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## WORLD TRADE ORGANIZATION (WTO)

### 17 WTO members agree to set up temporary appeals system

On January 24, 2020, 17 WTO members issued a [statement agreeing to establish](#) a temporary system for appealing WTO disputes. They [reached the agreement](#) during the recent World Economic Forum in Davos, Switzerland. The WTO members include Australia, Brazil, Canada, Chile, China, Colombia, Costa Rica, the European Union, Guatemala, South Korea, Mexico, New Zealand, Norway, Panama, Singapore, Switzerland and Uruguay. Canada and the EU had earlier established a separate interim appeals procedure. The statement indicated that the system would be “in the form of a multi-party interim appeal arrangement based on Article 25 of the WTO Dispute Settlement Understanding, and which would be in place only and until a reformed WTO Appellate Body becomes fully operational. This arrangement will be open to any WTO Member willing to join it.”

The normal Appellate Body procedure of the Dispute Settlement Body was effectively “shut down” when the United States blocked any new appointments until certain reforms were adopted, and by December, the last Appellate Body member’s term expired.

### DSB activities

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

DS No.	Case Name	Activity	Date
<a href="#">DS 513</a>	Morocco — Anti-Dumping Measures on Certain Hot-Rolled Steel from Turkey (Complainant: Turkey)	<a href="#">WTO adopted panel and Appellate Body reports</a>	08-01-20
<a href="#">DS 436</a>	United States — Countervailing Measures on Certain Hot-Rolled Carbon Steel Flat Products from India (Complainant: India)	<a href="#">US notifies decision to appeal compliance panel</a>	16-01-20
<a href="#">DS 529</a>	Australia — Anti-Dumping Measures on A4 Copy Paper (Complainant: Indonesia)	<a href="#">WTO adopts panel ruling</a>	27-01-20

### 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)

### The new 2022 Edition of the Harmonized System has been accepted

On 8 January 2020, the WCO [announced](#) that HS 2022, which is the seventh edition of the Harmonized System (HS) nomenclature used for the uniform classification of goods traded internationally all over the world, has been accepted by

the all Contracting Parties to the Harmonized System Convention. It shall come into force on 1 January 2022.

The HS serves as the basis for Customs tariffs and for the compilation of international trade statistics in 211 economies (of which 158 are Contracting Parties to the HS Convention). The new HS2022 edition makes some major changes to the Harmonized System with a total of 351 sets of amendments covering a wide range of goods moving across borders.

Adaption to current trade through the recognition of new product streams and addressing environmental and social issues of global concern are the major features of the HS 2022 amendments. Some of the changes are listed below:

- To assist countries in their work under the Basel Convention, there are specific classification provisions for electrical and electronic waste, commonly referred to as e-waste.
- New provisions for novel tobacco and nicotine based products resulted from the difficulties of the classification of these products, lack of visibility in trade statistics and the very high monetary value of this trade.
- Unmanned aerial vehicles (UAVs), commonly referred to as drones, also gain their own specific provisions to simplify the classification of these aircraft.
- Smartphones will gain their own subheading and Note, which will also clarify and confirm the current heading classification of these multifunctional devices.
- Major reconfigurations have been undertaken for the subheadings of heading 70.19 for glass fibres and articles thereof and for heading 84.62 for metal forming machinery.
- Flat panel display modules will be classified as a product in their own right which will simplify classification of these modules by removing the need to identify final use.

Health and safety has also featured in the changes.

- The recognition of the dangers of delays in the deployment of tools for the rapid diagnosis of infectious diseases in outbreaks has led to changes to the provisions for such diagnostic kits to simplify classification.
- New provisions for placebos and clinical trial kits for medical research to enable classification without information on the ingredients in a placebos will assist in facilitating cross-border medical research.
- Cell cultures and cell therapy are among the product classes that have gained new and specific provisions.
- On a human security level, a number of new provisions specifically provide for various dual use items. These range from toxins to laboratory equipment.

Protection of society and the fight against terrorism are increasingly important roles for Customs.

- Many new subheadings have been created for dual use goods that could be diverted for unauthorized use, such as radioactive materials and biological safety cabinets, as well as for items required for the construction of improvised explosive devices, such as detonators.

Goods specifically controlled under various Conventions have also been updated. The HS 2022 Edition introduces new subheadings for specific chemicals controlled under the *Chemical Weapons Convention* (CWC), for certain hazardous chemicals controlled under the *Rotterdam Convention* and for certain persistent organic pollutants (POPs) controlled under the *Stockholm Convention*.

At the request of the International Narcotics Control Board (INCB), new subheadings have been introduced for the monitoring and control of fentanyl and their derivatives

as well as two fentanyl precursors. Major changes, including new heading Note 4 to Section VI and new heading 38.27, have been introduced for gases controlled under the Kigali Amendment of the Montreal Protocol.

The changes are not confined to creating new specific provisions for various goods. The amendments also include clarification of texts to ensure uniform application of the nomenclature. For example, there are changes for the clarification and alignment between French and English of the appropriate way to measure wood in the rough for the purposes of subheadings under heading 44.03.

## Implementation

The WCO announcement states that a lot of work needs to be done at WCO, national and regional levels for the timely implementation of the new HS edition. The WCO is currently working on the development of requisite correlation tables between the current 2017 and the new edition of the HS, and on updating the HS publications, such as the Explanatory Notes, the Classification Opinions, the Alphabetical Index and the HS online database.

In order to ensure timely implementation, the WCO encourages Customs administrations and regional economic communities to begin the process of preparing for the implementation of HS 2022 in their national Customs tariff or statistical nomenclatures. The WCO will step up its capacity building efforts to assist Members with their implementation.

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

Date	Title
07-01-20	<a href="#">WCO supports Thailand on the Harmonized System and Advance Rulings on Classification</a>
08-01-20	<a href="#">The new 2022 Edition of the Harmonized System has been accepted</a>
14-01-20	<a href="#">The WCO INAMA Project and the Nigeria Customs Service join forces to combat Illegal Wildlife Trade</a>
	<a href="#">The Seventh WGRKC Meeting Discussed the Way Forward for the Comprehensive Review of the RKC</a>
	<a href="#">WCO addresses Working Party on Customs Union under Croatia's EU Council Presidency</a>
16-01-20	<a href="#">WCO supports the Pau Declaration by G5 Sahel countries' Heads of State and the French President</a>
20-01-20	<a href="#">First WCO Workshop on Modernization and Standardization of Customs Laboratories Held</a>
24-01-20	<a href="#">WCO participates in the WEF Annual Meeting</a>
	<a href="#">African Swine Fever (ASF) Campaign</a>
	<a href="#">WCO celebrates International Customs Day 2020 and invites Members to foster Sustainability for People, Prosperity and the Planet</a>
28-01-20	<a href="#">WCO Secretariat celebrates International Customs Day</a>
	<a href="#">WCO supports Zimbabwe in enhancing its Post Clearance Audit capacities</a>
29-01-20	<a href="#">WCO supports Kyrgyzstan on Advance Rulings for Customs valuation</a>
	<a href="#">Sub - regional Train-the Trainer Workshop on Customs Valuation for ASEAN Members</a>
	<a href="#">Opening of the WCO's 80th Fellowship Programme</a>
31-01-20	<a href="#">The nomination for GRIPS Scholarship 2020/2021 is now open</a>
	<a href="#">WCO has published accepted amendments to HS 2022</a>
	<a href="#">WCO Workshop on Risk Management held in Egypt</a>
	<a href="#">WCO supports the MENA region with the implementation of the Cross border E-commerce Framework of Standards</a>
	<a href="#">WCO STCE Programme receives funding from Canada</a>

## OTHER INTERNATIONAL MATTERS

### CITES Notification to Parties

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

Date	Title
02-01-20	2020/001 <a href="#">List of valid Notifications</a>
06-01-20	2020/002 <a href="#">Registration of operations that breed Appendix-I animal species in captivity for commercial purposes</a>
09-01-20	2020/003 <a href="#">Trade in specimens of species and stocks of whales protected by the International Whaling Commission</a>
	2020/004 <a href="#">New Zealand – New Zealand's stricter domestic measures for trade in personal and household effects</a>
14-01-20	2020/005 <a href="#">Monitoring the illegal trade in ivory</a>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">Annex 1: Ivory and elephant product seizure data collection form</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Annex 2: Explanatory notes for the "Ivory and elephant product seizure data collection form"</a></li> </ul>
20-01-20	2020/006 <a href="#">Implementation of Resolution Conf. 12.8 (Rev. CoP18) on Review of Significant Trade in specimens of Appendix-II species</a>
22-01-20	2020/007 <a href="#">Registration of operations that breed Appendix-I animal species in captivity for commercial purposes</a>
27-01-20	2020/008 <a href="#">Celebration of World Wildlife Day 2020 – Sustaining all life on Earth</a>

### FAS GAIN Reports

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

Member	GAIN Report
Algeria	<a href="#">Exporter Guide</a>
Barbados	<a href="#">FAIRS Annual Country Report</a>
Barbados	<a href="#">FAIRS Export Certificate Report</a>
Bosnia and Herzegovina	<a href="#">Exporter Guide</a>
Brazil	<a href="#">Exporter Guide</a>
Canada	<a href="#">Exporter Guide</a>
Canada	<a href="#">FAIRS Country Report</a>
Chile	<a href="#">FAIRS Country Report</a>
Chile	<a href="#">FAIRS Export Certificate Report</a>
Chile	<a href="#">Exporter Guide</a>
China	<a href="#">China Lowers Applied MFN Tariff Rates on Selected Agricultural Products</a>
China	<a href="#">China Calls Off Additional Tariffs on US Products Planned for December 15</a>
China	<a href="#">China Notifies Draft Measures on Supervision and Management of Food Labeling</a>
China	<a href="#">FAIRS Country Report</a>
China	<a href="#">China Notifies Draft Administrative Measures on Domestic Food Quality and Safety</a>
China	<a href="#">Exporter Guide</a>
China	<a href="#">China Lowers Applied MFN Tariff Rates on Selected Agricultural Products</a>



Member	GAIN Report
Dominican Rep.	<a href="#">FAIRS Export Certificate Report</a>
Dominican Rep.	<a href="#">FAIRS Country Report</a>
Ecuador	<a href="#">FAIRS Country Report</a>
Egypt	<a href="#">Exporter Guide</a>
Egypt	<a href="#">FAIRS Country Report</a>
Egypt	<a href="#">FAIRS Export Certificate Report</a>
El Salvador	<a href="#">Exporter Guide</a>
EU-28	<a href="#">FAIRS Country Report</a>
Hungary	<a href="#">FAIRS Export Certificate Report</a>
Hungary	<a href="#">FAIRS Country Report</a>
India	<a href="#">Exporter Guide</a>
India	<a href="#">Implementation of Draft Regulation on Reduced Sugar Formulations for Thermally Processed Fruit Beverages</a>
India	<a href="#">FAIRS Export Certificate Report</a>
Indonesia	<a href="#">Exporter Guide</a>
Indonesia	<a href="#">FAIRS Export Certificate Report</a>
Israel	<a href="#">Exporter Guide</a>
Israel	<a href="#">FAIRS Country Report</a>
Italy	<a href="#">FAIRS Country Report</a>
Japan	<a href="#">Import Regulations and Standards for Wood Products</a>
Japan	<a href="#">Japan to Eliminate WTO Beef and Pork Safeguards</a>
Japan	<a href="#">USJTA Treatment for Beef and Beef Products</a>
Japan	<a href="#">USJTA Treatment for Wine</a>
Japan	<a href="#">USJTA Treatment for Nuts</a>
Japan	<a href="#">Country-Specific Quotas in US-Japan Trade Agreement</a>
Japan	<a href="#">Safeguards in US-Japan Trade Agreement</a>
Japan	<a href="#">FAIRS Export Certificate Report</a>
Japan	<a href="#">FAIRS Country Report</a>
Japan	<a href="#">Exporter Guide</a>
Japan	<a href="#">USJTA Treatment for Poultry and Egg Products</a>
Japan	<a href="#">USJTA Treatment for Cheese</a>
Japan	<a href="#">USJTA Treatment for Wheat and Wheat Products</a>
Jordan	<a href="#">Exporter Guide</a>
Jordan	<a href="#">FAIRS Export Certificate Report</a>
Jordan	<a href="#">FAIRS Country Report</a>
Kazakhstan	<a href="#">Exporter Guide</a>
Lithuania	<a href="#">FAIRS Country Report</a>
Lithuania	<a href="#">FAIRS Export Certificate Report</a>
Malaysia	<a href="#">Exporter Guide</a>
Malaysia	<a href="#">FAIRS Export Certificate Report</a>
Malaysia	<a href="#">FAIRS Annual Country Report</a>
Mexico	<a href="#">Exporter Guide</a>
Mexico	<a href="#">FAIRS Export Certificate Report</a>
Mexico	<a href="#">FAIRS Country Report</a>
Morocco	<a href="#">Morocco Announces 2020 FTA Tariff Schedule</a>
Pakistan	<a href="#">FAIRS Export Certificate Report</a>
Pakistan	<a href="#">FAIRS Country Report</a>
Pakistan	<a href="#">FAIRS Export Certificate Report</a>
Peru	<a href="#">Exporter Guide</a>
Peru	<a href="#">FAIRS Export Certificate Report</a>
Poland	<a href="#">Exporter Guide</a>
Romania	<a href="#">Exporter Guide</a>
Russia	<a href="#">Draft Amendments to Phytosanitary Lab Procedure Notified to WTO</a>
S. Korea	<a href="#">FAIRS Export Certificate Report</a>
S. Korea	<a href="#">FAIRS Country Report</a>
Singapore	<a href="#">Exporter Guide</a>
Serbia	<a href="#">FAIRS Export Certificate Report</a>

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Serbia	<a href="#">FAIRS Country Report</a>
South Africa	<a href="#">Exporter Guide</a>
Spain	<a href="#">Exporter Guide</a>
Taiwan	<a href="#">FAIRS Export Certificate Report</a>
Taiwan	<a href="#">FAIRS Country Report</a>
Taiwan	<a href="#">Exporter Guide</a>
Thailand	<a href="#">FAIRS Export Certificate Report</a>
Thailand	<a href="#">FAIRS Country Report</a>
Thailand	<a href="#">Exporter Guide</a>
Turkey	<a href="#">Exporter Guide</a>
Turkey	<a href="#">Plant Protection Products and Maximum Residue Limits of Pesticides Regulations</a>
United Kingdom	<a href="#">Exporter Guide</a>
Vietnam	<a href="#">Exporter Guide</a>

## THE AMERICAS - CENTRAL AMERICA

### PANAMA

#### Official Gazette

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

Publication Date	Title
15-01-20	NATIONAL CUSTOMS AUTHORITY (ANA): Res. № 618 (30-12-19) <a href="#">Whereas a new range of virtual customs seals is enabled within the procedure established by Resolution 488 of October 26, 2018, for the transfer of non-nationalized goods, through the official national authorization system and authorized authorization systems</a>
16-01-20	COMMERCE & INDUSTRIES (C&I): Res. № 001 (13-01-20) <a href="#">Order for a review for the possible activation of the Special Agricultural Safeguards for certain pork products under the US-Panama TPTA</a>
27-01-20	ANA: <a href="#">Resolution No. 018 (10-01-20) whereas a new range of virtual customs seals is enabled within the procedure established by Resolution 488 of October 26, 2018, for the transfer of non-nationalized goods, through the Official National Authorization System and Authorized Authorization Systems.</a>
	ANA: <a href="#">Administrative Resolution No. 020 (16-01-20) through which the Customs Appeals Commission Is Reorganized.</a>

## THE AMERICAS - NORTH AMERICA

### CANADA

#### CUSMA Bill introduced in House of Commons

On January 29, 2020, Bill C-4 entitled “[An Act to implement the Agreement between Canada, the United States of America and the United Mexican States](#)” was introduced and received its first reading in the House of Commons. On January 30, the Bill received its second reading. The implementation bill had to be re-introduced because the previous Parliament did not pass the Bill before Parliament was dissolved and new elections held in 2019, and because the Agreement was amended by the *Protocol of Amendment to that Agreement*, done at Mexico City on December 10, 2019.

## 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
01-18-20	ENVIRONMENT: <a href="#">Migratory Birds Convention Act, 1994 -Notice of intent to amend the Migratory Birds Regulations</a> (N)
	ENVIRONMENT: <a href="#">Wild Animal and Plant Protection and Regulation of International and Interprovincial Trade Act - Notice of intent to amend the Wild Animal and Plant Trade Regulations</a> (N)
01-22-20	FINANCE: <a href="#">Order Amending the Schedule to the Customs Tariff (CCOFTA Short Supply) (SOR/2020-10, January 10, 2020) [Canada-Colombia] pursuant to the Customs tariff</a> (O)
01-25-20	ENVIRONMENT: <a href="#">Proposed Order Amending Schedule 1 to the Species at Risk Act</a> (PR)

## 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
01-29-20	<a href="#">Regulations Amending the Special Economic Measures (Ukraine) Regulations</a> (R) <i>[adds 6 individuals]</i>

## CBSA advance rulings

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

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

## D-Memoranda and CNs revised or cancelled

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

Date	Reference	Title
01-06-20	<a href="#">CN 20-01</a>	Safe Food for Canadians (SFC) licence to import food to Canada
01-15-20	<a href="#">CN 20-02</a>	Amendments to the Departmental Consolidation of the Customs Tariff

## Antidumping and countervailing duty cases

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



## MEXICO

### New labeling requirements for pre-packaged food and non-alcoholic beverages

On October 11, 2019, the Ministry of Economy published in the Federal Official Gazette ("FOG"), the *Draft amendments to Mexican Official Standard NOM-051-SCFI / SSA1-2010 - General labeling specifications for pre-packaged food and non-alcoholic beverages -Commercial and health information* ("PROY-NOM-051"). The purpose of the amendments is to request the inclusion of information on the labels of pre-packaged food and non-alcoholic beverages that contain high calories, added sugars, saturated fats, sodium and other nutrients, to create awareness in the consumer before the purchase of such products.

Likewise, on November 8, 2019, a *Decree that modifies different provisions of the General Health Law, regarding overweight, obesity and labeling of food and non-alcoholic beverages* (the "Decree") was published in the FOG.

Among the changes included in the Decree and in PROY-NOM-051, there is an obligation of including in a section additional to the declaration of ingredients and the nutritional information, a "front warning label" in products that contain high calories, added sugars, saturated fats, sodium and other nutrients, in a clear, truthful and simple way.

The front warning label must display stamps that indicate when a nutrient or ingredient appears in the product in excess. Because of this amendment, the reference to calories, sugars, fats and sodium currently expressed in balloon symbols with numbers will disappear to display the warning of certain excess content with simple images. Likewise, when a product includes sweetener or caffeine, it must be indicated in the stamps. Below please find a reference to the stamps:



Additionally, if the product contains a stamp, it will be prohibited to include a legend indicating that the product is recommended by certain association or include images or drawings that promote the product's consumption.

New legends are incorporated such as "substitute product" that is used for pre-packaged products that replace or resemble other products (such as "almond milk") and reference to ingredients that cause hypersensitivity such as "contains gluten", "contains soy" and "contains caffeine; avoid in children".

Moreover, the PROY-NOM-051 includes new definitions like genuine and substitute products and extends concepts like added sugars, sugar free and natural or

artificial sweetener.

