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World Trade Organization (WTO)

WTO members fix dates for Astana Ministerial Conference

WTO members have [agreed](#) that the organization's next Ministerial Conference will take place from 8 to 11 June 2020 in Astana, Kazakhstan. The dates were endorsed at an 18 October meeting of the WTO's General Council.

The General Council [agreed on 26 July](#) to accept Kazakhstan's offer to host the 12th Ministerial Conference in the Kazakh capital. Director-General Roberto Azevêdo met with President Nazarbayev of Kazakhstan in Astana on 27 September, where they reviewed preparations for the Ministerial Conference.

The Ministerial Conference is the WTO's top decision-making body and the [Marrakesh Agreement](#) establishing the organization instructs members to hold one at least every two years. The event is attended by trade ministers and other senior officials from the organization's 164 members.

The previous Ministerial Conference (MC11) was held in [Buenos Aires](#) in December 2017.

The full list of items for discussion at the General Council can be found [here](#).

Australia accepted into Government Procurement Agreement

The WTO [announced](#) that on 17 October 2018, parties to the WTO plurilateral Government Procurement Agreement (GPA) unanimously approved a decision to welcome Australia as the 48th WTO member to be covered by the Agreement. Australia will officially become a GPA party 30 days after submitting its Instrument of Accession to the WTO's Director-General.

Australia will accede to the Agreement based on the terms set out in its final market access offer, which all GPA parties approved. This outlines to what extent Australia commits to opening its government procurement market to the current GPA parties. Preliminary calculations suggest that Australia's overall government procurement markets are worth AUD 110 billion (USD 78 billion), meaning that Australia's accession will add significantly to the current USD 1.7 trillion worth of government procurement covered by the Agreement.

Australia will submit its Instrument of Accession within a period of one year following the Committee's decision, after having ratified the decision domestically. Australia initiated negotiations to join the Agreement three years ago, in September 2015.

The GPA aims to open up, in a reciprocal manner and to the extent agreed between WTO members, government procurement markets to foreign competition, and make government procurement more transparent. It provides legal guarantees of non-discrimination for the products, services or suppliers of GPA parties in procurement covered by the Agreement. The GPA is a plurilateral agreement — potentially open to all WTO members and binding only the parties to the Agreement. Currently, [47 WTO members](#) (including the EU and its 28 member states) are bound by the Agreement.

Progress on the United Kingdom's GPA accession

The WTO [announced](#) that at the 17 October 2018, meeting, GPA parties reviewed the UK's revised market access offer as part of its bid to join the GPA in its own right after its departure from the European Union. All GPA parties that spoke expressed a clear desire that the UK continue to participate in the Agreement in a seamless manner post-Brexit, on terms that are mutually acceptable.

The UK made clear that it intends to update its proposed GPA schedules of commitments within three months of their coming into effect, using the [procedures set out in the Agreement](#). Many parties said they can already approve, in principle, the UK's accession (in some cases subject to related conditions). Others called on the UK to pro-

vide further clarity on its eventual coverage and/or to address other concerns before the accession can be concluded. The UK's accession will be further considered at the Committee's end-of-year formal meeting, scheduled for 27 November.

Under negotiation is a government procurement market worth at least GBP 67 billion (USD 88 billion), the UK said at the Committee's [meeting](#) in June (based on 2013 figures).

The UK launched its GPA negotiations in June by submitting to parties an initial market access offer and replies to a checklist on its national government procurement legislation. As an EU member, the UK has been participating in the GPA for over 20 years.

Trade Policy Review: Vanuatu

The first review of the trade policies and practices of Vanuatu took place on 23 and 25 October 2018. The basis for the review was a [report by the WTO Secretariat](#) and a [report by the Government of Vanuatu](#).

Recent disputes

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

DS. No.	Case Name	Date
DS 567	Saudi Arabia, Kingdom of — Measures concerning the Protection of Intellectual Property Rights – Request for consultations by Qatar	04-10-18
DS 568	China - Certain Measures Concerning Imports of Sugar - Request for consultations by Brazil	22-10-18
DS 569	Armenia - Anti-Dumping Measures on Steel Pipes - Request for consultations by Ukraine	
DS 570	Kyrgyz Republic - Anti-Dumping Measures on Steel Pipes - Request for consultations by Ukraine	

DSB activities

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

DS No.	Case Name	Activity	Date
DS538	Pakistan — Anti-Dumping Measures on Biaxially Oriented Polypropylene Film from the United Arab Emirates (Complainant: UAE)	DSB agreed to establish a panel.	29-10-18
DS553	Korea — Sunset Review of Anti-Dumping Duties on Stainless Steel Bars (Complainant: Japan)		
DS475	Russian Federation — Measures on the Importation of Live Pigs, Pork and Other Pig Products from the European Union (Complainant: EU)	EU's first request for a panel declined by Russian Federation	
DS542	China — Certain Measures Concerning the Protection of Intellectual Property Rights (Complainant: US)	US' first request for panel declined by China	
DS544 DS548 DS550 DS551	United States — Certain Measures on Steel and Aluminium Products (Complainants: China, the European Union, Canada, Mexico, Norway, Russia and Turkey)	First requests by China, the European Union, Canada, Mexico, Norway, Russia and	

DS No.	Case Name	Activity	Date
DS552 DS554 DS564		Turkey for panels declined by US	
DS557	Canada — Additional Duties on Certain Products from the United States (Complainant: US)	First requests by US for panels declined by Canada, China, EU, and Mexico	
DS558	China — Additional Duties on Certain Products from the United States (Complainant: US)		
DS559	European Union — Additional Duties on Certain Products from the United States (Complainant: US)		
DS560	Mexico — Additional Duties on Certain Products from the United States (Complainant: US)		
DS513	Morocco — Anti-Dumping Measures on Certain Hot-Rolled Steel from Turkey (Complainant: Turkey)	Panel report issued	31-10-18

TBT Notifications

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

World Customs Organization (WCO)

62nd Session of the WCO Harmonized System Committee (HSC)

The WCO [announced](#) that the Harmonized System Committee (HSC) held its 62nd Session from 17 to 28 September 2018 at WCO Headquarters in Brussels. The session was attended by more than 170 participants representing 85 Contracting Parties to the HS Convention, one WCO Member administration and four international and regional organizations.

During his opening address Mr. Ping LIU, Director for the Tariff and Trade Affairs Directorate, welcomed the new Arabic and Portuguese speaking delegates and interpreters. In addition to the four languages normally used at the HSC (English and French as official languages, Spanish and Russian as working languages), HSC/62 would also be interpreted into Arabic and Portuguese: the first WCO meeting of a two-year pilot project on the use of additional languages at WCO working bodies.

The Director also informed the Committee about the imminent launch of a new project, “Harmonizing the classification of goods based on WCO standards to enhance African trade”. This project, initiated and funded by the EU and implemented by the WCO, aimed to contribute to the establishment of the African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA), which was launched in March 2018, and assist beneficiary African countries to not only implement and apply the HS 2022 edition, but build the capacity to successfully apply future editions, autonomously and on time, in line with the requirements of HS Convention and the needs of international and regional agreements.

Concerning the WCO Council Recommendation regarding the amendment to Article 8 of the HS Convention, to restrict the number of reservations that can be entered in respect of HSC decisions to two, Mr. Ping LIU indicated if no objections are received by

the expiry of the reservation period (12 January 2019), the amendments shall enter into force on 1 January 2021.

The 62nd Session of the HSC was an exceptionally productive meeting. The Committee took 43 classification decisions related to products covered by the HS Nomenclature, including a novel tobacco product, several petroleum products and a quadrocoper, adopted three sets of amendments to the current Explanatory Notes and approved 21 new Classification Opinions.

As part of the work to prepare the Seventh Edition of the HS (HS 2022), the HSC provisionally adopted 16 sets of amendments to the Nomenclature (encompassing a large number of amendments and new provisions) and two sets of amendments to the future Explanatory Notes. Products of importance to trade such as light-emitting diode (LED) products and solar energy products, as well as those important for regulation such as Montreal Protocol gasses, will benefit from improved representation in the HS.

Announcements and news releases [dd-mm-yy]

Date	Title
01-10-18	WCO and UPU Support Latin American Region to Strengthen Customs-Postal Cooperation
02-10-18	The WCO Harmonized System Committee (HSC) held its 62nd Session from 17 to 28 September 2018 at WCO Headquarters in Brussels
	WCO begins the process of drafting its next Strategic Plan
03-10-18	WCO at International Law Enforcement Intellectual Property Crime Conference in Dubai
04-10-18	WCO prepares forward capacity building support to Zambia on key Trade Facilitation topics
	Global Security Conference: three-year anniversary of the Punta Cana Resolution
05-10-18	The first WCO accreditation workshop for Mercator Programme Advisors (MPAs) in the MENA region
	Signature of a WCO-FIATA Cooperation Agreement
	EAC Customs Administrations successfully undertake AEO peer validation reviews
08-10-18	Signing ceremony for the HS Programme in Africa between the EU and the WCO
	WTO PUBLIC FORUM 2018: WCO session on latest technologies and Customs
10-10-18	WCO hands over Raman Spectrometers to National Board of Revenue Bangladesh
	Strategic Trade Control Enforcement (STCE) workshop in Chile
11-10-18	21st RILO Western Europe National Contact Points Meeting (RILO WE NCP Meeting)
	WCO PICARD research conference successfully concludes in Malatya, Turkey
12-10-18	Working towards more Coordinated Border Management in the Bahamas
	Tongan Revenue and Customs joins the WCO Mercator Programme
	WCO host Women in Trade Network Brussels
15-10-18	The Data Model Projects Team concluded the new version of the WCO Data Model at its October 2018 meeting
	WCO Supports the Bahamas on Customs Valuation
	Enhancement of cooperation with Turkmenistan
	Working Group on E-Commerce makes another stride forward on Cross-Border E-Commerce
	WCO Strategic Plan 2019/2022: Consultation with the Americas and Caribbean region
16-10-18	WCO supports Bahamas Customs in developing a pool of Origin Trainers
	COPES National Workshop held in Cotonou
	WCO prioritizes forward capacity building support to Guyana on strategic Trade Facilitation themes
	WCO and OSCE to strengthen co-operation in helping States to address emerging and evolving security threats

Date	Title
17-10-18	An advanced Customs valuation workshop for Rwanda
	6th WCO Customs Laboratory Programme kick-started
	Latest edition of WCO News now available
18-10-18	Successful Conclusion of the 8th Meeting of HR and Training Managers of Customs Administrations in the West and Central Africa Region
	ROCB West and Central Africa and Côte d'Ivoire Customs make progress towards modern management techniques
19-10-18	PSCG discusses key topics during its meeting at WCO Headquarters
22-10-18	SAFE Working Group kicks off 2021 cycle with a futuristic agenda
23-10-18	The WCO leads the discussions on a "Customs of the Future" model as part of the comprehensive review of the Revised Kyoto Convention
	High-Level Conference on Respect for Intellectual Property Opens in South Africa
24-10-18	Council of Europe Pompidou Group - 2018 Meeting of the International Precursors Network
25-10-18	WCO supports Burundi's efforts to enhance its Risk Management
	WCO Strategic Plan 2019/2022: Consultation with the East and Southern Africa Region
	WCO participates in TIACA's International Air Cargo Forum and Exhibition 2018 in Toronto
26-10-18	10th TFA Working Group meeting agrees on its monitoring role for the future
	Customs-Tax cooperation highlighted at the Lisbon Tax Summit
29-10-18	Jordan Customs builds its Project Management capacity
30-10-18	Republic of Kazakhstan State Revenue Committee adopts new roadmap to support WTO TFA implementation
31-10-18	WCO Sub Regional Passenger Controls Workshop - Jakarta Indonesia

Other International Matters and Regional FTAs

Comprehensive and Progressive Agreement for the Trans-Pacific Partnership (CPTPP)

CPTPP ratified by New Zealand, Canada and Australia – to enter into force on 30 December 2018

On 25 October 2018, New Zealand formally [ratified](#) the *Comprehensive and Progressive Agreement for the Trans-Pacific Partnership* (CPTPP) bringing the number of ratifications to four. Canada cleared its last legislative hurdle when the Senate approved it on October 25 and Royal Assent was given the same day. Canada became the fifth to ratify when it [notified New Zealand of its ratification](#) on October 29, 2018. The Australian House and Senate also approved it and sent it to the Governor General who has given Royal Assent. Australia brought the number of ratifications to six by [notifying New Zealand of its ratification](#) on October 31, 2018. The CPTPP will enter into force 60 days after six countries ratify the deal. Ratification occurs after a notice of ratification has been [filed with the CPTPP Depository country - New Zealand](#), so the CPTPP will enter into force on 30 December 2018 for those signatories who have ratified it. Japan, Mexico and Singapore were the first to ratify the CPTPP. Brunei, Chile, Malaysia, Peru and Vietnam are the remaining signatories. Vietnam is expected to ratify it in November. The CPTPP incorporates most of the *Trans-Pacific Partnership* (TPP) provisions by reference, but suspended 22 provisions the United States favored that other countries opposed, and lowered the threshold for enactment so the participation of the U.S. is not required. The TPP was signed on 4 February 2016, but never entered into force as a result of the withdrawal of the United States. The US had pushed for the original TPP under President Obama's ad-

ministration, but President Trump withdrew from the agreement in January 2017, shortly after being sworn-in.

CPTPP Product Specific Rules of Origin: Identifying Opportunities for your Business

The *Comprehensive and Progressive Agreement for the Trans-Pacific Partnership* (CPTPP) is moving forward and has gained momentum recently as Japan, Singapore New Zealand and Mexico have formally ratified the 11-party agreement and Canada's and Australia's legislation has passed both house of Parliament and already received Royal Assent. As indicated above. It will enter into force on 30 December for those who have ratified it.

Even after the US withdrawal from the deal in January 2018, the agreement will enter into force by the end of 2018. And although there are already a number of FTAs in place among certain members of the CPTPP, this Mega-FTA, unprecedented in scale, is expected to have influence not only among the members, but also will impact globalization and potentially leave non-members behind.

In order to gain benefits for the preferential duty treatment, goods must meet the rules of origin (ROO). To be considered an originating product, it must be (i) produced exclusively of originating materials, (ii) either wholly obtained or produced in one or more of the CPTPP parties, or (iii) if it contains any non-originating imported materials, then it must meet additional requirements. For non-originating material there are also more complex rules of origin and these also include product-specific rules.

Rules of Origin and CPTPP Unique Features

Under the CPTPP a non-originating good receives preferential duty treatment if each of the non-originating materials used in the production of the good satisfies:

- any applicable change in the tariff classification requirements
- the production process requirements
- regional value content requirements
- or any other requirements specified in Annex 3-D (Product Specific Rules of Origin)

Some of the product-specific rules are complex, but when utilized will provide great benefit to claimants and attract the consolidation of supply chains to the participating countries.

Full accumulation

According to the [World Customs Organization](#) the CPTPP provides for "full accumulation". Under Art. 3.10 of the CPTPP, an originating good or material of one or more of the Parties that is used in the production of another good in the territory of another Party is considered as originating in the territory of the other Party. Full accumulation allows for greater fragmentation of the manufacturing process, which may be carried out among different member territories. This benefit will lighten tariff burdens on the movement of materials among the CPTPP members, consolidate supply chains among the members, increase the procurement of materials and parts from CPTPP members, and increase materials/parts investment in CPTPP member countries. There are different levels

of [accumulation](#) provided for in various FTAs and the CPTPP model is considered to be more trade facilitative compared to existing ASEAN agreements.

Self-certification system

ROO may be considered to be constraining factors for companies in terms of both procurement and production. This is true especially when ROO differ among FTAs and create differing Certification of Origin (COO) procedures. Presently, most FTAs in the region require government authorities to issue FTA certificates of origin and this increases administrative costs for claiming preferential duty. As a consequence, multiple FTAs create the “spaghetti bowl phenomenon”, which in turn complicates trade and makes it more expensive.

However, under the self-certification system in the CPTPP, claimants can make a claim for preferential treatment based on a COO completed by the exporter, producer or importer and there is no need for the COO to be approved or authenticated by a government authority. The self-certification procedure will streamline trade and help untangle the spaghetti bowl. Note however, the self-certification under the CPTPP does require sufficient records to be kept for five (5) years and is subject to verifications which we discuss in our previous blog post available [here](#).

How can you prepare?

Businesses should start to evaluate supply chains under the lense of the CPTPP rules of origin and the product-specific rules. Especially as the tariffs in the United States and China increase, duty savings under the CPTPP will be even more important. We have identified a few proactive steps you can take in order to prepare:

1. Identify manufacturing opportunities in 11 members to the CPTPP. Are there suppliers and manufacturers in these countries?
2. Consider whether your goods will qualify for tariff shift, RVC or other product specific rules. If so, begin to implement a COO compliance procedure and program.
3. Ensure your contracts with your suppliers, manufacturers and freight forwarders include COO requirements.
4. Ensure sufficient records are kept for any CPTPP verification.

We hope this helpful and will be providing you with additional updates on the CPTPP.

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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
12-10-18	2018/072 New Zealand – New Zealand’s stricter domestic measures for trade in personal and household effects
15-10-18	2018/073 New postal address of the CITES Secretariat
16-10-18	2018/074 United States of America – Framework to facilitate coordination, transparency, and accountability of CITES capacity-building efforts

Date	Title
26-10-18	2018/075 Global Wildlife Programme opportunities under GEF-7
30-10-18	2018/076 Ecuador – Galapagos giant tortoises stolen from breeding center
	2018/077 Trade in live Asian elephants
	2018/078 MIKE and ETIS Technical Advisory Group (TAG)

The Americas - North America

CANADA

CPTPP ratified by Canada – to enter into force on 30 December 2018

On 29 October 2018, Canada became the fifth signatory to ratify the *Comprehensive and Progressive Agreement for the Trans-Pacific Partnership* (CPTPP) when it [notified New Zealand of its ratification](#) bringing the number of ratifications to five. New Zealand had previously ratified the CPTPP and Australia followed Canada, providing the six ratifications to bring it into force on 30 December.

Canadian Government provides relief for Canadian business from countermeasures on certain US imports

In response to the imposition of the United States' tariffs on Canadian steel and aluminum, the Government of Canada applied reciprocal countermeasures on imports of steel, aluminum, and other products from the US, beginning on July 1, 2018. The Government recognizes that the Canadian countermeasures can create challenges for Canadian manufacturers that rely on steel and aluminum imported from the US. This imported steel and aluminum is used in many of Canada's major industries, including energy, advanced manufacturing, construction, and automotive parts. On October 11, 2018, the Government outlined a framework that allows the Government to consider providing targeted relief from Canada's countermeasures in the following instances:

- Situations of short supply in the domestic market, either on a national or regional basis;
- Situations where there are contractual requirements, existing prior to May 31, 2018, for Canadian businesses to use U.S. steel or aluminum in their products or projects; and
- Other exceptional circumstances that could have severe adverse impacts on the Canadian economy.

A federal interdepartmental committee reviewed the requests received from Canadian companies for targeted relief from Canada's countermeasures and made recommendations to the Minister of Finance. Under section 115 of the Customs Tariff, the Minister of Finance has the authority to recommend to the Governor in Council that relief be provided in the form of remission of the countermeasures.

The *United States Surtax Remission Order* provides targeted relief from countermeasures for a number of steel and aluminum products determined to be in short supply in Canada. The federal interdepartmental committee consulted domestic steel and aluminum producers to assess supply conditions.

For certain products determined to be in situations of ongoing short supply and listed in Schedule 1 of the Remission Order, relief can be granted from surtaxes paid or payable under the [United States Surtax Order \(Steel and Aluminum\)](#) for an indefinite period (for products imported from the U.S. on or after July 1, 2018).

For certain products determined to be in situations of temporary short supply and listed in Schedule 2 of the Remission Order, relief can be granted from surtaxes paid or payable under the [United States Surtax Order \(Steel and Aluminum\)](#) for a time-limited period (for products imported from the U.S. from July 1, 2018 to December 31, 2018).

The list of goods included in Schedule 1 and Schedule 2 of the Remission Order can be found on the Department of Finance Canada [website](#).

CBSA issues information on the US Surtax Remission Order

On October 11, 2018, the Canada Border Services Agency (CBSA) issued [Customs Notice 18-16 United States Surtax Remission Order](#), which provides information on the introduction and application of the *United States Surtax Remission Order*, 2018-1272, which is intended to minimize the negative effects of the surtaxes on Canadian companies and the economy by providing relief in exceptional situations.

The remission order remits the surtaxes imposed by the *United States Surtax Order (Steel and Aluminum)*: [SOR/2018-152](#) and the *United States Surtax Order (Other Goods)*: [SOR/2018-153](#) which took effect on July 1, 2018 (25% in the case of certain steel products, 10% in the case of certain aluminum products and 10% for certain other goods listed in the order) under the following situations:

- Pursuant to section 115 of the [Customs Tariff](#), in respect of the goods listed in Schedule 1 and Schedule 2 of the remission order;
- Pursuant to section 115 of the [Customs Tariff](#), in respect of goods classified under tariff item No. 8903.10.00, 8903.91.00, 8903.92.00 or 8903.99.90 in the List of Tariff Provisions set out in the schedule to the [Customs Tariff](#), excluding those that have been exported from Canada and then subsequently re-imported into Canada; and
- Goods temporarily imported into Canada for the purposes of repair, alteration, or storage, including those classified under tariff item No. 8903.10.00, 8903.91.00, 8903.92.00 or 8903.99.90 that have been exported from Canada.

CN 18-16 explains how to make remission claims, account for relief of the surtax, and how to make corrections, obtain re-determinations and obtain refunds.

Global Affairs, CBSA, CITT publish steel safeguards procedures; WTO notified

On October 11, 2018, Global Affairs Canada published [Notice to Importers: Item 82 – Steel Goods \(Serial No. 911\)](#) which informs importers of the procedures governing the administration of provisional safeguards, in the form of tariff rate quotas (TRQ), for certain steel goods that are listed in item 82 on the *Import Control List* (ICL). These goods were added to the ICL to implement the *Order Imposing a Surtax on the Importation of Certain Steel Goods* (Surtax Order). The Surtax Order establishes provisional safeguards in the form of TRQs for steel goods matching the product descriptions specified in the column 2 of the Schedule to the Surtax Order, above which a twenty-five percent surtax will apply.

The Notice applies to steel goods imported from all countries other than those originating in and imported from:

- the United States;

- Chile;
- Mexico, other than energy tubular products and wire rod originating in and imported from Mexico;
- Israel or another CIFTA beneficiary; and
- a country benefiting from the General Preferential Tariff, other than concrete reinforcing bar originating in and imported from Vietnam.

The Notice does not apply to imports of steel products that do not meet the [product definitions](#). Goods that are not subject to the Surtax Order may continue to be imported under General Import Permit 80 or General Import Permit 81, as the case may be.

The TRQs will be administered by way of shipment-specific import permits. The application period for shipment-specific import permits will open on October 25, 2018. The TRQs will be administered until the Surtax Order is amended or repealed by the Governor in Council, or ceases to have effect pursuant to section 56 of the *Customs Tariff*.

The Notice will remain in effect until further notice.

CBSA implementation

On the same date as the Global Affairs posting, the Canada Border Services Agency (CBSA) issued [Customs Notice 18-17: Provisional Safeguard Measures Imposed on the Importation of Certain Steel Goods](#). The notice provides information on the implementation of the Surtax Order, which comes into force October 25, 2018. In addition to the Global Affairs information, CBSA points out that:

- The 25% safeguard surtax is applied on the value for duty of goods determined in accordance with sections 47 to 55 of the [Customs Act](#).
- Absent a specific permit, the safeguard surtax will apply to all goods including those released from a Customs Bonded Warehouse or Sufferance Warehouse on or after October 25, 2018 when the Order comes into force.
- Canada's [Duties Relief Program](#) and [Duty Drawback](#) Program continue to be available to importers for duties relief, including safeguard surtaxes, paid or owed by businesses that meet the requirements of these programs.
- The burden of proof that goods do not originate from an applicable country as defined in the Order lies with the importer.
- Proof of origin may be in the form of a commercial invoice, a Canada Customs Invoice, a Form A - Certificate of Origin, an Exporter's Statement of Origin, a Certificate of Origin pursuant to a Free Trade Agreement, or any other acceptable documentation that clearly indicates the country of origin of the goods.
- To confirm whether imported goods are subject to the safeguard surtax, the CBSA may require importers to provide the following documentation:
 - Specific permit
 - Purchase invoice or order
 - Bill of lading
 - Mill certificate
 - Product literature and technical specifications
 - Any other document to substantiate whether the goods are subject to the safeguard surtax

The CBSA Notice explains how to make corrections to original declarations, requests for re-determinations or further re-determinations, and applications for a refund as well as the process for Customs Self Assessment (CSA) clients. Decisions made by the CBSA may be subject to appeal under the [Customs Act](#).

CITT investigation and procedures

The Canadian International Trade Tribunal (CITT) will be conducting the investigation. Deadlines and procedures related to the participation of interested parties in the inquiry are set out in the Notice of Commencement of Safeguard Inquiry published by the CITT and available on the [CITT's website](#). Importers, exporters and other interested parties will be able to present evidence and their views during the inquiry, up to and during the hearing to be scheduled by the CITT.

WTO notification

The WTO [announced](#) that Canada notified the WTO's Committee on Safeguards that on 11 October 2018 it initiated a safeguard investigation on certain steel products. Further information is available in [G/SG/N/6/CAN/4](#).

Canada posts information on USMCA

Global Affairs Canada has now set up a [website](#) for the new *United States-Mexico-Canada Agreement* (USMCA). In addition, the Prime Minister's [website](#) has the following links:

- [A new United States-Mexico-Canada Agreement](#)
- [Summary Backgrounder: United States-Mexico-Canada Agreement \(USMCA\)](#)
- [Agriculture chapter](#)
- [Automotive rules of origin summary](#)
- [Cultural industries summary](#)
- [Environment chapter summary](#)
- [Intellectual property chapter summary](#)
- [Labour chapter summary](#)
- [State-to-state dispute settlement chapter summary](#)
- [Trade remedies and related dispute settlement \(Chapter 19\) summary](#)
- [U.S. Section 232 side letters summary](#)

Miscellaneous regulations and proposals

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

Publication Date	Title
10-03-18	HEALTH: Playpens Regulations (SOR/2018-186, Sept. 26, 2018) pursuant to the Canada Consumer Product Safety Act (R)
10-06-18	ENVIRONMENT/HEALTH: Publication after screening assessment of 39 base oils specified on the Domestic Substances List (paragraphs 68(b) and (c) or subsection 77(1) of the Canadian Environmental Protection Act, 1999) (N)

Publication Date	Title
	CBSA: Proposed Regulations Amending the Immigration and Refugee Protection Regulations pursuant to the Immigration and Refugee Protection Act (PR)
10-13-18	ENVIRONMENT: Ministerial Condition No. 19571 (Paragraph 84(1)(a) of the <i>Canadian Environmental Protection Act, 1999</i>) [pertaining to the substance amides, tall-oil fatty, N-[3-(dimethylamino)propyl], Chemical Abstracts Service Registry No. 68650-79-3] (N)
	ENVIRONMENT/HEALTH: Notice of intent to amend the Prohibition of Certain Toxic Substances Regulations, 2012 (N)
10-17-18	ENVIRONMENT: Order Amending Schedule 3 to the Canadian Environmental Protection Act, 1999 (SOR/2018-193, October 1, 2018) (O)
	ENVIRONMENT: Prohibition of Asbestos and Products Containing Asbestos Regulations SOR/2018-196, October 1, 2019 pursuant to the <i>Canadian Environmental Protection Act, 1999</i> (R)
	ENVIRONMENT: Regulations Repealing the Asbestos Products Regulations (SOR/2018-197 October 1, 2018) Canada Consumer Product Safety Act (R)
10-20-18	ENVIRONMENT/HEALTH: Publication of final decision after screening assessment of four thiols specified on the Domestic Substances List (paragraphs 68(b) and 68(c) or subsection 77(6) of the Canadian Environmental Protection Act, 1999)
	ENVIRONMENT: Waiver of information requirements for living organisms (subsection 106(9) of the Canadian Environmental Protection Act, 1999) .
	ENVIRONMENT: Waiver of information requirements for substances (subsection 81(9) of the Canadian Environmental Protection Act, 1999)
10-27-18	ENVIRONMENT: Interim Order Amending the Ozone-depleting Substances and Halocarbon Alternatives Regulations pursuant to the Canadian Environmental Protection Act, 1999 (O)
	ENVIRONMENT: Ministerial Condition No. 19602 (Paragraph 84(1)(a) of the <i>Canadian Environmental Protection Act, 1999</i>) (N)
	Environment: Order Approving the Interim Order Amending the Ozone-depleting Substances and Halocarbon Alternatives Regulations pursuant to the Canadian Environmental Protection Act, 1999 (O)
10-31-18	GLOBAL AFFAIRS: Regulations Amending the Schedule 1 Chemicals Regulations (Chemical Weapons Convention) (SOR/2018-202, Oct. 10, 2018) pursuant to the Chemical Weapons Convention Implementation Act (R)
	NATURAL RESOURCES: Regulations Amending the Energy Efficiency Regulations, 2016 (SOR/2018-201, Oct. 10, 2018) pursuant to the Energy Efficiency Act (R)
	FINANCE: United States Surtax Remission Order (SOR/2018-205, Oct. 11, 2018) pursuant to the Customs Tariff (O)
	FINANCE: Order Imposing a Surtax on the Importation of Certain Steel Goods (SOR/2018-206, Oct. 11, 2018) pursuant to the Customs Tariff (O)
	GLOBAL AFFAIRS: Order Amending the Import Control List (SOR/2018-207, Oct. 11, 2018) pursuant to the Export and Import Permits Act (O)
	INNOVATION, SCIENCE AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: Order Fixing the Day after the Day on which this Order is made as the Day on which Certain Provisions of the Economic Action Plan 2014 Act, No. 1 and the Combating Counterfeit Products Act Come into Force (SI/2018-94, Oct. 31, 2018)

Restrictive measures

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

Publication Date	Title
10-31-18	GLOBAL AFFAIRS: Regulations Implementing the United Nations Resolutions on Mali (SOR/2018-203, October 10, 2018) pursuant to the United Nations Act (R)

CBSA advance rulings

The Canada Border Services Agency (CBSA) has enhanced the Advance Ruling ([Tariff Classification](#) and [Origin](#)) and [National Customs Ruling](#) programs by publishing ruling letters in their entirety, with the applicant's consent, on the [CBSA Web site](#). However, no advance rulings were posted by the CBSA during this Update's 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) and other publications issued, revised or cancelled during the past month. (Dates are given in mm/dd/yy format.)

Date	Reference	Title
10-09-18	CN 18-14	Arctic Shipping Electronic Commercial Clearances Program
10-10-18	CN 18-15	Highway Sufferance Warehouse Closure (Ottawa, Ontario)
10-11-18	CN 18-16	United States Surtax Remission Order
	CN 18-17	Provisional Safeguard Measures Imposed on the Importation of Certain Steel Goods
10-12-18	CN 18-18	Amendment 14 to the Energy Efficiency Regulations
10-16-18	CN 18-19	Cannabis Customs Excise Duty Procedures
10-17-18	D19-9-2	(Revised) Importation and Exportation of Cannabis, Controlled Substances and Precursors
10-29-18	CN 18-20	Grace Period for Late Accounting Penalty (LAP) related to the United States Surtax Remission Order

Antidumping and countervailing duty cases

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

MEXICO

Agreement reached for the modernization of the trade relationship in North America

On September 30, 2018, the governments of Canada, Mexico and the United States reached an agreement regarding the amendments for the modernization of the *North American Free Trade Agreement* ("NAFTA").

Two days before, on September 28, 2018, the Minister of Economy himself filed another document with the Senate, explaining that the negotiation with Canada was still ongoing, and that the texts of the agreement were going to be released once an agreement with Canada was reached (if that happened).

On September 30, the [full text of the agreement](#) reached by the three parties was filed before the Mexican Senate.

The text of this new agreement, known as the *United States-Mexico-Canada Agreement* (USMCA), is available on the website of the Mexican Ministry of Economy. It is important to bear in mind that these texts are published for informative purposes only, that they may be further amended and are subject to legal review.

Our Mexico International Commercial & Trade Practice Group is at your service in case you wish to analyze the potential impacts of this new agreement on your specific operations. Author, [José Hoyos Robles](#).

Diario Oficial

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

Publication Date	Title
10-01-18	ECONOMY: Acuerdo that modifies the acuerdo by means of which the applicable rate as of July 1, 2012 of the General Import Tax for goods originating in the States of the European Free Trade Association is disclosed
10-02-18	ECONOMY: Official Mexicana Norm NOM-086-SCFI-2018, Rubber Industry- New radial construction rims that are used for any automotive vehicle with a gross vehicle weight equal to or less than 4 536 kg (10 000 lb) or radial construction tires that exceed a gross vehicle weight of 4 536 kg (10 000 lb) and whose speed symbol is T, H, V, W, Y, Z-Safety specifications and test methods (cancels NOM-086-SCFI- 2010)
10-03-18	ECONOMY: Official Mexican Norm NOM-212-SCFI-2017, Primary batteries and batteries-Maximum permissible limits of mercury and cadmium-Specifications, test methods and labeling ECONOMY: Notice by which the Mexican Section of the Trade Treaty Secretariat announces the location of its permanent office
10-10-18	ECONOMY: Notice by which the names of the holders and numbers of programs of the Manufacturing Industry, Maquiladora and Export Services are canceled.
10-12-18	ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES: Standard NOM-050-SEMARNAT-2018 establishes the maximum permissible limits of emission of pollutants from the exhaust gases of motor vehicles in circulation that use gas liquefied petroleum, natural gas or other fuels alternative
10-22-18	HACIENDA: Acuerdo through which various powers are delegated to public servants of the General Administrations of Federal Tax Audit, Foreign Trade Audit, Large Taxpayers and Hydrocarbons of the Tax Administration Service NATIONAL ANTICORRUPTION SYSTEM: Acuerdo that the Coordinating Committee of the National Anti-Corruption System approves the dissemination and publicizes the Protocol to prevent, detect, investigate, prosecute and sanction the International Bribery in any of its modalities
10-24-18	ECONOMY: Notice of public consultation of the Mexican Standard Project PROY-NMX-COE-001-SCFI-2018 [Electronic commerce-Provisions to which people who offer, market or sell goods, products or services will be subject.]
10-29-18	ECONOMY: Acuerdo that modifies the one by which the Ministry of Economy issues rules and criteria of a general matter on Foreign Trade

Antidumping and countervailing duty cases

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

UNITED STATES

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

Presidential documents

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

Date	Subject
10-04-18	Presidential Determination No. 2018–12 of September 11, 2018 Presidential Determination on Major Drug Transit or Major Illicit Drug Producing Countries for Fiscal Year 2019
10-11-18	Presidential Determination No. 2019–02 of October 5, 2018 - Presidential Determination Pursuant to Section 303 of the Defense Production Act of 1950, as Amended
	Presidential Determination No. 2019–03 of October 5, 2018- Presidential Determination Pursuant to Section 303 of the Defense Production Act of 1950, as Amended
10-18-18	Notice of October 17, 2018 - Continuation of the National Emergency With Respect to Significant Narcotics Traffickers Centered in Colombia
10-23-18	Presidential Determination No. 2018-13 of September 28, 2018 - Child Soldiers Prevention Act of 2008
10-26-18	Notice of October 25, 2018 - Continuation of the National Emergency With Respect to the Democratic Republic of the Congo
10-31-18	Proclamation 9813 - To Modify the List of Products Eligible for Duty-Free Treatment Under The Generalized System of Preferences
	Memorandum of October 26, 2018 - Delegation of Authority under Section 1069 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2019 [the authority to provide the appropriate report on the effects of cyber-enabled information operations on the national security of the United States to the Congress]
	Memorandum of October 26, 2018 - Delegation of Authority under Section 3132(d) of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2019 [the authority to provide the briefing to the Congress]

President issues Proclamation 9813 revising GSP status

On October 31, 2018, the *Federal Register* published Presidential [Proclamation 9813 - To Modify the List of Products Eligible for Duty-Free Treatment Under The Generalized System of Preferences](#). The proclamation provides that:

- (1) In order to provide that several countries should no longer be treated as beneficiary developing countries with respect to one or more eligible articles for purposes of the GSP, the Rates of Duty 1-Special subcolumn for the corresponding HTS subheadings and general note 4(d) to the HTS are modified as set forth in sections A, B, C, and D of Annex I to the proclamation.
- (2) In order to redesignate a certain article as an eligible article for purposes of the GSP, the Rates of Duty 1-Special subcolumn for the corresponding HTS subheadings and general note 4(d) to the HTS are modified as set forth in sections E and F of Annex I to the proclamation.
- (3) A waiver of the application of section 503(c)(2) of the 1974 Act shall apply to the eligible articles in the HTS subheadings exported by the beneficiary developing countries as set forth in Annex II to the proclamation.

The modifications to the HTS set forth in Annexes I and II of Proclamation 9813 shall be effective with respect to articles entered for consumption, or withdrawn from warehouse for consumption, on or after 12:01 a.m. eastern daylight time on November 1, 2018

President continues national emergencies with respect to Colombian narcotics traffickers and the DR of the Congo

On October 18, 2018, the *Federal Register* published [Notice of October 17, 2018 - Continuation of the National Emergency With Respect to Significant Narcotics Traffickers Centered in Colombia](#), which extends for an additional year, the national emergency first declared on October 21, 1995 in Executive Order 12978. The national emergency is being extended because the actions of significant narcotics traffickers centered in Colombia continue to threaten the national security, foreign policy, and economy of the United States and cause an extreme level of violence, corruption, and harm in the United States and abroad.

On October 26, 2018, the *Federal Register* published [Notice of October 25, 2018 - Continuation of the National Emergency With Respect to the Democratic Republic of the Congo](#), which extends for an additional year, the national emergency first declared on October 27, 2006, in Executive Order 13413 and additional measures declared on July 8, 2014 in Executive Order 13671, to deal with the unusual and extraordinary threat to the foreign policy of the United States constituted by the situation in or in relation to the Democratic Republic of the Congo, which has been marked by widespread violence and atrocities and continues to threaten regional stability. The national emergency is being extended because the situation in or in relation to the Democratic Republic of the Congo continues to pose an unusual and extraordinary threat to the foreign policy of the United States.

Opioids bill signed by the President

On October 3, 2018, the US Senate passed [H.R. 6](#), the *Substance Use-Disorder Prevention that Promotes Opioid Recovery and Treatment for Patients and Communities Act*, by a vote of [98-1](#) (after the House of Representatives passed the legislation last week by a vote of [393-8](#)). The Act incorporates approximately 70 individual bills and multifaceted programs to address the opioid problem. One of the provisions would require advance data on all international mail by 2020 to assist US Customs and Border Protection (CBP) and the US Postal Service in interdict small fentanyl and carfentanil shipments, that are shipped through international mail channels, particularly from China. The 250 page bill was signed by President Trump on October 24, 2018 (Pub. L. 115-271).

Administration announces intent to negotiate trade agreements with Japan, EU and UK

On October 16, 2018, the Office of the US Trade Representative (USTR) [announced](#) that, at the direction of the President, USTR Robert Lighthizer notified Congress that the Trump Administration intends to negotiate three separate trade agreements with Japan, the European Union and the United Kingdom.

“Under President Trump’s leadership, we will continue to expand U.S. trade and investment by negotiating trade agreements with Japan, the EU and the United Kingdom,” said Ambassador Lighthizer. “Today’s announcement is an important milestone in that process. We are committed to concluding these negotiations with timely and substantive results for American workers, farmers, ranchers, and businesses.”

In officially notifying Congress, the U.S. Trade Representative (USTR) is following the procedures set out in the *Bipartisan Congressional Trade Priorities and Accountability Act of 2015* – often referred to as Trade Promotion Authority (TPA) – which requires ongoing consultations with Congress. These consultations ensure that USTR develops negotiating positions with the benefit of Congress' views. USTR will also publish notices in the *Federal Register* requesting the public's input on the direction, focus and content of the trade negotiations.

In accordance with TPA, USTR will publish objectives for the negotiations at least 30 days before formal trade negotiations begin.

- To read the notification letters sent to Congress regarding Japan, [click here](#).
- To read the notification letters sent to Congress regarding the European Union, [click here](#).
- To read the notification letters sent to Congress regarding the United Kingdom, [click here](#).

The letters regarding Japan and EU indicate an intention to begin negotiations as soon as practicable, but no earlier than 90 days from the date of the letter. The letter regarding the UK indicates an intention to initiate negotiations with the UK as soon as it is ready after it exits from the EU on March 29, 2019.

- US goods and services trade with Japan totaled an estimated \$283.6 billion in 2017. Exports were \$114 billion; imports were \$169.5 billion. The US goods and services trade deficit with Japan was \$55.5 billion in 2017.
- US goods and services trade with the EU totaled nearly \$1.2 trillion in 2017. Exports totaled \$527 billion; Imports totaled \$627 billion. The US goods and services trade deficit with the EU was \$100 billion in 2017.
- US goods and services trade with United Kingdom totaled an estimated \$235.9 billion in 2017. Exports were \$125.9 billion; imports were \$110.0 billion. The US goods and services trade surplus with United Kingdom was \$15.9 billion in 2017.

USTR seeks comments on objectives for US-Japan Trade Agreement

On October 26, 2018, the Office of the US Trade Representative (USTR) published in the *Federal Register* a [request for comments and notice of public hearing](#) on negotiating objectives for a proposed US-Japan Trade Agreement (announced on October 16, 2018) including US interests and priorities, in order to develop US negotiating positions. You can provide comments in writing and orally at a public hearing. Our aim in negotiations with Japan is to address both tariff and non-tariff barriers and to achieve fairer, more balanced trade.

The deadline for the submission of written comments, and for written notification of your intent to testify, as well as a summary of your testimony at the public hearing November 26, 2018. The Trade Policy Staff Committee (TPSC) will hold a public hearing beginning at 9:30 am on December 10, 2018.

USTR announces GSP a hearing for reviews for several countries

On October 15, 2018, the Office of the US Trade Representative (USTR) published in the *Federal Register* a [notice](#) [Docket Numbers USTR–2017–0009, USTR–2013–0013, USTR–2013–0009, USTR–2013–0011, USTR–2013–0004, USTR–2015–0018, USTR–2013–0007, USTR–2013–0014, and USTR–2013–0021] announcing a hearing for the open country practice reviews for which USTR has not held hearings in 2018 regarding compliance with the GSP eligibility criteria of Bolivia, Ecuador, Georgia, Indonesia, Iraq, Thailand, and Uzbekistan. This review will focus on whether:

(1) Bolivia, Georgia, Iraq, Thailand, and Uzbekistan are meeting the GSP eligibility criterion requiring that a GSP beneficiary country afford workers internationally recognized worker rights;

(2) Ecuador is meeting the GSP eligibility criterion requiring a GSP beneficiary country to act in good faith in recognizing as binding or in enforcing applicable arbitral awards; and

(3) Indonesia and Uzbekistan are meeting the GSP eligibility criterion requiring a GSP beneficiary to provide adequate protection of intellectual property rights.

