Puma Energy Caribe, LLC, Bayamon and Guaynabo, Puerto Rico [S-81-2020]  Foreign-Trade Zone 148— Knoxville, Tennessee; Notification of Proposed Production Activity, CoLinx, LLC (Tapered Roller Bearing Unit and Gearhead Kitting), Crossville, Tennessee [B-29-2020]
05-18-20	Reorganization of Foreign-Trade Zone 32 (Expansion of Service Area) Under Alternative Site Framework, Miami, Florida [Order No. 2096]
05-21-20	Foreign-Trade Zone 143 – Sacramento, California Application for Subzone Li- CAP Technologies Sacramento, California [S-86-2020]  Foreign-Trade Zone 183 – Austin, Texas Notification of Proposed Production Activity Rohr, Inc. (Aircraft Engine Parts) San Marcos, Texas [B-30-2020]  Foreign-Trade Zone 82 – Mobile, Alabama Notification of Proposed Production Activity Rohr, Inc. (Aircraft Engine Parts) Foley and Loxley, Alabama [B-31-2020]
05-28-20	Foreign-Trade Zone 277 – Glendale, Arizona; Authorization of Production Activity; Andersen Regional Manufacturing, Inc. (Windows for Residential and Commercial Buildings), Goodyear, Arizona [B-08-2020]  Foreign-Trade Zone 90 – Syracuse, New York; Authorization of Production Activity; PPC Broadband, Inc. (Hardline Coaxial Cables). Dewitt, New York [B-03-2020]

#### **EXPORT CONTROLS AND SANCTIONS**

# US Government issues updated guidance regarding shipping practices used to evade sanctions, with a focus on North Korea, Iran, and Syria

On May 14, 2020, the US Department of State, the US Department of the Treasury's Office of Foreign Assets Control (OFAC), and the US Coast Guard issued <u>guidance</u> to the private sector aimed at preventing deceptive shipping practices used in sanctions evasion, smuggling, facilitation of terrorism, and other criminal activity (the "Advisory"). The Advisory focuses on tactics recently used by malign actors to evade sanctions and sets out a non-exhaustive list of best practices companies may wish to adopt to identify and prevent sanctions violations before they happen. Described as a consolidated and updated iteration of advisories previously issued regarding shipping-related evasion of sanctions targeting Iran, North Korea, and Syria, the Advisory is not limited by territory. (The previous advisories remain on OFAC's website for those country-specific sanctions programs.)

The Advisory does not place any legal requirements on companies. Consistent with OFAC's Framework for Compliance Commitments ("OFAC Framework") that instructs companies to implement risk-based sanctions compliance program tailored to their particular operations, the Advisory alerts certain businesses to heightened risks in the supply chains of crude oil, refined petroleum, petrochemicals, steel, iron, aluminum, copper, sand, and coal, so that they can enhance their compliance processes and procedures as appropriate. The challenge for market players is that many of the practices identified as red flags are often entirely legitimate maritime activities, but they have been identified as open to abuse by bad actors. The Advisory affects everyone involved in the maritime industry, including ship owners, managers, operators, brokers, ship chandlers, Flag Registries, port operators, shipping companies, freight forwarders, Class Societies, commodity traders, insurance companies, and financial institutions. It also contains sector-specific guidance for ten categories of market players.

In addition to sanctions compliance programs based on the OFAC Framework (link provided above), the Advisory recommends certain best practices to detect deceptive shipping practices and potential sanctions evasion. To read about these, see the rest of this article on our Sanctions blog, here.

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# United States: A new approach to OFAC's rejected-transactions reporting

In June 2019, the US Department of the Treasury's Office of Foreign Assets Control, or OFAC, significantly changed the scope of reporting requirements related to so-called rejected transactions, particularly in terms of expanding the reporting base beyond financial institutions and funds transfers.

In February, OFAC issued <u>FAQs</u> to confirm that these reporting requirements apply to companies outside the financial sector. However, OFAC has not provided public guidance to nonfinancial sectors seeking to comply with US sanctions about which types of transactions should be reported under Title 31, Section 501.604 of the Code of Federal Regulations.

After providing background on OFAC reporting requirements, this article proposes a common-sense framework for companies seeking to comply with OFAC's rejected-transactions reporting requirements.

Click here to read full alert by Alexandre (Alex) Lamy.

## OFAC amends Zimbabwe Sanctions Regulations to remove banks delisted in 2016

On May 22, 2020, the Office of Foreign Assets Control (OFAC) published in the *Federal Register* a <u>final rule</u> amending the *Zimbabwe Sanctions Regulations* to remove a general license that authorizes all transactions involving Agricultural Development Bank of Zimbabwe and Infrastructure Development Bank of Zimbabwe as a result of these entities being removed from OFAC's Specially Designated Nationals and Blocked Persons List (SDN List). Both banks were delisted in 2016.

## US Government Issues Advisory on Cyber Threat Posed by North Korea

On April 15, 2020, the US Departments of State, Homeland Security, and the Treasury (Treasury), and the Federal Bureau of Investigation issued an <u>advisory</u> warning about the cyber threat posed by North Korea, calling particular attention to banks and other financial institutions ("Advisory"). The Advisory (i) highlights North Korea's malicious cyber activities across the globe, (ii) identifies and recommends measures to counter the cyber threat, including cybersecurity best practices, and (iii) summarizes potential enforcement actions by the US government against parties engaging in prohibited or sanctionable conduct related to North Korea's cyber-related activities. To read the rest of this article by <u>Sylwia A. Lis, Eunkyung Kim Shin</u> and <u>Andrea Tovar</u>, please continue on our <u>Sanctions</u> News website here.

#### DDTC reduces some registration fees due to COVID-19 Pandemic

As of May 1, the State Department has <u>made a temporary change</u> in the Tier I, Tier II, and new registrant payment guidelines on the Directorate of Defense Trade Controls ("DDTC") <u>website</u> to reflect certain reduced registration fees to mitigate the economic impact of the COVID-19 pandemic.

The DDTC is reducing fees for Tier I and Tier II registrants to \$500 (reduced from \$2,250 and \$2,750, respectively) for registrations whose original expiration date is between May 31, 2020 and April 30, 2021. DDTC is also reducing registration fees to \$500 (reduced from \$2,250) for new applicants who submit their registration application between May 1, 2020 and April 30, 2021. The fee structure for Tier III registrants remains unchanged.

These reductions will apply through April 30, 2021, unless modified by a subsequent notification in the Federal Register. The reduction in these fees comes shortly after the DDTC issued measures, including some related to compliance and licensing, in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. Our blog post on those recent changes can be found <a href="https://example.com/here">here</a>. The DDTC estimates that these registration fee reductions will save regulated industry over \$20 million over the coming year.

The authors, <u>Alison J. Stafford Powell</u> and <u>Inessa Owens</u>, acknowledge the assistance of Ryan Orange in the preparation of this blog post.

## State publishes temporary ITAR temporary suspensions, modifications, and exceptions for SARS-COV2 emergency

On May 1, 2020, the Department of State published in the *Federal Register* a document to inform the public of certain temporary suspensions, modifications, and exceptions for the durations described herein to several provisions of the *International Traffic in Arms Regulations* (ITAR). These actions are taken in order to ensure continuity of operations within the Directorate of Defense Trade Controls (DDTC) and among entities registered with DDTC pursuant to the ITAR during the current-2020 SARS-COV2 public health emergency. See notice for details.

#### US Government extends Huawei Temporary General License to August 13, 2020 and revises the EAR's Foreign-Produced Direct Product Rule to target Huawei's acquisition of semiconductors that are the direct product of certain US technology or software

On May 19, the US Commerce Department's Bureau of Industry and Security (BIS) issued an interim final rule effective on May 15, 2020, amending the Export Administration Regulations' (EAR) General Prohibition Three (the "foreign-produced direct product rule") and Entity List to impose new controls on the reexport, export from abroad, and transfer (in-country) of certain foreign-produced semiconductor-related items when such items are the direct product of certain designated US technology or software and are destined to Huawei Technologies Co. Ltd. and 114 of its non-US affiliates designated on the BIS Entity List (collectively, "Huawei"). BIS is seeking comments on the interim final rule, which must be submitted on or before July 14, 2020.

Concurrently, effective May 15, BIS issued a final rule extending through August 13, 2020 the validity of the Temporary General License ("TGL") authorizing certain transactions involving the export, reexport, and transfer of items subject to the EAR to Huawei. BIS noted in the final rule that it is in the process of reviewing submissions received in response to its request for comments on future extensions of the TGL, which may be submitted until April 22, 2020. Please see our prior blog posts on the initial designation of Huawei and sixty-eight of its non-US affiliates to the Entity List on May 16, 2019 here; on the issuance of the original TGL on May 20, 2019 here; on the designation of forty-six additional non-US affiliates of Huawei to the Entity List and on the TGL updates issued on August 19, 2019 here; on BIS's publication of Huawei-related FAQs on September 9, 2019 here; on BIS's previous extensions of the TGL here and here; and on BIS's request for comments on future extensions here and here.

Please read the rest of this article by <u>Nicholas F. Coward</u>, <u>Lise S. Test</u> and <u>Daniel Andreeff</u>, in our Sanctions blog here.

# 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
05-04-20	OFAC: Notice of OFAC Sanctions Actions (N) [5 entities, 2 aircraft]

F.R. Date	Applicable orders
05-11-20	OFAC: Notice of OFAC Sanctions Actions [Case IDs MALI-16234, MALI-16277, and MALI-EO13882-16735] (N) [5 individuals]
05-20-20	STATE: Statutory Debarment under the Arms Export Control Act and the International Traffic in Arms Regulations [Public Notice 11118] (N)
05-28-20	OFAC: Notice of OFAC Sanctions Action (N) [2 individuals]

### OTHER COVERAGE

# 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
05-04-20	ITA: Quarterly Update to Annual Listing of Foreign Government Subsidies on Articles of Cheese Subject to an In-Quota Rate of Duty (N)
05-06-20	ITA: Subsidy Programs Provided by Countries Exporting Softwood Lumber and Softwood Lumber Products to the United States; Request for Comment (RFC)  STATE: International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Temporary Reduction in Certain Registration Fees [Public Notice: 11103] (N)
	TREASURY, IRS: <u>Definitions and Reporting Requirements for Shareholders of Passive Foreign Investment Companies; Correcting Amendment</u>
05-14-20	FINCEN: Agency Information Collection Activities; Proposed Renewal; Comment Request; Renewal Without Change of the Bank Secrecy Act Reports of Transactions in Currency Regulations at 31 CFR 1010.310 Through 1010.314, 31 CFR 1021.311, and 31 CFR 1021.313, and FinCEN Report 112—Currency Transaction Report (N)
05-15-20	BIS: Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for Review and Approval; Comment Request; Technology Letter of Explanation [OMB Control No: 0694–0047] (N)
05-18-20	ITA: Notice of Amendments to the Trade Mission to the Caribbean Region in Conjunction with the Trade Americas-Business Opportunities in the Caribbean Region Conference (N)
05-20-20	ITA: Notice of Postponement of Trade Missions from April through August 2020  STATE: Bureau of Political-Military Affairs; Rescission of Policy of Denial Concerning BAE Systems Saudi Arabia Limited (BAES SAL) a Subsidiary of BAE Systems plc under the International Traffic in Arms Regulations [Public Notice 11119] (N)
05-21-20	TREASURY OFFICE OF INVESTMENT SECURITY (OIS): Provisions Pertaining to Certain Investments in the United States by Foreign Persons (PR)
05-26-20	FINCEN: Agency Information Collection Activities; Proposed Renewal; Comment Request; Renewal Without Change of the Bank Secrecy Act Reports by Financial Institutions of Suspicious Transactions at 31 CFR 1020.320, 1021.320, 1022.320, 1023.320, 1024.320, 1025.320, 1026.320, and 1029.320, and FinCEN Report 111— Suspicious Activity Report

## 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	,
05-20-20	CPSC: <u>Safety Standard for Hand-Held Infant Carriers</u> [Docket No. CPSC-2012-0068] (FR)

# ATF ceases voluntary ITDS export pilot project

On May 18, 2020, the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives (ATF) published in the Federal Register a notice [Docket No. ATF 2018R-02] that announces cessation of its voluntary participation in a US Customs and Border Protection (CBP) pilot test of the International Trade Data System (ITDS) for processing import and export-related ATF forms and data using the Partner Government Agency (PGA) Message Set and the Automated Commercial Environment (ACE). The Border Interagency Executive Counsel (which oversees ITDS implementation) requires each agency to announce the start and cessation of the required pilots. ATF's participation for the imports and exports requirements were done separately with the imports pilot being completed in 2015. See 81 FR 60022 (August 31, 2016). This notice now concludes ATF participation in the pilot for the exportation requirements. While this notice announces the cessation of the pilot program, CBP has not yet announced the date that filing entries in ACE will be mandatory. The pilot test allowed participating exporters to submit ATF Form 9, Application and Permit for Permanent Exportation of Firearms (Form 9), and additional information to CBP electronically to obtain CBP certification of exportation. During the pilot, CBP validated that information and electronically transmitted export information to ATF to satisfy CBP's certification requirements. The notice is effective on the date of publication.

# ATF and TTB announcements and Federal Register documents

The Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives (ATF) and the Alcohol and Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau (TTB) have posted the following information or regulatory actions of interest to international traders:

Date	Subject
	ATF: International Trade Data System Test— Cessation of Voluntary Export Pilot Project [Docket No. ATF 2018R–02] (N)
05-18-20	TTB: TTB G 2020-4 -Tax-Free Withdrawal of Distilled Spirits and Products Containing Distilled Spirits for Hand Sanitizer Purposes under the CARES Act and TTB Guidance

## CDC and FDA Federal Register documents

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) or the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) have posted the following *Federal Register* guides, notices or documents which may be of interest to international traders:

F.R. Date	Subject
05-20-20	FDA: Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission for Office of Management and Budget Review; Comment Request; Prior Notice of Imported Food [Docket No. FDA-2010-N-0118] (N)
	FDA: Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission for Office of Management and Budget Review; Comment Request; Food Labeling Regulations [Docket No. FDA-2013-N-1155] (N)
05-26-20	CDC: Amendment and Extension of Order Under Sections 362 and 365 of the Public Health Service Act; Order Suspending Introduction of Certain Persons from Countries Where a Communicable Disease Exists (N)

F.R. Date	Subject
	FDA: <u>Guidance Documents Related to Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID–19);</u> <u>Availability</u> [Docket Nos. FDA–2020–D–1136, FDA–2020–D–1137, FDA–2020–D–1138, FDA–2020–D–1139] (N)
	FDA: Tobacco Products; Required Warnings for Cigarette Packages and Advertisements; Delayed Effective Date [Docket No. FDA-2019-N-3065] (FR/Delay)
05-29-20	FDA: Submission of Plans for Cigarette Packages and Cigarette Advertisements (Revised); Guidance for Industry; Availability [Docket No. FDA-2019-D-5364] (N)

## 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
05-07-20	AMS: National Organic Program: USDA Organic Regulations - 2020 Sunset Review and Substance Renewals [Document No. AMS-NOP-20-0002; NOP-20-01]
05-13-20	APHIS: Animal Welfare; Amendments to Licensing Provisions and to Requirements for Dogs [Docket No. APHIS-2017-0062] (FR)
05-18-20	APHIS: Movement of Certain Genetically Engineered Organisms [Docket No. APHIS–2018–0034] (FR)

# Additional Federal Register documents

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

F.R. Date	Subject
05-01-20	ENERGY: Energy Conservation Program: Energy Conservation Standards for General Service Fluorescent Lamps and Incandescent Reflector Lamps [EERE-2019-BT-STD-0030] (RFI)
05-04-20	ENERGY: Energy Conservation Program: Test Procedure for Battery Chargers [EERE–2020–BT–TP–0012] (RFI)
05-05-20	ENERGY: Energy Conservation Program: Test Procedure for Commercial Warm Air Furnaces [EERE–2019–BT–TP–0041] (RFI)
05-06-20	DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE (DOD), GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION (GSA), AND NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION (NASA): Federal Acquisition Regulation; Tax on Certain Foreign Procurement [FAC 2020–06; FAR Case 2016–013; Item III; Docket No. FAR–2016–0013; Sequence No. 1] (FR)  DoD, GSA and NASA: Federal Acquisition Regulation; Federal Acquisition Circular 2020–06; Small Entity Compliance Guide [Docket No. FAR–2020–0051, Sequence No. 2]
05-07-20	LABOR: <u>Labor Advisory Committee for Trade Negotiations and Trade Policy –</u> Notice of Charter Renewal (N)
05-08-20	NATIONAL TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION ADMINISTRATION (NTIA): Input on Proposals and Positions for the 2020 World Telecommunication Standardization Assembly [Docket No. 200504-0126] (N)
05-11-20	PIPELINE AND HAZARDOUS MATERIALS SAFETY ADMINISTRATION (PHMSA): <u>Hazardous Materials: Harmonization with International Standards</u> [Docket No. PHMSA-2017-0108 (HM-215O)] (FR)
05-12-20	ENERGY: Energy Conservation Program: Energy Conservation Standards for Air-Cooled Commercial Package Air Conditioning and Heating Equipment and Commercial Warm Air Furnaces [EERE-2019-BT-STD-0042] (RFI)

F.R. Date	Subject
	ENERGY: Energy Conservation Program: Energy Conservation Standards for
  -	Water-Source Heat Pumps [EERE-2019-BT-STD-0031] (RFI)
	EPA: Improvements for Heavy-Duty Engine and Vehicle Test Procedures, and
	Other Technical Amendments [EPA-HQ-OAR-2019-0307; FRL-10006-90-OAR] (PR)
	FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY (FEMA): Emergency Management
	Priorities and Allocations System (EMPAS) [Docket ID FEMA-2020-0019] (IR)
05-13-20	DoD, GSA, NASA: Federal Acquisition Regulation: List of Domestically Non-
	available Articles [FAR Case 2020-009; Docket No.FAR-2020-0009; Sequence
	No. 1] (ANPR)
05-14-20	DRUG ENFORCEMENT ADMINISTRATION (DEA): Schedules of Controlled Sub-
	stances: Placement of Zipeprol in Schedule I [Docket No. DEA-477] (PR) DEA: Schedules of Controlled Substances: Placement of paraMethoxymeth-
	amphetamine (PMMA) in Schedule I [Docket No. DEA–509] (PR)
-	ENERGY: Energy Conservation Program: Test Procedure for Consumer Boilers
	[EERE-2019-BT-TP-0037] (RFI)
	EPA: Acequinocyl; Pesticide Tolerances [EPA-HQ-OPP-2019-0387; FRL-
<u> </u>	10007–38] (FR)
05-15-20	EPA: Isoxaben; Pesticide Tolerances [EPA-HQ-OPP-2019-0070; FRL-
-	10001–14] (FR) OFFICE OF NATIONAL DRUG CONTROL POLICY: Criteria for Designation of Emerg-
	ing Drug Threats in the United States (ANPR)
-	GSA: Revised Notice of Intent/Revised Project Action and Notice of Availability
	for Land Ports of Entry (LPOE) [Notice-PBS-2020-04; Docket No. 2020-
	0002; Sequence No. 12] (N)
	EPA: Methyl Mercaptan; Exemption From the Requirement of a Tolerance
05-18-20	[EPA-HQ-OPP-2019-0368; FRL-10006-98] (FR)
	EPA: Fluridone; Pesticide Tolerances [EPA-HQ-OPP-2019-0074; FRL-10007-09] (FR)
05.00.00	ENERGY: Energy Conservation Program: Energy Conservation Standards for
05-20-20	External Power Supplies [EERE-2020-BT-STD-0006] (RFI)
	ENERGY: Energy Conservation Program: Energy Conservation Standards for
05-21-20	Consumer Water Heaters [EERE–2017–BT–STD–0019] (RFI)
	ENERGY: Energy Conservation Program: Energy Conservation Standards for Electric Motors [EERE-2020-BT-STD-0007 (RFI)
	ENERGY: Energy Conservation Program: Test Procedures for Residential and
	Commercial Clothes Washers [EERE-2016-BT-TP-0011]
05-22-20	EPA: Dipropylene Glycol and Triethylene Glycol; Exemption from the Require-
	ment of a Pesticide Tolerance [EPA-HQ-OPP-2013-0219; FRL-10008-87] (PR)
	EPA: Chlormequat Chloride; Pesticide Tolerances [EPA-HQ-OPP-2019-
05-26-20	0297; FRL-10008-50] (FR) EPA: Indoxacarb; Pesticide Tolerances [EPA-HQ-OPP-2019-0384; FRL-
	9995–89] (FR)
	EPA: Dinotefuran; Receipt of Applications for Emergency Exemptions, Solicita-
05-27-20	tion of Public Comment [EPA–HQ–OPP–2020–0264; FRL–10009–75] (N)
	EPA: Flonicamid; Pesticide Tolerances [EPA-HQ-OPP-2019-0250; FRL-
	10009-26] (FR)
05-28-20	EPA: Small Manufacturer Definition Update for Reporting and Recordkeeping
	Requirements Under the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA) Section 8(a) [EPA-HQ-OPPT-2018-0321; FRL-10008-14] (FR) [Includes imports]
05-29-20	DoD: DoD Guidance Documents [Docket ID: DoD-2020-OS-0019] (FR)
00-23-20	EXPORT-IMPORT BANK OF THE US (EXIM): Notice of Open Meeting Sub-Saharan
	Africa Advisory Committee of the Export-Import Bank of the United States
	(EXIM) (N/H) [June 16, 2020]

## ANTIDUMPING AND SUBSIDIES

# ITA extends temporary rule modifying AD/CVD service requirements

On May 18, 2020, Enforcement and Compliance (E&C), International Trade Administration (ITA), Commerce published in the *Federal Register* an <u>extension to a temporary final rule</u> [Docket Number: 200507–0129] that extends until July 17, 2020 (unless further extended) the temporary modifications made to its service regulations published on March 26, 2020 (85 FR 17006) to enable non-US Government personnel responsible for serving documents in the Enforcement & Compliance's (E&C) antidumping and countervailing duty (AD/CVD) cases to work remotely. The temporary modifications were implemented to facilitate the effectuation of service through electronic means, with the goal of promoting public health and slowing the spread of COVID–19 while at the same time permitting the continued administration of AD/CVD proceedings.

# Antidumping and countervailing duty cases

See separate Antidumping Countervailing Duty and Safeguards Investigations, Orders & Reviews section below.

# THE AMERICAS - SOUTH AMERICA

## **ARGENTINA**

# **Boletin Oficial publications**

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

BO Date	Subject
11-05-20	Decree 455/2020 (10-05-20) DCTO-2020-455-APN-PTE - Decree No. 333/2020. Modification. Extrazone Import Rights
	FEDERAL ADMINISTRATION OF PUBLIC REVENUE (AFIP): General Resolution 4710/2020 (08-05-20) RESOG-2020-4710-E-AFIP-AFIP - Export. Export reference values.
27-05-20	AFIP: General Resolution 4722/2020 (26-05-20) RESOG-2020-4722-E-AFIP-AFIP - Procedure. Calculation of deadlines regarding tax, customs and social security resources. New extraordinary fiscal fair period. General Resolution No. 1983, its amendments. and compl. Complementary standard
29-05-20	AFIP: General Resolution 4726/2020 (27-05-20) RESOG-2020-4726-E-AFIP-AFIP - Suspension of terms in customs matters, during the validity of the measure provided by Decree No. 298 of March 19, 2020 and its amendments

# 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) during the period covered by this Update.

DOU Date	Subject
	SECEX Cir. № 24 (16-04-20) It suspends the closure of the probationary phase
17-04-20	and the subsequent deadlines referred to in arts. 59 to 63 of Decree 8,058, of July 26, 2013, according to the schedule disclosed in item 2.12 of Annex I of
	Secex Circular No. 15, of March 19, 2020.
	CAMEX Res. № 36 (04-05-20) Grants a temporary reduction in the Import Tax rate under the terms of Resolution No. 08/08 of the MERCOSUR Common Mar-
	<u>ket Group</u> CAMEX Res. № 37 (04-05-20) Grants a temporary reduction in the Import Tax
	rate under Resolution No. 08, of June 20, 2008, of the MERCOSUR Common Market Group and amends Annex II of Resolution No. 125, of December 15,
	2016  CAMEX Res. № 39 (04-05-2020) changes the Import Tax rates levied on the IT
	and Telecommunications Goods it mentions, as Ex-Tariffs, to zero percent.
	CAMEX Res. № 40 (04-05-20) changes the Import Tax rates levied on the Capital Goods it mentions to zero percent, as Ex-tariffs.
	CAMEX Res. № 41 (04-05-20) Changes the Lists of Unproduced Auto Parts,
	contained in Annexes I and II of Resolution No. 102, of December 17, 2018, of the Chamber of Foreign Trade.
	CAMEX Res. № 42 (04-05-20) Amends the List of Non-Produced Auto Parts, contained in Annexes I and II of Resolution No. 23, of December 30, 2019, of
06-05-20	the Executive Management Committee of the Foreign Trade Chamber
	CAMEX Res. № 43 (04-05-20) Approves the internal regulations of the Ombudsman for Direct Investments, within the scope of the Foreign Trade Chamburgham
	ber. SECEX Portaria № 24 (05-05-20) Amends SECEX Ordinance No. 49, of De-
	cember 4, 2019, to provide for the distribution of tariff quotas for vehicle exports
	to Colombia, as referred to in Articles 2 and 3 of Appendix 5.1, of Annex II, of the Economic Complementation Agreement № 72 (ACE-72).
44.05.00	SECEX Portaria № 25 (08-05-20) Provides for imports of used pulmonary venti-
11-05-20	lators, vital sign monitors, infusion pumps, oximetry equipment and capnographs
	CAMEX Res. № 44 (14-05-20) grants a temporary reduction, to zero percent, of the Import Tax rate under the terms of article 50, paragraph d, of the 1980 Mon-
	tevideo Treaty, internalized by Legislative Decree No. 66, of November 16,
	1981, with the objective of facilitating the combating the Corona Virus / Covid- 19 pandemic.
18-05-20	SECEX Portaria № 27 (15-05-20) Amends Secex Ordinance No. 23, of July 14, 2011, due to the publication of the Resolution of the Executive Management
10-03-20	Committee of the Foreign Trade Chamber No. 25, of April 1, 2020
	SECEX Portaria № 28 (15-05-20) Establishes criteria for quota allocation for imports, determined by the Resolution of the Executive Management Committee
	of the Chamber of Foreign Trade no 36, of May 4, 2020.
	SECEX Portaria № 29 (15-05-20) Amends Appendix III of Ordinance SECEX No. 23, of July 14, 2011
	SECEX Cir. 32 (18-05-20) makes public the terms of the commercial defense investigation processes, which will expire in the first half of 2021
19-05-20	CAMEX Res. № 45 (15-05-20) Provides for the Regulatory Agenda for Improv-
	ing the Investment Environment  CAMEX Res. № 46 (19-05-20) Grants a temporary reduction in the Import Tax
	rate under the terms of Resolution No. 08, of June 20, 2008, of the MER-COSUR Common Market Group.
21-05-20	CAMEX Res. № 47 (19-05-20) Grants a temporary reduction in the Import Tax
	rate under Resolution No. 08, of June 20, 2008, of the MERCOSUR Common Market Group and amends Annex II of Resolution No. 125, of December 15,
	2016. CAMEX Res. № 48 (19-05-20) changes the Import Tax rates levied on the IT
	and Telecommunications Goods it mentions, as Ex-Tariffs, to zero percent.  CAMEX Res. № 49 (19-05-20) changes the Import Tax rates levied on Capital
	Goods it mentions to zero percent, as Ex-tariffs

DOU Date	Subject
25-05-20	SECEX Portaria № 30 (22-05-20) Establishes criteria for quota allocation for imports, determined by the Resolutions of the Executive Management Committee of the Chamber of Foreign Trade no 37, of May 4, 2020, and no 47, of May 19, 2020
27-05-20	SECEX Portaria № 31 (26-05-20) Approves the 13th Edition of the Exemption Drawback System Manual.