The amendment to the General Health Law became effective on November 12 of 2019, and it provides that the amendments to NOM-051 and other regulations shall be published in the FOG within 180 days as of November 12, 2019. Once the amendments to NOM-051 is published, it will become effective 180 days after its publication.

We recommend that companies that import and sell pre-packaged food and non-alcoholic beverages in Mexico review their labeling and nutritional information, to be prepared for the implementation of such changes.

Companies that need to modify their labels in light of the amendments to NOM-051 and which have existing inventories of non-compliant labels, can request an authorization from the General Direction of Foreign Trade and the General Direction of Standards of the Ministry of Economy, to import and sell pre-packaged food and non-alcoholic beverages with the prior label. The application for authorization must be filed not later than 3 months before the entry into force of the amendments to NOM-051.

We will be glad to discuss these modifications with you, to assist you with the analysis on the implications of these changes in your operations, and to support you on the drafting of your labels and complying with the applicable provisions.

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## Mexico publishes Decree approving the Protocol Modifying the US-MCA

On January 21, 2020, the *Diario Oficial* (Federal Official Gazette) published the Presidential [Decree approving the Protocol Modifying the Treaty between the United Mexican States, the United States of America and Canada, made in Mexico City on December 10, 2019, as well as two parallel agreements between the Government of the United States Mexicans and the Government of the United States of America, held in Mexico City, on December 10, 2019](#). This represents the final step in Mexican ratification of the USMCA (T-MEC).

## Mexico publishes government procurement thresholds for FTAs

On January 7, 2020, the *Diario Oficial* (Official Gazette) published the US Dollar and national money (Peso/MN) thresholds for government procurements subject to free trade agreements [[Circular UNCP/700/TU/512/2019](#)].

Chapters Covering Public Sector Procurements Under the Free Trade Agreements That Are Listed Below:

LOCATION OF DEPENDENCIES AND ENTITIES SUBJECT TO THE COVERAGE OF THE CHAPTERS OR PUBLIC SECTOR PURCHASING TITLES OF THE FREE TRADE AGREEMENTS		
ANNEXES	CHAPTER OR TITLE NUMBER	NAME OF THE FREE TRADE AGREEMENT
Annexes 1001.1a-1 and 1001.1a-2	Chapter X	North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA)
Sections 1 and 2 of Part A of Annex I	Chapter VI	Free Trade Agreement between the United Mexican States and the State of Israel (Mexico-Israel FTA)

LOCATION OF DEPENDENCIES AND ENTITIES SUBJECT TO THE COVERAGE OF THE CHAPTERS OR PUBLIC SECTOR PURCHASING TITLES OF THE FREE TRADE AGREEMENTS		
ANNEXES	CHAPTER OR TITLE NUMBER	NAME OF THE FREE TRADE AGREEMENT
Sections 1 and 2, from Part A of Annex XII	Chapter V	Free Trade Agreement between the United Mexican States and the States of the European Free Trade Association (FTA Mexico EFTA)
Sections 1 and 2 of Part A of Annex VI	Title III	Agreement of Economic Association, Political Agreement and Cooperation between the United Mexican States and the European Community and its Member States, and specifically Decision 2/2000 of the EC- Mexico Joint Council . (TLCUEM)
Sections 1 and 2 of Part B of Annex 11	Chapter 11	Agreement for the Strengthening of the Economic Association between the United Mexican States and Japan (Mexico-Japan FTA)
Annex 15 bis-01, Section B-Mexico List	Chapter 15 bis	Free Trade Agreement between the United Mexican States and the Republic of Chile (México Chile FTA)
Annex 8.2, Section A and C.	Chapter 8	Additional Protocol to the Framework Agreement of the Pacific Alliance
Section A and C of Annex 15- A List of Mexico	Chapter 15	Comprehensive and Progressive Treaty of Transpacific Association (CPTPP)

DEPENDENCIES OF THE FEDERAL PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION LISTED IN THE CHAPTERS OR PURCHASING TITLES OF THE PUBLIC SECTOR	
TYPE OF CONTRACT	AMOUNT OF THRESHOLD IN US DOLLARS BY TREATY [AMOUNT OF THRESHOLD IN NATIONAL CURRENCY (MN) BY TREATY]
Contracts of acquisitions, leases of movable goods and services, included with public works	\$ 83,099.00 USD (Eighty three thousand ninety-nine US dollars 00/100 US)  [ <i>\$ 1'626,388.70 (one million, six hundred twenty-six thousand, three hundred eighty- eight 70/100 pesos MN)</i> ]
Public works contracts	\$ 10,802,884.00 USD (Ten million eight hundred two thousand eight hundred eighty-four US dollars 00/100 US)  [ <i>\$ 211,430,804.78 (Two hundred and eleven million, four hundred and thirty thousand, eight hundred and four 28/100 pesos MN)</i> ]

FEDERAL PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION STATUTORY ENTITIES LISTED IN THE CHAPTERS OR PUBLIC SECTOR PURCHASER TITLES	
TYPE OF CONTRACT	AMOUNT OF THRESHOLD IN US DOLLARS BY TREATY [AMOUNT OF THRESHOLD IN NATIONAL CURRENCY (MN) BY TREATY]

Contracts of acquisitions, leases of movable goods and services, included with public works	\$ 415,495.00 USD (Four hundred fifteen thousand four hundred and ninety five US dollars 00/100 US)  [ <i>\$ 8'131,943.49 (eight million, one hundred thirty-one thousand, nine hundred forty-three pesos 49/100 MN)</i> ]
Public works contracts	\$ 13,296,479 USD (Thirteen million two hundred ninety-six thousand four hundred and seventy-nine US dollars 00/100 US)  [ <i>\$ 260,234,698.04 (two hundred sixty million, two hundred thirty four thousand, six hundred ninety eight pesos 04/100 MN)</i> ]

## Diario Oficial

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

Publication Date	Title
01-07-20	HACIENDA: <a href="#">Circular setting forth for dependencies and their decentralized administrative bodies, the State Public Administration entities, as well as the Office of the Attorney General of the Republic, public procurement coverage of free trade agreements and their thresholds in US dollars and national currency effective from 01-2020 until 06-30-2020.</a> [see tables above]
01-16-20	<a href="#">Decree approving the Third Additional Protocol to the Agreement on Economic Partnership, Political Agreement and Cooperation between the United Mexican States, on the one hand, and the European Community and its Member States, on the other, to take into account the accession of the Republic of Croatia to the European Union, made in Brussels, on the twenty-seventh of November of two thousand and eighteen.</a>
01-21-20	<a href="#">Decree approving the Protocol Modifying the Treaty between the United Mexican States, the United States of America and Canada, made in Mexico City on December 10, 2019, as well as two parallel agreements between the Government of the United States Mexicans and the Government of the United States of America, held in Mexico City, on December 10, 2019.</a>
01-27-20	ECONOMY: <a href="#">Acuerdo by which the computer platform known as the Comprehensive System of Standards and Conformity Assessment (SINEC) is published by the General Directorate of Standards of the Ministry of Economy, as well as the rules for its use.</a>
01-31-20	ECONOMY: <a href="#">Acuerdo that modifies the Acuerdo by which the Ministry of Economy issues rules and criteria of a general nature in matters of Foreign Trade.</a>
	ECONOMY: <a href="#">Acuerdo that modifies the Acuerdo that establishes the classification and codification of merchandise and products whose import, export, internment or exit is subject to sanitary regulation by the Ministry of Health.</a>

## UNITED STATES

[NOTE ON FEDERAL REGISTER TABLES IN THE UNITED STATES SECTION BELOW: N=NOTICE, FR=FINAL RULE OR ORDER, PR=NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULEMAKING, AN=ADVANCE NOTICE OF PR, IR=INTERIM RULE OR ORDER, TR=TEMPORARY RULE OR ORDER, RFI/FRC= REQUEST FOR INFORMATION/COMMENTS; H=HEARING OR MEETING; E=EXTENSION OF TIME; C=CORRECTION; RO=REOPENING OF COMMENT PERIOD; W=WITHDRAWAL. PLEASE NOTE: MEETINGS WHICH HAVE ALREADY TAKEN PLACE ARE GENERALLY NOT LISTED. IN ADDITION, IN CITATIONS WITHIN ARTICLES, THE ABBREVIATIONS FR (FOR FEDERAL REGISTER) AND CFR (FOR CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS), THE GOVERNMENT'S PREFERRED ABBREVIATIONS, ARE OFTEN USED INSTEAD OF FED. REG. OR C.F.R., THE BLUE BOOK'S PREFERRED STYLE. FURTHERMORE, STATUTE TITLES AND REGULATIONS ARE ITALICIZED.]

## Presidential documents

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

Date	Subject
01-14-20	<a href="#">Executive Order 13902 of January 10, 2020 - Imposing Sanctions With Respect to Additional Sectors of Iran</a>
01-28-20	<a href="#">Proclamation 9979 of January 23, 2020 - To Further Facilitate Positive Adjustment to Competition From Imports of Large Residential Washers</a>
01-29-20	<a href="#">Proclamation 9980 - Adjusting Imports of Derivative Aluminum Articles and Derivative Steel Articles into the United States</a>
01-31-20	<a href="#">Proclamation on Suspension of Entry as Immigrants and Nonimmigrants of Persons who Pose a Risk of Transmitting 2019 Novel Coronavirus</a>
	<a href="#">Ensuring Safe &amp; Lawful E-Commerce for US Consumers, Businesses, Government Supply Chains, and Intellectual Property Rights</a>
	<a href="#">Proclamation on Improving Enhanced Vetting Capabilities and Processes for Detecting Attempted Entry</a>
	<a href="#">Executive Order on Combating Human Trafficking and Online Child Exploitation in the United States</a>

## President signs USMCA Implementation Act after passage by Bipartisan Congress; Canadian Bill introduced

On January 29, 2020, President Trump signed H.R. 5430, the “[United States-Mexico-Canada Agreement Implementation Act](#),” which implements the United States-Mexico-Canada Agreement (USMCA). The USMCA is a revised and updated agreement to replace the *North American Free Trade Agreement* (NAFTA). The USMCA Implementation Act was approved on January 16, 2020, in the US Senate by a vote of 89-10, sending it to the President. The House of Representatives had approved the bill on December 19, 2019 by a 385-41 vote. The administration had worked with Democratic members of Congress to resolve labor and environment concerns. As a result, it sailed through both the House of Representatives controlled by the Democrats and the Senate, controlled by Republicans.

On June 20, 2019, the Senate of Mexico ratified the original text of the agreement (114 yes, 3 no, 3 abstentions). On December 12, 2019, Mexico's Senate passed the revised Agreement (a treaty under Mexican law) by a vote of 107–1. Mexico's ratification procedure was completed when the President announced ratification in the [Diario Oficial de la Federación](#) (the Federal Official Gazette) on January 21, 2020 in the Presidential [Decree approving the Protocol Modifying the Treaty between the United Mexican States, the United States of America and Canada, made in Mexico City on December 10, 2019, as well as two parallel agreements between the Government of the United States Mexicans and the Government of the United States of America, held in Mexico City, on December 10, 2019](#). The Agreement is referred to as T-MEC in Mexico.

In Canada, an implementation bill had to be re-introduced, because the previous Parliament did not pass before Parliament was dissolved and new elections held in 2019. On January 29, 2020, Bill C-4 entitled “[An Act to implement the Agreement between Canada, the United States of America and the United Mexican States](#)” was introduced and received its first reading in the House of Commons. On January 30, the Bill received its second reading. The Agreement is referred to as CUSMA in Canada.

## President extends steel and aluminum tariffs to cover “derivatives”

On January 24, 2020, President Trump signed [Proclamation 9980 - Adjusting Imports of Derivative Aluminum Articles and Derivative Steel Articles into the United States](#) under section 232 of the *Trade Expansion Act of 1962* (published in the *Federal Register* on January 29, 2020). Except as otherwise provided in the proclamation, all imports of derivative aluminum articles specified in [Annex I](#) to the proclamation shall be subject to an additional 10 percent *ad valorem* rate of duty, and all imports of derivative iron or steel articles specified in [Annex II](#) to the proclamation shall be subject to an additional 25 percent *ad valorem* rate of duty, with respect to goods entered for consumption, or withdrawn from warehouse for consumption, on or after 12:01 a.m. EST on February 8, 2020.

These rates of duty, which are in addition to any other duties, fees, exactions, and charges applicable to such imported derivative aluminum articles or iron or steel articles, shall apply to imports of derivative aluminum articles described in [Annex I](#) from all countries except Argentina, Australia, Canada, and Mexico and to imports of derivative iron or steel articles described in [Annex II](#) to the proclamation from all countries except Argentina, Australia, Brazil, Canada, Mexico, and South Korea.

Goods for which entry is claimed under a provision of chapter 98 and which are subject to the additional duties shall be eligible for and subject to the terms of such provision and applicable US Customs and Border Protection (CBP) regulations, except that duties under subheading 9802.00.60 shall be assessed based upon the full value of the imported article.

The additional duties are being imposed because the Secretary of Commerce (the Secretary) has determined that domestic steel producers' capacity utilization has not stabilized for an extended period of time at or above the 80 percent capacity utilization level identified in his report as necessary to remove the threatened impairment of the national security. Capacity utilization in the aluminum industry has improved, but it is still below the target capacity utilization that the Secretary recommended in his report. The Secretary has also informed the President that imports of certain derivatives of aluminum articles (identified in [Annex I](#) to the proclamation) and imports of certain derivatives of iron or steel articles (identified in [Annex II](#)) have significantly increased since the imposition of the tariffs and quotas. The net effect of the increase of imports of these derivatives has been to erode the customer base for US producers of aluminum and steel and undermine the purpose of the proclamations adjusting imports of aluminum and iron or steel articles to remove the threatened impairment of the national security.

### Extension to excepted countries

Pursuant to the proclamation, the Secretary is required to monitor imports of such articles from excepted countries and, with the concurrence of the USTR, is authorized to extend application of the tariff imposed by the proclamation on imports of any derivative article experiencing a surge of imports from any excepted country, or to adopt appropriate quotas for imports of such derivative article from such country, or to negotiate a voluntary agreement with such country to ensure that imports of such derivative article from such country do not undermine the effectiveness of the adjustment of imports made in Proclamation 9704 and Proclamation 9705, as amended.

### Exclusions



The Secretary, in consultation with the Secretaries of State, Treasury and Defense, the USTR, the Assistant to the President for National Security Affairs, the Assistant to the President for Economic Policy, and such other senior executive branch officials as the Secretary deems appropriate, is authorized to provide relief from the additional duties for any derivative article determined not to be produced in the United States in a sufficient and reasonably available amount or of a satisfactory quality and is also authorized to provide such relief based upon specific national security considerations. Such relief shall be provided for a derivative article only after a request for exclusion is made by a directly affected party located in the United States.

### Foreign Trade Zones

Derivative articles that are subject to the additional duties, except those eligible for admission under “domestic status” as defined in 19 C.F.R. 146.43, that are admitted into a US foreign trade zone (FTZ) on or after 12:01 a.m. EST on February 8, 2020, may only be admitted as “privileged foreign status” as defined in 19 C.F.R. 146.41, and will be subject upon entry for consumption to any *ad valorem* rates of duty related to the classification under the applicable HTSUS subheading.

Any derivative article that is described in [Annex I](#) or [Annex II](#), except those eligible for admission under “domestic status,” that is subject to the duty imposed by clause 1 of this proclamation, and that was admitted into a US FTZ under “privileged foreign status” prior to 12:01 a.m. EST on February 8, 2020, will likewise be subject upon entry for consumption to any *ad valorem* rates of duty related to the classification under the applicable HTSUS subheading added by the proclamation.

Derivative articles shall not be subject upon entry for consumption to the duty established in clause 1 of this proclamation merely by reason of manufacture in a US FTZ. However, derivative articles admitted into a US FTZ in “privileged foreign status” pursuant to the proclamation shall retain that status.

### Drawback

No drawback shall be available with respect to the duties imposed on any derivative article imposed under the proclamation.

[Annex I](#) adds subheading 9903.85.03 and includes articles in the following subheadings: 7614.10.50, 7614.90.20, 7614.90.40, 7614.90.50, 8708.10.30 and 8708.29.21.

[Annex II](#) adds subheading 9903.80.03 and includes articles in the following subheadings: 7317.00.30, 7317.00.55, 73,17. 00. 65, 8708.10.30 and 8708.29.21.

It is expected that the new proclamation will be challenged because of the strict time limits imposed by section 232. When the President raised Turkish steel tariffs to 50%, a three-judge panel of the US Court of International Trade, in [Trans-pacific Steel LLC v. United States, et al \(Slip Op. 19-142, Nov. 15, 2019\)](#), held that while section 232 gave the President broad discretion, it must be exercised within section 232's time limits and procedures.

## President modifies large residential washers safeguard measures

On January 28, 2020, the *Federal Register* published Presidential [Proclamation 9979 of January 23, 2020 - to Further Facilitate Positive Adjustment to Competition From Imports of Large Residential Washers](#), which modifies the quantitative limitations, established in Proclamation 9694 of January 23, 2018, applicable to imports of washers under *Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States* (HTS) subheadings 8450.11.00 and 8450.20.00, by allocating the within-quota quantities for the third quota year on a quarterly basis. Accordingly, subchapter III of chapter 99 of the HTS is modified as set forth in the Annex to the proclamation.

The modification is being taken because the President determined that additional action is necessary to eliminate circumvention of the TRQ by ensuring that within-quota quantities of imports of washers are spread throughout the year, thus eliminating the possibility that importers' concentration of imports of washers in a limited period would distort the quantity of washers in the US market and undermine the positive effect of the TRQ on the domestic industry's adjustment to import competition.

The modifications to the HTS made by Proclamation 9979, including the Annex, shall be effective with respect to goods entered for consumption, or withdrawn from warehouse for consumption, on or after 12:01 a.m. EST on February 7, 2020, and shall continue in effect as provided in the Annex to the proclamation, unless such actions are earlier expressly reduced, modified, or terminated. One year from the termination of the safeguard measure established in the proclamation, the US note and tariff provisions established in the Annex to the proclamation shall be deleted from the HTS.

## US, China sign "Phase One" trade deal

On January 15, 2020, President Trump and China's Vice Premier Liu He signed "Phase One" of the "[Economic and Trade Agreement Between the United States of America and the People's Republic of China](#)." The agreement provides for the purchase by China of \$200 billion worth of agricultural (including beef and poultry), energy and manufactured goods over the next two years as well as provide market access for US financial services (like banks, insurance companies and credit agencies).

In addition, China made a number of commitments to improve intellectual property protection for US businesses and ease its forced technology transfer rules. The agreement sets new rules regarding currency manipulation. If China fails to carry out its commitments, the agreement has an enforcement mechanism that allows new duties against Chinese goods to be imposed.

For the present, most of the tariffs imposed by the US against Chinese goods will remain in place, while the 15% duty on \$120 billion worth of goods will be reduced to 7.5%.