In addition, USTR is announcing a hearing for the ongoing country designation review of Laos. This review will focus on whether Laos meets all the GSP eligibility criteria and should be newly designated as a GSP beneficiary. The notice includes the schedule for submission of public comments and a public hearing.

Deadline for submission of comments, pre-hearing briefs, and requests to appear at the November 29, 2018 public hearing: November 13, 2018 at midnight EDT; The GSP Subcommittee of the Trade Policy Staff Committee (TPSC) will convene a public hearing on the GSP country practice reviews of Bolivia, Ecuador, Georgia, Indonesia, Iraq, Thailand, and Uzbekistan and the country designation review of Laos in Rooms 1 and 2, 1724 F Street NW, Washington, DC 20508, beginning at 10:00 a.m.; Deadline for submission of post-hearing briefs: December 17, 2018 at midnight EDT.

USTR seeks comments on WTO disputes

The Office of the US Trade Representative (USTR) published the following documents related to WTO disputes in the *Federal Register*:

F.R. Date	Matter	Comments Due
10-23-18	WTO Dispute Settlement Proceeding Regarding United States – Safeguard Measure on Imports of Large Residential Washers [Docket Number USTR-2018-0014; Dispute Number WT/DS546] (N/RFC)	11-15-18

Other USTR documents

F.R. Date	Subject
10-12-18	Exclusion of Particular Products From the Solar Products Safeguard Measure : Correction [Docket No. USTR-2018-0001] (N/C) [Reference to EST should have been to EDT]

ITC issues 13th Revision to the HTSUS

The US International Trade Commission has issued [Revision 13](#) to the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States. The changes include:

- Deleting Chapter 99, subchapter II, US Note 7 & US Notes 13 through 19
- Adding provisions in Chapter 99 (9902.01.01 through 9902.18.03) to implement tariff exemptions or deductions under the Miscellaneous Tariff Bill Act

Revision 13 also includes all the Revision 12 changes, which derive from a recent proclamation (9771) and 2 recent USTR notices. Revision 12 included:

- General note 4(d) modification;
- Chapters 44 and 63 (Chapter notes and revised subheadings);

- New breakouts for subheading 8517.62;
- subchapter III of chapter 99 of the tariff schedule;
- Note 18(c)(iii) Modified (new solar exclusions added);
- Notes 20(e), (f) and (g) added (China);
- 9903.80.03 added (new China list for 20(f));
- 9903.80.04 Added (new partial coverage China list for 20(g))

ITC institutes investigation to assess USMCA

On October 12, 2018, the US International Trade Commission (ITC) [announced](#) that it has instituted an investigation to assess the likely impact of a trade agreement that the President has announced he intends to enter into with Mexico and Canada. The details of the investigation were published in a *Federal Register notice* [Investigation No. TPA-105-003] on October 16, 2018

The investigation, [United States-Mexico-Canada Agreement: Likely Impact on the U.S. Economy and on Specific Industry Sectors](#), was requested by the U.S. Trade Representative in a [letter](#) received by the ITC on August 31, 2018.

The [Bipartisan Congressional Trade Priorities and Accountability Act of 2015](#) (Pub. L. 114-26, Title I) requires the ITC to prepare a report that assesses the likely impact of the Agreement on the U.S. economy as a whole and on specific industry sectors and the interests of U.S. consumers. The ITC's report, which will be public, is due to the President and the Congress no more than 105 days after the President signs the Agreement, which he can do 90 days after he notifies Congress of his intent to do so. The President notified Congress on August 31, 2018, of his intent to enter into the Agreement.

The ITC will hold a public hearing in connection with the investigation beginning at 9:30 a.m. on November 15, 2018. Requests to appear at the hearing should be filed no later than 5:15 p.m. on October 29, 2018, with the Secretary, U.S. International Trade Commission, 500 E Street SW, Washington, DC 20436. For further information, call 202-205-2000.

The ITC also welcomes written submissions for the record. Written submissions should be submitted at the earliest practical date but no later than 5:15 p.m. on December 20, 2018. All written submissions, except for confidential business information, will be available for public inspection.

ITC investigations

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

Investigation. No. and title	Requested by:
Inv. 332-565 - American Manufacturing Competitiveness Act: Effects of Temporary Duty Suspensions and Reductions on the U.S. Economy (I, H, RFC)	Statutory
Inv. 332-345 - Shifts in U.S. Merchandise Trade 2017 (R) [Publication 4829] (October 2018)]	

Investigation. No. and title	Requested by:
Inv. 332-352 - Andean Trade Preference Act: Impact on U.S. Industries and Consumers and on Drug Crop Eradication and Crop Substitution, 2017 Eighteenth Report (R) [Publication 4831]	Statutory
Inv. TPA-105-003 - United States-Mexico-Canada Agreement: Likely Impact on the U.S. Economy and on Specific Industry Sectors (I/H)	USTR/ Statutory

BIS seeks approval for procedures for submitting rebuttals and surrebuttals requests for exclusions from sec. 232 tariffs

On October 5, 2018, the Bureau of Industry and Security (BIS) published in the *Federal Register* a [request for comments on a proposed information collection request](#) [OMB Control No.: 0694-0141] relating to procedures for submitting rebuttals and surrebuttals requests for exclusions from and objections to the Section 232 national security adjustments of imports of steel and aluminum.

On September 11, 2018, BIS published a second interim final rule, *Revisions to the Requirements for Submissions Requesting Exclusions from the Remedies Instituted in Presidential Proclamations Adjusting Imports of Steel into the United States and Adjusting Imports of Aluminum into the United States; and the filing of Objections to Submitted Exclusion Requests for Steel and Aluminum*. This second interim final rule that was published by BIS, on behalf of the Secretary, made changes to the two supplements added in the March 19 rule: Supplement No. 1 to Part 705 - *Requirements for Submissions Requesting Exclusions from the Remedies Instituted in Presidential Proclamation 9705 of March 8, 2018 Adjusting Imports of Steel Articles into the United States*; and to Supplement No. 2 to Part 705 - *Requirements for Submissions Requesting Exclusions from the Remedies Instituted in Presidential Proclamation 9704 of March 8, 2018 to Adjusting Imports of Aluminum into the United States*.

The proposed collection of information gives US Companies the opportunity to submit rebuttals to objections received on posted exclusion requests and also allows US companies the opportunity to submit surrebuttals for objections they submitted that receive rebuttals under the Section 232 exclusion process.

Adding a rebuttal and surrebuttal process is an important step in further improving the exclusion request and objection process for requesting exclusions from the remedies instituted by the President. These voluntary rebuttals and surrebuttals will allow the US Government to better evaluate whether an exclusion request should be granted based on the information provided in an exclusion request and taking into account any objections to a submitted exclusion request, rebuttals, and surrebuttals. Many commenters on the March 19 rule, referenced above, requested Commerce make this type of a change to ensure that the process was fair and Commerce had all of the relevant information when an objection to an exclusion request received a rebuttal or a surrebuttal was received.

Comments are due December 4, 2018.

Labor seeks information on child labor, forced labor, and forced or indentured child labor in the production of goods in foreign countries

On October 5, 2018, the Labor Department (DOL) published in the *Federal Register* a [notice requesting information](#) [Docket Number DOL-2018-0006] for three reports issued by the Bureau of International Labor Affairs (ILAB) regarding child

labor and forced labor in certain foreign countries. Relevant information submitted by the public will be used by DOL in preparing its ongoing reporting as required under Congressional mandates and a Presidential directive. The *2017 Findings on the Worst Forms of Child Labor* report (TDA report), published on September 20, 2018, discusses efforts of 132 countries and territories to eliminate the worst forms of child labor over the course of 2017 and assesses whether countries made significant, moderate, minimal, or no advancement during that year. It also suggests actions foreign countries can take to eliminate the worst forms of child labor through legislation, enforcement, coordination, policies, and social programs.

The 2018 edition of the *List of Goods Produced by Child Labor or Forced Labor* (TVPRAList), also published on September 20, 2018, makes available to the public a list of goods from countries that This document is scheduled to be published in the Federal Register on 10/05/2018 and available online at <https://federalregister.gov/d/2018-21559>, and on govinfo.gov 2 ILAB has reason to believe are produced by child labor or forced labor in violation of international standards. Finally, the *List of Products Produced by Forced or Indentured Child Labor* (EO 13126 List), provides a list of products, identified by country of origin, that DOL, in consultation and cooperation with the Departments of State (DOS) and Homeland Security (DHS), has a reasonable basis to believe might have been mined, produced, or manufactured with forced or indentured child labor. Relevant information submitted by the public will be used by DOL in preparing the next edition of the TDA report, to be published in 2019; the next edition of the TVPRAList, to be published in 2020; and for possible updates to the EO 13126 List as needed.

Submitters of information are requested to provide their submission to DOL's Office of Child Labor, Forced Labor, and Human Trafficking (OCFT) at the email or physical address shown in the notice by 5 p.m. on January 11, 2019.

DHS waives certain laws to build border barriers and roads

On October 11, 2018, the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) published in the *Federal Register* a [notice](#) that the DHS Secretary has determined, pursuant to law, that it is necessary to waive certain laws, regulations, and other legal requirements in order to ensure the expeditious construction of barriers and roads in the vicinity of the international land border of the United States in Hidalgo County in the State of Texas.

City of London Police join the National IPR Coordination Center

On October 30, 2018, US Immigration and Custom Enforcement (ICE) [announced](#) that the City of London Police (CoLP) became the fifth international law-enforcement agency to join the National Intellectual Property Rights Coordination Center (IPR Center) after leadership from the CoLP and IPR Center signed an agreement. A signing ceremony codifying the agreement was hosted by the ICE Homeland Security Investigations-led IPR Center, which also counts the Mexican Revenue Service, Royal Canadian Mounted Police, Interpol and Europol as international members. The total number of agencies aligned with the joint IP enforcement agency now stands at twenty-four.

The addendum signed today builds on a memorandum of understanding signed by HSI and CoLP in 2015, which established a commitment to share intelligence and effective training practices and raise public awareness of counterfeiting and emerging IP crime trends. HSI offices in London, part of the customs agency's

international operations division, has worked closely with CoLP on several investigations and was a major facilitator in the agreement signed on October 30.

CIT orders publication of final TFTEA drawback regulations by December 17

On October 12, 2018, Judge Jane Restani of the US Court of International Trade (CIT) issued an [Order](#) requiring the United States (US Customs and Border Protection (CBP) and the Treasury Department) to issue final regulations implementing the drawback provisions of the *Trade Facilitation and Trade Enforcement Act of 2015* (TFTEA) by December 17, 2018. The TFTEA amended the *Tariff Act of 1930*, as amended, to simplify the filing of drawback claims making them less burdensome for both claimants and CBP. Congress provided Treasury two years from the enactment of the TFTEA to promulgate regulations implementing the TFTEA's drawback amendments. Treasury did not meet the two-year deadline, which lapsed on February 24, 2018. This date also marked the beginning of a transition year, set to end on February 23, 2019, during which drawback claimants could file drawback claims under 19 U.S.C. § 1313, as it was pre-TFTEA, or under that statutory provision as amended by the TFTEA. In lieu of new regulations, CBP published an "interim guidance document" (IGD). The IGD indicates CBP will accept claims filed under the new TFTEA rules, but will not process these claims until implementing regulations are developed by Treasury, published in a NPRM, subjected to notice and comment, edited as necessary, and issued as final rules. {Ed. Note: Although CBP is in the Department of Homeland Security, CBP revenue regulations require approval by Treasury.}

The Order was issued in an action brought by several companies who requested the CIT to direct CBP and Treasury to issue, as an interim final rule ("IFR"), certain regulations recently published as part of a notice of proposed rulemaking ("NPRM"). Of greatest concern to plaintiffs, because regulations implementing the new law were not in place, plaintiffs could not receive payment pre-liquidation, i.e. accelerated drawback. The Court concluded that an interim final rule was not an appropriate remedy, but that expedited promulgation of a final rule was warranted to prevent continued harm to plaintiffs as members of the importing public. The court ordered that the final rule be published in the *Federal Register* by December 17, 2018, as set forth specifically in the accompanying order. [[Tabacos de Wilson, Inc., et al v. United States, et al. Slip Op. 18-138 \(Ct. Int'l Trade, October 12, 2018\)](#)]

CBP publishes quarterly interest rates

On October 16, 2018, US Customs and Border Protection (CBP) published in the *Federal Register* a [general notice](#) that advises the public that the quarterly Internal Revenue Service interest rates used to calculate interest on overdue accounts (underpayments) and refunds (overpayments) of customs duties will remain the same from the previous quarter. For the calendar quarter beginning October 1, 2018, the interest rates for overpayments will be 4 percent for corporations and 5 percent for non-corporations, and the interest rate for underpayments will be 5 percent for both corporations and non-corporations. This notice is published for the convenience of the importing public and CBP personnel. The rates announced in this notice are applicable as of October 1, 2018.

Miscellaneous CBP and ICE Federal Register documents

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

F.R. Date	Subject
10-02-18	CBP: Agency Information Collection Activities: Ship's Store Declaration [OMB Control No. 1651-0018] (N) (CBP Form 1303)
10-16-18	CBP: Accreditation and Approval of Intertek USA Inc. (Yorktown, VA) as a Commercial Gauger and Laboratory (N)
	CBP: Approval of the Strawn Group, as a Commercial Gauger (Houston, TX) (N)
10-17-18	CBP: Agency Information Collection Activities: Application for Extension of Bond for Temporary Importation [OMB Control No. 1651-0015] (N) [CBP Form 3173]
10-19-18	ICE: Agency Information Collection Activities: Allegation of Counterfeiting and Intellectual Piracy, Form No. 73-048 [OMB Control No. 1653-0053] (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
10-30-18	EAPA Investigation 7250: Lyke Industrial Tool, LLC (Notice of Initiation of Investigation and Interim Measures)

Important CBP ruling on determining country of origin for Section 301 purposes

CBP recently published a ruling that every company considering shifting production from China to Mexico (or Canada) as part of a strategy to mitigate the impact of the Section 301 duties should be aware of. In Headquarters Ruling [H300226](#) (September 13, 2018), CBP concluded that, while the NAFTA Marking Rules (19 C.F.R. Part 102) are used to determine the country of origin of articles imported into the United States from Mexico for marking purposes, the traditional substantial transformation test is used to determine the country of origin of articles for Section 301 duty purposes.

As you will see from the ruling, parts of a motor were imported into Mexico for assembly. The assembly operation in Mexico was sufficient to satisfy the applicable NAFTA Marking Rule, such that the finished article was considered to a “product of Mexico” for marking purposes. CBP, however, then went on to say that the traditional substantial transformation test is used for purposes of “anti-dumping, countervailing, or other safeguard measures[.]” CBP then applied the traditional substantial transformation test to the facts and concluded that the Mexican assembly operations were not sufficient to confer origin and, therefore, the finished motor imported into the United States was a “product of China” for Section 301 purposes. So, in short, the product had to be marked to indicate that it was of Mexican origin, but the importer had to pay the Section 301 duty applicable to Chinese-origin articles.

This ruling highlights a few important points. First, while the traditional substantial transformation test and the NAFTA Marking Rules are meant to embody the same origin principles, they do not always produce the same result due to the different nature of the tests (i.e., the traditional substantial transformation test is subjective; whereas the NAFTA Marking Rules are objective). Second, for purposes of section 301, the traditional substantial transformation test must be used even if the goods are imported from an FTA-partner country (e.g., Mexico, Canada, Singapore, etc.). The NAFTA Marking Rules may be helpful to that analysis, but are not determinative. Finally, CBP is willing to live with this seemingly absurd result (i.e., an article marked “Product of Mexico” being subject to duties applicable to “products of China”).

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CBP states that Sec. 301 tariffs may be applied to certain sets, even if the set is classified outside the Sec. 301 subheadings

On September 6, 2018, CBP issued Headquarters (HQ) ruling [H299857](#), a significant information letter upholding a New York ruling interpreting how Section 301 tariffs will be applied to certain retail sets containing only some goods subject to the section 301 additional tariffs. The HQ ruling involved a reconsideration of New York (NY) ruling [N298532](#) (July 26, 2018) which held that a 129-piece Mechanic’s toolset is properly classified in 8206.00.00, *Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States* (HTSUS), which provides for “[t]ools of two or more headings 8202 to 8205, put up in sets for retail sale.” The general rate of duty applicable to products of subheading 8206.00.00, HTSUS, is “[t]he rate of duty applicable to the article in the set subject to the *highest* rate of duty.” In accordance with the application of the duty rate in subheading 8206.00.00 to “[t]he rate of duty applicable to the article in the set subject to the highest rate of duty,” NY N298532 considered the duty rate of each article in the set. With respect to the items classified in subheading 8466.10.0175, HTSUS, NY N298532 considered the column one rate of 3.9% duty plus the additional 25% Section 301 tariff. Accordingly, NY N298532 concluded that the rate of duty applicable to the entire set was 28.9%.

HQ concluded that the NY approach was consistent with CBP’s policies and past practices. A [section 301 FAQ](#) states that:

When importing goods put up in sets for retail sale (*in accordance with General Rule of Interpretation 3*) that contain articles subject to the Section 301 remedy, if the product that imparts the essential character to the set (i.e. the HTSUS provision under which the entire set is classified) is covered by the Section 301 remedy, then the entire set will be subject to the additional 25% duties. [Emphasis added.]

If the HTSUS provision under which the entire set is classified is not covered by the Section 301 remedies, but the set contains components that are classified in a subheading covered by the 301 list, the 301 duties will not be assessed on the individual components.

HQ pointed out that this rule applies only when GRI 3 is used. Furthermore, the above reasoning is inapplicable to this set since it is unlike other sets where the duty rate used is that of the component that imparts the essential character, here the duty rate is determined based on the article with the highest duty rate and the entire set must be taken into account. CBP stated:

in contrast, the set is classified by reference to GRI 1. See Informed Compliance Publication [“Hand Tool Sets Classified Within Subheadings 8205.90.00 and](#)

[8206.00.00](#) (“Subheading 8206.00.00, HTSUS, allows for tools that are put up in sets suitable for retail sale to be classified under this one subheading based on GRI 1 . . .”). This guidance therefore does not address the situation presented. Furthermore, the above reasoning is inapplicable to this set since it is unlike other sets where the duty rate used is that of the component that imparts the essential character, here the duty rate is determined based on the article with the highest duty rate and the entire set must be taken into account.

CBP did not dispute that,

if entered separately, and as mentioned in T.D. 91-7, each item would be subject to the column one rate of duty associated with its tariff classification, with only the items specifically listed in U.S. Note 20(b) of Subchapter III, Chapter 99, HTSUS, subject to the 301 measures. Here, however, the items are entered under 8206.00.00, HTSUS, as part of a set. The entire set is subject to “[t]he rate of duty applicable to the article in the set subject to the highest rate of duty.” Here, that article is subject to a 28.9% rate of duty. Therefore, under the plain terms of the provision, the entire set is subject to a 28.9% rate of duty.

HQ affirmed NY N298532.

CBP revises Craft Beverage Modernization and Tax Reform Act procedures

On October 16, 2018, CBP issued [CSMS 18-000609 Procedures & Requirements: Implementing Craft Beverage Modernization & Tax Reform of 2017](#) (CBMA), which revises, effective immediately, previous CBP guidance on the CBMA. CSMS 18-000609 addresses the foreign assignment aspect of CBMA for 2018 entries. CBP will issue further communication for 2019 entries at a later date.

CBP will also issue at a later date separate procedures and requirements addressing the CBMA’s temporary changes to the tax classification of certain wines, including wines containing more than 14% but not more than 16% alcohol by volume.

Effective immediately, CBP advises importers claiming a reduced tax rate or tax rate incorporating applicable tax credits as permitted by the CBMA (hereinafter “CBMA rate”) to do so at the time of entry summary. In addition, going forward, importers will use the CBMA flag to identify entry lines for which the CBMA rate is claimed and declare the lower tax rate (as opposed to the excise tax rate required prior to the enactment of the CBMA). Importers should ONLY use the CBMA flag when claiming the CBMA rate, whether at the time of entry summary filing or the filing of a PSC.

For entries filed since January 1, 2018 that have not liquidated and for which the importer wants to make a CBMA claim, effective immediately:

- A) If not flagged, importers should file a PSC with the CBMA flag and the CBMA rate.
- B) If flagged but the CBMA rate has not been claimed, importers should file another PSC with the CBMA rate and the CBMA flag.

For those importers that have liquidated entries for which they would like to claim the CBMA rate, the importer may file a protest. Importers filing protests claiming the CBMA rate should identify “CBMA” in the protest issue dropdown.

For any entries filed since January 1, 2018, for which the low excise tax rate was claimed, importers must complete the CBMA claim by flagging the entry immediately via PSC, and submitting the substantiating documents, as defined below, prior to CBP review and liquidation. PSC is the mechanism for submitting CBMA claims in this situation if within the PSC timeframe.

The CSMS discusses at length the documentation to complete a CBMA claim that importers are required to file at the time of entry summary, PSC filing or protest filing.

If you have any questions or require additional information, please contact CBMA@cbp.dhs.gov. CBP encourages trade members to continue to visit the [CBMA page on CBP.gov](#).

Revocations or modifications of CBP rulings

[See separate section below.](#)

CSMS messages

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

Date	CSMS#	Title
10-01-18	18-000577	ACE Update for Certain TFTEA Direct Identification Drawback Claims
	18-000578	ACE Reports Outage
	18-000579	Merchandise Processing Fee and Preferential Trade Program Table
10-02-18	18-000580	Resumed: ACE Cargo Release, Entry Summary and ABI Query Processing
	18-000581	Resolved: ACE Reports issues
	18-000582	Resolved: ACE Cargo Release, Entry Summary and ABI Query Message Processing backlogs
	18-000583	Update to NMFS SIM program information
10-03-18	18-000584	Update to Tariff Codes for Import Restrictions on Fish from Mexico Caught with Gillnets
	18-000585	Amending an Unliquidated ACS Drawback Claim in ACE
	18-000586	ACE PRODUCTION Cargo Release Deployment, Thursday, 10/4/2018 @0500ET
	18-000587	Advance Procedures and Requirements: Implementing the Craft Beverage Modernization Act
10-04-18	18-000588	Updated CBP DIS CATAIR Document
10-05-18	18-000589	Schedule B and Harmonized Tariff Schedule (HTS) Updated in AES to Accept Chgs from PP9771
	18-000590	Refined Sugar Quota Opening - October 1, 2018
	18-000591	Webinar on FDA Rejections and CA Process - October 11 at 1:00 PM EDT
10-09-18	18-000593	Updated Drawback Trade Issue Tracker Document
	18-000594	
	18-000595	Disclaim Procedures for Certain HTS Concerning Mexican Fish Restrictions
10-10-18	18-000596	Updated AE (Entry Summary) and CQ (Cargo Query) EDI Implementation Guides
	18-000598	FDA Scheduled Maintenance Saturday, October 13, 2018 from 3 AM EDT to 5 AM EDT
10-11-18	18-000599	Harmonized System Update (HSU) 1816 created on October 10, 2018
	18-000600	ACE Truck Manifest item Deployed this morning, Thurs Oct 11, 2018
	18-000601	Updated CATAIR DIS Implementation Guide
	18-000602	Initiation of AD/CVD Investigation: Mattresses from the PRC
	18-000603	Voiding Inactive Importers of Record
10-12-18	18-000606	CBP Implementation of H.R. 4813, The Miscellaneous Tariff Bill

Date	CSMS#	Title
		Act of 2018
10-15-18	18-000607	Harmonized System Update (HSU) 1817 created on October 14, 2018
	18-000608	Future DIS XML Schema
10-16-18	18-000609	Procedures & Requirements: Implementing Craft Beverage Modernization & Tax Reform of 2017
10-17-18	18-000610	FDA Downstream System Scheduled Maintenance Sat. Oct 20, 2018 11:30PM EDT to 12AM Oct 21
	18-000612	Post-Importation Preference Claims for 1520(d) May Not Be Submitted via PSC
	18-000614	AD/CVD Initiations on Stainless Steel Kegs from Multiple Countries
10-18-18	18-000616	FDA Downstream System Scheduled Maintenance Sat. Oct 20, 2018 11:30PM EDT to 12AM Oct 21
	18-000617	Updated Cargo Release Condition Codes
	18-000618	Updated DIS Implementation Guide
	18-000620	Attention All Industry ACE Users
10-19-18	18-000621	Update: Section 301 Trade Remedies on Products from China; Third List of Products
10-20-18	18-000624	Entry Summary Order of Reporting For Multiple Harmonized Tariff System (HTS) in ACE
10-22-18	18-000625	Harmonized System Update (HSU) 1818 created on October 21, 2018
	18-000626	Delays in FDA Response Messages
10-23-18	18-000627	Reminder - Attention All Industry ACE Users
	18-000628	Quota processing when line has three or more HTS codes
10-24-18	18-000630	Cargo Release Condition/Error Codes
10-25-18	18-000631	5106 CATAIR Posting on CBP.GOV
	18-000632	ACE Drawback CERTIFICATION deployment, this morning, Oct 25, 2018
	18-000633	Voiding Inactive Importers of Record
	18-000634	FDA ITACS (Import Trade Communication System) Planned Maintenance Sat. 12-3am ET
10-29-18	18-000636	ACE PRODUCTION Cargo Release Deployment, Tues 10/30/2018 @0500ET
10-30-18	18-000637	Reminder - Attention All Industry ACE Users
	18-000638	ACE Cargo Release entries for Ocean with inbond in ADMISSIBLE status
	18-000639	Update ACE Cargo Release entries in ADMISSIBLE status
	18-000640	Update to issue with ACE Cargo Release ADMISSIBILITY issue.
	18-000641	Updated Drawback CATAIR and Error Dictionary
	18-000642	TRADE/PGA ACTION REQUIRED: MQ Trade Gateway Migration in ACE PRODUCTION this weekend
10-31-18	18-000643	Resolved – Issue with ACE Cargo Release ADMISSIBILITY
	18-000644	Resources for TFTEA Drawback
	18-000645	Updated Drawback Trade Issue Tracker Document
	18-000646	Receipt of Manually Processed GSP Lapse-Period Refunds for Claims made at Entry Summary
	18-000647	ACE In-bond Reports

Foreign Trade Zones

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

F.R. Date	Document
10-01-18	Foreign-Trade Zone 267 – Fargo, North Dakota Application for Subzone; Digi-Key Corporation Fargo, North Dakota [S-149-2018]

F.R. Date	Document
	Foreign-Trade Zone 122 -- Corpus Christi, Texas; Application for Subzone; Gulf Coast Growth Ventures LLC San Patricio County, Texas [B-59-2018]
10-04-18	Foreign-Trade Zone 64 – Jacksonville, Florida; Application for Reorganization (Expansion of Service Area) under Alternative Site Framework [B-60-2018]
10-05-18	Foreign-Trade Zone 29 – Louisville, Kentucky; Application for Subzone, United Parcel Service, Inc., Louisville, Kentucky [B-61-2018]
10-09-18	Foreign-Trade Zone 12 – McAllen, Texas; Authorization of Limited Production Activity Black & Decker (U.S.), Inc. (Indoor and Outdoor Power Tools and Related Components) Mission, Texas [B-33-2018]
10-10-18	Foreign-Trade Zone 230 – Greensboro, North Carolina, Authorization of Production Activity, Patheon Softgels (Pharmaceutical Products), High Point, North Carolina [B-34-2018]
10-15-18	Foreign-Trade Zone 114—Peoria, Illinois; Application for Subzone; Winpak Heat Seal Corporation; Pekin, Illinois [S-160-2018]
	Reorganization of Foreign-Trade Zone 74; (Expansion of Service Area) Under Alternative Site Framework; Baltimore, Maryland {Order No. 2063}
	Approval of Expansion of Subzone 116A, Motiva Enterprises LLC, Jefferson and Hardin Counties, Texas [Order No. 2062]
10-17-18	Foreign-Trade Zone 106 – Oklahoma City, Oklahoma; Authorization of Production Activity; Eastman Kodak Company (Printing Flexographic Plates), Weatherford, Oklahoma [B-39-2018]
	Foreign-Trade Zone 294 – Western Kentucky Notification of Proposed Production Activity Mayfield Consumer Products (Candles) Mayfield and Hickory, Kentucky [B-62-2018]
	Foreign-Trade Zone 142 – Salem/Millville, New Jersey; Application for Reorganization and Expansion under Alternative Site Framework [B-63-2018]
	Foreign-Trade Zone 294 – Western Kentucky; Application for Subzone Mayfield Consumer Products Mayfield and Hickory, Kentucky [S-165-2018]
10-22-18	Foreign-Trade Zone 168 -- Dallas/Fort Worth, Texas, Area; Application for Subzone Schumacher Electric Corporation Fort Worth, Texas [S-167-2018]
10-25-18	Foreign-Trade Zone 84 -- Houston, Texas Application for Subzone BAUER-Pileco Inc. Conroe, Texas [S-173-2018]
10-26-18	Approval of Subzone Status; Liquilux Gas Corporation; Ponce, Puerto Rico [S-106-2018]
	Approval of Subzone Status; MAS US Holdings, Inc.; Siler City and Asheboro, North Carolina [S-103-2018]
10-29-18	Foreign-Trade Zone 119 – Minneapolis-St. Paul, Minnesota; Notification of Proposed Production Activity; AGCO Corporation Subzone 119M (Agricultural Equipment and Related Subassemblies and Components) Jackson and Round Lake, Minnesota [B-64-2018]
10-30-18	Approval of Subzone Status; Digi-Key Corporation Thief River Falls, Minnesota https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2018-10-30/pdf/2018-23693.pdf [S-134-2018]
10-31-18	Reorganization and Expansion of Foreign-Trade Zone 198 under Alternative Site Framework, Volusia and Flagler Counties, Florida [Order No. 2064]
	Production Authority Not Approved PBR, Inc. d/b/a SKAPS Industries Foreign-Trade Zone 26 (Non-Woven Geotextiles) Athens, Georgia [Order No. 2065]
	Production Authority Not Approved; CSI Calendering, Inc., Foreign-Trade Zone 39, (Rubber Coated Textile Fabric), Arlington, Texas [Order No. 2066]
	Production Authority Not Approved Kravet, Inc. Subzone 38G (Commercial Samples) Anderson, South Carolina [Order No. 2067]
	Reorganization and Expansion of Foreign-Trade Zone 25 under Alternative Site Framework, Broward County, Florida [Order No. 2068]
	Expansion of Foreign-Trade Zone 15; under Alternative Site Framework Kansas City, Missouri [Order No. 2069]
	Reorganization of Foreign-Trade Zone 29 under Alternative Site Framework Louisville, Kentucky [Order No. 2070] Restricted Approval for Production Authority Foreign-Trade Zone 186 Flemish Master Weavers (Machine-Woven Area Rugs) Waterville, Maine [Order No. 2071]

F.R. Date	Document
	Foreign-Trade Zone 21 – Charleston, South Carolina Authorization of Production Activity AGRU America Charleston, LLC (Polyethylene Fittings and Floaters) North Charleston, South Carolina [B-43-2018]
	Foreign-Trade Zone 244 – Riverside County, California; Authorization of Production Activity; ModusLink Corporation (Camera and Accessories Kitting), Riverside, California [B-42-2018]
	Foreign-Trade Zone 78 – Nashville, Tennessee Notification of Proposed Production Activity Calsonic Kansei North America (Automotive Parts) Shelbyville and Lewisburg, Tennessee [B-65-2018]

USCG imposes restrictions on entry Iraqi vessels from certain ports

On October 12, 2018, the US Coast Guard (USCG) published in the *Federal Register* a [notice](#) [Docket No. USCG–2018–0275] that announces that the USCG will impose conditions of entry (set forth in the notice) on vessels arriving from certain ports in the Republic of Iraq. Conditions of entry are intended to protect the United States from vessels arriving from countries that have been found to have deficient antiterrorism port measures in place. The policy announced in the notice, which will become effective October 26, 2018, will not apply to the Al-Basrah Oil Terminal, the Khor Al Amaya Oil Terminal and Al Maqal Terminal 14 (also known as the North America Western Asia Holdings Facility). At the present time, the following countries do not maintain effective anti-terrorism measures in their ports and are therefore subject to conditions of entry: Iraq, Cambodia, Cameroon, Comoros, Côte d'Ivoire, Equatorial Guinea, The Gambia, Guinea-Bissau, Iran, Liberia, Libya, Madagascar, Micronesia, Nauru, Nigeria, Sao Tome and Principe, Syria, Timor-Leste, Venezuela, and Yemen.

Census updates AES Import Concordance File

The Bureau of Census advises that the [AES Import Concordance File](#) has been updated, effective November 1, 2018. The AES Import Concordance File can be found [here](#). For further information or questions, contact the U.S. Census Bureau's [Data Collection Branch](#).

Census announces Schedule B and HTS updated in AES to accept changes from Proclamation 9771; also available for download

Effective immediately, the Schedule B and Harmonized Tariff Schedule (HTS) tables have been updated in the AES to include the recent changes from [Presidential Proclamation 9771](#) published August 2, and effective October 1.

AES will accept shipments with outdated codes during a grace period for 30 days beyond the expiration date. Reporting an outdated code after the 30-day grace period will result in a fatal error.

The ACE AESDirect program has been updated and will accept shipments with outdated codes during the grace period as well.

The [Schedule B and HTS tables](#) and the [current list of HTS codes that are not valid for AES](#) are available for download.

BIS adds Fujian Jinhua Integrated Circuit Company to Entity List

On October 30, 2018, the Bureau of Industry and Security (BIS) published in the *Federal Register* a [final rule](#) [Docket No. 181010930–8930–01] that amends the *Export Administration Regulations* (EAR) by adding one entity, Fujian Jinhua In-

egrated Circuit Company, Ltd., to the Entity List. The entity that is added to the Entity List has been determined by the U.S. Government to pose a significant risk of becoming involved in activities contrary to the national security or foreign policy interests of the United States. This entity will be listed under the destination of China.

For the one entity added to the Entity List in this final rule, BIS imposes a license requirement for all items subject to the EAR and a license review policy of presumption of denial. In addition, no license exceptions are available for exports, reexports, or transfers (in-country) to the person being added to the Entity List in this rule. The acronym “a.k.a.” (also known as) is used in entries on the Entity List to identify aliases, thereby assisting exporters, reexporters and transferors in identifying entities on the Entity List

Shipments of items removed from eligibility for a License Exception or export or reexport without a license (NLR) as a result of this regulatory action that were enroute aboard a carrier to a port of export or reexport, on October 30, 2018, pursuant to actual orders for export or reexport to a foreign destination, may proceed to that destination under the previous eligibility for a License Exception or export or reexport without a license (NLR).

BIS amends EAR to implement Wassenaar Arrangement 2017 Plenary Agreements

On October 24, 2018, the Bureau of Industry and Security (BIS), Commerce, published in the *Federal Register* a [final rule](#) [Docket No. 170831854-7854-01] that revises the Commerce Control List (CCL), as well as corresponding parts of the *Export Administration Regulations* (EAR), to implement changes made to the Wassenaar Arrangement List of Dual-Use Goods and Technologies (WA List) maintained and agreed to by governments participating in the *Wassenaar Arrangement on Export Controls for Conventional Arms and Dual-Use Goods and Technologies* (Wassenaar Arrangement, or WA) at the December 2017 WA Plenary meeting. The Wassenaar Arrangement advocates implementation of effective export controls on strategic items with the objective of improving regional and international security and stability. This rule harmonizes the CCL with the agreements reached at the 2017 Plenary meeting by revising Export Control Classification Numbers (ECCNs) controlled for national security reasons in each category of the CCL. This rule also makes other associated changes to the EAR and makes a correction. The rule was effective on publication.

BIS seeks comments of foreign disposition of certain commodities

On October 23, 2018, the Bureau of Industry and Security (BIS), Commerce, published in the *Federal Register* a [notice of inquiry](#) [Docket No. 180831812-8812-01; BIS-2018-0022] seeking public comments on the effects and costs that would result if BIS were to amend its regulations to reflect new export authorization requirements regarding electronic waste, including new recordkeeping requirements, reporting requirements, and data elements in the Automated Export System, maintained by the US Census Bureau, to track electronic waste that is exported. Comments from all interested persons are welcome and will help BIS determine the feasibility and cost of implementing a mechanism for tracking and controlling electronic waste exports.

Comments must be received by BIS no later than December 24, 2018.

OFAC designates Iranian entities and banks as Specially Designated Nationals and FinCEN issues advisory on Iran's "Illicit and Malign" activities and attempts to exploit financial systems

On October 16, 2018, the US Treasury Department's Office of Foreign Assets Control ("OFAC") designated certain Iranian entities and banks as Specially Designated Nationals ("SDNs") pursuant to Executive Order ("EO") 13224, which targets terrorists and those providing support to terrorism. A full list of those entities designated as part of this action is available [here](#). US Persons (*i.e.*, entities organized under US laws and their non-US branches; parties physically located in the United States; US citizens and permanent resident aliens wherever located or employed) are prohibited from dealing directly or indirectly with SDNs. Under the [Iranian Transactions and Sanctions Regulations](#) ("ITSR"), non-US entities owned or controlled by US Persons are also prohibited from dealing with SDNs that are located or based in Iran (regardless of their reason for designation) or owned or controlled by the Government of Iran (regardless of where they are located).

According to an OFAC [press release](#), the Iranian entities have been designated for their direct or indirect involvement in providing millions of dollars in financial support to the Basij Resistance Force, a paramilitary organization associated with the Iran's Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps ("IRGC") that allegedly recruits child soldiers. The IRGC is currently designated as an SDN under numerous US sanctions programs.

As a part of these actions, the following Iranian financial institutions previously designated on the [Executive Order 13599 List](#) have been moved to the [Specially Designated Nationals and Blocked Persons List](#) ("SDN List"): Bank Mellat, Sina Bank (a.k.a. Bonyad Finance and Credit Company, BFCC, and Sina Finance and Credit Company), and Parsian Bank (a.k.a. Bank-E Parsian). Prior to these SDN designations, it was permissible for US Persons and non-US entities owned or controlled by US Persons to deal with these banks in the context of certain types of transactions authorized under the ITSR, such as the general license for the sale and supply of agricultural commodities, medicines, and medical devices to Iran. With the addition of these Iranian banks to the SDN List, parties relying on such general licenses may no longer permit the participation of these banks in their transactions.

In addition, non-US parties dealing with these SDN banks as well as the other Iranian parties designated under EO 13224 could become the target of US secondary sanctions, even for the transactions that occur wholly outside of US jurisdiction (*e.g.*, no US Persons, no US-dollar payments). This US secondary sanctions risk does not apply to non-US parties dealing with persons on the EO 13599 List.

These designations are separate and apart from the US Government's withdrawal from the *Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action* (aka "JCPOA"), which is scheduled for completion by 11:59 pm Eastern on November 4, 2018. As part of this process, OFAC has advised in [public guidance](#) that entities on the EO 13599 List will be re-designated as SDNs no later than November 5, 2018. Those JCPOA-related developments are further described in our previous blog posts [here](#) and [here](#).

Separately, on October 11, 2018, the US Treasury Department's Financial Crimes Enforcement Network ("FinCEN") issued an [advisory](#) about the Iranian

government's "illicit and malign" activities and attempts to exploit the financial system. This advisory is intended to assist US financial institutions to detect potentially illicit Iran-related transactions. The 19-page document is also intended to assist non-US financial institutions in understanding the obligations related to their US correspondent accounts, to avoid US sanctions exposure, and to address anti-money laundering/combating financing of terrorism risks that Iranian activity poses to the international financial system. FinCEN recommends that this advisory be shared with Chief Executive Officers, Chief Operating Officers, Chief Compliance Officers, Chief Risk Officers, AML/BSA Departments, and Legal Departments. FinCEN's press release regarding the advisory is available [here](#).

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OFAC extends expiration date of general licenses related to EN+ and RUSAL

On October 12, 2018, the US Treasury Department's Office of Foreign Assets Control ("OFAC") further extended by one month until December 12, 2018 the expiration dates of three general licenses related to EN+ Group plc and United Company RUSAL PLC ("RUSAL"). RUSAL is one of the world's largest aluminum producers and was previously designated as a Specially Designated National ("SDN") on April 6, 2018 for being owned or controlled, directly or indirectly, by the EN+ Group and the Russian oligarch, Oleg Deripaska. Please see our blog post on the original designation [here](#). The Treasury Department [press release](#) indicates that the extension reflects still ongoing discussions with EN+ and RUSAL regarding substantial corporate governance changes that could significantly reduce Deripaska's control. Today's move is a welcome further temporary reprieve for the global aluminum industry as RUSAL seeks to extricate itself from the impact of US sanctions.

The specific extensions are as follows:

- General License 13D, authorizing certain transactions necessary to divest or transfer debt, equity, or other holdings in EN+ Group PLC, GAZ Group, and RUSAL, was reissued as [General License 13E](#) and now expires on December 12, 2018 rather than November 12, 2018 for transactions involving EN+ Group PLC or RUSAL or entities 50% or more owned by EN+ Group PLC or RUSAL (the expiration date with respect to GAZ Group, October 23, 2018, remains unchanged).
- General License 14A, authorizing certain activities necessary for the maintenance or wind down of operations or existing contracts with RUSAL or any other entity 50% or more owned by RUSAL, was reissued as [General License 14B](#) and now expires on December 12, 2018 rather than November 12, 2018.
- General License 16A, authorizing certain activities necessary to maintenance or wind down of operations or existing contracts with EN+ Group PLC or JSC EuroSibEnergO or any entities 50% or more owned by EN+ Group PLC or JSC EuroSibEnergO, was reissued as [General License 16B](#) and now expires on December 12, 2018 rather than November 12, 2018.

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Treasury issues interim rule regarding foreign investments in the US

On October 11, 2018, the Treasury Department's Office of Investment Security (OIS) published in the *Federal Register* an [interim rule](#) that sets forth amendments to the regulations in part 800 of 31 C.F.R. that implement, and make updates consistent with, certain provisions of the *Foreign Investment Risk Review Modernization Act of 2018* (FIRRMA). Among other things, this interim rule implements certain provisions of FIRRMA that became immediately effective upon its enactment and provides clarity as to the current process and procedures with respect to the reviews and investigations undertaken by the Committee on Foreign Investment in the United States (CFIUS) pursuant to part 800, in light of FIRRMA. The rule went into effect upon publication, but written comments may be submitted but must be received by November 10, 2018.

Treasury establishes CFIUS pilot to review certain transactions involving foreign persons and critical technologies

On October 11, 2018, the Treasury Department's Office of Investment Security (OIS) published in the *Federal Register* an [interim rule](#) [31 C.F.R. Part 801] that sets forth the scope of, and procedures for, a pilot program of the Committee on Foreign Investment in the United States (CFIUS) under section 721 of the *Defense Production Act of 1950*, as amended by the *Foreign Investment Risk Review Modernization Act of 2018* (FIRRMA). Pursuant to section 1727(c) of FIRRMA, this pilot program implements the authorities provided in two sections of FIRRMA that did not take effect upon the statute's enactment. First, the pilot program expands the scope of transactions subject to review by CFIUS to include certain investments involving foreign persons and critical technologies. Second, the pilot program makes effective FIRRMA's mandatory declarations provision for all transactions that fall within the specific scope of the pilot program. The pilot program is temporary and will end no later than March 5, 2020. These provisions are effective November 10, 2018.