# Antidumping and countervailing duty cases

See separate Antidumping Countervailing Duty and Safeguards Investigations, Orders & Reviews section below.

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# 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
02-05-20	HACIENDA: Extract from exempt Resolution № 1,628, from 2020 It has new facilitation measures in the context of the Covid-19 outbreak
	HACIENDA: Extract of exempt Resolution № 1,649, from 2020 Modifies the Compendium of Customs Regulations
05-05-20	HACIENDA: Extract of exempt Resolution № 1.621, of 2020 Modifies the period of white march established for the inscription in the Registry of Importers and Exporters of Controlled Substances
18-05-20	HACIENDA: Extract from exempt Resolution № 1,746, of 2020 Replaces appendix XVII of Chapter III of the Compendium of Customs Regulations with the instructions for the temporary admission of foreign civil aircraft
27-05-20	HACIENDA: Exempt Decree № 149, of 2020 Applies reductions of customs duties for the import of raw sugar, refined sugar grades 1 and 2, and refined sugar grades 3 and 4, and substandard
28-05-20	HACIENDA: Extract of Exempt Resolution № 1.769, from 2020 Modifies Appendix XV of Chapter III of the Compendium of Customs Regulations  HACIENDA: Extract of Exempt Resolution № 77320101286, from 2020 Authorizes registration as an exporter of services provided and used entirely abroad

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

The National Customs Service has recently redesigned its website. <u>Advance Classification Rulings</u> (Resoluciones Anticipadas Clasificación) from 2010 to the present are available.

## COLOMBIA

## **TPTA** information

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

### **Tariff Classification Resolutions**

Tariff Classification Resolutions may be found here.

# MinCIT, MinHacienda and DIAN Documents

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

Date	Subject	
01-05-	DIAN: Circular 003769 of 2020 Ad - Valorem levies applicable to reference agricultural products, their substitutes, agro-industrial products or by-products	
	DIAN: Res. № 000043 of 2020 - By which it is declared of the manifest urgency to celebrate the contracting of goods and services or the execution of works in the immediate future necessary to prevent, contain and mitigate the effects of the pandemic of the coronavirus COVID-19  DIAN: Res. № 000044 of 2020 Through which measures are adopted for the im-	
05-05-20	port of cement to the departments of Amazonas and Guainía, in accordance with the provisions of article 158 of Law 2010 of 2019.	
	DIAN: Res. № 000041 of 2020 By which Resolution 0030 of March 29, 2020 is partially modified, through which emergency measures are adopted to guarantee the attention and provision of services by DIAN	
16-05-20	DIAN: <u>Circular 003776 of 2020 Ad – Valorem levies applicable to reference agricultural products</u> , their substitutes, agro-industrial products or by-products	
29-05-20	DIAN: Resolution 000055 of 2020 By which urgent measures are adopted to guarantee the attention and provision of services by the Special Administrative Unit Directorate of National Taxes and Customs -DIAN	

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### Tariff Classification database

A searchable <u>Tariff Classification Resolution (ruling) database</u> (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 <u>SUNAT</u> (National Customs Superintendent and Tax Administration) or in the legal standards section of <u>El Peruano</u> (the Official Gazette) (dd-mm-yy):

Date	Subject
08-05-20	PRODUCTION: Ministerial Resolution № 154-2020-PRODUCE They approve the Criteria for territorial targeting and the obligation to report incidents in the Production Sector for the gradual and incremental start of the activity of Phase 1 of the Resumption of Activities in the area of temporary production to meet purchase orders (exports of non-traditional goods) defeated and to expire
	PRESIDENCY OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS: <u>Supreme Decree № 083-2020-PCM</u> Supreme Decree that extends the State of National Emergency for the serious circumstances that affect the life of the Nation as a result of COVID-19 and establishes other provisions
10-05-20	Legislative Decree № 1492 Legislative Decree that approves provisions for the reactivation of the continuity and efficiency of operations linked to the logistics chain of foreign trade
	Legislative Decree № 1487 Legislative Decree establishing the Deferral and / or Fractionation Regime of tax debts administered by SUNAT
11-05-20	SUNAT: Resolution № 079-2020 / SUNAT Specific Procedure for the Application of Electronic Rectification of Declaration DESPA-PE.00.11 (Version 3) is approved

Date	Subject		
	HEALTH: <u>Supreme Decree № 017-2020-SA</u> <u>They issue temporary measures to ensure the supply of products necessary for health during the health emergency declared as a consequence of COVID-19</u>		
	EXTERNAL RELATIONS Supreme Decree № 012-2020-RE They denounce the International Convention for the Unification of Certain Rules on the Bill of Lading		
12-05-20	EXTERNAL RELATIONS: <u>Supreme Decree № 010-2020-RE They ratify the Amendment to the Temporary Import Agreement that incorporates the New Model ATA Notebook from Appendix I to Annex A</u>		
12-05-20	EXTERNAL RELATIONS: Supreme Decree N ° 009-2020-RE Ratify the Amendment to the Temporary Import Convention on the incorporation of Article 21A		
	EXTERNAL RELATIONS: Supreme Decree № 008-2020-RE They ratify the Amendment to the Convention on Temporary Importation on the Illustrative List of Appendix III to Annex B2		
15-05-20	SUNAT - Resolution № 084 -2020 / SUNAT They approve the General Import Procedure for Consumption DESPA-PG.01 (version 8) and modify the Specific Procedure for Physical Recognition-Extraction and Analysis of Samples DESPA-PE.00.03 (version 3)		
21-05-20	EXTERNAL RELATIONS: Supreme Decree N ° 015-2020-RE Ratify the Agreement by exchange of Notes between the Government of the Republic of Peru and the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland to extend the effects of the application of the Multiparty Trade Agreement mutatis mutandis		
29-05-20	SUNAT: Resolution № 095-2020 / SUNAT - Modify the Specific Procedure Non-intrusive Inspection Physical Inspection and Physical Recognition of Merchandise in the Customs Complex of the Maritime Customs Office Del Callao CONTROL-PE.00.09 (Version 1)		

### VENEZUELA

# New exemption for value added tax, import tax, and the rate for determination of the customs regime on imports

Decree № 4.080 was published in Official Gazette № 6.497. The decree exempts, until 30 June 2020, the payment of value added tax, import tax and the rate for the determination of the customs regime for definitive imports of new or used movable tangible property when applicable, carried out by the organisms and entities of the National Public Administration, as well as those carried out with personal resources, by an individual or a legal entity, classified under the customs codes included on Appendix "I" of the Decree. It is important to highlight that the Decree was issued as a new set of guidelines and not as an extension of the previous decree, which granted the benefit until the end of 2019. For the details, please see the article written by Manuel Marin in the Global VAT/GST Newsletter here.

# ASIA-PACIFIC

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

## AUSTRALIA

## DHA notices and advices

The following Australian Border Force Customs Notices (ACN) and Cargo advices (ACCA) were issued during the period covered by this Update:

Date	Series and №	Title
07-05-20	ACN 2020/20	New Concessional Item 57 and By-law No. 2019608 to Schedule 4 of the Customs Tariff Act 1995 with Addendum

# Antidumping and countervailing duty cases

See separate Antidumping Countervailing Duty and Safeguards Investigations, Orders & Reviews section below.

# CHINA (INCLUDING HONG KONG SAR)

Re-exports of US-origin electronics, computers and telecommunications from Hong Kong

#### In brief

The Hong Kong Trade and Industry Department (TID) recently released a new circular concerning the control of strategic commodities. Hong Kong exporters of US-origin electronics, computers, and telecommunications equipment should be clear about whether US authorization is required for any export, and ensure that all relevant authorizations and licenses are obtained prior to any shipment. Exporters relying on "License Exception CIV" will no longer be able to do so after 29 June 2020.

### Key takeaways

- US Department of Commerce's Bureau of Industry and Security (BIS) publishes final rule removing "License Exception CIV".
- US re-export authorization required for certain Hong Kong exports.
- New TID circular states that Hong Kong export licenses approved on the basis of "License Exception CIV" will no longer be applicable after 29 June 2020.

#### In depth

Hong Kong regulates military and dual-use items under the <u>Import and Export</u> <u>Ordinance</u> (Chapter 60) and the <u>Import and Export (Strategic Commodities) Regulations</u> (Chapter 60G). It controls the import, export, transit and transshipment of these items, classifying them as "strategic commodities".

Generally, applications for licenses must be made to the TID prior to their import or export. On 12 March 2020, the TID released <a href="Strategic Trade Controls Circular">Strategic Trade Controls Circular</a> No. 3/2020 on "Re-exports of U.S.-origin Electronics, Computers and Telecommunications from Hong Kong" ("Circular"). The Circular notifies traders about recent changes to US export control rules, and their impact on Hong Kong rules.

## US BIS Final Rule Removes License Exception CIV

Pursuant to the <u>BIS final rule</u> on the "Elimination of License Exception Civil End Users (CIV)", License Exception CIV will be eliminated from 29 June 2020. This affects US exports, re-exports, and transfers of specified US-origin electronics, computers and telecommunications products to Country Group D:1 countries. Country Group D:1 countries include (amongst others) China, Russia, and Vietnam. Such exports, re-exports and transfers will require US authorization. To understand more about changes to the US rules, click <u>HERE</u> to see our update on this topic.

#### US Re-Export Authorization Required For Hong Kong Exports

While there is no change to Hong Kong law governing import and export control of strategic commodities, applicants are frequently required to provide demonstration of foreign export control law authorizations when applying for Hong Kong licenses.

In light of BIS' final rule, traders exporting the concerned US-origin products from Hong Kong to D:1 countries should properly understand whether US authorizations are required prior to the Hong Kong export. As a first step, they can do so by checking with their U.S. suppliers, exporters or manufacturers. Hong Kong exporters should obtain necessary and applicable US authorizations before exporting to any of the D:1 countries. TID would likely not grant a Hong Kong export license should the exporter not be able to demonstrate foreign authorization.

## Hong Kong Export Licenses No Long Applicable After 29 June 2020

TID also advises that all strategic commodities licenses previously issued featuring "US Licence Exception CIV" under the "Export Authorization of Foreign Exporting/Product's Originating Country (Place)" should no longer be used after 29 June 2020. These licenses will likely be cancelled after that date.

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### 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. Please note that the Hong Kong Trade and Industry Department (TID) provides English translations of many Mainland China commercial information circulars. These are shown below as "HKCIC". Only import-export related documents are listed (mm-dd-yy):

Date	Series and №	Subject			
04-26-20	Market Supervision MOFCOM and GAC Announcement № 12  Market Supervision on Further Strengthening the Supervision of the Qual of Exports of Anti-epidemic Materials				
	HKCIC 373/2020	Notice on Reference Table Related to Catalogue of Products Subject to Compulsory Product Certification and the Corresponding 2020 HS Codes			
05-05-20	HKCIC 376/2020	Notice on Incorporating Low-sulphur Fuel Oil Used by Vessels into the "Catalogue of Commodities Subject to Export Licensing Administration (2020)"			
	HKCIC 377/2020	"Operation Guidelines of the Huangpu Customs District on Paperless Operation for Submitting Changes to Manifest and Related Electronic Data"			
05 00 00	HKCIC 386/2020	Approval of the State Council Related to Establishment of Comprehensive Cross-border Electronic Commerce Pilot Zones in 46 Cities and Regions (Including Xiongan New Area)			
05-08-20	HKCIC 387/2020	"Notice of the Huangpu Customs District on the Full Implementation of Advanced Declaration Model for Customs Clearance of Export Commodities Using Maritime Transportation"			
05-13-20	HKCIC 395/2020	Notice by the Customs Tariff Commission of the State Council Concerning the Second Exclusion from the Second Batch of Additional Tariffs on US Imports			

Date	Series and №	Subject
	HKCIC 397/2020	Notice of the Market Supervision Administration of Shenzhen Municipality Concerning Carrying Out Self-inspection Work by Medical Device Manufacturers and Exporters
05-20-20	HKCIC 407/2020	Notice of the People's Government of Guangdong Province Concerning Reproduction and Promotion of the Sixth Batch of Reform and Innovation Experience of the China (Guangdong) Pilot Free Trade Zone
05-22-20	HKCIC 414/2020	"Measures on Administration of the Special Customs Surveillance Zones of Shenzhen"
	General A	DMINISTRATION OF CUSTOMS (GAC)
	GAC Ann. № 65	Announcement on Phytosanitary Requirements for Importing American Barley
05-13-20	GAC Ann. № 66	Announcement on Plant Quarantine Requirements for Importing American Alfalfa Hay Blocks and Granules, Almond Shell Granules, and Timothy Hay
05-14-20	GAC Ann. № 67	Announcement on Quarantine Requirements for Importing Chilean Fresh Food Citrus Plants
05-19-20	GAC Ann. № 68	Announcement Regarding the Adjustment of Electronic Data Declaration and Transmission of Manifests of Inbound and Outbound Railway Trains and the Cargoes and Articles Carried by Them
05-20-20	GAC Ann. № 69	Announcement on Adjusting the Inspection and Supervision Mode of Imported Iron Ore
05-23-20	GAC Ann. № 70	Announcement on Quarantine Requirements for the Import of Indonesian Dragon Fruit Plants
05-27-20	GAC Ann. № 71	Announcement on Preventing the Introduction of Indian Swine Fever in my country

# Antidumping and Counterv.ailing 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	
12-05-20	Strategic Trade Controls Circular 3/2020 "Re-exports of U.Sorigin Electronics, Computers and Telecommunications from Hong Kong"	
15-05-20	Circular on United Nations Sanctions (Central African Republic) Regulation 2	

## **I**NDIA

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## 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 №	Subject
		CBIC TARIFF NOTIFICATIONS
05-05-20	21/2020-Cus	Increases effective rate of Road and Infrastructure Cess (RIC) collected as Additional Duty of Customs on Petrol and Diesel w.e.f. 6 May, 2020
12-05-20	22/2020-Cus	Confirms imposition of Bilateral Safeguard Duty on Refined Bleached Deodorized Palmolein and Refined Bleached Deodorized Palm Oil originating in or exported from Malaysia imported under the India-Malaysia Comprehensive Economic Cooperation Agreement for a period of 180 days w.e.f. 4 September, 2019
14-05-20	23/2020-Cus	Extends validity of existing Export Performance Certificates for financial year 2019-2020 upto 30 September, 2020
21-05-20	24/2020-Cus	Extends last date of export by six months in specified cases where last date of export falls between 1 February, 2020 and 31 July, 2020
21-05-20	25/2020-Cus	Enlists Gopalpur Port as notified port for getting benefits under Advance Authorisation/ Export Promotion Capital Goods and other export incentive schemes like Merchandise Exports from India Scheme (MEIS)/ Service Exports from India Scheme (SEIS) and other such schemes
		CBIC Non-Tariff Notifications
15-04-20 19-05-20	42/2020-Cus (NT) 45/2020-Cus (NT)	Tariff Notification regarding fixation of Tariff Value of Edible Oils, Brass Scrap, Poppy Seeds, Areca Nut, Gold and Sil-
29-05-20	48/2020-Cus (NT)	ver
	1	CBIC CIRCULARS
11-05-20	23/2020-Cus	Extends facility of accepting undertaking in lieu of Bond until 30 May 2020. Further, date of submission of proper Bond extended until June 15, 2020
14-05-20	24/2020-Cus	Addition of Registrar of Newspapers of India under e- SANCHIT, Paperless Processing Scheme
18-05-20	25/2020-Cus	Rescinds circulars issued previously on Electronic Sealing - deposit in and removal of goods from Customs Bonded Warehouses
29-05-20	26/2020-Cus	Extends facility of accepting undertaking in lieu of Bond until 15 June 2020. Further, date of submission of proper Bond extended until June 30, 2020
	-	CBIC Instructions
04-05-20	04/2020-Cus	Provides guidelines for provisional clearance of goods imported under India's Free Trade Agreements without submission of original Certificate of Origin
12-05-20	<u>5/2020-Cus</u>	Provides that incidence of National Calamity Contingent Duty (NCCD) levied on inputs used in manufacture of ex- port goods is to be factored in calculation of Brand Rate of Duty Drawback
20-05-20	06/2020-Cus	Directs compliance with mandatory requirement of Veterinary Certificate for import of Milk and Milk products into India
28-05-20	<u>7/2020-Cus</u>	Special drive for disposal of applications for fixation of Brand Rate of Duty Drawback
		DGFT Notifications
06-05-20	04/2015-2020	Export Policy of Sanitizers amended. Only Alcohol Based Hand Sanitizers prohibited for export
13-05-20	05/2015-2020	Import of Silver under Advance Authorisation and supply of Silver directly by foreign buyers against exporter order exempted
16-05-20	6/2015-2020	Export policy of Masks amended. Restriction placed on export of non-medical/ non-surgical masks of all types (cotton, silk, wool, knitted) released. All other types of masks falling

Date	Series and №	Subject		
		under any ITC (HS code) continue to remain prohibited for exports		
28-05-20	07/2015-2020	Restriction on export of Paracetamol APIs released, thus making exports thereof free with immediate effect		
	DGFT Public Notices			
12-05-20	05/2015-2020	Provides that claims for availing Transport and Marketing Assistance on Specified Agricultural Products shipped by air to be made on per Kilograms basis instead of per Ton		
22-05-20	06/2015-2020	Gopalpur Port added as port of registration for various Schemes under the Foreign Trade Policy		
28-05-20	07/2015-2020	Allocates additional quantity of Raw Cane Sugar and Refined Sugar for export to the USA under Tariff Rate Quota (TRQ) upto 30 September, 2020		

# Antidumping and countervailing duty cases

See separate Antidumping Countervailing Duty and Safeguards Investigations, Orders & Reviews section below.

## **NEW ZEALAND**

# Customs duties: inability to timely pay affected by COVID-19

New Zealand Customs <u>announced</u> that the Government has agreed to change the *Customs and Excise Regulations 1996* to allow businesses whose ability to pay duty on time has been significantly affected by COVID-19, to receive a remission or refund on interest and penalties on late duty payments.

Any remission and refund of penalties and interest on late duty payments would be subject to the duty payer meeting the necessary requirements. This will include:

- their ability to make a duty payment, including associated levies, on time having been significantly adversely affected by the COVID-19 outbreak
- the duty payer had made contact as soon as reasonably practicable
- the duty payer has agreed an instalment plan with Customs or paid the duty in full (late payment).

The new system will apply to interest and penalties arising on or after 25 March 2020, and for up to two years. However, the duration would depend on the hard-ship being suffered by the duty payer and would be negotiated with Customs.

This assistance only applies to interest and penalties on late duty payments, the late core duty as agreed with Customs must still be paid.

#### Customs' Goods Clearance Fees deferral

New Zealand Customs <u>announced</u> that the Government has approved a 12-month deferral of scheduled fee changes for Customs' clearance of imported and exported goods across New Zealand's borders.

Changes related to Goods Clearance Fees – previously due to start on 1 June 2020 – are now deferred for one year.

The move aligns with the Government's announcement in March to defer the fee reviews of all aviation and border sector agencies.

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In December 2019, the Government agreed to changes to Customs fees for clearing imported and exported goods. The changes are now deferred for 12 months, and relate to:

- Customs' Goods Clearance Fees
- Customs' hourly rate for attendance outside working hours
- the recovery of certain costs incurred related to Customs' services for holders of Intellectual Property Rights.

One change will be implemented from 1 June 2020 as planned – Customs will cease to require Intellectual Property Rights holders to provide Customs with a \$5,000 security. Customs will communicate directly with rights-holders regarding the process for returning their security.

#### **PHILIPPINES**

# Philippines-Hong Kong trade agreement takes effect

On May 12, 2020, the Philippines component of the <u>Free Trade Agreement (FTA)</u> and Investment Agreement (IA) between Hong Kong, China and the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) entered into force. The FTA and IA entered into force between Hong Kong and Laos, Malaysia, Myanmar, Singapore, Thailand and Vietnam in 2019.

According to the <u>Hong Kong Trade Development Council</u> (HKTDC), under the FTA, the Philippines will progressively eliminate and reduce customs duties on goods originating from Hong Kong. To enjoy the preferential tariff treatment for exporting Hong Kong goods to the Philippines under the FTA, Hong Kong traders need to comply with the relevant preferential rules of origin and fulfil the related requirements

### **SINGAPORE**

Notices, circulars, etc.

Date	Reference	Matter
06-05-20	Cir. № 04/2020	Amendment of the Schedule to the Chemical Weapons (Prohibition) Act

#### VIETNAM

# Landmark Free Trade Agreement between Vietnam and the EU nears ratification

#### In brief

On 20 May 2020, the Vietnam National Assembly is expected to ratify the European Union - Vietnam Free Trade Agreement (EVFTA) and the European Union - Vietnam Investment Protection Agreement (EVIPA). This follows the 12 February 2020 ratification of both agreements by the European Parliament. The EVFTA will enter into force 60 days after both parties have notified the other of their completion of domestic ratification procedures, or at a later time as agreed by both parties. Provided that Vietnam issues a prompt notification to the EU, the EVFTA is likely to enter into force in late July 2020. The EVIPA does not have an expected date of entry into force because it must also be ratified by each individual EU member state.

The EU and Vietnam began negotiations on the EVFTA in 2012, and signed both agreements on 30 June 2019. This is the second EU free trade agreement with a member of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations following the EU-Singapore Free Trade Agreement, which entered into force in 2019.

### What are the benefits of the Agreement?

The European Commission states that the agreement will include the removal of 99% of customs duties on imports from Vietnam, boosting Vietnam's exports at a crucial time. Vietnam's tariff elimination schedule for goods imported from the EU will cover a period of 10 years, whereas EU tariffs applicable to Vietnam-originating goods will be phased out over seven years. Major tariff reductions applying to goods imported into Vietnam cover machinery and appliances, pharmaceuticals, cars, and food and beverages. [European Commission, EU-Vietnam trade and investment agreements: Facts on the main benefits, trade doc 157444.]

The EVFTA will also open up market access for trade in services between the parties. Importantly, Vietnam has committed to phasing out the Economic Needs Test (ENT) applicable to secondary and subsequent retail establishments, five years after entry into force. Accordingly, EU retail investors will enjoy streamlined access to the Vietnam consumer market from 2025. For the first time in Vietnam, services such as nursing and physiotherapy, leasing and rental of machinery, trade fair and exhibition services, some aspects of postal services, health-related social services, and some transportation services will be liberalized.

The EVFTA also includes an intellectual property chapter and public procurement liberalization as well as modern transparency, sustainable development and labor provisions.

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions related to the EVFTA, the EVIPA, or any ongoing trade and investment between the EU and Vietnam.

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# EUROPE, MIDDLE EAST AND NORTH AFRICA

# European Union and EFTA

COVID-19: European Commission ("EC") lifts export authorisation requirements on personal protective equipment ("PPE")

The EC <u>announced</u> on 26 May that the export authorisation scheme for PPE ceased to apply as of Tuesday, 26 May 2020. The EC has decided not to extend the measure, initially introduced on <u>15 March</u> to ensure adequacy of supply of such products in the EU in times of the COVID-19 pandemic. This measure was initially extended for another month on <u>26 April</u>, implementing additional reporting requirements and limiting the scope of the scheme to face masks.

According to the Commission, the scheme has served its purpose as a "temporary measure" and there have been no requests to prolong the scheme. The EC claims that the authorisation regime "struck the right balance between delivering on public health needs and securing open trade flows". Approximately 1,300 export authorisations had been requested under the 26 April scheme with a 95% success rate. Also since 26 April, "more than 13 million protective masks, around

1 million protective garments and more than 350,000 protective masks and visors have been exported from the EU".

Author: Sunny Mann

Link to EC announcement: <a href="https://trade.ec.europa.eu/doclib/press/index.cfm?id=2147">https://trade.ec.europa.eu/doclib/press/index.cfm?id=2147</a>

# Brexit: Can the UK and EU 27 agree to unique rules of origin in a future UK-EU Free Trade Agreement?

Some have questioned whether the UK and EU-27 in fact can agree to unique rules of origin ("ROO") in any future trade relationship between them. Aren't the UK and EU-27 constrained by the fact that the EU is a signatory to the Regional Convention on pan-Euro-Mediterranean preferential rules of origin ("PEM Convention")? If the EU-27 and the UK want to make use of the opportunity to cumulate originating items between the PEM Convention countries and any new agreement, then don't the rules of origin need to be <u>identical</u> across both agreements?