The 96 page [text of the Agreement](#) was released along with the following [Fact Sheets](#):

- [Phase One Agreement](#)
- [Intellectual Property](#)
- [Technology Transfer](#)

- [Agriculture and Seafood Related Provisions \(Short\)](#)
- [Agriculture and Seafood Related Provisions \(Long\)](#)
  - [Agricultural Biotechnology](#)
  - [Animal Feed](#)
  - [Seafood](#)
  - [Dairy and Infant Formula](#)
  - [Horticultural Products](#)
  - [Meat, Poultry, and Live Breeding Cattle](#)
  - [Pet Food](#)
  - [Rice](#)
- [Financial Services](#)
- [Macroeconomic Policies and Exchange Rate](#)
- [Expanding Trade](#)

### USTR seeks views on procedures to consider retention/withdrawal of the exclusion of bifacial solar panels from the safeguard measure on solar products

On January 27, 2020, the US Trade Representative (USTR) published in the *Federal Register* a [notice and request for comments](#) [Docket No. USTR-2020-0001] relating to exclusion retention or withdrawal procedures in the solar products safeguard measure. On January 23, 2018, the President issued Proclamation 9693 (83 Fed. Reg. 3541) imposing a safeguard measure on imports of certain crystalline silicon photovoltaic (CSPV) cells and other products (CSPV products) containing these cells (collectively, solar products) pursuant to an investigation under Section 201 of the *Trade Act of 1974* (19 U.S.C. 2251).

On February 14, 2018, the USTR established procedures for interested persons to request product-specific exclusions from application of the safeguard measure and comment on the submitted requests. Based on the requests and comments received, the USTR granted certain requests on June 13, 2019, including a request to exclude from the safeguard measure bifacial solar panels that consist only of bifacial solar cells. On October 9, 2019, USTR concluded, based on an evaluation of newly available information and after consultation with the Secretaries of Commerce and Energy, that maintaining the exclusion would undermine the objectives of the safeguard measure. Accordingly, USTR published a notice withdrawing the exclusion of bifacial solar panels, effective as of October 28, 2019. See 84 Fed. Reg. 54244.

On December 5, 2019, the Court of International Trade issued a preliminary injunction, enjoining the USTR from withdrawing the exclusion on bifacial solar panels from the safeguard measure. If the USTR determines after receipt of comments pursuant to this notice that it would be appropriate to withdraw the bifacial exclusion or take some other action with respect to this exclusion, the USTR will request that the Court lift the injunction.

This notice establishes procedures for interested persons to submit comments, and respond to comments, on whether USTR should maintain the exclusion of bifacial solar panels from the safeguard measure on solar products, withdraw the exclusion, or take some other action within his authority with respect to this exclusion.

At this time, USTR is not evaluating any other exclusion determinations and is not accepting additional requests for exclusion from the safeguard measure or requests to withdraw exclusions. USTR will continue monitoring developments in the US market for CSPV products and, if warranted, provide for additional exclusion requests at a future date.

Dates:

- February 17, 2020, at 11:59 p.m. EST: Submission of comments on whether USTR should maintain the exclusion of bifacial solar panels from the safeguard measure, withdraw the exclusion, or take some other action within his authority with respect to this exclusion.
- February 27, 2020, at 11:59 p.m. EST: Submission of responses to comments.

### **USTR publishes notice reducing duties on Chinese goods from 15% to 7.5% - effective February 14**

On January 22, 2020, the US Trade Representative (USTR) published in the *Federal Register* a [notice of modification of action](#) (an advance copy of which was previously posted on the USTR website on Jan. 15) reducing the rate of additional duty on certain products of China (List 4A) from 15 percent to 7.5 percent. The reduction will be applicable as of 12:01 am Eastern Standard Time on February 14, 2020, for products covered by Annex A of the August 20, 2019 notice (84 Fed. Reg. 43304).

On August 20, 2019, the USTR, at the direction of the President, determined to modify the action being taken in the Sec. 301 investigation by imposing an additional 10 percent ad valorem duty on products of China with an annual aggregate trade value of approximately \$300 billion. The tariff subheadings subject to the 10 percent additional duties were separated into two lists with different effective dates. The list in Annex A had an effective date of September 1, 2019. The list in Annex C had an effective date of December 15, 2019.

Subsequently, at the direction of the President, USTR determined to increase the rate of the additional duty applicable to the tariff subheadings covered by the action announced in the August 20 notice from 10 percent to 15 percent. See 84 Fed. Reg. 45821 (August 30, 2019). On December 18, 2019, at the direction of the President, USTR determined to suspend indefinitely the imposition of the additional 15 percent ad valorem duty on products covered by Annex C of the August 20 notice. See 84 Fed. Reg. 69447 (December 18, 2019) because China and the United States were engaging with the goal of obtaining the elimination of the acts, policies, and practices covered in the investigation. On December 13, 2020 a phase one agreement was reached.

The United States and China signed a phase one agreement on January 15, 2020 [see article above], and the agreement is scheduled to enter into force 30 days thereafter on February 14, 2020. In light of the scheduled entry into force of the phase one agreement, and at the direction of the President, the USTR has determined that the action announced on August 20, 2019, as modified by the August 30 notice, no longer is appropriate. Specifically, and in accordance with the President's direction, the USTR has determined to reduce the level of additional duties from 15 percent to 7.5 percent on products of China covered by Annex A of the August 20 notice, effective February 14, 2020.

Effective with respect to goods entered for consumption, or withdrawn from warehouse for consumption, on or after 12:01 am (EST) on February 14, 2020, the Annex to the notice amends subchapter III of chapter 99, HTSUS:

1. By amending U.S. Note 20(r), as established by the U.S. Trade Representative in a determination contained in 84 FR 43304 (August 20, 2019), and as modified by 84 FR 45821 (August 30, 2019), by deleting "15 percent" each place that it appears, and inserting "7.5 percent" in lieu thereof; and
2. By amending the Rates of Duty 1-General column of heading 9903.88.15, as established by the U.S. Trade Representative in a determination contained in 84 FR 43304 (August 20, 2019), and as modified by 84 FR 45821 (August 30, 2019), by deleting "15%", and inserting "7.5%" in lieu thereof

### Some observations on the Sec. 301 tariff situation

As indicated above, the U.S. and China signed a "Phase One" [Economic and Trade Agreement](#) on January 15, 2020. We are analyzing the agreement and plan to post or publish additional analysis and commentary in due course.

The USTR has now published a Federal Register [notice](#) which will reduce the tariffs on List 4A, from 15% to 7.5%, with an effective date of February 14, 2020. All other Section 301 tariffs remain in effect at current levels (25% for Lists 1, 2 and 3).

Interestingly, the Section 301 tariffs are not formally reduced, suspended or otherwise addressed in the text of the Agreement itself.

For now, here is an updated chart of the Section 301 China Tariff Overview we have circulated previously. All exclusion requests for List 1 and 2 have now been adjudicated, so the grant/denial rates for those two lists are now final. Opportunities for active engagement are **in bold & highlighted**; planned changes not yet in effect are *italicized*.

#### Section 301 China Tariff Overview (as of January 15, 2020)

Tariff Action	Approx. Import Value	Duty Rate & Effective Date	Exclusion Process
List 1	\$34 Billion	25% (from July 6, 2018)	Process Closed Oct. 9, 2018; ~11K applications filed; 33.8% granted, 66.2% denied across nine batches from 12/18-10/19 <b>Renewal possible on rolling basis, ~1 year after each batch granted</b>
List 2	\$16 Billion	25% (from August 23, 2018)	Process Closed Dec. 18, 2018; ~3K applications filed 34.4% granted, 62.5% denied across three batches from 07/19-10/19 <i>Renewal process expected, ~1 year after initial batch granted</i>
List 3	\$200 Billion	10% (from Sep. 24 2018) 25% (from June 15, 2019)	Process Closed Sep. 30, 2019; ~30K applications filed 1.1% granted, 40% denied, 58.9% pending, in batches, ongoing basis <i>Renewal process expected</i>

List 4A	\$120 Billion	15% (from Sep. 1, 2019)	Process open through January 31, 2020
	\$156 Billion*	7.5% (planned for Feb. 14, 2020)	
List 4B		Deferred	

\* USTR has referred to combined List 4 value as “\$300 billion,” and List 4A value as “\$120 billion,” U.S. Census data and press reports value annual imports from List 4B at \$156 billion.

If you have any questions, please let us know.

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## USTR publishes additional exclusions from the \$200 Bn action

On January 6, 2020, the US Trade Representative (USTR) published in the *Federal Register* a [notice](#) (previously posted on its website as an advance copy) that announces USTR’s determination to grant certain exclusion requests, as specified in the Annex to this notice, and corrects a ministerial error in a previously announced exclusion. The product exclusions announced in the notice will apply as of the September 24, 2018, effective date of the \$200 billion action, to August 7, 2020. The amendment announced in the notice is retroactive to the date the original exclusion was published.

As set out in the Annex, the exclusions are reflected in 2 ten-digit HTSUS subheadings and 66 specially prepared product descriptions, which cover 81 separate exclusion requests.

The exclusions are available for any product that meets the description in the Annex, regardless of whether the importer filed an exclusion request. Further, the scope of each exclusion is governed by the scope of the product descriptions in the Annex, and not by the product descriptions set out in any particular request for exclusion. To correct a technical error and in order to conform to USTR’s intent to grant an exclusion requested, the Annex also includes amendments to notes in the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States.

- Paragraph A, subparagraphs (1) and (2) insert a new subheading “9903.88.37” and new US note 20(pp) to subchapter III of chapter 99 to reference the exclusions.
- Paragraph A, subparagraphs (3)–(7) are conforming amendments to the HTSUS reflecting the modifications made by the Annex.
- Paragraph B, subparagraphs (1)–(2) are amendments to U.S. note 20(II)(66) published at 84 FR 57803 (October 28, 2019) and U.S. note 20(mm)(34) published at 84 FR 61674 (November 13, 2019) reflecting modifications made to certain HTSUS statistical reporting numbers that will take effect January 1, 2020.
- Paragraph C, fixes a technical error in U.S. note 20(b) to subchapter III of chapter 99 of the HTSUS.

The Office of the USTR regularly updates the status of each pending request on the USTR Exclusions Portal at <https://exclusions.ustr.gov/s/docket?docketNumber=USTR-2019-0005>.

## USITC publishes petitions for duty suspensions and reductions

On January 10, 2020, the US International Trade Commission (USITC) published in the *Federal Register* a [notice of publication](#) on the USITC’s website of petitions



for duty suspensions and reductions and related disclosure forms, and notice of request for comments on those petitions and disclosure forms (also known as the Miscellaneous Tariff Bills or MTBs process).

As required by section 3(b)(3) of the *American Manufacturing Competitiveness Act of 2016*, the USITC has published on [its website](#) the petitions for duty suspensions and reductions and related disclosure forms (hereafter collectively referred to as “petitions”) that were filed according to requirements. The USITC is now requesting that members of the public submit comments to the USITC on those petitions by the close of business on February 24, 2020. All comments must be submitted via the USITC’s designated secure web portal. The USITC will not accept comments submitted in paper or in any other form or format.

- January 10, 2020: Date of publication on the USITC’s website of petitions for duty suspensions and reductions, and opening date for filing comments concerning those petitions.
- February 24, 2020, 5:15 p.m., EST: Closing date and time for the submission of comments on the petitions.

The Act requires the USITC to submit preliminary and final reports to the House Committee on Ways and Means and the Senate Committee on Finance (Committees) on the petitions received. The USITC will submit those reports in June and August 2020, respectively. The reports are to include the USITC’s analysis and determinations regarding the petitions, including whether there is domestic production of the article, whether the duty suspension or reduction can likely be administered by the US Customs and Border Protection (CBP), whether the estimated loss in revenues due to the duty suspension or reduction does not exceed \$500,000, and whether the duty suspension or reduction will be available to any person importing the article. The USITC is required to classify the petitions into categories based on whether (1) the petition meets the requirements for inclusion in a miscellaneous tariff bill as submitted or with specified technical changes, changes in product scope, or adjustment in the amount of duty reduction; (2) the petition does not meet the petitioning requirements or the petitioner is not a likely beneficiary; and (3) the USITC otherwise recommends not including the petition in the bill. The Committees and the Congress will make the final decision regarding the imported articles to be included in a bill.

The Act also requires the US Department of Commerce (Commerce), with input from CBP and other Federal agencies, to submit a report to the USITC and to the Committees. This report is to include information related to domestic production and technical changes that are necessary for purposes of administration when articles are presented for importation.

## USITC 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. No. 332-345 <a href="#">Shifts in U.S. Merchandise Trade 2018 (2018 Trade Shifts)</a> [Publication 5012 (December 2019)] (R)	

Investigation. No. and title	Requested by:
Inv. No. 332-575 <a href="#">Seafood Obtained via Illegal, Unreported, and Unregulated Fishing: U.S. Imports and Economic Impact on U.S. Commercial Fisheries.</a> (I/H/RFC)	House Ways & Means Comm.

## Treasury issues report including finding that China is not a currency manipulator

On January 13, 2020, the US Department of the Treasury [announced](#) that it had delivered to Congress the semiannual [Report on Macroeconomic and Foreign Exchange Policies of Major Trading Partners of the United States](#). In this Report, Treasury reviewed and assessed the policies of 20 major US trading partners. Treasury also assessed developments over the last several months with China and its currency practices. The announcement said:

The Report concluded that while the currency practices of ten countries were found to require close attention, no major US trading partner at this time met the relevant 1988 or 2015 legislative criteria for currency manipulation or enhanced analysis.

“The Treasury Department has helped secure a significant Phase One agreement with China that will lead to greater economic growth and opportunity for American workers and businesses,” said U.S. Treasury Secretary Steven T. Mnuchin. “China has made enforceable commitments to refrain from competitive devaluation, while promoting transparency and accountability.”

Treasury found that ten major trading partners warrant placement on Treasury’s “Monitoring List” of major trading partners that merit close attention to their currency practices: China, Germany, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Korea, Malaysia, Singapore, Switzerland, and Vietnam.

Today’s Report is submitted to Congress pursuant to the Omnibus Trade and Competitiveness Act of 1988, 22 U.S.C. § 5305, and Section 701 of the Trade Facilitation and Trade Enforcement Act of 2015, 19 U.S.C. § 4421. Treasury continues to work actively to dismantle unfair barriers to trade and achieve freer and more reciprocal trade with major U.S. trading partners. This includes combatting unfair currency practices that facilitate competitive advantage, such as unwarranted intervention in currency markets.

## CUSTOMS, IMPORTS AND FOREIGN TRADE ZONES

### *En banc* CAFC reverses three-judge CAFC panel and holds that CBP may interpret ambiguous AD scope language when making clearance decision

On January 7, 2020, the full Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit (CAFC) disagreed with the Court of International Trade (CIT) and the prior panel opinion in this case, and held that Customs did not exceed its authority by ordering the suspension of liquidation based on its interpretation of the Orders. Customs has a statutory responsibility to fix the amount of duty owed on imported goods. See 19 U.S.C. § 1500(c). As part of that responsibility, Customs is both empowered and obligated to determine in the first instance whether goods are subject to existing antidumping or countervailing duty orders. While Customs may not expand or alter the scope of such orders, its authority and responsibility to determine whether they apply does not dissipate simply because an order lacks perfect clarity. [Sunpreme Inc. v. U.S., Fed. Cir. # 2018-1116, -1117 and -1118, dated Jan. 7, 2019](#)

## US-Japan Trade agreement enters into force

The [US-Japan Trade Agreement](#) entered into force on January 1, 2020. CBP's instructions for claiming preference prior to January 14, 2020 are contained in [CSMS #41149692](#), issued on December 31, 2019 and reproduced in our [January 2020 International Trade Compliance Update](#) on pages 24-25. Additional instructions will be issued regarding claiming preference in ACE (on or after January 14.)

## DHS issues report on piracy and counterfeiting

On January 24, 2020, the Department of Homeland Security issued "[Combating Trafficking in Counterfeit and Pirated Goods - Report to the President of the United States.](#)" The report contains summaries of the ongoing issues and changes in CBP procedures to reduce the problem as well as recommendations for the industry.

## CBP Trade Symposium registration now open

On January 9, 2020, US Customs and Border Protection (CBP) announced that the [2020 Trade Symposium](#) registration is now open! This year's symposium will be held March 10-11 at the Anaheim Hilton in Anaheim, CA. [Click here](#) to register.

This year's general sessions include discussions on International Trade Organizations, Interagency Collaboration, and the United States-Mexico-Canada Agreement (USMCA).

### *Breakout Sessions:*

- **Forced Labor** session will address social compliance and enforcement goals.
- **E-Commerce** session will provide a detailed status and outcomes regarding Entry Type 86, 321 Data Pilot, and the collaboration between CBP and Industry.
- **Collaboration & Process Modernization** will deliver CTPAT Minimum Security Criteria implementation status and the future state of In-bound, and Export capabilities.
- **Technical & Operational Innovation** will provide insight into the ongoing innovative efforts and accomplishments to include the Blockchain proof of concept, ACE and emerging technologies.

### *Concurrent sessions:*

- **Center 1-on-1 Sessions** will offer attendees the opportunity to meet with their Center of Excellence and Expertise leadership.
- **Partner Government Agency (PGA) Speed Chat Sessions** will offer attendees one on one open discussions with multiple Partner Government Agencies.
- **Binding Rulings Workshop** (new this year) is an interactive, hands on session that will provide attendees an opportunity to learn more about acquiring a binding ruling and how to leverage the ruling to achieve compliance. Attendees are required to bring a laptop, tablet or mobile smart phone to participate in this session. Space is limited and sign-up will be available on-site.

For questions, please contact us at [tradeevents@cbp.dhs.gov](mailto:tradeevents@cbp.dhs.gov).