Except as otherwise provided in §801.103(b) and part 801, the interim regulations apply from the pilot program effective date. The regulations do not apply to any transaction for which: (1) The completion date is prior to the pilot program effective date; or (2) The following has occurred before October 11, 2018: (i) The parties to the transaction have executed a binding written agreement or other document establishing the material terms of the transaction; (ii) A party has made a public offer to shareholders to buy shares of a pilot program US business; or (iii) A shareholder has solicited proxies in connection with an election of the board of directors of a pilot program US business or has requested the conversion of convertible voting securities.

Written comments must be received by November 10, 2018.

DDTC wants industry testers for new registration and advisory opinion application

On October 15, 2018, the Directorate of Defense Trade Controls (DDTC) [posted on a website](#) a notice stating that Test versions of DDTC's new Registration and Advisory Opinion (AO) applications, housed on the cloud-based Defense Export Control and Compliance System (DECCS), will be available for industry testing and feedback starting October 16th through mid-November 2018. The posting states:

If you are interested in participating in testing, please contact the DDTC Test Support Team at the number or email below to sign up and receive further guidance. Please note that in order to participate each individual tester will be required to sign a DECCS UAT Terms of Use document to ensure users understand the testing process and guidelines.

We encourage you to begin the testing process as early in the test period as possible. Additional applications will be available for testing in the coming weeks and will require a test account and a complete test registration in order to access them.

DDTC Test Support Team:

Email: PM-DDTC-DECCS@state.gov

Phone: (202) 663-1282 / (202) 663-2838

The DDTC Test Support Team will be available during the week from 10am to 4pm EST.

State publishes CAATSA sanctions determination

On October 5, 2018, the Department of State published in the *Federal Register* a [document](#) [Public Notice 10579] providing notice that State had determined, pursuant to *Countering America's Adversaries Through Sanctions Act of 2017* (CAATSA) Section 231(a), that the Chinese entity Equipment Development Department of the Central Military Commission (EDD), formerly known as the General Armaments Department (GAD), has knowingly, on or after August 2, 2017, engaged in a significant transaction with a person that is part of, or operates for or on behalf of, the defense or intelligence sectors of the Government of the Russian Federation. The Secretary of State has selected certain sanctions to be imposed upon EDD and Li Shangfu, EDD's Director, who has been determined to be a principal executive officer of EDD, or to perform similar functions with similar authorities as such an officer. [Please see our Sanctions Blog for details.](#)

State issues interim rule revising ITAR

On October 4, 2018, in response to public comments on regulatory reform, the Department of State published in the *Federal Register* an [interim final rule and request for comments](#) [Public Notice 10349] removing certain notification requirements from the *International Traffic in Arms Regulations* (ITAR) and revising several entries on the United States Munitions List to remove items that do not warrant continued inclusion. Specifically, the rule adds notes to USML Category IV and V, revises control text in USML Categories VIII, XI and XV, and revises a section of the regulations. Although the rule was effective on publication, comments may be filed by November 19, 2018.

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
10-04-18	OFAC: Notice of OFAC Sanctions Actions (N) [6 individuals, 3 entities, 1 aircraft]
10-05-18	OFAC: Notice of OFAC Sanctions Actions (N) [4 individuals, 2 entities]
	STATE: Notice of Department of State Sanctions Actions Pursuant To Section 231(a) of the Countering America's Adversaries Through Sanctions Act of 2017 (CAATSA) and Executive Order 13849 of September 20, 2018, and Notice of Additions To the CAATSA Section 231(d) Guidance [Public Notice PN 10579]

F.R. Date	Applicable orders
10-10-18	OFAC: Notice of OFAC Sanctions Actions (N) [updating 462 persons and entities]
	OFAC: Notice of OFAC Sanctions Actions (N) [3 individuals, 1 entity]
10-11-18	OFAC: Notice of OFAC Sanctions Actions (N) [updating 462 persons and entities]
10-15-18	OFAC: Notice of OFAC Implementation of Certain Sanctions Imposed on Two Persons by the Secretary of State Pursuant to the Countering America's Adversaries Through Sanctions Act (N)
10-22-18	OFAC: Notice of OFAC Sanctions Actions (N) [1 entity, 1 updated entity]
	OFAC: Notice of OFAC Sanctions Actions (N) [3 individuals]
10-26-18	OFAC: Notice of OFAC Sanctions Actions (N) [8 individuals]
10-30-18	OFAC: Notice of OFAC Sanctions Actions (N) [1 individual, 2 entities, 2 vessels and updates]
	BIS: Addition of an Entity to the Entity List [Docket No. 181010930-8930-01] (FR)

Orders denying export privileges

During the past month, the following orders were published:

F.R. Date	Subject
10-02-18	BIS: Eastline Technologies OU et al. (Temporary - 180 days)
10-04-18	BIS: Edgar Garza-Sanchez (until March 28, 2022)
	BIS: Edward Alexander Duenas (until November 16, 2022)
	BIS: Erik Villasana (until November 16, 2027)
	BIS: Francisco Xavier Martinez (until November 16, 2024)
	BIS: Juan Diego Madrid (until November 16, 2027)
	BIS: Rolando Armando Madrid (until November 16, 2027)
	BIS: Ruben Arnoldo Madrid (until December 14, 2027)
10-19-18	BIS: Luis Antonio Urdaneta Pozo (until June 27, 2027)

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= TREASURY OFFICE OF FOREIGN ASSETS CONTROL; OIS: TREASURY OFFICE OF INVESTMENT SECURITY; DHS= HOMELAND SECURITY; STATE=DEPARTMENT OF STATE.

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

F.R. Date	Subject
10-05-18	BIS: Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request Chemical Weapons Convention Provisions of the Export Administration Regulations [OMB Control No.: 0694-0117]
	BIS: Proposed Information Collection; Procedures for Submitting Rebuttals and Surrebuttals Requests for Exclusions from and Objections to the Section 232 National Security Adjustments of Imports of Steel and Aluminum
10-11-18	OIS: Provisions Pertaining to Certain Investments in the United States by Foreign Persons - 31 C.F.R. Part 800 (IR)
	OIS: Determination and Temporary Provisions Pertaining to a Pilot Program To Review Certain Transactions Involving Foreign Persons and Critical Technologies – 31 C.F.R. Part 801 (IR)
10-12-18	ITA: Request for Applicants for Appointment to the United States-Brazil CEO Forum (N)
10-16-18	STATE: 60-Day Notice of Proposed Information Collection: Brokering Prior Approval (License) [Public Notice: 10547] (N/RFC)

F.R. Date	Subject
10-17-18	ITA: Announcement of July 2018 Approved International Trade Administration Trade Missions (N) STATE: Cultural Property Advisory Committee; Notice of Meeting [Public Notice: 10586] [<i>Notice of a closed meeting on November 6, 2018</i>]
10-18-18	ITA: Quarterly Update to Annual Listing of Foreign Government Subsidies on Articles of Cheese Subject to an In-Quota Rate of Duty (N)
10-23-18	BIS: Materials Technical Advisory Committee; Notice of Partially Closed Meeting (N) [<i>November 15, 2018</i>] BIS: Regulations and Procedures Technical Advisory Committee; Notice of Partially Closed Meeting (N) [<i>December 11, 2018</i>]
10-25-18	ITA: Proposed Information Collection; Comment Request; Foreign-Trade Zone Applications [OMB Control No: 0625-0139] (N)
10-26-18	BIS: Transportation and Related Equipment Technical Advisory Committee; Notice of Partially Closed Meeting (N/H) [<i>November 14, 2018</i>]
10-29-18	STATE: 30-Day Notice of Proposed Information Collection: JADE Act Questionnaire [Public Notice: 10594](N)

FTC and CPSC Federal Register documents

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

F.R. Date	Subject
10-09-18	CPSC: Amendment to Requirements for Consumer Registration of Durable Infant or Toddler Products [Docket No. CPSC-2018-0018] (PR) FTC: Deceptive Advertising as to Sizes of Viewable Pictures Shown by Television Receiving Sets (FR) repeal of rule
10-23-18	CPSC: Revisions to Safety Standard for Infant Bath Tubs [Docket No. CPSC-2015-0019] (FR)

FDA and HHS Federal Register documents

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

F.R. Date	Subject
10-02-18	FDA: Food Additives Permitted in Feed and Drinking Water of Animals: 25-Hydroxyvitamin D3 [Docket Nos. FDA-2013-F-1540 and FDA-2014-F-0296] (FR)
10-03-18	FDA: Selection of the Appropriate Package Type Terms and Recommendations for Labeling Injectable Medical Products Packaged in Multiple-Dose, Single-Dose, and Single-Patient-Use Containers for Human Use; Guidance for Industry: Availability [Docket No. FDA-2015-D-3438] (N)
10-04-18	FDA: Process To Request a Review of the Food and Drug Administration's Decision Not To Issue Certain Export Certificates for Devices; Draft Guidance for Industry and Food and Drug Administration Staff; Availability; Extension of Comment Period [Docket No. FDA-2018-D-2310] (N/E) FDA: United States Food and Drug Administration and Health Canada Joint Public Consultation on the International Council for Harmonisation of Technical Requirements for Pharmaceuticals for Human Use: Public Meeting and Webcast; Request for Comments [Docket No. FDA-2018-N-3636] (N/H/RFC)
10-05-18	FDA: Policy Regarding Quantitative Labeling of Dietary Supplements Containing Live Microbials; Draft Guidance for Industry; Availability; Correction [Docket No. FDA-2018-D-3464] (N/C)
10-09-18	FDA: Food Additive Regulations; Synthetic Flavoring Agents and Adjuvants

F.R. Date	Subject
	[Docket No. FDA-2015-F-4317] (FR) Partial denial of petition FDA: Food Additives Permitted for Direct Addition to Food for Human Consumption; Styrene [Docket No. FDA-2016-F-1444] (FR)
10-10-18	FDA: International Drug Scheduling; Convention on Psychotropic Substances; Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs; ADB-FUBINACA; ADB-CHMINACA; Cyclopropyl Fentanyl; Methoxyacetyl Fentanyl; para-Fluoro Butyrfentanyl; Tramadol; Pregabalin; Cannabis Plant and Resin; and Eight Additional Substances; Request for Comments [Docket No. FDA-2018-N-3685] (N/RFC)
10-18-18	HHS: Posting of the National Security Presidential Memorandum 14, "Support for National Biodefense" (N)
10-22-18	FDA: Agency Information Collection Activities; Proposed Collection; Comment Request; Foreign Supplier Verification Programs for Food Importers [Docket No. FDA-2011-N-0143] (N)
10-25-18	FDA: Verification Systems Under the Drug Supply Chain Security Act for Certain Prescription Drugs; Draft Guidance for Industry; Availability [Docket No. FDA-2018-D-3462] (N)
10-26-18	FDA: Biopharmaceuticals Classification System-Based Biowaivers; International Council for Harmonisation; Draft Guidance for Industry; Availability [Docket No. FDA-2018-D-3614] (N)
10-30-18	FDA: Sesame as an Allergen in Foods [Docket No. FDA-2018-N-3809] (N/RFC)
10-31-18	FDA: Termination of Listing of Color Additive Exempt From Certification; Lead Acetate [Docket No. FDA-2017-C-1951] (FR)

APHIS and other USDA notices issued

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

F.R. Date	Subject
10-01-18	AMS: Honey Packers and Importers Research, Promotion, Consumer Education and Industry Information Order; Change in Membership [Document Number AMS-SC-18-0016] (PR) US CODEX OFFICE: Codex Alimentarius Commission: Meeting of the Codex Committee on Codex Intergovernmental Task Force on Antimicrobial Resistance (TFAMR) (N/H) [November 8, 2018]
10-02-18	AMS: United States Standards for Canola [Doc. No. AMS-FGIS-18-0053] (RFC/RO) AMS: United States Standards for Soybeans [Doc. No. AMS-FGIS-18-0054] (RFC/RO) AMS: United States Standards for Corn [Doc. No. AMS-FGIS-18-0052] (RFC/RO)
10-04-18	APHIS: Establishing a Performance Standard for Authorizing the Importation and Interstate Movement of Fruits and Vegetables [Docket No. APHIS-2010-0082] (FR/C) APHIS: International Sanitary and Phytosanitary Standard-Setting Activities [Docket No. APHIS-2018-0053] (N/RFC)
10-09-18	AMS: United States Standards for Grades of Pecans [Document No. AMS-FV-14-0101, SC-17-331] (FR)
10-18-18	US CODEX OFFICE: U.S. Codex Program: FY2019-2023 Strategic Plan (N/H/RFC) [Nov. 2, 2018]
10-19-18	AMS: Oranges, Grapefruit, Tangerines, and Pummelos Grown in Florida and Imported Grapefruit; Change in Grade and Size Requirements [Doc. AMS-SC-18-0046; SC18-905-3 PR] (PR)
10-22-18	US CODEX OFFICE: Codex Alimentarius Commission: Meeting of the Codex

F.R. Date	Subject
	Committee on Spices and Culinary Herbs (N/H/RFC)

FAS GAIN reports

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

- Austria - [FAIRS Report](#)
- China - [China Passes E-Commerce Law](#)
- Egypt - [Egyptian Standards Complicate Beef Trade](#)
- El Salvador - [El Salvador to Accept NOAA Certification for U.S. origin seafood](#)
- India - [FSSAI Bans Import of Four Specialty Foods](#)
- India - [FSSAI Grants Extension in Use of Organic Sticker](#)
- India - [FSSAI Notifies Tolerance Limits for Additional Antibiotics](#)
- India - [FSSAI Publishes Revised Standards for Varied Food Products](#)
- India - [New FSSAI Directives for Certain Ingredients under Functional Foods](#)
- India - [Tariff Hike on U.S. Agricultural Products Deferred to November 2](#)
- Japan - [Comments Invited on Proposed Revisions to GE Labeling Requirements](#)
- Japan - [CPTPP and EU Agreements May Reduce Demand for U.S. Oilseeds](#)
- Morocco - [Additional Documents Required for Imported Energy Beverages](#)
- Morocco - [Food Labeling - Shelf Life](#)
- Philippines - [Exporter Guide](#)
- South Africa - [South Africa Extends Safeguard Duty on EU Bone-in Broiler Meat](#)
- Thailand - [New Thai Regulation Affecting U.S. Cooked Food Exports](#)
- Thailand - [Thai Government Grants Another Extension on COA Implementation](#)

CITA seeks comments on KORUS commercial availability request

On October 16, 2018, the Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements (CITA) published in the *Federal Register* a [request for public comments](#) concerning a request for modification of the *US-Korea Free Trade Agreement* (KORUS) rules of origin for certain textile and apparel products.

The Government of the United States received a request from the Government of Korea, submitted on September 24, 2018, to initiate consultations under the KORUS. The Government of Korea is requesting that the United States and Korea (“the Parties”) consider revising the rules of origin for certain yarns, woven fabrics, and knit apparel to address availability of supply of fibers and yarns in the territories of the Parties. The President of the United States may proclaim a modification to the KORUS rules of origin for textile and apparel products after the United States reaches an agreement with the Government of Korea on a modification under the KORUS to address issues of availability of supply of fibers, yarns, or fabrics in the territories of the Parties. CITA is soliciting public

comments on this request, in particular with regard to whether certain fibers, yarns, and knit fabrics can be supplied by the US domestic industry in commercial quantities in a timely manner. The fibers and yarns subject to this request, and their specific end-uses, are described in the *Federal Register* notice.

Comments must be submitted by November 16, 2018.

CITA publishes the new 12-month cap on duty- and quota-free benefits

On October 1, 2018, the Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements (CITA) published in the *Federal Register* a [document](#) setting forth the new 12-month cap on duty- and quota-free benefits for certain textile and apparel articles imported from designated beneficiary sub-Saharan African countries. Section 112(b)(3) of the *Trade and Development Act of 2000* (TDA 2000) provides duty- and quota-free treatment for apparel articles wholly assembled in one or more beneficiary sub-Saharan African countries from fabric wholly formed in one or more beneficiary sub-Saharan African countries from yarn originating in the United States or one or more beneficiary sub-Saharan African countries. This preferential treatment is also available for apparel articles assembled in one or more lesser-developed beneficiary sub-Saharan African countries, regardless of the country of origin of the fabric used to make such articles, subject to quantitative limitation. P.L. 114-27 extended this special rule for lesser-developed countries through September 30, 2025.

For the one-year period, beginning on October 1, 2018, and extending through September 30, 2019, the aggregate quantity of imports eligible for preferential treatment under these provisions is 2,048,357,135 square meters equivalent. Of this amount, 1,024,178,567 square meters equivalent is available to apparel articles imported under the special rule for lesser-developed countries. Apparel articles entered in excess of these quantities will be subject to otherwise applicable tariffs.

Additional Federal Register documents

The following [Federal Register](#) documents which may be of interest to international traders were published during the past month by various Federal agencies:

F.R. Date	Subject
10-01-18	ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY (EPA): Significant New Use Rules on Certain Chemical Substances Correction [EPA-HQ-OPPT-2018-0567; FRL-9983-14] (N/C)
	EPA: Light-duty Vehicle GHG Program Technical Amendments [EPA-HQ-OAR-2017-0755; FRL-9984-54-OAR] (PR)
	US FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE (FWS): Conference of the Parties to the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES); Eighteenth Regular Meeting: Taxa Being Considered for Amendments to the CITES Appendices and Proposed Resolutions, Decisions, and Agenda Items Being Considered; Observer Information [Docket No. FWS-HQ-IA-2017-0079; FF09A30000-189-FXIA1671090000] (N)
10-02-18	ENERGY: Energy Conservation Program: Test Procedure for Three-Phase Commercial Air-Cooled Air Conditioners and Heat Pumps With a Certified Cooling Capacity of Less Than 65,000 Btu/h [EERE-2017-BT-TP-0031] (RFI)
	PIPELINE AND HAZARDOUS MATERIALS SAFETY ADMINISTRATION (PHMSA): Hazardous Materials: Public Meeting Notice for International Standards on the Transport of Dangerous Goods [Docket No. PHMSA-2018-0024; Notice No. 2018-11] (N/H) [Nov. 13, 2018]

F.R. Date	Subject
10-03-18	EPA: Significant New Use Rules on Certain Chemical Substances [EPA-HQ-OPPT-2018-0627; FRL-9983-82] (FR)
	EPA: Significant New Use Rules on Certain Chemical Substances [EPA-HQ-OPPT-2018-0627; FRL-9983-81] (PR)
10-04-18	EPA: Flumioxazin; Pesticide Tolerances [EPA-HQ-OPP-2017-0333; FRL-9984-01] (FR)
10-09-18	DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (DOT): Notice of Request for Comments: Preparing for the Future of Transportation: Automated Vehicles 3.0 (AV 3.0) [Docket No. DOT-OST-2018-0149] (N/RFC)
	DOT: Notice of Request for Comments: Scope of the Study on the Impact of Automated Vehicle Technologies on Workforce [Docket No. DOT-OST-2018-0150] (N/RFC)
	OFFICE OF INFORMATION AND REGULATORY AFFAIRS, OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET (OIRA): Request for Information [<i>How the Federal Government, under the auspices of the United States-Canada Regulatory Cooperation Council, may reduce or eliminate unnecessary regulatory differences between the United States and Canada.</i>]
10-10-18	EPA: Significant New Use Rules on Certain Chemical Substances [EPA-HQ-OPPT-2018-0649; FRL-9984-65] (FR)
	EPA: Significant New Use Rules on Certain Chemical Substances [EPA-HQ-OPPT-2018-0649; FRL-9984-67] (PR)
	NATIONAL HIGHWAY TRAFFIC SAFETY ADMINISTRATION (NHTSA): Pilot Program for Collaborative Research on Motor Vehicles with High or Full Driving Automation [Docket No. NHTSA-2018-0092] (ANPR)
10-11-18	EPA: Significant New Use Rules on Certain Chemical Substances: Withdrawal [EPA-HQ-OPPT-2017-0414; FRL-9984-71] (FR/W)
	NATIONAL MARINE FISHERIES SERVICE (NMFS): Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act: Traceability Information Program for Seafood [Docket No. 180328324-8464-01]
10-12-18	EPA: Certain New Chemical Substances; Receipt and Status Information for June 2018 [EPA-HQ-OPPT-2018-0405; FRL-9983-71] (N)
	EPA: Pesticide Product Registration: Receipt of Applications for New Uses [EPA-HQ-OPP-2018-0576; FRL-9984-16] (N)
	NHTSA: Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards; Lamps, Reflective Devices, and Associated Equipment [Docket No. NHTSA-2018-0090] (PR)
10-15-18	EPA: Certain New Chemicals or Significant New Uses; Statements of Findings for August 2018 [EPA-HQ-OPPT-2018-0097; FRL-9984-68] (N)
	Significant New Use Rules on Certain Chemical Substances; Reopening of Comment Period [EPA-HQ-OPPT-2017-0366; FRL-9984-72] (PR/RO)
	Significant New Use Rules on Certain Chemical Substances; Reopening of Comment Period [EPA-HQ-OPPT-2017-0414; FRL-9984-69] (PR/RO)
	EPA: Pyraclostrobin; Pesticide Tolerances [EPA-HQ(FR)-OPP-2017-0311; FRL-9980-56]
	EPA: Etoxazole; Pesticide Tolerances [EPA(FR)-HQ-OPP-2017-0273; FRL-9983-96]
10-16-18	EPA: Significant New Use Rules on Certain Chemical Substances [EPA-HQ-OPPT-2017-0575; FRL-9984-93] (PR)
	US-CHINA ECONOMIC AND SECURITY REVIEW COMMISSION (USCESRC) Notice of Open Public Event (N) [<i>Public Event: November 14, 2018, Release of 2018 Annual Report to Congress</i>]
10-17-18	EPA: Fees for the Administration of the Toxic Substances Control Act [EPA-HQ-OPPT-2016-0401; FRL-9984-41] (FR)
	EPA: Receipt of Requests to Voluntarily Cancel Certain Pesticide Registrations [EPA-HQ-OPP-2018-0651; FRL-9983-90] (N)
	EPA: Receipt of Requests to Voluntarily Cancel Certain Pesticide Registrations and Amend Registrations to Terminate Certain Uses [EPA-HQ-OPP-2018-0014; FRL-9983-91] (N)
10-18-18	EPA: Receipt of Several Pesticide Petitions Filed for Residues of Pesticide Chemicals in or on Various Commodities [EPA-HQ-OPP-2018-0577; FRL-9984-21] (N)

F.R. Date	Subject
	PIPELINE AND HAZARDOUS MATERIALS SAFETY ADMINISTRATION (PHMSA): Hazardous Materials: Notification of the Pilot-in-Command and Response to Air Related Petitions for Rulemaking [Docket No. PHMSA-2015-0100 (HM-259)] (FR)
10-19-18	EPA: Boscalid; Pesticide Tolerances [EPA-HQ-OPP-2017-0310; FRL-9979-17] (FR)
	EPA: Prothioconazole; Pesticide Tolerances [EPA-HQ-OPP-2017-0531; FRL-9984-63] (FR)
	EPA: Tetrahydrofurfuryl Alcohol; Exemption from the Requirement of a Tolerance [EPA-HQ-OPP-2013-0098; FRL-9984-70] (FR)
	EPA: Pesticide Registration Maintenance Fee; Notice of Receipt of Requests to Voluntarily Cancel Certain Pesticide Registrations [EPA-HQ-OPP-2018-0657; FRL-9983-98] (N)
10-22-18	EPA/NHTSA: The Safer Affordable Fuel-Efficient (SAFE) Vehicles Rule for Model Years 2021-2026 Passenger Cars and Light Trucks [NHTSA-2018-0067; EPA-HQ-OAR-2018-0283; FRL-9984-62-OAR; NHTSA-2017-0069] (PR/C)
	EPA: Certain New Chemical Substances; Receipt and Status Information for July 2018 [EPA-HQ-OPPT-2018-0406; FRL-9985-20] (N)
10-23-18	NHTSA: Federal Motor Vehicle Theft Prevention Standard; Final Listing of 2017 Light Duty Truck Lines Subject to the Requirements of This Standard and Exempted Vehicle Lines for Model Year 2017 [Docket No. NHTSA-2016-0046] (FR)
10-24-18	EPA: Receipt of Several Pesticide Petitions Filed for Residues of Pesticide Chemicals in or on Various Commodities [EPA-HQ-OPP-2014-0008; FRL-9983-46] (N)
10-26-18	EPA: Significant New Use Rules on Certain Chemical Substances; Withdrawal [EPA-HQ-OPPT-2017-0464; FRL-9985-55] (FR/W)
	EPA: Significant New Use Rules on Certain Chemical Substances; Withdrawal [EPA-HQ-OPPT-2017-0560; FRL-9985-56] (FR/W)
10-29-18	EPA: Pyroxasulfone; Pesticide Tolerances [EPA-HQ-OPP-2017-0334; FRL-9983-29] (FR)
10-30-18	OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH ADMINISTRATION (OSHA): Preparations for the 36th session of the UN Sub-Committee of Experts on the Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labelling of Chemicals (UNSCGHS) [Docket No. OSHA-2016-0005] (N/H)

Commerce seeks comments on subsidy programs provided by countries exporting softwood lumber and softwood lumber products to the US

On October 19, 2018, Enforcement and Compliance, International Trade Administration, Commerce, published in the *Federal Register* a [document](#) [Docket No. ITA-2018-0002] seeking public comment on any subsidies, including stumpage subsidies, provided by certain countries exporting softwood lumber or softwood lumber products to the United States during the period January 1, 2018, through June 30, 2018.

Section 805 of Title VIII of the *Tariff Act of 1930* (the *Softwood Lumber Act of 2008*) requires Commerce to submit to the appropriate Congressional committees a report every 180 days on any subsidy provided by countries exporting softwood lumber or softwood lumber products to the United States, including stumpage subsidies. Commerce submitted its last subsidy report on June 20, 2018. As part of its newest report, Commerce intends to include a list of subsidy programs identified with sufficient clarity by the public in response to this notice.

Given the large number of countries that export softwood lumber and softwood lumber products to the United States, Commerce is soliciting public comment only on subsidies provided by countries whose exports accounted for at least one

percent of total US imports of softwood lumber by quantity, as classified under *Harmonized Tariff Schedule* code 4407.1001 (which accounts for the vast majority of imports), during the period January 1, 2018, through June 30, 2018. See the notice for definitions of a subsidy and other information.

Comments must be submitted within 30 days after publication of the notice.

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
01-10-18	FEDERAL ADMINISTRATION OF PUBLIC REVENUES (AFIP): Resolution 18/2018 (21-09-18) –setting performance guarantee for home regime.
10-10-18	AFIP: General Resolution 4317 /2018 (09-10-18) Declaration of Rancho Manifest and the Pacotilla Manifest- cruise ships and cargo. General rules
12-10-18	AFIP: General Resolution 4319 /2018 (11-10-18) Value Added Tax. Law according to the text ordered in 1997 and its amendments. Perception regime. Definitive import operations of movable things. General Resolution No. 2.937. Modification
	AFIP: General Resolution 4318 /2018 (11-10-18) Export destinations. General Resolution № 1921, its amendments and complementary. Modification
18-10-18	AFIP: Provision 278/2018 16-10-18 re: delegating authority to set rules and regulations in the primary customs zone.
22-10-18	AFIP: Gen. Res. 4323 (18-10-18) Zona Franca La Pampa (General Pico). Stock computer record. Its implementation
30-10-18	AFIP: Gen. Dir. of Customs Res. 19/2018 (26-10-18) [temporary authorization of the San Rafael Customs Operating Zone, located in the Industrial Park of said locality, Department of San Rafael, Province of Mendoza, is extended for a period of three hundred and sixty (360) days]
31-10-18	Common Nomenclature of Mercosur - Decree 973/2018 (30-10-18) DECTO-2018-973-APN-PTE - Decree No. 1126/2017. Modification. [IT and Telecommunications goods]
	Common Nomenclature of Mercosur - Decree 970/2018 (30-10-18) DECTO-2018-970-APN-PTE - Decree No. 848/2017. Extension of 360 days. [prohibition on exports of certain raw materials]

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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
12-09-18	Camex Res. № 63 (10-09-18) Alters the Brazilian List of Exceptions to the Mercosur Common External Tariff.
12-09-18	Camex Res. № 64 (10-09-18) Consolidates the resolutions that temporarily reduce the Import Tax rate due to shortages under Resolution 8 of July 20, 2008, of the Common Market Group of Mercosur.
13-09-18	Camex Res. № 65 (12-09-18) Revokes Camex Resolutions on the application of Export Tax on wet blue leather and salted leather
21-09-18	Secex Ordinance № 50 (20-10-18) Establishes criteria for quota allocation for importation, determined by CAMEX Resolution No. 63, of September 10, 2018.
24-09-18	Camex Res. № 67 (21-09-18) Amends the Annex to Resolution No. 64 of September 10, 2018.
24-09-18	Camex Res. № 68 (21-09-18) Alternates the deputy representative of the Ministry of Industry, Foreign Trade and Services in the Committee on Financing and Guarantee of Exports - COFIG
28-09-18	Secex Ordinance № 51 (27-09-18) Authorizes the application of the Exception Mechanism to the Rule of Origin in the event of a shortage of inputs in Argentina, Brazil and Colombia.
01-10-18	Secex Circular № 39 (28-09-18) Extension of public consultation period for the positioning of the Brazilian private sector regarding trade negotiations with Singapore.
03-10-18	Camex Res. № 70 (02-10-18) Changes the constant auto parts list in Annexes I and II of CAMEX Resolution № 116, of December 18, 2014
03-10-18	Camex Res. № 71 (02-10-18) Incorporates into the Brazilian legal system Resolutions 24/18 and 29/18 of the Mercosur Common Market Group, effecting changes in the Mercosur Common External Tariff (CET) and the Mercosur Common Nomenclature (NCM).
08-10-18	Camex Res. № 72 (05-10-18) Changes to 0% (zero percent) the Import Tax rates on the IT and Telecommunication Goods you mention, as Ex-Tariffs. [with Correction]
08-10-18	Camex Res. № 73 (05-10-18) Changes to zero the Import Tax rates on the Capital Goods it mentions, in the condition of Ex-Tariffs [with correction]
16-10-18	Camex Res. № 75 (15-10-18) Amends the Annex to Resolution No. 64 of September 10, 2018 [annexes to Resolution No. 64, dated September 10, 2018, contain the codes 2933.71.00, 3002.20.23, 3002.20.29 and 3907.61.00 of the Mercosur Common Nomenclature, as set out in the annex to this resolution.]
18-10-18	Camex Res. № 77 (17-10-18) Alters the Brazilian List of Exceptions to the Mercosur Common External Tariff.
19-10-18	Corrigendum to Resolution № 64 of 10-09-18
24-10-18	Camex Res. № 78 (23-10-18) Amends the Annex to Resolution No. 64 of September 10, 2018
26-10-18	Camex Res. № 79 (25-10-18) Changes the art. 5 of CAMEX Resolution 46, of July 5, 2017
26-10-18	Camex Res. № 82 (25-10-18) Consolidates the resolutions amending the Brazilian List of Exceptions to the Common External Tariff, which is dealt with in Annex II of Resolution 125, dated December 15, 2016.

Antidumping and countervailing duty cases

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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

Australia ratifies CPTPP – to enter into force on 30 December

On October 29, 2018. The Australian House and Senate approved the *Comprehensive and Progressive Agreement for the Trans-Pacific Partnership* (CPTPP) and sent it to the Governor General who has given Royal Assent. Australia brought the number of ratifications to six by [notifying New Zealand of its ratification](#) on October 31, 2018. Six ratifications are required to bring the CPTPP into force. It will enter into force on 30 December 2018.

DHA notices and advices

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

Date	Series and №	Title
26-10-18	DHA № 2018/32	Customs Legislation Amendment (Prohibited Substances) Regulations 2018

Australian Gazettes

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

Date	Matter
03-10-18	TC18-38
10-10-18	TC18-39
17-10-18	TC18-40
	Acts of Parliaments assented to:
22-10-18	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No. 127 of 2018—<i>An Act to amend the Customs Act 1901, and for related purposes. (Customs Amendment (Comprehensive and Progressive Agreement for Trans-Pacific Partnership Implementation) Act 2018).</i> No. 128 of 2018—<i>An Act to amend the Customs Tariff Act 1995, and for related purposes. (Customs Tariff Amendment (Comprehensive and Progressive Agreement for Trans-Pacific Partnership Implementation) Act 2018).</i> No. 129 of 2018—<i>An Act about government procurement, and for related purposes. (Government Procurement (Judicial Review) Act 2018).</i>
24-10-18	TC18-41
31-10-18	TC18-42

Australian Tariff Precedents

The Department of Immigration and Border Protection (DIBP) has published a [List of Current Precedents](#), updated through 13 June 2017. Tariff Precedents are considered statements from Customs made to provide guidance on various clas-

sification issues. New information and tariff classification guides can be found on [Tariff Public Advice Products](#) webpage

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CHINA (INCLUDING HONG KONG SAR)

MOFCOM and GAC notices

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

Date	Series and №	Subject
10-12-18	GAC, MOFCOM 82, 2018	On the application for the import license of goods and the paperless operation of customs clearance
10-17-18	GAC № 142	Notice on Enforcing the Electronic Seal of the Special Seal of the Customs of the People's Republic of China
10-18-18	GAC № 146	Announcement on the implementation of the "Procedure for the Importation of Imported CDs for Overseas Processing" and the "Importation Approval of Imports of Audio-Visual Products (Finished Products)"
	MOFCOM, Public Security, Ecology and Environment, GAC, Drug Administration, Announcement No. 83, 2018	Adjusting Export Management Policy for Ephedra
10-19-18	GAC № 156	Announcement on matters relating to the provision of customs statistics services to the public
10-26-18	GAC № 143	On matters related to the promotion of customs clearance and optimization of registration of customs declaration units
10-29-18	GAC № 144	Preventing the Introduction of Cholera Epidemic into China
	GAC № 145	Implementation of online verification of two kinds of regulatory documents such as the New Food Raw Materials License
	GAC № 147	Implementation of the "Technical Export License", "Technical Export Contract Registration Certificate" and "Non-Aid Project Task Notification Letter" Networking Verification
	GAC № 148	Implementation of online verification of seven kinds of regulatory documents such as the Customs Clearance Form for Imported Drugs
	GAC № 149	Implementation of the online verification of the Imported Radio, Film and Television Programs (Pictures)
	GAC № 150	Implementation of the verification of the interconnection of the approval documents for paleontological fossils
	GAC № 151	Implementation of the Online Approval of the Export Approval Form for Civil Explosives and the Export Approval Form for Civil Explosives
	GAC Joint Ann. № 152	Implementation of the Network Verification of the Import and Export Permit of Gold and Gold Products for the Transfer of RMB Cash in and Out of the Bank
10-30-18	MOFCOM № 87.2018	On the Administration of Export Quotas for Goods in 2019
	GAC № 155	Pilot of customs clearance insurance customs clear-

Date	Series and №	Subject
		ance business
	GAC № 153	Implementation of the online verification of the export and exit certificate of human genetic resources materials
10-31-18	GAC № 154	Inspection and Quarantine Requirements for Imported Afforestation of Pine Nuts

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

Date	Matter
05-10-18	STC Circular 10/2018 Air Transhipment Cargo Exemption Scheme for Specified Strategic Commodities Registration for 2019

INDIA

Material in this section and the India [Antidumping Countervailing Duty and Safeguards Investigations](#) section was prepared by [Sonia Gupta](#) of [Ashok Dhingra Associates](#), Attorneys at Law, Gurgaon (Haryana), India

India submits Semi-Annual Report on Anti-Dumping Actions

In pursuance of Article 16.4 of the *Agreement on Implementation of Article VI of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade 1994*, India notified the Committee on Anti-Dumping Practices regarding Anti-Dumping actions for the period 1 January, 2018 to 30 June, 2018, reproduced vide [Notification No. G/ADP/N/314/IND](#) (dated 4 October, 2018). Subsequently, corrigendum to modify the Semi-Annual Report was circulated vide [Notification No. G/ADP/N/314/IND/Corr.1](#) (dated 11 October, 2018).

Member States question India regarding State Trading Enterprises

On 8 October, 2018 Canada questioned India on non-submission of notification concerning State Trading Enterprises (STEs) since November, 2012 despite developments in procurement, import and export of pulses, circulated by the Working Party on State Trading Enterprises vide [Notification No. G/STR/Q1/IND/17](#) (dated 9 October, 2018).

Additionally, on 15 October, 2018 European Union questioned India regarding new and full notification pursuant to Article XVII:4(a) and Paragraph 1 of the *Understanding on Interpretation of Article XVII* of the *General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade, 1994* concerning details of import, export and domestic activities from 2006 to 2010 by STEs, circulated vide [Notification No. G/STR/Q1/IND/18](#) (dated 16 October, 2018).

Communication in India – Measures concerning the Importation of Certain Agricultural Products

On 22 October, 2018, in pursuance of recourse to Article 22.6 of the *Understanding on Rules and Procedures Governing the Settlement of Dispute* (DSU) by India in *India – Measures concerning the Importation of Certain Agricultural Products*, the Arbitrator communicated expectance to issue Decision in January 2019,

on requests of parties, circulated by Dispute Settlement Body vide [Notification No. WT/DS430/28](#) (dated 24 October, 2018).

Subsequently, on 26 October, 2018, the Panel communicated expectance to issue Final Report in March 2019, on requests of parties, circulated vide [Notification No. WT/DS430/29](#) (dated 29 October, 2018).

Communication from India concerning enforcement of Intellectual Property Rights regarding Goods in Transit to European Union

On 18 October, 2018, in continuation of earlier communication, India requests the European Union to answer questions on trademark issues, circulated by the Council for Trade-Related Aspects of Intellectual Property Rights vide [Notification No. IP/C/W/636/Add.1](#) (dated 25 October, 2018).

Revised date for inviting comments on draft *Food Safety and Standards (Contaminants, Toxins and Residues) Amendment Regulations, 2018*

India notifies revised date to December 28, 2018, for inviting comments from other Member States regarding draft Food Safety and Standards (Contaminants, Toxins and Residues) Amendment Regulations, 2018 detailing limit of Metal Contaminant, Aflatoxin and Mycotoxin, circulated by the Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures vide [Notification No. G/SPS/N/IND/224](#) (dated 29 October, 2018).

Other CBIC and DGFT notifications, circulars and instructions

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

Date	Series and No	Subject
CBIC Non-Tariff Notifications		
04-10-18	85/2018-Cus (NT)	Exchange rate notification providing conversion rate of foreign currencies to INR
15-10-18	86/2018-Cus (NT)	Tariff Notification regarding fixation of Tariff Value of Edible Oils, Brass Scrap, Poppy Seeds, Areca Nut, Gold and Silver
18-10-18	87/2018-Cus (NT)	Exchange rate notification providing conversion rate of foreign currencies to INR
30-10-18	88/2018-Cus (NT)	Sea Cargo Manifest and Transshipment Regulations, 2018 to come into force from 1 March, 2019
31-10-18	89/2018-Cus (NT)	Tariff Notification regarding fixation of Tariff Value of Edible Oils, Brass Scrap, Poppy Seeds, Areca Nut, Gold and Silver
CBIC Tariff Notifications		
11-10-18	74/2018-Cus	Basic Customs Duty (BCD) for Tariff Items 8517 6100 (Base stations) and 8517 6990 (Others) of the Customs Tariff Act, 1975 increased to 20% from 10%
	75/2018-Cus	Exemption to goods falling under Tariff Items 8517 6290 and 8517 6990 of the Customs Tariff Act, 1975 for use in manufacture of mobile phones restricted
	76/2018-Cus	Exemption to goods falling under Tariff Item 8517 7010 of the Customs Tariff Act, 1975 (ITA Bound Goods) restricted
CBIC Circulars		
01-10-18	35/2018-Customs	Registration of beneficiaries on ICEGATE
05-10-18	36/2018-Customs	Amendment of existing guidelines on grant of reward to

Date	Series and No	Subject
		informers and Government servants
09-10-18	37/2018-Customs	Integrated Goods and Service Tax (IGST) refund not available to exporter in case of claiming higher rate of drawback
18-10-18	38/2018-Customs	Procedure to be followed in case of manufacturing or other operations undertaken in bonded warehouses specified
23-10-18	39/2018-Customs	Radio Frequency Identification (RFID) sealing for warehouse to warehouse transfer to be obtained from destination warehouse
24-10-18	40/2018-Customs	Facility provided in Indian Customs EDI System (ICES) for processing and sanctioning of eligible differential IGST export refunds with specified conditions
30-10-18	41/2018-Customs	Implementation of Radio Frequency Identification (RFID) sealing for deposit in and removal of goods from Customs Bonded Warehouses extended till 1 January, 2019
DGFT Notifications		
04-10-18	15/2018-Customs	Clarification in relation to applicability of provisions of the Customs Act, 1962 to Cruise Tourism
08-10-18	16/2018-Customs	Radio Frequency Identification (RFID) e-seals for sealing containers classified under Tariff Item 8309 9030 of the Customs Tariff Act, 1975
15-10-18	17/2018-Customs	Guidelines for handling and storage of valuable goods seized/ confiscated by the Authorities
25-10-18	18/2018-TRU	Importers of Saccharin originating in and exported from China PR informed about ongoing litigation in the matter in the High Court of Gujarat
DGFT Notifications		
03-10-18	39/2015-2020	Import policy of specified items under Chapter 29 and 30 of ITC (HS), 2017, Schedule – I (Import Policy) revised from Restricted to Free subject to obtaining No Objection Certificate (NOC) from the Narcotics Commissioner, Gwalior, prior to import
	40/2015-2020	Time for finalising modalities and completing export process of allocated quantities of Red Sanders wood by the Directorate of Revenue Intelligence (DRI) and the Governments of Tamil Nadu and Maharashtra extended till 30 April, 2019
05-10-18	41/2015-2020	Indian Potash Limited, Chennai delisted as State Trading Enterprise for import of Urea
23-10-18	42/2015-2020	Policy condition amended to allow import of 0.5 MT per annum of Pet Coke for anode making by the Aluminium Industry and 1.4 MT per annum for producing calcinated Pet Coke by Calcinated Pet Coke manufacturing units with Actual User Condition
DGFT Public Notices		
16-10-18	42/2015-2020	SION A-1486 of product group 'Chemical and Allied Products' amended to allow import of Lauryl Alcohol and Lauryl Myristyl Alcohol for export of Sodium Lauryl Sulphate 90%

Antidumping and countervailing duty cases

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

INDONESIA

Safeguard investigation on aluminium foil launched

On 12 October 2018, the WTO [announced](#) that Indonesia notified the WTO's Committee on Safeguards that it initiated on 9 October 2018 a safeguard investigation on aluminium foil.