This is a fair question, and I am going to offer comments based on two different questions:

First, does the PEM Convention agreement <u>require</u> as a matter of its provisions that the EU does not enter into any other ROO that are not the same as the ROO found in the PEM Convention?

Second, on the assumption that the answer to the first question is no, is it in the economic interests of the UK and the EU-27 to ensure that the ROO in any agreement between them allow cumulation with goods originating under the PEM Convention?

As a starting point, these are very different questions. The first is a legal question and the second is an economic and political question.

As to the first question, neither the EU-27 through its membership of the PEM Convention, nor the UK, under the provisions of the Withdrawal Agreement are required to agree ROO in any future trade relationship that are identical to, or even consistent with, the PEM Convention. This is clear from the absence of any such term in the PEM Convention, and the fact that the EU has signed FTAs with third countries where ROOs were negotiated and not derived automatically from the PEM Convention (e.g. Japan and Canada).

As to the second question, given that the PEM Convention is intended to simplify the "spaghetti bowl" of ROOs, and provide for simplified cumulation across varying FTAs, there are economic advantages to the EU-27 and UK agreeing ROOs that synchronize with those in the PEM Convention. Failing to adopt the PEM Convention rules means that there will a significant administrative burden for business in manufacturing under different sets of ROO in different agreements, and in many cases, cumulation between the groupings will not be possible, removing a significant commercial advantage of any FTA.

However, it is likely that UK politics will not favour or permit an adoption of the PEM Convention ROO as it will appear to "rob" the UK of an important negotiating right, and may appear to cede control to another third party arrangement (i.e. the PEM Convention). We do know from the respective mandates that the EU-27 would prefer that the arrangement between the EU-27 and UK cleaves to the PEM Convention ROO, and that the UK wants follow arrangements similar to

those between the EU and Japan, presumably because the UK sees trade with Japan as a more lucrative opportunity than with the PEM Convention countries.

So while there will be pressure on the UK to use the simplified PEM Convention ROO, it is likely that the UK will continue to assert its right to negotiate bespoke ROO.

Author: Ross Denton.

# Amendment to the statistical nomenclature and on the Common Customs Tariff

On 29 May 2020, the *Official Journal* published <u>Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2020/712 of 25 May 2020 amending Annex I to Council Regulation (EEC) No 2658/87 on the tariff and statistical nomenclature and on the Common Customs Tariff, which amends the Combined Nomenclature as follows:</u>

The row for CN code 2403 99 10 of Chapter 24 of Part Two of the Combined Nomenclature set out in Annex I to Regulation (EEC) No 2658/87 is replaced by the following in order to ensure a uniform interpretation of the CN throughout the Union:

'2403 99 10	Chewing tobacco and snuff (nasal tobacco)	41,6	
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# Commission issues tariff classification regulations

<u>See separate section below</u> for tariff classification regulations issued by the European Commission during the period covered by this Update.

# Amendments to the CN Explanatory Notes

<u>See separate section below</u> 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.

Since 1 October 2019 all BTI correspondence between the economic operator and the customs authority is happening through the <u>Trader Portal</u>. This includes among others applications by economic operators for BTI decisions, requests by the customs authority for further information on the product being classified and the economic operators' replies to those questions. A list of customs authorities designated by Member States for the purposes of receiving applications, or taking decisions relating to binding tariff information may be found here.

Depending on the Member State an economic operator has to access either the <u>EU Customs trader portal</u> or the <u>national trader portal</u>. You can search and consult existing BTIs on the <u>EBTI-database</u>.

## 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
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04-05-20	Commission Implementing Decision (EU) 2020/604 of 30 April 2020 amending the Annex to Implementing Decision (EU) 2020/47 on protective measures in re-
	lation to highly pathogenic avian influenza of subtype H5N8 in certain Member
	States (notified under document C(2020) 2914)
	Council Decision (EU) 2020/609 of 27 April 2020 on the position to be taken on
	behalf of the European Union within the Joint Customs Cooperation Committee
	established under the Agreement between the European Union and New Zea-
	land on cooperation and mutual administrative assistance in customs matters as
	regards the adoption of the internal rules of procedure of the Joint Customs Co- operation Committee
05-05-20	Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2020/615 of 4 May 2020 fixing the
	import duties in the cereals sector applicable from 5 May 2020
	Corrigendum to Commission Regulation (EU) 2020/171 of 6 February 2020
	amending Annex XIV to Regulation (EC) No 1907/2006 of the European Parlia-
	ment and of the Council on the Registration, Evaluation, Authorisation and Re-
	striction of Chemicals ('REACH') (OJ L 35, 7.2.2020)
	Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2020/625 of 6 May 2020 amending
	Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2019/1793 on the temporary increase of official controls and emergency measures governing the entry into the
	Union of certain goods from certain third countries implementing Regulations
	(EU) 2017/625 and (EC) No 178/2002 of the European Parliament and of the
07-05-20	Council, and repealing Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2015/943
07-05-20	and Commission Implementing Decision 2014/88/EU
	Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2020/621 of 18 February 2020 amend-
	ing Annexes I and V to Regulation (EU) 2019/125 of the European Parliament
	and of the Council concerning trade in certain goods which could be used for capital punishment, torture or other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or
	punishment
	Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2020/626 of 7 May 2020 amending
	Annex I to Regulation (EC) No 798/2008 as regards the entry for the Republic of
	North Macedonia in the list of third countries, territories, zones or compartments
	from which certain poultry commodities may be imported into or transit through
	the Union in relation to Newcastle disease
	Commission Implementing Decision (EU) 2020/627 of 7 May 2020 amending the Annex to Implementing Decision (EU) 2020/47 on protective measures in re-
	lation to highly pathogenic avian influenza of subtype H5N8 in certain Member
	States (notified under document C(2020) 3090)
	Council Decision (EU) 2020/619 of 30 April 2020 on the position to be taken on
	behalf of the European Union within the Joint Implementation Committee estab-
08-05-20	lished pursuant to Article 18 of the Voluntary Partnership Agreement between
	the European Union and the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam on forest law en-
	forcement, governance and trade as regards the adoption of the rules of proce-
	dure of the Joint Implementation Committee  Notice from the Commission pursuant to paragraph 17 of Article 4 of the Proto-
	col 1 to the Economic Partnership Agreement between the European Union and
	the SADC EPA States, concerning the definition of the concept of 'originating
	products' and methods of administrative cooperation — Notification of the re-
	vised list of materials originating in South Africa and which cannot be imported
	directly into the EU duty-free quota-free, to which the cumulation provided for
	under paragraph 2 of Article 4 of the Protocol 1 to the EU-SADC EPA shall not
	<u>apply</u> [2020/C 156/03]

OJ Date	Subject
	Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2020/633 of 8 May 2020 laying
11-05-20	down temporary measures for the acceptance of electronic copies of original of-
	ficial documents for applications for import tariff quotas for agricultural products
	managed by a system of import licences and for applications for import licences
	on husked Basmati rice, due to the pandemic of COVID-19
	Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2020/640 of 12 May 2020 concerning the non-approval of propolis extract as a basic substance in accordance with
	Regulation (EC) No 1107/2009 of the European Parliament and of the Council
	concerning the placing of plant protection products on the market
	Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2020/642 of 12 May 2020 approving
	the basic substance L-cysteine in accordance with Regulation (EC) No
	1107/2009 of the European Parliament and of the Council concerning the plac-
	ing of plant protection products on the market, and amending the Annex to
	Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) No 540/2011
13-05-20	Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2020/643 of 12 May 2020 concern-
	ing the non-approval of Saponaria officinalis L. roots as a basic substance in ac-
	cordance with Regulation (EC) No 1107/2009 of the European Parliament and
	of the Council concerning the placing of plant protection products on the market
	Decision No 2/2020 of the EU-Singapore Trade Committee of 27 April 2020 on the interpretation, pursuant to Article 16.1(4)(d), of Articles 10.17 and 10.22 of
	the Free Trade Agreement between the European Union and the Republic of
	Singapore as regards changes to the protection of geographical indications for
	wines, spirits, agricultural products and foodstuffs registered in Singapore
	[2020/644]
	Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2020/646 of 13 May 2020 approving
	the active substance Lavandulyl senecioate as a low-risk substance in accord-
14-05-20	ance 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
	Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2020/653 of 14 May 2020 correcting Implementing Regulations (EU) No 540/2011 and (EU) 2019/706 as regards the
	CAS number of the active substance carvone
	Decision No 1/2020 of the ESA-EU Customs Cooperation Committee of 5 May
	2020 on a derogation from the rules of origin laid down in Protocol 1 to the In-
	terim Agreement establishing a framework for an Economic Partnership Agree-
15-05-20	ment between the Eastern and Southern Africa States, of the one part, and the
10 00 20	European Community and its Member States, of the other part, to take account
	of the special situation of Mauritius with regard to salted snoek [2020/656]
	UN Regulation No 127 – Uniform provisions concerning the approval of motor
	vehicles with regard to their pedestrian safety performance [2020/638]  Communication from the Commission Towards a phased and coordinated ap-
	proach for restoring freedom of movement and lifting internal border controls —
	COVID-19
	Commission Implementing Decision (EU) 2020/659 of 15 May 2020 on the har-
	monised standard for the technical documentation required for assessing mate-
	rials, components and electrical and electronic equipment drafted in support of
	Directive 2011/65/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council
	Commission Implementing Decision (EU) 2020/661 of 15 May 2020 amending
18-05-20	the Annex to Implementing Decision (EU) 2020/47 on protective measures in re-
	lation to highly pathogenic avian influenza of subtype H5N8 in certain Member States (notified under document C(2020) 3319)
	Commission Implementing Decision (EU) 2020/662 of 15 May 2020 amending
	the Annex to Implementing Decision 2014/709/EU concerning animal health
	control measures relating to African swine fever in certain Member States (noti-
	fied under document C(2020) 3321)
	Commission Implementing Decision (EU) 2020/668 of 18 May 2020 on the har-
	monised standards for personal protective equipment drafted in support of Reg-
19-05-20	ulation (EU) 2016/425 of the European Parliament and of the Council
19-03-20	Decision No 1/2020 of the Epa Committee set up by the Interim Agreement with
	a view to an Economic Partnership Agreement between the European Commu-
	nity and its Member States, of the one part, and the Central Africa Party, of the

OJ Date	Subject
	other part, of 28 April 2020 adopting the rules of procedure for mediation, the rules of procedure for arbitration, and the code of conduct for arbitrators [2020/670]
	Decision No 2/2020 of the EPA Committee set up by the Interim Agreement with a view to an Economic Partnership Agreement between the European Community and its Member States, of the one part, and the Central Africa Party, of the other part of 28 April 2020 concerning the adoption of the list of arbitrators [2020/671]
	Communication from the Commission — Guidelines on the adoption of Union-wide derogations for medical devices in accordance with Article 59 of Regulation (EU) 2017/745 [2020/C 171/01]
	Notice concerning the provisional application of the Interim Partnership Agreement between the European Community, of the one part, and the Pacific States of the other part
20-05-20	Decision No 1/2020 of the EU-Singapore Trade Committee of 17 April 2020 modifying Annexes 10-A and 10-B to the Free Trade Agreement between the European Union and the Republic of Singapore [2020/677]
	Commission Notice — Guidance Note relating to the Agreement on the with- drawal of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland from the Eu- ropean Union and the European Atomic Energy Community Part Two — Citizens'
	Rights [2020/C 173/01]  Commission Regulation (EU) 2020/685 of 20 May 2020 amending Regulation (EC) No 1881/2006 as regards maximum levels of perchlorate in certain foods
25-05-20	Council Decision (EU) 2020/678 of 18 May 2020 on the position to be taken on behalf of the European Union in the CETA Joint Committee established under the Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement (CETA) between Canada, of the one part, and the European Union and its Member States, of the other part, as regards the adoption of a decision setting out the administrative and organisational matters regarding the functioning of the Appellate Tribunal  Council Decision (EU) 2020/679 of 18 May 2020 on the position to be taken on behalf of the European Union in the CETA Joint Committee established under the Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement (CETA) between Canada, of the one part, and the European Union and its Member States, of the other part, as regards the adoption of a decision on the procedure for the adoption of interpretations in accordance with Articles 8.31.3 and 8.44.3(a) of CETA as an Annex to its Rules of Procedure  Council Decision (EU) 2020/680 of 18 May 2020 on the position to be taken on behalf of the European Union in the Committee on Services and Investment established under the Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement (CETA) between Canada, of the one part, and the European Union and its Member States, of the other part, as regards the adoption of a code of conduct for Members of the Tribunal, Members of the Appellate Tribunal and mediators  Council Decision (EU) 2020/681 of 18 May 2020 on the position to be taken on behalf of the European Union in the Committee on Services and Investment established under the Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement (CETA) between Canada, of the one part, and the European Union and its Member States, of the other part, as regards the adoption of rules for mediation for use
26-05-20	by disputing parties in investment disputes  Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2020/683 of 15 April 2020 implementing Regulation (EU) 2018/858 of the European Parliament and of the Council with regards to the administrative requirements for the approval and market surveillance of motor vehicles and their trailers, and of systems, components and separate technical units intended for such vehicles  Notice to exporters concerning the application of the EU system for registered exporters (REX system) for exports from the EU to Eastern and Southern African States within the framework of the EU-ESA interim Economic Partnership
27-05-20	Agreement [2020/C 176/03  Commission Regulation (EU) 2020/703 of 26 May 2020 amending Annex II to Regulation (EC) No 396/2005 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards maximum residue levels for dimethoate and omethoate in or on cherries

OJ Date	Subject
28-05-20	Commission Implementing Decision (EU) 2020/711 of 27 May 2020 amending the Annex to Implementing Decision (EU) 2020/47 on protective measures in relation to highly pathogenic avian influenza of subtype H5N8 in certain Member States (notified under document C(2020) 3556)  Update of reference amounts for the crossing of the external borders, as re-
	ferred 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) [2020/C 178/03]
	List of the bilateral investment agreements referred to in Article 4(1) of Regulation (EU) No 1219/2012 of the European Parliament and of the Council establishing transitional arrangements for bilateral investment agreements between Member States and third countries [2020/C 179/01]
29-05-20	Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2020/712 of 25 May 2020 amending Annex I to Council Regulation (EEC) No 2658/87 on the tariff and statistical nomenclature and on the Common Customs Tariff,
	Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2020/714 of 28 May 2020 amending Implementing Regulation (EU) 2020/466 as regards the use of electronic documentation for the performance of official controls and other official activities and the period of application of temporary measures
	Corrigendum to Decision No 2/2020 of the EU-Singapore Trade Committee of 27 April 2020 on the interpretation, pursuant to Article 16.1(4)(d), of Articles 10.17 and 10.22 of the Free Trade Agreement between the European Union and the Republic of Singapore as regards changes to the protection of geographical indications for wines, spirits, agricultural products and foodstuffs registered in Singapore [2020/644] ( OJ L 150, 13.5.2020 )
	Corrigendum to Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2019/628 of 8 April 2019 concerning model official certificates for certain animals and goods and amending Regulation (EC) No 2074/2005 and Implementing Regulation (EU) 2016/759 as regards these model certificates ( OJ L 131, 17.5.2019 )
	Agreement for the termination of Bilateral Investment Treaties between the Member States of the European Union
	Summary of European Union decisions on marketing authorisations in respect of medicinal products from 1 April 2020 to 30 April 2020(Published pursuant to Article 13 or Article 38 of Regulation (EC) No 726/2004 of the European Parliament and of the Council) [2020/C 181/01]
	Summary of European Union decisions on marketing authorisations in respect of medicinal products from 1 April 2020 to 30 April 2020 (Decisions taken pursuant to Article 34 of Directive 2001/83/EC or Article 38 of Directive 2001/82/EC) [2020/C 181/01]

# Restrictive measures established, amended, corrected

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

OJ Date	Restrictive Measure
04-05-20	Council Implementing Regulation (EU) 2020/606 of 04 May 2020 implementing Regulation (EU) 2019/1716 concerning restrictive measures in view of the situation in Nicaragua
	Council Decision (CFSP) 2020/607 of 4 May 2020 amending Decision (CFSP) 2019/1720 concerning restrictive measures in view of the situation in Nicaragua
05-05-20	Corrigendum to Commission Regulation (EU) 2020/171 of 6 February 2020 amending Annex XIV to Regulation (EC) No 1907/2006 of the European Parliament and of the Council on the Registration, Evaluation, Authorisation and Restriction of Chemicals ('REACH') (OJ L 35, 7.2.2020)  Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2020/615 of 4 May 2020 fixing the import duties in the cereals sector applicable from 5 May 2020
	Council Decision (EU) 2020/609 of 27 April 2020 on the position to be taken on behalf of the European Union within the Joint Customs Cooperation Committee

OJ Date	Restrictive Measure
	established under the Agreement between the European Union and New Zealand on cooperation and mutual administrative assistance in customs matters as regards the adoption of the internal rules of procedure of the Joint Customs Cooperation Committee
	Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2020/616 of 5 May 2020 renewing the approval of the active substance foramsulfuron 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
06-05-20	Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2020/617 of 5 May 2020 renewing the approval of the active substance metalaxyl-M, and restricting the use of seeds treated with plant protection products containing it, 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
07-05-20	Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2020/621 of 18 February 2020 amending Annexes I and V to Regulation (EU) 2019/125 of the European Parliament and of the Council concerning trade in certain goods which could be used for capital punishment, torture or other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment
15-05-20	Council Decision (CFSP) 2020/651 of 14 May 2020 amending Decision (CFSP) 2019/797 concerning restrictive measures against cyber-attacks threatening the Union or its Member States
27-05-20	Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2020/706 of 26 May 2020 amending for the 314th time Council Regulation (EC) No 881/2002 imposing certain specific restrictive measures directed against certain persons and entities associated with the ISIL (Da'esh) and Al-Qaida organisations
29-05-20	Council Implementing Regulation (EU) 2020/716 of 28 May 2020 implementing Regulation (EU) No 36/2012 concerning restrictive measures in view of the situation in Syria  Council Implementing Regulation (EU) 2020/717 of 28 May 2020 implementing
	Article 17(3) of Regulation (EU) No 224/2014 concerning restrictive measures in view of the situation in the Central African Republic  Council Decision (CFSP) 2020/719 of 28 May 2020 amending Decision 2013/255/CFSP concerning restrictive measures against Syria
	Council Implementing Decision (CFSP) 2020/720 of 28 May 2020 implementing Decision 2013/798/CFSP concerning restrictive measures against the Central African Republic

# Antidumping and countervailing duty cases

<u>See separate Antidumping Countervailing Duty and Safeguards Investigations, Orders & Reviews section below.</u>

## **FRANCE**

# Notices to importers

The following <u>notices</u> 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
30-04-20	2020/35 - Notice to Importers of products originating I the United States
04-05-20	2020/36 - Notice to Importers of Bicycles and Bicycle Parts Originating in China
14-05-20	2020/37 – Notice to Importers of steel and aluminumm products subject to surveillance

Release Date	Ref. No. and Subject
18-05-20	2020/38 – Notice to Importers of Iron Fasteners originating in China, or Shipping from Malaysia
	2020/39 - Notice to Importers of Hot Rolled Plate Originating in Turkey
22-05-20	2020/40 - Notice to Importers of Rainbow Trout Originating in Turkey
	2020/41 – Notice to importers of salted escaliers originating in the Republic of
	<u>Mauritius</u>
	2020/42 – Notice to Importers of Bicycles originating in the People's Republic of
	China

# OTHER EU-EFTA COUNTRIES

# Import-export related measures

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

Date*	Measure
	GERMANY
06-05-20	Law implementing Regulation (EU) 2017/821 of the European Parliament and of the Council of May 17, 2017 laying down obligations to fulfill due diligence obligations in the supply chain for Union importers of tin, tantalum, tungsten, their ores and gold from conflict and High-risk areas and to amend the Federal Mining Act April 29, 2020 from No. 21 of May 6, 2020, page 864
	ICELAND
06-05-20	№ 419/2020 – Notice on violation of rules no. 487/1994 on temporary duty-free import of vehicles for exhibition
14-05-20	№ 443/2020 (13-05-20) Rules on quarantine and isolation for COVID-19.
	№ 446/2020 (14-05-20) Regulation amending the Regulation on Cross-border Movement, №. 866/2017
15-05-20	№ 450/2020 (11-05-20) Regulation on the entry into force of Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2020/466 on temporary measures to control risks to human and animal health and plant health and animal welfare in certain serious disruptions of Member States' control systems for COPD virus prevention
	№ 451/2020 (04-05-20) Regulation amending Regulation no. 822/2004 on vehicle type and equipment
19-05-20	№ 35/2020 Notice amending Annex I to the Customs Act no. 88/2005, as amended
20-05-20	№ 466/2020 (06-05-20) Regulation amending Regulation no. 957/2017, on the reimbursement of VAT and alcohol tax to foreign nationals
27-05-20	№ 481/2020 (20-05-20) Regulation on a harmonized monitoring plan for 2020, 2021 and 2022 to ensure compliance with the maximum levels of pesticide residues and to assess the exposure of pesticide residues to consumers and food of plant and animal origin  № 482/2020 (20-05-20) Regulation on (100) an amendment to Regulation no. 340/2001 on feed control  № 483/2020 (20-05-20) Regulation on the entry into force of Commission Imple-
	menting Regulation (EU) 2019/627 on a harmonized practical arrangements for the official control of animal products intended for human consumption in accordance with Regulation (EU) 2017/625 of the European Parliament and of the Council
	№ 484/2020 (20-05-20) Regulation on (18) an amendment to Regulation no. 265/2010 on the entry into force of Commission Regulation (EC) No. 1881/2006 on maximum levels for certain contaminants in foodstuffs.

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	№ 486/2020 (20-05-20) Regulation on the entry into force of Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2019/2128 establishing a model for official certificates together with the rules for the issuance of official certificates for goods delivered to ships leaving the Union intended for ship stock or for consumption by crew and passengers or to the Alliance's military bases or the United States military
	<u>No.</u> 487/2020 (20-05-20) Regulation on the entry into force of Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2019/2129 laying down rules for uniform application as regards the frequency of identification verification and monitoring of the condition of certain consignments of animals and products entering the Union
	№ 488/2020 (20-05-20) Regulation on the entry into force of Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2019/2130 laying down detailed rules on the activities to be carried out during and after document verification, animal identification and control of animals and products under official surveillance at border inspection posts.
	№ 489/2020 (20-05-20) Regulation on (1) an amendment to Regulation no. 234/2020 on the entry into force of Regulation (EU) 2017/625 of the European Parliament and of the Council on official controls and other official activities of foodstuffs, etc
	№ 490/2020 (20-05-20) Regulation on the entry into force of delegated Commission Regulation (EU) 2019/2126 on additions to Regulation (EC) 2017/625 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards the rules governing specific, official surveillance of certain categories of animals and products, measures to be taken following implementation such surveillance and certain categories of products and animals which are exempt from official surveillance at border inspection posts
	Nº 492/2020 (22-05-20) Regulation on the allocation of tariff quotas for imports of agricultural products from Norway and Switzerland  Nº 493/2020 (22-05-20) Regulation on the distribution of WTO tariff quotas for imports of beef, pork, sheep, goat and poultry meat, butter, cheeses, birds' eggs
	and their products and processed meat products  № 494/2020 (22-05-20) Regulation on the allocation of tariff quotas for imports of agricultural products from the EU Member States
	№ 501/2020 (20-05-20) Regulation on the entry into force of delegated Commission Regulation (EU) 2019/2123 on additions to Regulation (EC) 2017/625 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards the rules in which cases and conditions for verification of the identity and monitoring of the status of certain products may be carried out and verification of documents may be carried out
28-05-20	other than at the border inspection post (regarding food, feed, etc.)  № 502/2020 (20-05-20) Regulation on the entry into force of delegated Commission Regulation (EU) 2019/2124 on additions to Regulation (EU) 2017/625 of the European Parliament and of the Council concerning the rules for the official control of consignments of animals and goods in transit, transhipment and onward
	transport through the Union № 503/2020 (20-05-20) Regulation on the entry into force of delegated Commission Regulation (EU) 2019/2090 on additions to Regulation (EU) 2017/625 of the European Parliament and of the Council in cases of suspicion or confirmation of non-compliance with Union rules applicable to use on or residues of pharmacologically active substances authorized in veterinary medicinal products or as feed additives, or to Union rules applicable to the use or residue of prohibited or unauthorized pharmacologically active substances
	№ 504/2020 (20-05-20) Regulation on the entry into force of delegated Commission Regulation (EU) 2019/2074 on additions to Regulation (EU) 2017/625 of the European Parliament and of the Council concerning the rules governing the specific official control of consignments of certain animals and products originating in the Union and returning there that a third country has refused to import  № 505/2020 (20-05-20) Regulation on the entry into force of Commission Imple-
	menting Regulation (EU) 2019/2007 laying down rules for the application of Regulation (EU) 2017/625 of the European Parliament and of the Council with regard to animal lists, animal products, germs, animal by-products and derived products and hay and straw under official supervision at border inspection posts