## Miscellaneous CBP Federal Register documents

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

F.R. Date	Subject
01-13-20	<a href="#">Agency Information Collection Activities: Application and Approval To Manipulate, Examine, Sample or Transfer Goods</a> [OMB Control No. 1651-0006] (N) [CBP Form 3499.]
	<a href="#">Agency Information Collection Activities: Vessel Entrance or Clearance Statement</a> [OMB Control No. 1651-0019] (N) [CBP Form 1300]
01-14-20	<a href="#">Accreditation and Approval of Saybolt LP (Mobile, AL) as a Commercial Gauger and Laboratory</a> (N)
01-21-20	<a href="#">US Customs and Border Protection 2020 Trade Symposium</a> (N) [see above]
01-22-20	<a href="#">Accreditation and Approval of Saybolt LP (Texas City, TX) as a Commercial Gauger and Laboratory</a> (N)

## CBP issues final determinations in procurement cases

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

F.R. Date	Ruling Reference (Date Issued) and Product	Country of Origin
01-22-20	<a href="#">HQ H303139 (January 14, 2020) - Certain videoscopes (or remote visual inspection equipment)</a>	Japan

## “Lever-Rule” application(s) filed or granted

CBP has received the following application(s) for “Lever-Rule” protection pursuant to 19 C.F.R. §133.2(f). In the event that CBP determines the goods under consideration are physically and materially different from the goods authorized for sale in the United States, CBP will publish a notice in the *Customs Bulletin* indicating that the referenced trademark is entitled to “Lever-rule” protection with respect to those physically and materially different goods. [Shown as “Approved” below]

Customs Bulletin Date	Applicant	Products Covered by the Application	Trademark
01-22-20 APPROVED	BIC	Protection is granted for importations of the following pocket lighter model numbers bearing the above-listed marks: J-5, J-6, J-25 and J-26.	<p>“<b>BIC</b>” mark, US TM Reg. No. 2,324,480 CBP Recordation No. TMK 18–00388</p> <p>“<b>BIC &amp; DESIGN</b>” mark, US TM Reg No. 951,661 CBP Recordation No. TMK 03–00707</p> <p>“<b>LIGHTER CONFIGURATION DESIGN</b>” mark, US TM Reg No. 2,324,480 CBP Recordation No. TMK 18–00388</p>

Customs Bulletin Date	Applicant	Products Covered by the Application	Trademark
			" <b>DESIGN ONLY (CHILD RESISTANT LIGHTER CONFIGURATION)</b> " mark, US TM Reg. No. 2,278,917 CBP Recordation No. TMK 13-00275. Specifically,

## 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
01-14-20	<a href="#">EAPA Case 7356 Notice of Initiation of Investigation and Interim Measures</a>

## Revocations or modifications of CBP rulings

[See separate section below.](#)

## CSMS messages

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

Date	CSMS# and Title
01-02-20	<a href="#">CSMS #41167371 - Follow up to CSMS 41144493 - Update to 9903.88.05 completed</a>
	<a href="#">CSMS #41167870 - UPDATED Production Date: Jan 16, 2020 for ACE CQ Query Left-justify House Air Waybill Number</a>
01-03-20	<a href="#">CSMS #41179115 - Trade Remedy 301 HTS 9903.88.01 validation issue will be fixed 1/4/2020</a>
	<a href="#">CSMS #41179430 - Information on Quota Query Response Record Issue</a>
01-07-20	<a href="#">CSMS #41217199 - CBP 2020 Trade Symposium Registration Coming Soon</a>
01-08-20	<a href="#">CSMS #41227444 - CORRECTION: Periodic Monthly Statement (PMS) Dates for 2020</a>
01-09-20	<a href="#">CSMS #41241854 - NEW DATE: 02/08/2020 for ITDS sFTP Server Migration</a>
	<a href="#">CSMS #41241987 - CBP 2020 Trade Symposium Registration Now Open</a>
01-10-20	<a href="#">CSMS #41256454 - Technical Issue with MTINs for Drawback Provision Code 57 Resolved</a>
	<a href="#">CSMS #41257565 - Update: Section 321 Seller/Shipper Clarification</a>
01-13-20	<a href="#">CSMS #41281921 - Release of Tuna Entries Entered for 2020 Tuna Opening Consideration</a>
	<a href="#">CSMS #41285137 - Initiation of Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Investigations: Forged Steel Fluid End Blocks from the Federal Republic of Germany, India, Italy and the People's Republic of China</a>
	<a href="#">CSMS #41285855 - GUIDANCE: Changes to AGOA Beneficiary Country Designations for Cameroon, Republic of Niger, the Central African Republic, the Republic of the Gambia, and Guinea-Bissau, Extension of Duty-Free Rates for Certain Agricultural Products from Israel, and Extension of Modified Duty Rates for Certain Originating Goods from Chile</a>

Date	CSMS# and Title
01-14-20	<a href="#">CSMS #41294989 - Harmonized System Update (HSU) 2001 created on January 13, 2020</a>
01-15-20	<a href="#">CSMS #41315796 - The Issue with Decimals in the Quota Query Response Q2 Record will be Resolved 1/16/2020</a>
	<a href="#">CSMS #41317592 - ACE PRODUCTION Deployment, Thursday 01/16/2020 @ 0500ET</a>
01-16-20	<a href="#">CSMS #41320358 - FDA is experiencing entry processing delays</a>
	<a href="#">CSMS #41322622 - RESOLVED FDA is experiencing entry processing delays</a>
01-17-20	<a href="#">CSMS #41331155 - High Rate Tuna does not receive Quota Acceptance Messages by Design</a>
	<a href="#">CSMS #41342466 - UPDATE: Enhancements to ACE Truck Manifest - Phase 1: Updated Deployment Schedule and New Training Video Available</a>
01-21-20	<a href="#">CSMS #41378447 - Updated ACE Cargo Release Condition Codes Now Available on CBP.gov</a>
01-22-20	<a href="#">CSMS #41387102 - Food and Drug Administration (FDA) – New Center for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition (CFSAN) Product Code</a>
01-24-20	<a href="#">CSMS #41416701 - Updated ACE CATAIR CQ IG and Air CAMIR Appendix A now posted on CBP.GOV</a>
01-26-20	<a href="#">CSMS #41434885 - Issues while trying to create a stand alone shipment through the ACE Portal</a>
01-27-20	<a href="#">CSMS #41439728 - FDA ITACS (Import Trade Auxiliary Communications System) Planned Maintenance Tuesday, 01/28/2020 11pm – 3am Wednesday, 01/29/2020</a>
01-29-20	<a href="#">CSMS #41471157 - Craft Beverage Modernization Act (CBMA) – Procedures and Requirements 2020</a>
01-30-20	<a href="#">CSMS #41484846 - Initiation of AD/CVD: Wood Mouldings and Millwork Products from the China and Brazil</a>
01-31-20	<a href="#">CSMS #41505044 - FDA Scheduled System Down Time: Saturday, February 1, 2020 11:00 PM EST to Sunday, February 2, 2020 2:00 AM EST</a>

## Foreign Trade Zones

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

F.R. Date	Document
01-02-20	<a href="#">Foreign-Trade Zone 26—Atlanta, Georgia; Authorization of Production Activity; Patterson Pump Company (Specialty Pumps); Toccoa, Georgia [B-53-2019]</a>
	<a href="#">Foreign-Trade Zone 168—Dallas/Fort Worth, Texas; Authorization of Production Activity; Gulfstream Aerospace Corporation (Disassembly of Aircraft); Dallas, Texas [B52-2019]</a>
01-03-20	<a href="#">Foreign-Trade Zone 31—Granite City, Illinois; Application for Subzone; Walgreen Co.; Mt. Vernon, Illinois [S-266-2019]</a>
01-14-20	<a href="#">Foreign-Trade Zone 44 – Mt. Olive, New Jersey; Application for Subzone; Fisher Footwear, LLC Cranbury, New Jersey [S-002-2020]</a>
	<a href="#">Foreign-Trade Zone 43 – Battle Creek, Michigan; Authorization of Production Activity; DENSO Manufacturing Michigan, Inc. (Automotive HVAC and Engine Cooling Products) Battle Creek, Michigan [B-59-2019]</a>
	<a href="#">Foreign-Trade Zone 281 – Miami, Florida; Authorization of Production Activity; South Florida Lumber Company (Steel Frames) Medley, Florida [B-56-2019]</a>
	<a href="#">Foreign-Trade Zone 84 – Houston, Texas; Notification of Proposed Production Activity; Mitsubishi Caterpillar Forklift America, Inc. (Forklift/Work Trucks and Related Subassemblies/Kits) Houston, Texas [B-01-2020]</a>
01-21-20	<a href="#">Foreign-Trade Zone 145 – Shreveport, Louisiana; Authorization of Production Activity; Benteler Steel/Tube Manufacturing Corp. (Seamless Quality Steel Tubes) Shreveport, Louisiana [B-57-2019]</a>



F.R. Date	Document
01-27-20	<a href="#">Foreign-Trade Zone 104 – Savannah, Georgia: Application for Reorganization (Expansion of Service Area) under Alternative Site Framework</a> [B-02-2020]
01-30-20	<a href="#">Foreign-Trade Zone 151 – Calhoun/Victoria Counties, Texas: Authorization of Production Activity; Caterpillar, Inc. (Tractors and Forestry Machines) Victoria, Texas</a> [B-61-2019]
	<a href="#">Foreign-Trade Zone 90 – Syracuse, New York: Notification of Proposed Production Activity; PPC Broadband, Inc. (Hardline Coaxial Cables) Dewitt, New York</a> [B-03-2020]
	<a href="#">Reorganization of Foreign-Trade Zone 280 (Expansion of Service Area) under Alternative Site Framework; Caldwell, Idaho</a> [Order No. 2092]
01-31-20	<a href="#">Foreign-Trade Zone 141 – Rochester, New York; Authorization of Production Activity; Eastman Kodak Company (One-Time Use Cameras) Rochester, New York</a> [B-62-2019]
	<a href="#">Foreign-Trade Zone 23 – Buffalo, New York; Authorization of Production Activity; Panasonic Solar North America (Crystalline Silicon Photovoltaic Solar Panels/Modules and Cells) Buffalo, New York</a> [B-60—2019]
	<a href="#">Expansion of Foreign-Trade Zone 116 Port Arthur, Texas</a> [Order No. 2091]

## EXPORT CONTROLS AND SANCTIONS

### US Government further restricts air travel to Cuba: DOT limits public charter flights to Cuba

On January 10, 2020, the US Department of Transportation (DOT) issued an [order](#) imposing new restrictions on public charter flights from the United States to Cuba. While certain US restrictions on Cuba, including for travel, were relaxed under President Obama, the Trump Administration has gradually rolled back some of these changes and further tightened US travel restrictions vis-à-vis Cuba.

Specifically, the January 10 DOT order:

- Suspends all public charter flights to all airports in Cuba, except José Martí International Airport (HAV) in Havana effective March 10, 2020; and
- Limits the number of authorized public charter flights between the United States and HAV to 3,600 public charter flight per year (approximately the same number of charter flights accepted in 2019). DOT intends to propose a regulatory framework for carriers to apply for public charter flights to HAV. In the interim, carriers and operators with existing authority can continue their services, but DOT will not accept new or amended applications exceeding the current flight levels.

DOT announced the changes at the request of the US Secretary of State. In a letter to the DOT, the US Secretary of State indicated that the additional restrictions would “strengthen the impact of the Administration’s policy of applying economic pressure on the Cuban regime to respect human rights and fundamental freedoms for all in Cuba and to cease its unconscionable support for the illegitimate and totalitarian regime of former President Maduro in Venezuela.” Please see [here](#) for the US State Department’s press release on the DOT order.

This latest action by the Administration comes a few months after the Administration banned all scheduled US carrier flights to all Cuban cities except Havana. See our blog post on the DOT’s previous order [here](#).

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## New ITAR FAQs on US Persons' provision of defense services abroad

On January 6, 2020, the US Department of State's US Directorate of Defense Trade Controls (DDTC) published a set of Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) (available [here](#)), which provide long-awaited clarifications regarding the registration and authorization requirements of the *International Traffic in Arms Regulations* (ITAR) applicable to the provision of defense services abroad by natural US persons employed by foreign persons. The main points are summarized below:

- The FAQs clarify that no registration with DDTC is required for a natural US person to provide defense services abroad, as long as the US person is physically located outside the United States. However, such a US person would need to obtain authorization from DDTC before any defense services may be provided, regardless of whether the services are to be provided within or outside the United States. This is also the case for a US person employee who provides defense services to or for a foreign entity. In most cases, DDTC will authorize defense services provided by natural US persons to foreign employers via general correspondence and pursuant to ITAR Section 126.9(b). The authorization will be valid for four years unless otherwise set forth within the terms of the authorization issued by DDTC. Although a foreign entity, including a foreign employer of the US person, can help facilitate the submission of the authorization request, the FAQs make it clear that the relevant ITAR compliance obligations are ultimately placed on the natural US person, rather than on the foreign entity to or for which the defense services are to be provided by the natural US person.
- Although the practical application of the guidance in the FAQs could potentially raise non-US, local privacy law concerns, the FAQs explicitly state that foreign regulatory compliance requirements, including the European Union General Data Protection Regulation, "arise independently from the ITAR and do not modify its requirements."
- The FAQs also clarify that to the extent exporters or foreign entities were in good faith following the framework proposed by the 2015 proposed rule regarding US persons' provision of defense services abroad ([80 FR 30001](#), May 26, 2015), which among other things provided an authorization exemption for a US person employee of a foreign person subject to certain conditions, DDTC will "generally view any controlled activity in that light." The 2015 proposed rule on US persons' provision of defense services abroad has never been adopted as a final rule, and thus has no regulatory effect.

Please see the entire text of the FAQs for more details regarding, among other things, specific information required for the authorization request and factors to consider before the authorization request is submitted.

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## DDTC issues ITAR rule affecting technology transfers, encryption and cloud computing

On December 26, 2019, the US State Department's Directorate of Defense Trade Controls (DDTC) published a long-awaited Interim Final Rule (the "Interim Rule") revising a number of definitions in the *International Traffic in Arms Regulations* (ITAR). While DDTC was accepting comments until January 27, unless a new or revised rule is published, the Interim Rule will go into effect on March 25, 2020. These changes will permit companies storing and transmitting ITAR technical data to benefit from cloud computing and email services that utilize global platforms.

In 2015, DDTC and the US Commerce Department's Bureau of Industry and Security (BIS) proposed rules revising a number of definitions of, respectively, the ITAR and the *Export Administration Regulations* (EAR) (our blog post on the proposed rules is available [here](#)). In 2016, BIS published its final rule on these issues (our blog post on the "BIS Final Rule" is available [here](#)), and DDTC published an interim final rule, subsequently replaced by a final rule. Unlike the BIS Final Rule, DDTC's final rule in 2016 did not adopt all of the amendments proposed in 2015, which resulted in certain differences between comparable EAR and ITAR provisions. DDTC's Interim Rule seeks to align the relevant EAR and ITAR provisions, but important differences do remain.

**Most notable features of the Interim Rule are as follows:**

1. End-to-end encrypted technical data has been carved out from "exports, reexports, retransfers, or temporary imports" which means that transmission and storage of properly encrypted technical data:
  - would not require authorization from DDTC, and
  - would be allowed in most foreign countries (except those specifically excluded by the Interim Rule) so long as the technical data remains continuously encrypted while outside of the United States or until decrypted by an authorized intended recipient.
2. The "end-to-end encryption" criteria have been defined to align with the EAR.
3. The ITAR definitions of "export" and "release" have been updated, and the definition of "access information" has been added, to clarify that the use of decryption keys, network access codes, and passwords that results in the "release" of (including the ability to access) previously encrypted technical data in unencrypted form to a foreign person or outside the United States, constitutes an "export."

While the Interim Rule and the guidance provided by DDTC in the supplemental information thereto clarify a number of definitions, companies should still use a high degree of care in transferring and storing ITAR-controlled technical data to remain in compliance and note that there remain certain differences between the EAR and the ITAR treatment of the same activities. Below we provide more detail on the developments summarized above.

#### **Carve-out of end-to-end encrypted technical data from exports, reexports, retransfers and temporary imports (new 22 CFR § 120.54(a)(5))**

Sending, taking, or storing ITAR-controlled technical data does not constitute an export (22 CFR § 120.54(a)) as long as such data is:

- Unclassified;
- Secured using "end-to-end" encryption;
- Secured using cryptographic modules (hardware or software) compliant with Federal Information Processing Standards Publication 140-2 (FIPS 140-2) or its successors, supplemented by software implementation, cryptographic key management and other procedures and controls that are in accordance with guidance provided in current US National Institute for Standards and Technology (NIST) publications, or by other cryptographic means that provide security strength that is at least comparable to the minimum 128 bits of security strength achieved by the Advanced Encryption Standard (AES-128);
- Not intentionally sent to a person in or stored in a country proscribed in 22 CFR § 126.1, *i.e.*, countries subject to US arms embargoes or the Russian Federation (the "Excluded Countries"); and
- Not sent from any Excluded Country.

***Divergence from the EAR.*** While the new section is virtually identical to its counterpart in the EAR (15 CFR § 734.18), two important distinctions to note are as follows:

- The description of “end-to-end encryption” in the Interim Rule provides for less flexibility than that in the EAR with respect to the type of encryption used (the Interim Rule contemplates that companies may use NIST-certified FIPS 140-2 compliance modules or other cryptographic means *that meet or exceed a 128-bit security strength*, while the EAR does not set out minimum security strength for “other equally or more effective cryptographic means”); and
- Intentional *sending* of encrypted technical data to persons in the Excluded Countries as well as *storage* of such data in such countries would constitute “export” of such data under the Interim Rule, in contrast to the EAR provision that only refers to storage in the Excluded Countries.

#### “End-to-end encryption” definition (new section 22 CFR § 120.54(b))

In order to qualify for the carve-out described above, the encryption must meet certain standards as follows:

- Cryptographic protection must be applied prior to the data being sent outside of the originator’s security boundary and remain encrypted until it arrives within the security boundary of the intended recipient (whether by means of encrypting on sender’s computer in case of individuals or by encrypting the data before it leaves the secure network, in case of entities),
- The means of decryption must not be provided to any third party, and
- The data must not have the cryptographic protection removed at any point in transit.

#### Definitions of “Export,” “Release,” and “Access Information” (new 22 CFR § 120.50(b), 22 CFR § 120.50(a)(3) and (4), and 22 CFR § 120.55)

- The definitions of “export” and “release” were updated to clarify that, in addition to currently contemplated visual or other inspections and oral or written exchanges of technical data, the release of previously encrypted technical data by using access information that allows access to unencrypted technical data by foreign persons or in a foreign country (including by US persons abroad) constitutes an export.
- “Access information” is a new definition capturing the information that allows access to encrypted technical data in an unencrypted form, such as decryption keys, network access codes, and passwords.

***Divergence with the EAR.*** Under the EAR, an authorization is required to transfer access information if done with “knowledge” that such transfer would result in the release of technology or software without an authorization (15 CFR § 734.19). In contrast, DDTC’s Interim Rule does not contain a knowledge requirement and points out that an existing authorization for release of ITAR-controlled technical data to a foreign person must be in place prior to provision of access to such person or outside the United States. In other words, the release of previously encrypted technical data in unencrypted form through the provision of access information requires an authorization to the same extent as the export of the technical data unsecured by encryption.

Other “activities that are not exports, reexports, retransfers, or temporary imports” under the ITAR

Similar to the EAR, the Interim Rule lists four other activities that are not considered exports or other “controlled events” that would otherwise require a license or approval. These four activities are:

- Launching a spacecraft, launch vehicle, payload or other item into space.
- Transmitting or otherwise transferring technical data to a US person in the United States from a person in the United States.
- Shipping, moving, or transferring defense articles between or among the United States (as defined in the ITAR).
- Transmitting or otherwise transferring within the same foreign country technical data between or among only US persons, so long as the transmission or transfer does not result in a release to a foreign person or transfer to a person prohibited from receiving the technical data.

The first three activities are already treated by the ITAR as activities that are not exports, reexports or retransfers (e.g., launching a spacecraft is already excluded from the definition of an export in 22 CFR § 120.17(a)(6)), and the Interim Rule simply consolidates the relevant provisions and clarifies the language. However, the fourth activity is a clear change to the current treatment of “retransfer” by the ITAR (22 CFR § 120.51).

*Further practical guidance.* Supplemental information in the Interim Rule provides that:

- While intentional storage in the Excluded Countries constitutes a controlled event, *transient* storage (as opposed to long-term storage) that is incidental to sending information via the Internet does not. It is the responsibility of the exporters to ensure, prior to transfer, that the intended recipient or remote storage provider does not store their information in the Excluded Countries.
- Obtaining contractual assurances that the data would not be stored in the Excluded Countries would not provide a safe harbor for the cloud customers. While it can be difficult to control the actions of the third parties, State Department intends to review potential violations on a case-by-case basis, subject to the totality of the facts and circumstances comprising the issue.
- The carve-out for encrypted technology is not limited to electronic transmissions and covers shipment of technical data in a physical medium so long as all of the conditions are met.
- DDTC considers “tokenization” to be a process different from “encryption,” and thus the Interim Rule does not carve out technical data that has been tokenized from the definition of “exports, reexports, retransfers, and temporary imports” under the ITAR.