In the notification, Indonesia indicated, among other things, as follows:

- (i) Those having substantial interest and wishing to be considered as interested parties in this investigation should submit written request within a period of 15 days in Indonesia from the date of initiation to the Investigating Authority. All submissions and request made by interested parties must be sent both in written letter and in electronic format, and must indicate the name, address, e-mail address, telephone and fax number of the interested parties.
- (ii) In Accordance with article 3.1 WTO Agreement on Safeguard, the Government of the Republic of Indonesia will conduct a hearing in order to provide opportunities for those Members who having a substantial interest to present their evidence and views, Hearing is scheduled to be held on Monday, 29 October 2018 at 10.00-12.00 am. All interested parties, who wish to participate in the hearing and present their evidences and views, should submit related documents to the Investigating Authority not later than 25 October 2018. Registration on the day of the hearing (29 October 2018) will start at 09.00 am and only authorized representatives will have access to the hearing."

Further information is available in [G/SG/N/6/IDN/29](#).

MALAYSIA

Is Malaysia Back on Track with the CPTPP?

Following the unexpected victory of the Mahathir-led coalition party in the Malaysian general elections in May 2018, the 60-year uninterrupted rule of the Barisan National came to a historical halt, ending with it many policies and initiatives previously undertaken by the Najib-led administration. In the firing line, stood the CPTPP, in respect of which Mahathir had briefly announced in early June 2018 the potential need for Malaysian to review its participation in the same during his maiden visit to Japan after taking office as the premier, citing the need to consider the terms of the CPTPP vis-a-vis 'the level of development of a country'. The months ensuing the no less than ambiguous statement saw critics from both flanks voicing their sentiments on the CPTPP whilst Malaysia's participation in the same remains uncertain.

Fast forward to late August 2018, following an interview with a Thai television network, Mahathir signaled that Malaysia will press on with ratifying the CPTPP. However, the jubilation for businesses and negotiators alike was only short-lived when in late September 2018, Mahathir was reported to state that Malaysia is still looking at the pros and cons of the CPTPP and, as such, has yet to make any final decision on the trade pact citing key concerns such as the potential impact of the ISDS mechanism (which, briefly, allows private stakeholders to have direct recourse against CPTPP member states in the event of a dispute) as well as the potential anti-Chinese outlook of the CPTPP.

At the current pace, Malaysia is unlikely to be at the forefront to reap the benefits of the CPTPP, which is tentatively expected to enter into force late 2018 / early 2019 once at least 6 countries out of the 11 signatories have notified the CPTPP Depository in writing of the completion of their domestic ratification process. At this juncture, Mexico, Japan and Singapore have ratified the CPTPP domestically and Australia, Canada, Chile, New Zealand and Vietnam are expected to complete their respective internal ratification processes by the end of 2018 following updates shared by CPTPP member states .

If Malaysia decides not to join the CPTPP, Malaysia will risk losing its competitive edge as the preferred foreign investment destination vis-a-vis its ASEAN contemporaries such as Vietnam and Singapore. Hopeful businesses in Malaysia will

also lose out on the opportunity to gain new market access to Canada, Peru and Mexico that businesses in Malaysia would be able to take advantage of under the CPTPP.

At this stage, the business community can only patiently wait for a clearer signal from the Malaysian government as to whether Malaysia will join the CPTPP free trade wave and ride against the tide of nationalistic global trend worldwide as observed from the historical hallmarks of Brexit, Trump's withdrawal from the CPTPP and the US-China trade war.

If you have any questions, please contact the author, [Adeline Wong](#).

NEW ZEALAND

New Zealand becomes the fourth signatory to ratify CPTPP

On 25 October 2018, New Zealand formally [ratified](#) the *Comprehensive and Progressive Agreement for the Trans-Pacific Partnership* (CPTPP) bringing the number of ratifications to four. Subsequently, Canada and Australia deposited their notifications of ratification, bringing the number to six, the number required to enter into force, which will now happen on 30 December.

New Zealand is first country to ratify PACER Plus trade deal

On 24 October 2018, the New Zealand Government [announced](#) that it was the first country to complete its domestic procedures to ratify the *Pacific Agreement on Closer Economic Relations* (PACER Plus) trade and development agreement. It builds on existing trade agreements: the *South Pacific Regional Trade and Economic Cooperation Agreement* (SPARTECA) (1980) and the original *PACER Agreement* (2001).

PACER Plus is a trade and development agreement that will lower barriers, provide greater certainty for NZ businesses, and raise living standards, create jobs and increase exports in Pacific Island countries. The intended benefits of PACER Plus are:

- a more predictable trading environment
- more consistent and transparent rules throughout the region on sanitary and phytosanitary measures, technical barriers to trade, and customs procedures
- more liberal and product-specific rules of origin
- increased investment in the region, in particular by New Zealand and Australian investors into Pacific Island countries
- greater certainty around tariffs for exporters
- more opportunities for trade-related development assistance for Pacific Island countries
- a more mobile labour force in the region.

PACER Plus comes into force 60 days after at least eight of the eleven signatories have ratified. The other signatories are: Australia, the Cook Islands, Kiribati, Nauru, Niue, Samoa, the Solomon Islands, Tonga, Tuvalu and Vanuatu.

For more information about PACER Plus, including the [full text of the agreement](#) and various factsheets, visit <https://www.mfat.govt.nz/PACER Plus>

Changes to import requirements for some explosives

Following public consultation earlier this year, the Environmental Protection Authority (EPA) has [changed the import requirements](#) for some explosives.

From 1 October 2018, importers of certain items containing explosives will NOT require an import permit from the EPA. These items include:

- Party poppers,
- Christmas crackers,
- Cap guns,
- Marine (ship) flares and
- Railway signals

Fireworks and other explosives will continue to require the import permit.

New Zealand Gazette

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

Date	Matter
28-09-18	Tariff Concession (Advertisement) Notice No. 2018/42 (20-09-18)
	Tariff Concession Approvals, Withdrawals and Declines Notice (No. 42) 2018 (21-09-18)
	Tariff Concession Approvals, Withdrawals and Declines Notice (No. 43) 2018 (21-09-18)
	Tariff Concession Approvals, Withdrawals and Declines Notice (No. 44) 2018 (27-09-18)
05-10-18	Tariff Concession Approvals, Withdrawals and Declines Notice (No. 45) 2018 (04-10-18)

SINGAPORE

Singapore Customs posts changes to the prohibition of imports, exports, transshipments and goods in transit from or to North Korea

On 16 October 2018, Singapore Customs posted [Circular No. 10/2018](#) which announces updated regulations governing the prohibition of imports, exports, transshipments and goods in transit from or to the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (DPRK or North Korea).

Under Regulation 6(1)(b) of the [Regulation of Imports and Exports Regulations](#), the importation into, exportation from, or transshipment or transit through Singapore of any goods which will contravene the decisions of the United Nations Security Council (UNSC) in resolutions made under Chapter VII of the United Nations Charter, are prohibited.

With the adoption of UNSC Resolution 2397 (2017), Singapore has updated the Seventh Schedule, read with Regulation 6(2)(d) of the [Regulation of Imports and Export Regulations](#) to allow traders to more easily refer to the various trade prohibitions imposed by the decisions made by the UNSC. The updated prohibitions have been published in the [Regulation of Imports and Exports \(Amendment\) Regulations 2018](#), which take effect on 17 Oct 2018.

Traders are reminded that the import, export, transshipment, and transit of any goods that are for the purposes of trade with any person in the DPRK continue to be prohib-

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ited under the Seventh Schedule, read with Regulation 6(2)(d) of the *Regulation of Imports and Exports Regulations*.

For goods which are not for the purposes of trade, which are imported from, exported or re-exported to the DPRK, traders would need to apply for a TradeNet® permit at least 3 working days before the intended date of shipment. Supporting documents should include documents to show that the shipment is non-commercial in nature (e.g. a letter of authorisation issued by a United Nations (UN) body). Please be reminded to comply with all the conditions stipulated in the approved permits.

Penalties

Under the *Regulation of Imports and Exports Act* (RIEA), any person who contravenes any of these prohibitions shall be guilty of an offence and shall be liable to –

- a) a fine of not exceeding S\$100,000 or 3 times the value of the goods in respect of which the offence was committed, whichever is the greater, or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding 2 years or to both, on the first conviction; and
- b) a fine of not exceeding S\$200,000 or 4 times the value of the goods in respect of which the offence was committed, whichever is the greater, or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding 3 years or to both, on the second or subsequent conviction

Singapore Customs implements Revised Rules of Origin and Operational Certification Procedures under the India-Singapore CECA

Singapore Customs [Circular 09/2018](#) of 7 September 2018 outlines the changes and new requirements in the revised *India-Singapore Comprehensive Economic Cooperation Agreement* (CECA) Rules of Origin (ROO) and Operational Certification Procedures (OCP) for exports to India, which will take effect from 14 September 2018. The full text of the revised CECA ROO and OCP may be downloaded at Enterprise Singapore's Free Trade Agreement (FTA) [website](#). Appendix A to the Circular includes FAQs.

Notices, circulars, etc.

Date	Reference	Matter
16-10-18	Cir. 10/2018	Changes to the Prohibition of Imports, Exports, Transshipments and Goods In Transit From or to the Democratic People's Republic of Korea

VIETNAM

Compulsory use of e-invoices from 1 November 2020

As an effort to mitigate tax evasion and reinforce tax administration, the Government issued Decree No. 119/2018/ND-CP ("Decree 119") dated 12 September 2018, effective on 1 November 2018 to regulate the use of e-invoices, as a replacement for paper invoices, by business entities in Vietnam.

Under Decree 119, companies must use e-invoices for selling goods or rendering services as the proof of transaction/payment. Though e-invoices can be converted to paper invoices, the "converted" paper invoices only hold the value of bookkeeping under accounting law, except for paper invoices created by billing machines which are electronically connected with the tax authorities for data

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Commission releases report on EU trade agreements

On 31 October 2018, the European Commission issued its second annual [Report on Implementation of EU Free Trade Agreements](#), covering calendar year 2017. According to the report the agreements, which cover nearly 70 markets all over the world, are proving effective in removing barriers to trade and promoting high standards of labour and environment protection. However, European exporters could make even more out of the opportunities offered by the agreements in place. A [press release](#) issued by the Commission stated in part:

Today's report covers developments in 2017 and shows that trade under existing EU trade agreements keeps growing. To give a few examples, exports to South Korea increased by over 12% last year, exports to Colombia by more than 10%, and EU exports to Canada rose by 7% in the nine months following the entry into force of the EU-Canada agreement. EU agri-food producers are among the main beneficiaries of scrapped customs duties, with strong export increases last year especially to Ecuador (+34%), Chile (+29%), Serbia (+23%), Turkey and Costa Rica (both +14%).

As regards regulatory obstacles to trade, EU trade agreements last year made it possible to open the Mexican market to European health products, while also opening the Chilean and Peruvian markets to some EU agri-food exports, and paved the way for EU companies to bid in public tenders in Georgia, Moldova and Ukraine.

When it comes to the promotion of EU standards and sustainable development, thanks to specific provisions in EU trade agreements, partners such as Canada and Mexico ratified International Labour Organisation Conventions last year, offering greater protection to workers.

Despite these positive developments, more could still be achieved if EU companies made full use of the opportunities available under the agreements in place. For that reason, together with Member States and business networks, the Commission is boosting its efforts to inform and help EU companies, especially smaller ones, to benefit from trade deals. Initiatives include improving online tools such as the [Market Access Database](#) and the [Trade Helpdesk](#), and providing step-by-step guidance to businesses that want to make the most out of the recent EU trade agreements with Canada and Japan.

- [Annex to the report: Commission staff working document](#)
- [Factsheet](#)
- [EU trade agreements](#)

Commission publishes the 2019 version of the Combined Nomenclature

The European Commission has published the latest version of the Combined Nomenclature (CN) applicable as from 1 January 2019.

The Combined Nomenclature forms the basis for the declaration of goods (a) at importation or exportation or (b) when subject to intra-Union trade statistics. This determines which rate of customs duty applies and how the goods are treated for statistical purposes. The CN is thus a vital working tool for business and the Member States' customs administrations.

The Combined Nomenclature was established by Council Regulation (EEC) No 2658/87 on the tariff and statistical nomenclature and on the Common Customs

Tariff. It is updated every year and is published as a Commission Implementing Regulation in the Official Journal of the European Union, L Series.

The latest version is now available as [Commission Implementing Regulation \(EU\) 2018/1602](#) in EU *Official Journal* L 273 of 31 October 2018 and applies from 1 January 2019. The latest version includes:

- Amendments to implement the gradual reduction of duty rates for fresh bananas, as required by Council Decision 2011/194/EU;
- Amendments to implement the gradual reduction of duty rates for products covered by the agreement in the form of the Declaration on the Expansion of Trade in Information Technology Products (ITA2), as required by Council Decision (EU) 2016/971;
- Amendments to take account of changes in requirements relating to statistics, to commercial policy and technological and commercial developments, by deleting obsolete codes, by introducing new subheadings to facilitate monitoring of specific goods;
- Amendments to adapt the list of international non-proprietary names (Annex 3 to Section II of Part Three (Tariff Annexes) of the CN) and the list of pharmaceutical intermediates, i.e. compounds of a kind used for the manufacture of finished pharmaceutical products (Annex 6 to Section II of Part Three (Tariff Annexes) of the CN), which are free of duty;
- New CN codes to better monitor the growing market of 'beverage can body stock', 'beverage can end stock and tab stock', under subheading 7606 12 and to definitions of these products under a new Additional note 2 to Chapter 76; and
- Certain minor changes in order to align the different language versions of the text.

EU and Singapore forge closer economic and political ties

On 19 October 2018, the European Commission [announced](#) that the European Union and Singapore have signed three agreements, taking their political, trade, and investment relations to a new level. The agreements signed are the EU-Singapore Trade Agreement, the EU-Singapore Investment Protection Agreement and the Framework Agreement on Partnership and Cooperation. Together, they signify an important step towards increasing the EU's presence in a fast-growing, important region. The announcement said in part:

The trade agreement with Singapore will remove nearly all remaining tariffs on certain EU products, simplify customs procedures and set high standards and rules. It simplifies trade in goods like electronics, food products and pharmaceuticals, while stimulating green growth. It opens up the market for services like telecommunications, environmental services and engineering. It also includes a comprehensive chapter on trade and sustainable development, setting the highest standards of labour, safety, environmental and consumer protection, as well as strengthening joint actions on sustainable development and climate change.

The Investment Protection Agreement contains all aspects of the EU's new approach to investment protection and its enforcement mechanisms. It will ensure a high level of investment protection, while safeguarding the EU's and Singapore's rights to regulate and pursue public policy objectives such as the protection of public health, safety and the environment.

The trade and investment agreements represent the first building block towards a future region-to-region agreement between the EU and ASEAN.

The Framework Agreement on Partnership and Cooperation, signed by the High Representative/Vice-President Federica Mogherini and her counterpart, the Minister of Foreign Affairs of Singapore, Vivian Balakrishnan, will allow the EU and Singapore to strengthen political, economic and sectoral cooperation across a wide range of fields,

including environment, climate change, energy, education and culture, employment and social affairs, science and technology, transport, counter terrorism and the fight against organised crime. It will enhance cooperation on global challenges, where both Singapore and the EU play an increasingly important role, and will help address them in a more coherent way. The Agreement establishes a Joint Committee, which will ensure the proper functioning and implementation of the Agreement.

The Partnership and Cooperation Agreement with Singapore is the fourth such agreement signed with an ASEAN country, following the agreements with Indonesia, the Philippines and Vietnam. It will supersede the current legal framework of the 1980 Cooperation Agreement between the European Economic Community and member countries of ASEAN.

Next steps

The trade and investment agreements will be sent to the European Parliament for consent. The trade agreement could then enter into force before the end of the current mandate of the European Commission in 2019, while the investment protection agreement will also follow ratification procedures at Member States level. The Partnership and Cooperation Agreement will need to be ratified by EU Member States and submitted to the European Parliament before it enters formally into force.

Council authorises launch of beef negotiations with US

On 19 October 2018, the European Council [announced](#) that it has authorised the Commission to open negotiations on an agreement with the United States on imports of high quality beef from animals not treated with certain growth promoting hormones. The announcement said:

The Council also adopted a mandate for the negotiations, which will review the functioning of the existing quota for imports of hormone-free beef into the EU. Hormone-free beef imports are not part of the wider discussions on improving EU-US trade relations launched following the 25 July meeting between Presidents Juncker and Trump. Nevertheless, finding a mutually beneficial solution to our longstanding dispute over beef would be a major step forward in improving our trade cooperation.

The aim of the negotiations will be to settle definitively a long-standing WTO dispute. It is not meant to affect in any way the EU ban on hormones-treated beef as such. The ban remains. The EU and the United States agreed on an interim solution in 2009, later revised in 2014, which grants a tariff rate quota (TRQ) for hormone-free beef imports of 45 000 tons. In line with WTO rules, this TRQ is also available to exporters from other WTO member countries. A review of the existing arrangements was requested by the previous US Administration in 2016, and the two sides have since explored possible solutions.

The aim of the negotiations is to find a mutually satisfactory solution in line with WTO rules. The Commission is not authorised to negotiate an increase in the existing TRQ but can discuss a country-specific allocation of the overall quota. Negotiations with other supplying countries may be needed to ensure that any agreed country-specific allocation with the US respects their existing rights under the WTO/GATT Agreements.

EFTA-US meet for fifth trade political dialogue

The European Free Trade Association (EFTA) Secretariat [announced](#) that an EFTA delegation met with representatives from US agencies, including the Assistant Trade Representative in Washington DC on 17 October. The announcement said:

The fifth meeting in the EFTA-US Trade Policy Dialogue covered technical barriers to trade as well as current developments in trade policy. These include the USMCA Agreement, developments in the WTO and the tariff measures enacted by the US on steel and aluminium as well as against certain Chinese imports. The discussions also

covered the possible implications of Brexit for the US and for the EFTA States and trade talks between the EU and the US.

The purpose of the EFTA-US Trade Policy Dialogue established in 2013 is to foster greater mutual understanding on trade policy between EFTA and the US and explore possible avenues for further cooperation and closer trade relations between the two sides.

2018 Update of the EU Control List of Dual-Use Items

The European Commission [announced](#) that on 10 October 2018, the Commission adopted the annual Delegated Regulation that updates the EU dual-use export control list in Annex I to Regulation (EC) No 428/2009 and brings it in line with the decisions taken within the framework of the international non-proliferation regimes and export control arrangements in 2017.

The majority of the changes this year result from amendments that were agreed at the 2017 Plenary of the Wassenaar Arrangement, including:

- Change of controls on measuring and inspection equipment (2B006) and now including angular measuring equipment;
- Deletion of control on robots with 3D image processing (2B007a);
- Deletion of controls on technology for numerical control units (2E003b) and machine tool instruction generators (2E003d);
- New control entry for electro-optic modulators (3A001i); o New entry for semiconductor manufacturing mask substrate blanks (3B001j); o New decontrols for 'upgrade' intrusion software (4D004);
- New decontrol for technology for 'vulnerability disclosure' and 'cyber incident response' (4E001);
- New control for Focal Plane Array (FPA) readout integrated circuits (ROIC) (6A002f); o Deletion of controls on high speed cinema film recording and mechanical cameras (6A003a);
- New parameter for 'corrected specific fuel consumption' added to the control on marine gas turbine control (9A002);
- Increase of controls for ground based spacecraft control equipment (9A004); o Change of software controls for testing aero gas turbines engines (9D004b).

The Missile Technology Control Regime in 2017 decided to add new parameters for controls on batch and continuous mixers (1B117), to limit the scope of control for flow-forming machines (2B109) to missile production, to amend the control on satellite navigation systems (7A105) to include regional as well as global systems and to add dry weight and rotor diameter parameters for the control on turbojet/fan engines (9A101).

The Nuclear Suppliers Group agreed in 2017 to add a new control for lithium target assemblies (1B235) to reflect the dual-use NSG entry 2.A.4, and to delete controls for water hydrogen sulphide exchange tray columns (1B229).

The Australia Group in 2017 agreed to add a CWC schedule organic molecule to 1C350, re-write control on genetic elements and make certain additions to the controls on both chemical and biological manufacturing equipment.

The Commission Delegated Regulation will enter into force upon its publication approximately 2 months after its adoption, provided that the Council and the European Parliament raise no objections within this period. The planned publication date, in case of successful completion of the non-objection period, is foreseen for 14 December 2018.

[The Comprehensive Change Note Summary 2018 provides a detailed overview of all technical changes compared to the 2017 EU Dual-Use Control List across all 10 categories.](#)

[The 2018 Commission Delegated Regulation including Explanatory Memorandum.](#)

Chemical weapons: the Council of the EU adopts a new sanctions regime

On 15 October 2018, the Council of the EU [announced](#) that it had adopted a new regime of restrictive measures to address the use and proliferation of chemical weapons. This decision is a direct follow-up to the [conclusions](#) of the European Council of 28 June 2018. The announcement stated:

The EU will now be able to impose sanctions on persons and entities involved in the development and use of chemical weapons anywhere, regardless of their nationality and location.

The restrictive measures target persons and entities who are directly responsible for the development and use of chemical weapons as well as those who provide financial, technical or material support, and those who assist, encourage or are associated with them.

Sanctions consist of a travel ban to the EU and an asset freeze for persons, and an asset freeze for entities. In addition, EU persons and entities are forbidden from making funds available to those listed.

This decision contributes to the EU's efforts to counter the proliferation and use of chemical weapons which poses a serious threat to international security. It supports the global prohibition of chemical weapons as laid down by the Chemical Weapons Convention, against a background of increasing chemical attacks in various parts of the world.

The new regime has been introduced by [Council Decision \(CFSP\) 2018/1544](#) and [Council Regulation \(EU\) 2018/1542](#).

A [press release](#) published by the UK Foreign and Commonwealth Office on 14 October 2018 states that the UK will push for listings under the new regime of "specific individuals and entities responsible for the use and proliferation of chemical weapons across the world". The press release also states that the UK Foreign Secretary will push for an acceleration of discussions on a new EU cyber-related sanctions regime.

Commission implements temporary suspension of duties on certain aircraft goods

On 12 October 2018, the *Official Journal* published [Commission Implementing Regulation \(EU\) 2018/1517 of 11 October 2018 laying down detailed rules implementing certain provisions of Council Regulation \(EU\) 2018/581 temporarily suspending the autonomous Common Customs Tariff duties on certain goods of a kind to be incorporated in or used for aircraft](#). Under Regulation (EU) 2018/581, the Commission is required to establish a list of those goods by reference to their Combined Nomenclature codes. The list of headings, subheadings and codes of the Combined Nomenclature, as set out in Annex I to Council Regulation (EEC) No 2658/87 of goods which benefit from the duty suspension laid down in Article 1(1) of Regulation (EU) 2018/581 is laid down in Annex I to the Implementing Regulation.

In addition, it is a condition that a certain type-certificate such as a European Aviation Safety Agency (EASA) Form 1 authorised release certificate or an equivalent is made available to the customs authorities. EASA has concluded bilateral aviation safety agreements or technical working arrangements with certain third countries issuing such types of certificates. Certificates issued by those countries are set forth in Annex II of the Implementing Regulation and will be considered to be equivalent to EASA Form 1.

Council adopts tougher money laundering rules

On 11 October 2018, the Council [announced](#) that it had adopted a new anti money laundering directive. This directive introduces new criminal law provisions which will disrupt and block access by criminals to financial resources, including those used for terrorist activities.

The new rules include:

- establishing minimum rules on the definition of criminal offences and sanctions relating to money laundering. Money laundering activities will be punishable by a maximum term of imprisonment of 4 years, and judges may impose additional sanctions and measures (e.g. temporary or permanent exclusion from access to public funding, fines, etc.). Aggravating circumstances will apply to cases linked to criminal organisations or for offences conducted in the exercise of certain professional activities.
- the possibility of holding legal entities liable for certain money laundering activities which can face a range of sanctions (e.g. exclusion from public aid, placement under judicial supervision, judicial winding-up, etc.)
- removing obstacles to cross-border judicial and police cooperation by setting common provisions to improve investigations. For cross-border cases, the new rules clarify which member state has jurisdiction, and how those member states involved cooperate, as well as how to involve Eurojust.

Once the directive is published in the *Official Journal of the EU*, member states have up to 24 months to transpose it into national law.

This directive complements, on the criminal law aspects, the [directive on the prevention of the use of the financial system for the purposes of money laundering or terrorist financing](#) which was formally adopted in May 2018.

Commission publishes WCO 61st HSC outcomes

On 25 October 2018, the *Official Journal* published [Communication in accordance with Article 34\(7\)\(a\)\(iii\) of Regulation \(EU\) No 952/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council, on decisions relating to binding information issued by the customs authorities of the Member States concerning the classification of goods in the customs nomenclature](#) (2018/C 385/01).

The customs authorities shall revoke decisions relating to binding information from this day if they become incompatible with the interpretation of the customs nomenclature as a result of the following international tariff measures:

- Classification Decisions,
- Classification Opinions or
- amendments to the Explanatory Notes of the Nomenclature of the Harmonised Commodity Description and Coding System,

adopted by the Customs Cooperation Council* (CCC document No NC2501 — report of the 61st session of the HS Committee):

AMENDMENTS TO THE EXPLANATORY NOTES TO BE DONE UNDER AN ARTICLE 8 PROCEDURE OF THE HS CONVENTION AND CLASSIFICATION OPINIONS AND DECISIONS EDITED BY THE HS COMMITTEE OF THE WORLD CUSTOMS ORGANIZATION

(61ST SESSION OF THE HSC — MARCH 2018)

AMENDMENTS OF THE EXPLANATORY NOTES OF THE NOMENCLATURE ANNEXED TO THE HS
CONVENTION

12.11	M/11	9030.82	M/1
21.03	M/11	9031.41	M/1

CLASSIFICATION OPINIONS APPROVED BY THE HS COMMITTEE

0307.32/1	M/8	6402.99/3	M/22
1008.50/1	M/9	7020.00/1-2	M/23
1212.99/2	M/10	8111.00/1	M/24
1516.10/1	M/12	8112.29/1	M/24
1904.90/5	M/13	8414.80/1	M/26
2008.99/3-4	M/14	8438.60/2-3	M/27
2103.90/6	M/15	8471.60/1	M/28
2106.90/37	M/12	8482.99/1	M/25
2403.99/1	M/16	8504.40/2	M/29
2811.22/1	M/17	8519.81/4	M/30
2936.29/1-2	M/18	8528.52/6-8	M/31
3401.30/2-3.	M/19	8541.40/2	M/32
3926.90/14	M/20	9503.00/11-12	M/33
4202.32/1	M/21	9506.29/1	M/20

CLASSIFICATION OPINION DELETED BY THE HS COMMITTEE

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CLASSIFICATION DECISIONS APPROVED BY THE HS COMMITTEE

2937.19 (INN: List 114)	M/3	39.20	H/5
2939.80 (INN: List 114)	M/4	INN: List 116	M/5
3002.90 (INN: Lists 112, 115, 116 and 117)	M/7	INN: List 117	M/6

[* The official name of the World Customs Organization is the Customs Cooperation Council]

Information regarding the contents of these measures can be obtained from the Directorate-General for Taxation and Customs Union of the European Commission (rue de la Loi/Wetstraat 200, 1049 Brussels, Belgium) or can be downloaded from the [internet site of this Directorate-General](#).

Commission issues tariff classification regulations

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

Amendments to the CN Explanatory Notes

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

Binding Tariff Information

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

Binding Tariff Information is issued on request to economic operators by the customs authorities of the Member States. It is valid throughout the Community,

regardless of the Member State which issued it. For information about an existing BTI, you may want to contact the [customs administration of the Member State](#) which issued it. However, remember that, according to the provisions for data protection, there are limitations as to the information an administration can provide. You can search and consult existing BTIs on the [EBTI-database](#).

Official Journal documents

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

OJ Date	Subject
02-10-18	Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2018/1467 of 27 July 2018 amending Delegated Regulation (EU) 2016/1675 supplementing Directive (EU) 2015/849 of the European Parliament and of the Council, as regards adding Pakistan to the table in point I of the Annex
03-10-18	Commission Regulation (EU) 2018/1472 of 28 September 2018 amending Annex II to Regulation (EC) No 1333/2008 of the European Parliament and of the Council and the Annex to Commission Regulation (EU) No 231/2012 as regards Cochineal, Carminic acid, Carmines (E 120)
	Corrigendum to Commission Regulation (EU) 2018/832 of 5 June 2018 amending Annexes II, III and V to Regulation (EC) No 396/2005 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards maximum residue levels for cyantraniliprole, cymoxanil, deltamethrin, difenoconazole, fenamidone, flubendiamide, fluopicolide, folpet, fosetyl, mandestrobin, mepiquat, metazachlor, propamocarb, propargite, pyrimethanil, sulfoxaflor and trifloxystrobin in or on certain products (OJ L 140, 6.6.2018)
04-10-18	Commission Implementing Decision (EU) 2018/1477 of 2 October 2018 on the terms and conditions of the authorisations of biocidal products containing ethyl butylacetylaminopropionate referred by Belgium in accordance with Article 36 of Regulation (EU) No 528/2012 of the European Parliament and of the Council (notified under document C(2018) 6291)
	Commission Implementing Decision (EU) 2018/1479 of 3 October 2018 postponing the expiry date of approval of sulfuryl fluoride for use in biocidal products of product-type 8
	Corrigendum to Commission Regulation (EU) 2017/227 of 9 February 2017 amending Annex XVII to Regulation (EC) No 1907/2006 of the European Parliament and of the Council concerning the Registration, Evaluation, Authorisation and Restriction of Chemicals (REACH) as regards bis(pentabromophenyl)ether (OJ L 35, 10.2.2017)
05-10-18	Commission Regulation (EU) 2018/1480 of 4 October 2018 amending, for the purposes of its adaptation to technical and scientific progress, Regulation (EC) No 1272/2008 of the European Parliament and of the Council on classification, labelling and packaging of substances and mixtures and correcting Commission Regulation (EU) 2017/776
	Commission Regulation (EU) 2018/1481 of 4 October 2018 amending Annexes II and III to Regulation (EC) No 1333/2008 of the European Parliament and of the Council and the Annex to Commission Regulation (EU) No 231/2012 as regards octyl gallate (E 311) and dodecyl gallate (E 312)
	Commission Regulation (EU) 2018/1482 of 4 October 2018 amending Annex I to Regulation (EC) No 1334/2008 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards caffeine and theobromine
	Council Decision (EU) 2018/1485 of 28 September 2018 establishing the position to be adopted on behalf of the European Union as regards the amendments to the Annexes to the European Agreement concerning the International Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Road (ADR) and to the Regulations annexed to the European Agreement concerning the International Carriage of Dangerous

OJ Date	Subject
	<p>Goods by Inland Waterways (ADN)</p> <p>Council Decision (EU) 2018/1486 of 28 September 2018 on the position to be taken on behalf of the European Union within the Customs Sub-Committee established by the Association Agreement between the European Union and its Member States, of the one part, and Ukraine, of the other part, as regards the replacement of Protocol I to that Agreement, concerning the definition of the concept of 'originating products' and methods of administrative cooperation, by a new protocol which refers to the Regional Convention on pan-Euro-Mediterranean preferential rules of origin</p> <p>The EU list of non-cooperative jurisdictions for tax purposes — Report by the Code of Conduct Group (Business taxation) suggesting amendments to the Annexes of the Council conclusions of 5 December 2017, including the delisting of one jurisdiction [2018/C 359/04]</p>
08-10-18	<p>Corrigendum to Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2018/574 of 15 December 2017 on technical standards for the establishment and operation of a traceability system for tobacco products (OJ L 96, 16.4.2018)</p>
09-10-18	<p>Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2018/1495 of 8 October 2018 amending Implementing Regulation (EU) No 540/2011 as regards the conditions of approval of the active substance malathion</p> <p>Commission Regulation (EU) 2018/1497 of 8 October 2018 amending Annex II to Regulation (EC) No 1333/2008 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards food category 17 and the use of food additives in food supplements</p> <p>Commission Implementing Decision (EU) 2018/1499 of 8 October 2018 amending Implementing Decision (EU) 2018/954 laying down certain protective measures in order to prevent the spread of peste des petits ruminants in Bulgaria (notified under document C(2018) 6662) (¹)</p>
10-10-18	<p>Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2018/1500 of 9 October 2018 concerning the non-renewal of approval of the active substance thiram, and prohibiting the use and sale of seeds treated with plant protection products containing thiram, in accordance with Regulation (EC) No 1107/2009 of the European Parliament and of the Council concerning the placing of plant protection products on the market, and amending Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) No 540/2011</p> <p>Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2018/1501 of 9 October 2018 concerning the non-renewal of approval of the active substance pymetrozine, in accordance with Regulation (EC) No 1107/2009 of the European Parliament and of the Council concerning the placing of plant protection products on the market, and amending Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) No 540/2011</p> <p>Commission Implementing Decision (EU) 2018/1503 of 8 October 2018 establishing measures to prevent the introduction into and the spread within the Union of <i>Aromia bungii</i> (Faldermann) (notified under document C(2018) 6447)</p> <p>Update of reference amounts for the crossing of the external borders, as referred to in Article 6(4) of Regulation (EU) 2016/399 of the European Parliament and of the Council on a Union Code on the rules governing the movement of persons across borders (Schengen Borders Code) [2018/C 366/06]</p>
11-10-18	<p>Commission Implementing Decision (EU) 2018/1512 of 10 October 2018 amending the Annex to Implementing Decision 2014/709/EU concerning animal health control measures relating to African swine fever in certain Member States (notified under document C(2018) 6761)</p> <p>Commission Implementing Decision (EU) 2018/1511 of 9 October 2018 amending Implementing Decision (EU) 2015/789 as regards measures to prevent the introduction into and the spread within the Union of <i>Xylella fastidiosa</i> (Wells et al.) (notified under document C(2018) 6452)</p> <p>Update of the list of border crossing points as referred to in Article 2(8) of Regulation (EU) 2016/399 of the European Parliament and of the Council on a Union Code on the rules governing the movement of persons across borders (Schengen Borders Code) [2018/C 368/05]</p>
12-10-18	<p>Commission Regulation (EU) 2018/1513 of 10 October 2018 amending Annex XVII to Regulation (EC) No 1907/2006 of the European Parliament and of the Council concerning the Registration, Evaluation, Authorisation and Restriction of</p>

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	<p>Chemicals (REACH) as regards certain substances classified as carcinogenic, mutagenic or toxic for reproduction (CMR), category 1A or 1B</p> <p>Commission Regulation (EU) 2018/1514 of 10 October 2018 amending Annexes II, III and IV to Regulation (EC) No 396/2005 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards maximum residue levels for abamectin, acibenzolar-S-methyl, clopyralid, emamectin, fenhexamid, fenpyrazamine, fluazifop-P, iso-fetamid, <i>Pasteuria nishizawae</i> Pn1, talc E553B and tebuconazole in or on certain products</p> <p>Commission Regulation (EU) 2018/1515 of 10 October 2018 amending Annexes III and V to Regulation (EC) No 396/2005 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards maximum residue levels for diphenylamine and oxadixyl in or on certain products</p> <p>Commission Regulation (EU) 2018/1516 of 10 October 2018 amending Annexes II and III to Regulation (EC) No 396/2005 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards maximum residue levels for penoxsulam, triflumizole and triflumuron in or on certain products</p> <p>Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2018/1517 of 11 October 2018 laying down detailed rules implementing certain provisions of Council Regulation (EU) 2018/581 temporarily suspending the autonomous Common Customs Tariff duties on certain goods of a kind to be incorporated in or used for aircraft</p> <p>Commission Implementing Decision (EU) 2018/1519 of 9 October 2018 amending Implementing Decision 2014/150/EU on the organisation of a temporary experiment providing for certain derogations for the marketing of populations of the plant species wheat, barley, oats and maize pursuant to Council Directive 66/402/EEC (notified under document C(2018) 5470)</p> <p>Commission communication in the framework of the implementation of Regulation (EU) No 305/2011 of the European Parliament and of the Council laying down harmonised conditions for the marketing of construction products and repealing Council Directive 89/106/EEC (Publication of references of European Assessment Documents in accordance with Article 22 of Regulation (EU) No 305/2011) [2018/C 370/05]</p> <p>Commission communication in the framework of the implementation of Directive 2014/34/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council on the harmonisation of the laws of the Member States relating to equipment and protective systems intended for use in potentially explosive atmospheres (Publication of titles and references of harmonised standards under Union harmonisation legislation)</p>
15-10-18	<p>Council Decision (EU) 2018/1528 of 11 October 2018 on the signing, on behalf of the Union, of the Voluntary Partnership Agreement between the European Union and the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam on forest law enforcement, governance and trade</p> <p>Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2018/1532 of 12 October 2018 concerning the non-renewal of approval of the active substance diquat, in accordance with Regulation (EC) No 1107/2009 of the European Parliament and of the Council concerning the placing of plant protection products on the market, and amending Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) No 540/2011</p> <p>Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2018/1533 of 12 October 2018 concerning the authorisation of sodium alginate as a feed additive for cats, dogs, other non-food-producing animals and fish and potassium alginate as a feed additive for cats and dogs</p> <p>Council Decision (EU) 2018/1536 of 9 October 2018 establishing the position to be taken on behalf of the European Union within the Committee on Government Procurement on the accession of Australia to the Revised Agreement on Government Procurement</p> <p>Corrigendum to Regulation (EU) 2017/2226 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 30 November 2017 establishing an Entry/Exit System (EES) to register entry and exit data and refusal of entry data of third-country nationals crossing the external borders of the Member States and determining the conditions for access to the EES for law enforcement purposes, and amending the Convention implementing the Schengen Agreement and Regulations (EC) No 767/2008 and (EU) No 1077/2011 (OJ L 327, 9.12.2017)</p>

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16-10-18	Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2018/1543 of 15 October 2018 concerning the authorisation of a preparation of <i>Pediococcus pentosaceus</i> DSM 32291 as a feed additive for all animal species
17-10-18	Council Decision (EU) 2018/1549 of 11 October 2018 on the signing, on behalf of the Union, of the Arrangement between the European Union, of the one part, and the Kingdom of Norway, the Republic of Iceland, the Swiss Confederation and the Principality of Liechtenstein, of the other part, on the participation by those States in the European Agency for the operational management of large-scale IT systems in the area of freedom, security and justice
	Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2018/1551 of 16 October 2018 invalidating invoices issued by two exporting producers in breach of the undertaking repealed by Implementing Regulation (EU) 2017/1570
	Council Decision (EU) 2018/1552 of 28 September 2018 on the position to be taken, on behalf of the European Union, within the Cooperation Council established by the Partnership and Cooperation Agreement between the European Communities and their Member States, of the one part, and the Republic of Azerbaijan, of the other part, with regard to the adoption of the EU-Azerbaijan Partnership Priorities
	Commission Implementing Decision (EU) 2018/1553 of 15 October 2018 on conditions for the recognition of electronic phytosanitary certificates issued by the national plant protection organisations of third countries (notified under document C(2018) 5370)
	Corrigendum to Regulation (EU) 2018/848 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 30 May 2018 on organic production and labelling of organic products and repealing Council Regulation (EC) No 834/2007 (OJ L 150, 14.6.2018)
18-10-18	Commission Regulation (EU) 2018/1555 of 17 October 2018 refusing to authorise certain health claims made on foods and referring to the reduction of disease risk
	Commission Regulation (EU) 2018/1556 of 17 October 2018 refusing to authorise certain health claims made on foods, other than those referring to the reduction of disease risk and to children's development and health
	Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2018/1559 of 17 October 2018 concerning the authorisation of cumin tincture (<i>Cuminum cyminum</i> L.) as a feed additive for all animal species
	Council Decision (EU) 2018/1560 of 15 October 2018 establishing the position to be taken on behalf of the European Union within the EPA Committee set up by the stepping stone Economic Partnership Agreement between Côte d'Ivoire, of the one part, and the European Community and its Member States, of the other part, as regards the adoption of a Decision of the EPA Committee concerning the accession of the Republic of Croatia to the European Union
	Council Decision (EU) 2018/1561 of 15 October 2018 establishing the position to be taken on behalf of the European Union within 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, as regards the adoption of a Decision of the EPA Committee concerning the accession of the Republic of Croatia to the European Union
	Commission Implementing Decision of 10 October 2018 laying down the final import response on behalf of the Union concerning the future import of certain chemicals pursuant to Regulation (EU) No 649/2012 of the European Parliament and of the Council and amending Commission Implementing Decision C(2016) 747 [2018/C 376/06]
	19-10-18
Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2018/1567 of 18 October 2018 correcting Implementing Regulation (EU) 2018/249 concerning the authorisation of taurine, beta-alanine, L-alanine, L-arginine, L-aspartic acid, L-histidine, D,L-isoleucine, L-leucine, L-phenylalanine, L-proline, D,L-serine, L-tyrosine, L-methionine, L-valine, L-cysteine, glycine, monosodium glutamate and L-glutamic	

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	<p>acid as feed additives for all animal species and L-cysteine hydrochloride monohydrate for all species except cats and dogs</p> <p>Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2018/1568 of 18 October 2018 concerning the authorisation of a preparation of fumonisin esterase produced by <i>Komagataella phaffii</i> (DSM 32159) as a feed additive for all pigs and all poultry species</p> <p>Council Decision (EU) 2018/1572 of 15 October 2018 on the application by the Union of Regulations Nos 9, 63 and 92 of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe on uniform provisions concerning the approval of three-wheeled vehicles, mopeds and of the replacement exhaust silencing systems for L-category vehicles with regard to sound emission</p> <p>Council Decision (EU) 2018/1573 of 15 October 2018 establishing the position to be taken on behalf of the European Union within the EPA Committee set up by the stepping stone Economic Partnership Agreement between Ghana, of the one part, and the European Community and its Member States, of the other part, as regards the adoption of a Decision of the EPA Committee concerning the accession of the Republic of Croatia to the European Union</p> <p>Commission Implementing Decision (EU) 2018/1576 of 18 October 2018 amending the Annex to Implementing Decision 2014/709/EU concerning animal health control measures relating to African swine fever in certain Member States (notified under document C(2018) 6961)</p> <p>Corrigendum to Regulation (EU) 2018/848 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 30 May 2018 on organic production and labelling of organic products and repealing Council Regulation (EC) No 834/2007 (OJ L 260, 17.10.2018)</p>
22-10-18	<p>Council Decision (EU) 2018/1578 of 18 September 2018 concerning the extension of the Agreement for scientific and technological cooperation between the European Community and the Government of the United States of America</p> <p>Council Decision (EU) 2018/1582 of 15 October 2018 on the position to be taken on behalf of the Union within the Joint Committee established by the Framework Agreement on Comprehensive Partnership and Cooperation between the European Union and its Member States, of the one part, and the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam, of the other part, as regards the adoption of the rules of procedure of the Joint Committee, and the establishment of subcommittees and specialised working groups and the adoption of their terms of reference</p> <p>Commission Implementing Decision (EU) 2018/1583 of 18 October 2018 amending Annexes I and II to Decision 2006/766/EC as regards the import of bivalve molluscs and fishery products from Peru and Myanmar for human consumption (notified under document C(2018) 6778)</p>
23-10-18	<p>Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2018/1584 of 22 October 2018 amending Regulation (EC) No 889/2008 laying down detailed rules for the implementation of Council Regulation (EC) No 834/2007 on organic production and labelling of organic products with regard to organic production, labelling and control</p> <p>Commission Decision (EU) 2018/1590 of 19 October 2018 amending Decisions 2012/481/EU, 2014/391/EU, 2014/763/EU and 2014/893/EU as regards the period of validity of the ecological criteria for the award of the EU Ecolabel for certain products, and of the related assessment and verification requirements (notified under document C(2018) 6805)</p>
24-10-18	<p>Commission Implementing Decision (EU) 2018/1597 of 23 October 2018 amending the Annex to Implementing Decision (EU) 2017/247 on protective measures in relation to outbreaks of highly pathogenic avian influenza in certain Member States (notified under document C(2018) 7117)</p> <p>Recommendation No 1/2018 of the EU-Azerbaijan Cooperation Council of 28 September 2018 on the EU-Azerbaijan Partnership Priorities [2018/1598]</p>
25-10-18	<p>Council Decision (EU) 2018/1599 of 15 October 2018 on the signing, on behalf of the European Union, of the Free Trade Agreement between the European Union and the Republic of Singapore</p> <p>Council Decision (EU) 2018/1600 of 28 September 2018 concerning the request of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland to take part in some of the provisions of the Schengen <i>acquis</i> relating to the European Union Agency</p>