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	№ 506/2020 (20-05-20) Regulation on the entry into force of Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2019/1793 on a temporary increase in official controls and emergency measures applicable to the entry of certain products from cer-
	tain third countries.  № 507/2020 (20-05-20) Regulation on the entry into force of Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2019/1793 on a temporary increase in official controls and emergency measures applicable to the entry of certain products from certain third countries
	№ 508/2020 (20-05-20) Regulation on the entry into force of delegated Commission Regulation (EU) 2019/1081 laying down rules on specific training requirements for staff carrying out checks on the condition of border inspection posts (food, feed, etc.)
	№ 509/2020 (20-05-20) on the entry into force of Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2019/626 on lists of third countries or territories authorized to import certain animals and products intended for human consumption into the European Union and amending Implementing Regulation (EU) 2016/759 for these files
	№ 516/2020 (20-05-20) Regulation on (2) an amendment to Regulation no. 285/2017 on the entry into force of Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2016/759 on the list of third countries, parts of third countries and territories from which Member States shall authorize the introduction into the Union of certain animal products intended for human consumption and laying down requirements
	<u>Nº 517/2020 (20-05-20) Regulation on (5) an amendment to Regulation no.</u> 481/2017 on the entry into force of Commission Regulation (EC) No. 1235/2008 laying down detailed rules for the implementation of Council Regulation (EC) No. 834/2007 as regards the arrangements for the import of organic products from
29-05-20	third countries  № 518/2020 (20-05-20) Regulation on (21) an amendment to Regulation no.  104/2010 on the entry into force of Regulation (EC) No 1407/2002 of the European Parliament and of the Council 853/2004 laying down specific hygiene rules for foodstuffs of animal origin.
	№ 519/2020 (20-05-20) Regulation on (37) an amendment to Regulation no. 672/2008 on the maximum levels of pesticide residues in food and feed
	№ 521/2020 (19-05-20) Regulation on (9) an amendment to Regulation no. 630/2014 on restrictions on the use of certain hazardous substances in electrical and electronic equipment
	№ 522/2020 (26-05-20) Regulation on (14) an amendment to Regulation no. 888/2015 on Registration, Evaluation, Licensing and Restrictions on Substances (REACH)
	№ 523/2020 (26-05-20) Regulation on (17) an amendment to Regulation no. 577/2013 on cosmetics
	№ 524/2020 (19-05-20) Regulation on (19) an amendment to Regulation no. 878/2014 on biocidal products  № 525/2020 (28-05-20) Regulation on (17) an amendment to Regulation no.
	544/2015 on Plant Protection Products
	IRELAND (EIRE) S.I. No. 144/2020 - European Communities (Medical Devices) (Amendment)
28-04-20	Regulations 2020 S.I. No. 145/2020 - European Communities (In Vitro Diagnostic Medical De-
05-05-20	vices) (Amendment) Regulations 2020  S.I. No. 154/2020 European Communities (Units of Measurement) (Amendment)
08-05-20	Regulations 2020 S.I. No. 159/2020 European Union (Control of Exports of Personal Protective Equipment) (No. 2) Regulations 2020
	LIECHTENSTEIN
05-05-20	LGBI № 2020.172 Ordinance of 5 May 2020 amending the Ordinance on Measures to Combat the Coronavirus (COVID-19) (LR № 818.101.24)
12-05-20	LGBI № 2020.175 Ordinance of 5 May 2020 amending the Ordinance on Measures to Combat the Coronavirus (COVID-19) (LR № 818.101.24)

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	LGBI № 2020.177 Ordinance of 12 May 2020 amending the Ordinance on Temporary Measures in Road Traffic Related to the Coronavirus (COVID-19) (LR № 741.011)
19-05-20	LGBI № 2020.180 Ordinance of 19 May 2020 amending the Ordinance on Measures to Combat the Coronavirus (COVID-19) (LR № 818.101.24)
20-05-20	LGBI № 2020.181 Ordinance of 19 May 2020 amending the Ordinance on Measures to Combat the Coronavirus (COVID-19) (LR № 818.101.24)
27-05-20	LGBI № 2020.184 Exchange of notes between Switzerland and Liechtenstein regarding the authorizations of plant protection products with new active ingredients (LR № 0.916.169.101.1)
29-05-20	LGBI № 2020.185 Ordinance of 29 May 2020 amending the Ordinance on Measures to Combat the Coronavirus (COVID-19) (LR № 818.101.24)
	LUXEMBOURG
12-05-20	Mem A387: Grand-ducal regulation of 12 May 2020 implementing article 10, paragraph 2, of the law of 25 March 2020 on cross-border devices which must be declared.
15-05-20	Mem A400: Grand-ducal regulation of May 15, 2020 amending the modified grand-ducal regulation of March 18, 2020 introducing a series of measures in the fight against Covid-19.
19-05-20	Mem A411: Official notice in accordance with article 22, paragraph 2, of the amended law of 27 June 2018 on export control.
	Mem A446: Law of 20 May 2020 approving the Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement (CETA) between Canada, on the one hand, and the European Union and its member states, on the other, done in Brussels, on 30 October 2016.
	Mem A447: Law of 20 March 2020 approving the Partnership and Cooperation Agreement between the European Union and its member states, on the one hand, and the Republic of Singapore, on the other, done in Brussels on 19 October 2018.
26-05-20	Mem A448: Law of 20 May 2020 approving the Strategic Partnership Agreement between the European Union and its member states, on the one hand, and Canada, on the other hand, done in Brussels, October 30, 2016.
	Mem A449: Law of 20 May 2020 approving the Investment Protection Agreement between the European Union and its Member States, of the one part, and the Republic of Singapore, of the other part, done in Brussels, on October 19 2018.
	Mem A454: Grand-ducal regulation of May 26, 2020 amending the modified grand-ducal regulation of March 18, 2020 introducing a series of measures in
	the fight against Covid-19.
	Malta
15-05-20	LN 195 of 2020 – Military Equipment (Export Control) (Amendment) Regulations, 2020 Government Gazette Of Malta No. 20,406–15.05.2020
	Norway
04-05-20	FOR-2020-05-04-914 Ministry of Health and Care Services Regulations on amendments to the regulations on financial loss and expenses arising from a temporary ban on travel abroad for health professionals working in patient care and in pharmacies in Norway
06-05-20	FOR-2020-05-04-933 Ministry of Climate and Environment Regulations on amendments to regulations on restrictions on the use of hazardous chemicals and other products (product regulations)  FOR-2020-05-04-934 Ministry of Health and Care Services Regulation on joint coordinated monitoring program for 2020, 2021 and 2022 for pesticide residues in foodstuffs
07-05-20	FOR-2020-04-30-939 Ministry of Climate and Environment, Ministry of Labor and Social Affairs Regulations on amendments to the Regulations on Biocides (Biocides Regulations)  FOR-2020-05-07-956 Ministry of Health and Care Services Regulations on amendments to regulations on infection control measures, etc. at the onset of the corona (covid-19 regulation)

Date*	Measure
11-05-20	FOR-2020-04-30-971 Ministry of Health and Care Services Regulations on
	amendments to regulations on food additives
	FOR-2020-05-11-973 Ministry of Agriculture and Food Regulations amending
	Regulations on import and transit of poultry and certain poultry products from
	third countries
13-05-20	FOR-2020-05-11-994 Ministry of Foreign Affairs Regulations on amendments to regulations on the export of defense materials, multi-purpose goods, technology
13-03-20	and services
	FOR-2020-05-13-1001 Ministry of Health and Care Services Regulations on
14-05-20	amendments to the regulations on infection control measures, etc. at the onset
	of the corona (covid-19 regulation)
	FOR-2020-05-18-1024 Ministry of Health and Care Services Regulations on
18-05-20	amendments to regulations on infection control measures, etc. at the onset of
	the corona (covid-19 regulation)
	LOV-2020-05-20-42 Ministry of Children and Family Affairs The Act on amend-
20-05-20	ments to the Marketing Act, etc. (Implementation of Regulation (EU) 2017/2394
	on consumer protection cooperation)
27-05-20	FOR-2020-05-27-1066 Ministry of Agriculture and Food Regulations on amend-
27-05-20	ments to temporary regulations on exemptions from the Plant Health Regulations § 19, first paragraph, on import licenses during the outbreak of covid-19
	FOR-2020-05-20-1075 Ministry of Health and Care Services, Ministry of Trade
	and Industry, Ministry of Agriculture and Food Regulation amending the Regula-
	tion on official controls - Control of imports of non-animal products - Regulation
20 05 20	(EU) 2019/1793
28-05-20	FOR-2020-05-27-1080 Ministry of Health and Care Services Regulations
	amending regulations on measures to ensure the supply of medicines, medical
	equipment and personal protective equipment as a result of the outbreak of the
	coronavirus
	POLAND
00 04 00	№ 765 Announcement of the Marshal of the Sejm of the Republic of Poland of
28-04-20	16 April 2020 regarding the publication of a uniform text of the Act on mutual as-
	sistance in the recovery of taxes, customs duties and other monetary claims  № 785 Ordinance of the Minister of Development of 29 April 2020 amending the
	ordinance on the essential requirements for limiting the use of certain hazardous
00 04 00	substances in electrical and electronic equipment
30-04-20	№ 786 Regulation of the Minister of the Interior and Administration of 28 April
	2020 amending the regulation on the temporary reintroduction of border control
	of persons crossing the state border constituting the internal border
	№ 800 Regulation of the Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development of 19
	March 2020 repealing the regulation on the list of entry points through which
05-05-20	plants, plant products or objects can be introduced
	№ 801 Regulation of the Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development of 29
	April 2020 on border inspection posts where official control of specific plants, plant products or other objects introduced from third countries is carried out
	№ 854 Ordinance of the Minister of the Interior and Administration of May 12,
13-05-20	2020 amending the ordinance on the temporary reintroduction of border control
.0 00 20	of persons crossing the state border constituting an internal border
	№ 864 Ordinance of the Minister of the Interior and Administration of May 14,
15-05-20	2020 amending the ordinance on the temporary suspension or limitation of bor-
	der traffic at specific border crossings
	№ 878 Regulation of the Council of Ministers of 16 May 2020 on establishing
16-05-20	specific restrictions, orders and bans in relation to the occurrence of the epi-
	demic
21-05-20	№ 905 Ordinance of the Minister of the Interior and Administration of May 21, 2020 amending the ordinance on the temporary suspension or limitation of bor-
	der traffic at specific border crossings
	Nº 907 Ordinance of the Minister of Finance of 19 May 2020 on import declara-
22-05-20	tion on goods and services tax
<u> </u>	tion on goods and controco tan

Date*	Measure	
25-05-20	№ 921 Ordinance of the Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development of 18 May 2020 repealing the ordinance on the list of international control and supervision bodies authorized to issue documents confirming the import of agri-food	
	goods to third countries  SPAIN	
12-05-20	INTERIOR: Order INT / 401/2020, of May 11, which temporarily reestablishes controls at the internal air and maritime borders, due to the health crisis caused by COVID-19. (BOE-A-2020-4929)  HEALTH: Order SND / 403/2020, of May 11, on the quarantine conditions that people from other countries must undergo upon arrival in Spain, during the health crisis caused by COVID-19. (BOE-A-2020-4932)	
15-05-20	INTERIOR: Order INT / 409/2020, of May 14, which extends the criteria for the application of a temporary restriction of non-essential travel from third countries to the European Union and Schengen associated countries for reasons of public order and public health with reason for the health crisis caused by COVID-19. (BOE-A-2020-5053)  TRANSPORTATION, ETC.: Order TMA / 410/2020, of May 14, which limits entry into Spain to aircraft and passenger ships through designated entry points with the capacity to attend public health emergencies of international importance. (BOE-A-2020-5054)  INDUSTRY: Correction of errata of Order ICT / 397/2020, of April 30, which updates Annexes I and II of Royal Decree 2028/1986, of June 6, on the rules for the application of certain directives of the EEC, regarding the type approval of motor vehicles, trailers, semi-trailers, motorcycles, mopeds and agricultural vehicles, as well as parts and pieces of said vehicles. (BOE-A-2020-5055)  INDUSTRY: Resolution of May 4, 2020, of the Directorate General for Industry and Small and Medium-sized Enterprises, publishing the list of European standards that have been ratified during the month of April 2020 as Spanish standards. (BOE-A-2020-5074)  INDUSTRY: Resolution of May 4, 2020, of the Directorate General for Industry and Small and Medium-sized Enterprises, publishing the list of European standards that have been ratified during the month of April 2020 as Spanish standards. (BOE-A-2020-5074)  INDUSTRY: Resolution of May 4, 2020, of the General Directorate for Industry and Small and Medium-sized Enterprises, publishing the list of UNE standards approved by the Spanish Association for Standardization during the month of April 2020. (BOE-A-2020-5076)  INDUSTRY: Resolution of May 4, 2020, of the General Directorate for Industry and Small and Medium-sized Enterprises, by which the draft UNE standard that the Spanish Association for Standardization is in process for the month of April 2020. (BOE-A-2020-5077)  INDUSTRY: Resolution of May 4, 2020, o	
16-05-20	ing to the month of April 2020. (BOE-A-2020-5078)  HEALTH: Order SND / 414/2020, of May 16, for the relaxation of certain national restrictions established after the declaration of the state of alarm in application of phase 2 of the Plan for the transition to a new normality. (BOE-A-2020-5088)	
17-05-20	TRANSPORTATION: Order TMA / 415/2020, of May 17, which expands the list of designated entry points with the capacity to attend to public health emergencies of international importance.(BOE-A-2020-5089)	
23-05-20	HEALTH: Order SND / 439/2020, of May 23, by which the controls at the internal land, air and sea borders are extended due to the health crisis caused by COVID-19. (BOE-A-2020-5264)  HEALTH: Order SND / 441/2020, of May 23, which extends Order TMA / 410/2020, of May 14, which limits entry into Spain to aircraft and passenger ships through the designated entry points with capacity to deal with internationally important public health emergencies. (BOE-A-2020-5266)	

Date*	Measure
24-05-20	HEALTH: Order SND / 442/2020, of May 23, amending Order SND / 399/2020, of May 9, for the relaxation of certain national restrictions, established after the declaration of the state of alarm in application of phase 1 of the Plan for the transition to a new normality and Order SND / 414/2020, of May 16, for the relaxation of certain national restrictions established after the declaration of the state of alarm in application of phase 2 of the Plan for the transition to a new normality.(BOE-A-2020-5267)
26-05-20	TRANSPORTATION: Order TMA / 444/2020, of May 25, which expands the list of designated entry points with the capacity to attend public health emergencies of international importance. (BOE-A-2020-5285)
	SWITZERLAND
01-05-20	FSVO order instituting measures to prevent the introduction of avian influenza present in certain Member States of the European Union (RS 916.443.102.1)
05-05-20	Ordinance on energy efficiency requirements for mass-produced installations, vehicles and devices (Ordinance on Energy Efficiency Requirements, OEEE) (RS 730.02)
07-05-20	FSVO order instituting measures to prevent the introduction of avian influenza present in certain Member States of the European Union (RS 916.443.102.1)
08-05-20	Order 2 on measures to combat the coronavirus (COVID-19) (Order 2 COVID-19) (Relaxation of export controls) (RS 818.101.24)  Itinerant Trade Ordinance (OCI) (RS 943.11)
13-05-20	Ordinance on the pilot trial of the Swiss proximity tracking system aimed at informing people potentially exposed to the new coronavirus (COVID-19) (Order COVID-19 pilot proximity tracking) (RS 818.101.25)
15-05-20	FSVO order instituting measures to prevent the introduction of avian influenza present in certain Member States of the European Union (RS 916.443.102.1)  Ordinance of the DFI regulating the import, transit and export trade in animals
26-05-20	and animal products with third countries (OITE-PT-DFI) (RS 916.443.106)  Ordinance of the FDF on goods benefiting from customs reliefs according to their use (Ordinance on customs reliefs, OADou) (RS 631.012)  Ordinance on the importation of agricultural products (Ordinance on agricultural imports, OIAgr) (RS 916.01)  Ordinance on the importation of agricultural products (Ordinance on agricultural imports, OIAgr) (RS 916.01)  FSVO order instituting measures to prevent the introduction of avian influenza present in certain Member States of the European Union (916.443.102.1)  FSVO order instituting measures against the spread of African swine fever through import, transit and export trade with the Member States of the European Union, Iceland and Norway (RS 916.443.107)
29-05-20	OFAG Ordinance on phytosanitary measures for productive agriculture and horticulture (OMP-OFAG) (RS 916.202.1)
29-05-20	Coronavirus Measures 2 (COVID-19) Order (COVID-19 Order 2) (Transition Step 3: Additional Relaxations) (RS 818.101.24)

# Restrictive measures established, amended, corrected

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

Date*	Restrictive Measure	
IRELAND (EIRE)		
15-05-20	S.I No. 167 of 2020 European Union (Restrictive Measures Concerning Yemen)	
	Regulations 2020	

Date*	Restrictive Measure
	S.I. No. 168 of 2020 Criminal Justice (Terrorist Offences) Act 2005 (Section 42)
	(Restrictive Measures Concerning Certain Persons and Entities Associated with
	the Isil (Da'esh) and Al-Qaida Organisations) (No. 2) Regulations 2020
	S.I. No. 169 of 2020 European Union (Restrictive Measures in Respect of Myan-
	mar/Burma) Regulations 2020
	LIECHTENSTEIN
07-05-20	LGBI № 2020.173 Ordinance of 5 May 2020 amending the regulation on
07-05-20	measures against Myanmar (LR № 946.222.3)
12-05-20	LGBI № 2020.176 Ordinance of 12 May 2020 amending the regulation on
12-03-20	measures against Nicaragua (LR № 946.224.8)
	LUXEMBOURG
	Mem A428: Ministerial Regulation of May 22, 2020 amending Annex IC to the
	Grand-Ducal Regulation of October 29, 2010 implementing the law of October
22-05-20	27, 2010 relating to the implementation of United Nations Security Council reso-
22-03-20	lutions and acts adopted by the European Union containing prohibitions and re-
	strictive measures in financial matters against certain persons, entities and
	groups in the context of the fight against the financing of terrorism.
	Malta
	LN 214 of 2020 – Prevention of Money Laundering and Funding of Terrorism
22-05-20	(Amendment No. 2) Regulations, 2020 Government Gazette Of Malta No.
	<u>20,410– 22.05.2020</u>
	Norway
	FOR-2020-04-30-939 Ministry of Climate and Environment, Ministry of Labor
07-05-20	and Social Affairs Regulations on amendments to the Regulations on Biocides
	(Biocides Regulations)
	SWITZERLAND
30-04-20	Amendment to the Order Establishing Measures Against the Islamic Republic of
30-04-20	<u>Iran</u> (RS 946.231.143.6) [Entry into force 30-04-20]
06-05-20	Amendment to the ordinance of March 14, 2014 instituting measures against the
06-05-20	Central African Republic (RS 946.231.123.6) [Entry into force 05-05-20]
07-05-20	Order imposing measures against Myanmar (RS 946.231.157.5) [Entry into force
07-03-20	07-05-20]
	Amendment to the order of May 18, 2016 instituting measures against the Dem-
12-05-20	ocratic People's Republic of Korea (RS 946.231.127.6) [Entry into force on
	11.5.2020]

# Non-EU-EFTA European Countries

UNITED KINGDOM [in transition out of EU]

Legislation (legislation.gov.uk)

Date	Measure	
01-05-20	SI 2020/477 - The Common Agricultural Policy (Control and Enforcement, Cross-Compliance, Scrutiny of Transactions and Appeals) (Coronavirus)  (Amendment) (England) Regulations 2020	
05-05-20	SI 2020/485 - The Ecodesign for Energy-Related Products (Amendment) Regulations 2020	
15-05-20	SSI 2020/152 - The Plant Health (Official Controls and Miscellaneous Provisions) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2020	
18-05-20	SI 2020/518 - The European Union (Withdrawal Agreement) Act 2020 (Commencement No. 3) Regulations 2020	
	SR 2020/80 - The Food Information (Amendment No. 2) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2020	
21-05-20	SSI 2020/156 - The Food Information and Addition of Vitamins, Minerals and Other Substances (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2020	
22-05-20	SI 2020/529 - The Health Protection (Coronavirus Restrictions) (Wales) (Amendment) (No. 4) Regulations 2020 / Rheoliadau Diogelu lechyd (Cyfyngiadau Coronafeirws) (Cymru) (Diwygio) (Rhif 4) 2020	

Date	Measure	
	SR 2020/84 - The Health Protection (Coronavirus, Restrictions) (Amendment	
	No. 3) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2020	
28-05-20	SI 2020/541 - The Food Information (Amendment) (England) Regulations 2020	

# HMRC updates

The following Public Notices, <u>Customs Information Papers</u> (CIPs) were issued by HM Revenue & Customs:

Release Date	Ref. No. and Subject	
	Customs Information Papers	
18-05-20	Changes to Authorised Economic Operator applications (CIP 6)	
21-05-20	Changes to Special Procedures information sheets (CIP7)	
	Tariff, Anti-Dumping and Other Notices	
04-05-20	Notice 812: European Union preferences - trade with Turkey	
0.00 =0	UK and European Union preferential export procedures (Notice 827)	
	Exporting personal protective equipment during coronavirus (COVID-19)	
07-05-20	Pay no import duty and VAT on medical supplies, equipment and protective garments (COVID-19)	
	Changes to commodity codes (Tariff stop press notice 17)	
12-05-20	Apply to use Simplified Import VAT Accounting	
13-05-20	Imports of certain rainbow trout from Turkey (anti-dumping duty 2400)	
13-03-20	Iron or steel fasteners consigned from Malaysia (anti-dumping duty 2399)	
	VAT Export and Removal of Goods from the UK	
	VAT Personal exports - tax-free sales of new motor vehicles for use before ex-	
	<u>port</u>	
14-05-20		
	<u>duty 2401)</u>	
	Regulations temporarily suspended to fast-track supplies of PPE to NHS staff	
	and protect companies hit by COVID-19	
18-05-20	Authorised Economic Operator for imports and exports	
19-05-20	Imports of certain rainbow trout from Turkey (anti-dumping duty 2402)	
20-05-20	Pay no import duty and VAT on medical supplies, equipment and protective garments (COVID-19)	
	Update to EU and UK prior surveillance import licensing regime (Tariff stop press	
27-05-20		
	Changes to commodity codes (Tariff stop press notice 19)	

# **TURKEY**

## COVID-19: Export Control Measures Updated in Turkey

The Communiqué No. 2020/8 Amending the Communiqué No. 96/31 on Goods Prohibited from Export or That Require Pre-Approval and the Communiqué No. 2020/9 on Amending the Communiqué No. 2006/7 on Goods Subject to Registration for Export ("Communiqués") were published in the Official Gazette no. 31115 dated May 2, 2020. The Communiqués remove various export control measures imposed as part of COVID-19 pre-cautions on export transactions.

#### **Developments**

The government introduced a number of measures to combat COVID-19 in the months of March and April. The following table with the Turkish Pharmaceuticals and Medical Devices Agency's announcements summarize these preventive measures.

Date and Number of Official Ga- zette	Measure Name	Goods Subject to Export Control (Prohibition, Pre- Approval or Registration)
March 4, 2020 31058	The Communiqué No. 2020/4 on Amending the Communi- qué No. 96/31 on Goods Pro- hibited from Export or That Require Pre-Approval	Protective Mask, Protective Suit, Waterproof Apron, Safety Goggles, Medical and Surgical Mask, Medical Sterile/Nonsterile Gloves
March 18, 2020 31072	The Communiqué No. 2020/5 on Amending the Communiqué No. 2006/7 on Goods Subject to Registration for Export	Ethyl Alcohol, Cologne, Disin- fectant, Hydrogen Peroxide, Meltblown Fabric
March 26, 2020 31080	The Communiqué No. 2020/6 on Amending the Communiqué No. 96/31 on Goods Prohibited from Export or That Require Pre-Approval	Ventilator, ECMO, Oxygen Concentrator, Flow Sensor, Expiration Valve, Oxygen Sensor, Ventilator Circuits, Patient Circuits (Anesthesia/Ventilator circuits), IV Cannula, Intubation Tube and Intensive Care Monitor
April 2, 2020 31087	The Communiqué on the Import of Medical Diagnostic Kits	Medical diagnostic kits used for humans with HS Codes 3822.00 and 3002.15

The export limitations published in the Official Gazette no. 31072 dated March 18, 2020 and Official Gazette no. 31080 dated March 26, 2020, presented as rows two and three in the above table, were removed (with the exception of Meltblown Fabric) with the Communiqués published in the Official Gazette no. 31115 dated May 2, 2020. Accordingly, the export restrictions of pre-approval or registration on Ventilator, ECMO, Oxygen Concentrator, Flow Sensor, Expiratory Valve, Oxygen Sensor, Ventilator Circuits, Patient Circuits (Anesthesia/Ventilator Circuits), IV Cannula, Intubation Tube and Intensive Care Monitor, Ethyl Alcohol, Cologne, Disinfectant and Hydrogen Peroxide have been lifted.

#### What to look out for?

Various export restrictions still remain in force. As long as these COVID-19 measures are in place, it would be prudent to remember that the Turkish Pharmaceuticals and Medical Devices Agency's pre-approval will be required to export items such as personal protective equipment. It is beneficial to regularly communicate with the Turkish Pharmaceuticals and Medical Devices Agency and the State Supply Office as early as possible in the process when responding to export demand.

Please refer to <a href="https://www.esin.av.tr/coronavirus-desk/">https://www.esin.av.tr/coronavirus-desk/</a> for our Turkish client alerts regarding the legal consequences of COVID-19 on export control and other areas.

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# Legislation (laws, resolutions, orders, etc.)

The following documents were published in the on-line <u>T.C. Resmî Gazete</u>.