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## OFAC releases FAQ regarding wind-down period for new sanctionable Iran-related transactions

On January 16, 2020, the US Treasury Department’s Office of Foreign Assets Control (OFAC) released a new [frequently asked question](#) (FAQ) regarding Iran-related sanctions. This FAQ comes on the heels of the US Government’s recent issuance of [Executive Order 13902](#) (EO 13902) on January 10, 2020, which expanded secondary sanctions to target the Iranian construction, mining, manufacturing, and textile sectors and those parties engaged in “significant transactions” or providing “material support” to any parties designated pursuant to the order (“Sanctionable Transactions”). Our blog post regarding EO 13902 is available

here. Secondary sanctions can be imposed on non-US parties operating wholly outside US jurisdiction, and thus are of relevance primarily to non-US parties engaged in Iranian transactions.

[FAQ 816](#) explains that non-US parties engaged in any of the Sanctionable Transactions outlined above that could be targeted pursuant to EO 13902 have 90 days from the issuance of EO 13902 to wind down such activity. This wind-down period for EO 13902 ends on April 9, 2020 (“Wind-Down Period”). The Wind-Down Period is intended to allow non-US parties to wrap up any existing Iran-related transactions that may be targeted by these new US sanctions. Any new transactions engaged in during the Wind-Down Period could be viewed as sanctionable by OFAC.

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## US Government imposes additional sanctions on Iran targeting specially designated nationals and expanding secondary sanctions over new industry sectors

The United States has imposed additional sanctions on Iran in the wake of Iran’s missile strike on military bases in Iraq. On January 10, 2020, the US Treasury Department’s Office of Foreign Assets Control (OFAC) announced that it had added 8 senior Iranian government officials and 17 Iranian metals producers and mining companies to the Specially Designated Nationals and Blocked Persons List (“SDN List”). Concurrently, President Trump issued a new Executive Order, [“Executive Order 13902 Imposing Sanctions with Respect to Additional Sectors of Iran”](#) (the “Order”), authorizing the imposition of secondary sanctions on certain transactions involving the construction, mining, manufacturing, and textiles sectors of the Iranian economy.

The 8 senior Iranian government officials were targeted for their involvement and complicity in Iran’s ballistic missile strikes on US bases in Iraq on January 7, 2019 and include the Secretary of Iran’s Supreme National Security Council, the Deputy Chief of Staff of the Iranian armed forces, and the head of the Basij militia of the Islamic Revolutionary Guards Corps. In addition, in an effort to constrain Iranian sources of revenue used to fund and support its nuclear program, missile development, and terrorism activities, OFAC has designated as SDNs Iran’s largest steel, aluminum, copper, and iron manufacturers and 17 Iranian metals producers and mining companies. A network of China- and Seychelles-based entities and a vessel involved in the Iranian metals trade were also designated in the same action. A list of the newly designated parties can be reviewed [here](#).

The Order authorizes sanctions on, among others, persons (i) operating in the construction, mining, manufacturing, and textiles sectors of the Iranian economy; (ii) who have knowingly engaged in a “significant transaction” for the sale, supply, or transfer to or from Iran of significant goods or services used in connection with those sectors; and persons (iii) who materially assist, sponsor, or provide financial, material, or technological support for, or goods or services to or in support of, any person designated under the Order. The Order also authorizes correspondent or payable-through account sanctions on foreign financial institutions which “knowingly conducted or facilitated any significant financial transaction” involving the activities targeted by the Order.



The secondary sanctions authorized by the Order may be imposed on any non-US person engaging in the targeted activities in connection with the Iranian construction, mining, manufacturing, and textiles sectors. The targeting of the “manufacturing sector” as an apparent standalone sector is notable as it has the potential to target a wide range of non-US company and financial institution dealings with Iran. The Order does not define the scope of the “manufacturing” sector for the purposes of these sanctions, although further guidance may help to clarify this. The Order provides a key exception to these new secondary sanctions for persons conducting or facilitating transactions for the provision (including sale) of agricultural commodities, food, medicine, or medical devices to Iran.

Please see our prior blog posts on the recent sanctions imposed on the Iranian construction sector and metals industry [here](#), and on the iron, steel, aluminum, and copper sectors of Iran [here](#).

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## Treasury issues final regulations implementing FIRRMA

On January 17, 2020, the US Department of Treasury (Treasury) issued two anticipated final rules (the “Final Rules”) that replace the existing regulations governing the Committee on Foreign Investment in the United States (“CFIUS”). The Final Rules implement the *Foreign Investment Risk Review Modernization Act* (“FIRRMA”) enacted in August 2018, which expanded the United States’ foreign investment review regime. FIRRMA mandated pre-closing notification of certain foreign investments and expanded the scope of transactions subject to CFIUS’ jurisdiction. The Final Rules largely follow the proposed rules released on September 17, 2019. Our analysis of the proposed rules is available [here](#). Our earlier analyses of FIRRMA and the “critical technologies” pilot program implementing certain FIRRMA provisions on an interim basis are available [here](#) and [here](#).

The Final Rules will become effective on February 13, 2020. The full text of the Final Rule on investments by foreign persons in US businesses can be found [here](#) and the Final Rule on real estate transactions can be found [here](#).

### Highlights

#### Mandatory Notification of Foreign Government-Affiliated Investments

The Final Rules require a pre-closing declaration (or notice) to CFIUS of a proposed acquisition by a foreign government-affiliated investor of 25 percent or more direct or indirect voting interest in a US business handling critical technology, critical infrastructure, or sensitive personal data (a “TID US Business”).

This provision covers only the investors in which a single foreign government holds 49 percent or more direct or indirect voting interest. CFIUS will aggregate the voting interest of all agencies, departments, or other entities of the foreign government to determine its total voting interest. This provision covers entities with a general partner, managing member or equivalent only if the foreign government holds 49 percent or more voting interest in such general partner, managing member or equivalent. In other words, interest held by a foreign government as a limited partner should not count toward the 49 percent.

#### Mandatory Notification of Investments in Critical Technology Businesses

The “critical technology” mandatory declaration (or notice) requirements implemented under a pilot program interim rule issued October 10, 2018 have survived in the Final Rules with a few notable modifications. For the moment, foreign investments in US businesses that produce, design, test, manufacture, fabricate, or develop items controlled under certain US regulatory regimes require prior notification to CFIUS if the US business uses or designs those items for certain designated industries. Treasury indicates that it will conduct a further rule making regarding the scope of this declaration requirement. See below.

The Final Rules carve out certain encryption items from the list of critical technologies that trigger the notification requirement. Investments in US businesses whose only critical technologies are items eligible for License Exception ENC under the Export Administration Regulations, which applies to certain commodities, software, and technology with encryption functionalities, would not trigger the mandatory filing. This change will significantly limit the scope of mandatory declarations.

### **Expanded Jurisdiction over Investments in TID US Businesses**

The Final Rules expand CFIUS’ jurisdiction to review non-controlling foreign investments in TID US Businesses where the foreign person acquires (1) board representation or observer rights, (2) access to nonpublic technical information, or (3) rights to be involved in substantive decision-making regarding the relevant critical infrastructure, critical technology, or sensitive personal data. The Final Rules implement the definition of “critical technology” and virtually the same list of “critical infrastructure” and related functions published in the proposed rules.

The Final Rules amend the definition of “sensitive personal data.” In particular, the Final Rules limit the genetic information that qualifies as sensitive personal data to identifiable results of an individual’s genetic tests and excludes data derived from US government databases commonly used in research.

### **Initial “Excepted Foreign States” Designated: Australia, Canada, and the United Kingdom**

The Final Rules designate Australia, Canada, and the United Kingdom as “excepted foreign states” to which CFIUS’ expanded jurisdiction to review non-controlling investments in TID US Businesses and real estate-only transactions does not apply. These three countries will be deemed excepted foreign states beginning February 13, 2020, for a period of two years. After February 13, 2022, for each country to remain an excepted foreign state, CFIUS will need to determine that the country’s foreign investment review process is sufficiently robust and otherwise coordinates with CFIUS on national security reviews of transactions. The Treasury Department indicated that it may consider adding other foreign states to the “white list” in the future.

### **Excepted Investors**

Investors associated with “excepted foreign states” are excused from CFIUS’ expanded jurisdiction as indicated above. Importantly, such investors are exempt from the mandatory filing requirements set out in the Final Rules.

To qualify for the exemption, an excepted investor and each of its parent entities must:

- be organized under the laws of an excepted foreign state or the United States;
- have its principal place of business in an excepted foreign state or in the United States;
- require that 75 percent or more of its board members or observers be US nationals or nationals of an excepted foreign state (and not any other state) (down from 100 percent of the board/observers as contemplated by the proposed rules);
- require that any foreign person who, individually or as part of a group of foreign persons, holds more than 10 percent of its voting interests, be a national of an excepted foreign state or the United States (and not any other state) (up from 5 percent contemplated by the proposed rules); and
- ensure that at least 80 percent of its voting interest is held, individually or in the aggregate, by nationals of an excepted foreign state or the United States (and not any other state) (down from 90 percent contemplated by the proposed rules).

### Investment Funds Exemption Preserved

The Final Rules preserve the proposed rules' criteria for exemption from CFIUS' expanded jurisdiction for passive foreign investments in TID US Businesses through US-managed investment funds. The Final Rules also offered a definition of "principal place of business" for the first time. Current CFIUS regulations do not define principal place of business, which created some ambiguity for investment funds incorporated outside of the United States but managed from the United States.

The Final Rules propose to define principal place of business as "the primary location where an entity's management directs, controls, or coordinates the entity's activities, or, in the case of an investment fund, where the fund's activities and investments are primarily directed, controlled, or coordinated by or on behalf of the general partner, managing member, or equivalent." If an entity has represented in an official government filing that its principal place of business is outside of the United States, such location will be deemed the principal place of business of the entity for CFIUS purposes unless it can demonstrate that such location has subsequently changed. Investment funds may need to review the representations regarding principal place of business that they have previously made in filings with any government. The proposed definition is subject to a 30-day comment period.

### Real Estate

The Final Rules extend CFIUS' jurisdiction to review certain real estate transactions even where there is no "US business" involved. The purchase or lease by, or concession to, a foreign person of real estate in specific airports or maritime ports, and real estate near certain military facilities, is subject to CFIUS jurisdiction for the first time. This does not mean there is a mandatory declaration requirement; it means only that CFIUS has authority to review the transactions. The Final Rules regarding real estate transactions are substantially similar to the proposed rule.

### "US Business" Definition

The Final Rules implement FIRRMA's definition of "US business" as a "person engaged in interstate commerce in the United States," without the second part of the definition in the current regulations, "but only to the extent of its activities in

interstate commerce in the United States.” The revised definition generated concern that CFIUS might expand its jurisdiction to business operations outside of the United States. In the preamble to the Final Rules, Treasury stated that the revised definition is “not intended to suggest that the extent of a business’s activities in interstate commerce in the United States is irrelevant to the Committee’s analysis of national security risk.” The comment from Treasury does not seem to address the concern regarding global jurisdiction creep.

### Future Actions

**Filing Fees:** The Final Rules do not include provisions imposing filing fees. Under FIRRMA, CFIUS is authorized to impose filing fees up to the lesser of one percent of the transaction value or \$300,000 (adjusted annually for inflation) for notices (not declarations). Treasury will publish a separate proposed rule regarding fees at a later date.

**Change to Mandatory “Critical Technologies” Notification:** As noted, Treasury indicated in the preamble that it intends to revise the mandatory declaration trigger that hinges on using or designing “critical technologies” for certain listed industries, to one that hinges on “critical technologies” that are subject to certain export control licensing requirements. Treasury would issue a proposed rule prior to implementing such revision.

**Potential Waivers:** Treasury indicated that it is assessing the potential for a waiver program to exempt certain individual foreign investors from mandatory declaration requirements. For frequent foreign investors in the United States, a waiver procedure (a possibility contemplated by FIRRMA) may ultimately prove a more useful vehicle than the excepted investor provisions in mitigating CFIUS’ regulatory burdens.

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### Control of firearms, guns and munitions revised by BIS and State

On January 23, 2020, the Bureau of Industry and Security (BIS) published in the *Federal Register* a [final rule](#) [Docket No. 191107-0079] that responds to and adopts changes to a proposed rule (83 Fed. Reg. 24166, May 24, 2018) in conjunction with a Department of State proposed rule to revise Categories I (firearms, close assault weapons and combat shotguns), II (guns and armaments), and III (ammunition/ordnance) of the US Munitions List (USML) and transfer items that no longer warrant control on the USML to the Commerce Control List (CCL), based on the comments received on the Commerce proposed rule and is being published simultaneously with a final rule by State that will revise Categories I, II, and III of the USML to describe more precisely the articles warranting continued control on that list. These revisions complete the initial review of the USML that State began in 2011 and the conforming changes made to the *Export Administration Regulations* (EAR) to control these items not warranting control under the *International Traffic in Arms Regulations* (ITAR).

The final rule does not deregulate the transferred items. BIS will require authorization to export or reexport to any country a firearm or other weapon that is being moved from the USML to the CCL by the final rule, including releases of related technology and software to foreign persons in the United States. Items that are

currently controlled in Category II of the USML will be controlled on the CCL under four new “600 series” ECCNs. Items currently controlled in Categories I and III of the USML will be controlled in new ECCNs in which the third character is a “5.” These items are not appropriate for 600 series control because, for the most part, they have civil, recreational, law enforcement, or other nonmilitary applications.

Also, on January 23, 2020, the Department of State published in the *Federal Register* a [final rule](#) [Public Notice: 10603] that amends the ITAR to revise Categories I-firearms, close assault weapons and combat shotguns, II- guns and armament, and III- ammunition/ordnance of the USML to describe more precisely the articles that provide a critical military or intelligence advantage or, in the case of weapons, perform an inherently military function and thus warrant export and temporary import control on the USML. These revisions complete the initial review of the USML that State began in 2011. Items not subject to the ITAR or to the exclusive licensing jurisdiction of any other set of regulations are subject to the *Export Administration Regulations*.

Both final rules are effective March 9, 2020.

## DOJ revises and re-issues export control and sanctions enforcement policy for business organizations

On December 13, 2019, the US Department of Justice’s (DOJ) National Security Division (NSD) released a [revised policy](#) regarding voluntary self-disclosures of willful export control and sanctions violations (the “Policy”). The Policy reiterates DOJ’s commitment to pursue willful violations of export control and sanctions violations, and supersedes the DOJ’s “Guidance Regarding Voluntary Self-Disclosures, Cooperation, and Remediation in Export Control and Sanctions Investigations Involving Business Organizations,” dated October 2, 2016 (“2016 Guidance”).

The Policy clarifies the requirements for companies seeking to receive credit for voluntary self-disclosures (“VSD”) of willful export control or sanctions violations, and sets forth the potential benefit to companies who meet the requirements set forth in the Policy.

Under the Policy, companies that: (i) voluntarily self-disclose willful export control or sanctions violations to NSD’s Counterintelligence and Export Control Section (CES), (ii) fully cooperate with CES in its investigation of the conduct, and (iii) timely and appropriately remediate the conduct and circumstances that led to the violations, will benefit from a presumption of non-prosecution and only be required to disgorge ill-gotten gains, provided that no aggravating factors exist in relation to the conduct. The standards that a company must meet in order to obtain the benefit are set out in the Policy and are discussed in more detail below.

### Criteria for Voluntary Self-Disclosure, Full Cooperation and Timely and Appropriate Remediation

#### *Voluntary Self-Disclosure*

- To be considered voluntary, the Policy requires that a company disclose to CES all relevant facts known to the company at the time of the disclosure, including those about individuals substantially involved, prior to an imminent threat of disclosure or government investigation, and within a “reasonably prompt time” after becoming aware of the offense.

- The standard for a voluntary self-disclosure under the Policy is not a meaningful departure from the standard set out in the 2016 Guidance. However, the Policy makes clear in terms that were not included in the 2016 Guidance that when a company chooses to report potentially willful conduct to only a regulatory agency such as OFAC or BIS and not the DOJ, the company will **not** qualify for the benefits of a VSD under the Policy in any subsequent DOJ investigation. The clear language in the Policy with respect to the timing of the disclosure serves as a stark reminder to companies that they must give careful consideration as to whether the conduct at issue was willful when engaging in the complex analysis that goes into a voluntary disclosure decision.

#### *Full Cooperation*

- The Policy states that a company seeking to receive credit for full cooperation with CES must follow the [Principles of Federal Prosecution of Business Organizations](#) and sets out five additional actions that will be required of the company. The five additional requirements include: (i) disclosure on a timely basis of all facts relevant to the potential violations, (ii) proactive (rather than reactive) cooperation with CES, (iii) timely preservation and disclosure of relevant documents (including documents located overseas), (iv) de-confliction of witness interviews and other internal investigation steps with CES, and (v) making relevant personnel available for interviews.
- With respect to the timely disclosure of relevant documents, the Policy states that when a company claims that disclosure of overseas documents is prohibited due to data privacy, blocking statutes, or other reasons related to non-US law, the company bears the burden of establishing the prohibition. As a practical matter, this means that the DOJ will expect the company to take all measures necessary to produce as much information as it can consistent with the foreign legal prohibitions of which the company claims to be bound. This could mean costly exercises to redact portions of documents that contain information that may not be produced to the DOJ on account of the law of the jurisdiction where the documents are located.
- The Policy makes clear that eligibility for cooperation is not contingent on a waiver of the attorney-client privilege or work product protection. In regards to de-confliction, the Policy notes that the DOJ will not take any steps to affirmatively direct a company's internal investigation, although it may request that a company refrain from taking a certain action for a limited period of time.

#### *Timely and appropriate remediation*

- The Policy sets out five components of appropriate remediation required for the award of full credit under the Policy. These include: (i) thorough analysis of root causes of the underlying violations; (ii) implementation of an effective compliance program; (iii) appropriate discipline of employees; (iv) appropriate retention of business records; and (v) other steps that "demonstrate recognition of the seriousness of the company's misconduct."
- The Policy sets forth criteria for an "effective compliance program" that are largely consistent with the criteria described in OFAC's recent guidance on sanctions compliance programs, titled "[A Framework for OFAC Compliance Commitments](#)." A more detailed analysis of the OFAC guidance can be found at our blog post [here](#).
- The Policy also clarifies that not only is DOJ focused on the expertise and qualifications of the compliance function, but also its independence.

#### **Aggravating Factors Could Limit the Application of the Policy**

The presumption established under the Policy that the DOJ will enter into a non-prosecution agreement with a company that meets the specific criteria set out in the Policy is not applicable where aggravating circumstances exist in relation to



the conduct. The non-exhaustive list of aggravating circumstances that may frustrate the application of the Policy remains largely unchanged from the 2016 Guidance, and includes circumstances such as conduct that includes exports of items known to be used in the construction of weapons of mass destruction, exports of military items to a hostile foreign power, and knowing involvement of upper management in the criminal conduct.

If aggravating circumstances exist for a company that has voluntarily self-disclosed the violations such that a resolution other than a non-prosecution agreement is warranted – i.e., a deferred prosecution agreement or guilty plea – the DOJ will recommend that the company be assessed a significantly reduced fine and will not require the appointment of a monitor. This assumes that the company has otherwise met the Policy standards for voluntary self-disclosure, full cooperation, and timely remediation.