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	<p>for the operational management of large-scale IT systems in the area of freedom, security and justice (eu-LISA)</p> <p>Communication in accordance with Article 34(7)(a)(iii) of Regulation (EU) No 952/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council, on decisions relating to binding information issued by the customs authorities of the Member States concerning the classification of goods in the customs nomenclature [2018/C 385/01]</p> <p>Notice to economic operators — New round of requests for the suspension of the autonomous Common Customs Tariff duties on certain industrial and agricultural products [2018/C 385/05]</p>
26-10-18	<p>Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2018/1607 of 24 October 2018 amending Council Regulation (EC) No 992/95 as regards Union tariff quotas for certain agricultural, processed agricultural and fishery products originating in Norway</p> <p>Council Decision (EU) 2018/1609 of 28 September 2018 on the position to be taken on behalf of the European Union within the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE) Working Party on Customs Questions affecting Transport and within the UNECE Inland Transport Committee concerning the adoption of the Convention on the facilitation of border crossing procedures for passengers, luggage and load-luggage carried in international traffic by rail</p> <p>Regulation No 139 of the Economic Commission for Europe of the United Nations (UN/ECE) — Uniform provisions concerning the approval of passenger cars with regard to Brake Assist Systems (BAS) [2018/1591]</p> <p>Regulation No 140 of the Economic Commission for Europe of the United Nations (UN/ECE) — Uniform provisions concerning the approval of passenger cars with regard to Electronic Stability Control (ESC) Systems [2018/1592]</p> <p>Regulation No 141 of the Economic Commission for Europe of the United Nations (UN/ECE) — Uniform provisions concerning the approval of vehicles with regard to their Tyre Pressure Monitoring Systems (TPMS) [2018/1593]</p> <p>Summary of European Union decisions on marketing authorisations in respect of medicinal products from 1 September 2018 to 30 September 2018 (Published pursuant to Article 13 or Article 38 of Regulation (EC) No 726/2004 of the European Parliament and of the Council) [2018/C 390/01]</p> <p>Activity Report of the OLAF Supervisory Committee — 2017 [2018/C 389/01]</p>
29-10-18	<p>Corrigendum to Regulation (EU) 2018/848 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 30 May 2018 on organic production and labelling of organic products and repealing Council Regulation (EC) No 834/2007 (OJ L 150, 14.6.2018)</p>
30-10-18	<p>Commission Implementing Decision (EU) 2018/1622 of 29 October 2018 on the non-approval of certain active substances in biocidal products pursuant to Regulation (EU) No 528/2012 of the European Parliament and of the Council</p>
31-10-18	<p>Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2018/1629 of 25 July 2018 amending the list of diseases set out in Annex II to Regulation (EU) 2016/429 of the European Parliament and of the Council on transmissible animal diseases and amending and repealing certain acts in the area of animal health ('Animal Health Law')</p> <p>Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2018/1631 of 30 October 2018 authorising the placing on the market of cranberry extract powder as a novel food under Regulation (EU) 2015/2283 of the European Parliament and of the Council and amending Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2017/2470</p> <p>Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2018/1632 of 30 October 2018 authorising the placing on the market of bovine milk basic whey protein isolate as a novel food under Regulation (EU) 2015/2283 of the European Parliament and of the Council and amending Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2017/2470</p> <p>Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2018/1633 of 30 October 2018 authorising the placing on the market of refined shrimp peptide concentrate as a novel food under Regulation (EU) 2015/2283 of the European Parliament and of the Council and amending Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2017/2470</p> <p>Commission Implementing Decision (EU) 2018/1635 of 30 October 2018 amending the Annex to Implementing Decision 2014/709/EU concerning animal</p>

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	health control measures relating to African swine fever in certain Member States (notified under document C(2018) 7333)
	Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2018/1602 of 11 October 2018 amending Annex I to Council Regulation (EEC) No 2658/87 on the tariff and statistical nomenclature and on the Common Customs Tariff
	Revised Nineteenth Annual Report according to Article 8(2) of Council Common Position 2008/944/CFSP defining common rules governing the control of exports of military technology and equipment [2018/C 397/01]

Restrictive measures established, amended, corrected

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

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04-10-18	Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2018/1476 of 3 October 2018 amending Council Regulation (EC) No 1210/2003 concerning certain specific restrictions on economic and financial relations with Iraq
05-10-18	Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2018/1483 of 4 October 2018 amending Council Regulation (EC) No 1210/2003 concerning certain specific restrictions on economic and financial relations with Iraq
08-10-18	Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2018/1494 of 8 October 2018 amending for the 291st 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
15-10-18	Council Implementing Regulation (EU) 2018/1539 of 15 October 2018 implementing Regulation (EU) 2016/1686 imposing additional restrictive measures directed against ISIL (Da'esh) and Al-Qaeda and natural and legal persons, entities or bodies associated with them
	Council Decision (CFSP) 2018/1540 of 15 October 2018 amending Decision (CFSP) 2016/1693 concerning restrictive measures against ISIL (Da'esh) and Al-Qaeda and persons, groups, undertakings and entities associated with them
16-10-18	Council Regulation (EU) 2018/1542 of 15 October 2018 concerning restrictive measures against the proliferation and use of chemical weapons
	Council Decision (CFSP) 2018/1544 of 15 October 2018 concerning restrictive measures against the proliferation and use of chemical weapons
18-10-18	Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2018/1562 of 18 October 2018 amending for the 292nd 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
26-10-18	Council Implementing Regulation (EU) 2018/1604 of 25 October 2018 implementing Regulation (EU) No 1284/2009 imposing certain specific restrictive measures in respect of the Republic of Guinea
	Council Decision (CFSP) 2018/1611 of 25 October 2018 amending Decision 2010/638/CFSP concerning restrictive measures against the Republic of Guinea
	Council Implementing Regulation (EU) 2018/1605 of 25 October 2018 implementing Regulation (EU) 2015/1755 concerning restrictive measures in view of the situation in Burundi
	Council Decision (CFSP) 2018/1612 of 25 October 2018 amending Decision (CFSP) 2015/1763 concerning restrictive measures in view of the situation in Burundi
	Council Implementing Regulation (EU) 2018/1606 of 25 October 2018 implementing Regulation (EU) 2017/1509 concerning restrictive measures against the Democratic People's Republic of Korea
	Council Implementing Decision (CFSP) 2018/1613 of 25 October 2018 implementing Decision (CFSP) 2016/849 concerning restrictive measures against the Democratic People's Republic of Korea
	Council Decision (CFSP) 2018/1610 of 25 October 2018 amending Decision 2010/573/CFSP concerning restrictive measures against the leadership of the

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	Transnistrian region of the Republic of Moldova
	Corrigendum to Council Implementing Regulation (EU) 2018/1285 of 24 September 2018 implementing Article 21(5) of Regulation (EU) 2016/44 concerning restrictive measures in view of the situation in Libya (OJ L 240, 25.9.2018)
	Corrigendum to Council Implementing Decision (CFSP) 2018/1290 of 24 September 2018 implementing Decision (CFSP) 2015/1333 concerning restrictive measures in view of the situation in Libya (OJ L 240, 25.9.2018)

Antidumping and countervailing duty cases

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

Individual Countries

FRANCE

Official Gazette (*Journal officiel*)

Date	Measure
12-10-18	ACTION: Order of 8 October 2018 amending the list of customs offices and indirect rights
18-10-18	EUROPE AND FOREIGN AFFAIRS: Decree No. 2018-893 of 16 October 2018 issuing the Additional Protocol to the Agreement of 9 October 1997 between the Government of the French Republic and the Government of the Federal Republic of Germany on Cooperation in their Border Areas between police authorities and customs authorities concerning the cross-border use of aircraft, signed in Metz on 7 April 2016

Notices to importers

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

Release Date	Ref. No. and Subject
02-10-18	2018/54-Notice to importers of solar glazing originating in the People's Republic of China
	2018/55-Notice to Importers of Welded Hollow Iron or Non-Stainless Steel Pipe, Pipe and Profile from Macedonia, Russia and Turkey
05-10-18	2018/56-Notice to importers of seamless pipes and tubes of iron or steel originating in Russia and Ukraine
	2018/57-Notice to economic operators
23-10-18	2018/58-Notice to Importers of Certain New or Retreaded Pneumatic Tires from the People's Republic of China
	2018/59-Notice to importers of certain types of polyethylene terephthalate (PET) originating in India
24-10-18	2018/60-Notice to Importers of Biodiesel from Argentina and Indonesia
31-10-18	2018/61- Notice to Importers of Certain Goods to be Incorporated or Used in Aircraft

CZECH REPUBLIC

The amendment of the Czech customs legislation cancels the obligation to pay guarantees for VAT

As of 1st January 2019, the new amendment of the Czech *Customs Code* should come into effect. This amendment abolishes the requirement to provide the guarantee for VAT that is currently required together with the guarantee for customs duties. As such, this amendment is very much appreciated by importers.

The legislative amendment was adopted as a reaction to the forthcoming end of the transition period for validity of authorizations for temporary storage and special procedures that were issued before 1st May 2016. This period will end on 1st May 2019.

The earlier customs legislation (i.e. the legislation valid until 1st May 2016) enabled the customs authorities to waive the requirement for provision of a guarantee for the customs duties and VAT for goods placed under special procedures, which is no longer available under the *Union Customs Code* valid as of 1st May 2016. Nevertheless, for authorizations issued before 1st May 2016, the customs authorities were still authorized not to require the guarantees. However, this will not be possible for the new authorizations for special procedures issued after 1st May 2019.

As such, the authorities decided to apply Art. 82 (2) of the *Union Customs Code* and implement new wording in the local customs legislation relating to the customs guarantees. According to the new wording, the customs authorities will not require that the guarantee that needs to be provided by importers for the customs duties also has to cover the VAT. The condition is that the person or entity is not considered as an unreliable tax payer according to the Czech *VAT Act*.

In this respect, the Czech customs authorities have also issued information explaining the change. The information can be found (unfortunately only in the Czech language) at <https://www.celnisprava.cz/cz/nepresnosti-v-mediich/Stranky/rok-2018-revoluce-v-oblasti-cla-prichazi.aspx>.

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SWITZERLAND

Participation in “PANGAEA XI”

The Swiss Government [reported](#) that in mid-October, authorities worldwide reviewed criminal online sales of medicines in a coordinated operation. Illegal erectile stimulants continue to dominate the market: 87% of the consignments confiscated by Swissmedic and the Swiss Federal Customs Administration (FCA) contained potency preparations.

This year Switzerland once again took part in the PANGAEA international week of action coordinated by Interpol. A total of 116 countries were involved. The aim of this operation, now on its 11th outing, is to combat the illegal trade in medicinal products via the internet. Worldwide 10 million units illegal and counterfeit medicinal products were seized.

In Switzerland, the FCA, Swissmedic and Antidoping Switzerland checked over 1,000 shipments in the Zurich-Mülligen postal hub. 304 shipments containing illegal medicinal products or doping agents were confiscated, representing a sharp rise compared to previous years. 87% of the medicinal products seized during the operation were

erectile stimulants. Over the whole of 2017, potency preparations accounted for 59% of the confiscated shipments, double the percentage recorded just a few years ago.

Seizure of harmful potency preparations

The increase in confiscations is attributable to the closer cooperation between the FCA and Swissmedic. A simplified procedure for confiscating shipments was introduced several weeks ago and currently focuses on erectile stimulants. This efficient procedure implements the political will to get to grips with cross-border online trade.

The focus also resulted from the latest laboratory analyses carried out by Swissmedic on erectile stimulants obtained over the internet, which showed that the quality of these products is still poor: around half of approx. 100 preparations analysed were defective. The consumption of these products can pose a serious threat to health.

Specifically, the following shortcomings were found in 46 of the 96 preparations analysed:

- 13 preparations were deliberately massively overdosed or contained a medically alarming combination of two active substances
- 13 supposedly plant-based preparations or nutritional supplements contained undeclared active chemical substances.
- 2 preparations contained the wrong ingredient
- 17 preparations were incorrectly dosed
- 7 preparations contained not just a potency-enhancing active ingredient, but also other substances such as painkillers, antibiotics, immune-suppressants or heavy metals.

The illegal suppliers are also becoming increasingly creative and unscrupulous. Thus, for example, undeclared chemical substances were found in a chocolate bar or in a chocolate heart. Upon analysis, the chocolate heart was found to contain more than the maximum daily dose of the active substance sildenafil.

Illegal websites identified

As part of the operation, the authorities have also identified 27 illegal foreign websites masquerading as Swiss online pharmacies. The necessary steps have been initiated to have these internet sites deleted. Internationally operating criminal networks are often concealed behind supposedly serious suppliers on the internet.

The Pangea operation tracks online sales of counterfeit and illegal medicines in order to identify manufacturers and dealers so that they can be removed from the market – and, at the same time, make the buyers aware of the risks of such purchases.

The annual week of action coordinated by Interpol involves cooperation between customs, health and law enforcement agencies, as well as companies, from over 100 countries.

This year the authorities shut down 3671 websites with illegal online offerings. Some 859 individuals were arrested around the world, and 33 criminal organisations identified and reported. Worldwide, about 1 million shipments were checked and about 500'000 shipments with 10 million units illegal medicines confiscated.

Tightening of sanctions against Myanmar

On 17 October the Federal Council once again tightened sanctions against Myanmar due to its concerns over systematic human rights violations. Switzerland is thereby aligning itself with the sanctions adopted by the EU on 26 April and 25 June. The new provisions came into force at 6pm on 17 October 2018.

In addition to the existing embargo on arms and equipment that can be used for internal repression, the Federal Council on 17 October also banned the sale, supply, export and transit of dual-use goods to military end users and to military and border guard police end users in Myanmar. A corresponding ban also applies to equipment,

technology and software that can be used to monitor communications (internet, telephone).

In addition, an asset freeze and travel ban (entry and transit) have been imposed on certain natural persons. These measures are currently aimed at seven high-ranking members of Myanmar's military and security forces who are accused of serious human rights violations. The funds and economic resources of these individuals have been frozen and must be reported to SECO without delay.

The Federal Council condemns the ongoing widespread, systematic grave human rights violations committed by Myanmar's military and security forces, and is deeply concerned by the deteriorating human rights situation.

When sanctions against Myanmar were largely lifted on 9 May 2012, the Federal Council stressed that it would be prepared to tighten restrictive measures against Myanmar again in line with Switzerland's most important trade partners should the political situation in the country significantly deteriorate.

The Federal Council reaffirms its support for transition in Myanmar. Switzerland's ongoing cooperation efforts, which aim to promote peace, democracy and socio-economic development in Myanmar, will continue.

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27-09-18	FSVO Order instituting measures against the spread of African swine fever through import, transit and export trade with the Member States of the European Union, Iceland and Norway (RS 916.443.107)
28-09-18	Ordinance of the DFI regulating the import, transit and export of animals and animal products with third countries (OITE-PT-DFI) (RS 916.443.106)
02-10-18	DFI Ordinance on Maximum Levels of Contaminants (Ordinance on Contaminants, OCont) (RS 817.022.15)
03-10-18	FSIV Ordinance instituting measures to prevent the introduction of avian influenza present in certain Member States of the European Union (RS 916.443.102.1)
04-10-18	Ordinance of the DFI regulating the import, transit and export of animals and animal products with third countries (OITE-PT-DFI) (RS 916.443.106)
12-10-18	FSVO order instituting measures to prevent the introduction of peste des petits ruminants present in Bulgaria (RS 916.443.115)
	Ordinance on the Control of the Legal Origin of Imported Maritime Fishery Products (RS 453.2)
	Ordinance of the FDF on the rates of contributions for the export of agricultural commodities (RS 632.111.723.1)
18-10-18	FSVO Order instituting measures against the spread of African swine fever through import, transit and export trade with the Member States of the European Union, Iceland and Norway (RS 916.443.107)
23-10-18	Ordinance on the Reduction of Risks Relating to the Use of Particularly Dangerous Substances, Preparations and Articles (Ordinance on the Reduction of Risks Relating to Chemicals, ORRChem) (RS 814.81)
	Ordinance on the Importation of Agricultural Products (Ordinance on Agricultural Imports, OIAgr) (RS 916.01)
25-10-18	FSVO Order instituting measures against the spread of African swine fever through import, transit and export trade with the Member States of the European Union, Iceland and Norway (RS 916.443.107)
30-10-18	Ordinance on the Importation of Agricultural Products (Ordinance on Agricultural Imports, OIAgr) (RS 916.01)
	FSIV Ordinance instituting measures to prevent the introduction of avian influenza present in certain Member States of the European Union (RS 916.443.102.1)
Date	Restrictive Measure
09-27-18	Ordinance instituting measures to prevent the circumvention of international sanctions in relation to the situation in Ukraine (RS 946.231.176.72)
10-02-18	Amendment to the Ordinance of 7 August 1990 instituting economic measures towards the Republic of Iraq (RS 946.206) [Entry into force 01-10-18]

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05-10-18	Amendment to the Ordinance of 2 October 2000 instituting measures against persons and entities related to Osama bin Laden, the "Al Qaeda" group or the Taliban (RS 946.203) [Entry into force 04-10-18]
16-10-18	Amendment to the Ordinance of 2 October 2000 instituting measures against persons and entities related to Osama bin Laden, the "Al Qaeda" group or the Taliban (RS 946.203) [Entry into force 15-10-18]
	Federal Law Prohibiting "Al Qaeda" and "Islamic State" Groups and Related Organizations (RS 122)
17-10-18	Order imposing measures against Myanmar (RS 946.231.157.5)

UNITED KINGDOM

UK issues paper on sanctions policy if there is no Brexit deal

On 12 October, 2018, the Foreign and Commonwealth Office released [guidance](#) on the UK's sanctions policy if there is no Brexit deal. The guidance is part of a series of technical notices that sets out information to allow businesses and citizens to understand what they would need to do in a 'no deal' scenario, so they can make informed plans and preparations.

Prior to 29 March 2019, the UK is legally required to implement and enforce sanctions regimes agreed by the UN Security Council and, as a member of the EU, by the EU.

The details of sanctions regimes are set out in EU law, in European Council Decisions and Regulations. The UK implements sanctions through EU Regulations and associated UK domestic legislation, such as the *Export Control Order 2008* and the *Immigration Act 1971*.

After 29 March 2019, as international law requires, the UK will implement UN sanctions in UK domestic law after the UK leaves the EU.

If the UK leaves the EU without a deal, the UK will look to carry over all EU sanctions at the time of our departure and will implement sanctions regimes through new legislation, in the form of regulations, made under the [Sanctions and Anti-Money Laundering Act 2018 \(the Sanctions Act\)](#). The Act will provide the legal basis for the UK to impose, update and lift sanctions after leaving the EU.

The Government proposes to put much of this legislation before Parliament before March 2019, to prepare for the possibility of the UK leaving the EU without a deal. Any sanctions regimes that the Government did not address, through regulations under the Sanctions Act by March 2019, would continue as retained EU law under the *EU (Withdrawal) Act 2018*. This means there will be no gaps in implementing existing sanctions regimes.

We expect that the UK's sanctions regulations will include:

- the purposes of the sanctions regime (what the UK hopes will be achieved through imposing sanctions)
- the criteria to be met before sanctions can be imposed on a person or group
- details of sanctions, such as trade and financial sanctions
- details of exemptions that may apply, such as exemptions which allow people to trade with a certain country that would otherwise be prohibited by the regulations

- how the UK will enforce the sanctions measures
- other areas, such as circumstances in which information about sanctions may be shared

The names of sanctioned persons or organisations would be [published as normal](#).

After the UK leaves the EU, in addition to implementing UN sanctions, and looking to carry over existing EU sanctions, the UK will also have the powers to adopt other sanctions under the Sanctions Act. The UK will work with the EU and other international partners on sanctions where this is in our mutual interest.

If there is no Brexit deal, persons affected by sanctions are advised refer to the [Sanctions Act](#) and the UK regulations made under it. If the UK has not yet made regulations for the sanctions regime in question, the EU Council Regulations retained under the [EU Withdrawal Act 2018](#), (which may be modified under that Act) are to be followed.

One should not assume that all aspects of existing EU sanctions will be replicated exactly. [New legislation](#) and future guidance should be checked and complied with.

OFSI release annual review

The Office of Financial Sanctions Implementation (OFSI), part of HM Treasury, has issued an [annual review](#) covering the period April 2017-March 2018. OFSI was set up in March 2016 to be a centre of excellence for financial sanctions. Its objectives are to raise awareness of financial sanctions, to assess and address suspected breaches and provide a professional service to the public and industry. In 2017-18, the UK implemented 29 financial sanctions regimes. International sanctions were imposed for reasons including preventing terrorist financing, preventing nuclear proliferation, human rights abuses and the violation of national sovereignty, as well as the misappropriation of assets. In addition, OFSI is responsible for implementing domestic asset freezes under three UK Acts of Parliament:

- *Terrorist Asset Freezing etc. Act 2010*
- *Anti-Terrorism, Crime and Security Act 2001*
- *Counter Terrorism Act 2008*

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

Date	Measure
02-10-18	SI 2018/1037 - The Zootechnical Standards (England) Regulations 2018
10-10-18	SI 2018/1051 - The Plant Health (England) (Amendment) (No. 4) Order 2018
11-10-18	SI 2018/1071 - The European Union (Definition of Treaties) (Partnership and Cooperation Agreement) (Turkmenistan) Order 2018
	SI 2018/1070 - The European Union (Definition of Treaties) (Partnership Agreement on Relations and Cooperation) (New Zealand) Order 2018
	SI 2018/1069 - The European Union (Definition of Treaties) (Enhanced Partnership and Cooperation Agreement) (Kazakhstan) Order 2018
	SI 2018/1068 - The European Union (Definition of Treaties) (Political Dialogue and Cooperation Agreement) (Cuba) Order 2018
	SI 2018/1067 - The European Union (Definition of Treaties) (Framework Agreement) (Australia) Order 2018
	SI 2018/1066 - The European Union (Definition of Treaties) (Strategic Partner-

Date	Measure
	ship Agreement) (Canada) Order 2018
	SI 2018/1065 - The European Union (Definition of Treaties) (Association Agreement) (Central America) Order 2018
	SI 2018/1063 - The European Union (Definition of Treaties) (Comprehensive and Enhanced Partnership Agreement) (Armenia) Order 2018
	SI 2018/1062 - The European Communities (Designation) (No. 2) Order 2018
15-10-18	SI 2018/1086 - The Return of Cultural Objects (Revocation) (EU Exit) Regulations 2018
	SI 2018/1064 - The Plant Health (Wales) Order 2018 / <i>Gorchymyn Iechyd Planhigion (Cymru) 2018</i>
	SR 2018/173 - The Misuse of Drugs (Amendment No.2) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2018
	SI 2018/1079 - The Nuclear Safeguards Act 2018 (Commencement No. 1) Regulations 2018
17-10-18	SI 2018/1092 - The Feed-in Tariffs and Contracts for Difference (Amendment) (EU Exit) Regulations 2018
	SI 2018/1090 - The Chemical Weapons (Asset-Freezing) and Miscellaneous Amendments Regulations 2018
23-10-18	SI 2018/1105 - The Cultural Tests (Films, Television Programmes and Video Games) (Amendment) (EU Exit) Regulations 2018
24-10-18	SI 2018/1110 - The Zoonotic Disease Eradication and Control (Amendment) (England) (EU Exit) Regulations 2018
26-10-18	SI 2018/1112 - The Medicines and Healthcare Products Regulatory Agency Trading Fund (Amendment) (EU Exit) Order 2018
	SR 2018/184 - The Plant Health Order (Northern Ireland) 2018
29-10-18	SR 2018/183 - The Marketing of Ornamental Plant Propagating Material (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2018
30-10-18	SI 2018/1120 - The Animal By-Products and Transmissible Spongiform Encephalopathies (England) (Amendment) (EU Exit) Regulations 2018
Date	Restrictive Measure
17-10-18	SI 2018/1076 - The Sanctions (Overseas Territories) (Amendment of Information Provisions) Order 2018
	SI 2018/1060 - The North Korea (United Nations Sanctions) (Amendment) (No. 2) Order 2018

HMRC updates

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

Release Date	Ref. No. and Subject
Tariff and Anti-Dumping Notices	
28-09-18	Apply for release of goods free of duty and VAT under visiting forces relief (C185)
01-10-18	Tariff Stop Press Notice 37 (2018): changes to the monthly trade euro rate
03-10-18	Apply for an Authorised Economic Operator (AEO) authorisation (C117)
08-10-18	Welded steel or iron tubes and pipes originating in the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Russia and Turkey (Anti-Dumping Duty 2295)
	Stainless steel wires produced by Viraj Profiles Ltd, originating in India (Anti-Dumping Duty 2296)
	Notice 830: General System of Preference rules of origin
	Notice 827: European Union preferences - export procedures
	Notice 826: tariff preferences - imports
10-10-18	Polyethylene terephthalate imported from India (Anti-Dumping Duty 2297)
	Seamless pipes and tubes of iron or steel imported from Russia and Ukraine (Anti-Dumping Duty 2298)

Release Date	Ref. No. and Subject
11-10-18	Notice 104: ATA and CPD Carnets
22-10-18	Partnership pack: preparing for a 'no deal' EU exit
23-10-18	Terminating the Anti-Dumping Duty on imports of biodiesel, originating in Argentina and Indonesia (Anti-Dumping Duty 2300)
	Solar modules and cells imported from China (Anti-Dumping Duty AD2299)
26-10-18	HM Revenue and Customs' organisation chart
	Vehicle Excise Duty increases for cars, vans, motorcycles and motorcycle trade licences
29-10-18	Movement of soft drinks between the Isle of Man and UK under Soft Drinks Industry Levy
	Notice 34: intellectual property rights
	UK Trade Tariff: excise duties, reliefs, drawbacks and allowances
31-10-18	Partnership pack: preparing for changes at the UK border after a 'no deal' EU exit
	UK Trade Tariff: community and common transit outwards

ECO Notices to Exporters and DIT documents

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

Date	Notice No. and Subject
	Existing free trade agreements if there's no Brexit deal
	Sanctions policy if there's no Brexit deal
	Trading gas with the EU if there's no Brexit deal
	Trading electricity if there's no Brexit deal
	Meeting climate change requirements if there's no Brexit deal
	Consumer rights if there's no Brexit deal
	Geo-blocking of online content if there's no Brexit deal
	Structuring your business if there's no Brexit deal
	Providing services including those of a qualified professional if there's no Brexit deal
	Accounting and audit if there's no Brexit deal
	Export and import of hazardous chemicals if there's no Brexit deal
	Health marks on meat, fish and dairy products if there's no Brexit deal
	Classifying, labelling and packaging chemicals if there's no Brexit deal
12-10-18	Regulating biocidal products if there's no Brexit deal
	Control on persistent organic pollutants if there's no Brexit deal
	Control on mercury if there's no Brexit deal
	Importing high-risk food and animal feed if there's no Brexit deal
	Trading and moving endangered species protected by CITES if there's no Brexit deal
	Exporting objects of cultural interest if there's no Brexit deal
	Exporting GM food and animal feed products if there's no Brexit deal
	Breeding animals if there's no Brexit deal
	Plant variety rights and marketing of seed and propagating material if there's no Brexit deal
	Regulating pesticides if there's no Brexit deal
	Rail transport if there's no Brexit deal
	Meeting rail safety and standards if there's no Brexit deal
	Funding for British Overseas Territories if there's no Brexit deal
15-10-18	Commercial fishing if there's no Brexit deal

OTHER EU-EFTA COUNTRIES

Import-export related measures

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

Date*	Measure
GERMANY	
10-10-18	Regulation amending the Regulation on the Regulation of Plant Varieties, the Regulation on Seeds and the Regulation on the marketing of seeds of populations of the species oats, barley, wheat and maize (01-10-18) from No. 34 of 10.10.2018, page 1571
22-10-18	Third Ordinance amending the Avian Influenza Regulation (13-10-18) from No. 35 of 22.10.2018, page 1655
	Recast of the Avian Influenza Regulation (15-10-18) from No. 35 of 22.10.2018, page 1665
ICELAND	
12-10-18	№ 894/2018 (28-09-18) Regulation - (32.) amendment to Regulation no. 672/2008 on maximum levels of pesticide residues in food and feed
	№ 895/2018 (28-09-18) Regulation - (17) amendment of Regulation no. 265/2010 on the entry into force of Commission Regulation (EC) No. 1881/2006 on maximum levels for certain contaminants in foodstuffs.
	№ 896/2018 (28-09-18) Regulation - (12.) amendment of Regulation no. 106/2010 on the entry into force of Regulation (EC) No. 882/2004 on official controls to verify compliance with feed and food law and animal health and welfare rules.
	№ 897/2018 (28-09-18) Regulation - (12.) amendment of Regulation no. 41/2012 of the entry into force of Regulation (EC) No. 999/2001 laying down rules for the prevention, control and eradication of certain species of transmissible meningitis
	№ 898/2018 (28-09-18) Regulation - (3) amendment of Regulation no. 744/2011 on the use and marketing of feed
	№ 899/2018 (28-09-18) Regulation - (1) amendment of Regulation no. 735/2017 on novel foods
	№ 900/2018 (28-09-18) Regulation - the entry into force of Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2017/2470 establishing a Union of Novel Foods in accordance with Regulation (EU) 2015/2283 of the European Parliament and of the Council on novel foods
17-10-18	№ 910/2018 (27-09-18) Regulation - (12.) amendment of Regulation no. 888/2015 on Registration, Evaluation, Authorization and Restrictions on Substances (REACH).
	№ 911/2018 (27-09-18) Regulation - (12.) amendment of Regulation no. 544/2015 on plant protection products
	№ 912/2018 (27-09-18) Regulation - (15.) amendment to Regulation no. 878/2014 on biocidal products
19-10-18	№ 917/2018 (18-10-18) Regulation (7) amendment of Regulation no. 1096/2017 on the allocation of customs duties for imports of agricultural products in accordance with Annexes IVA and IVB to the Customs Act.
22-10-18	№ 923/2018 (17-10-18) Regulation on the entry into force of Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2018/981 amending the list of establishments in Brazil from which imports into the Union of fishery products intended for human consumption are authorized
22-10-18	№ 924/2018 (17-10-18) Regulation on (2) amendment of Regulation no. 831/2014 on the entry into force of Commission Regulation (EU) No. 605/2010 on animal health conditions and veterinary certificates for animals and animal products for import into the Community of raw milk and dairy products for human consumption

Date*	Measure
25-10-18	№ 110/2018 Notice amending Annex I to Customs Act no. 88 May 18, 2005, with subsequent amendments.
IRELAND (EIRE)	
02-10-18	SI № 383 European Union (Properties of Waste which Render it Hazardous) Regulations 2018
	SI № 384 European Union (Environmental Impact Assessment) (Minerals Development Act 1940) (Amendment) Regulations 2018
	SI № 385 European Union (Appropriate Assessment) (Minerals Development Act 1940) Regulations 2018
05-10-18	SI № 387 European Communities (Marketing of Ornamental Plant Propagating Material and Ornamental Plants) (Amendment) Regulations 2018
12-10-18	SI № 412 European Union (Marrakesh Treaty) Regulations 2018
	SI № 413 European Union (Food Additives) (Amendment) Regulations 2018
	SI № 414 European Union (Deployment of Alternative Fuels Infrastructure) Regulations 2018
30-10-18	SI № 444 European Communities (Control of Organisms Harmful to Plants and Plant Products) (Amendment) (No. 5) Regulations 2018
LIECHTENSTEIN	
05-10-18	LGBI № 2018.191 Notice of 2 October 2018 of Decision No 190/2018 of the EEA Joint Committee (LR № 0.110.039.51)
26-10-18	LGBI № 2018.204 Announcement of 23 October 2018 of Decision No 48/2018 of the EEA Joint Committee (LR № 0.110.039.52)
	LGBI № 2018.206 Regulation of 23 October 2018 on the marketing of marine equipment in the European Economic Area (LR № 947.102.312)
LUXEMBOURG	
31-10-18	Mem A 999: Grand-Ducal Regulation of 12 October 2018 amending the Grand-Ducal Regulation of 30 May 2018 concerning the detailed rules of application: 1 ° of Regulation (EC) No 1760/2000 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 17 July 2000 establishing a system for the identification and registration of bovine animals and concerning the labeling of beef and beef products and repealing Council Regulation (EC) No 820/97 as amended; and 2 ° of Commission Regulation (EC) No 911/2004 of 29 April 2004 implementing Regulation (EC) No 1760/2000 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards eartags, passports and logbooks, as amended.
MALTA	
05-10-18	LN № 316 of 2018 – Waste Management (End of Life Vehicles) (Amendment) Regulations, 2018 - Government Gazette Of Malta Nru. 20,066– 05.10.2018
16-10-18	LN № 330 of 2018 – Plant Protection Products (Revocation) Regulations, 2018 Government Gazette Of Malta Nru. 20,070– 16.10.2018
	LN № 331 of 2018 – Plant Protection Products (Implementation) (Amendment) Regulations, 2018 -Government Gazette Of Malta Nru. 20,070– 16.10.2018
NORWAY	
01-10-18	FOR-2018-09-17-1473 MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FOOD Delegation of authority pursuant to the Product and Consumer Services Control Act (Product Control Act) Section 8a to the Norwegian Food Safety Authority.
	FOR-2018-09-27-1478 MINISTRY OF TRANSPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS Regulations amending the Regulation on Technical Requirements and Approval of Vehicles, Parts and Equipment (Vehicle Regulations).
02-10-18	FOR-2018-09-17-1501 MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FOOD Regulations amending the regulation on pesticides, regulations on fees in food management and regulations on payment of fees for special benefits from the Norwegian Food Safety Authority.
04-10-18	FOR-2018-09-24-1544 MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FOOD, MINISTRY OF FOOD AND FISHERIES Regulations for change in the ecology regulation (Regulation (EU) 2017/2329).
09-10-18	FOR-2018-10-08-1558 MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND CARE SERVICES, MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FOOD Regulations amending the regulation on animal and public health conditions for the import, transit and intermediate storage of milk and milk products from third countries

Date*	Measure
23-10-18	FOR-2018-10-22-1599 MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FOOD Regulations on additional requirements for imports of high and straw for animal feed
26-10-18	FOR-2018-10-26-1615 MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FOOD Regulations amending the regulation on the allocation of tariff quotas for agricultural products
POLAND	
01-10-18	№ 1869 Announcement of the Speaker of the Sejm of the Republic of Poland of September 14, 2018 regarding the publication of a uniform text of the Act on the Protection of the State Border
	№ 1873 Regulation of the Council of Ministers of August 31, 2018 regarding the abolition of the Government Plenipotentiary for Negotiations in the World Trade Organization (WTO) framework
04-10-18	№ 1889 Regulation of the Council of Ministers of September 3, 2018 amending the ordinance regarding the Katowice Special Economic Zone
08-10-18	№ 1929 Act of 13 September 2018 amending the Act on specific solutions related to the occurrence of African swine fever on the territory of the Republic of Poland
09-10-18	№ 1930 Announcement of the Speaker of the Sejm of the Republic of Poland of September 14, 2018 regarding the publication of a uniform text of the Trade Inspection Act
16-10-18	№ 1975 Regulation of the Council of Ministers of 25 September 2018 amending the ordinance on the Łódź Special Economic Zone
	№ 1979 V Protocol to the General Agreement on Trade in Services (GATS), done at Geneva on 27 February 1998.
	№ 1980 Government statement of 7 September 2018 regarding binding force V of the Protocol to the General Agreement on Trade in Services (GATS), done at Geneva on 27 February 1998.
22-10-18	№ 2019 Framework agreement on cooperation between the Republic of Poland and the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan, signed in Kabul on December 15, 2012.
	№ 2020 Government statement of 24 September 2018 regarding the binding force of the Framework Agreement for cooperation between the Republic of Poland and the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan, signed in Kabul on December 15, 2012.
	№ 2021 Protocol of amendments to the International Convention on the Simplification and Harmonization of Customs Procedures, together with Appendices I and II, done at Brussels on 26 June 1999.
	№ 2022 Government statement of 17 September 2018 regarding the binding force of the Protocol of Amendment to the International Convention on the Simplification and Harmonization of Customs Procedures, together with Appendices I and II, done at Brussels on 26 June 1999.
25-10-18	№ 2037 Notice of the Speaker of the Sejm of the Republic of Poland of October 3, 2018 regarding the publication of a uniform text of the Act on the pursuit of business in the field of production and trade in explosives, weapons, ammunition and products and technology for military or police purposes
29-10-18	№ 2058 Regulation of the Minister of Interior and Administration of October 18, 2018 on the reintroduction of temporary border control of persons crossing the state border forming the internal border
31-10-18	№ 2075 Regulation of the Minister of Enterprise and Technology of October 12, 2018 amending the regulation on restrictions on the production, circulation or use of hazardous and / or hazardous substances and mixtures and the placing on the market or use of products containing such substances or mixtures
	№ 2079 Regulation of the Minister of Finance of October 22, 2018 on the models of authorizations for customs and tax control
SPAIN	
04-10-18	INDUSTRY, TRADE AND TOURISM (ITT): Resolution of October 1, 2018, of the General Directorate of Industry and of Small and Medium-Sized Enterprises, by which the UNE standard projects that the Spanish Standardization Association has in process, corresponding to the month of September, are submitted to public information, of 2018.(BOE-A-2018-13491)
	ITT: Resolution of October 1, 2018, of the General Directorate of Industry and of

Date*	Measure
	the Small and Medium-Sized Companies, by which public and European draft regulations that have been processed as UNE standard projects by the Association are submitted to public information. Spanish Standardization, corresponding to the month of September 2018. (BOE-A-2018-13492)
16-10-18	AGRICULTURE, ETC.: Order APA / 1076/2018, of October 11, establishing the phytosanitary requirements for the import or entry of wooden packaging and pallets in the Autonomous Community of the Canary Islands. (BOE-A-2018-14168)
18-10-18	AGRICULTURE, ETC.: Order APA / 1083/2018, of 8 October, by which measures are dictated to avoid the cross-border contamination derived from the cultivation of genetically modified maize to the neighboring member states in which the cultivation of these genetically modified organisms is prohibited. (BOE-A-2018-14220)
20-10-18	AGRICULTURE, ETC.: Correction of errors of Order APA / 1076/2018, of October 11, which establishes the phytosanitary requirements for the import or entry of wooden packaging and pallets in the Autonomous Community of the Canary Islands. (BOE-A-2018-14394)
24-10-18	DEVELOPMENT: Order FOM / 1115/2018, of October 22, by which are determined for the year 2017 the standard costs applicable to the eligible costs regulated in Royal Decree 170/2009, of February 13, on compensation to maritime and air transport of goods included in Annex I of the Constitutive Treaty of the European Community (replaced by Annex I of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union), originating in or destined for the Canary Islands. (BOE-A-2018-14583)
	DEVELOPMENT: Order FOM / 1116/2018, of October 22, by which are determined for the year 2017 the standard costs applicable to the eligible costs regulated in Royal Decree 362/2009, of March 20, on compensation to maritime and air transport of goods not included in Annex I of the Constitutive Treaty of the European Community (replaced by Annex I of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union), originating in or destined for the Canary Islands. (BOE-A-2018-14584)

Restrictive measures established, amended, corrected

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

Date*	Restrictive Measure
LIECHTENSTEIN	
11-10-18	LGBI № 2018.192 Ordinance of 9 October 2018 amending the Regulation on measures against Libya (LR № 946.221.4)
LUXEMBOURG	
05-10-18	Mem A 917: Ministerial Regulation of 5 October 2018 amending Annex IC of the Grand-Ducal Regulation of 29 October 2010 implementing the Law of 27 October 2010 on the Implementation of United Nations Security Council Resolutions and Acts adopted by the European Union containing prohibitions and financial restrictive measures against certain persons, entities and groups in the fight against the financing of terrorism.
16-10-18	Mem A 950: Ministerial Regulation of 16 October 2018 amending Annex IC of the Grand-Ducal Regulation of 29 October 2010 implementing the Law of 27 October 2010 on the Implementation of United Nations Security Council Resolutions and Acts adopted by the European Union containing prohibitions and financial restrictive measures against certain persons, entities and groups in the fight against the financing of terrorism.
NORWAY	
23-10-18	FOR-2018-10-03-1596 Ministry of Foreign Affairs Regulations amending the

Date*	Restrictive Measure
	Regulations on sanctions and restrictive measures in light of the situation in South Sudan

Non EU-EFTA European Countries

TURKEY

Turkey introduces export proceeds obligations

Recent Development

The Ministry of Treasury and Finance published the [Communiqué No. 2018-32/48 on the Decree No. 32 on the Protection of the Value of Turkish Currency](#) (“Communiqué”), introducing an obligation for Turkish resident exporters to bring export proceeds into Turkey.

The Communiqué, which entered into force through its publication on the Official Gazette on September 4, 2018, will be valid for six months.

This article lays out the most significant issues introduced by the Communiqué.

What Does the Communiqué Say?