Date	Subject
02-05-20	Communiqué Amending the Communiqué on Exported Prohibited and Pre-Per-
	mitted Goods (Exports 96/31) (Exports 2020/8)
	Communiqué Amending the Communiqué (Communiqué No: Exports 2006/7)
	on Goods Issued for Export (Exports 2020/9)
	Decision on the Amendment to the Additional Decision to the Import Regime
	Decision (Number of Decisions: 2485)
	<u>Decision Regarding the Application of Protection Measures in Polyester Fiber</u> Imports of Iranian Origin (Decision Number: 2486)
	Communiqué on Safeguard Measures in Imports (No: 2020/1)
05-05-20	Communique on Safeguard Measures in Imports (No. 2020/1)  Communique on Safeguard Measures in Imports (No. 2020/2)
	Communique on Saleguard Measures in Imports (No. 2020/2)  Communique Amending the Communique on the Determination of Customs
	Administrations Authorized for the Entry of Certain Products Subject to the
	Control of the Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry, and Provincial Directorates
	of Agriculture and Forestry Authorized to Make Official Controls
08-05-20	Communiqué on Implementation of Surveillance in Imports (No: 2020/6)
	Decision Regarding the Amendment of the Turkish Customs Tariff Schedule Di-
12.05.20	vided into Statistical Positions and Additional Decision to the Import Regime
13-05-20	Decision (Number of Decisions: 2533)
	Communiqué on Implementation of Surveillance in Imports (No: 2020/7)
	Type Approval Regulation on General Safety of Motor Vehicles and Trailers
	and Parts Designed for Them, Systems and Separate Technical Units and Pro-
	tection of Vulnerable Road Users and Passengers (EU / 2019/2144)
	Communiqué on the Abolition of the Communiqué (Communiqué No: SGM-
	2013/21) on Implementation Measures of the Regulation on Type Approval of
14-05-20	Hydrogen-Powered Motor Vehicles ((EC) 79/2009)
14-05-20	Communiqué on the Application Procedures and Principles of the Type Approval Regulation (661/2009 / EC) on the General Safety of Motor Vehicles and
	Trailers, Systems, Accessories and Separate Technical Units Designed for
	Them (Communiqué No: SGM-2014/33) ' Communiqué on Repeal
	Communiqué on the Abolition of the Communiqué (SGM: 2010/9) on the Appli-
	cation Procedures and Principles Regarding the Type Approval of Motor Vehi-
	cles for the Protection of Pedestrians and Other Vulnerable Road Users
	Communiqué on Implementation of Surveillance in Imports (No: 2020/8)
15-05-20	General Assembly Resolution on the Implementation of Legislation in the
15-05-20	Scope of the Law No. 195 During the Epidemic Process of the New Corona-
	<u>virus (COVID-19) (No: 212)</u>
	General Assembly Resolution on the Implementation of Legislation in the
16-05-20	Scope of the Law No. 195 During the Epidemic Process of the New Corona-
	virus (COVID-19) (No: 212)
20-05-20	Additional Decision to the Import Regime Decision (Number of Decisions:
	2565)
22-05-20	Communiqué on Prevention of Unfair Competition in Imports (No: 2020/8)
	Communiqué on Prevention of Unfair Competition in Imports (No: 2020/9)
29-05-20	Communiqué Amending the Inward Processing Regime Communiqué (Export: 2006/12) (Export: 2020/10)
	Customs General Communiqué (Customs Transactions) (Serial No: 167)
30-05-20	Communiqué on Safeguard Measures in Imports (No: 2020/4)
	Communique on Saleguaru Measures III IMPORS (NO. 2020/4)

# **UKRAINE**

# Legislation (laws, resolutions, orders, etc.)

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

Date	Subject	
30-04-20	On the Address of the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine to the Parliaments of Foreign States and Parliamentary Assemblies of International Organizations Condemning the Ongoing Armed Aggression of the Russian Federation against Ukraine, Illegal Annexation of the Autonomous Republic of Crimea and the City of Sevastopol and Occupation of Certain Districts of Donetsk and Luhansk Oblasts; prisoners - citizens of Ukraine Resolution of the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine; Appeal dated 30.04.2020 № 571-IX	
13-05-20	On the adoption of the draft Law of Ukraine on Amendments to the Commercial Procedural Code of Ukraine, the Civil Procedure Code of Ukraine, the Code of Administrative Procedure of Ukraine on the procedural terms during quarantine established by the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine to prevent the spread of coronavirus disease (COVID-19) Resolution of the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine of 13.05.2020 № 596-IX  About approval of the offer concerning prolongation of term of application of personal special economic and other restrictive measures (sanctions)	
14-05-20	Resolution of the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine of 13.05.2020 № 609-IX  On the decision of the National Security and Defense Council of Ukraine of  May 14, 2020 "On the application, abolition and amendment of personal special economic and other restrictive measures (sanctions)" Decree of the President of Ukraine dated 14.05.2020 № 184/2020  About application, cancellation and modification of personal special economic and other restrictive measures (sanctions)  NSDC: Decision of 14.05.2020	
19-05-20	On adoption as a basis of the draft Law of Ukraine on Amendments to the Air Code of Ukraine to improve the mechanism of state fees for each passenger departing from the airport of Ukraine and for each ton of cargo sent or arriving at the airport of Ukraine Resolution of the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine of 19.05.2020 № 624-IX  On the adoption of the draft Law of Ukraine on Amendments to Section X "Final and Transitional Provisions" of the Law of Ukraine "On State Control over Compliance with Legislation on Food, Feed, Animal By-Products, Animal Health and Welfare" Resolution of the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine of 19.05.2020 № 614-IX	
20-05-20	On the establishment of quarantine in order to prevent the spread of acute res	
27-05-20	About modification of the list of the goods which import into the customs territory of Ukraine and / or movement through the territory of Ukraine by transit and internal transit is carried out on condition of obligatory granting to custom authorities of maintenance of payment of customs payments  Resolution of the Cabinet of Ministers of Likraine dated 27 05 2020 No 415	

# 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 <u>Eurasian Economic Commission documentation page</u>. In general, only *Решения, Распоряжение* and Recommendations having a direct effect on international traders are listed.

Publication Date	Title	
Е	Board (Коллегии) of the Eurasian Economic Commission Решения	
	№ 63 (12-05-20) On the structure and format of the passenger customs declaration	
14-05-20	№ 64 (12-05-20 On amendments to section 1.10 of the list of goods with re-	
14-03-20	spect to which a ban has been established on the import into the customs terri-	
	tory of the Eurasian Economic Union and (or) export from the customs territory	
	of the Eurasian Economic Union	
	№ 65 (12-05-20) On the extension of the anti-dumping measure in respect of	
15-05-20	kitchen and tableware made of corrosion-resistant steel originating from the	
10 00 20	People's Republic of China and imported into the customs territory of the Eura-	
	sian Economic Union	
	№ 66 (26-05-20) On amendments to the Decision of the Board of the Eurasian	
	Economic Commission of May 29, 2018 No. 90	
	№ 67 (26-05-20) On amendments to the Procedure for filling out a goods decla-	
	ration	
29-05-20	№ 68 (26-05-20) On the application of documents on conformity assessment of	
	products to individual requirements of the technical regulation of the Customs	
	Union "On the safety of meat and meat products" (TR TS 034/2013)	
	№ 69 (26-05-20) On the procedure for enacting amendments to the technical	
	regulations of the Customs Union "On Food Safety" (TR TS 021/2011)	

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

The Commission has posted a table which provides a <u>collection of classification</u> <u>decisions</u> under the common tariff adopted by the Commission. A separate website exists for <u>preliminary decisions</u> on the <u>classification of goods adopted by the customs authorities of states - members</u> of the Eurasian Economic Union. It was last updated 8 May 2020. The table lists the tariff codes, a description, rationale (GRIs) for the decision.

#### BELARUS

# From June 15, 2020, the procedure for importing electric vehicles for personal use is changing

The State Customs Committee <u>announced</u> that from June 15, 2020 to December 31, 2025, when importing electric vehicles into the Republic of Belarus for personal use, a VAT rate of 0% will be applied. Such an innovation is provided for by <u>Decree of the President of the Republic of Belarus No. 92</u> dated March 12, 2020 "On Stimulating the Use of Electric Cars".

It must be borne in mind that this rule does not apply to all individuals, but only to citizens of the Republic of Belarus, foreign citizens and stateless persons permanently residing in the Republic of Belarus. The innovation does not apply to legal entities and individual entrepreneurs.

Taking into account the establishment by Decision of the Council of the Eurasian Economic Commission of March 16, 2020, No. 29 on electric vehicles for the period from May 4, 2020 to December 31, 2021, the rates of 0% and import customs duty, from June 15, 2020 to December 31, 2021 years in respect of electric vehicles imported by individuals for personal use, customs duties and taxes are not payable.

And in this case, electric vehicles are understood to mean cars of the M1 or M1G category, driven solely by an electric motor and classified in subheading 8703 80 000 2 of the EAEU FEA.

It should also be remembered that according to the provisions of the Decree of the President of the Republic of Belarus of December 22, 2018. No. 490 "On customs regulation", customs fees for customs operations are not paid in respect of goods for personal use, transported without payment of customs duties, taxes or imported with exemption from payment of such.

### RUSSIAN FEDERATION

## New bill allowing Russian Government to authorize import of sanctioned goods

On May 20, 2020 a draft bill on amendments to the *Federal Law on Counter Sanctions* was introduced to the Russian Parliament. The proposed amendments authorize the Government to allow importation of sanctioned goods to Russia if:

- the goods constitute essential commodities that do not have analogues in Russia; and/or –
- the goods do have Russian analogues, but there is deficit of such goods due to particular circumstances (national emergency, high-alert regime, etc.)

Sanctioned good essentially refers to any good, the importation of which into Russia is prohibited or otherwise restricted by Russian trade sanctions.

To become a law this bill would need to pass 3 readings in the State Duma, be approved by the Federation Council, and then be signed by the Russian President.

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### AFRICA (EXCEPT NORTH AFRICA)

### SOUTH AFRICA COVID-19 Notices

Date	Publication Details	Subject	Implementation Date
29-04-20	GG. 43258 R.480	Regulations issued in terms of section 27(2) of the Disaster Management Act, 2002 (Act No. 57 of 2002)  • Notice R.480	29-04-20
04-05-20	GG. 43266 Notice 487	Direction by the Minister of Finance in terms of the regulations (R.480) issued by the Minister of Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs in	04-05-20

Date	Publication Details	Subject	Implementation Date
		terms of section 27(2) of the Disaster Management Act, 2002 (Act No. 57 of 2002) – Essential financial services  • Notice 487	
		ITAC VAT Rebate 412.11 List of CRITICAL MEDI- CAL SUPPLIES	
		ITAC VAT Rebate 412.11 CRITICAL     MEDICAL SUPPLIES re COVID-19 (Version 2 - 4 May 2020)	
		Explanatory Note The revised list includes Acetaminophenol (bottom of first page), classifiable in tariff subheading 2924.29.05, for use in the manufacture of medicaments	
		ments.  SARS VAT 412.11 Mapping of ESSENTIAL GOODS	
06-05-20		SARS VAT 412.11 Mapping of ESSENTIAL GOODS re COVID-19 - 6 May 2020  Explanatory Note As published on 3 April 2020, the SARS VAT Rebate 412.11 provides a mapping of essential goods with reference to Annexure B of the Regulations (R.398, Government Gazette No. 43148 of 25 March 2020) under the Disaster Management Act, 2002.	04-05-20
		The revised list includes plastic face shields.  ITAC VAT Rebate 412.11 List of CRITICAL MEDI-	
08-05-20		CAL SUPPLIES  • ITAC VAT Rebate 412.11 CRITICAL  MEDICAL SUPPLIES re COVID-19 (Version 3 - 6 May 2020)  Explanatory Note  The revised list includes a revised classification of plastic face shields from 3926.20 to 3926.90.	06-05-20
28-05-20	GG 43361 Notice 296	Notice of Expiration of Rebate Certificates issued under Rebate Item 412.11/00.00/01.00 in terms of Fourth Schedule to the Customs and Excise Act, 91 of 1964  • Notice 296  Explanatory Note This notice serves to remind interested parties that all rebate certificates issued by the International Trade Administration Commission of South Africa (ITAC) under Rebate Item 412.11/00.00/01.00 (Rebate Item 412.11) of the Fourth Schedule to the Customs and Excise Act, 91 of 1964 will expire at midnight on Sunday, 31 May 2020. ITAC will not be issuing new certificates after 31 May 2020.	28-05-20

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

Date	Publication Details	Subject	Implementation Date		
	GG.43317 R.532	Amendment to the General Notes of Schedule No. 1, by the insertion of Note O in order, to give effect to the name change of Swaziland to Eswatini  Notice R.532			
	GG.43317 R.528	Amendment Schedule No. 2, by the insertion of Note 1, to give effect to the name change of Swaziland to Eswatini  Notice R.528			
15-05-20	GG.43317 R.529	Amendment of Schedule No. 4, by the insertion of Note 6, to give effect to the name change of Swaziland to Eswatini  Notice R.529	With retro- spective ef- fect from 19-04-18		
	GG.43317 R.530	Amendment of Schedule No. 6, by the insertion of Note 3, to give effect to the name change of Swaziland to Eswatini  Notice R.530			
	GG.43317 R.531	Amendment of Schedule No. 10, by the insertion of Note 1, to give effect to the name change of Swaziland to Eswatini  Notice R.531			
19-05-20	GG.43336 R.543	Amendment to Part 1 of Schedule No. 2, by the insertion of items 207.01/3907.6/01.05; 207.01/3907.6/02.05 and 207.01/3907.6/03.05 in order to implement anti-dumping duties on Poly(ethylene terephthalate) (PET) originating in or imported from The People's Republic of China – ITAC Report 621  • Notice R.543	19-05-20		
22-05-20	GG.43343 R.553	Rule amendments in terms of the Customs and Excise Act, 1964, providing for the insertion of rules relating to requirements in respect of to-bacco leaf dealers and growers, as well as the installation of product counters on cigarette production lines in customs and excise manufacturing warehouses – DAR194  • Notice R.553  • Form DA 185 – Application form – Registration and licensing of Customs and Excise Clients  • Form DA 185.4A17 – Registration Client Type 4A17 – Tobacco leaf dealer	30 days after publication in the Government Gazette		
	GG 43341	Determining of date on which section 20(1) of Tax Administration Laws Amendment Act, 2016 (Act No. 16 of 2016) amending section 76C of the Customs and Excise Act, 1964 relating to set-off of refunds against amounts owing, comes into operation	22-05-20		
29-05-20	GG.43359 R.607	Proclamation No. 20  Rule amendments under sections 38 and 120, providing for the deletion in rule 38.14A(a) of Botswana and the insertion of Lesotho as a country participating in the South African Customs Union (SACU) Unique Consignment Reference Number (UCR) implementation – DAR195  Notice R.607			

Date	Publication Details	Subject	Implementation Date
	GG.43359 R.606	Correction Notice correcting Government Notice No. R.583 of Government Gazette No.43343 dated 22 May 2020 – DAR194  • Notice R.606	30 days af- ter publica- tion of ini- tial Notice in the Gov- ernment Gazette

#### BENIN

### Clarifying Procurement Procedures in Benin

The President of the Authority of Regulation of Public Procurement Contracts (Autorité de Régulation des Marchés Publics - ARMP) calls certain contracting authorities to order in the <u>circular of 13 March 2020</u> clarifying the procedures for awarding public contracts that do not require pre-qualification. <u>Click here to read more</u>.

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#### DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF CONGO

### Establishment of the National Agency for the Promotion of Exports "Anapex" in the Democratic Republic of Congo

The Democratic Republic of Congo set up on 5 March 2020, a national export promotion agency named "Anapex."

According to <u>Decree No. 20/003 of 5 March 2020</u>, the agency's mission is to promote exports of all agricultural, agro-industrial, industrial, and artisanal products of Congolese origin.

The agency's activities consist mainly of implementing policies meant to facilitate the export of Congolese products, providing support to Congolese companies, and developing local skills. Click here to read more.

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#### Support measures for businesses in the Congo following COVID-19

As a result of the economic crisis caused by the COVID-19 pandemic, several African countries have implemented supporting measures for the economic actors to ensure the continuity of their activities and mitigate the negative effects on the economy. In particular, Togo has suspended all ongoing tax controls on local companies. In Mali, a guarantee fund for the private sector has been created to cover the financial needs of businesses affected by the pandemic. The Central Bank of Rwanda has also announced measures to ease the repayment terms of

the bank loans for businesses.

In this context, the Minister of Finance and Budget of Congo adopted <u>Circular No. 0247/MFB-CAB on 15 April 2020 establishing measures to support companies against the economic effects of COVID-19</u>. The circular provides support measures in customs, financial, and fiscal matters for businesses. <u>Click here to read more</u>.

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### NEWSLETTERS, REPORTS, ARTICLES, ETC.

#### Baker & McKenzie Global VAT/GST Newsletter

Baker & McKenzie's <u>Global VAT/GST Newsletter</u> (May 2020) provides a quick update into important developments in the field of VAT/GST across the globe. In order to maximize the effectiveness of this newsletter to you, most articles are brief and are designed to flag topics that are likely to affect multi-national businesses. Contacts for the Global VAT/GST Newsletter are:

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#### Publications, Alerts, Newsletters

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

International Trade, Tax and Anti-corruption  Global International Trade Compliance Update – May 2020 {older issues}
Global International Trade Compliance Undate – May 2020 (older issues)
Olobal International Trade Compilative Opaate Way 2020
International Commercial and Trade Client Alert: USMCA: Game ON! Fast Forward to the
New North American Landscape – USMCA Preferential Tariff Treatment: Are You Ready?
<u>Vietnam Tax Client Alert: Upcoming tax relief measures in response to impact of COVID-19</u>
<u>Vietnam International Commercial &amp; Trade Client Alert: Landmark Free Trade Agreement</u>
between Vietnam and the EU nears ratification
Other areas

Russia Employment and Migration Client Alert: Moscow extends self-isolation regime (Eng. and Russian versions)

<u>Vietnam Employment and Labor Client Alert: Temporary suspension of statutory contributions for enterprises experiencing difficulties due to COVID-19</u>

Hong Kong Investment Funds Client Alert: Limited Partnership Fund Bill proposes new limited partnership regime for private funds in Hong Kong

<u>Updated: COVID-19 Global Employer Guide - Managing your workforce in the age of Coronavirus (42 countries)</u>

<u>Ukraine Banking & Finance Client Alert: White paper on future regulation of factoring published in Ukraine (Eng. and Ukr.)</u>

Vietnam Energy, Mining & Infrastructure Client Alert: Vietnam: Proposed new draft Circular on biomass power projects and revised model biomass power purchase agreement (PPA)

Ukraine: Beyond COVID-19: Ukraine Legal Guide, 1st Edition - Available Online

#### Subject

EMEA Healthcare & Life Sciences Newsletter: May 2020

Aviation Client Alert: Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act: Aviation Sector Provisions

Thailand Client Alert: Update: BOI Announces More Details about the New Privileges Granted to the Healthcare Industry

Kyiv Tax Client Alert: The Anti-BEPS Bill is signed by the President into Law

Vietnam Technology, Media & Telecommunications Insight Plus: Ministry of Information and Communications release new Draft Decree, amending earlier Decrees, covering the management, provision, and use of internet services and online information

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Speakers: Jose Hoyos-Robles (Mexico City), John Foote (Washington, DC), Olof Johannesson (Stockholm), Andrew Rose (London), and Riza Buditomo (Jakarta)

#### Tuesday, March 31

#### Foreign Investment Review Regimes Around the World: Focus on US, UK, Germany, Italy, and Canada

Speakers: Sylwia Lis (DC), Ross Evans (London), Anahita Thoms (Dusseldorf), Antonio Lattanzio (Rome), Yana Ermak (Toronto)

Moderator: Rod Hunter (DC)

#### Tuesday, April 28

## Basic: Key Compliance Issues under US, EU, and China Export Controls

Speakers: Lise Test (Washington, DC), Ben Smith (London), Jenny Pan (Shanghai)

#### Tuesday, May 19

#### Restricted Parties Screening: Compliance Issues and Best Practices under US, EU, and Canadian Trade Sanctions and Export Controls

Speakers: Meghan Hamilton (Chicago), Alexandra Alberti (London), Brian Cacic (Toronto)

#### Tuesday, June 23

## Basic: How to value your products (Customs)

Speakers: Kevin Nordin (London); Jaap Huenges Wajer (Amsterdam); John McKenzie (San Francisco); Ivy Tan (Kuala Lumpur)

#### Tuesday, July 28

# What you need to know about importing into Africa, China, Russia and the Middle East (Customs)

Speakers: Virusha Subban (Johannesburg), Tina Li (Shanghai), Vladimir Efremov (Moscow), and Laya Aoun Hani (Dubai)

#### Tuesday, August 25

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### WTO COVID-19 Trade and Trade-Related Measures

The WTO has created a <u>dedicated page</u> on the WTO website to provide up-to-the minute trade-related information including relevant notifications by WTO members, the impact the virus has had on exports and imports and how WTO activities have been affected by the pandemic. The following list contains notifications posed by the WTO after April 30, 2020. For earlier notifications see the WTO webpage or our <u>May 2020 International Trade Compliance Update</u>.

Type abbreviations: TFA=Trade Facilitation Agreement, SPS=sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures, QR= Quantitative Restrictions, TBT= Technical Barriers to Trade, MA=Market Access, ER=Agriculture Transparency (dd-mm-yyyy)

Date	Member	Measure	Туре
03-05-20	Thailand	The Thai Industrial Standards Institute (TISI) has announced the notification of the Thai Industrial Standards Institute to prevent and restrict the spread of the Coronavirus Disease 2019 outbreak. The issuing of a license to import for sale the industrial products which are required by ministerial regulations to conform with the standards shall be granted for import per shipment only (G/TBT/N/THA/383/Rev.5)	<u>TBT</u>
03-05-20	Thailand	This Notification establishes temporary criteria and procedures for market authorization of imported pharmaceuticals, medical devices (surgical mask, N95 mask, Personal Protective Equipment: PPE, in vitro diagnostic test kits), hazardous substances used in households (70 percent w/w ethyl alcohol and sodium hypochlorite) and hand sanitizers during the epidemic of the new coronavirus (COVID-19) (G/TBT/N/THA/569)	<u>TBT</u>
03-05-20	Thailand	Notification of the Food and Drug Administration to facilitate registration approval of imported medical devices used in the public health emergency of the new coronavirus (COVID-19) (G/TBT/N/THA/570)	<u>TBT</u>
03-05-20	Thailand	Notification of the Food and Drug Administration determines documents required to apply for registration approval of imported diagnostic test-kit used in the public health emergency of the new coronavirus (COVID-19) (G/TBT/N/THA/571)	<u>TBT</u>
03-05-20	Thailand	To define the operation guideline of the hazardous substances under the responsibility of the Department of Industrial Works by using electronic media to facilitate the entrepreneurs about the operation of the hazardous substances in the situations of coronavirus infection pandemic (G/TBT/N/THA/572)	<u>TBT</u>
03-05-20	Thailand	To define the operation guideline of the hazardous substances under the responsibility of the Department of Industrial Works by using electronic media to facilitate the entrepreneurs about the operation of the hazardous substances in the situations of coronavirus infection pandemic. Any person who has intention to produce or import hazardous substance are able to apply for a registration and a certificate of hazardous substance through the electronic platform called HSSS (Hazardous Substance Single Submission); and will remain in effect until further notice (G/TBT/N/THA/573)	<u>TBT</u>
03-05-20	Australia	Measures to facilitate the importation of vital medical supplies (G/MA/W/152)	MA
04-05-20	Chinese Taipei	Temporary Alternative Measures for the Submission of Certificates for Food Safety and Sanitation Purpose in the Condition of COVID-19 Pandemic (G/SPS/N/TPKM/530)	<u>SPS</u>
04-05-20	Ecuador	Facilitación del comercio en el contexto de la pandemia del COVID-19 — Verificación online de Certificados de Libre Venta (CLV) (G/TBT/GEN/293)	<u>TBT</u>
05-05-20	United Arab Emirates	Measures taken by the United Arab Emirates regarding animal, agricultural and food consignments in response to the corona pandemic (G/SPS/GEN/1774, G/TBT/GEN/294)	
05-05-20	Ecuador	Measures to be implemented in the organic certification processes in Ecuador (G/SPS/GEN/1775, G/TBT/GEN/295)	
06-05-20	European Union (formerly EC)	Urgency measure of temporary application in relation to the COVID-19 pandemic, which follows the previously notified measure that expired on 25 April 2020 and reduces the list of products that require export authorisation to masks, spectacles and protective garments (G/MA/QR/N/EU/4/Add.2)	QR

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06-05-20	Israel	Temporary export licenses taken due to the COVID-19 pandemic in force until 31 May 2020 (G/MA/QR/N/ISR/1)	<u>QR</u>			
07-05-20	Philippines	Extension of Validity of BAI Issuances Nos. 5, 6, 10 and 15 Series of 2020 (G/SPS/N/PHL/458/Add.1)	<u>SPS</u>			
10-05-20	Philippines	Department of Agriculture Bureau of Animal Industry Memorandum Circular 5 Series of 2020 Verification of International Health Certificate (HC)/International Veterinary Health Certificate (IVHC/IVC) During Enhanced Community Quarantine  Period (G/SPS/N/PHL/461)				
11-05-20	Dominican Republic	Elimination of duties and simplification of import procedures (G/MA/W/149/Add.1)				
11-05-20	Argentina; Co- lombia; Costa Rica; Dominican Republic; Ecua- dor; El Salvador; Guatemala; Hon- duras; Israel; Ni- caragua; Pa- nama; Paraguay; Peru	Request of the suspension of the process and entry into force of reductions of maximum residue levels (MRLs) for plant protection products in light of the COVID-19 pandemic (G/SPS/GEN/1778, G/TBT/GEN/296)	SPS TBT			
13-05-20	Canada	Measures to facilitate the importation of medical supplies, including personal protective equipment (G/MA/W/153)	MA			
13-05-20	United States	Temporary export authorization for certain personal protective equipment (PPE) (G/MA/QR/N/USA/4/Add.1)	QR			
13-05-20	Paraguay	Measures to restrict the exportation of certain goods needed to deal with the epidemic in order to protect people's lives and health (G/MA/QR/N/PRY/1)	MA			
14-05-20	Ukraine	On Amending Certain Legislative Acts of Ukraine Aimed at Preventing the Occurrence and Spread of Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19) (GPA/LEGIS/UKR/1)				
14-05-20	Ukraine	Some issues of procurement of supplies, works and services necessary for taking measures aimed to prevent occurrence and spread, localize and liquidate the outbreak, epidemics and pandemics of the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) within Ukraine (GPA/LEGIS/UKR/2)				
14-05-20	Ukraine	On amending the Resolution of the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine of 20 March 2020 No. 225 "Some issues of procurement of supplies, works and services necessary for taking measures aimed to prevent occurrence and spread, localize and liquidate the outbreak, epidemics and pandemics of the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) within Ukraine (GPA/LEGIS/UKR/3)	<u>GPA</u>			
17-05-20	Uganda	This Uganda Standard specifies the requirements, sampling and test methods for the non-medical face masks intended to reduce the risk of general transmission of the infectious agent. It covers non-medical face masks and other face covers made of textiles intended for single use (disposable) or for multiple use that may be washed, disinfected and reused. The Standard does not cover respiratory protective devices such as medical face masks, filtering face masks and breathing apparatus (G/TBT/N/UGA/1210)	<u>TBT</u>			
17-05-20	Uganda	This Uganda Standard specifies minimum requirements for filtering half masks as respiratory protective devices to protect against particles except for escape purposes. Laboratory and practical performance tests are included for the assessment of compliance with the requirements (G/TBT/N/UGA/1209)	<u>TBT</u>			
17-05-20	Uganda	This Uganda Standard specifies construction, design, performance requirements and test methods for medical face masks intended to limit the transmission of infective agents from staff to patients during surgical procedures and other medical settings with similar requirements. A medical face mask with an appropriate microbial barrier can also be effective in reducing the emission of infective agents from the nose and mouth of an asymptomatic carrier or a patient with clinical symptoms. This Uganda Standard is not applicable to masks intended exclusively for the personal protection of staff (G/TBTN20/UGA1208.pdf)	<u>TBT</u>			
18-05-20	Czech Republic	Ministry of Finance Ruling No 01/2020 is being updated in connection with the current situation caused by the risk of infection with the novel coronavirus SARS-CoV-2/COVID-19. The objective of the measure is to ensure a sufficient quantity of protective equipment, in particular for healthcare providers, but also for citizens,	<u>TBT</u>			