### Comparison with the Foreign Corrupt Practices Act (FCPA) Corporate Enforcement Policy

The standards set out in the Policy are largely identical to the requirements for voluntary self-disclosure, full cooperation and timely and appropriate remediation in the [2017 FCPA Corporate Enforcement Policy](#) (and its predecessor the FCPA Pilot Program).

One important area where the policies diverge is in the scope of benefit afforded to companies who meet the criteria set out in the policies. Under the FCPA Corporate Enforcement Policy, when a company has voluntarily self-disclosed misconduct, fully cooperated, and timely and appropriately remediated in accordance with the standards in the policy, there will be a presumption that the company will receive a declination absent aggravating circumstances. Although under the terms of the FCPA Corporate Enforcement Policy a declination under the policy is made public, the company is not required to admit misconduct. Under a non-prosecution agreement, the benefit afforded under the Policy, the company is generally required to admit the misconduct as described in the non-prosecution agreement. Such an admission by the company could have collateral consequences, including potentially exposing the company to civil litigation from various stakeholders.

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The Policy provides additional clarity for companies faced with the critical decision of whether to voluntarily disclose sanctions or export control violations to the DOJ. Although the Policy provides a helpful set of guideposts for companies to consider, the determination of whether the company has met the standards of cooperation and timely and appropriate remediation is subjective and a company's decision to attempt to avail itself of the significant benefit of non-prosecution that may be afforded under the Policy is not without risk.

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### BIS amends EAR to add certain software for geospatial analysis

On January 6, 2020, the Bureau of Industry and Security (BIS) published in the *Federal Register* an [interim final rule](#) (with request for comments) [Docket No. 191217-0116] that amends the *Export Administration Regulations* (EAR) to make

certain items subject to the EAR and to impose a license requirement for the export and reexport of those items to all destinations, except Canada. Specifically, this rule classifies software specially designed to automate the analysis of geospatial imagery, as specified, under the Export Control Classification Number (ECCN) 0Y521 series, specifically under ECCN 0D521. BIS adds this item to the 0Y521 series of ECCNs upon a determination by the Department of Commerce, with the concurrence of the Departments of Defense and State, and other agencies as appropriate, that the items warrant control for export because the items may provide a significant military or intelligence advantage to the United States or because foreign policy reasons justify control, pursuant to the ECCN 0Y521 series procedures. The rule is effective on publication. Comments must be received by March 6, 2020.

## 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
01-10-20	STATE: <a href="#">In the Matter of the Designation of the Asa'ib Ahl al-Haq (and other aliases) as a Foreign Terrorist Organization</a> [Public Notice:10996] (N)
	STATE: <a href="#">Designation of Asa'ib Ahl al-Haq as a Specially Designated Global Terrorist</a> [Public Notice:10995] (N)
	STATE: <a href="#">Designation of Laith al-Khazali as a Specially Designated Global Terrorist</a> [Public Notice:10993] (N)
	STATE: <a href="#">Designation of Qays al-Khazali as a Specially Designated Global Terrorist</a> [Public Notice:10994] (N)
01-16-20	OFAC: <a href="#">Notice of OFAC Sanctions Actions</a> (N) [7 individuals]
	OFAC: <a href="#">Notice of OFAC Sanctions Actions</a> (N) [8 individuals, 21 entities, 1 vessel]
	STATE: BUREAU OF POLITICAL-MILITARY AFFAIRS; <a href="#">Rescission of Statutory Debarment of Jami Siraj Choudhury, David Michael Janowski II, Netria Corporation, Jonathan Robert Reynolds, and State Metal Industries, Inc. Under the International Traffic in Arms Regulations</a> [Public Notice: 11002]
01-21-20	OFAC: <a href="#">Notice of OFAC Sanctions Actions</a> (N) [2 entities]
	OFAC: <a href="#">Notice of OFAC Sanctions Actions</a> (N) [1 individual]
	STATE: <a href="#">Designation of Iranian Entity Pursuant to Executive Order 13382</a> [Public Notice 10967] (N)
01-28-20	OFAC: <a href="#">Notice of OFAC Sanctions Actions</a> (N) [15 aircraft]
01-31-20	OFAC: <a href="#">Notice of OFAC Sanctions Actions</a> (N) [2 individuals]

## OTHER COVERAGE

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

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

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

F.R. Date	Subject
01-03-20	COMMERCE: <a href="#">Civil Monetary Penalty Adjustments for Inflation</a> [Docket No. 191216-0114] (FR)

F.R. Date	Subject
01-08-20	BIS: <a href="#">Proposed Information Collection; Comment Request; Voluntary Self-Disclosure of Antiboycott Violations</a> [OMB Control No.: 0694-0132] (N)
	BIS: <a href="#">Proposed Information Collection; Comment Request; Voluntary Self-Disclosure of Violations of the Export Administration Regulations</a> [OMB Control No.: 0694-0058] (N)
01-14-20	ITA: <a href="#">Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency Advisory Committee (N/H) Notice of an Open Meeting</a> (N) [Feb. 6, 2020]
	STATE: <a href="#">Department of State 2020 Civil Monetary Penalties Inflationary Adjustment</a> [Public Notice: 10992] (FR)
01-15-20	DHS: CYBERSECURITY AND INFRASTRUCTURE SECURITY AGENCY: <a href="#">Notice of President's National Security Telecommunications Advisory Committee Meeting</a> [Docket No. CISA-2019-0016] (N/H) [February 20, 2020; Registration required by 02-18-20]
01-16-20	BIS: <a href="#">Information Systems Technical Advisory Committee; Notice of Partially Closed Meeting</a> [Jan. 28, 2020]
01-17-20	TREASURY- OFFICE OF INVESTMENT SECURITY: <a href="#">Provisions Pertaining to Certain Investments in the United States by Foreign Persons</a> (FR/IFR/RFC)
	TREASURY- OFFICE OF INVESTMENT SECURITY: <a href="#">Provisions Pertaining to Certain Transactions by Foreign Persons Involving Real Estate in the United States</a> (FR/IFR/RFC)
	BIS: <a href="#">Sensors and Instrumentation Technical Advisory Committee; Notice of Partially Closed Meeting</a> (N/H) [February 4, 2020]
	ITA: <a href="#">US Department of Commerce Trade Finance Advisory Council; Notice of an Open Meeting</a> (N/H) [January 29, 2020]
01-21-20	ITA: <a href="#">Environmental Technologies Trade Advisory Committee (ETTAC) Public Meeting</a> (N/H) [February 11, 2020]
	STATE: <a href="#">Raw or Semi-Finished Metals Covered Under IFCA 1245(d)</a> [Public Notice 11005] (N)
01-27-20	FINCEN: <a href="#">Agency Information Collection Activities; Proposed Renewal; Comment Request; Renewal Without Change of the Registration of Money Services Businesses Regulation and FinCEN Form 107</a> [OMB Control No. 1506-0013] (N) [FinCEN Form 107]
01-29-20	FINCEN: <a href="#">Renewal without Change of Information Collection Requirements in connection with the Imposition of a Special Measure Concerning the Islamic Republic of Iran as a Jurisdiction of Primary Money Laundering Concern</a> [Docket No. FINCEN-2020-0001; OMB Control No. 1506-0074]
	BIS: <a href="#">Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request- Licensing Responsibilities and Enforcement</a> [OMB Control No. 0694-0122]
01-31-20	ITA: <a href="#">Meeting of the Civil Nuclear Trade Advisory Committee</a> (N/H) [2-20-20]

## 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
01-14-20	FTC: <a href="#">Adjustments to Civil Penalty Amounts</a> (FR)
01-28-20	CPSC: <a href="#">Supplemental Notice of Proposed Rulemaking to Establish a Safety Standard for Infant Sleep Products; Notice of Extension of Comment Period</a> [CPSC Docket No. 2017-0020] (PR/E)
01-31-20	CPSC: <a href="#">Review of the Safety Standards for Full-Size Baby Cribs and Non-Full-Size Baby Cribs</a> [Docket No. CPSC-2010-0075] (Sec. 610 review/RFC)

## ATF and TTB announcements and Federal Register documents

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

Date	Subject
01-02-20	ATF: <a href="#">Commerce in Explosives: 2019 Annual List of Explosive Materials</a> [Docket No. 2019R-04] (N)

## FDA Federal Register documents

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

F.R. Date	Subject
01-07-20	<a href="#">Enforcement Priorities for Electronic Nicotine Delivery Systems and Other Deemed Products on the Market Without Premarket Authorization: Guidance for Industry; Availability</a> [Docket No. FDA-2019-D-0661] (N)
01-08-20	<a href="#">Drug Products Labeled as Homeopathic; Draft Guidance for Food and Drug Administration Staff and Industry; Extension of Comment Period</a> [Docket No. FDA-2017-D-6580] (N/E)
01-31-20	<a href="#">Food Additive Regulations; Synthetic Flavoring Agents and Adjuvants; Confirmation of Effective Date</a> [Docket No. FDA-2015-F-4317] (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; CCC= Commodity Credit Corp.; FSIS=Food Safety Inspection Service]:

F.R. Date	Subject
01-06-20	AMS: <a href="#">Regulations and Procedures Under the Plant Variety Protection Act</a> [Document No. AMS-ST-19-0004] (FR)
01-08-20	AMS: <a href="#">Beef Promotion and Research Rules and Regulations</a> [No. AMS-LP-19-0054] (FR) [updating HTS codes in 7 C.F.R. §1260.172]
01-09-20	CCC: <a href="#">Foreign Market Development Program</a> (FR)
01-09-20	US CODEX OFFICE: <a href="#">Codex Committee Meeting of the Codex Committee on Food Additives</a> (N/H)
01-13-20	CCC: <a href="#">Market Access Program</a> (FR)
01-16-20	US CODEX OFFICE: <a href="#">Codex Committee Meeting of the Codex Committee on General Principles</a> (N/H) [02-21-20] APHIS: <a href="#">User Fees for Agricultural Quarantine and Inspection Services</a> [Docket No. APHIS-2013-0021] (FR)
01-24-20	AMS: <a href="#">Beef Promotion and Research Rules and Regulations; Correction</a> [No. AMS-LP-19-0054] (FR/C) [HTS codes and assessments in Table 2 to ¶(b)(2)] APHIS: <a href="#">Approval of Laboratories To Conduct Official Testing; Consolidation of Regulations</a> [Docket No. APHIS-2016-0054] (FR)
01-27-20	AMS: <a href="#">Revisions to the Federal Seed Act Regulations</a> [Doc. No. AMS-ST-19-0039] (PR)
01-28-20	AMS: <a href="#">Revision of Three U.S. Grade Standards for Carrots</a> [Document No. AMS-SC-19-0036, SC-19-330] (N)

F.R. Date	Subject
01-30-20	AMS: <a href="#">Fees for Rice Inspection Services and Removal of Specific Fee References</a> [Doc. No. AMS-FGIS-18-0088] (FR)
01-31-20	APHIS: <a href="#">Import Requirements for the Importation of Unshu Oranges From Japan Into the United States</a> [Docket No. APHIS-2019-0054] (N)
	APHIS: <a href="#">Addition of the Philippines to the List of Regions Affected with African Swine Fever</a> [Docket No. APHIS-2019-0067] (N)

## DoD, NASA, GSA publish trade agreements thresholds

On January 15, 2020, the Department of Defense (DoD), General Services Administration (GSA), and National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA), published in the *Federal Register* a final rule [FAC 2020-04; FAR Case 2019-012; Docket No. FAR-2019-0012; Sequence No. 1] amending the *Federal Acquisition Regulation* (FAR) to incorporate revised thresholds for application of the WTO Government Procurement Agreement and the Free Trade Agreements, as determined by the United States Trade Representative. USTR has specified the following new thresholds which became effective on January 1, 2020. These thresholds will apply for approximately two years.

Trade Agreement	Supply Contract (equal to or exceeding)	Service Contract (equal to or exceeding)	Construction Contract (equal to or exceeding)
WTO GPA	\$182,000	\$182,000	\$7,008,000
FTAs			
Australia FTA	\$83,099	\$83,099	\$7,008,000
Bahrain FTA	\$182,000	\$182,000	\$10,802,884
CAFTA-DR (Costa Rica, Dominican Republic, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, and Nicaragua)	\$83,099	\$83,099	\$7,008,000
Chile FTA	\$83,099	\$83,099	\$7,008,000
Colombia FTA	\$83,099	\$83,099	\$7,008,000
Korea FTA	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$7,008,000
Morocco FTA	\$182,000	\$182,000	\$7,008,000
NAFTA			
—Canada	\$25,000	\$83,099	\$10,802,884
—Mexico	\$83,099	\$83,099	\$10,802,884
Oman FTA	\$182,000	\$182,000	\$10,802,884
Panama FTA	\$182,000	\$182,000	\$7,008,000
Peru FTA	\$182,000	\$182,000	\$7,008,000
Singapore FTA	\$83,099	\$83,099	\$7,008,000
Israeli Trade Act	\$50,000	—	—

## FCC adopts rule to prohibit use of Universal Service Fund to purchase or obtain certain equipment

On January 3, 2020, the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) published in the *Federal Register* a [final rule](#) [WC Docket No. 18–89, PS Docket Nos. 19–351, 19–352; FCC 19–121; FRS 16315], effective on publication, that prospectively prohibits the use of Universal Service Fund (USF) funds to purchase or obtain any equipment or services produced or provided by a covered company posing a national security threat, the Report and Order initially designates Huawei Technologies Company (Huawei) and ZTE Corporation (ZTE) as covered companies for purposes of the rule and establish a process for designating additional

covered companies in the future. To support the Commission's future efforts to protect the communications supply chain, the Information Collection Order (Order) directs the Wireline Competition Bureau (WCB) and Office of Economics and Analytics (OEA), in coordination with USAC, to conduct an information collection to determine the extent to which potentially prohibited equipment exists in current networks and the costs associated with removing such equipment and replacing it with equivalent equipment. Comments on the initial designations of Huawei and ZTE as covered companies are due on or before February 3, 2020.

## FCC seeks comments on actions to address national security threats to networks funded by the Universal Service Fund

On January 3, 2020, the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) published in the *Federal Register* a [document](#) [WC Docket No. 18–89; FCC 19–121; FRS 16316] seeking comment on actions to address national security threats to networks funded by the Universal Service Fund (USF or the Fund). The FCC concurrently adopted a Report and Order addressing the use of USF support to purchase or obtain any equipment or services produced or provided by a covered company posing a national security threat to the integrity of communications networks or the communications supply chain.

The FCC seeks comment on additional actions to address national security threats to USF-funded networks. These include a proposal to require USF recipients that are eligible telecommunications carriers (ETCs) to remove and replace existing equipment and services produced or provided by covered companies. Additionally, the FCC adopts an information collection to help determine the extent to which equipment and services produced or provided by covered companies exist in our communications networks.

Comments are due on or before February 3, 2020, and reply comments are due on or before March 3, 2020. If you anticipate that you will be submitting comments, but find it difficult to do so within the period of time allowed by this document, you should advise the contact listed in the document as soon as possible.

## 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
01-07-20	DRUG ENFORCEMENT ADMINISTRATION (DEA): <a href="#">Schedules of Controlled Substances: Placement of Solriamfetol in Schedule IV</a> [Docket No. DEA-504] (N)
	NATIONAL HIGHWAY TRAFFIC SAFETY ADMINISTRATION (NHTSA): <a href="#">Replica Motor Vehicles: Vehicle Identification Number (VIN) Requirements; Manufacturer Identification; Certification</a> [Docket No. NHTSA-2019-0121] (PR)
	NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION (NASA): <a href="#">NASA Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement: Detection and Avoidance of Counterfeit Parts</a> (NFS Case 2017– N010) (PR)
01-08-20	ENERGY: <a href="#">Inflation Adjustment of Civil Monetary Penalties</a> (FR)
01-09-20	JUSTICE (ANTITRUST DIV.): <a href="#">Notice Pursuant to the National Cooperative Research and Production Act of 1993 -- ASTM international standards</a> (N)
01-10-20	ENERGY: <a href="#">Energy Conservation Program: Energy Conservation Standards</a> [EERE-2013-BT-STD-0030, EERE-2013-BT-STD-0033, EERE-2013-BT-STD-0040 and EERE-2016-BT-STD-0022] (F/Implementation of Court order)
	ENERGY: <a href="#">Energy Conservation Program: Energy Conservation Standards for Air Compressors</a> [Docket Number EERE-2013-BT-STD-0040] (FR)



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	ENERGY: Energy Conservation Program: Energy Conservation Standards for Commercial Packaged Boilers [Docket Number EERE-2013-BT-STD-0030] (FR) ENERGY: <a href="#">Energy Conservation Program: Energy Conservation Standards for Portable Air Conditioners</a> [Docket Number EERE-2013-BT-STD-0033] (FR) ENERGY: <a href="#">Energy Conservation Program: Energy Conservation Standards for Uninterruptible Power Supplies</a> [Docket Number EERE-2016-BT-STD-0022] (FR)
01-13-20	EPA: <a href="#">Civil Monetary Penalty Inflation Adjustment</a> [FRL-10003-77-OECA] (FR) SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION (SEC): <a href="#">Adjustments to Civil Monetary Penalty Amounts</a> [Release Nos. 33-10740; 34-87905; IA- 5428; IC-33740] (N) TRANSPORTATION (DOT): <a href="#">Administrative Rulemaking, Guidance, and Enforcement Procedures; Correction</a> (FR) <a href="#">[Withdrawn on 01-21-20 see below]</a>
01-14-20	US POSTAL SERVICE (USPS): <a href="#">Inspection Service Authority; Civil Monetary Penalty Inflation Adjustment</a> (IFR) DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE (DoD): <a href="#">Defense Acquisition Regulations System - Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement: Noncommercial Computer Software (DFARS Case 2018-D018)</a> [Docket DARS-2019-0067] (ANPR)
01-15-20	DoD, NASA, GENERAL SERVICES ADMIN. (GSA): <a href="#">Federal Acquisition Regulation; Trade Agreements Thresholds</a> [FAC 2020-04; FAR Case 2019-012; Docket No.FAR-2019-0012; Sequence No. 1] (FR) DoD, NASA, GSA: <a href="#">Federal Acquisition Regulation; Federal Acquisition Circular 2020-04; Introduction</a> [Docket No. FAR-2019-0001, Sequence No. 9] DoD, NASA, GSA: <a href="#">Federal Acquisition Regulation; Federal Acquisition Circular 2020-04; Small Entity Compliance Guide</a> [Docket No. FAR-2019-0001, Sequence No. 9] FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION (FCC): <a href="#">Annual Adjustment of Civil Monetary Penalties to Reflect Inflation</a> [DA 19-1325; FRS 16392] (FR) NATIONAL TRANSPORTATION SAFETY BOARD (NTSB): <a href="#">Civil Monetary Penalty Annual Inflation Adjustment</a> [Docket No.: NTSB-GC-2020-0001] (FR) NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION (NRC): <a href="#">Adjustment of Civil Penalties for Inflation for Fiscal Year 2020</a> [NRC-2018-0048] (FR)
01-16-20	EPA: <a href="#">Fenhexamid; Pesticide Tolerances</a> [EPA-HQ-OPP-2018-0560; FRL-10002-21] (FR)
01-17-20	DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES (HHS): <a href="#">Annual Civil Monetary Penalties Inflation Adjustment</a> (FR)
01-21-20	ENERGY: <a href="#">Energy Conservation Program: Energy Conservation Standards for Uninterruptible Power Supplies; Correction</a> [Docket Number EERE-2016-BT-STD-0022] (C) EPA: <a href="#">Control of Air Pollution from New Motor Vehicles: Heavy-Duty Engine Standards</a> [EPA-HQ-OAR-2019-0055; FRL-10004-16-OAR] (ANPR) ENERGY: <a href="#">Exports of US-origin highly enriched uranium for medical isotope production: Certification of Insufficient Supplies of Non-Highly Enriched Uranium (HEU)-based Molybdenum-99 for United States domestic demand</a> (N) TRANSPORTATION: <a href="#">Administrative Rulemaking, Guidance, and Enforcement Procedures; Correction (C/W)</a> <a href="#">[Withdrawn correction of 01-13-20 and correction of page 71726]</a>
01-22-20	NHTSA: <a href="#">Advanced Driver Assistance Systems Draft Research Test Procedures</a> [Docket No. NHTSA-2019-0102] (RFC/E)
01-24-20	DEA: <a href="#">Schedules of Controlled Substances: Placement of 5F-ADB, 5F-AMB, 5FAPINACA, ADB-FUBINACA, MDMB-CHMICA and MDMB-FUBINACA in Schedule I</a> [Docket No. DEA-446] (FR) DEA: <a href="#">Schedules of Controlled Substances: Placement of Brexanolone in Schedule IV</a> [Docket No. DEA-503] (FR) DEA: <a href="#">Schedules of Controlled Substances: Removal of 6β-naltrexol from Control</a> [Docket No. DEA-492] (FR)
01-27-20	DEA: <a href="#">Additions to Listing of Exempt Chemical Mixtures</a> [Docket No. DEA-505F] (FR)