- According to the Communiqué, proceeds arising from Turkish residents’ export transactions must be directly brought or transferred to the intermediary bank immediately upon the importer’s payment.
- The proceeds must be brought into Turkey within 180 days as of the actual export transaction.
- At least 80% of the proceeds must be converted into Turkish lira.
- The export proceeds can be paid through one of the following: (a) letter of credit; (b) cash against documents; (c) cash against goods; (d) acceptance credit; (e) documents against acceptance; (f) goods against acceptance; or (g) advance payment.
- The Communiqué’s primary law is to return export proceeds to Turkey, whether in the Turkish or foreign currency declared during exportation; however, exporters can also bring the export proceeds in foreign currency for export transactions made based on Turkish currency.
- For export proceeds paid in advance in foreign currency, the export transaction must be realized within 24 months.
- The Communiqué introduces different time limits for export proceeds falling within the scope of “special export” transactions (exports to contracting firms; exports on consignment; temporary exports; and exports credits or leases within the scope of the current Export Regime and Financial Leasing legislation).
- Exporters are responsible for bringing the export proceeds into Turkey, selling them to banks and closing the export accounts by the stipulated deadline.
- Intermediary banks are responsible for monitoring the processes of bringing the export proceeds into Turkey and the sale to banks.
- Intermediary banks will close the relevant export accounts for export proceeds relating to commercial goods brought into Turkey by the stipulated deadline.
- Intermediary banks will notify the tax office of any export accounts that are not closed by the stipulated deadline in written form and within five business days. Within ten days of this notification, the tax office will send the relevant persons a warning letter requesting the closure of the accounts within 90 days. The ac-

counts must be closed within this deadline or the account owners must provide and prove the existence of force majeure events or other justifiable reasons. Otherwise, the account owners would be subject to the legal sanctions foreseen in the Law on the Protection of the Value of Turkish Currency.

- The obligations for export transactions made while the Communiqué is in force will remain in force even after the deadline for bringing export proceeds into Turkey ends with the abolishment of this Communiqué.

Conclusion

Turkey imposed similar export proceeds obligations in the past, which were abolished in 2008 through an amendment to the Decree No. 32 allowing exporters to freely dispose of their export proceeds, i.e. without bringing them into Turkey. It appears that Turkey resuscitated these obligations due to the recent currency deprecation.

Within this context, Turkish residents who export goods abroad should be aware of the Communiqué's temporary obligations for bringing export proceeds into Turkey.

Exporters who converted their export proceeds into Turkish lira in line with the Communiqué will be able to freely dispose of these export proceeds afterwards.

If you have any questions, please contact [Gunes Helvaci](#).

Turkey publishes draft regulation on authorization of traditional herbal medical products

Recent Developments

The Turkish Medicines and Medical Devices Agency ("TİTCK") recently published [on its website](#) the draft Regulation on Authorization of Traditional Herbal Medicinal Products ("Regulation"). Within the scope of harmonization with EU legislation, the Regulation is based on the EU Directives No. 2001/83/EC and 2004/24/EC.

What's New?

The Regulation sets out the procedures and principles for the authorization, packaging and distribution of medical herbal products. The Regulation aims to increase the efficiency and reliability of these products and ensure that they meet the required quality standards.

Products that do not comply with the Regulation will not be authorized and therefore will not be placed into the market. The Regulation lists the required documents and sets out the procedure for the authorization process. The Regulation clarifies the evaluation process and the objection mechanisms concerning the evaluation process in detail.

The Regulation also introduces certain requirements for the packaging of herbal medicinal products. Medical herbal products must contain usage instructions prepared in line with the requirements under the Regulation.

The draft Regulation on Authorization of Traditional Herbal Medical Products is available [here](#) (in Turkish).

Conclusion

The TİTCK continues to provide guidelines for companies in the healthcare sector in line with EU regulations. Companies under the scope of the Regulation should follow the authorization, packaging and distribution requirements set forth under the draft Regulation before introducing their products to the market.

If you have any questions, please contact [Can Sozer](#).

Turkey publishes draft regulation on foods for medical purposes

Recent Development

The Turkish Medicines and Medical Devices Agency (“TİTCK”) recently published on its website the draft Regulation on Foods for Medical Purposes (“Regulation”). Within the scope of harmonization with EU legislation, the Regulation is based on the EU Directive 609/2013/EC.

What’s New?

The Regulation sets out the labelling rules, procedures and principles for the authorization and packaging of products intended for medical use. The Regulation aims to ensure that the products are appropriate for human health and food safety.

The formulation of the products for medical purposes must be based on internationally recognized principles of medicine and nutrition. Companies must also ensure that the products meet the specific nutritional requirements when used in accordance with the specified instructions, and that the products are scientifically proved to be useful and effective.

In addition, companies must obtain an authorization certificate from the TİTCK before they introduce their products to the market. Companies should submit the relevant information and documents for the products listed under the Regulation to the TİTCK.

The draft Regulation on Foods for Medical Purposes is available here (in Turkish).

Conclusion

The TİTCK continues to provide guidelines for companies in the healthcare sector in line with EU regulations. Companies under the scope of the Regulation should follow the authorization, packaging and distribution requirements set forth under the Regulation before introducing their products to the market.

If you have any questions, please contact [Can Sozer](#).

Legislation (laws, resolutions, orders, etc.)

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

Date	Subject
02-10-18	İnada Decision on the Enforcement of the Decree on the Application of Temporary Protection Measures to the Import of Iron and Steel Products (Number of

Date	Subject
	Decisions: 138)
05-10-18	Manufacturer-Exporters of C Sugar to Meet Demand Conditions and within Turkey Communiqué on the Implementation Principles (No: 2018/34)
	Communiqué on the Prevention of Unfair Competition in Importation (No: 2018/34)
06-10-18	Concerning the Protection of the Value of Turkish Currency Communiqué No. 32 of Decision (Communiqué No: 2008-32 / 34) Amending the Communiqué (No: 2018-32 / 51)
09-10-18	Communiqué on the Amendment to the / Turkish Food Codex Wheat Flour Communiqué (Communiqué No: 2013/9) Bu (No: 2018/39)
11-10-18	Ürün Decision on the Amendment to the Resolution on the Implementation of Tariff Quotas in the Importation of Some European Union Agricultural Products (Number of Decisions: 166)
12-10-18	Regulation on the Amendment of the Regulation on Payment Services and Electronic Money Exports and Payment Institutions and Electronic Money Institutions
	İçak Regulation on the Amendment of the Regulation on Firearms and Knives and Other Equipment (Number of Decisions: 181)
18-10-18	Decision on Foreign Trade Capital Companies
	List of Inward Processing Permits (D1) of September 2018
19-10-18	Communiqué Amending the Communiqué on the Implementation of Tariff Quotas in the Importation of Some European Union Agricultural Products
	Communiqué on the Amendment of the Communiqué on the Implementation of Tariff Quotas in the Importation of Some Agricultural Products of the Republic of Moldova
20-10-18	Mes Communiqué on the Prevention of Unfair Competition in Importation (No: 2018/36)
24-10-18	Addendum to the Resolution of the Council of Ministers dated 30/9/2013 and numbered 2013/5428 on the Freezing of the Assets of the Persons, Organizations or Organizations Listed by the Decisions of the United Nations Security Council (1267 (1999), 1988 (2011) and 1989 (2011) (1)) Decision on Amendment to the List (Decision Number: 215)
25-10-18	Decree on the Approval of the Amendment to Annex II to the Annex II of the Convention, which was signed by the Administrative Committee of the Provisional Import Agreement (Istanbul Convention) at the 15th Period Meeting on 15-16 October 2015 (Number of Decisions: 217)
27-10-18	General Communiqué on Customs (Transit Regime) (Serial No: 8)
	General Communiqué of Customs (Transit) (Serial No: 3) in the Communiqué Amending (Transit Operations) (Serial No: 10)
	Communiqué on the Prevention of Unfair Competition in Importation (No: 2018/39)
31-10-18	Decision on the Application of Safeguard Measures for the Importation of Polyethylene Terephthalate Originated from the Republic of Korea (Number of Decisions: 262)
	Addendum to the Resolution of the Council of Ministers dated 30/9/2013 and numbered 2013/5428 on the Freezing of the Assets of the Persons, Organizations or Organizations Listed by the Decisions of the United Nations Security Council (1267 (1999), 1988 (2011) and 1989 (2011) (1)) Decision on Amendment to the List (Number of Decisions: 269)
	Additional Decision to Import Decree (Number of Decisions: 265)

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 [Par-](#)

[liamentary \(Верховної Ради\) website](#) during the period of coverage of this Update:

Date	Subject
05-10-18	On Approval of the Technical Regulation on the establishment of a system for defining the requirements for eco-design of energy-consuming products Resolution of the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine; Technical regulations, Declaration dated 3 October 2015, No. 804
10-10-18	On amendments to the list of subjects of foreign economic activity, which are authorized to export military goods of their own production and import of military goods for use in their own production Resolution of the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine dated 10.10.2018 No. 827
	On Approval of the Procedure for Registration of Passport Documents of Foreigners and Stateless Persons at Checkpoints across the State Border Resolution of the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine; Order of 10.10.2018 № 798
12-10-18	On the decision of the National Security and Defense Council of Ukraine dated 12 October 2018 "On urgent measures to protect national interests in the South and East of Ukraine, in the Black and Azov Seas and the Kerch Strait" Decree of the President of Ukraine dated 12 October 2011 № 320/2018
	On Urgent Measures to Protect National Interests in the South and East of Ukraine, in the Black and Azov Seas and the Kerch Strait NSDC ; Decision of 12/10/2018
24-10-18	On Amendments to the Procedure for the Protection of the Rights and Interests of Ukraine in the Trade and Economic Sector within the framework of the World Trade Organization Resolution of the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine dated October 24, 2018, No. 861

Eurasian Economic Union (EAEU)

Decisions and recommendations of the Eurasian Economic Commission

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

Publication Date	Title
Board (Коллегии) of the Eurasian Economic Commission Решения	
28-09-18	№ 153 (25-09-18) On introducing changes to the Decision of the Board of the Eurasian Economic Commission of October 25, 2016 No. 125
	№ 154 (25-09-18) On the certifying center of the trusted third party service of the integrated information system of the Eurasian Economic Union
	№ 155 (25-10-18) On setting for 2019 the volume of tariff quota for certain types of long-grain rice originating from the Socialist Republic of Vietnam and imported into the territories of the member states of the Eurasian Economic Union
	№ 156 (25-10-18) On the extension of the antidumping measure in relation to graphitized electrodes originating from India and imported into the customs territory of the Eurasian Economic Union
	№ 157 (25-10-18) On Amendments to Appendix 4 to the Instruction on the Procedure for Filling Goods Declarations
19-10-18	№ 158 (16-10-18) On the customs declaration of goods for personal use, delivered by the carrier as an express cargo, using the passenger customs declaration
	№ 159 (16-10-18) On recognizing as invalid some Decisions of the Commission of the Customs Union
	№ 160 (16-10-18) On the cases of filling in the customs value declaration, ap-

Publication Date	Title
	<p>approval of the customs value declaration forms and the Procedure for completing the customs value declaration</p> <p>№ 161 (16-10-18) On the classification of the iron-containing drug in accordance with the single Commodity Nomenclature of Foreign Economic Activity of the Eurasian Economic Union</p> <p>№ 162 (16-10-18) On the classification of fish oil in accordance with the single Commodity Nomenclature of Foreign Economic Activity of the Eurasian Economic Union</p> <p>№ 163 (16-10-18) On Amendments to the Unified Commodity Nomenclature for Foreign Economic Activity of the Eurasian Economic Union and the Unified Customs Tariff of the Eurasian Economic Union, as well as to some decisions of the Board of the Eurasian Economic Commission regarding certain types of organic chemical compounds</p> <p>№ 164 (16-10-18) On introducing changes to the list of goods that are essential for the domestic market of the Eurasian Economic Union and for which, in exceptional cases, temporary bans or quantitative restrictions on exports may be imposed</p> <p>№ 165 (16-10-18) On the classification of recycler in accordance with the single Commodity Nomenclature of Foreign Economic Activity of the Eurasian Economic Union</p> <p>№ 166 (16-10-18) On approval of the list of products in respect of which the submission of the customs declaration is accompanied by the submission of a document on conformity assessment to the requirements of the technical regulations of the Customs Union "On the safety of certain types of specialized food products, including dietary therapeutic and dietary preventive nutrition" (TR TS 027/2012) or about such a document</p> <p>№ 167 (16-10-18) On approval of the list of products in respect of which the submission of the customs declaration is accompanied by the submission of a document on conformity assessment to the requirements of the technical regulations of the Eurasian Economic Union "On restriction of the use of hazardous substances in electrical products and radio electronics" (EAEU TR 037/2016)</p> <p>№ 168 (16-10-18) On the list of international and regional (interstate) standards, and in their absence, national (state) standards containing the rules and methods of research (testing) and measurements, including the rules for sampling required for the application and implementation of the requirements of the technical regulations of the Customs Union "On the safety of certain types of specialized food products, including dietary therapeutic and dietary preventive nutrition" (TP TC 027/2012) and the implementation of conformity assessment such as are for technical regulation</p> <p>№ 169 (16-10-18) On the draft decision of the Council of the Eurasian Economic Commission "On the draft decision of the Supreme Eurasian Economic Council" On the medal "For contribution to the development of the Eurasian Economic Union"</p> <p>№ 170 (16-10-18) About the Program for the development (amendment, revision) of intergovernmental standards, as a result of which voluntary compliance with the requirements of the technical regulations of the Eurasian Economic Union "On safety of equipment for children's playgrounds" (EAEU TR 042/2017), as well as interstate standards, containing the rules and methods of research (testing) and measurements, including the rules for sampling, necessary for the application and execution of the requirements of the Evra technical regulation of the economic union "On safety of equipment for children's playgrounds" (EAEU TR 042/2017) and the implementation of conformity assessment of technical regulation objects</p>
	Board Recommendations
19-10-18	Recommendation of the EEC Board No. 22 (16-10-18) - On Amendments to Volume VI of the Explanatory Notes to the Common Commodity Nomenclature for Foreign Economic Activity of the Eurasian Economic Union

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

The Commission has posted a table which provides a [collection of classification decisions](#) under the common tariff adopted by the Commission. A separate website exists for [preliminary decisions on the classification of goods adopted by the customs authorities of states - members](#) of the Eurasian Economic Union. It was last updated 24 October 2018. The table lists the tariff codes, a description, rationale (GRIs) for the decision.

BELARUS

Preliminary decisions on tariff classification

The State Customs Committee maintains a [searchable database of preliminary decisions on the tariff classification of goods](#) (*База данных товаров, в отношении которых принято предварительное решение о классификации*). The database has been updated through September 2018. It may be searched by tariff code or description (in Russian).

RUSSIAN FEDERATION

Russia introduces new countersanctions against Ukraine

On 22 October 2018, Russian President Vladimir Putin [signed a decree](#) calling for countersanctions against Ukraine and instructing the Russian Government to draw up a list of companies and individuals that will be subject to economic restrictions under the new measures and also a list of the respective restrictions.

The restrictive measures the Russian Government may impose, subject to a decision of the Russian President, could include:

1. *Suspension or termination of cooperation of Russia and Russian legal entities with Ukraine and with entities affiliated with or controlled by Ukraine;*
2. *A ban or restriction on the import of products and/or raw materials originating from Ukraine or manufactured by entities affiliated with or subject to the jurisdiction of Ukraine (the list of products and/or raw materials will be determined by the Russian Government);*
3. *A ban or restriction on the export of products and/or raw materials by entities under the jurisdiction or control of Ukraine (the list of products and/or raw materials will be determined by the Russian Government);*
4. *A ban or restriction on the performance of work or provision services for Russian state and municipal needs, and for the needs of certain kinds of legal entities, by entities under the jurisdiction of Ukraine (the list of works/services will be determined by the Russian Government);*
5. *A ban or restriction on the participation of citizens and legal entities of certain Ukrainian in the privatization of state and municipal property, in the performance of work or provision of services related to the sale of federal property, and/or in the performance of the functions of a seller of federal property; and*
6. *Other measures as determined by the President of Russia.*

The decree further states that it may be repealed in the event that Ukraine cancels the restrictive measures it has implemented against Russian citizens and legal entities.

The decree itself does not impose any countersanctions against Ukraine. It is expected that the respective restrictive measures would be imposed by the Rus-

sian Government in the nearest future. Baker McKenzie will monitor further developments.

For further information, please contact [Alexander Bychkov](#), [Vladimir Efremov](#) or [Maxim Kalinin](#). [For subsequent developments, see our later [client alert](#) and check our [Sanctions blog](#).]

Legislation (acts, resolutions, orders, etc.)

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

Date of Publication	Subject
01-10-18	Order of the Russian Government dated 27/9/2018 number 2050-r “On signing the Agreement on the treatment in the framework of the Eurasian Economic Union of products, the requirements for which are not established by the technical regulations of the Eurasian Economic Union, and safety rules of such products.” Order of the Government of the Russian Federation of 09.27.2018 No. 2049-p “On signing the Protocol on introducing changes to the Agreement between the Government of the Russian Federation and the Government of the Republic of Kazakhstan on trade and economic cooperation in the supply of oil and oil products to the Republic of Kazakhstan of December 9, 2010
12-10-18	Order of the Government of the Russian Federation of 09.10.2018 No. 2166-p “On signing the Protocol on amending the Agreement between the Government of the Russian Federation and the Government of the Republic of Belarus on Measures to Regulate Trade and Economic Cooperation in the Field of Export of Petroleum and Petroleum Products of January 12, 2007”
16-10-18	Russian Federation Government Resolution dated 12.10.2018 number 1222 “On informing the Russian Federation Federal Customs Service of the Ministry of Health on the import of biomedical cell products to the Russian Federation and export biomedical cell products from the Russian Federation.”
18-10-18	Decree of the Government of the Russian Federation of 16.10.2018 No. 1229 “On the introduction of a temporary permitting procedure for importing biomedical cellular products into the Russian Federation” (
24-10-18	Decree of the Government of the Russian Federation of 22.10.2018 No. 1259 “On Amendments to the List of Strategic Goods and Resources for the Purposes of Article 226.1 of the Criminal Code of the Russian Federation”.
25-10-18	Decree of the Government of the Russian Federation of October 22, 2017 No. 1253 “On Approval of the Rules for Granting Subsidies from the Federal Budget to the Russian Export Center, Moscow, to finance part of the costs associated with the promotion of high-tech, innovative and other products and services to foreign markets , in the framework of the main event “Implementation of individual activities of the priority project” Development of the export potential of the Russian education system “subprogram” Creating a national system ki development of foreign economic activity, “the Russian Federation state program” Development of foreign economic activity “ (21 p.) Order of the Government of the Russian Federation of 10.24.2018 No. 2291-p “On signing the Protocol on amending the Agreement between the Government of the Russian Federation and the Government of the Republic of Kazakhstan on the procedure for crossing the Russian-Kazakh state border by residents of the border areas of the Russian Federation and the Republic of Kazakhstan on October 3, 2006

Africa

SOUTH AFRICA

South Africa welcomes product exclusions from US sec. 232 tariffs

On 24 October 2018, the Department of Trade and Industry (DTI) issued a [press release](#) stating that the US Department of Commerce has granted product exemptions for imports from South Africa of 161 aluminium and 36 steel products from the Section 232 duties that the United States imposed against foreign imports. The product exemptions are applicable to companies whose buyers in the United States made requests to the Commerce Department for the products to be excluded from the Section 232 duties.

South Africa urged its exporters of steel and aluminium to encourage their buyers and distributors to consider applying for product exemption. The products that have been exempted for aluminium include aluminium foil and aluminium plates, sheets and strip. In relation to steel, the products include the hot rolled bars, hot rolled sheets, cold rolled sheets, plates cut and plates in coils.

The Government of South Africa has also made submissions to the US Government requesting a country exemption from Section 232 duties, and remains in contact with both USTR and the US Commerce Department on that matter. Over 800 US companies are represented in South Africa and the trade between the Parties is relatively balanced with total trade reaching R161.4 billion in 2017.

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

Date	Publication Details	Subject	Implementation Date
05-10-18	GG.41960 R.1081	Amendment to Part 1 of Schedule No. 1, by the substitution of tariff subheadings 1701.12, 1701.13, 1701.14, 1701.91, and 1701.99 to increase the rate of customs duty on sugar from 419.52c/kg to 460.86c/kg in terms of the existing variable tariff formula – Minute M10/2018 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Notice R.1081 	05-10-18
19-10-18	GG.41986 R.1134	Amendment to Part 1 of Schedule No. 1, by the substitution of tariff subheadings 1001.91 and 1001.99 as well as 1101.00.10 and 1101.00.90 to increase the rate of customs duty on wheat and wheaten flour from 29,85c/kg and 44,77c/kg to 49,07c/kg and 73,61c/kg respectively, in terms of the existing variable tariff formula – Minute 11/2018 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Notice R.1134 	19-10-18

Other African Countries (except North Africa)

Madagascar launches two safeguard investigations: on pasta and on blankets

On 8 October 2018, the WTO [announced](#) that Madagascar notified the WTO's Committee on Safeguards that it initiated on 20 September 2018 two safeguard investigations: one on pasta and another on blankets. In both notifications

Madagascar indicated, among other things, that:

“Any entity wishing to be considered as an interested party must register with the ANMCC [i.e. investigating authority] within 30 days of the date of initiation of the investigation. Any comments, information or requests that interested parties wish to forward to the investigating authority should be submitted within 30 days of the date of initiation of the investigation.

[...]

The address of the investigating authority to which correspondence should be sent is:

Monsieur Le Directeur Général de l’Autorité Nationale chargée des Mesures Correctives Commerciales (ANMCC)
Enceinte Ex-Conquête Antanimena, Antananarivo 101 – Madagascar
E-mail: dg.anmcc@gmail.com; site web: <http://www.anmcc.mg/>”

Further information is available in [G/SG/N/6/MDG/1](#) and [G/SG/N/6/MDG/2](#).

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

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

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

Date of Release	Subject
10-01-18	Los Angeles-area woman sentenced to federal prison in scheme to smuggle restricted space communications technology to China (DOJ, ICE, BIS, DoD)
10-05-18	Settlement Agreement between the U.S. Department of the Treasury’s Office of Foreign Assets Control and JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A. (JPMC), and Finding of Violation issued to JPMC (OFAC)
10-10-18	Chinese Intelligence Officer Charged with Economic Espionage Involving Theft of Trade Secrets from Leading U.S. Aviation Companies (DOJ, FBI, Belgian authorities)
10-12-18	Suburban Chicago Man Guilty of Trying to Illegally Export Guns and Ammunition to Haiti (DOJ, ATF, BIS, ICE, CBP, Illinois SP)
10-30-19	East Texas businessman pleads guilty in Venezuelan bribery scheme (DOJ, ICE, IRS)

Newsletters, Reports, Articles, Etc.

Baker & McKenzie Global VAT/GST Newsletter

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

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Publications, Alerts, Newsletters

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

Subject
International Trade, Tax and Anti-corruption
Global International Trade Compliance Update – October 2018 {older issues}
International Commercial & Trade Client Alert: CFIUS Expands its Jurisdiction and Imposes Prior Approval Requirements for the First Time
Asia Pacific International Commercial and Trade Supply Chain Client Alert Volume1 Considerations for Supply Contracts During Trade Tensions
Mexico Legal Alert: Agreement reached for the modernization of the trade relationship in North America (Eng.); Se llega a acuerdo para la modernización de la relación comercial de América del Norte (Span.)
Mexico International Commercial Client Alert 59: Antidumping News – August and September (Eng.); Noticias Antidumping – Agosto y Septiembre (Span.)
Mexico Tax Client Alert 61: Volume control requirements for the oil and gas industry (Eng.); Controles volumétricos para la industria de hidrocarburos (Span.)
Mexico Tax Client Alert 62: Extension to comply with tax obligations related to labor subcontracting operations (Eng.); Prórroga para dar cumplimiento a obligaciones fiscales en materia de subcontratación laboral (Span.)
Insight: The USMCA: NAFTA's Replacement
(From our tradeblog.bakermckenzie.com) Is Malaysia Back on Track with the CPTPP?
Beijing/Hong Kong/Shanghai Tax Client Alert: China significantly amends its IIT Law
Beijing/Hong Kong/Shanghai Tax Client Alert: China Expands Scope of Reinvestment Incentive to All MNC Projects
Russia International Trade Client Alert: Russia Introduces New Countersanctions Against Ukraine (Eng.); Россия Вводит Новые Контрсанкции В Отношении Украины (Rus.)
Vietnam Tax Client Alert: Compulsory Use of E-Invoices from 1 November 2020
Other areas
India Releases Draft of Significant New Personal Data Protection Act
French Data Protection Authority Issues Guidance on the Interplay between the GDPR and Blockchain Technology
GDPR National Legislation Survey, 4.0
Hong Kong Financial Services Client Alert: SFC enhances investor protection measures for offline services on complex products
Hong Kong Retirement Schemes/Employment Client Alert: Government Announces Revised Proposal regarding the Abolition of the MPF Offsetting Arrangement
Thailand Client Alert: CAAT Seeks Feedback from Aircraft Operators on Definition of "Other Juristic Persons" under Air Navigation Act B.E. 2497 (1954)
Thailand Quarterly Alert (July-September 2018)
Thailand Client Alert: Updated regulation on the appointment of corporate inspectors
Baker McKenzie Wong & Leow Intellectual Property Newsletter: Court of Appeal Clarifies

Subject
Interpretation of the Time Bars under Section 47 of the Patents Act
China Environment & Climate Change Client Alert: China's new Law on the Prevention and Control of Soil Pollution imposes new obligations on enterprises and landowners
Beijing/Hong Kong/Shanghai Dispute Resolution Client Alert: Court of Final Appeal clarifies innocent purpose defence to insider dealing
BakerMcKenzie FenXun China Employment Law Update (October 2018)
Beijing/Hong Kong/Shanghai Dispute Resolution Client Alert: New HKIAC Administered Arbitration Rules further enhance efficiency of arbitrations
Thailand Insurance Newsletter June 2008: Insurance Revolution #4: the real game changers – blockchain and e-commerce
Vietnam Fin Tech Client Alert: New requirements on the use of cloud computing services in the banking sector
Vietnam Fin Tech Client Alert: New draft decree on non-cash payments proposes guidelines for fintech participants and contemplates foreign ownership cap for intermediary payment service providers
Vietnam Technology, Media & Telecommunications Client Alert: Draft Decree amending and supplementing a number of articles of Decree No. 06/2016/ND-CP on the management, provision, and use of radio and television services
Vietnam Corporate Client Alert: New Decree on the functions, tasks, authority and organizational structure of the newly-established Commission for the Management of State Capital at Enterprises
Baker McKenzie Global Privilege Handbook - Latest Edition Now Available

Webinars, Meetings, Seminars, Etc.



Impact of Trade Conflict, Friction and Uncertainty

Join us at **Asia Pacific International Commercial and Trade Client Conference** on 20 November 2018, which will be held in Tokyo.

Multinationals are facing a new era of globalization and an ever shifting and challenging business landscape. The status of various trade agreements is shifting rapidly and governments are recalibrating their approach to trade and investment in response to the trade conflict between the United States and China, the potential threat to globalization, technology advances and geopolitical risks.

As countries throughout the world adapt their trade and investment policies in order to respond to these new risks and changes, multinational companies will need to closely monitor the landscape and re-evaluate their trade strategies and supply chains.

The conference will bring together practitioners from various Baker McKenzie offices around the region and the globe to speak on specific topics of interest and share their views on major trends and issues.

The topics of discussion will include the following, among others.

- How the trade conflict and the related uncertainty impacts supply chains and how companies can address such changes and challenges;
- regional free trade agreement updates and what it means to businesses;
- trade sanctions and export controls: what, who, where, why; and
- complexity in our modern e-commerce landscape: the impact of technology and the latest data protection and tax developments.

Register Now

We will accept registration until close of business on **Friday, 16 November 2018**. However, space is limited, so please kindly RSVP at your earliest convenience to make sure you reserve your seat. If capacity is reached, attendance will be decided by lot.

If you experience any problems with the online registration system, please send your contact information, including your name, company name, title, address, telephone and fax numbers by [e-mail](#).

Please also [e-mail](#) us with any further questions you may have about the conference.

We are sure that you will find the Asia Pacific International Commercial and Trade Client Conference 2018 enjoyable and worthwhile. We look forward to seeing you there.

Best regards,
Baker & McKenzie (Gaikokuho Joint Enterprise)

Event Details:

Date	Tuesday, 20 November 2018
Time	9:00 am to 4:15 pm (registration opens at 8:30 am)
Venue	Baker & McKenzie (Gaikokuho Joint Enterprise) Arkhills Sengokuyama Mori Tower, 28th Floor, 1-9-10 Roppongi, Minato-ku, Tokyo 106-0032 Map
Fee	Complimentary
Language	English and Japanese
Contact	Baker & McKenzie (Gaikokuho Joint Enterprise) (Attn: Mishima) seminar.tokyo@bakermckenzie.com



November 14-15, 2018 | Santa Clara, CA & Webcast

Each year, Baker McKenzie trade compliance lawyers from around the world come together to present a year-end review of import and export developments. The timing of this year's event is particularly important given the developing "trade wars" initiated by the US Government with China, the EU, Canada and Mexico.

Mark your calendars for this year's two-day conference, which will be held Wednesday, November 14 through Thursday, November 15 at the Hyatt Regency in Santa Clara, California.

If you are unable to attend the conference in person, we will again offer a live webcast option. Please just indicate if you will attend in person or via webcast on your registration form.

Due to anticipated high demand, you can [register now by clicking here and completing the registration form](#). You will receive a registration confirmation email approximately six weeks prior to the event.

A formal email invitation with additional details as well as the agenda will be distributed in the coming months.

We hope you will be able to join us!

[John McKenzie](#)
Host Partner

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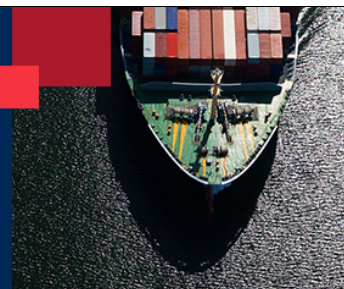
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2018 Global Trade and Supply Chain Webinar Series

Continuing Challenges in Global Trade



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


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

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

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

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

January 30	<p>Human Rights, Forced Labor, and Ethical Supply Chains: Best Practices for Managing Growing Legal Obligations and Risks</p> <p>Speakers: Reagan Demas (DC), John Foote (DC), Francesca Richmond (London), and Christopher Burkett (Toronto)</p>	<p>To register for this complimentary webinar series, click on the REGISTER NOW button and provide your information. You can register for one or all webinars.</p> <p>We hope you will participate in and enjoy this exciting webinar series!</p> <p>Login Details: Log-in details will be sent via email one week before the event.</p> <p>Webinar Series Lead: Teresa A. Gleason Head, Global Customs Focus Group (San Francisco, CA) Tel: +1 415 576 3021 teresa.gleason@bakermckenzie.com</p> <p>These webinars are all complimentary.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">REGISTER NOW</p> <p>Questions: If you have any questions regarding this webinar series, please contact:</p> <p>Sal Gonzalez Business Development Specialist Tel: +1 202 835 1661 sal.gonzalez@bakermckenzie.com</p> <p>MCLE Credit: Approved for 1.5 California general CLE credits, 1.5 Illinois general CLE credits, 1.5 New York areas of professional practice CLE credits, and 1.5 Texas general CLE credits. Florida and Virginia CLE applications can be made upon request. Participants requesting CLE for other states will receive Uniform CLE Certificates.</p> <p>Baker & McKenzie LLP is a California</p>
February 27	<p>Customs Basic: How to Classify Your Products</p> <p>Speakers: Jose Hoyos-Robles (Mexico City), Olof Johannesson (Stockholm), Andrew Rose (London), Riza Buditomo (Jakarta) and Nicole Looks (Frankfurt)</p>	
March 27	<p>Hot Topics in US, European, and Asian Export Controls</p> <p>Speakers: Marc Lager (Vienna), Anne Petterd (Singapore), Alex Lamy (DC), John McKenzie (San Francisco)</p>	
April 24	<p>Customs Basic: How to determine the origin of your products</p> <p>Speakers: Adrianna Ibarra-Fernandez (Mexico City), Jessica Mutton (London), and John McKenzie (Palo Alto)</p>	
May 22	<p>Russian and EU Customs Update</p> <p>Speakers: Alexander Bychkov (Moscow), Nicole Looks (Frankfurt) and Jenny Revis (London)</p>	
June 26	<p>Customs Basic: How to value your products</p> <p>Speakers: Kevin Nordin (London), Jon Cowley (Hong Kong) and Brian Cacic (Toronto)</p>	
July 24	<p>Update on US “Protectionism”, Brexit and TPP</p> <p>Speakers: Stu Seidel (DC), Jenny Revis (London), Cindy Owens (Singapore) and Fred Burke (Ho Chi Minh)</p>	
August 28	<p>Customs Basic: What you need to know about importing into China, Russia and the Middle East</p> <p>Speakers: Frank Pan (Shanghai), Vladimir Efremov (Moscow), and Reggie Mezu (Middle East)</p>	

September 25	<p>Customs Audits and Enforcement Actions: Best Practices and Trends</p> <p>Speakers: Adriana Ibarra-Fernandez (Mexico), Nicole Looks (Frankfurt), and Stuart Seidel (DC)</p>	<p>and Illinois CLE approved provider. Baker & McKenzie LLP has been certified by the New York State CLE Board as an accredited provider in the state of New York for the period 12/12/15-12/11/18. This program may earn newly admitted New York attorneys credit under Areas of Professional Practice. Baker & McKenzie LLP is an accredited sponsor, approved by the State Bar of Texas, Committee on MCLE.</p>  <p><i>Pending</i> - We have applied for CES and CCS credit for these webinars to the National Customs Brokers & Forwarders Association of America, Inc.</p>
October 30	<p>Customs Basic: What you need to know about importing into Mexico, Brazil and Argentina</p> <p>Speakers: Manuel Padron (Juarez), Alessandra Machado (Sao Paolo), and Esteban Ropolo (Buenos Aires)</p>	
November 27	<p>Hot Topics in US, European, and Asian Trade Sanctions</p> <p>Speakers: Kerry Contini (DC), Ben Smith (London), and Jon Cowley (Hong Kong)</p>	
December 18	<p>Customs Basic: How to mitigate duties through use of customs procedures</p> <p>Speakers: Eunkyung Kim Shin (Chicago), Edith Salcedo-Hinojosa (Guadalajara), and Daniel Sanchez-Elizondo (Guadalajara)</p>	



**RECORDED SESSIONS FROM OUR 2017
ANNUAL YEAR-END REVIEW OF IMPORT/EXPORT DEVELOPMENTS
IN SANTA CLARA, CALIFORNIA
14 November 2017 – Year-End Review of Import/Export Developments (Export Day)**

[AM Sessions Recording](#) –

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

[PM Sessions Recording](#) –

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

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

[AM Sessions Recording](#) –

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

- United States and Canadian Customs Regulatory Update

[PM Sessions Recording](#) –

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

2017 Global Trade and Supply Chain Webinar Series

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

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

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Webinar Dates and Topics:

January 31

[Major Customs Developments in North America and Asia](#)

Speakers: Stu Seidel (Washington, DC), Brian Cacic (Toronto), Eugene Lim (Singapore), and Adriana Ibarra-Fernandez (Mexico City)

February 28

[Customs Basic: How to Classify Your Products](#)

Speakers: Daniel Lund (London), Jose Hoyos-Robles (Mexico City), and Eunkyung Shin (Chicago)

March 28

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

Speakers: Terrie Gleason and Stu Seidel (Washington DC)

Webinar Start Time:

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

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Duration:

90 Minutes

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Ross Denton and Jessica Mutton (London)

April 25 [Customs Basic: How to Value Your Products](#)

Speakers: Nicole Looks (Frankfurt), Eugene Lim (Singapore), Paul Burns (Toronto), and Daniel Sanchez-Elizondo (Guadalajara)

May 23 [Impact on Sanctions: Trump Administration's Effects on US, EU, and Russian Sanctions](#)

Speakers: Alexander Bychkov (Moscow), Ben Smith (London), Alex Lamy (Washington, DC) and Alison Stafford Powell (Palo Alto)

June 27 [Customs Basic: Determining the Origin of Your Products](#)

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

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

Speakers: Brian Hengesbaugh (Chicago), Dean Dolan (Toronto), Dyann Heward-Mills (London), Michael Egan (Washington, DC)

August 22 [Customs Basic: Reducing your Duty Liability Through the Use of Customs Procedures](#)

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

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

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

October 24 [Customs Basic: What You Need to Know about Customs in the EU, Russia and China](#)

Speakers: Mariacristina Scarpa and Giulia Bettarini (Milan), Alexander Brychov and Vladimir Efremov (Moscow), and Frank Pan (Shanghai)

November 28 [Major Developments in FCPA/Anti-Bribery Regulation](#)

Speakers: John McKenzie (San Francisco), Mini vandePol (Hong Kong), and Peter Tomczak (Chicago)

December 19 [Customs Basic: What You Need to Know about Customs in the US, Mexico and Brazil](#)

Speakers: Alejandro Martinez-Galindo (Guadalajara), Alessandra S. Machado (Sao Paulo), Meredith DeMent (Washington, DC), and Meghan Hamilton (Chicago)

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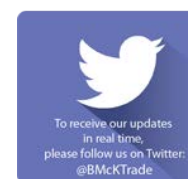


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

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WTO TBT Notifications








Member countries of the World Trade Organization (WTO) are required under the *Agreement on Technical Barriers to Trade* (TBT Agreement) to report to the WTO all proposed technical regulations that could affect trade with other Member countries. The WTO Secretariat distributes this information in the form of “notifications” to all Member countries. This chart summarizes notifications in English posted by the WTO during the past month. If you are interested in obtaining copies of any of these notifications, please contact [stu-](#)










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
































Country	Notification	Date Issued	Final Date for Comments	Merchandise Covered
 Argentina	ARG/166/Add.13	09/20/2018	Not given	Latex paints
 Argentina	ARG/337/Add.1	09/20/2018	Not given	Solar collectors and compact solar systems
 Argentina	ARG/344	09/20/2018	Not given	Construction materials and building
 Argentina	ARG/165/Add.6	10/03/2018	Not given	Wine products
 Argentina	ARG/345	10/08/2018	10/05/2018	Vehicles other than railway or tramway rolling-stock, and parts and accessories thereof (HS 87)
 Argentina	ARG/346	10/10/2018	Not given	Sausages and similar products, of meat, meat offal or blood; food preparations based on these products (HS 1601) Bread, pastry, cakes, biscuits and other bakers' wares, whether or not containing cocoa; communion wafers, empty cachets of a kind suitable for pharmaceutical use, sealing wafers, rice paper and similar products (HS 1905)
 Argentina	ARG/347	10/10/2018	Not given	Pesticide active ingredients (HS 3808)
 Argentina	ARG/290/Add.2	10/22/2018	Not given	Food products
 Argentina	ARG/290/Add.3	10/22/2018	Not given	Food products
 Argentina	ARG/317/Add.1	10/19/2018	Not given	Medicinal preparations for human use
 Argentina	ARG/346/Add.1/Corr.1	10/22/2018	Not given	Sausages and similar products, of meat, meat offal or blood; food preparations based on these products (HS 1601) Bread, pastry, cakes, biscuits and other bakers' wares, whether or not containing cocoa; communion wafers, empty cachets of a kind suitable for pharmaceutical use, sealing wafers, rice paper and similar products (HS 1905)
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 Argentina	ARG/348	10/18/2018	11/17/2018	Undenatured ethyl alcohol of an alcoholic strength by volume of less than 80% vol.; spirits, liqueurs and other spirituous beverages (HS 2208)
 Argentina	ARG/349	10/18/2018	11/17/2018	Food products: Determination of sodium
 Argentina	ARG/350	10/29/2018	Not given	Equipment working under pressure, whether fire-heated or non-fire-heated
 Bahrain, Kingdom of	BHR/552	10/02/2018	12/01/2018	Food labeling






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 Bahrain, Kingdom of	BHR/553	10/22/2018	12/21/2018	Prepackaged substances used in food products
 Bahrain, Kingdom of	BHR/554	10/25/2018	12/24/2018	Lubricating Oils for Internal Combustion Engines
 Bolivia	BOL/3/Add.5	09/24/2018	Not given	Processes in the food industry
 Bolivia	BOL/11	10/03/2018	12/02/2018	Milk in powder: 04.02 - Milk and cream, concentrated or containing added sugar or other sweetening matter; 0402.10 - In powder, granules or other solid forms, of a fat content, by weight, not exceeding 1.5%; 0402.10.10.00 - In containers holding not more than 2.5 kg, 0402.10.90.00 - Other (not applicable to milk in powder containing added sugar or other sweetening matter) - In powder, granules or other solid forms, of a fat content, by weight, exceeding 1.5%; 0402.21 - Not containing added sugar or other sweetening matter: Of a fat content, by weight, of 26% or more, on the dry product; 0402.21.11.00 - In containers holding not more than 2.5 kg; 0402.21.19.00 - Other - Other; 0402.21.91.00 - In containers holding not more than 2.5 kg; 0402.21.99.00 - Other - Evaporated milk 0402.91.10.00 - Evaporated milk - In powder, granules or other solid forms, of a fat content, by weight, not exceeding 1.5% (HS 040210) - Not containing added sugar or other sweetening matter (HS 040221).
 Bolivia	BOL/12	10/04/2018	12/02/2018	HS codes: 4202.11.10 Trunks, suit-cases and vanity-cases, and similar containers Other than similar containers; 4202.11.90 Other; 4202.12.10 Trunks, suit-cases and vanity-cases, and similar containers Other than similar containers; 4202.12.90 Other; 4202.19.00 Other; Other than similar containers; 4202.21.00 With outer surface of leather or of composition leather; 4202.22.00 With outer surface of plastics or of textile materials; 4202.29.00 Other; 4202.91.10 Travelling-bags and rucksacks; 4202.92.00 With outer surface of plastics or of textile materials Travelling-bags and rucksacks only; 4202.99.10 Travelling-bags and rucksacks; 6401.10.00 Footwear incorporating a protective metal toe-cap; 6401.92.00 Covering the ankle but not covering the knee; 6401.99.00 Other; 6402.12.00 Ski-boots, cross-country ski footwear and snowboard boots; 6402.19.00 Other; 6402.20.00 Footwear with upper straps or thongs assembled to the sole by means of plugs; 6402.91.00 Covering the ankle; 6402.99.10 Incorporating a protective metal toe-cap; 6402.99.90 Other; 6403.12.00 Ski-boots, cross-country ski footwear and snowboard boots; 6403.19.00 Other; 6403.20.00 Footwear with outer soles of leather, and uppers which consist of leather straps across the instep and around the big toe; 6403.40.00 Other footwear incorporating a protective metal toe-cap; 6403.51.00 Covering the ankle; 6403.59.00 Other; 6403.91.10 Footwear made on a base or platform of wood, not having an inner sole or a protective metal toe-cap; 6403.91.90 Other; 6403.99.10 Foot-