Date	Member	Measure	Type
		in order to prevent the spread of the infection and the disease caused by this coronavirus (G/TBT/N/CZE/250)	
18-05-20	Ukraine	Temporary implementation of export licensing requirements on anti-epidemic goods due to the COVID-19 pandemic - Addendum (G/MA/QR/N/UKR/4/Add.4)	<u>QR</u>
19-05-20	Russian Federa- tion	Lift of the provisional restriction on imports of exotic and decorative animals, including insects, arthropods, amphibians, reptiles and live fish from China reflecting the risk assessment of the epizootic situation with Covid-19 in China. (G/SPS/N/RUS/178/Add.2)	<u>SPS</u>
25-05-20	Korea, Republic of	The Ministry of Food and Drug Safety (MFDS) of the Republic of Korea amended the "Designated Scope of Quasi-Drugs" so as to expand the scope of use of Surgical Masks as follows: — Surgical masks may be used for the prevention of droplet transmission in daily life. (G/TBT/N/KOR/896)	<u>TBT</u>
25-05-20	Paraguay	Measures to restrict the exportation of certain goods needed to deal with the epidemic in order to protect people's lives and health - Corrigendum (G/MA/QR/N/PRY/1/Corr.1)	<u>QR</u>
26-05-20	Morocco	Cet arrêté fixe les caractéristiques des masques en tissu non tissé qui doivent être obtenues à partir d'un Polypropylène spunbond vierge, et précise également: - les exigences de conception, de construction et de performance les conditions d'emballage, de marquage et d'étiquetage l'obligation du responsable de la mise à disposition sur le marché desdits masques, de disposer d'un certificat de conformité aux référentiels normatifs marocains applicables délivré par l'Institut Marocain de Normalisation, ou à défaut, de faire procéder, par un organisme d'évaluation de la conformité agréé au titre de la loi 24-09 relative à la sécurité des produits et des services, à une évaluation de la conformité du produit aux exigences fixées par le présent arrêté. (G/TBT/N/MAR/30)	TBT
26-05-20	Switzerland	Temporary suspension of customs duties on medical goods (G/MA/W/154)	MA
26-05-20	Bangladesh	Due to the global outbreak of COVID-19 and critical shortage of the products,  Bangladesh adopted measures to ensure adequacy of the products vital tools for tackling the pandemic - Corrigendum (G/MA/QR/N/BGD/1/Corr.1)	<u>QR</u>
28-05-20	Korea, Republic of		
28-05-20	Costa Rica	Moratorium and temporary exemption from payment of certain taxes and duties (G/MA/QR/N/MDA/1/Add.1)	
28-05-20	Paraguay	Measures to restrict the exportation of certain goods needed to deal with the epidemic in order to protect people's lives and health - Addendum (G/MA/QR/N/PRY/1/Add.1)	<u>QR</u>

### 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 <a href="mailto:stuart.seidel@bakermcken-zie.com">stuart.seidel@bakermcken-zie.com</a> 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.* 

Member	Notification	Date Issued	Final Date for Com- ments	Merchandise Covered
Argentina	ARG/388	04/22/2020	05/22/2020	Pickles and processed plants, submerged in acidic liquids
	ARG/389	04/22/2020	06/12/2020	Preserved vegetables

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	ARG/390	04/22/2020	05/22/2020	Examination of water for chemical substances
	ARG/391	04/22/2020	05/22/2020	Determination of total carbohydrate and/or sugar content in food
	AUS/118	05/07/2020	07/06/2020	Portable non-aerosol fire extinguishers are a hand operated device designed to extinguish certain fires. Such products generally weigh between half a kilogram and nine kilograms, but can weigh up to 23 kilograms. They may be refillable and come with a support fitting, carry handle, squeeze lever, pressure indicating device and an anti-discharge device. They also contain a different extinguishing agent depending on the type of fire the extinguisher is intended to fight. While the ACCC reviewed portable aerosol and portable non-aerosol fire extinguishers in the same consultation, it does not propose any change to portable aerosol fire extinguishers, which are subject to a separate mandatory safety standard (Consumer Protection Notice No. 9 of 2004).; - Fire extinguishers, whether or not charged (HS 842410)
Australia	AUS/119	05/07/2020	07/06/2020	Corded internal window coverings - being window coverings that can be used inside a building and are either: • window coverings, such as curtains or blinds with a cord • fittings used with a window covering, such as a traverse rod or track.; Curtains (including drapes) and interior blinds; curtain or bed valances (HS 6303)
	AUS/120	05/18/2020	07/17/2020	Children's toys containing magnets - being children's toys that are products designed or clearly intended for use in play by children under the age of 14 years. This review addresses the risk of children ingesting small high-powered magnets which may be present in a range of children's toys, including magnetic building sets, scientific sets and toy train sets, for the purpose of functionality. Note: This review applies only to children's toys containing magnets and applies to toys that contain magnets as a component of the product. There is also a separate ban on small high-powered magnets in Australia, this ban applies to products that are entirely and only small high-powered magnets.
Bahrain, Kingdom of	BHR/576	05/14/2020	07/13/2020	Electrical Motor Vehicles
Bangladesh	BGD/3/Add.1	05/26/2020	Not given	These rules will be applicable for the following categories of electrical and electronic products: 1. Household appliance; 2. Monitoring and Control equipment; 3. Medical Equipment; 4. Automatic Machine;
	BRA/1003	05/14/2020	Not given	Individual Protection Equipment
	BRA/1004	05/14/2020	Not given	Measuring instruments and apparatus
	BRA/1005	05/14/2020	Not given	Measuring instruments and apparatus
Brazil	BRA/1006	05/14/2020	Not given	Pre-measured products
	BRA/1007	05/14/2020	Not given	Regulatory measures of low impact
	BRA/1008	05/14/2020	Not given	Instruments for measuring the flow rate of natural gas HS Code: 9026

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	BRA/994/Add.1/ Corr.2	05/26/2020	Not given	HS Code(s): 3003; 3004; 3005; 3006; 2941 (pharmaceutical products)
	BRA/994/Corr.1	05/26/2020	Not given	HS Code(s): 3003; 3004; 3005; 3006; 2941 (pharmaceutical products)
	BRA/1009	05/25/2020	Not given	Regulatory measures
	BRA/1010	05/25/2020	Not given	Regulatory measures of low impact
Canada	CAN/612	05/18/2020	07/23/2020	Radiocommunications
Chile	CHL/520	04/21/2020	07/05/2020	Air conditioners
	CHN/1420	05/11/2020	07/10/2020	Prepackaged and prepared foods
*) China	CHN/1421	05/11/2020	07/10/2020	Electric instantaneous or storage water heaters and immersion heaters; electric space heating apparatus and soil heating apparatus; electro-thermic hair-dressing apparatus (for example, hair dryers, hair curlers, curling tong heaters) and hand dryers; electric smoothing irons; other electro-thermic appliances of a kind used for domestic purposes; electric heating resistors, other than those of heading 85.45 (HS 8516)
J	CHN/1422	05/11/2020	07/10/2020	Flame retardant protective clothing; Of man-made fibres (HS 621133)
	CHN/1423	05/11/2020	07/10/2020	High-Visibility Warning Clothing; Articles of apparel and clothing accessories (including gloves, mittens and mitts) (HS 392620)
	CHN/1424	05/11/2020	07/10/2020	Safety footwear; Footwear, gaiters and the like; parts of such articles (HS 64)
	CHN/1425	05/11/2020	07/10/2020	Student's articles
Czech Republic	CZE/250	05/19/2020	Not given	FFP3 class respirators; Instruments and appliances used in medical, surgical, dental or veterinary sciences, including scintigraphic apparatus, other electro-medical apparatus and sight-testing instruments (HS 9018)
El Salvador	SLV/206	05/12/2020	07/11/2020	livestock and aquaculture
El Galvadol	EU/716	05/05/2020	7/4/2020	Biocidal products
73	EU/717	05/06/2020	07/05/2020	Marine Equipment (including inter alia life-saving appliances, pollution prevention equipment, fire protection equipment, navigation equipment, radio communication equipment)
European Union	EU/718	05/06/2020	07/05/2020	Benfluralin (pesticide active substance)
	EU/719	05/12/2020	07/11/2020	Hazardous mixtures
	EU/720	05/12/2020	07/11/2020	Hazardous mixtures
	EU/721	05/14/2020	07/13/2020	Benalaxyl (pesticide active substance)
Honduras	HND/73/Add.2	04/23/2020	Not given	Natural medicines for human use
	IND/147	05/25/2020	07/24/2020	Automobile Wheel rims (HS Code 87087000)
India	IND/148	05/27/2020	07/26/2020	SI. No. Indian Standards Steel or steel products (1) (2) (3) 1. IS 412:1975 Specification for Expanded Metal Steel Sheets for General Purpose; 2. IS 2100: 1970 Specification for Steel Billets Bars and Sections for Boilers; 3. IS 2589: 1975 Specification for Hard Drawn Steel Wire for Upholstery Springs; 4. IS 3298: 1981 Specification for Mild Steel Rivet Bars for Ship Building; 5. IS 4072: 1975 Specification for Steel for Spring Washers; 6. IS 8510: 1977

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				Specification for Tinned Steel Wire for Banding of Armatures and Rotors Part-1 Part 1: for General Requirement Part-2 Part 2: for magnetic banding wires Part-3 Part 3: for banding non magnetic wire; 7. IS 8563: 1977 Specification for Half Round Mild Steel Wire for the Manufacture of Split Pins; 8. IS 8564: 1977 Specification for Steel Wire for Nipples for Spokes; 9. IS8566: 1977 Specification for Heald Wire; 10. IS8566: 1977 Specification for Steel Wire for Reeds; 11. IS8917: 1978 Specification for Steel Plates for Galvanizing Pots; 12. IS9442: 1980 Specification for Hot Rolled Steel Plates, Sheets and Strips for Manufacture of Agricultural Tillage Discs; 13. IS9485: 1980 Specification for Cold-Reduced and Hot-Rolled Carbon Steel Sheet for Porcelain Enamelling; 14. IS10794: 1984 Specification for Mild Steel Wire for Cottar Pins; 15. IS12262:1988 Specification for Trapezoidal Steel Wire for Springs Washers; 16. IS12313: 1988 Specification for Hot-Dip Terne Coated Carbon Steel Sheets; 17. IS15911: 2010 Structural Steel (Ordinary Quality)-Specification; 18. IS4430: 1979 Specification for Mould Steels; 19. IS4431: 1979 Specification for Carbon and Carbon Manganese Free Cutting Steels; 20. IS4432: 1988 Specification for Case Hardening Steels; 21. IS 5518: 1996 Steels for Die Blocks for Drop Forging Specification; 22. IS 8748: 1978 Specification for Forged/Rolled CTC Segments; 23. IS 12145: 1987 Specification for Quenched and Tempered Alloy Steel Forgings for Pressure Vessels; 24. IS 13387: 1992 Tool Steel Forgings for Metal Forming - Specification; 25. IS14698:1999 Carbon and Low Alloy Billets, Blooms, Slabs and Bars for Manufacture of Shell Bodies and Proof Shots used in Defense Services-Specification; 26. IS/ISO 11951:1995 Cold-Reduced Black plate in Coil Form for the Production of Tin Plate or Electrolytic Chromium/ Chromium Oxide - Coated Steel; 27. IS 3930: 1994 Flame and Induction Hardening Steels - Specification; 28. IS 5478: 1969 Specification for Thermostat Metal Sheet and Strip; 29. IS:13352: 2004 Stock fo
Indonesia	IDN/127	05/19/2020	07/18/2020	IT Products (HS 8443.31.31.10; HS 8443.31.39.10; HS 8443.32.41.10; HS 8443.32.49.20; HS 8517.11.00; HS 8517.12.00; HS 8517.18.00; HS 8517.62.21; Ex HS 8443.31.11.10; Ex HS 8443.31.19.10; Ex HS 8443.31.91.10; Ex HS 8470.50.00)
	ISR/1137	05/12/2020	07/11/2020	EPDM roofing sheets (HS: 391990, 3920, 3921, 6807)
Israel	ISR/1138	05/12/2020	07/11/2020	Portable luminaires (HS: 8513, 8539, 8541, 9405)
	ISR/1027/Rev.1	05/14/2020	Not given	Beer (HS 2203)

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	ISR/1139	05/14/2020	07/13/2020	Mattresses for cots, cribs and perambulators and bumpers for children's cots (HS 3924, 3926, 6302, 6304, 9403, 9404)
	ISR/1140	05/14/2020	07/13/2020	Lampholders (HS 853661, 853890, 854710, 854720)
	ISR/1141	05/14/2020	07/13/2020	Fat spreads and other water in oil emulsion spreads (HS 1517)
	ISR/1142	05/20/2020	07/19/2020	Cable reels for household and similar purposes; (HS: 85444)
	ISR/1143	05/25/2020	07/24/2020	Air conditioners; HS: 841510, 841581, 841582, 841590, 847960, 847989;
	ISR/1144	05/25/2020	07/24/2020	Jams, marmalades, fruit jellies, confitures and powidl; HS: 2007;
	ISR/1145	05/25/2020	07/24/2020	Diaper changing units for public use; HS: 9403;
	ISR/1146	05/25/2020	07/24/2020	Aluminium sulfate for treatment of water intended for human consumption; HS: 283322;
	ISR/1147	05/25/2020	07/24/2020	Children's cots and folding cots; (HS: 9403);
	ISR/1148	05/25/2020	07/24/2020	Salads made from vegetable matter, preserved by cold storage; HS: 07;
	ISR/1149	05/26/2020	07/25/2020	Fluorescent lamps; HS: 853931, 853932;
	ISR/1150	05/26/2020	07/25/2020	Luminaires; HS: 9405;
	JPN/653/Add.1	05/19/2020	Not given	Pharmaceutical products (HS 30)
Japan	JPN/664	05/25/2020	06/24/2020	Pharmaceutical Products (HS:30)
	KEN/568/Add.1	05/20/2020	Not given	Textile fabrics
	KEN/569/Add.1	05/20/2020	Not given	Insulating materials in general
	KEN/589/Add.1	05/20/2020	Not given	Dishwashing bar
	KEN/590/Add.1	05/20/2020	Not given	Dishwashing paste
	KEN/591/Add.1	05/20/2020	Not given	Antibacterial dishwashing paste
	KEN/592/Add.1	05/20/2020	Not given	Textile fabrics
	KEN/595/Add.1	05/20/2020	Not given	Products of the textile industry
	KEN/596/Add.1	05/20/2020	Not given	Products of the textile industry
	KEN/598/Add.1	05/20/2020	Not given	Leather products
Kenya	KEN/599/Add.1	05/20/2020	Not given	Drinking water
	KEN/600/Add.1	05/20/2020	Not given	Clothes
	KEN/734/Add.1	05/25/2020	Not given	Magnesium Nitrate fertilizer
	KEN/737/Add.1	05/25/2020	Not given	Potassium sulphate fertilizer
	KEN/859/Add.1	05/25/2020	Not given	Plant growing
	KEN/871/Add.1	05/25/2020	Not given	Laboratory medicine, Radiation protection
	KEN/872/Add.1	05/25/2020	Not given	Radiation protection
	KEN/873/Add.1	05/25/2020	Not given	Health care technology, Radiation protection
	KEN/1002	05/25/2020	Not given	All products imported into Kenya.
	KOR/892	05/14/2020	07/13/2020	Telecommunication Terminal Equipment
	KOR/893	05/19/2020	07/18/2020	Biological Products; Other (HS 300190); Other (HS 300490)
<b>*</b>	KOR/894	05/26/2020	07/25/2020	Food
Korea, Republic of	KOR/895	05/26/2020	07/25/2020	Cosmetics; Perfumes and toilet waters (HS 3303); Beauty or make-up preparations and preparations for the care of the skin (other than medicaments), including sunscreen or sun tan preparations; mani-

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				cure or pedicure preparations (HS 3304); Preparations for use on the hair (HS 3305); Pre-shave, shaving or after-shave preparations, personal deodorants, bath preparations, depilatories and other perfumery, cosmetic or toilet preparations, not elsewhere specified or included; prepared room deodorizers, whether or not perfumed or having disinfectant properties (HS 3307)
	KOR/896	05/26/2020	05/29/2020	Quasi-drugs; Other made up articles, including dress patterns (HS 6307)
	KOR/897	05/28/2020	07/27/2020	Motor Vehicles
Lithuania	LTU/37	05/14/2020	07/13/2020	True hemp, raw or retted (HS 530210)
	MEX/445/Add.1	04/20/2020	Not given	Honey (040900)
<b>■</b> Mexico	MEX/463	04/20/2020	05/01/2020	The notified draft Mexican Official Standard applies to the electrical design and construction of: (a) The National Transmission Network; (b) The General Distribution Networks; (c) Equipment and facilities for transformation, compensation and switching, inter alia, which enable electrical power to be transmitted and distributed; (d) Infrastructure installed for the interconnection of power plants or the connection of load centres; and (e) Stand-alone systems. The following are outside the scope of this draft Mexican Official Standard: (a) Facilities regulated by Mexican Official Standard NOM-001-SEDE-2012; and (b) Measuring systems within the scope of Mexican Official Standard NOM-001-CRE/SCFI-201.
	MEX/445/Add.2	05/05/2020	Not given	Honey (040900)
	MEX/447/Add.1	04/20/2020	Not given	Products related to power plants
	MEX/464	04/20/2020	05/22/2020	Tuna, bonito and pre-packaged preparations thereof
	MEX/465	05/05/2020	07/03/2020	Cheese
	MEX/389/Add.1	5/19/2020	Not given	Meters and transformers
Morocco	MAR/28/Add.1	04/20/2020	Not given	All industrial products covered by Law No. 24-09 on the safety of products and services, other than food and pharmaceutical products.
IVIOIOCCO	MAR/30	05/27/2020	05/16/2020	Protective masks of non-woven fabric for non-medical use.
	PAK/119	05/12/2020	07/11/2020	Hand Sanitizer and Disinfectants PS: 5453/2020
Pakistan	PAK/120	05/13/2020	Not given	All edible products (see respective headings of the Order)
+ Switzerland	CHE/240/Add.1	05/01/2020	Not given	Refrigerating appliances; household washing machines; household washer-dryers; household dishwashers; vacuum cleaner; light sources and separate control gear; electronic displ; refrigerating appliances with a direct sales function; external power supplies; electric motors and variable speed drives; transformers; welding equipment; servers and data storage products; air heating products, cooling products, high temperature process chillers and fan coil units
	CHE/247	05/15/2020	08/20/2020	Telecommunication equipment, radio equipment and telecommunication terminal equipment

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	TPKM/401/Add.	05/15/2020	Not given	Electric motorcycle charging system equipment and battery swap system equipment; Static converters (HS 850440)	
Taiwan Economy	TPKM/396/Add.	05/25/2020	Not given	Fuel Used in Stationary Pollution Source	
Taiwaii Essioniy	TPKM/415	05/26/2020	07/25/2020	Bedside sleepers CCCN: 9403.20.00.00-1B, 9403.50.10.00-2B, 9403.50.90.00-5B; Other metal furniture (HS 940320); Wooden furniture of a kind used in the bedroom (HS 940350)	
	TZA/463	05/11/2020	07/10/2020	Mining and quarrying (Ventilation in underground mines)	
	TZA/464	05/26/2020	07/25/2020	Cereals, pulses and derived products (Rice flour)	
	TZA/465	05/26/2020	07/25/2020	Cereals, pulses and derived products (Breakfast cereals)	
Tanzania	TZA/466	05/26/2020	07/25/2020	Cereals, pulses and derived products (Oat grains)	
	TZA/467	05/26/2020	07/25/2020	Cereals, pulses and derived products (Soy Sauce)	
	TZA/468	05/26/2020	07/25/2020	Radiation protection	
	TZA/469	05/26/2020	07/25/2020	Chocolate	
	TZA/470	05/26/2020	07/25/2020	Cocoa	
	TZA/471	05/26/2020	07/25/2020	Cocoa	
	THA/383/Rev.5	05/04/2020	Not given	Product licensing	
	THA/568	05/04/2020	7/3/2020	E-waste (Hazardous waste under Basel Convention; electrical and electronic assemblies or scrap (not included scrap from electric power generation) containing such as accumulators and other batteries, mercury-switches, glass from cathode-raytubes and other activated glasses and PCB-capacitors, not contaminated with Cadmium, Mercury, Lead Polychlorinated Biphenyl) (HS 84XX.XX.XX.899 and HS85XX.XX.XX.899)	
	THA/569	05/04/2020	Not given	Pharmaceuticals, Medical Devices, Hazardous Substances used in households and Hand Sanitizers	
Thailand	THA/570	05/04/2020	Not given	Thirteen types of medical devices used in the public health emergency of the new coronavirus (COVID-19) as follows: (1) surgical mask (2) N95 mask (3) Personal Protective Equipment: PPE (4) surgical gown (5) isolation gown (6) medical caps (7) medical gloves (8) medical thermometer (9) goggles (10) medical face shield (11) hood covering (12) leg covering and (13) medical swab.	
	THA/571	05/04/2020	Not given	Diagnostic test-kit used in the public health emergency of the new coronavirus (COVID-19) as follows: (1) Real-Time RT-PCR (2) Antibody and antigen test.	
	THA/572	05/04/2020	Not given	Hazardous Substances	
	THA/573	05/04/2020	Not given	Hazardous Substances	
	THA/574	05/04/2020	Not given	Cosmetic products containing alcohol for hand sanitization.	
	THA/575	05/14/2020	07/13/2020	Edible fats and Oils	
	THA/576	05/14/2020	07/13/2020	Fish oils	
Uganda	UGA/1208	05/18/2020	Not given	Medical face masks; Other instruments and appliances (HS 901890); Other breathing appliances and gas masks, excluding protective masks having	

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				neither mechanical parts nor replaceable filters (HS 9020)
	UGA/1209	05/18/2020	Not given	Filtering half masks; Other made up articles, including dress patterns (HS 6307); Other breathing appliances and gas masks, excluding protective masks having neither mechanical parts nor replaceable filters (HS 9020)
	UGA/1210	05/18/2020	Not given	Non-medical face mask; Other breathing appliances and gas masks, excluding protective masks having neither mechanical parts nor replaceable filters (HS 9020)
	UKR/163	05/18/2020	07/17/2020	Food products
Ukraine	UKR/164	05/18/2020	07/17/2020	Food products
Okraino	UKR/165	05/27/2020	07/26/2020	Foodstuff
	USA/503/Add.3	05/04/2020	Not given	Small electric motors
	USA/799/Add.4	05/04/2020	Not given	Lamps (HS 9405)
	USA/1394/Add.4	05/04/2020	Not given	Motor vehicles
	USA/1615	05/04/2020	6/15/2020	Oxygen cylinder and valve assemblies
	USA/1021/Add.2	05/05/2020	Not given	Battery chargers
	USA/1598/Corr. 2	05/05/2020	Not given	Radiofrequency electromagnetic fields
	USA/1616	05/05/2020	6/3/2020	Chemical substances
	USA/1500/Add.1	05/06/2020	Not given	Chemical substances
	USA/1617	05/06/2020	06/08/2020	Chemical substances, risk evaluation
	USA/1618	05/06/2020	05/26/2020	Chemical substances, risk evaluation
	USA/1619	05/08/2020	Not given	Organics
	USA/1619/Corr. 1	05/11/2020	Not given	Organics
	USA/1430/Add.1	05/12/2020	Not given	Hazardous materials
United States	USA/1620	05/14/2020	06/26/2020	Heavy-duty engines and vehicles; Spark-ignition reciprocating or rotary internal combustion piston engines (HS 8407); Compression-ignition internal combustion piston engines (diesel or semi-diesel engines) (HS 8408); Motor vehicles for the transport of ten or more persons, including the driver (HS 8702); Motor cars and other motor vehicles principally designed for the transport of persons (other than those of heading 87.02), including station wagons and racing cars (HS 8703); Motor vehicles for the transport of goods (HS 8704); Special purpose motor vehicles, other than those principally designed for the transport of persons or goods (for example, breakdown lorries (wreckers), crane lorries (mobile cranes), fire fighting vehicles, concrete mixer lorries (concrete-mixers), road sweeper lorries (road sweepers), spraying lorries (spraying vehicles), mobile workshops, mobile radiological units) (HS 8705)
	USA/1621	05/14/2020	08/11/2020	Vehicle tailpipe emission testing procedures; Sparkignition reciprocating or rotary internal combustion piston engines (HS 8407); Compression-ignition internal combustion piston engines (diesel or semidiesel engines) (HS 8408); Motor vehicles for the transport of ten or more persons, including the