F.R. Date	Subject
01-30-20	DEA: <a href="#">Schedules of Controlled Substances: Extension of Temporary Placement of cyclopentyl fentanyl, isobutyryl fentanyl, para-chloroisobutyryl fentanyl, paramethoxybutyryl fentanyl, and valeryl fentanyl in Schedule I of the Controlled Substances Act</a> [Docket No. DEA-565] (TR/E)
	DEA: <a href="#">Schedules of Controlled Substances: Placement of cyclopentyl fentanyl, isobutyryl fentanyl, para-chloroisobutyryl fentanyl, para-methoxybutyryl fentanyl, and valeryl fentanyl into Schedule I</a> [Docket No. DEA-565] (PR)
	OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET (OMB): <a href="#">Improving and Reforming Regulatory Enforcement and Adjudication</a> (RFI)
01-31-20	DEA: <a href="#">Schedules of Controlled Substances: Placement of Lasmiditan in Schedule V</a> [Docket No. DEA-558] (IFR/RFC)
	NHTSA: <a href="#">Notice of Receipt of Petition for Decision that Nonconforming Model Year 1994 to 1997 Jaguar Daimler Double Six Passenger Cars are Eligible for Importation</a> [Docket No. NHTSA-2019-0118; Notice 1] (N)
	NHTSA: <a href="#">Notice of Receipt of Petition for Decision that Nonconforming Model Year 2015 A. Smith GT Bentley/Bodex Model: T5 Trailers are Eligible for Importation</a> [Docket No. NHTSA-2019-0116; Notice 1] (N)
	NHTSA: <a href="#">Notice of Receipt of Petition for Decision that Nonconforming Model Year 2015 Ford Fusion SE Passenger Cars are Eligible for Importation</a> [Docket No. NHTSA-2019-0119; Notice 1] (N)

## ANTIDUMPING AND SUBSIDIES

### Commerce publishes notice of scope rulings

On January 16, 2020, the International Trade Administration, Department of Commerce published in the *Federal Register* a [list of scope rulings and anticircumvention determinations](#) made during the period April 1, 2019 through June 30, 2019, inclusive. Commerce intends to publish future lists after the close of the next calendar quarter. The list follows:

Countries	ITA Case № and Merchandise
Brazil	A-351-849; A-580-890; A-201-848 and A-455-805: Emulsion Styrene Butadiene Rubber From Brazil, Korea, Mexico and Poland
Italy	A-475-834: Certain Carbon and Alloy Steel Cut-To-Length Plate From Italy
China	A-570-875: Non-Malleable Cast Iron Pipe Fittings From China
	A-570-064; C-570-065; A-533-877; C-533-878: Stainless Steel Flanges From China and India
	A-570-900: Diamond Sawblades and Parts Thereof From China
	A-570-924: Polyethylene Terephthalate Film, Sheet, and Strip From China
	A-570-910 and C-570-911: Circular Welded Carbon-Quality Steel Pipe From China
	A-570-601: Tapered Roller Bearings From China
S. Korea	A-570-922 and C-570-923: Raw Flexible Magnets From China
	A-580-874; A-557-816; A-523-808; A-583-854; A-552-818; C-552-819: Certain Steel Nails From the S. Korea, Malaysia, Oman, Taiwan, and Vietnam and Countervailing Duty Order on Certain Steel Nails From Vietnam (Orders)
	A-580-891: Carbon and Alloy Steel Wire Rod From the Republic of Korea [Changed Circumstance Review]
United Kingdom	A-412-826: Carbon and Alloy Steel Wire Rod From the United Kingdom [Changed Circumstance Review]

## Antidumping and countervailing duty cases

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

## THE AMERICAS - SOUTH AMERICA

### ARGENTINA

#### Boletín Oficial publications

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

BO Date	Subject
27-01-20	FEDERAL ADMINISTRATION OF PUBLIC REVENUE (AFIP): <a href="#">RESOG-2020-4666-E-AFIP-AFIP – (24-01-20) Export duties. Provision of services. Section 2, subsection c) of Article 10 of Law No. 22,415 and its amendments. Decree No. 1,201 / 18 and its amendment. General Resolution No. 4,400. Modifying and complementary rule.</a>
31-01-20	AFIP: <a href="#">General Resolution 4667/2020 (30-01-20) RESOG-2020-4667-E-AFIP-AFIP - Procedure. Law No. 27,541. Regularization of tax, social security and customs obligations for Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises and non-profit civil entities. Its implementation</a>

## Antidumping and countervailing duty cases

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

### BRAZIL

#### Diário Oficial da União publications

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

DOU Date	Subject
24-12-19	<a href="#">CAMEX Res. № 20 (20-12-19) One hundred and eighty-second Additional Protocol to Economic Complementation Agreement No. 18 (180PA-ACE18), signed between the Governments of the Federative Republic of Brazil, the Argentine Republic, the Republic of Paraguay and the Eastern Republic of Uruguay, on 20 August 2019.</a>
24-12-19	<a href="#">CAMEX Res. № 21 (20-12-19) Provides for the execution of the one hundred-eighty-third Additional Protocol to Economic Complementation Agreement No. 18 (180PA-ACE18), signed between the Governments of the Federative Republic of Brazil, the Argentine Republic, the Republic of Paraguay and the Eastern Republic of Uruguay on 20 August 2019.</a>
31-12-19	<a href="#">CAMEX Res. № 23 (30-12-19) Reduction of the Import Tax rate as Ex-tariff for auto parts without equivalent national production, under the Unproduced Auto Parts Regime.</a>
	<a href="#">CAMEX Res. № 24 (30-12-19) Amends the List of Unproduced Autoparts, contained in Annexes I and II of Resolution No. 102, of December 17, 2018, of the Foreign Chamber of Commerce.</a>

DOU Date	Subject
	<a href="#">CAMEX Res. № 25 (30-12-19) Amends the Brazilian List of Computer and Telecommunication Goods, contained in Annex III of Resolution 125, of December 15, 2016</a>
09-01-20	<a href="#">CAMEX Res. № 22 (30-12-19) Provides for the Non-Produced Autoparts Regime dealt with in Resolutions No. 61 of June 23, 2015 and No. 102 of December 17, 2018 of the Foreign Chamber of Commerce. Corrected 09-01-20</a>
	<a href="#">CAMEX Res. № 26 (30-12-19) Amends Annex II of Resolution 125 of December 15, 2016.</a>
	<a href="#">CAMEX Res. № 28 (30-12-19) grants a temporary reduction of the Import Tax rate pursuant to Resolution No. 08, of June 20, 2008, of the Southern Common Market Group - MERCOSUR.</a>
	<a href="#">GETEX Res. № 29 (30-12-19) Changes to zero percent the Import Tax rates levied on IT and Telecommunication Goods that it mentions, as Ex-Tariffs.</a>
	<a href="#">CAMEX Res. № 30 (30-12-19) Changes to zero percent the Import Tax rates levied on the Capital Goods that it mentions, as Ex-Tariffs.</a>
10-01-20	<a href="#">CAMEX Res. № 32 (30-12-19) Amends Annex II of Resolution 125 of December 15, 2016.</a>
13-01-20	<a href="#">CAMEX Res. № 27 (30-12-19) It grants a temporary reduction in the Import Tax rate pursuant to Resolution No. 08, of June 20, 2008, of the MERCOSUR Common Market Group</a>
17-01-20	<a href="#">SECEX Portaria № 01 (16-01-20) Establishes criteria for allocation of import quota, determined by Resolution of the Executive Committee of Management of the Foreign Chamber of Commerce No. 28, of December 30, 2019</a>
	<a href="#">SECEX Portaria № 02 (16-01-20) establishes criteria for allocation of import quota, determined by the Resolution of the Executive Committee of Management of the Foreign Chamber of Commerce nº 32, of December 30, 2019</a>
	<a href="#">SECEX Portaria № 03 (16-01-20) establishes criteria for allocation of import quota, determined by the Resolution of the Executive Committee of Management of the Foreign Chamber of Commerce nº 32, of December 30, 2019</a>
	<a href="#">SECEX Portaria № 04 (16-01-20) establishes criteria for allocation of import quota, determined by the Resolution of the Executive Committee of Management of the Foreign Chamber of Commerce nº 27, of December 30, 2019</a>
	<a href="#">SECEX Portaria № 05 (16-01-20) establishes criteria for allocation of import quota, determined by the Resolution of the Executive Committee of Management of the Foreign Chamber of Commerce nº 27, of December 30, 2019</a>
	<a href="#">SECEX Portaria № 06 (16-01-20) establishes criteria for allocation of import quota, determined by the Resolution of the Executive Committee of Management of the Foreign Chamber of Commerce nº 26, of December 30, 2019</a>
	<a href="#">SECEX Portaria № 07 (16-01-20) establishes criteria for allocation of import quota, determined by the Resolution of the Executive Committee of Management of the Foreign Chamber of Commerce nº 26, of December 30, 2019</a>
	<a href="#">SECEX Portaria № 08 (16-01-20) establishes criteria for allocation of import quota, determined by the Resolution of the Executive Committee of Management of the Foreign Chamber of Commerce nº 26, of December 30, 2019</a>
28-01-20	<a href="#">SECEX Portaria № 10 (27-01-20) - Special non-preferential verification procedure ends, with the qualification of origin in India for the product potassium citrate, declared as produced by a specific company</a>
30-01-20	<a href="#">SECEX Portaria № 11 (29-01-10) - resolves that as long as the suspension of the definitive anti-dumping duty applied to Brazilian padlock imports continues, the effects of SECEX Ordinances regarding special non-preferential origin verification procedures for the same product will remain suspended</a>
	<a href="#">SECEX Portaria №. 12, (29-01-20) - Provides for public consultation on Draft Ordinance on Drawback</a>
	<a href="#">SECEX Portaria № 13, (29-01-20) - Disciplines administrative procedures for assessing public interest in trade defense measures</a>

## Antidumping and countervailing duty cases

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

## CHILE

## National Customs postings and Diario Oficial

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

Date	Subject
24-12-19	HACIENDA: <a href="#">Exempt Decree No. 458 of 17.12.2019 modifies the National Customs Tariff based on the Harmonized System of Designation and Codification of Goods (SA) from January 1, 2020</a> NCS: <a href="#">Circular Letter No. 515, dated 24.12.2019 modifies the National Customs Tariff based on the Harmonized System of Designation and Codification of Goods (SA) from January 1, 2020</a>
09-01-20	HACIENDA: <a href="#">Decree number 2.026, of 2019.- Modifies article 12 of decree N 32, of 2018, which approves regulations that establish the requirements and obligations that must be met by people who will attend the National Customs Service in the processes referred to in the article 23 ter of the Customs Ordinance, in the sense indicated</a>
15-01-20	CHAMBER OF DEPUTIES: <a href="#">Bill 13199-10 Approves the Sixty-Fourth Additional Protocol to the Economic Complementation Agreement No. 35, concluded between the Governments of the States Parties of MERCOSUR and the Government of the Republic of Chile, in Montevideo, on December 12, 2018, which contains the Free Trade Agreement between the Republic of Chile and the Federative Republic of Brazil, signed in Santiago, Chile, on November 21, 2018. Initiative: Message. Current Urgency: No urgency. Entry Date: 2020-01-14</a>
17-01-20	HACIENDA: <a href="#">Exempt Decree Nº 9 of 2020 declaring the Food &amp; Service Space Fair 2020 an International Fair</a>
22-01-20	HACIENDA: <a href="#">Exempt Decree Nº 17, of 2020.- Applies customs duty reductions for the import of raw sugar, refined sugar grades 1 and 2, and refined sugar grades 3 and 4, and sub-standards</a>
24-01-20	HACIENDA: <a href="#">Excerpt from Exempt Resolution Nº 212, of 2020.- Modifies Compendium of Customs Regulations</a>
25-01-20	FOREIGN AFFAIRS: <a href="#">Decree Nº 305, of 2018.- It provides for compliance with resolution No. 2.160 of 2014 and its annex, approved by the Security Council of the United Nations Organization, on threats to international peace and security caused by acts terrorists</a>
28-01-20	HACIENDA: <a href="#">Resolution number 598, of 2020.- Classification of General Warehouses of Deposit according to evaluation indicated</a>
28-01-20	HACIENDA: <a href="#">Excerpt from Exempt Resolution Nº 243, of 2020.- Modifies Compendium of Customs Regulations</a>
31-01-20	HACIENDA: <a href="#">Excerpt from Exempt Resolution Nº 352, of 2020.- Modifies the Compendium of Customs Regulations</a>
31-01-20	HACIENDA: <a href="#">Excerpt from Exempt Resolution Nº 262, of 2020.- Modifies the Compendium of Customs Regulations</a>

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

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

## PERU

### Tariff Classification database

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

### SUNAT and *El Peruano* publications

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

Date	Subject
15-01-20	Foreign Trade and Tourism (MINCETUR): <a href="#">Ministerial Resolution No. 09-2020-Mincetur</a> publication of the draft DS that approves the Regulation of Law № 30860 Law for the Strengthening of the Single Window of Foreign Trade its Annexes and Exhibition of Reasons in the Institutional Portal of the Ministry
17-01-20	National Superintendence of Customs and Tax Administration (SUNAT): <a href="#">Resolution No. 001-2020-SUNAT / 300000</a> Approve discretionary power not to determine or sanction infractions provided for in the General Customs Law
	MINCETUR: <a href="#">Ministerial Resolution № 11-2020-MINCETUR</a> publication of the draft Supreme Decree that approves the Regulations of the Authorized Exporter and its Statement of Reasons in the Ministry's Institutional Portal
18-01-20	MINCETUR: <a href="#">Supreme Decree № 001-2020-MINCETUR</a> Supreme Decree that provides for the implementation of the Free Trade Agreement between the Republic of Peru and Australia
27-01-20	SUNAT: <a href="#">Resolution No. 016-2020 / SUNAT</a> General procedure approved Load Manifesto DESPA-PG.09 (version 7)
	SUNAT: <a href="#">Resolution No. 017-2020 / SUNAT</a> Approve specific procedure Continuation of the clearance procedure DESPA-PE.00.04 (version 3)
	SUNAT: <a href="#">Resolution No. 018-2020 / SUNAT</a> Modify the specific procedure Legislation of the declaration DESPA-PE.00.07 (version 4)
30-01-20	SUNAT: <a href="#">Resolution No. 024 -2020 / SUNAT</a> General procedure approved Final export DESPA-PG.02 (version 7)
	SUNAT: <a href="#">Resolution No. 023-2020 / SUNAT</a> Approve the general procedure Authorization and categorization of foreign trade operators DESPA-PG.24 (version 4) and repeal related procedures and instructions
	SUNAT: <a href="#">Resolution No. 022-2020 / SUNAT</a> Specific procedure approved Rectification of cargo manifest related acts linked documents and incorporation DESPA-PE.09.02 (version 7)

## 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

### ABF notices and advices

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



Date	Series and №	Title
15-01-20	<a href="#">ACN No. 2020/02</a>	Free Trade Agreement between Australia and Hong Kong, China – Entry into Force
30-01-20	<a href="#">ACN No. 2020/05</a>	Indexation of customs duty rates on excise-equivalent goods on 3 February 2020

## Australian Tariff Precedents

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

## Antidumping and countervailing duty cases

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

## CHINA (INCLUDING HONG KONG SAR)

### 2019 updates to China’s Draft Export Control Law – What you need to know

On 28 December 2019, the National People’s Congress (NPC) of the People’s Republic of China (PRC) released a new draft of the Export Control Law (ECL) (“2019 Draft”), an update from the 2017 version circulated by the Ministry of Commerce. Click [here](#) to refer to our client alert on the 2017 Draft.

The 2019 Draft is now open for public comment until 26 January 2020. If enacted, the ECL will be China’s first comprehensive and consolidated export control legislation, aimed at upgrading the country’s existing regime consisting of multiple regulations.

### Key Changes

The 2019 Draft features many key changes from the 2017 Draft:

#### *Retaliatory measures*

One of the most controversial points arising from the 2017 Draft was the power for the Chinese authorities to implement retaliatory measures against discriminatory measures taken by other countries against the PRC. This provision has been removed from the 2019 Draft. At this stage, there is no clear indication as to whether the “Unreliable Entity List”<sup>1</sup> announced by MOFCOM May last year, if implemented, would be integrated into the export control legislation or would be enacted independently.

#### *Re-export*

The definition of “re-export” (i.e. the export of items containing above a de minimis amount of PRC controlled content from one foreign country to another foreign country) has been removed from the 2019 Draft, but reference to “re-export” is still included in respect of transshipment and transit activities.

#### *Catch-all*

The catch-all provision previously provided for controls in relation to unlisted items which may endanger national security, present risk of circulation or be used for terrorism purposes. This provision is now clarified to cover items which may be used in the design, development, production or use of WMD and their means of delivery, or used for nuclear, biological, or chemical terrorist purposes.

#### *Determination by the Authorities*

An exporter may make an inquiry to determine whether an item is subject to control under the ECL. The 2019 Draft clarified that the scope of the determination includes technologies and services, and it now requires the authorities to respond to such inquiry in a timely manner. Unfortunately, the draft does not further clarify what constitutes “timely manner” and whether the determination is binding on the authorities (similar to customs rulings under customs law generally).

#### *End-Use/End User Statement (EUS)*

The submission of EUS as supporting document for an export permit application is now mandatory (previously where required).