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				wear made on a base or platform of wood, not having an inner sole or a protective metal toe-cap; 6403.99.90 Other; 6404.11.10 Sports footwear; 6404.11.20 Tennis shoes, basketball shoes, gym shoes, training shoes and the like; 6404.19.00 Other; 6404.20.00 Footwear with outer soles of leather or composition leather; 6405.10.00 With the uppers of leather or composition leather; 6405.20.00 With the uppers of textile materials; 6405.90.00 Other
 Brazil	BRA/823/Add.1	10/03/2018	Not given	Kombucha (HS 09.02)
 Brazil	BRA/844	10/11/2018	Not given	Vaccines
 Brazil	BRA/845	10/11/2018	11/6/2018	(HS 8716) Trailers Road vehicles - Towing vehicle coupling device to tow caravans or light trailers
 Brazil	BRA/622/Add.1	10/19/2018	Not given	Diet and low calories drinks (HS 2202)
 Brazil	BRA/691/Add.1	10/19/2018	Not given	Fruit juices (including grape must) and vegetable juices, unfermented and not containing added spirit, whether or not containing added sugar or other sweetening matter (HS 2009)
 Brazil	BRA/691/Add.2	10/22/2018	Not given	Fruit juices (including grape must) and vegetable juices, unfermented and not containing added spirit, whether or not containing added sugar or other sweetening matter (HS 2009)
 Brazil	BRA/795/Add.1	10/22/2018	Not given	Cattle and buffaloes (HS 01.02)
 Brazil	BRA/597/Add.2	10/29/2018	Not given	Toys also their parts and accessories, Wheeled toys designed to be ridden by children (for example, tricycles, scooters, pedal cars); dolls' carriages (HS 9501)
 Brazil	BRA/846	10/29/2018	Not given	Edible animal origin products (HS 02;03.02; 03.03; 03.04; 03.05; 03.06; 03.07; 04; 15.01; 15.02;15.03;15.04;15.05; 15.06, 16)
 Canada	CAN/516/Add.2	10/10/2018	Not given	Prescription status of medicinal ingredients for human use (HS 3004.90)
 Canada	CAN/567	10/18/2018	Not given	Health products
 Canada	CAN/568	10/25/2018	12/22/2018	Energy efficiency standards for consumer and commercial products
 Chile	CHL/385/Add.1	10/08/2018	Not given	Light motor vehicles
 Chile	CHL/459	10/10/2018	12/09/2018	Tattoos, tattoo inks, permanent make-up, stretching, piercings
 Chile	CHL/460	10/19/2018	12/18/2018	Pneumatic tyres
 China	CHN/1287	10/15/2018	12/14/2018	Cosmetics. Toiletries (ICS 71.100.70).
 Colombia	COL/234	10/04/2018	12/02/2018	HS codes: 4202.11.10 Trunks, suit-cases and vanity-cases, and similar containers Other than similar containers; 4202.11.90 Other; 4202.12.10 Trunks, suit-cases and vanity-cases, and similar containers Other than similar containers; 4202.12.90 Other; 4202.19.00 Other; Other than similar containers; 4202.21.00 With outer surface of leather or of composition leather; 4202.22.00 With outer surface of plastics or of textile materials; 4202.29.00 Other; 4202.91.10 Travelling-bags and rucksacks;









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 Colombia	COL/212/Add.5	10/09/2018	Not given	Air conditioners; refrigerators and/or freezers; electromagnetic ballasts; electronic ballasts; single-phase squirrel-cage induction electric motors (60Hz); three-phase squirrel-cage induction electric motors (60Hz); electric washing machines; electric storage water heaters; gas-fired storage water heaters; gas-fired continuous flow water heaters; freestanding or built-in work tables; table-top and built-in cookers; work tables with grill; and table-top cookers and ovens.
 Colombia	COL/235	10/25/2018	01/22/2019	Imperfect, used, repaired, remanufactured, reconditioned or discontinued products
 Ecuador	ECU/280/Add.2	09/24/2018	Not given	Voice and data cables (HS 8544.2000, 8544.4210, 8544.4220, 8544.4290, 8544.4910 and 8544.4990)
 Ecuador	ECU/177/Add.7	10/01/2018	Not given	Motorcycles (HS 8711, 8711.10.00, 8711.10.00.10, 8711.10.00.90, 8711.20.00, 8711.20.00.10, 8711.20.00.90, 8711.30.00, 8711.30.00.10, 8711.30.00.90, 8711.40.00, 8711.40.00.10, 8711.40.00.90, 8711.50.00, 8711.50.00.10, 8711.50.00.90, 8711.90.00, 8711.90.00.10 and 8711.90.00.90)
 Ecuador	ECU/180/Add.2	10/04/2018	Not given	Cocks and valves for domestic use (HS 8481.80.10)
 Ecuador	ECU/180/Add.3	10/04/2018	Not given	Cocks and valves for domestic use (HS 8481.80.10)
 Ecuador	ECU/339	10/04/2018	11/18/2018	Shower Screens (39269090 and 70200090)

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 Ecuador	ECU/340	10/04/2018	11/18/2018	Plasterboard (68091100)
 Ecuador	ECU/341	10/04/2018	12/2/2018	HS codes: 4202.11.10 Trunks, suit-cases and vanity-cases, and similar containers Other than similar containers; 4202.11.90 Other; 4202.12.10 Trunks, suit-cases and vanity-cases, and similar containers Other than similar containers; 4202.12.90 Other; 4202.19.00 Other; Other than similar containers; 4202.21.00 With outer surface of leather or of composition leather; 4202.22.00 With outer surface of plastics or of textile materials; 4202.29.00 Other; 4202.91.10 Travelling-bags and rucksacks; 4202.92.00 With outer surface of plastics or of textile materials Travelling-bags and rucksacks only; 4202.99.10 Travelling-bags and rucksacks; 6401.10.00 Footwear incorporating a protective metal toe-cap; 6401.92.00 Covering the ankle but not covering the knee; 6401.99.00 Other; 6402.12.00 Ski-boots, cross-country ski footwear and snowboard boots; 6402.19.00 Other; 6402.20.00 Footwear with upper straps or thongs assembled to the sole by means of plugs; 6402.91.00 Covering the ankle; 6402.99.10 Incorporating a protective metal toe-cap; 6402.99.90 Other; 6403.12.00 Ski-boots, cross-country ski footwear and snowboard boots; 6403.19.00 Other; 6403.20.00 Footwear with outer soles of leather, and uppers which consist of leather straps across the instep and around the big toe; 6403.40.00 Other footwear incorporating a protective metal toe-cap; 6403.51.00 Covering the ankle; 6403.59.00 Other; 6403.91.10 Footwear made on a base or platform of wood, not having an inner sole or a protective metal toe-cap; 6403.91.90 Other; 6403.99.10 Footwear made on a base or platform of wood, not having an inner sole or a protective metal toe-cap; 6403.99.90 Other; 6404.11.10 Sports footwear; 6404.11.20 Tennis shoes, basketball shoes, gym shoes, training shoes and the like; 6404.19.00 Other; 6404.20.00 Footwear with outer soles of leather or composition leather; 6405.10.00 With the uppers of leather or composition leather; 6405.20.00 With the uppers of textile materials; 6405.90.00 Other
 Egypt	EGY/2/Add.6	10/15/2018	Not given	Food products
 Egypt	EGY/3/Add.16	10/15/2018	Not given	Chemical, textile and engineering products
 Egypt	EGY/28/Add.1	10/15/2018	Not given	Wheat
 Egypt	EGY/68/Add.5/Corr.1	10/15/2018	Not given	Energy efficiency label for air conditioners
 Egypt	EGY/173/Add.2	10/15/2018	Not given	Vacuum cleaners
 European Union	EU/600	10/02/2018	12/01/2018	Food
 European Union	EU/601	10/03/2018	12/02/2018	(3,3,4,4,5,5,6,6,7,7,8,8,8-tridecafluorooctyl) silanetriol and any of its mono-, di- or tri-O-(alkyl) derivatives with organic solvents in spray products in a concentration, individually or in any combination, equal to or greater than 2 ppb by weight of the mix-






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 European Union	EU/602	10/03/2018	12/02/2018	Food destined to the final consumer
 European Union	EU/603	10/04/2018	12/03/2018	Refrigerating appliances
 European Union	EU/604	10/04/2018	12/03/2018	Refrigerating appliances
 European Union	EU/605	10/05/2018	12/04/2018	External Power Supplies (EPS)
 European Union	EU/606	10/08/2018	12/07/2018	Lighting products
 European Union	EU/607	10/08/2018	12/07/2018	Light sources
 European Union	EU/608	10/08/2018	12/07/2018	Cosmetics
 European Union	EU/609	10/09/2018	12/08/2018	Electronic displays
 European Union	EU/610	10/09/2018	12/08/2018	Electronic displays
 European Union	EU/468/Rev.1	10/16/2018	Not given	In vitro diagnostic medical devices
 European Union	EU/611	10/15/2018	12/14/2018	Household dishwashers
 European Union	EU/612	10/15/2018	12/14/2018	Household dishwashers
 European Union	EU/602/Corr.1	10/17/2018	Not given	Food destined to the final consumer
 European Union	EU/613	10/18/2018	12/17/2018	Cosmetics
 European Union	EU/614	10/22/2018	12/21/2018	Electric motors and variable speed drives
 European Union	EU/615	10/22/2018	12/21/2018	Washing machines and household washer-dryers
 European Union	EU/616	10/22/2018	12/21/2018	Household washing machines and household washer-dryers
 Honduras	HND/64/Add.2	10/22/2018	Not given	Food additives (ICS 67.050)
 Honduras	HND/69/Add.2	10/22/2018	Not given	Pharmaceutical products
 Honduras	HND/92/Add.1	10/22/2018	Not given	Milk powder and cream powder
 Japan	JPN/607	10/08/2018	11/07/2018	Pharmaceutical products (HS: 30)
 Japan	JPN/608	10/10/2018	12/09/2018	The GM labelling system
 Japan	JPN/609	10/15/2018	12/14/2018	Deleterious substance.
 Kenya	KEN/741	10/09/2018	12/12/2018	Protection against dangerous goods (ICS 13.300).
 Kenya	KEN/742	10/09/2018	12/12/2018	Protection against dangerous goods (ICS 13.300).
 Kenya	KEN/743	10/09/2018	12/12/2018	Protection against dangerous goods (ICS 13.300).
 Kenya	KEN/744	10/09/2018	12/12/2018	Protection against dangerous goods (ICS 13.300).
 Kenya	KEN/745	10/09/2018	12/12/2018	Protection against dangerous goods (ICS 13.300).
 Kenya	KEN/746	10/09/2018	12/12/2018	Protection against dangerous goods (ICS 13.300).
 Kenya	KEN/747	10/09/2018	12/12/2018	Protection against dangerous goods (ICS 13.300).
 Kenya	KEN/748	10/09/2018	12/12/2018	Protection against dangerous goods (ICS 13.300).






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 Kenya	KEN/749	10/09/2018	12/12/2018	Protection against dangerous goods (ICS 13.300).
 Korea, Republic of	KOR/788	10/11/2018	12/10/2018	Medical Devices; Medical equipment (ICS 11.040).
 Korea, Republic of	KOR/789	10/16/2018	11/05/2018	Chemical substances that cause or may cause any harm to humans and animals due to their carcinogenic, mutagenic, repro-toxic properties
 Korea, Republic of	KOR/790	10/16/2018	11/05/2018	Chemical substances with carcinogenic, mutagenic and repro-toxic properties (CMRs), endocrine disrupting chemicals (EDCs), chemical substances with specific target organ toxicity (STOT), persistent and bio-accumulative substances and so on.
 Korea, Republic of	KOR/791	10/16/2018	11/05/2018	New chemical substances, Polymer compounds
 Korea, Republic of	KOR/792	10/16/2018	11/25/2018	New chemical substances, Polymer compounds
 Korea, Republic of	KOR/793	10/16/2018	12/15/2018	Food
 Korea, Republic of	KOR/794	10/25/2018	12/24/2018	Cosmetics
 Korea, Republic of	KOR/795	10/25/2018	12/24/2018	Cosmetics
 Kuwait	KWT/438	10/02/2018	12/01/2018	Food labeling
 Kuwait	KWT/439	10/18/2018	12/17/2018	Energy Efficiency Labelling and Minimum Energy Performance Requirements for DX Air-Conditioners up to 70 000 Btu/h
 Kuwait	KWT/440	10/22/2018	12/21/2018	Prepackaged substances used in food products
 Kuwait	KWT/441	10/25/2018	12/24/2018	Lubricating Oils for Internal Combustion Engines
 Mexico	MEX/219/Add.6	09/24/2018	Not given	Measuring instrument - petrol dispensers
 Mexico	MEX/371/Add.1	09/24/2018	Not given	New tyres of domestic or foreign manufacture, national subheading: 401110
 Mexico	MEX/406/Add.1	09/27/2018	Not given	Equipment for adventure/nature tourism operators
 Mexico	MEX/252/Add.3	10/04/2018	Not given	New light-duty vehicles - carbon dioxide emissions (HS 8702, 8703, 8704)
 Mexico	MEX/348/Add.1	10/01/2018	Not given	Integral and flexible connectors for use in liquefied petroleum gas (LPG) installations.
 Mexico	MEX/401/Add.1	10/04/2018	Not given	Totoaba (Totoaba macdonaldi) fish (HS 03028901)
 Mexico	MEX/337/Add.2	10/09/2018	Not given	Primary cells and primary batteries (tariff heading 85.06)
 Mexico	MEX/371/Add.2	10/09/2018	Not given	New tyres of domestic or foreign manufacture, national subheading: 401110
 Mexico	MEX/219/Add.7	10/15/2018	Not given	Measuring instrument - petrol dispensers
 Mexico	MEX/433	10/12/2018	12/07/2018	Artisanal sea salt (HS 250100)
 Mexico	MEX/348/Add.2	10/22/2018	Not given	Integral and flexible connectors for use in liquefied petroleum gas (LPG) installations.
 Mexico	MEX/362/Add.2	10/18/2018	Not given	Motor vehicles
 Mexico	MEX/403/Add.1	10/18/2018	Not given	Lifts (hydraulic and traction) for passengers or freight (goods lifts, vehicle lifts and dumb waiters), permanently installed escalators and moving ramps and walkways, and their parts.
 Mexico	MEX/403/Add.2	10/25/2018	Not given	Lifts (hydraulic and traction) for passengers or freight (goods lifts, vehicle lifts and dumb waiters),











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 Mozambique	MOZ/14	10/12/2018	12/11/2018	Incandescent lamps (ICS:29.140.20)
 Oman	OMN/385	10/02/2018	12/01/2018	Food labeling
 Oman	OMN/386	10/22/2018	12/21/2018	Prepackaged substances used in food products
 Oman	OMN/387	10/25/2018	12/24/2018	Lubricating Oils for Internal Combustion Engines
 Paraguay	PRY/106	09/27/2018	11/26/2018	Vehicular natural gas (VNG) storage cylinders
 Paraguay	PRY/107	10/03/2018	12/02/2018	MERCOSUR Technical Regulation on the classification of motor vehicles and trailers.
 Peru	PER/108	10/04/2018	12/02/2018	HS codes: 4202.11.10 Trunks, suit-cases and vanity-cases, and similar containers Other than similar containers; 4202.11.90 Other; 4202.12.10 Trunks, suit-cases and vanity-cases, and similar containers Other than similar containers; 4202.12.90 Other; 4202.19.00 Other Other than similar containers; 4202.21.00 With outer surface of leather or of composition leather; 4202.22.00 With outer surface of plastics or of textile materials; 4202.29.00 Other; 4202.91.10 Travelling-bags and rucksacks; 4202.92.00 With outer surface of plastics or of textile materials Travelling-bags and rucksacks only; 4202.99.10 Travelling-bags and rucksacks; 6401.10.00 Footwear incorporating a protective metal toe-cap; 6401.92.00 Covering the ankle but not covering the knee; 6401.99.00 Other; 6402.12.00 Ski-boots, cross-country ski footwear and snowboard boots; 6402.19.00 Other; 6402.20.00 Footwear with upper straps or thongs assembled to the sole by means of plugs; 6402.91.00 Covering the ankle; 6402.99.10 Incorporating a protective metal toe-cap; 6402.99.90 Other; 6403.12.00 Ski-boots, cross-country ski footwear and snowboard boots; 6403.19.00 Other; 6403.20.00 Footwear with outer soles of leather, and uppers which consist of leather straps across the instep and around the big toe; 6403.40.00 Other footwear incorporating a protective metal toe-cap; 6403.51.00 Covering the ankle; 6403.59.00 Other; 6403.91.10 Footwear made on a base or platform of wood, not having an inner sole or a protective metal toe-cap; 6403.91.90 Other; 6403.99.10 Footwear made on a base or platform of wood, not having an inner sole or a protective metal toe-cap; 6403.99.90 Other; 6404.11.10 Sports footwear; 6404.11.20 Tennis shoes, basketball shoes, gym shoes, training shoes and the like; 6404.19.00 Other; 6404.20.00 Footwear with outer soles of leather or composition leather; 6405.10.00 With the uppers of leather or composition leather; 6405.20.00 With the uppers of textile materials; 6405.90.00 Other
 Philippines	PHL/207	10/29/2018	11/28/2018	Non-Fermented Soybean Products
 Philippines	PHL/208	10/29/2018	11/28/2018	Sweetened Beverages
 Qatar	QAT/550	10/02/2018	12/01/2018	Food labeling
 Qatar	QAT/551	10/22/2018	12/21/2018	Prepackaged substances used in food products


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 Qatar	QAT/552	10/25/2018	12/24/2018	Lubricating Oils for Internal Combustion Engines
 Saudi Arabia	SAU/1091	10/02/2018	12/01/2018	Food labeling
 Saudi Arabia	SAU/1092	10/22/2018	12/21/2018	Prepackaged substances used in food products
 Saudi Arabia	SAU/1093	10/25/2018	12/24/2018	Lubricating Oils for Internal Combustion Engines
 Seychelles	SYC/4	10/25/2018	12/24/2018	Plastic straws - Other articles of plastics and articles of other materials of headings 39.01 to 39.14 (HS 3926)
 Singapore	SGP/43/Add.1	10/22/2018	Not given	Water fittings covered under mandatory Water Efficiency Labelling Scheme (WELS) (HS 3922.90, 6910.10.00, 6910.90.00, 7324.90.10, 7324.90.93, 8481.80.50, 8481.80.91, 8481.90.21)
 Sri Lanka	LKA/37	10/16/2018	Not given	Products covered under and HS codes are given in the Gazette Extraordinary of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka No. 2079/70 dated 13 July 2018 amended 10 August; and 2079/42 dated 12 July 2018 amended 8 August 2018.
 Taiwan Economy	TPKM/283/Rev. 1/Add.1	10/10/2018	Not given	Food and relevant products
 Taiwan Economy	TPKM/339	10/18/2018	12/17/2018	Pharmaceutical products (HS 30)
 Taiwan Economy	TPKM/328/Add. 1	10/29/2018	Not given	Automobile tyres
 Thailand	THA/522	10/25/2018	12/24/2018	Gas water heater and instantaneous gas water heater
 Turkey	TUR/124	10/17/2018	12/16/2018	Construction materials and building (Vocabularies)
 Turkey	TUR/125	10/17/2018	12/16/2018	Construction materials and building (Vocabularies)
 Turkey	TUR/126	10/17/2018	12/16/2018	Construction materials and building (Vocabularies)
 Turkey	TUR/127	10/18/2018	12/17/2018	Drive Belt - Belt Pulleys
 Turkey	TUR/128	10/18/2018	12/17/2018	Belt Drive - Grooved Pulleys
 Turkey	TUR/129	10/18/2018	12/17/2018	Belt Drive - Grooved Pulleys
 Turkey	TUR/130	10/18/2018	12/17/2018	Belt Drive - Grooved Pulleys for V Belts
 Turkey	TUR/131	10/18/2018	12/17/2018	Belt Drive - Pulleys and V Belts
 Turkey	TUR/132	10/18/2018	12/17/2018	Belt Drive - Pulleys and V Belts
 Uganda	UGA/921	10/05/2018	12/04/2018	Bovine beef; Meat of bovine animals, fresh or chilled. (HS 0201). Meat and meat products (ICS 67.120.10).
 Uganda	UGA/922	10/05/2018	12/04/2018	Edible offal of bovine animals, swine, sheep, goats, horses, asses, mules or hinnies, fresh, chilled or frozen. (HS 0206), Meat and edible offal, of the poultry of heading 01.05, fresh, chilled or frozen. (HS 0207). Meat and meat products (ICS 67.120.10).
 Uganda	UGA/923	10/08/2018	12/07/2018	Waters, including natural or artificial mineral waters and aerated waters, not containing added sugar or other sweetening matter nor flavoured; ice and snow. (HS 2201). Drinking water (ICS 13.060.20).



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 Uganda	UGA/924	10/08/2018	12/07/2018	Environmental water, waste water; Waters, including natural or artificial mineral waters and aerated waters, not containing added sugar or other sweetening matter nor flavoured; ice and snow. (HS 2201). Drinking water (ICS 13.060.20).
 Uganda	UGA/925	10/08/2018	12/07/2018	Surface water, saline water, domestic and industrial wastes; Mineral waters and aerated waters (HS 220110). Drinking water (ICS 13.060.20).
 Uganda	UGA/926	10/10/2018	12/09/2018	Blended fertilizers; Fertilisers (HS 31). Fertilizers (ICS 65.080).
 Uganda	UGA/927	10/10/2018	12/09/2018	Organic-inorganic compound fertilizer; Fertilisers (HS 31). Fertilizers (ICS 65.080).
 Uganda	UGA/928	10/10/2018	12/09/2018	Compound microbial fertilizer; Fertilisers (HS 31). Fertilizers (ICS 65.080).
 Uganda	UGA/929	10/10/2018	12/09/2018	Fermented non-alcoholic cereal beverages; Other fermented beverages (for example, cider, perry, mead); mixtures of fermented beverages and mixtures of fermented beverages and non-alcoholic beverages, not elsewhere specified or included. (HS 2206). Non-alcoholic beverages (ICS 67.160.20).
 Uganda	UGA/930	10/10/2018	12/09/2018	Kombucha (HS: 2206). (ICS: 67.160.20).
 Uganda	UGA/931	10/10/2018	12/09/2018	Malted cereal beverages; Other fermented beverages (for example, cider, perry, mead); mixtures of fermented beverages and mixtures of fermented beverages and non-alcoholic beverages, not elsewhere specified or included. (HS 2206). Non-alcoholic beverages (ICS 67.160.20).
 Uganda	UGA/932	10/11/2018	12/10/2018	Textile fibres (ICS 59.060).
 Uganda	UGA/933	10/11/2018	12/10/2018	Textiles; Textiles in general (ICS 59.080.01).
 Uganda	UGA/934	10/11/2018	12/10/2018	Pillowcases; (HS: 4818). Textile fabrics (ICS 59.080.30).
 Uganda	UGA/935	10/11/2018	12/10/2018	Petroleum products; Petroleum oils and oils obtained from bituminous minerals, crude. (HS 2709). Petroleum products in general (ICS 75.080).
 Uganda	UGA/936	10/15/2018	12/14/2018	Lubricating oils; Lubricating preparations (including cutting-oil preparations, bolt or nut release preparations, anti-rust or anti-corrosion preparations and mould release preparations, based on lubricants) and preparations of a kind used for the oil or grease treatment of textile materials, leather, furskins or other materials, but excluding preparations containing, as basic constituents, 70% or more by weight of petroleum oils or of oils obtained from bituminous minerals. (HS 3403). Lubricants, industrial oils and related products (ICS 75.100).
 Uganda	UGA/937	10/15/2018	12/14/2018	Petroleum products; Petroleum oils and oils obtained from bituminous minerals, crude. (HS 2709). Petroleum products in general (ICS 75.080).
 Uganda	UGA/938	10/15/2018	12/14/2018	Engine oils; Lubricating preparations (including cutting-oil preparations, bolt or nut release preparations, anti-rust or anti-corrosion preparations and mould release preparations, based on lubricants)














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 Uganda	UGA/939	10/15/2018	12/14/2018	Engine oils; Lubricating preparations (including cutting-oil preparations, bolt or nut release preparations, anti-rust or anti-corrosion preparations and mould release preparations, based on lubricants) and preparations of a kind used for the oil or grease treatment of textile materials, leather, furskins or other materials, but excluding preparations containing, as basic constituents, 70% or more by weight of petroleum oils or of oils obtained from bituminous minerals. (HS 3403). Lubricants, industrial oils and related products (ICS 75.100).
 Uganda	UGA/940	10/15/2018	12/14/2018	Lubricating Oils; Lubricating preparations (including cutting-oil preparations, bolt or nut release preparations, anti-rust or anti-corrosion preparations and mould release preparations, based on lubricants) and preparations of a kind used for the oil or grease treatment of textile materials, leather, furskins or other materials, but excluding preparations containing, as basic constituents, 70% or more by weight of petroleum oils or of oils obtained from bituminous minerals. (HS 3403). Lubricants, industrial oils and related products (ICS 75.100).
 Uganda	UGA/941	10/15/2018	12/14/2018	Lubricating oils; Lubricating preparations (including cutting-oil preparations, bolt or nut release preparations, anti-rust or anti-corrosion preparations and mould release preparations, based on lubricants) and preparations of a kind used for the oil or grease treatment of textile materials, leather, furskins or other materials, but excluding preparations containing, as basic constituents, 70% or more by weight of petroleum oils or of oils obtained from bituminous minerals. (HS 3403). Lubricants, industrial oils and related products (ICS 75.100).
 Uganda	UGA/942	10/15/2018	12/14/2018	Lubricating oils; Lubricating preparations (including cutting-oil preparations, bolt or nut release preparations, anti-rust or anti-corrosion preparations and mould release preparations, based on lubricants) and preparations of a kind used for the oil or grease treatment of textile materials, leather, furskins or other materials, but excluding preparations containing, as basic constituents, 70% or more by weight of petroleum oils or of oils obtained from bituminous minerals. (HS 3403). Lubricants, industrial oils and related products (ICS 75.100).
 Uganda	UGA/943	10/15/2018	12/14/2018	Engine Oils; Lubricating preparations (including cutting-oil preparations, bolt or nut release preparations, anti-rust or anti-corrosion preparations and mould release preparations, based on lubricants) and preparations of a kind used for the oil or grease treatment of textile materials, leather, furskins or other materials, but excluding preparations contain-

































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 Uganda	UGA/944	10/15/2018	12/14/2018	Engine Oil; Lubricating preparations (including cutting-oil preparations, bolt or nut release preparations, anti-rust or anti-corrosion preparations and mould release preparations, based on lubricants) and preparations of a kind used for the oil or grease treatment of textile materials, leather, furskins or other materials, but excluding preparations containing, as basic constituents, 70% or more by weight of petroleum oils or of oils obtained from bituminous minerals. (HS 3403). Lubricants, industrial oils and related products (ICS 75.100).
 Uganda	UGA/945	10/15/2018	12/14/2018	Automotive Engine Oil; Lubricating preparations (including cutting-oil preparations, bolt or nut release preparations, anti-rust or anti-corrosion preparations and mould release preparations, based on lubricants) and preparations of a kind used for the oil or grease treatment of textile materials, leather, furskins or other materials, but excluding preparations containing, as basic constituents, 70% or more by weight of petroleum oils or of oils obtained from bituminous minerals. (HS 3403). Lubricants, industrial oils and related products (ICS 75.100).
 Uganda	UGA/946	10/15/2018	12/14/2018	Automotive Engine Oils; Lubricating preparations (including cutting-oil preparations, bolt or nut release preparations, anti-rust or anti-corrosion preparations and mould release preparations, based on lubricants) and preparations of a kind used for the oil or grease treatment of textile materials, leather, furskins or other materials, but excluding preparations containing, as basic constituents, 70% or more by weight of petroleum oils or of oils obtained from bituminous minerals. (HS 3403). Lubricants, industrial oils and related products (ICS 75.100).
 Uganda	UGA/947	10/17/2018	12/16/2018	Engine oils; Lubricating preparations (including cutting-oil preparations, bolt or nut release preparations, anti-rust or anti-corrosion preparations and mould release preparations, based on lubricants) and preparations of a kind used for the oil or grease treatment of textile materials, leather, furskins or other materials, but excluding preparations containing, as basic constituents, 70% or more by weight of petroleum oils or of oils obtained from bituminous minerals (HS 3403)
 Uganda	UGA/948	10/17/2018	12/16/2018	Engine oils; Lubricating preparations (including cutting-oil preparations, bolt or nut release preparations, anti-rust or anti-corrosion preparations and mould release preparations, based on lubricants) and preparations of a kind used for the oil or grease treatment of textile materials, leather, furskins or other materials, but excluding preparations containing, as basic constituents, 70% or more by weight of petroleum oils or of oils obtained from bituminous minerals (HS 3403)








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 Uganda	UGA/949	10/17/2018	12/16/2018	Engine oils; Lubricating preparations (including cutting-oil preparations, bolt or nut release preparations, anti-rust or anti-corrosion preparations and mould release preparations, based on lubricants) and preparations of a kind used for the oil or grease treatment of textile materials, leather, furskins or other materials, but excluding preparations containing, as basic constituents, 70% or more by weight of petroleum oils or of oils obtained from bituminous minerals (HS 3403)
 Uganda	UGA/950	10/17/2018	12/16/2018	Engine oils; Lubricating preparations (including cutting-oil preparations, bolt or nut release preparations, anti-rust or anti-corrosion preparations and mould release preparations, based on lubricants) and preparations of a kind used for the oil or grease treatment of textile materials, leather, furskins or other materials, but excluding preparations containing, as basic constituents, 70% or more by weight of petroleum oils or of oils obtained from bituminous minerals (HS 3403)
 Uganda	UGA/951	10/17/2018	12/16/2018	Engine oils; Lubricating preparations (including cutting-oil preparations, bolt or nut release preparations, anti-rust or anti-corrosion preparations and mould release preparations, based on lubricants) and preparations of a kind used for the oil or grease treatment of textile materials, leather, furskins or other materials, but excluding preparations containing, as basic constituents, 70% or more by weight of petroleum oils or of oils obtained from bituminous minerals (HS 3403)
 Uganda	UGA/952	10/17/2018	12/16/2018	Petroleum products; Petroleum oils and oils obtained from bituminous minerals, crude (HS 2709)
 Uganda	UGA/953	10/17/2018	12/16/2018	Vulcanized Rubber, Thermoplastic Elastomers; Vulcanised rubber thread and cord
 Uganda	UGA/954	10/17/2018	12/16/2018	Rubber and articles thereof (HS 40)
 Uganda	UGA/955	10/17/2018	12/16/2018	Rubber and articles thereof (HS 40)
 Uganda	UGA/956	10/18/2018	12/17/2018	All products, conformity
 Uganda	UGA/957	10/18/2018	12/17/2018	Engine oils; Lubricating preparations (including cutting-oil preparations, bolt or nut release preparations, anti-rust or anti-corrosion preparations and mould release preparations, based on lubricants) and preparations of a kind used for the oil or grease treatment of textile materials, leather, furskins or other materials, but excluding preparations containing, as basic constituents, 70% or more by weight of petroleum oils or of oils obtained from bituminous minerals (HS 3403)
 Uganda	UGA/958	10/18/2018	12/17/2018	Engine oils; Lubricating preparations (including cutting-oil preparations, bolt or nut release preparations, anti-rust or anti-corrosion preparations and mould release preparations, based on lubricants) and preparations of a kind used for the oil or grease treatment of textile materials, leather, furskins or other materials, but excluding preparations containing, as basic constituents, 70% or more by weight

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				of petroleum oils or of oils obtained from bituminous minerals (HS 3403)
 Uganda	UGA/959	10/18/2018	12/17/2018	Engine oils; Lubricating preparations (including cutting-oil preparations, bolt or nut release preparations, anti-rust or anti-corrosion preparations and mould release preparations, based on lubricants) and preparations of a kind used for the oil or grease treatment of textile materials, leather, furskins or other materials, but excluding preparations containing, as basic constituents, 70% or more by weight of petroleum oils or of oils obtained from bituminous minerals (HS 3403)
 Uganda	UGA/960	10/18/2018	12/17/2018	Engine oils, Base oils; Lubricating preparations (including cutting-oil preparations, bolt or nut release preparations, anti-rust or anti-corrosion preparations and mould release preparations, based on lubricants) and preparations of a kind used for the oil or grease treatment of textile materials, leather, furskins or other materials, but excluding preparations containing, as basic constituents, 70% or more by weight of petroleum oils or of oils obtained from bituminous minerals (HS 3403)
 Uganda	UGA/961	10/18/2018	12/17/2018	Engine oils; Lubricating preparations (including cutting-oil preparations, bolt or nut release preparations, anti-rust or anti-corrosion preparations and mould release preparations, based on lubricants) and preparations of a kind used for the oil or grease treatment of textile materials, leather, furskins or other materials, but excluding preparations containing, as basic constituents, 70% or more by weight of petroleum oils or of oils obtained from bituminous minerals (HS 3403)
 Uganda	UGA/963	10/18/2018	12/17/2018	Engine oils, Lubricating Additives; Lubricating preparations (including cutting-oil preparations, bolt or nut release preparations, anti-rust or anti-corrosion preparations and mould release preparations, based on lubricants) and preparations of a kind used for the oil or grease treatment of textile materials, leather, furskins or other materials, but excluding preparations containing, as basic constituents, 70% or more by weight of petroleum oils or of oils obtained from bituminous minerals (HS 3403), - Additives for lubricating oils: (HS 3812)
 Uganda	UGA/964	10/18/2018	12/17/2018	Wooden Door Shutters; - Shutters, blinds (including Venetian blinds) and similar articles and parts thereof (HS 392530)
 Uganda	UGA/965	10/18/2018	12/17/2018	Wooden door shutters; Doors, windows and their frames and thresholds for doors (HS 392520), Shutters, blinds (including Venetian blinds) and similar articles and parts thereof (HS 392530), Doors and their frames and thresholds (HS 441820), Doors, windows and their frames and thresholds for doors (HS 761010)
 Uganda	UGA/966	10/18/2018	12/17/2018	Dining tables; Other furniture and parts thereof (HS 9403)
 Uganda	UGA/967	10/18/2018	12/17/2018	Library furniture and fittings: timber; Other furniture and parts thereof (HS 9403)

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 Uganda	UGA/968	10/18/2018	12/17/2018	Library furniture and fittings: steel; Other furniture and parts thereof (HS 9403)
 Uganda	UGA/969	10/25/2018	12/24/2018	Carbon reinforced polymer bars, Glass fibre reinforced polymer bars; Polymers of ethylene, in primary forms (HS 3901), - Cyclic polymers of aldehydes (HS 291250)
 Uganda	UGA/962	10/18/2018	12/17/2018	Engine oils; Lubricating preparations (including cutting-oil preparations, bolt or nut release preparations, anti-rust or anti-corrosion preparations and mould release preparations, based on lubricants) and preparations of a kind used for the oil or grease treatment of textile materials, leather, furskins or other materials, but excluding preparations containing, as basic constituents, 70% or more by weight of petroleum oils or of oils obtained from bituminous minerals (HS 3403)
 Uganda	UGA/970	10/29/2018	12/28/2018	Steel shelving cabinets; Filing cabinets, card-index cabinets, paper trays, paper rests, pen trays, office-stamp stands and similar office or desk equipment, of base metal, other than office furniture of heading 94.03. (HS 8304), - Metal furniture of a kind used in offices (HS 940310)
 Uganda	UGA/971	10/29/2018	12/28/2018	Steel filing cabinets; Filing cabinets, card-index cabinets, paper trays, paper rests, pen trays, office-stamp stands and similar office or desk equipment, of base metal, other than office furniture of heading 94.03 (HS 8304)
 Uganda	UGA/972	10/29/2018	12/28/2018	Office metal chairs, non-revolving chairs, non-tilting chairs; - Metal furniture of a kind used in offices (HS 940310)
 Uganda	UGA/973	10/29/2018	12/28/2018	Metal chairs, revolving metal chairs, tilting metal chairs; - Metal furniture of a kind used in offices (HS 940310)
 Uganda	UGA/974	10/29/2018	12/28/2018	Wooden shelving cabinets, adjustable wooden shelving cabinets; - Wooden furniture of a kind used in offices (HS 940330)
 Uganda	UGA/975	10/29/2018	12/28/2018	Composite office tables
 Uganda	UGA/976	10/29/2018	12/28/2018	Wooden beds; - Wooden furniture of a kind used in the bedroom (HS 940350)
 Uganda	UGA/977	10/29/2018	12/28/2018	Polymer; Polymers of ethylene, in primary forms (HS 3901), - Cyclic polymers of aldehydes (HS 291250)
 Uganda	UGA/978	10/29/2018	12/28/2018	Engine oils; Lubricating preparations (including cutting-oil preparations, bolt or nut release preparations, anti-rust or anti-corrosion preparations and mould release preparations, based on lubricants) and preparations of a kind used for the oil or grease treatment of textile materials, leather, furskins or other materials, but excluding preparations containing, as basic constituents, 70% or more by weight of petroleum oils or of oils obtained from bituminous minerals (HS 3403)
 Uganda	UGA/979	10/29/2018	12/28/2018	Engine oils; Lubricating preparations (including cutting-oil preparations, bolt or nut release preparations, anti-rust or anti-corrosion preparations and

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				mould release preparations, based on lubricants) and preparations of a kind used for the oil or grease treatment of textile materials, leather, furskins or other materials, but excluding preparations containing, as basic constituents, 70% or more by weight of petroleum oils or of oils obtained from bituminous minerals (HS 3403)
 Uganda	UGA/980	10/29/2018	12/28/2018	Engine oils; Lubricating preparations (including cutting-oil preparations, bolt or nut release preparations, anti-rust or anti-corrosion preparations and mould release preparations, based on lubricants) and preparations of a kind used for the oil or grease treatment of textile materials, leather, furskins or other materials, but excluding preparations containing, as basic constituents, 70% or more by weight of petroleum oils or of oils obtained from bituminous minerals (HS 3403)
 Uganda	UGA/981	10/29/2018	12/28/2018	Engine oils; Lubricating preparations (including cutting-oil preparations, bolt or nut release preparations, anti-rust or anti-corrosion preparations and mould release preparations, based on lubricants) and preparations of a kind used for the oil or grease treatment of textile materials, leather, furskins or other materials, but excluding preparations containing, as basic constituents, 70% or more by weight of petroleum oils or of oils obtained from bituminous minerals (HS 3403)
 Uganda	UGA/982	10/29/2018	12/28/2018	Mineral fuels, mineral oils and products of their distillation; bituminous substances; mineral waxes (HS 27)
 Uganda	UGA/983	10/29/2018	12/28/2018	Diesel Engine Oil; Lubricating preparations (including cutting-oil preparations, bolt or nut release preparations, anti-rust or anti-corrosion preparations and mould release preparations, based on lubricants) and preparations of a kind used for the oil or grease treatment of textile materials, leather, furskins or other materials, but excluding preparations containing, as basic constituents, 70% or more by weight of petroleum oils or of oils obtained from bituminous minerals (HS 3403)
 Ukraine	UKR/141/Add.1	10/03/2018	Not given	Machinery; Low-Voltage Electrical Equipment; Equipment able to create electromagnetic interference or may be influenced by such interference
 Ukraine	UKR/119/Add.2	10/10/2018	Not given	Appliances burning gaseous fuels
 Ukraine	UKR/128/Add.1	10/10/2018	Not given	Energy-related products
 Ukraine	UKR/140/Add.1	10/10/2018	Not given	Energy-related products
 Ukraine	UKR/142	10/15/2018	12/14/2018	Footwear
 Ukraine	UKR/143	10/15/2018	Not given	Explosive materials for industrial use
 United Arab Emirates	ARE/447	10/02/2018	12/01/2018	Honey
 United Arab Emirates	ARE/448	10/02/2018	12/01/2018	Food labeling
 United Arab Emirates	ARE/449	10/22/2018	12/21/2018	Prepackaged substances used in food products

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 United Arab Emirates	ARE/450	10/25/2018	12/24/2018	Lubricating Oils for Internal Combustion Engines
 United States	USA/233/Add.2	10/02/2018	Not given	Medical products (HS 0510)
 United States	USA/419/Add.2	10/02/2018	Not given	Food for human and animal consumption
 United States	USA/1008/Rev.1	10/02/2018	Not given	Portable hook-on chairs
 United States	USA/1205/Rev.1 /Add.1	10/02/2018	Not given	Oil and gas production systems. Petroleum gases and other gaseous hydrocarbons (HS 2711)
 United States	USA/1331/Add.1	10/02/2018	Not given	Single-Use Female Condom
 United States	USA/1395/Add.1 /Corr.1	10/02/2018	Not given	Chemical substances
 United States	USA/665/Rev.1	10/05/2018	Not given	Greenhouse gas emissions and fuel economy standards
 United States	USA/718/Add.2	10/05/2018	Not given	Self-contained breathing apparatus (HS 9019.20)
 United States	USA/1013/Add.4	10/08/2018	Not given	Chemical substances
 United States	USA/1049/Rev.1	10/05/2018	Not given	Refrigerants
 United States	USA/1107/Add.5 /Corr.1	10/05/2018	Not given	Building codes
 United States	USA/1109/Add.5	10/05/2018	Not given	Fire prevention code
 United States	USA/1366/Add.1	10/05/2018	Not given	Irish potatoes (HS 0701)
 United States	USA/1396	10/05/2018	11/02/2018	Chemical substances; Environmental protection (ICS 13.020), Products of the chemical industry (ICS 71.100).
 United States	USA/1397	10/05/2018	12/03/2018	Light-sport aircraft; Aircraft and space vehicles in general (ICS 49.020).
 United States	USA/1389/Add.2	10/18/2018	Not given	Chemical substances
 United States	USA/1396/Add.1	10/18/2018	Not given	Chemical substances; Environmental protection (ICS 13.020), Products of the chemical industry (ICS 71.100).
 United States	USA/1398	10/18/2018	11/8/2018	Pecans
 United States	USA/1399	10/22/2018	11/09/2018	Chemical substances
 United States	USA/1394/Corr. 1	10/25/2018	Not given	Motor vehicles
 United States	USA/1397/Corr. 1	10/25/2018	Not given	Light-sport aircraft; Aircraft and space vehicles in general (ICS 49.020).
 United States	USA/1399/Add.1	10/25/2018	Not given	Chemical substances
 United States	USA/1402	10/25/2018	12/24/2018	Infant, toddler products; Other furniture and parts thereof (HS 9403)
 United States	USA/1403	10/25/2018	11/13/2018	On-Board Diagnostic System
 United States	USA/1404	10/25/2018	11/19/2018	Oranges and tangerines (HS 080510; 080520)
 United States	USA/1405	10/25/2018	11/26/2018	Motor vehicles, driving automation
 United States	USA/1026/Rev.1	10/29/2018	Not given	Infant bath tubs
 United States	USA/1169/Add.2	10/29/2018	Not given	Fire protection
 United States	USA/1392/Add.2	10/29/2018	Not given	Chemical substances
 United States	USA/1393/Add.2	10/29/2018	Not given	Chemical substances
 United States	USA/1406	10/29/2018	11/08/2018	Residential codes

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 United States	USA/1407	10/29/2018	11/26/2018	Portable air conditioners
 Uruguay	URY/23	10/11/2018	12/10/2018	Additives for the preparation of plastic materials and polymeric coatings in contact with foodstuffs
 Uruguay	URY/24	10/11/2018	12/10/2018	Classification of motor vehicles and trailers
 Viet Nam	VNM/136	10/18/2018	12/17/2018	Laundry appliances
 Yemen	YEM/153	10/02/2018	12/01/2018	Food labeling
 Yemen	YEM/154	10/22/2018	12/21/2018	Prepackaged substances used in food products
 Yemen	YEM/155	10/25/2018	12/24/2018	Lubricating Oils for Internal Combustion Engines

CBSA Advance Rulings

No new [advance rulings](#) were posted by the Canada Border Services Agency (CBSA) during the period covered by this Update.