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				driver (HS 8702); Motor cars and other motor vehicles principally designed for the transport of persons (other than those of heading 87.02), including station wagons and racing cars (HS 8703); Motor vehicles for the transport of goods (HS 8704); Special purpose motor vehicles, other than those principally designed for the transport of persons or goods (for example, breakdown lorries (wreckers), crane lorries (mobile cranes), fire fighting vehicles, concrete mixer lorries (concrete-mixers), road sweeper lorries (road sweepers), spraying lorries (spraying vehicles), mobile workshops, mobile radiological units) (HS 8705)
	USA/1622	05/15/2020	06/29/2020	Fuels
	USA/973/Add.3	05/18/2020	Not given	Residential furnaces and boilers (HS 840310, 8416)
	USA/1623	05/20/2020	06/18/2020	Chemical substances; Environmental protection, Production in the chemical industry, Products of the chemical industry
	USA/508/Add.5	05/25/2020	Not given	Water heaters, pool heaters
	USA/691/Add.5	05/25/2020	Not given	Battery chargers, external power supplies
	USA/771/Add.2	05/25/2020	Not given	Infant carriers
	USA/873/Add.2	05/25/2020	Not given	Commercial and industrial electric motors
	USA/893/Add.11	05/25/2020	Not given	Food products, labelling
	USA/903/Add.2	05/25/2020	Not given	Residential clothes washers (HS 8450)
	USA/1268/Add.2	05/25/2020	Not given	Hazardous materials; unrefined petroleum products
	USA/1432/Add.3	05/25/2020	Not given	Residential wood heaters, hydronic heaters and forced-air furnaces
	USA/1565/Add.1 /Corr.1	05/25/2020	Not given	Electronic detonators; Safety fuses; detonating fuses; percussion or detonating caps; igniters; electric detonators (HS 3603)
	USA/242/Add.4	05/28/2020	Not given	Clothing textiles, safety (HS 61, 62, 63)
	USA/590/Add.3	05/28/2020	Not given	Mattresses, mattress pads (HS 9404)
	USA/1599/Add.1	05/29/2020	Not given	Chemical data reporting
	VNM/166	05/04/2020	07/03/2020	Licence exempt Short Range Devices (SRDs) intending to use frequency bands within the range of 1 GHz to 40 GHz, specifically: - Wireless charging device based on induction loop technology (electrostatic transformation) (HS code: 8504.40.90) - Personal FM radio transmitter (HS code: 852
★ Viet Nam	VNM/167	05/04/2020	07/03/2020	Broadband data transmission equipment with equivalent isotropic radiated power (e.i.r.p) to 100 mW operating in frequency band (transmit: 2 400 MHz - 2 483.5 MHz; receive: 2 400 MHz - 2 483.5 MHz). Ultra Wide Band (UWB) devices are not covered by this regulation. List of specific devices required to conform with the QCVN: - Radio transceivers using spectrum modulation technology on the 2.4 GHz band have an equivalent isotropic radiated power of between 60 mW and 100 mW (HS code: 8517.62.51) - Flycams, which use remote control technology, transmit images by modulated radio waves spread across the 2.4 GHz band and has an equivalent isotropic radiated power of 60 mW or more (HS code: 8525.80.40) - UAVs / Drones,

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				which use remote control technology, transmit images by modulated radio waves spread over the 2.4 GHz band and has an equivalent isotropic radiated power of 60 mW or more (HS code: 8802.20.90)
	VNM/168	05/04/2020	07/03/2020	Radio equipment in the Low power wide area networks LPWAN (also known as non-IMT IoT) operating in the 920 MHz - 922.5 MHz band; Devices in the LPWAN IMT systems (also known as IMT IoT) using licensed frequency spectrum for IMT public mobile communication are not covered. The List of products covered: Radio equipment in the Low power wide area networks LPWAN operating in the 920 MHz - 922.5 MHz band (HS code: 8517.69.00; 8517.62.21; description: equipment which include sensors and access devices connected to each other via a radio interface that senses remote measurement, remotely records and transmits data)
	VNM/169	05/04/2020	07/03/2020	DVB-T2 Free To Air (FTA) digital terrestrial television set-top box with SDTV and / or HDTV support; applicable to both stand-alone receiver (STB) and receiver-integrated device (iDTV). List of specific devices required to conform with the QCVN: - DVB-T2 terrestrial digital television set-top box (Set Top Box DVB-T2) (HS code: 8528.71.91; 8528.71.99; description: Digital terrestrial television signal decoder using DVB-T2 technology, without information interaction function). TV set incorporating a function of receiving digital terrestrial television signals DVB-T2 (iDTV) (HS code: 8528.72.92; 8528.72.99; description: The receiver used in television has the function of decoding the digital terrestrial television signal using DVB-T2 technology. Designed to mount video or screen equipment, colored, not battery operated and not using cathode ray tube).
	VNM/170	05/04/2020	07/03/2020	Hand-held VHF radiotelephones operating in the maritime mobile service band from 156 MHz to 174 MHz (specific frequency bands specified in the national radio frequency spectrum planning), suitable for use used on survival crafts and can be used in ships at sea. List of specific devices required to conform with the QCVN: VHF telephone equipment used on survival crafts (HS code: 8517.18.00; Description: Hand-held VHF radiotelephones operating in the maritime mobile service band from 156 MHz to 174 MHz (specific frequency bands specified in the national radio frequency spectrum planning), suitable for use used on survival crafts and can be used in ships at sea.
	VNM/171	05/04/2020	07/03/2020	VHF radio receivers and transmitters operating in the maritime mobile service band (the specific frequency bands under the provisions of the national radio frequency spectrum planning) using both 12.5 kHz and 25 kHz channels. List of specific devices required to conform with the QCVN: VHF telephone equipment used for maritime mobile service (HS code: 8517.18.00; Description: VHF transmitter for

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				telephone and digital select call (DSC), with external antenna connector used on ships) Electrical apparatus for line telephony or line telegraphy, including line telephone sets with cordless handsets and telecommunication apparatus for current-carrier line systems or for digital line systems; videophones (HS 8517)

### **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 <a href="CROSS search engine">CROSS search engine</a>. Over 204,000 such rulings are in the database.

## **CBP RULINGS: REVOCATIONS OR MODIFICATIONS**

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

Published in CBP Bulletin (P) Proposed (A) Action	Product(s) or Issue(s)	Ruling(s) to b Modified (M) c Revoked (R)	r	Old Classifi- cation or Po- sition	New Ruling	New Classification or Position	Comments Due (C) or Effective Date (E)
		Proposed I	REV	OCATIONS/MODI	FICATIONS		
	Tariff classification of garden spreaders and handheld spreaders	NY F89845 NY K83210	R M	3924.90.55	HQ H306890	8479.89.9499 [GRI 1, 3, 6; Chap 39 n(s); EN]	
(P) 05-20-20	Tariff classification of certain alloy steel pipes	NY N303737 NY N303738	R	7304.59.2055 7304.59.2060 7304.59.2070	HQ H305822	7304.59.2030 [GRI 1; Chap 72 AUSN 1(g)]	(C) 06-19-20
	Tariff classification of multifunction wireless speakers	NY N194496 NY N083076 NY N234397	R	8517.62.0050	HQ H310177	8518.22.00 [GRI 1; Sec. XVI n3]	
REVOCATIONS/MODIFICATIONS							
(A) 05-27-20	Tariff classification of 1937 Alfa Romeo automobile	NY N278756 NY N281521	R	9705.00.00	HQ H307522	8703.23.01 [GRI 1, 6; Chap. 97 n4(a); EN 97.05	(E) 07-26-20

## **EUROPEAN CLASSIFICATION REGULATIONS**

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

Commission Implementing Regulation	Description of the goods	Classification (CN code)	Reasons
(EU) 2020/622 29-04-20	A rectangular front panel of a car radio, known as a 'control panel', containing several pushbuttons for activating various radio functions. It is made of plastics. There are inscriptions on the buttons/switches engraved by laser projection.  The article is presented without any electric or electronic components.  (See images)	8529 90 92	Classification is determined by general rules 1 and 6 for the interpretation of the Combined Nomenclature, note 2(b) to Section XVI and by the wording of CN codes 8529, 8529 90 and 8529 90 92.  The article plays a direct role in the use of the car radio. It is an essential component for its operation, enabling the activation of the contact points and thereby the access to various radio functions. Its structure and method of operation preclude any use other than as a component of a car radio. (See judgment of the Court of 15 February 2007, RUMA GmbH v Oberfinanzdirektion Nürnberg, C-183/06, ECLI:EU:C:2007:110). It is consequently considered to be a part of the radio. The article is therefore to be classified under heading 8529 as other parts of apparatus of heading 8527.  Classification under CN code 8529 90 49 is excluded as the article is not a 'cabinet or case' within the meaning of heading 8529 but only the front panel of a car radio (see also the Explanatory Notes to the Combined Nomenclature to subheadings 8529 90 41 and 8529 90 49, third paragraph).  Consequently, the article is to be classified under CN code 8529 90 92 as other parts of apparatus of heading 8527.
(EU) 2020/693 15-05-20	A ribbon, made of alloy steel (other than stainless steel), with a width of approximately 30 mm and a thickness of approximately 0,02 mm, presented in rolls. The article has a uniform solid cross-section along its whole length in the shape of a rectangle. It is not treated on its surface.  The article is made by a continous casting technique called melt spinning. It is designed to be used in the electrical industry, for example, for production of transformer cores, sensor cores, cores for saturable reactors, magnetic amplifiers, beads, and pulse compressors.	7228 60 80	Classification is determined by general rules 1 and 6 for the interpretation of the Combined Nomenclature, Note 1 (m) to Chapter 72 and by the wording of CN codes 7228, 7228 60 and 7228 60 80.  Given its objective characteristics and properties, the article meets the definition of 'Other bars and rods' in Note 1 (m) to Chapter 72, as it has a uniform solid cross-section along its whole length in the shape of a rectangle. Therefore, the article is considered to be a bar as defined therein.  The article is made by melt spinning, which is a different metal forming technique than rolling. Furthermore, the production process is a continuous casting technique as opposed to a pressure casting technique and consequently does not fall within the scope of Note 3 to Chapter 72. Therefore, classification under heading 7226 as flat-

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			rolled products of other alloy steel, of a width of less than 600 mm or under heading 7227 as bars and rods, hot rolled is excluded.
			Consequently, the article is to be classified under CN code 7228 60 80 as other bars and rods of other alloy steel.

### 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	Page / CN code	Description of Articles
	p.59 0811	Insert a new paragraph 0811 90 95 after '0811 20 51 Redcurrants'
2020/C 180/08	p.93 2008 30	Insert a new paragraph 2008 30 55 and 2008 30 75 after '2008 30 51 Grapefruit segments, including pomelos'
	p. 93 2008 30	Insert a new paragraph 2008 30 90 after "2008 30 71 Grapefruit segments, including pomelos"
2020/C 180/09	p. 102 2208	Between the Explanatory Note to CN heading '2208 Undenatured ethyl alcohol of an alcoholic strength by volume of less than 80 % vol; spirits, liqueurs and other spirituous beverages' and before the Explanatory Note to CN subheadings '2208 30 11 to 2208 30 88 Whiskies' a new paragraph 2208 20 Spirits obtained by distilling grape wine or grape marc

### **SECTION 337 ACTIONS**

In the United States, section 337 of the Tariff Act of 1930 as amended (19 U.S.C. §1337) provides *in rem* relief from unfair practices in import trade, including unfair methods of competition in the importation of articles, importation and sale in the United States of articles which infringe US patents, registered trademarks, copyrights or mask works. Listed below are 337 actions published during the past month by the US International Trade Commission, the independent United States agency charged with enforcement of section 337.

Inv. №	Commodity	Action
337-TA-1119	Certain Infotainment Systems, Components Thereof, and Automobiles Containing the Same	Notice of a Commission Determination Finding No Violation of Section 337; Termination of the Investigation
337–TA–1120		Notice of Commission Final Determination Finding a Violation of Section 337; Issuance of a Limited Exclusion Order; Termination of the Investigation
337-TA-1133	Certain Unmanned Aerial Vehicles and Components Thereof	Notice of Request for Submissions on the Public Interest
337-TA-1144	Certain Dental and Orthodontic Scanners and Software	Notice of Request for Submissions on the Public Interest
337-TA-1153	Certain Bone Cements, Components Thereof and Products Containing the Same	Notice of Request for Statements on the Public Interest

Inv. №	Commodity	Action
337–TA–1154	Certain Child Carriers and Components Thereof	Commission Determination To Review in Part a Final Initial Determination Finding No Violation of Section 337; Termination of the Investigation
337–TA–1152	Certain Filament Light-Emitting Diodes and Products Containing Same	Notice of a Commission Determination Not To Review Two Initial Determinations Terminating the Investigation Based Upon Withdrawal of the Complaint; Termination of Investigation
337–TA–1197	Certain Portable Gaming Console Systems With Attachable Handheld Controllers and Components Thereof II	Institution of an investigation based on a complaint filed on behalf of Gamevice, Inc. alleging patent infringement
337–TA–1198	Certain Spa Pumps, Jet Pump Housings, Pedicure Spas, Components Thereof, and Products Containing Same	Institution of an investigation based on a complaint and second amended complaint filed on behalf of Luraco Health & Beauty, LLC alleging patent infringement
337–TA–1199	Certain Tobacco Heating Articles and Components Thereof	Institution of an investigation based on a complaint filed on behalf of RAI Strategic Holdings, Inc., R.J. Reynolds Vapor Company, and R.J. Reynolds Tobacco Company alleging patent infringement
337–TA–1200	Certain Electronic Devices, Including Streaming Players, Televisions, Set Top Boxes, Remote Controllers, and Components Thereof	Institution of an investigation based on a complaint as supplemented, filed on behalf of Universal Electronics Inc. alleging patent infringement
337–TA–1201	Certain Liquid Crystal Display Devices, Components Thereof, and Products Containing the Same	Institution of an investigation based on a complaint as supplemented, filed on behalf of Sharp Corporation of Japan and Sharp Electronics Corporation

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

Ref. №	Commodity	Complaint filed on behalf of:
DN 3455	L'ettain Rolled-Edde Ridid Plastic Food Travs	f Clearly Clean Products, LLC and Converter Manufacturing, LLC

## ANTIDUMPING, COUNTERVAILING DUTY AND SAFE-GUARDS 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
C-533-890	I Cartain Oliartz Surtaca Products From India	Final Affirmative CVD Determination and Final Affirmative Determination of Critical Circumstances, In Part
C-489-838	II Artain Ciliarta Silriaca Products From Lilryav	Final Affirmative CVD Determination and Final Affirmative Determination of Critical Circumstances, In Part



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Case №	Merchandise/Country	Action
A-533-889	Certain Quartz Surface Products From India	Final Determination of Sales at LTFV and Final Negative Determination of Critical Circumstances
A-489-837	Certain Quartz Surface Products From Turkey	Final Determination of Sales at LTFV and Final Negative Determination of Critical Circumstances
<u>A-570-880</u>	Barium Carbonate From China	Final Results of the Expedited Third Sunset Review of the ADD Order
A-791-815 A-570-873	Ferrovanadium From South Africa and China	Final Results of the Expedited Third Sunset Reviews of the ADD Orders
<u>A-570-932</u>	Certain Steel Threaded Rod From China	Final Results of ADD Administrative Review and Final Determination of No Shipments; 2018–2019
<u>A-484-803</u>	Large Diameter Welded Pipe From Greece	Preliminary Results of ADD Changed Circumstances Review
<u>A-570-924</u> <u>A-520-803</u>	Polyethylene Terephthalate Film, Sheet and Strip From China and the United Arab Emirates	Final Results of the Expedited Second Sunset Reviews of the ADD Orders
<u>A-570-939</u>	Tow-Behind Lawn Groomers and Certain Parts Thereof From China	Final Results of the Expedited Second Sunset Review of the ADD Order
<u>C-570-011</u>	Certain Crystalline Silicon Photovoltaic Products From	Final Results of the Expedited Sunset Review of the CVD Order
A-533-881 C-533-882	Large Diameter Welded Pipe From India	Final Results of AD and CVD Changed Circumstances Reviews
A-570-010 A-583-853	Crystalline Silicon Photovoltaic Products From China and Taiwan	Final Results of the Expedited First Sunset Reviews of the ADD Orders
A-570-865	Certain Hot-Rolled Carbon Steel Flat Products From China	Final Results of ADD Administrative Review; 2017-2018
C-570-991	Chlorinated Isocyanurates From China	Continuation of CVD Order
<u>A-823-815</u>	Oil Country Tubular Goods From Ukraine	Final Results of the First Five-Year Sunset Review of the ADD Order
<u>A-580-836</u>	Certain Cut-to-Length Carbon-Quality Steel Plate Products From S. Korea	Final Results of ADD Administrative Review; 2018-2019
<u>A-485-805</u>	Certain Small Diameter Carbon and Alloy Seamless Standard, Line and Pressure Pipe From Romania	Preliminary Results of ADD Administrative Review and Preliminary Determination of No Shipments; 2018-2019
<u>A-583-848</u>	Stilbenic Optical Brightening Agents From Taiwan	Preliminary Results of ADD Administrative Review; 2018-2019
<u>A-570-904</u>	Certain Activated Carbon From China	Notice of Court Decision Not in Harmony with Final Results of Administrative Review and Notice of Amended Final Results
<u>A-552-802</u>	Certain Frozen Warmwater Shrimp From Vietnam	Rescission of ADD Administrative Review; 2019-2020
<u>A-428-846</u>	Refillable Stainless Steel Kegs From Germany	Initiation and Preliminary Results of Changed Circumstances Review and Intent to Revoke Order
C-533-868	Welded Stainless Pressure Pipe From India	Rescission of CVD Administrative Review: 2018
<u>A-357-820</u>	Biodiesel From Argentina	Final Results of ADD Changed Circumstances Review
C-357-821	Biodiesel From Argentina	Final Results of CVD Changed Circumstances Review
A-570-920	Lightweight Thermal Paper From China	Rescission of ADD Administrative Review; 2018-201
A-580-905	4 <sup>th</sup> Tier Cigarettes From S. Korea:	Postponement of Preliminary Determination in the LTFV Investigation
<u>C-489-843</u>	Prestressed Concrete Steel Wire Strand From Turkey	Initiation of CVD Investigation
A-357-822 A-301-804 A-729-804	Prestressed Concrete Steel Wire Strand from Argentina, Colombia, Egypt, Indonesia, Italy, Malaysia, the Netherlands, Saudi Arabia,	Initiation of LTFV Investigations



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

Case №	Merchandise/Country	Action
A-560-837 A-475-843 A-557-819 A-421-814 A-517-806 A-791-826 A-469-821 A-583-868 A-723-001 A-489-842 A-823-817	South Africa, Spain, Taiwan, Tunisia, Turkey, Ukraine, and the United Arab Emirates	
A-520-809 A-201-805	Certain Circular Welded Non-Alloy Steel Pipe From Mexico	Rescission of ADD Administrative Review; 2018–2019
<u>A-489-826</u>	Certain Hot-Rolled Steel Flat Products From Turkey	Notice of Court Decision Not in Harmony With the Amended Final Determination in the LTFV Investigation; Notice of Amended Final Determination, Amended ADD Order; Notice of Revocation of ADD Order in Part; and Discontinuation of the 2017–18 and 2018–19 ADD Administrative Reviews, in Part
A-570-042 C-570-043	Stainless Steel Sheet and Strip From China	Initiation of Anti-Circumvention and Scope Inquiries on the ADD and CVD Orders
<u>A-570-918</u>	Steel Wire Garment Hangers From China	Preliminary Results of the ADD Administrative Review and Rescission of Review in Part; 2018–2019
C-525-002 C-351-855 C-533-896 C-489-840	Common Alloy Aluminum Sheet From Bahrain, Brazil, India, and Turkey	Postponement of Preliminary Determinations in the CVD Investigations
<u>C-570-125</u>	Certain Vertical Shaft Engines between 99cc and up to 225cc, and Parts Thereof From China	Postponement of Preliminary Determination in the CVD Investigation
A-570-053 A-570-073 C-570-054 C-570-074	Certain Aluminum Foil and Common Alloy Aluminum Sheet From China	Final Results of ADD Changed Circumstances Reviews and Rescission of CVD Changed Circumstances Reviews
C-570-115	Certain Glass Containers From China	Final Affirmative CVD Determination
A-570-967 C-570-968	Aluminum Extrusions FrChinaom	Notice of Second Amended Final Scope Ruling Pursuant to Court Decision
<u>C-533-894</u>	Forged Steel Fluid End Blocks From India	Preliminary Affirmative CVD Determination, and Alignment of Final Determination With Final ADD Determination
<u>C-428-848</u>	Forged Steel Fluid End Blocks From Germany	Preliminary Affirmative CVD Determination, and Alignment of Final Determination With Final ADD Determination
<u>C-570-116</u>	Forged Steel Fluid End Blocks From China	Preliminary Affirmative CVD Determination, and Alignment of Final Determination With Final ADD Determination
A-351-853 A-570-117	Wood Mouldings and Millwork Products From Brazil and China	Postponement of Preliminary Determinations in the LTFV Investigations
<u>C-475-841</u>	Forged Steel Fluid End Blocks From Italy	Preliminary Affirmative CVD Determination, and Alignment of Final Determination With Final ADD Determination
<u>A-201-836</u>	Light-Walled Rectangular Pipe and Tube From Mexico	Amended Final Results of ADD Administrative Review; 2017-2018
A-533-873	Certain Cold-Drawn Mechanical Tubing of Carbon and Alloy Steel From India	Notice of Court Decision Not in Harmony With Final Determination of Sales at LTFV; Notice of Amended Final Determination Pursuant to Court Decision; and Notice of Revocation of ADD Order, in Part
<u>A-580-908</u> <u>A-583-869</u>	Passenger Vehicle and Light Truck Tires From Korea, Taiwan, Thailand, and Vietnam	Notice of Extension of the Deadline for Determining the Adequacy of the AD and CVD Petitions



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Case №	Merchandise/Country	Action
A-549-842 A-552-828 C-552-829		
<u>A-565-801</u>	Stainless Steel Butt-Weld Pipe Fittings From the Philippines	Rescission of ADD Administrative Review; 2019–2020
<u>A-533-891</u>	Forged Steel Fittings From India	Preliminary Affirmative Determination of Sales at LTFV, Postponement of Final Determination, and Extension of Provisional Measures
<u>A-580-904</u>	Forged Steel Fittings From S. Korea	Preliminary Affirmative Determination of Sales at LTFV, Postponement of Final Determination, and Extension of Provisional Measures



## United States International Trade Commission (USITC)

Inv. №	Merchandise/Country	Action
701–TA–456 731–TA–1151–1152	Citric Acid and Certain Citrate Salts from Canada and China	[SECOND REVIEW] Institution of Five-Year Reviews
701–TA–643 731–TA–1493	Small Vertical Shaft Engines from China	[Preliminary] Determinations that there is a reasonable indication that an industry in the United States is materially injured
731–TA–1229–1230	Monosodium Glutamate From China and Indonesia	[REVIEW] Scheduling of Full Five-Year Reviews
731–TA–1012	Frozen Fish Fillets From Vietnam	[THIRD REVIEW] Scheduling of a Full Five-Year Review
701–TA–512 731–TA–1248	Carbon Steel Wire Rod From China	[REVIEW] Scheduling of Expedited Five-Year Reviews
701–TA–644 731–TA–1494	Non-Refillable Steel Cylinders From China	[Preliminary] Determinations that there is a reasonable indication that an industry in the United States is materially injured
701–TA–510 731– TA–1245	Calcium Hypochlorite From China	[REVIEW] Scheduling of Expedited Five-Year Reviews
731–TA–1125	Electrolytic Manganese Dioxide From China	[SECOND REVIEW] Scheduling of an Expedited Five-Year Review
701–TA–451 731–TA–1126	Lightweight Thermal Paper From China	[SECOND REVIEW] Scheduling of Expedited Five-Year Reviews
701–TA–647 731–TA–1517–1520	Passenger Vehicle and Light Truck Tires From Korea, Taiwan, Thailand, and Vietnam	[PRELIMINARY] Institution of AD and CVD Investigations and Scheduling of Preliminary Phase Investigations
731–TA–1446	Sodium Sulfate Anhydrous From Canada	[FINAL] Determination that an industry in the United States is not materially injured or threatened with material injury, and the establishment of an industry in the United States is not materially retarded
701–TA–645 731–TA–1495–1501	Mattresses from Cambodia, China, Indonesia, Malaysia, Serbia, Thai- land, Turkey, and Vietnam	[PRELIMINARY] Determinations that there is a reasonable indication that an industry in the United States is materially injured
701–TA–449 731–TA– 1118–1121	Light-Walled Rectangular Pipe and Tube From China, Korea, Mexico, and Turkey	[SECOND REVIEW] Cancellation of Hearing for Second Full Five-Year Reviews
701–TA–621 731–TA–1447	Ceramic Tile from China	[FINAL] Determinations that an industry in the United States is materially injured



## Canadian International Trade Tribunal (CITT)

Ref. Number	Merchandise/Country	Action
RD-2019-002	Carbon and Alloy Steel Line Pipe Originating in or Exported From China	Order that the CITT has decided not to conduct an interim review and reasons issued
RR-2020-001	Photovoltaic Modules and Laminates Originating in or Exported From China	Notice of Expiry Review of Finding (E-Registry Pilot Project)
NQ-2019-002	Corrosion-resistant Steel Sheet originating in or exported from Turkey, the United Arab Emirates, and Vietnam	Revised Notice of Commencement of Inquiry
PI-2020-001	Certain hot-rolled carbon steel plate and high-strength low-alloy steel plate origi- nating in or exported from Chinese Tai- pei, Germany, S. Korea, Malaysia and Turkey	Notice of Commencement f Preliminary Injury Inquiry

## Canada Border Services Agency (CBSA)

Ref. Number	Merchandise/CountryT	Action
SML 2020 ER	Dumping and Subsidizing: Certain photovoltaic modules and laminates originating in or exported from China	Notice of initiation of expiry review investigation
RB1 2019 ER	Dumping and subsidizing: Certain concrete reinforcing bar originating in or exported from China, South Korea, and Turkey.	Statement of reasons - Expiry review determinations
OCTG II	Certain oil country tubular goods originating in or exported from Taiwan, India, Indonesia, the Philippines, South Korea, Thailand, Turkey, Ukraine and Vietnam	Notice of conclusion of re-investigations of the normal values and export prices
OCTG II	Certain oil country tubular goods originating in or exported from China	Notice of conclusion of re-investigations
OS 2019 RI	Certain seamless casing originating in or exported from China	Notice of conclusion of re-investigations

## NAFTA Panels

Case Number	Merchandise/Country	Action
USA-CDA-2020- 1904-05	Certain Fabricated Structural Steel from Canada	Notice of Request for Panel Review
USA-MEX-2020- 1904-04	Certain Fabricated Structural Steel from Mexico	Notice of Request for Panel Review



## Mexico - Ministry of Economy

Ref. №	Merchandise/Country	Action
No AD cases		

## European Union

Reference	Merchandise/Country	Action
	9	Commission Implementing Regulation re-imposing the definitive ADD

## European Union

Reference	Merchandise/Country	Action	
	whether declared as originating in Malaysia or not		
2020/C 156/04	Certain rainbow trout originating in Turkey:	Notice concerning the anti-subsidy measures in force: change of name of a company subject to the countervailing duty rate for non-sampled cooperating companies	
2020/C 166/05	Certain hot-rolled flat products of iron, non-alloy or other alloy steel originating in Turkey	Notice of initiation of an anti-dumping proceeding	
(EU) 2020/658	Certain rainbow trout originating in Turkey	Commission Implementing Regulation amending Implementing Regulation imposing a definitive CVD and collecting definitively the provisional duty following an interim review	
(EU) 2020/676	Certain bicycle parts originating in China	Concerning exemptions from the extended ADD	
(EU) 2020/705	Certain heavyweight thermal paper originating in S. Korea	Commission Implementing Regulation imposing a provisional ADD	

# Australian Anti-Dumping Commission

Ref. №	Case №	Merchandise/Country	Action	
2020/042		Rod in coil - China	Expiry Notice for Steel Rod in Coils	
2020/046	<u>528</u>	Hot rolled coil steel - Taiwan	Extension of time to provide SEF and Final Report	
2020/047	<u>529</u>	Hollow structural sections - China, Korea, Malaysia, Taiwan, Thailand	Extension of time	
2020/048	<u>532</u>	Hollow structural sections - Thailand	Extension of time	
2020/049		Various	Monthly Status Report - April 2020	
2020/050	<u>553</u>	Painted steel strapping – China, Vietnam	Initiation of an investigation into alleged dumping and subsidisation	
2020/051	<u>520</u>	Grinding balls - China	Extension of time granted to issue SEF and Final Report	
2020/052		Ammonium nitrate - Estonia , Russia	Expiry Notice for Ammonium Nitrate	
2020/053	527	Resealable can end closures - Malaysia	Extension of time to issue SEF and Final Report REP 527	
2020/054	<u>546</u>	Steel reinforcing bar - Korea, Singapore, Spain, Taiwan	Extension of time to issue the Statement of Essential Facts and Final Report	
2020/055	<u>548</u>	Kraft paperboard - USA	Day 60 Status Report	

## China Ministry of Commerce (MOFCOM)

Ref. №	Merchandise/Country	Action
MOFCOM Ann. № 9, 2020	High-temperature Bearing Alloy Steel Seamless Steel Pipes Originating in the United States and the European Union	Ruling of the Final Review of AD Measures
MOFCOM Ann. № 14, 2020	Barley Originating in Australia	Final Ruling of the AD Investigation
MOFCOM Ann. № 15, 2020	Barley Originating in Australia	Final Ruling of the CVD Investigation
MOFCOM Ann. № 21, 2020	Solar Grade Polysilicon Originating in S. Korea and USA	Inheriting the Tax Rates Applied in AD Measures
MOFCOM Ann. № 17, 2020	Polyphenylene Sulfide Originating in Japan, the USA, S. Korea and Malaysia	Postponement of Anti-dumping Investigation
MOFCOM Ann. № 18, 2020	Tetrachloroethylene Originating in the European Union and the United States	Final Review of AD Measures



## Government of India Ministry of Finance (Department of Revenue)

Notification №	Merchandise/Country	Action
08/2020-Cus (ADD) 19-05-20	Sodium Citrate originating in or exported from China PR	Imposes ADD for a period of 5 years
09/2020-Cus (ADD) 27-05-20	Electronic Calculators of all types excluding calculators with attached printers, commonly referred to as printing calculators, calculators with ability to plot charts and graphs, commonly referred to as graphing calculators and programmable calculators originating in or exported from China PR	Imposes ADD for a period of 5 years
10/2020-Cus (ADD) 29-05-20	Acrylic Fibre originating in or exported from Thailand	Extends ADD for a further period of six months upto 30 November, 2020



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

File № and Date	Merchandise/Country	Action		
INITIATIONS				
6/8/2020-DGTR 09-05-20	Natural Mica based Pearl Industrial Pigments excluding cosmetic grade originating in or export from China PR	Initiates AD Investigation		
7/11/2020-DGTR 11-05-20	Phthalic Anhydride originating in or exported from Russia and Japan	Initiates Sunset Review of AD Investigation		
6/9/2020-DGTR 11-05-20	Plain Medium Density Fibre Board having thickness 6 mm and above produced by M/s Kim Tin MDF Joint Stock Company, Vietnam	Initiates AD Investigation		
7/15/2020-DGTR 20-05-20	Carbon Black used in Rubber Applications originating in or exported from China PR and Russia	Initiates Sunset Review Investigation		
6/10/2020-DGTR 21-05-20	Polyester Yarn (Polyester Spun Yarn) from China PR, Indonesia, Nepal and Vietnam	Initiates AD Investigation		
6/16/2020-DGTR 21-05-20	Phthalic Anhydride (PAN) originating in or exported from China PR, Indonesia, Korea RP and Thailand	Initiates AD Investigation		
6/18/2020-DGTR 26-05-20	Acrylonitrile Butadiene Rubber originating in or exported from China PR, European Union, Japan and Russia.	Initiates AD Investigation		
06/20/2020-DGTR 27-05-20	Rubber Chemical PX-13 originating in or exported from China PR, Korea RP and the USA	Initiates AD Investigation		
	ORAL HEARINGS			
7/18/2019-DGTR 04-05-20	Acrylic Fibre originating in and exported from Thai-	Schedules oral hearing in Sunset Review of AD Investigation on 8 May, 2020		
7/18/2019-DGTR 06-05-20	land	Reschedules oral hearing in Sunset Review of AD Investigation on 13 May, 2020		
6/25/2019-DGTR 04-05-20	Acrylic Fibre originating in or exported from Belarus,	Schedules oral hearing in AD Investigation on 8 May, 2020		
6/25/2019-DGTR 06-05-20	European Union, Peru and Ukraine	Reschedules oral hearing in AD Investigation on 13 May, 2020		
22/5/2019-DGTR 07-05-20	Import of Single Mode Optical Fibre in to India	Schedules oral hearing in Safeguard Investigation on 12 May, 2020		
6/23/2019-DGTR 08-05-20	Faced Glass Wool in Rolls originating in or exported from China PR	Schedules oral hearing in AD Investigation on 14 May, 2020		



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

File № and Date	Merchandise/Country	Action	
7/25/2019-DGTR 08-05-20	Phenol originating in or exported from South Africa	Schedules oral hearing in Sunset Review of AD Investigation on 14 May, 2020	
7/28/2019-DGTR 08-05-20	Phosphoric Acid of all grades and concentrations (excluding Agriculture/ Fertilizer) originating in or exported from Korea RP	Schedules oral hearing in Sunset Review of AD Investigation on 14 May, 2020	
6/18/2019-DGTR 09-05-20	Choline Chloride in all forms originating in or exported from China PR, Malaysia and Vietnam	Schedules oral hearing in AD Investigation on 15 May, 2020	
7/26/2019-DGTR 21-05-20	Woven Fabric (having more than 50% Flax content) commonly known as Flax Fabric originating in or exported from China PR and Hong Kong	Schedules oral hearing in Sunset Review of AD Investigation on 28 May, 2020	
22/06/2019-DGTR 22-05-20	Imports of Isopropyl Alcohol into India	Schedules oral hearing in Safeguard (Quantitative Restrictions) Investigation on 28 May, 2020	
7/24/2019-DGTR 22-05-20	Measuring Tapes originating in or exported from China PR	Schedules oral hearing in AD Investigation on 26 May, 2020	
6/25/2019-DGTR 27-05-20	Acrylic Fibre originating in or exported from Belarus, European Union, Peru and Ukraine	Re-Schedules oral hearing in AD Investigation on 28 May, 2020	
22/6/2019-DGTR 27-05-20	Imports of Isopropyl Alcohol into India	Re-schedules oral hearing in Safeguard (Quantitative Restrictions) Investigation on 10 June, 2020	
	FINAL FINDINGS		
6/7/2019-DGTR 15-05-20	Digital Offset Printing Plates originating in or exported from China PR, Japan, Korea RP, Taiwan and Vietnam	Final Findings issued in AD Investigation	
	OTHERS		
04-05-20	Acrylic Fibre originating in and exported from Thailand	Notifies registered interested parties in Sunset Review of AD Investigation	
04-05-20	Acrylic Fibre originating in or exported from Belarus, European Union, Peru and Ukraine	Notifies registered interested parties in AD Investigation	
08-05-20	Phenol originating in or exported from South Africa	Notifies registered interested parties in Sunset Review of AD Investigation	
<u>08-05-20</u>	Phosphoric Acid of all grades and concentrations (excluding Agriculture/ Fertilizer) originating in or exported from Korea RP	Notifies registered interested parties in Sunset Review of AD Investigation	
07/07/2020-DGTR 08-05-20	Polytetrafluoroethylene (PTFE) originating in or exported from Russia being circumvented by imports of Polytetrafluoroethylene exported from Korea RP	Terminates Anti-Circumvention Investigation	
7/6/2020-DGTR 09-05-20	Plain Medium Density Fibre Board originating in or exported from China PR, Malaysia, New Zealand, Thailand and Sri Lanka	Time for filing questionnaire response in Sunset Review of AD Investigation extended until 18 May, 2020	
6/41/2019-DGTR 09-05-20	Viscose Spun Yarn originating in or exported from China PR, Indonesia and Vietnam	Time for filing questionnaire response in AD Investigation extended until 20 May, 2020	
6/40/2019-DGTR 09-05-20	Newsprint in rolls or sheets, excluding glazed newsprint, originating in or exported from Australia, Canada, European Union, Hong Kong, Russia, Singapore and United Arab Emirates	Time for filing questionnaire response in AD Investigation extended until 20 May, 2020	
6/6/2020-DGTR 09-05-20	Black Toner in powder form originating in or exported from China PR, Malaysia and Taiwan	Time for filing questionnaire response in AD Investigation extended until 20 May, 2020	
09-05-20	Choline Chloride in all forms originating in or exported from China PR, Malaysia and Vietnam	Notifies registered interested parties in AD Investigation	
6/3/2020-DGTR 11-05-20	Phenol originating in or exported from Thailand and the USA	Time for filing questionnaire response in AD Investigation extended until 20 May, 2020	



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

File № and Date	Merchandise/Country	Action	
22/8/2019-DGTR 11-05-20	Phthalic Anhydride imported into India from Korea RP under India-Korea Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement (Bilateral Safeguard Measures) Rules, 2017	Preliminary findings issued in Bilateral Safeguard Investigation	
22/7/2019-DGTR 12-05-20	Polybutadiene Rubber imported into India from Korea RP under India-Korea Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement (Bilateral Safeguard Measures) Rules, 2017	Preliminary findings issued in Bilateral Safeguard Investigation	
22/5/2019-DGTR 20-05-20	Import of Single Mode Optical Fibre into India	Time for completing Safeguard Investigation extended until 22 August, 2020	
6/6/2020-DGTR 20-05-20	Black Toner in powder form originating in or exported from China PR, Malaysia and Taiwan	Time for filing questionnaire response in AD Investigation extended until 10 June, 2020	
354/51/2020-TRU 22-05-20	Phthalic Anhydride imported into India from Korea RP under India-Korea Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement (Bilateral Safeguard Measures) Rules, 2017	Time for completing Bilateral Safeguard Investigation extended until 30 September, 2020	
22-05-20	Measuring Tapes originating in or exported from China PR	Notifies registered interested parties in AD Investigation	
22-05-20	Natural Mica based Pearl Industrial Pigments excluding cosmetic grade originating in or export from China PR	Notifies registered interested parties in AD Investigation	
<u>26-05-20</u>	Woven Fabric (having more than 50% Flax content) commonly known as Flax Fabric originating in or exported from China PR and Hong Kong	Notifies registered interested parties in Sunset Review of AD Investigation	
27-05-20	Viscose Spun Yarn originating in or exported from China PR, Indonesia and Vietnam	Notifies registered interested parties in AD Investigation	
6/1/2020-DGTR 27-05-20	Self-Adhesive Polyvinyl Chloride originating in or exported from China PR	Notifies registered interested parties in AD Investigation and directs interested parties to email Non-Confidential Version of submissions filed and future submissions to other interested parties with copy to the Investigation Team.	
7/3/2020-DGTR 27-05-20	Fluoroelastomers originating in or exported from China PR	Notifies registered interested parties in Sunset Review of AD Investigation and directs interested parties to email Non-Confidential Version of submissions filed and future submissions to other interested parties with copy to the Investigation Team.	



## Argentina Ministry of Productive Development

Ref. Number	Merchandise/Country	Action
Res. 205/2020 RESOL-2020-205-APN-MDP	Certain wheeled bicycles and parts from China and Chinese Taipei	Expiry review
Res. 72/2020 RESOL-2020-72-APN-SIECYGCE# MDP	Expandable Polystyrene in Granules originating in China and Chinese Taipei	Investigation



## Brazil Ministry of Development, Industry and Trade

Reference	Merchandise/Country	Action
		Changes the terms that will serve as a parameter for the rest of the review of the AD measure



## Brazil Ministry of Development, Industry and Trade

Reference	Merchandise/Country	Action	
SECEX Cir. 26	Flat-rolled silicon steel, called magnetic, of non- oriented grains (GNO steel), originating in China, S. Korea, Chinese Taipei and Germany	Makes public the request for suspension of ADD which have changed amounts for reasons of public interest	
SECEX Cir. 27	Carbon steel tubes (NCM 7304.19.00), originating in Ukraine	Makes public the deadlines that will serve as a parameter for the rest of the review of the AD measure and decides not to start assessing the public interest	
SECEX Cir. 28	Phthalic anhydride originating in Israel and Russia	Investigation of dumping practices ends without analysis of merit	
SECEX Cir. 30	Plastic tubes for vacuum blood collection originating in the USA, the UK, Germany and China	Starts review of the ADD	
SECEX Cir. 31	New rubber tires, of radial construction, of the types used in buses and trucks ("Cargo Tires"), rims 20 ", 22" and 22.5 "(NCM 4011.20.90), originating in China	Starts review of the ADD <u>Correction published 11-05-20</u>	
CAMEX Res. 35	Ferrite magnets in the form of a segment (arc), originating in China and South Korea	Public interest assessment ends with suspension of the enforceability of the current anti-dumping measures	
CAMEX Res. 38	Polyvinyl chloride resin obtained by means of a suspension process originating in China and S. Korea	Alters the definitive AD right approved by Camex Resolution No. 68, of August 14, 2014.	
SECEX Cir. 33	Certain films, plates, sheets, films, strips and sheets, biaxially oriented, made of poly (ethylene terephthalate) originating in China, Egypt and India	Starts review of the ADD	
SECEX Cir. 34	Citric acid, sodium citrate, potassium citrate, calcium citrate and their mixtures from China	Makes public the update of the price commitment from certain manufacturers/exporters	



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### Opportunity to Request Administrative Review

In a May 1, 2020 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 May anniversary dates:

AD/CVD Proceedings - Country/ Merchandise	Case No.	Period
Antidumping Duty Proced	edings	
AUSTRIA: Carbon and Alloy Steel Cut-To-Length Plate	A-433-812	5/1/19 - 4/30/20
BELGIUM: Carbon and Alloy Steel Cut-To-Length Plate	A-423-812	5/1/19 - 4/30/20
Stainless Steel Plate in Coils	A-423-808	5/1/19 - 4/30/20
BRAZIL: Iron Construction Castings	A-351-503	5/1/19 - 4/30/20
CANADA: Citric Acid and Certain Citrate Salts	A-122-853	5/1/19 - 4/30/20
Large Diameter Welded Pipe	A-122-863	8/27/18 - 4/30/20
Polyethylene Terephthalate Resin	A-122-855	5/1/19 - 4/30/20
FRANCE: Carbon and Alloy Steel Cut-To-Length Plate	A-427-828	5/1/19 - 4/30/20
GERMANY: Carbon and Alloy Steel Cut-To-Length Plate	A-428-844	5/1/19 - 4/30/20
GREECE: Large Diameter Welded Pipe	A-484-803	8/27/18 - 4/30/20
INDIA: Polyethylene Terephthalate Resin	A-533-861	5/1/19 - 4/30/20
Certain Welded Carbon Steel Standard Pipes		
and Tubes	A-533-502	5/1/19 - 4/30/20
Silicomanganese	A-533-823	5/1/19 - 4/30/20
INDONESIA: Polyethylene Retail Carrier Bags	A-560-822	5/1/19 - 4/30/20
ITALY: Carbon and Alloy Steel Cut-To-Length Plate	A-475-834	5/1/19 - 4/30/20
Carbon and Alloy Steel Wire Rod	A-475-836	5/1/19 - 4/30/20

AD/CVD Proceedings - Country/ Merchandise	Case No.	Period	
JAPAN: Carbon and Alloy Steel Cut-To-Length Plate	A-588-875	5/1/19 - 4/30/20	
Diffusion-Annealed Nickel-Plated Flat-Rolled Steel	A 500 000	F /4 /4 0 4 /00 /00	
Products Croy Portland Coment and Coment Clinker	A-588-869	5/1/19 - 4/30/20	
Gray Portland Cement and Cement Clinker KAZAKHSTAN: Silicomanganese	A-588-815 A-834-807	5/1/19 - 4/30/20 5/1/19 - 4/30/20	
OMAN: Polyethylene Terephthalate Resin	A-523-810	5/1/19 - 4/30/20	
S. KOREA: Ferrovanadium	A-580-886	5/1/19 - 4/30/20	
Carbon and Alloy Steel Cut-To-Length Plate	A-580-887	5/1/19 - 4/30/20	
Carbon and Alloy Steel Wire Rod	A-580-891	5/1/19 - 4/30/20	
Large Diameter Welded Pipe	A-580-897	8/27/18 - 4/30/20	
Polyester Staple Fiber	A-580-839	5/1/19 - 4/30/20	
SR of VIETNAM: Polyethylene Retail Carrier Bags	A-552-806	5/1/19 - 4/30/20	
SOUTH AFRICA: Stainless Steel Plate in Coils	A-791-805	5/1/19 - 4/30/20	
SPAIN: Carbon and Alloy Steel Wire Rod	A-469-816	5/1/19 - 4/30/20	
TAIWAN: Carbon and Alloy Steel Cut-To-Length Plate	A-583-858	5/1/19 - 4/30/20	
Certain Circular Welded Carbon Steel Pipes and Tubes		5/1/19 - 4/30/20	
Polyester Staple Fiber Polyethylene Retail Carrier Bags	A-583-833 A-583-843	5/1/19 - 4/30/20 5/1/19 - 4/30/20	
Stainless Steel Plate in Coil	A-583-830	5/1/19 - 4/30/20	
Stilbenic Optical Brightening Agents	A-583-848	5/1/19 - 4/30/20	
PR of CHINA: Aluminum Extrusions	A-570-967	5/1/19 - 4/30/20	
1-Hydroxyethylidene-1, 1-Diphoshonic Acid (HEDP)	A-570-045	5/1/19 - 4/30/20	
Cast Iron Soil Pipe	A-570-079	8/31/18 - 4/30/20	
Carton-Closing Staples	A-570-055	5/1/19 - 4/30/20	
Certain Steel Wheels	A-570-082	10/30/18 - 4/30/20	
Circular Welded Carbon Quality Steel Line Pipe	A-570-935	5/1/19 - 4/30/20	
Citric Acid and Certain Citrate Salts	A-570-937	5/1/19 - 4/30/20	
Iron Construction Casting	A-570-502	5/1/19 - 4/30/20	
Oil Country Tubular Goods Polyethylene Terephthalate Resin	A-570-943 A-570-024	5/1/19 - 4/30/20 5/1/19 - 4/30/20	
Pure Magnesium	A-570-024 A-570-832	5/1/19 - 4/30/20	
Stilbenic Optical Brightening Agents	A-570-972	5/1/19 - 4/30/20	
TURKEY: Carbon and Alloy Steel Wire Rod	A-489-831	5/1/19 - 4/30/20	
Circular Welded Carbon Steel Pipes and Tubes	A-489-501	5/1/19 - 4/30/20	
Large Diameter Welded Pipe	A-489-833	8/27/18 - 4/30/20	
Light-Walled Rectangular Pipe and Tube	A-489-815	5/1/19 - 4/30/20	
UNITED ARAB EMIRATES: Certain Steel Nails	A-520-804	5/1/19 - 4/30/20	
UNITED KINGDOM: Carbon and Alloy Steel Wire Rod	A-412-826	5/1/19 - 4/30/20	
VENEZUELA: Silicomanganese	A-307-820	5/1/19 - 4/30/20	
Countervailing Duty Procee	C-351-504	1/1/19 - 12/31/19	
BRAZIL: Iron Construction Castings INDIA: Polyethylene Terephthalate Resin	C-533-862	1/1/19 - 12/31/19	
ITALY: Carbon and Alloy Steel Wire Rod	C-475-837	1/1/19 - 12/31/19	
S. KOREA: Carbon and Alloy Steel Cut-To-Length Plate	C-580-888	1/1/19 - 12/31/19	
Large Diameter Welded Pipe	C-580-898	6/29/18 - 12/31/19	
SR of VIETNAM: Polyethylene Retail Carrier Bags	C-552-805	1/1/19 - 12/31/19	
SOUTH AFRICA: Stainless Steel Plate in Coils	C-791-806	1/1/19 - 12/31/19	
PR of CHINA: Aluminum Extrusions	C-570-968	1/1/19 - 12/31/19	
1-Hydroxyethylidene-1, 1-Diphoshonic Acid (HEDP)	C-570-046	1/1/19 - 12/31/19	
Cast Iron Soil Pipe	C-570-080	7/2/18 - 12/31/19	
Certain Steel Wheels	C-570-083	8/31/18 - 12/31/19	
Citric Acid and Certain Citrate Salts	C-570-938	1/1/19 - 12/31/19	
Polyethylene Terephthalate Resin TURKEY: Carbon and Alloy Steel Wire Rod	C-570-025 C-489-832	1/1/19 - 12/31/19 1/1/19 - 12/31/19	
Large Diameter Welded Pipe	C-489-837	8/27/18 – 12/31/19	
Steel Concrete Reinforcing Bar	C-489-819	1/1/18 - 12/31/18	
Suspension Agreement			
None			

### Requested Reviews

In a May 6, 2020 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 March anniversary dates. See actual notices for companies requesting review:

AD/CVD Proceedings - Country/ Merchandise	Case No.	Period				
Antidumping Duty Proceedings						
BRAZIL: Certain Uncoated Paper,	A-351-842	3/1/19-2/29/20				
PORTUGAL: Uncoated Paper,	A-471-807	3/1/19-2/29/20				
THAILAND: Circular Welded Carbon Steel Pipes						
and Tubes,	A-549-502	3/1/19-2/29/20				
PR of CHINA: Certain Amorphous Silica Fabric,	A-570-038	3/1/19-2/29/20				
Glycine,	A-570-836	3/1/19-2/29/20				
Certain Frozen Warmwater Shrimp,	A-570-893	2/1/19–1/31/20				
Countervailing Duty Proceedings						
INDIA: Certain New Pneumatic Off-The-Road Tires,	C-533-870	1/1/19-12/31/19				
INDIA: Fine Denier Polyester Staple Fiber,	C-533-876	1/1/19-12/31/19				
PR of CHINA: Certain Amorphous Silica Fabric,	C-570-039	1/1/19-12/31/19				
TURKEY: Circular Welded Carbon Steel Pipes and Tubes	C-489-502	1/1/19–12/31/19				
Suspension Agreements						
None						

#### Initiation of Sunset Reviews

In a May 1, 2020, *Federal Register* <u>notice</u>, 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-122-853	731-TA-1151	Canada	Citric Acid and Certain Citrate Salts (2 <sup>nd</sup> Rev.)
A-570-937	731-TA-1152	China	Citric Acid and Certain Citrate Salts (2 <sup>nd</sup> Rev.)
C-570-938	701-TA-456	China	Citric Acid and Certain Citrate Salts (2 <sup>nd</sup> Rev.)

### Advance Notification of Sunset Reviews

In a May 1, 2020, *Federal Register* <u>notice</u>, the US Department of Commerce advised that the following cases were scheduled for five-year ("Sunset") reviews for June 2020.

AD/CVD Proceedings - Merchandise/Country	Case No.			
Antidumping Duty Proceedings				
Steel Nails from Malaysia	A-557-815 (1st Review)			
Steel Nails from Oman	A-523-808 (1st Review)			
Steel Nails from S. Korea	A-580-874 (1st Review)			
Steel Nails from Vietnam	A-552-818 (1st Review)			
Steel Nails from Taiwan	A-583-854 (1st Review)			
Countervailing Duty Proceedings				
Steel Nails from Vietnam	C-552-819 (1st Review)			
Suspended Investigations				
No Sunset Review of suspended investigations is scheduled for initiation in June 2020				



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