CBP Rulings: Downloads and Searches

As US Customs and Border Protection (CBP) issues several thousand rulings a year, it is not practical to list each ruling. However, almost all rulings issued by US Customs or CBP from 1993 to the present and many issued before 1993 are available for search and downloading using the [CROSS search engine](#). Over 201,000 such rulings are in the database.

CBP Rulings: Revocations or Modifications

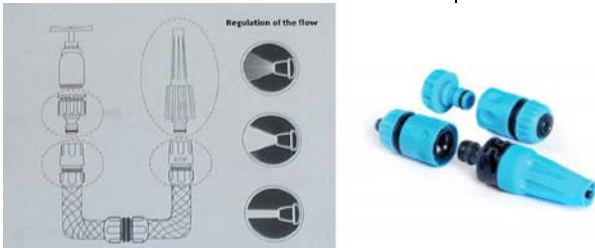
The following table summarizes proposals made or actions taken that were published in the weekly [Customs Bulletin and Decisions](#) during the past month by US Customs and Border Protection pursuant to 19 U.S.C. §1625(c) to revoke or modify binding rulings or treatment previously accorded to substantially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

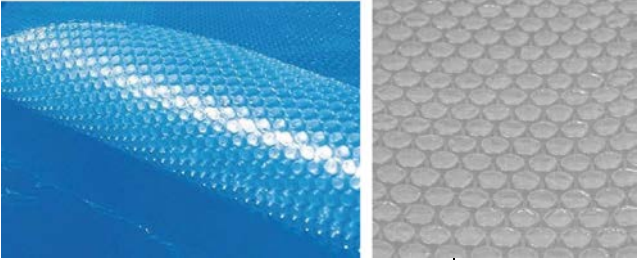
Published in CBP Bulletin (P) Proposed (A) Action	Product(s) or Issue(s)	Ruling(s) to be Modified (M) or Revoked (R)	Old Classification or Position	New Ruling	New Classification or Position	Comments Due (C) or Effective Date (E)
Proposed Revocations/modifications						
(P) 10-03-18	Tariff classification of electronic flashing buttons	NY N020891	R 8543.70.96	HQ H281923	7117.90.75 [GRI 1, 3(a); Chap. 71 n 9,11; Sec. XVI n 1(p).	(C) 11-02-18
	Tariff classification of ceramic grinding media	HQ 962906 HQ 089007 NY C88836	R 6909.11.20	HQ H277991	6909.19.50 [GRI 1; Chap 69 n 5(a); EN Chap 69 subchap II]	
	Tariff classification of center sleeves and end rings used in coupling assemblies	NY N270588 NY N097562	R 7326.90.8588 7325.99.1000	HQ H284443	7307.19.3085 [GRI 1, GRI 2(a); EN 73.07]	
(P) 10-17-18	Tariff classification of decorative bridal accessories	NY H84824 NY E80988	R 7116.20.40	HQ H293469	6702.90.65 [GRI 1, 6; Chap 71 n.1; EN 71.03,	(C) 11-16-18

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	consisting of imitation pearl stamens and paper stems held together with a twist-tie				71.16, 67.02]	
	Tariff classification of a clothes steamer	NY N258858	R	8516.10.0080	HQ H300545	8516.79.00 [GRI 1, 6; AUSR1(a); EN 85.16]
	tariff classification of a men's jacket	NY N288630	R	6110.30.3053	HQ H296342	6101.30.2010 [GRI 1; EN 61.10; ICP]
	Country of origin and marking of solar panels	NY N227976	M	Substantial transformation in China. COO China	HQ H298653	No substantial transformation in China COO: Germany
Revocations/Modifications						
(A) 10-03-18	Tariff classification of Floppets	NY N241384	R	3926.40.00	HQ H249749	7117.90.75 [GRI 1, 6; EN 39.26, 71.13, 95.03] (E) 12-03-18

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) 2018/1489 of 03-10-18	<p>An article of plastics in the form of a set put up for retail sale consisting of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> — three garden hose couplings, — a spray nozzle with a mechanism for the adjustment of the water jet type as well as for closing or opening the flow, — connectors equipped with rubber seals (so called 'O-rings'). <p>The article is presented to be used in gardens to sprinkle and water the plants.</p> <p>See images</p> 	8481 80 99	<p>Classification is determined by general rules 1, 3(b) and 6 for the interpretation of the Combined Nomenclature, and by the wording of CN codes 8481 , 8481 80 and 8481 80 99 .</p> <p>The spray nozzle, which changes the water jet type and regulates the liquid flow, gives the set its essential character.</p> <p>The article is neither an irrigation system (see also the Harmonised System Explanatory Notes (HSEN) to heading 8424 , (E)), nor a mechanical garden sprinkler head. It has the objective characteristics of a hose pipe nozzle fitted with taps, cocks, valves or other appliances for regulating the liquid flow and the jet type, which is excluded from heading 8424 (see also the HSEN to heading 8424 (D)). Hose pipe nozzles and the like, fitted with cocks or with valves for forming a jet or a spray are classified in heading 8481 (see also the HSEN to heading 8481 , point (11)). Consequently, classification under heading 8424 is excluded.</p> <p>The article is therefore to be classified in CN code 8481 80 99 as other valves.</p>
(EU) 2018/1530 of 10-10--18	A rectangular shaped article made of plastics, with dimensions of approximately 18 x 5 x 2 mm. The article is fitted with a plastic cord to attach it to a mobile phone	3926 90 97	Classification is determined by general rules 1, 3(b) and 6 for the interpretation of the Combined Nomenclature and by the wording of CN codes

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	<p>and with a rubber seal.</p> <p>The article is designed to cover and protect USB sockets of a specific model of mobile phone.</p> <p>The article protects the mobile phone against water and dust.</p>		<p>3926 , 3926 90 and 3926 90 97 .</p> <p>The article is not a part of a mobile phone for the purposes of Note 2 to Section XVI as the mechanical or electrical functioning of the mobile phone is not dependent upon the article (see judgments of the Court of Justice of 15 May 2014, Data I/O, C-297/13, ECLI:EU:C:2014:331, paragraph 35, and of 20 November 2014, Rohm Semiconductor, C-666/13, ECLI:EU:C:2014:2388, paragraph 46).</p> <p>The article only serves as a protection of the mobile phone. Classification under heading 8517 as a part suitable for use solely or principally with telephones for cellular networks is therefore excluded.</p> <p>The article is to be classified according to the constituent material which gives the article its essential character. The plastic gives the article its essential character as its presence is predominant in quantity and because of its determinant role in relation to its use.</p> <p>Consequently, the article is to be classified under CN code 3926 90 97 as other articles of plastics.</p>
<p>(EU) 2018/1531 of 10-10-18</p>	<p>Flat flexible article made from an air bubble type sheet of plastics, circular in shape, with a diameter of approximately 305 cm.</p> <p>The article is presented as a cover for a swimming pool or paddling pool to keep the water at an optimal temperature and to keep the pool clean.</p> <p>See images:</p> 	<p>3926 90 92</p>	<p>Classification is determined by general rules 1 and 6 for the interpretation of the Combined Nomenclature and by the wording of CN codes 3926 , 3926 90 and 3926 90 92 .</p> <p>Classification of the article under heading 9506 as a part or an accessory of a swimming pool or a paddling pool is excluded, because the article is not identifiable as being suitable for use solely or principally with swimming pools or paddling pools within the meaning of note 3 to Chapter 95. Moreover, the article cannot be considered a part or an accessory to a swimming pool or a paddling pool of heading 9506 , because it is neither indispensable for the functioning of a swimming pool or a paddling pool, nor does it adapt those pools to a particular operation or increase their range of operations or enable them to perform a particular service connected with their main function which is swimming or paddling (see judgment of the Court of Justice of 16 June 2011, Unomedical, C-152/10, ECLI:EU:C:2011:402, paragraphs 29 and 36). The swimming pool or paddling pool cannot be used when covered.</p> <p>Classification as 'plates, sheets, film, foil and strip' under headings 3920 or 3921 is excluded by virtue of note 10 to Chapter 39, because the article is cut into a round shape, rather than being uncut or being cut into a rectangle.</p> <p>The article is therefore to be classified according to its constituent material under CN code 3926 90 92 as 'other articles of plastics, made from sheet'.</p>

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
2018/C 362/04 of 08-10-18	p. 383 9506	'9506 Articles and equipment for general physical exercise, gymnastics, athletics, other sports (including table tennis) or outdoor games, not specified or included elsewhere in this chapter; swimming pools and paddling pools' <i>New text added after existing text</i>
2018/C 372/02 of 15-10-18	p. 382 9503	'9503 00 87 Portable interactive electronic education devices primarily designed for children' <i>New text added</i>

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-944	Certain Network Devices, Related Software and Components Thereof (I)	(Modification Proceeding) Institution of Modification Proceeding; Request for Briefing
337-TA-1044	Certain Graphics Systems, Components Thereof, and Consumer Products Containing the Same	Commission Determination to Institute a Modification and Rescission Proceeding; Modification and Rescission of Certain Remedial Orders; and Termination of the Proceeding
337-TA-1046	Certain Non-Volatile Memory Devices and Products Containing Same	Notice of the Commission's Final Determination Finding a Violation of Section 337; Issuance of a Limited Exclusion Order and Cease and Desist Orders; Termination of the Investigation
337-TA-1063	Certain X-Ray Breast Imaging Devices and Components Thereof	Notice of a Commission Determination to Review the Final Initial Determination In-Part; Extension of the Target Date
337-TA-1067	Certain Road Milling Machines and Components Thereof	Notice of Request for Statements on the Public Interest
337-TA-1092	Certain Self-Anchoring Beverage Containers	Commission Determination to Review in Part an Initial Determination Granting Summary Determination of a Section 337 Violation; Schedule for Filing Written Submissions
337-TA-1065	Certain Mobile Electronic Devices and Radio Frequency and Processing Components Thereof	Notice of Request for Statements on the Public Interest
337-TA-1068	Certain Microfluidic Devices	Notice of Request for Statements on the Public Interest
337-TA-1074	Certain Industrial Automation Systems and Components Thereof Including Control Systems, Controllers, Visualization Hardware, Motion and Motor Control Systems, Networking Equipment, Safety Devices, and Power Supplies	Notice of Request for Statements on the Public Interest
337-TA-1084	Certain Insulated Beverage Containers, Components, Labels, and Packaging Materials Thereof	Commission's Determination Not to Review an Initial Determination Finding Two Respondents in Default and Terminating the Investigation with Respect to Three Respondents; Request for Written Submissions on Remedy, the Public Interest, and Bonding

Inv. №	Commodity	Action
337-TA-1108	Certain Jump Rope Systems	Notice of Issuance of Limited Exclusion Order Against Respondent Found in Default; Termination of Investigation
337-TA-1133	Certain Unmanned Aerial Vehicles and Components Thereof	Institution of Investigation based on a complaint filed on behalf of Autel Robotics USA LLC alleging patent infringement
337-TA-1134	Certain Sleep-Disordered Breathing Treatment Mask Systems and Components Thereof	Institution of Investigation based on a complaint filed on behalf of ResMed Corp.; ResMed Inc.; and ResMed Ltd. alleging patent infringement
337-TA-1135	Certain Strength-Training Systems and Components Thereof	Institution of Investigation based on a complaint filed on behalf of Hoist Fitness Systems, Inc. alleging patent infringement
337-TA-1136	Certain Obstructive Sleep Apnea Treatment Mask Systems and Components Thereof	Institution of Investigation based on a complaint filed on behalf of Fisher & Paykel Healthcare Limited alleging patent infringement
337-TA-1138	Certain LTE- and 3G-Compliant Cellular Communications Devices	Institution of Investigation based on a complaint filed on behalf of INVT SPE LLC alleging patent infringement
337-TA-1137	Certain Semiconductor Lithography Systems and Components Thereof	Institution of an investigation on behalf of ASML Netherlands B.V.; ASML US, L.P.; and ASML US, LLC alleging patent infringement and authorization by Chief ALJ to consolidate Inv. No. 337-TA-1137 with Inv. No. 337-TA-1128 and/or Inv. No. 337-TA-1129 if he deems it appropriate

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 3346	Certain Electronic Nicotine Delivery Systems and Components Thereof	Juul Labs, Inc.

Antidumping, Countervailing Duty and Safeguards Investigations, Orders & Reviews

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

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



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

Case №	Merchandise/Country	Action
A-583-848	Certain Stilbenic Optical Brightening Agents From Taiwan	Final Results of ADD Administrative Review; 2016-2017
A-570-836	Glycine From China	Notice of Court Decision Not in Harmony With Final Results of the ADD Administrative Review and Notice of Amended Final Results; 2013-2014
A-570-836	Glycine From China	Notice of Court Decision Not in Harmony With Final Results of the ADD Administrative Review and Notice of Amended Final Results; 2015-2016


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

Case №	Merchandise/Country	Action
C-570-944	Oil Country Tubular Goods From China	Rescission of CVD Administrative Review; 2017
A-433-813 A-427-830	Strontium Chromate From Austria and France	Initiation of LTFV Investigation
A-553-840	Certain Frozen Warmwater Shrimp From India	Notice of Final Results of ADD Changed Circumstances Review
A-351-825 A-533-810 A-588-833 A-469-805	Stainless Steel Bar From Brazil, India, Japan, and Spain	Continuation of ADD Order (India) and Revocation of ADD Orders (Brazil, Japan, and Spain)
C-570-068	Forged Steel Fittings From China	Final Affirmative CVD Determination
A-570-908	Sodium Hexametaphosphate From China	Final Results of the Expedited Second Sunset Review of the ADD Order
C-533-878	Stainless Steel Flanges From India	CVD Order
A-449-804 A-455-803 A-560-811 A-570-860 A-822-804 A-823-809 A-841-804	Steel Concrete Reinforcing Bars From Belarus, China, Indonesia, Latvia, Moldova, Poland, and Ukraine	Final Results of Expedited Third Sunset Reviews of the ADD Orders
A-475-839	Forged Steel Fittings From Italy	Final Determination of Sales at LTFV
A-570-067	Forged Steel Fittings From China	Final Determination of Sales at LTFV
A-570-831	Fresh Garlic From China	Final Rescission of the Semiannual ADD New Shipper Review of Qingdao Doo Won Foods Co., Ltd
A-583-844	Narrow Woven Ribbons with Woven Selvedge From Taiwan	Preliminary Results of ADD Administrative Review and Preliminary Determination of No Shipments; 2016-2017
A-533-877	Stainless Steel Flanges From India	ADD Order
A-553-843	Certain Lined Paper Products From India	Preliminary Results of ADD Administrative Review and Preliminary Determination of No Shipments; 2016-2017
C-553-844	Certain Lined Paper Products From India	Preliminary Results of CVD Administrative Review; Calendar Year 2016
A-201-847	Heavy Walled Rectangular Welded Carbon Steel Pipes and Tubes From Mexico	Preliminary Results of ADD Administrative Review and Preliminary Determination of No Shipments; 2016-2017
A-580-880	Heavy Walled Rectangular Welded Carbon Steel Pipes and Tubes From S. Korea	Preliminary Results of ADD Administrative Review and Preliminary Determination of No Shipments; 2016-2017
A-570-953	Narrow Woven Ribbons with Woven Selvedge From China	Preliminary Results of CVD Administrative Review; 2016
A-565-801	Stainless Steel Butt-Weld Pipe Fittings From the Philippines	Final Results of Changed Circumstances Review
C-580-882	Certain Cold-Rolled Steel Flat Products From S. Korea	Preliminary Results of CVD Administrative Review, 2016
A-570-954	Certain Magnesite Carbon Bricks From China	Preliminary Results of the ADD Administrative Review; 2016-2017
C-570-955	Certain Magnesite Carbon Bricks From China	Preliminary Results of the CVD Administrative Review; 2016
A-570-912	Certain New Pneumatic Off-the-Road Tires From China	Preliminary Results of ADD Administrative Review; 2016-2017
A-580-870	Certain Oil Country Tubular Goods From S. Korea	Preliminary Results of ADD Administrative Review; 2016-2017
A-552-823	Laminated Woven Sacks From Vietnam	Preliminary Determination of Sales at LTFV
C-489-817	Oil Country Tubular Goods From Turkey	Preliminary Results of CVD Administrative Review; 2016
A-580-881	Certain Cold Rolled Steel Flat Products From S. Korea	Preliminary Results of ADD Administrative Review and Partial Rescission of Review; 2016-2017
C-570-091	Certain Steel Wheels 12 to 1China6.5 Inches	Postponement of Preliminary Determination in the CVD Investiga-


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

Case №	Merchandise/Country	Action
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A-570-086 A-549-839	Steel Propane Cylinders From China and Thailand	Postponement of Preliminary Determinations in the LTFV Investigations
A-549-502	Circular Welded Carbon Steel Pipes and Tubes From Thailand	Final Results of ADD Administrative Review; 2016-2017
A-583-008	Certain Circular Welded Carbon Steel Pipes and Tubes From Taiwan	Final Results of ADD Administrative Review and Final Determination of No Shipments; 2016- 2017
A-570-848	Freshwater Crawfish Tail Meat From China	Preliminary Results of ADD Administrative Review and New Shipper Reviews, and Rescission of Review in Part; 2016-2017
A-580-867	Large Power Transformers From S. Korea	Continuation of ADD Order
C-570-094	Refillable Stainless Steel Kegs From China	Initiation of CVD Investigation
A-570-985	Xanthan Gum From China	Notice of Court Decision Not in Harmony with Amended Final Determination in LTFV Investigation; Notice of Amended Final Determination Pursuant to Court Decision; Notice of Revocation of ADD Order in Part; and Discontinuation of Fourth and Fifth ADD Administrative Reviews in Part
A-570-093 A-428-846 A-201-849	Refillable Stainless Steel Kegs From China, Germany and Mexico	Initiation of LTFV Investigations
C-560-829	Certain Uncoated Paper From Indonesia	Final Results of CVD Administrative Review; 2015-2016
A-570-601	Tapered Roller Bearings and Parts Thereof, Finished and Unfinished, From China	Continuation of the ADD Order
A-570-092	Mattresses From China	Initiation of LTFV Investigation
C-570-096	Aluminum Wire and Cable From China	Initiation of CVD Investigation
A-351-842	Certain Uncoated Paper From Brazil	Final Results of ADD Administrative Review; 2015-2017
A-471-807	Certain Uncoated Paper From Portugal	Final Results of ADD Administrative Review; 2015-2017
A-570-983	Drawn Stainless Steel Sinks From China	Partial Rescission of ADD Administrative Review; 2017 – 2018
A-580-868	Large Residential Washers From S. Korea	Final Results of the First Five Year Sunset Review of the ADD Order
A-570-095	Aluminum Wire and Cable From China	Initiation of LTFV Investigation
A-201-830	Carbon and Certain Alloy Steel Wire Rod From Mexico	Affirmative Determination of Circumvention of the ADD Order
A-570-904	Certain Activated Carbon From China	Final Results of ADD Administrative Review; 2016-2017
A-428-844	Carbon and Alloy Steel Cut-to-Length Plate From Germany	Partial Rescission of ADD Administrative Review; 2016 – 2018
A-201-805	Certain Circular Welded Non-Alloy Steel Pipe From Mexico	Notice of Amended Final Results of ADD Administrative Review Pursuant to Settlement; 2014-2015
A-570-081	Glycine From China	Alignment of Final CVD Determination with Final ADD Determinations of Glycine from India, Japan, and Thailand
A-570-918	Steel Wire Garment Hangers From China	Final Results of ADD Administrative Review; 2016-2017
A-552-823	Laminated Woven Sacks From Vietnam	Postponement of Final Determination of Sales at LTFV Investigation
A-469-814	Chlorinated Isocyanurates From Spain	Final Results of ADD Administrative Review; 2016-2017
A-557-809	Stainless Steel Butt-Weld Pipe Fittings From Malaysia	Preliminary Results of ADD Administrative Review and Partial Rescission of ADD Administrative Review; 2017-2018
A-570-088	Steel Racks and Parts Thereof From China	Postponement of Preliminary Determination in the LTFV Investigation
A-201-805	Certain Circular Welded Non-Alloy Steel Pipe From Mexico	Rescission of ADD Administrative Review; 2016-2017
C-570-087	Steel Propane Cylinders From China	Preliminary Affirmative CVD Determination and Alignment of Final Determination with Final ADD Determination


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Case №	Merchandise/Country	Action
C-570-980	Crystalline Silicon Photovoltaic Cells, Whether or Not Assembled Into Modules From China	Amended Final Results of CVD Administrative Review; 2015
A-570-082	Certain Steel Wheels From China	Preliminary Determination of Sales at LTFV
A-351-825	Stainless Steel Bar From Brazil	Preliminary Results of ADD Administrative Review; 2017-2018
A-533-883	Glycine From India	Preliminary Affirmative Determination of Sales at LTFV, Postponement of Final Determination, and Extension of Provisional Measures
A-588-878	Glycine From Japan	Preliminary Determination of Sales at LTFV and Postponement of Final Determination
A-549-837	Glycine From Thailand	Preliminary Determination of Sales at Not LTFV, Preliminary Negative Determination of Critical Circumstances, Postponement of Final Determination


United States International Trade Commission (USITC)

Inv. №	Merchandise/Country	Action
731-TA-1189	Large Power Transformers From Korea	[Review] Determination that revocation of the ADD order would be likely to lead to continuation or recurrence of material injury to an industry in the United States within a reasonably foreseeable time.
701-TA-586 731-TA-1384	Stainless Steel Flanges From India	[Final] Determination that an industry in the US is materially injured by reason of imports that have been found by Commerce to be sold in the US at LTFV, and to be subsidized by the government of India
731-TA-747	Fresh Tomatoes From Mexico	[Fourth Review] Notice of Commission to Schedule and Determination to Conduct a Full Five-Year Review
731-TA-1110	Sodium Hexametaphosphate From China	[Second Review] Scheduling of an Expedited Five-Year Review
731-TA-1392-1393	Polytetrafluoroethylene (PTFE) Resin From China and India	[Final] Scheduling of the Final Phase of ADD Investigations
731-TA-739	Clad Steel Plate From Japan	[Fourth Review] Cancellation of hearing for full five-year review
701-TA-589 731-TA-1394-1395	Forged Steel Fittings From China and Italy	[Final] Scheduling of the final phase of AD and CVD investigations
701-TA-612-613 731-TA-1429-1430	Polyester Textured Yarn from China and India	[Preliminary] Institution of AD and CVD investigations and scheduling of preliminary phase investigations
701-TA-481 731-TA-1190	Crystalline Silicon Photovoltaic Cells and Modules from China	[Review] Revised Schedule for Full Five-Year Reviews
731-TA-1422-1423	Strontium Chromate from Austria and France	[Preliminary] Determination that there is a reasonable indication that an industry in the United States is materially injured by reason of imports that are alleged to be sold in the United States at LTFV
701-TA-601 731-TA-1411	Laminated Woven Sacks from Vietnam	[Final] Scheduling of the Final Phase of CVD and ADD Investigations
701-TA-614 731-TA-1431	Magnesium From Israel	[Preliminary] Institution of AD and CVD Investigations and Scheduling of Preliminary Phase Investigations.


Canadian International Trade Tribunal (CITT)

Ref. №	Merchandise/Country	Action
RR-2017-005	Carbon Steel Welded Pipe Originating in	Order and reasons issued



Canadian International Trade Tribunal (CITT)

Ref. №	Merchandise/Country	Action
	or Exported From Chinese Taipei, India, Oman, S. Korea, Thailand and the United Arab Emirates	
RR-2018-003	<i>Dumping and Subsidizing</i> : Certain Silicon Metal, originating in or exported from China	Notice of Expiry Review of Finding
PI-2018-006	Nitisinone Capsules originating in or exported from Sweden	Commencement of Preliminary Injury Inquiry
PI-2018-005	Corrosion-Resistant Steel Sheet originating in or exported from China, Chinese Taipei, India and S. Korea	Preliminary Determination of Injury – Reasons Issued
GC-2018-001	Certain Steel Goods	Commencement of Safeguard Inquiry
LE-2018-006	Hollow Structural Sections made of carbon and alloy steel, welded, originating in or exported from S. Korea and Turkey	Notice of Expiry of Order
NQ-2018-003	Carbon Steel Welded Pipe originating in or exported from Pakistan, the Philippines, Turkey and Vietnam.	Notice of Commencement of Inquiry
	Corrosion-Resistant Steel Sheet originating in or exported from China, Chinese Taipei, India and S. Korea	Initiation of Final Injury Inquiry
NQ-2018-004	Corrosion-Resistant Flat-Rolled Steel Sheet Products of Carbon Steel, originating in or exported from China, Chinese Taipei, the India and S. Korea	Notice of Commencement of Inquiry



Canada Border Services Agency (CBSA)

Ref. Number	Merchandise/Country	Action
NIT 2018 IN	Certain nitisinone capsules from Sweden	Statement of Reasons concerning the Initiation of a Dumping Investigation
FISC 2018 SP	Certain Fabricated Industrial Steel Components originating in or exported from China, South Korea, and Spain, UAE and UK and subsidizing of certain FISC from China	Statement of Essential Facts
SM 2018 ER	<i>Dumping and Subsidizing</i> : Certain Silicon Metal originating in or exported from China	Notice of Initiation of Expiry Review Investigation
CSWP1 2018 ER	<i>Dumping and Subsidizing</i> : Certain carbon steel welded pipe originating in or exported from China	Notice of Expiry Review Decision
CSWP3 2018 IN	Certain carbon steel welded pipe from Pakistan, the Philippines, Turkey and Vietnam	Notice of Preliminary Determination
COR 2018 IN	Certain corrosion-resistant steel sheet from China, the Separate Customs Territory of Taiwan, Penghu, Kinmen and Matsu (Chinese Taipei), India and South Korea	Notice of Preliminary Determination
AE 2018 IN	Certain aluminum extrusions from China	Notice of Initiation of Scope Proceeding
CRS 2018 IN	<i>Dumping and Subsidizing</i> : Certain Cold-Rolled Steel in Coils Or Cut Lengths from China, South Korea and Vietnam.	Notice of Final Determinations
TC 2018 ER	Certain Thermoelectric Containers From China	Notice of Initiation of Expiry Review Investigation



NAFTA Panels

Case Number	Merchandise/Country	Action
USA-MEX-2017- 1904-01	Certain Circular Welded Non-Alloy Steel Pipe From Mexico	Notice of Completion of Panel Review of Final Results of ADD Administrative Review and Final Determination of No Shipments; 2014-2015; Termination by consent



Mexico - Ministry of Economy

Ref. №	Merchandise/Country	Action
EC 06/17	Coaxial cable type RG (Radio Guide or Radio Guide), with or without courier, originating in China, regardless of the country of export	Final Resolution on the AD investigation
EA 02/17	Micro-wire for welding originating in China, regardless of the country of export	Final Resolution on the AD investigation



European Union

Reference	Merchandise/Country	Action
(EU) 2018/1468	Certain polyethylene terephthalate (PET) originating in India	Commission Implementing Regulation amending Council Implementing Regulation imposing a definitive CVD
(EU) 2018/1469	Certain seamless pipes and tubes, of iron or steel, originating in Russia and Ukraine	Commission Implementing Regulation imposing a definitive ADD following an expiry review
(EU) 2018/1570	Biodiesel originating in Argentina and Indonesia	Commission Implementing Regulation terminating the proceedings and repealing Implementing Regulation (EU) No 1194/2013
(EU) 2018/1579	Certain pneumatic tyres, new or retreaded, of rubber, of a kind used for buses or lorries, originating in China	Commission Implementing Regulation imposing a definitive ADD and collecting definitively the provisional duty imposed and repealing Implementing Regulation (EU) 2018/163



Australian Anti-Dumping Commission

Notice №	Merchandise/Country/ Case #	Action
2018/143	Deep Drawn Stainless Steel Sinks from China #461	Findings in relation to a review of measures
2018/150	Clear Float Glass from Thailand #479	Extension of time granted to issue SEF and Final Report
2018/154	Aluminium Extrusions from China #EX0069	Initiation of an Exemption Inquiry
2018/155	Aluminium Extrusions from China (via third countries) #447	Findings in relation to Anti-circumvention inquiry 447
2018/157	Aluminium Extrusions from China #482	Extension of time to publish Statement of Essential Facts and Final Report
2018/158	Various	Monthly Status Report - September 2018
2018/159	Railway Wheels from China and France #466	Amendment to Securities
2018/160	Ammonium Nitrate from China, Sweden, and Thailand #473	Extension of time to publish Statement of Essential Facts and Final report
2018/161	Wire Rope from South Africa #483	Extension of time granted to issue the Statement of Essential Facts and Final Report
2018/162	Steel Pallet Racking from China and Malaysia #441	Further Extension of time to publish Statement of Essential Facts and Final Report
2018/164	Hot Rolled Structural Steel Sections from Korea	Extension of time to publish Final Report


Australian Anti-Dumping Commission

Notice №	Merchandise/Country/ Case #	Action
	#465	
2018/166	Ammonium Nitrate from China, Sweden and Thailand #473	Preliminary Affirmative Determination-Imposition of Securities - PAD 473
2018/169	Wind Towers from China and Korea #487	Extension of time granted to issue the Statement of Essential Facts and Final Report


China Ministry of Commerce (MOFCOM)

Ref. №	Merchandise/Country	Action
№ 86, 2018	Solar Grade Polysilicon originating in the European Union	Termination of AD measures and CV measures
№ 81, 2018	Ehanolamines originating in the United States, Saudi Arabia, Malaysia and Thailand	Final ruling on the AD investigation
№ 76, 2018	Imported Vertical Machining Centers originating in Japan and Taiwan	AD Investigation
№ 80, 2018	Hydriodic acid originating in the United States and Japan	Final ruling on the AD investigation


Government of India Ministry of Finance (Department of Revenue)

Notification №	Merchandise/Country	Action
50/2018-Cus (ADD) 05-10-2018	Nylon Filament Yarn (Multi Filament) originating in or exported from Vietnam and European Union	Definitive ADD imposed from 06-10-18 for a period of five years
51/2018-Cus (ADD) 09-10-2018	Ductile Iron Pipes originating in or exported from China PR	Levy of ADD extended up to and inclusive of 09-04-19
52/2018-Cus (ADD) 15-10-2018	Phthalic Anhydride originating in or exported from Korea RP, Taiwan and Israel	Imposition of definitive ADD discontinued
53/2018-Cus (ADD) 18-10-2018	Flax yarn below 70 Lea count originating in or exported from China PR	Definitive ADD imposed from 19-10-18 for a period of five years
54/2018-Cus (ADD) 18-10-2018	Straight Length Bars and Rods of Alloy Steel originating in or exported from China PR	Definitive ADD imposed from 18-10-18 for a period of five years


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

File № and Date	Merchandise/Country	Action
INITIATIONS		
7/18/2018-DGAD 09-10-2018	Ductile Iron Pipes originating in or exported from China PR	Sunset Review Investigation initiated
7/34/2018-DGTR 29-10-2018	Polyvinyl Chloride Suspension Resin originating in or exported from EU, Taiwan, China PR, Japan, Thailand and USA	Sunset Review Investigation initiated
7/36/2018-DGTR 31-10-2018	Purified Terephthalic Acid originating in or exported from Korea RP and Thailand	Sunset Review Investigation initiated
ORAL HEARINGS		


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

File № and Date	Merchandise/Country	Action
7/5/2017-DGAD 29-10-2018	Soda Ash originating in or exported from China PR, European Union, Kenya, Pakistan, Iran, Ukraine & USA	Schedules oral hearing on 05-11-18 in Sunset Review Investigation
FINAL FINDINGS		
6/37/2017-DGAD 23-10-2018	Di Methyl Formamide originating in or exported from China PR, Germany and Saudi Arabia	Final Findings issued in AD Investigation
7/14/2018-DGAD 24-10-2018	Ofloxacin Ester or 9, 10-Difluoro -3- Methyl-7-Oxo-2, 3-Dihydro-7H-Pyrido (1,2,3-De) 1, 4-Benzoxazine-6-Carboxylic Ester originating and exported from China PR	Final Findings issued in Anti-Circumvention Investigation
06/14/2017-DGAD 29-10-2018	Zeolite 4A (Detergent grade) originating in or exported from China PR	Final Findings issued in AD Investigation
14/20/2016-DGAD 29-10-2018	Normal Butanol or N-Butyl Alcohol originating in or exported from Saudi Arabia	Redetermination of Final Findings in AD Investigation
6/32/2017-DGAD 30-10-2018	Uncoated Copier Paper originating in or exported from Indonesia, Thailand and Singapore	Final Findings issued in AD Investigation
OTHERS		
6/23/2018-DGTR 01-10-2018	High Speed Steel originating in and exported from Brazil, China PR and Germany	Time for filing questionnaire response extended until 22-10-18 in AD Investigation
6/18/2018-DGAD 01-10-2018	Saccharin originating in and exported from China PR	Time for filing questionnaire response extended until 22-10-18 in Anti-Subsidy Investigation
6/17/2018-DGTR 03-10-2018	Continuous Cast Copper Wire Rods originating in and exported from Indonesia, Malaysia, Thailand and Vietnam	Time for filing questionnaire response extended until 09-11-18 in Anti-Subsidy Investigation
6/21/2018-DGTR 03-10-2018	Fluoroelastomers originating in or exported from China PR	Time for filing questionnaire response extended until 31-10-18 in Anti-Subsidy Investigation
6/21/2018-DGTR 30-10-2018	Fluoroelastomers originating in or exported from China PR	Time for filing questionnaire response extended until 15-11-18 in Anti-Subsidy Investigation


Argentina Ministry of Production and Labor – Secretary of Commerce

Ref. Number	Merchandise/Country	Action
Res. № 70/2018 RESOL-2018- 70-APN-SECC # MPYT	Denim fabrics originating in Brazil	While AD investigation continues, subject to the regime of non-preferential control of origin
Res. № 47/2018 RESOL-2018- 47-APN-MPYT	Parenteral solutions containing sodium chloride or dextrose, sterile, in closed infusion systems, originating in Brazil and Mexico	Set provisional ADD and subject to the regime of non-preferential control of origin
Res. № 50/2018 RESOL-2018- 50-APN-MPYT	Shock absorbers, including spring-cushion assembly, of the types used in motorcycles (including mopeds), and velocipedos equipped with auxiliary engine with or without sidecar, originating in China	Set provisional ADD and subject to the regime of non-preferential control of origin
Res. № 56/2018 RESOL-2018- 56-APN-SECC # MPYT	Ceramic sanitary ware: toilets, deposits or cisterns, lavatories, columns (pedestals) and bidets, originating in China	Closed without assessment of ADD
Res. № 57/2018 RESOL-2018- 57-APN-SECC # MPYT	Zinc oxide (zinc white), originating in Brazil and Peru	While AD investigation continues, subject to the regime of non-preferential control of origin
Res. № 45/2018	Phthalic Anhydride originating in Mexico and S. Ko-	Close Phthalic Anhydride from Mexico and S. Ko-



Argentina Ministry of Production and Labor – Secretary of Commerce

Ref. Number	Merchandise/Country	Action
RESOL-2018-45-APN-MPYT	rea and Di-2 -ethylhexyl orthophthalate (DOP) originating in China and S. Korea	rea without ADD; close di-2-ethylhexyl orthophthalate (DOP) originating in Chile, without the application of definitive anti-dumping duties; with S. Korea with ADD and subject to the regime of non-preferential control of origin
Res.№ 81/2018 RESOL-2018-81-APN-MPYT	Certain Poly (Ethylene Terephthalate), in granules, originating in S. Korea, China and India	Change of circumstances investigation; While investigation continues, subject to the regime of non-preferential control of origin



Brazil Ministry of Development, Industry and Trade

Reference	Merchandise/Country	Action
Camex Res. № 66	Small graphite electrodes, originating in China	Suspends definitive AD measure which is dealt with in Camex Resolution No. 5, dated 28-01-15.
Camex Res. № 69	Gypsum or gypsum board coated and / or reinforced with paper or paperboard originating in Mexico.	Definitive ADD applies for a period of up to five years
Camex Res. № 74	Gypsum or gypsum board coated or reinforced with paper or paperboard originating in Mexico	The Public Interest Assessment Technical Group - Gtip
Camex Res. № 76	Tableware From China	The price commitment contained in Annex I to Resolution No. 3, dated January 16, 2014, is hereby terminated. The definitive ADD shall apply until January 16, 2019
Secex Cir. № 36	Semi-rigid carton, duplex, and triplex type cartons of a weight of 200g / m2 or more originating in Chile.	Initiates a review of the anti-dumping duty
Secex Cir. № 37	Certain grinding bodies in cast iron and / or chromium-bonded steel, with chromium, originating in India	Extends the deadline for the conclusion of the investigation of actionable subsidies
Secex Cir. № 38	Certain rolls of iron or cast steel from China	Makes public the facts justifying the decision not to apply provisional duty in the investigation to ascertain the existence of dumping

Opportunity to Request Administrative Review

In an October 1, 2018 *Federal Register* [notice](#), the US Department of Commerce announced that it will receive requests to conduct administrative reviews of various antidumping (AD) and countervailing duty (CVD) orders and findings with October anniversary dates:

AD/CVD Proceedings - Country/ Merchandise	Case No.	Period
Antidumping Duty Proceedings		
Australia: Hot-Rolled Steel Flat Products	A-602-809	10/1/17-9/30/18
Brazil: Carbon and Certain Alloy Steel Wire Rod	A-351-832	10/1/17-9/30/18
Hot-Rolled Steel Flat Products	A-351-845	10/1/17-9/30/18
Indonesia: Carbon and Certain Alloy Steel Wire Rod	A-560-815	10/1/17-9/30/18
Italy: Pressure Sensitive Plastic Tape	A-475-059	10/1/17-9/30/18
Japan: Hot-Rolled Steel Flat Products	A-588-874	10/1/17-9/30/18
Mexico: Carbon and Certain Alloy Steel Wire Rod	A-201-830	10/1/17-9/30/18
Moldova: Carbon and Certain Alloy Steel Wire Rod	A-841-805	10/1/17-9/30/18
S. Korea: Hot-Rolled Steel Flat Products	A-580-883	10/1/17-9/30/18



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AD/CVD Proceedings - Country/ Merchandise	Case No.	Period
Taiwan: Steel Concrete Reinforcing Bar	A-583-859	3/7/17-9/30/18
The Netherlands: Hot-Rolled Steel Flat Products	A-421-813	10/1/17-9/30/18
The PR of China: Barium Carbonate	A-570-880	10/1/17-9/30/18
Barium Chloride	A-570-007	10/1/17-9/30/18
Boltless Steel Shelving Units Prepackaged For Sale	A-570-018	10/1/17-9/30/18
Electrolytic Manganese Dioxide	A-570-919	10/1/17-9/30/18
Helical Spring Lock Washers	A-570-822	10/1/17-9/30/18
Polyvinyl Alcohol	A-570-879	10/1/17-9/30/18
Steel Wire Garment Hangers	A-570-918	10/1/17-9/30/18
Trinidad and Tobago: Carbon and Certain Alloy Steel Wire Rod	A-274-804	10/1/17-9/30/18
Turkey: Hot-Rolled Steel Flat Products	A-489-826	10/1/17-9/30/18
United Kingdom: Hot-Rolled Steel Flat Products	A-412-825	10/1/17-9/30/18
Countervailing Duty Proceedings		
Brazil: Carbon and Certain Alloy Steel Wire Rod	C-351-833	1/1/17-12/31/17
Hot-Rolled Steel Flat Products	C-351-846	1/1/17-12/31/17
Iran: Roasted In Shell Pistachios	C-507-601	1/1/17-12/31/17
S. Korea: Hot-Rolled Steel Flat Products	C-580-884	1/1/17-12/31/17
The PR of China: Boltless Steel Shelving Units Prepackaged for Sale	C-570-019	1/1/17-12/31/17
Suspension Agreements		
Argentina: Lemon Juice	A-357-818	10/1/17-9/30/18
Russia: Uranium	A-821-802	10/1/17-9/30/18

Requested Reviews

In an October 4, 2018 *Federal Register* [notice](#), the US Department of Commerce announced that it has received timely requests to conduct administrative reviews of various antidumping and countervailing duty orders and findings with August anniversary dates. See actual notices for companies requesting review:

AD/CVD Proceedings - Country/ Merchandise	Case No.	Period
Antidumping Duty Proceedings		
India: Finished Carbon Steel Flanges	A-533-871	2/8/17 - 7/31/18
Italy: Finished Carbon Steel Flanges	A-475-835	2/8/17 - 7/31/18
Malaysia: Polyethylene Retail Carrier Bags	A-557-813	8/1/17 - 7/31/18
Mexico: Light-Walled Rectangular Pipe and Tube	A-201-836	8/1/17 - 7/31/18
S. Korea: Dioctyl Terephthalate	A-580-889	2/3/17 - 7/31/18
Large Power Transformers	A-580-867	8/1/17 - 7/31/18
Romania: Carbon and Alloy Seamless Standard Line and Pressure Pipe (under 4 ½ Inches)	A-485-805	8/1/17 - 7/31/18
SR of Vietnam: Certain Frozen Fish Fillets	A-552-801	8/1/17 - 7/31/18
PR of China: Certain Steel Nails	A-570-909	8/1/17 - 7/31/18
Certain Passenger Vehicle and Light Truck Tires	A-570-016	8/1/17 - 7/31/18
Hydrofluorocarbon Blends	A-570-028	8/1/17 - 7/31/18
Polyethylene Retail Carrier Bags	A-570-886	8/1/17 - 7/31/18
Countervailing Duty Proceedings		
India: Finished Carbon Steel Flanges	C-533-872	11/29/16 - 12/31/17
S. Korea: Certain Corrosion-Resistant Steel Products	C-580-879	1/1/17 - 12/31/17
PR of China: Certain Passenger Vehicle and Light Truck Tires	C-570-017	1/1/17 - 12/31/17
Suspension Agreements		
Ukraine: Certain Oil Country Tubular Goods	A-823-815	7/1/17 - 6/30/18

Advance Notification of Sunset Reviews

In an October 1, 2018, *Federal Register* [notice](#), the US Department of Commerce advised that the following cases were scheduled for five-year (“Sunset”) reviews for November.

AD/CVD Proceedings - Merchandise/Country	Case No.
Antidumping Duty Proceedings	
Circular Welded Carbon Quality Steel Pipe from China	A-570-910 (2 nd Review)
Low Enriched Uranium from France	A-427-818 (3 rd Review)
Countervailing Duty Proceedings	
Circular Welded Carbon Quality Steel Pipe from China	C-570-911 (2 nd Review)
Suspended Investigations	
No Sunset Review of suspended investigations is scheduled for initiation in November 2018	



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