#### *Approval and Notification when Changing End-User or End-Use*

Under the 2017 Draft, where there is a change of end-user or end-use for an item, the importer is required to obtain approval from the authorities. In practice, this may not be feasible as the importer may not necessarily have knowledge of such change upon delivery of the item to the end-user. Under the revised draft, the end-user is required to obtain such approval.

Additionally, where the exporter or importer finds out that the end-user or end-use for the item may change, the exporter or importer is required to immediately report such change to the authorities. Previously, this requirement only applied to the exporter.

#### *Permit Application Timeline*

Under the previous draft, the application timeline for dual-use items is limited to 45 days subject to possible extension due to special circumstances. The 2019 Draft clarified that such extension is for an additional 15-day period.

#### *Increased Penalties*

Under the 2019 Draft, the prescribed penalties for a number of offences have increased significantly and new categories of offences are introduced. More interestingly, the provision relating to penalty mitigation in the case of voluntary disclosure has been removed. It remains to be seen whether provisions relating to penalty mitigation and power to compound offences and issue administrative penalties would be introduced in the implementing regulations and guidelines.

#### **Conclusion**

While there is no set timeframe for the ECL's enactment, drafts introduced into the NPC usually undergo three rounds of deliberation, with the 2019 Draft having undergone the first one. Two more rounds are expected within the next few months. Following passage of the law, we also expect the issuance over time of

further implementing regulations on, amongst others, control lists, licence facilitation measures, recordkeeping requirements, and internal compliance programs.

If you would like to submit feedback on the 2019 Draft, kindly note that the public consultation period ends on 26 January 2020. Feel free to reach out to us for an unofficial English translation of the draft law or for assistance with the submission of feedback.

Should you have any questions on the topics covered or require further clarification on any particular issue, please do not hesitate to get in touch with your usual contact at Baker McKenzie, or any of the lawyers listed below. We are also happy to support any response to this public comment exercise.

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## INDIA

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### Other CBIC and DGFT notifications, circulars and instructions

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

Date	Series and No	Subject
<b>CBIC Non-Tariff Notifications</b>		
15-01-20	<a href="#">03/2020-Cus (NT)</a>	Amends Notification relating to declaration of Land Customs Stations and Routes for import and export of goods by land or inland water ways
15-01-20	<a href="#">04/2020-Cus (NT)</a>	Tariff Notification regarding fixation of Tariff Value of Edible Oils, Brass Scrap, Poppy Seeds, Areca Nut, Gold and Silver
28-01-20	<a href="#">07/2020-Cus (NT)</a>	Notifies All Industry Rates of Duty Drawback w.e.f. 4 February, 2020
31-01-20	<a href="#">08/2020-Cus (NT)</a>	Tariff Notification regarding fixation of Tariff Value of Edible Oils, Brass Scrap, Poppy Seeds, Areca Nut, Gold and Silver
<b>CBIC Circulars</b>		
20-12-19	<a href="#">01/2020-Cus</a>	Intimates new official email id for forwarding all incident reports, seizure reports and correspondence related to Office of the Commissioner of Customs (Investigation)
10-01-20	<a href="#">02/2020-Cus</a>	Clarifies Social Welfare Surcharge (SWS) cannot be debited through Duty Credit Scrips and is to be paid in cash
15-01-20	<a href="#">03/2020-Cus</a>	Notifies addition of four more Participating Government Agencies (PGAs) with their Licenses/ Permits/ Certificates/ Other Authorizations (LPCOs) to e-SANCHIT – paperless processing platform
21-01-20	<a href="#">4/2020-Cus</a>	Clarification relating to import of gifts
27-01-20	<a href="#">05/2020-Cus</a>	Implementation of automated clearance of goods entered for home consumption on pilot basis
30-01-20	<a href="#">06/2020-Cus</a>	Clarification in relation to revision of All Industry Rates of Duty Drawback
<b>DGFT Notifications</b>		
01-01-20	<a href="#">38/2015-2020</a>	Amends ITC (HS) 2017, Schedule 1 Import Policy in sync with the Finance (No. 2) Act, 2019 w.e.f. 1 January, 2020

Date	Series and No	Subject
08-01-20	<a href="#">39/2015-2020</a>	Import policy of items under Exim Code 151190 revised from Free to Restricted
08-01-20	<a href="#">40/2015-2020</a>	Import of Desiccated Coconut with Cost, Insurance and Freight (CIF) value of INR 150/- and above per kilogram is Free and import below CIF value of INR 150/- per kilogram is Prohibited
09-01-20	<a href="#">41/2015-2020</a>	Export of Rice (Basmati and Non-Basmati) to European Union member States and other specified European countries will require Certificate of Inspection from Export Inspection Council (EIC) / Export Inspection Agency (EIA) whereas export to other European countries will require Certificate of Inspection from EIC/ EIA for exports 1 July, 2020 onwards
10-01-20	<a href="#">42/2015-2020</a>	Delegates authority of approving proposals for consolidation of goods related to manufactured articles to Development Commissioner/ Designated Officer on requests of Export Oriented Units/ Electronics Hardware Technology Parks/ Software Technology Parks/ Bio-Technology Parks
29-01-20	<a href="#">43/2015-2020</a>	Provides for 2% additional ad-hoc incentive for HS Codes 8517 1211 and 8517 1219 for exports made with Let Export date from 1 January, 2020 to 31 March, 2020
31-01-20	<a href="#">44/2015-2020</a>	Export of all varieties of personal protection equipments including clothing and masks to protect wearer from air borne particles and/ or any other respiratory masks or any other personal protective clothing including coveralls (class 2/ 3/ 4) and N95 masks is Prohibited
	<a href="#">45/2015-2020</a>	Import Policy of Stock Lot under HSN Code 4810 of Chapter 48 ITC (HS), 2017 revised from Free to Prohibited
<b>DGFT Public Notices</b>		
01-01-20	<a href="#">52/2015-2020</a>	Amends Standard Input Output Norms (SION) in relation to specified food products
01-01-20	<a href="#">53/2015-2020</a>	Suspends ad-hoc norms for export of Cashew Kernels whole & Cashew Kernels pieces with immediate effect
02-01-20	<a href="#">54/2015-2020</a>	6 APA [ITC (HS) Code 29411050] removed from list of specified inputs with pre-import condition and General Notes for Chemicals and Allied Products of Standard Input Output Norms (SION) amended to give effect to the same
03-01-20	<a href="#">55/2015-2020</a>	Extends time for extension and block-wise extension in Export Obligation Period and submission of installation certificate under Export Promotion Capital Goods (EPCG) Scheme upto 31 March, 2020
14-01-20	<a href="#">56/2015-2020</a>	Suspends Standard Input Output Norms (SION) for Stainless Steel Washers with immediate effect
29-01-20	<a href="#">57/2015-2020</a>	Pollachi in Tamil Nadu notified as Town of Export Excellence for Coir and Coir products
29-01-20	<a href="#">58/2015-2020</a>	Changes introduced to implement Scheme for Rebate of State and Central Taxes and Levies (RoSCTL). Merchandise Export from India Scheme for items of apparels and made-ups sector (Chapter 61, 62 and 63) for exports made with effect from 7 March, 2019 withdrawn.

## Antidumping and countervailing duty cases

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

## MALAYSIA

### Entry into force of amendments to key legislation affecting trade and customs

On 1 January 2020, an approximate total of 23 legislative instruments (primarily consisting of amending legislations) affecting various aspects of trade and customs entered into force. An overview of the key changes is set out below:

- **Amendments to primary legislations** - Amendments spanning across approximately 172 pages in aggregate were effected to four primary legislations. This includes the *Customs Act 1967 (Customs Act)*, the *Free Zones Act 1990 (Free Zones Act)*, the *Excise Act 1976 (Excise Act)* and the *Sales Tax Act 2018 (Sales Tax Act)*.
- **Revised regulations** - The old *Customs Regulations 1977* has been revoked in its entirety and is now replaced by the new *Customs Regulations 2019*. Additionally, the *Free Zones Regulations 1991* was amended. These new regulations bring about changes to various aspects of customs and trade related procedures (e.g., new format for customs declaration forms).
- **Customs Act** - As summarised in our [previous client alert](#), the *Customs (Amendment) Act 2019* represents the most significant round of changes to the Customs Act to date under the new Malaysian Government. In summary, the amendments collectively magnify the powers of Customs to enforce the law, collect underpaid duties and penalise non-compliant entities. As discussed in our article published on [Bloomberg Tax](#), the amendments are expected to impact multinational enterprises with significant import/export operations in Malaysia.
- **Free Zones Act** - Key highlights include, among others, the introduction of record-keeping requirements for a period of 7 years vis-à-vis documents and records pertaining to the activity of importation, exportation or manufacturing of goods within a free zone and enhanced penalties for certain offences.
- **Excise Act** - Key amendments include, among others, the extension of timeline to demand for underpaid duties by Customs from 3 years to 6 years, changes to the compounding of offences provision, the extension of record-keeping requirement from 6 years to 7 years, the introduction of various new categories of offences and enhanced penalties for certain offences.
- **Sales Tax Act** - Key changes include, among others, the introduction of a new category of offence for the evasion of sales tax payable on imported goods and the imposition of imprisonment in default of payment of fine.
- **Offsetting** - Under the newly amended Customs Act, Excise Act and Sales Tax Act, Customs now has the power to offset any amount of drawback or refund due to a person against any unpaid amount of customs duty, excise duty, sales tax, service tax, GST or any other money payable by such person.
- **Pulau Pangkor** - As announced by the Malaysian Government in the parliamentary speech for Budget 2019, various legislative amendments have been made to effectively confer Pulau Pangkor with a duty free island status

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## NEW ZEALAND

### Goods clearance fees change 1 June 2020

Changes to Customs goods clearance fees will take effect on 1 June 2020. New Zealand Customs states that the revised fees better reflect the costs of goods-clearance activities, and have been distributed more equitably - some will increase and some will reduce – to ensure that importers, exporters and individuals pay their fair share. The current and revised fees in NZ dollars are shown below.

Goods clearance fee	Current (GST Incl.)	1 June 2020 (GST Incl.)
<b>IMPORTS</b>		
Import Entry Transaction Fee	\$29.26	\$33.03
Inward Cargo Transaction Fee Air	\$30.66	\$77.00
Inward Cargo Transaction Fee Sea	\$359.82	\$520.00
<b>EXPORTS</b>		
Export Entry Transaction Fee : Secure Exports Scheme	\$12.01	\$3.27
Export Entry Transaction Fee Non-Secure Exports Scheme	\$17.94	\$6.82
Outward Cargo Transaction Fee - Outward Cargo Report Air	\$11.51	\$14.35
Outward Cargo Transaction Fee - Cargo Report Export Air	\$11.51	\$40.00
Outward Cargo Transaction Fee - Outward Cargo Report Sea	\$28.83	\$18.58
Outward Cargo Transaction Fee - Cargo Report Export Sea	\$28.83	\$5.57
<b>OTHER AREAS</b>		
<b>HOURLY RATE</b>	Current fee	1 June 2020
Custom's hourly rate for services provided outside of standard hours	\$74.21	\$133
Apply a minimum rate	Not applied	3 hour minimum rate
<b>INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY RIGHTS</b>	Current regime	1 June 2020
Intellectual Property Rights holders	\$5,000 security bond to Customs	No security bond
Recover certain costs from Rights holders	Costs not recovered	Recovery of certain costs (including storing and disposing of goods, and legal proceedings costs)

## Updates to Trade in Endangered Species Act 1989 now in effect

Importers and exporters and their agents are reminded that the changes to the *Trade in Endangered Species Act* came into effect 9 January 2020.

Schedules 1, 2 and 3 of the TIES Act 1989 can be found [here](#).

Key changes likely to affect imports and exports are as follows:

- Giraffe (*Giraffa camelopardalis*) – Appendix II – Permits will be required
- Short and long fin mako sharks (*Isurus oxyrinchus* and *Isurus paucus*) – Appendix II – Permits will be required
- Appendix II Rosewood (*Dalbergia* spp.):  
- Finished musical instruments, parts and accessories will be exempt – Permits will no longer be required (unless the instrument contains other CITES items)



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- Finished products to a maximum weight of the wood of the listed species of up to 10 kg per shipment – Permit will no longer be required (unless the product contains other CITES items)

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## New tobacco duty rates effective 1 January

The annual indexation increase to excise and excise-equivalent duty rates together with a separate 10 percent increase took place on 1 January 2020.

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

The new rates are those set out in the [Excise and Excise-equivalent Duties Table \(Tobacco Products Indexation and Separate 10% Increase\) Amendment Order 2019](#).

The new rates are summarised as:

Tobacco product		Rate of excise and excise-equivalent duty from 1 January 2020 (GST excl)
Manufactured cigarettes	exceeding in weight 0.8 kg actual tobacco content per 1000 cigarettes	\$1469.03 per kilo tobacco content (KTC)
	not exceeding in weight 0.8 kg actual tobacco content per 1000 cigarettes	\$1,030.90 per 1000 cigarettes
Smoking tobacco, homogenised or reconstituted tobacco		\$1469.03 per kilo tobacco content (KTC)
Other tobacco products, eg. snuff, cigars, cheroots and cigarillos		\$1288.59 per kilo tobacco content (KTC)

Tobacco and tobacco products removed from a licensed manufacturing area or imported after midnight on 31 December 2019 are subject to the new rates.

## SINGAPORE

### Notices, circulars, etc.

Date	Reference	Matter
17-01-20	<a href="#">Notice 02/2020</a>	Update Details of Registered Manufacturers With Customs And Cessation of Hardcopy Manufacturing Cost Statement Submission
20-12-19	<a href="#">Cir. 21/2019</a>	Implementation of the Upgraded Agreement Between New Zealand and Singapore on a Closer Economic Partnership (ANZSCEP) Chapter 3 Rules Of Origin (ROO) And Origin Procedures

## Europe, Middle East and North Africa

### *European Union and EFTA*

#### The EU approves UK withdrawal agreement; UK exits the EU

On 30 January 2020, the [Council adopted a decision to conclude the withdrawal agreement](#). The Council adopted, by written procedure, the decision on the conclusion of the [withdrawal agreement](#) on behalf of the EU. This follows the European Parliament's vote of consent on 29 January and the signature of the withdrawal agreement by the EU and the United Kingdom on 24 January. The withdrawal agreement ensures an orderly withdrawal of the United Kingdom from the Union. It covers citizens' rights, the financial settlement, a transition period, protocols on Ireland/Northern Ireland, Cyprus and Gibraltar, governance and other separation issues.

On 31 January 2020, at midnight in Brussels (11 p.m. in the UK), the United Kingdom officially left the European Union, after having been a member for 47 years. There will be a transition period which will end on 31 December 2020, during which very little will change. During the transition period, the UK will continue to apply Union law but it will no longer be represented in the EU institutions. The transition period can be extended once for a period of up to one or two years, if both sides agree to this before 1 July 2020.

The negotiations on the future partnership between the EU and the UK will start once the UK has left the EU. The framework for this future relationship was set out in the [political declaration](#) agreed by both sides in October 2019. During the transition period, the UK will try to negotiate a free trade agreement with the EU.

#### EU, U.S. and Japan agree on new ways to strengthen global rules on industrial subsidies

In a [Joint Statement](#) issued on 14 January 2020, representatives of the European Union, the United States and Japan announced their agreement to strengthen existing rules on industrial subsidies and condemned forced technology transfer practices.

The European Commission [reported](#) that in a meeting held in Washington, the EU, the U.S. and Japan agreed that the current list of subsidies prohibited under the WTO's rules is insufficient to tackle market and trade distorting subsidisation existing in certain jurisdictions. They concluded therefore that new types of unconditionally prohibited subsidies have to be added to the *WTO Agreement on Subsidies and Countervailing Measures*.

The EU, U.S. and Japan also agreed that for particularly harmful types of subsidies, such as excessively large subsidies, the burden of proof should be reversed: the subsidising WTO member must demonstrate that there are no serious negative trade or capacity effects and that there is effective transparency about the subsidy in question. The signatories of the statement also reaffirmed the importance of technology transfers for global trade and investment and discussed possible core rules to be introduced to prevent forced technology transfer practices of third countries.

The [Joint Statement](#) also confirmed continued cooperation on a number of key items such as:

- The importance of market-oriented conditions;

- Reform of the WTO, to include increasing compliance with existing WTO notification obligations;
- Pressing advanced WTO members claiming developing country status to undertake full commitments in ongoing and future WTO negotiations;
- International rule making and trade related aspects of electronic commerce at the WTO, and;
- International forums such as the Global Forum of Steel Excess Capacity and the Governments/Authorities' Meeting on Semiconductors.

The Joint Statement is an important step toward resolving some key issues in the lead up to the 12th WTO Ministerial Conference in June 2020.

### E3 Foreign Ministers trigger the dispute resolution mechanism under the JCPOA

The Foreign Ministers of France, Germany and the United Kingdom (the “E3 Foreign Ministers”) have today released a statement that they are triggering the dispute resolution mechanism in relation to the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action (“JCPOA”), following Iran’s decision to no longer abide by the uranium enrichment limits of the JCPOA (see our earlier blog post on this [here](#)).

In their [statement](#), the E3 Foreign Ministers highlighted that they have triggered the dispute resolution mechanism in good faith, with the objective of preserving the JCPOA and bringing Iran back into full compliance with its commitments.

The EU’s High Representative for Foreign Affairs, Josep Borrell, will be the Coordinator of the Joint Commission. He stated that the aim of the dispute resolution mechanism is to resolve issues and echoed the E3 Foreign Ministers’ intention “to preserve the JCPOA in the sincere hope of finding a way forward to resolve the impasse through constructive diplomatic dialogue.” Borrell also emphasised that the dispute resolution mechanism requires the good faith of all parties and that, given current escalations in the Middle East, “the preservation of the JCPOA is now more important than ever.”

In summary, any party to the JCPOA can trigger the dispute resolution mechanism, if they believe that one of the parties to the JCPOA is no longer meeting its commitments. The E3 Foreign Ministers today registered their concerns in relation to Iran and referred the matter to the Joint Commission. Doing so has triggered a prescribed set of steps aimed to preserve and renew Iran’s commitment to the JCPOA but which can ultimately lead to the re-imposition of UN sanctions targeting Iran.

A client alert covering the dispute resolution in detail will follow shortly. BM will also be holding a webinar entitled “The End of the JCPOA?” on Thursday 16 January at 4pm (BST); the webinar will address the effects of the possible reintroduction of UN and EU sanctions on Iran given recent developments; the new US sanctions targeting Iran will also be covered.

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### Foreign Affairs Council meeting to discuss recent developments in Iran

As reported below, the EU Foreign Affairs Council met on Friday 10 January 2020 to discuss recent developments involving Iran and the situation in Iraq. The

EU Foreign Ministers assessed the consequences of recent events and emphasised their support for the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action (“JCPOA”), stating that it was “a key element of the global nuclear non-proliferation architecture.” However, Ministers called for Iran to immediately restart full compliance with the JCPOA.

The Council gave a mandate to the EU’s High Representative to continue with all diplomatic efforts to assist with de-escalation in the region and support political discussion, and also stressed its continued support for Iraq’s stability and reconstruction.

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## Iran ends nuclear commitments under JCPOA

The Iranian government announced on Sunday evening that it will no longer adhere to certain limits agreed under the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action (“JCPOA”) and will therefore no longer observe limitations on uranium enrichment, stockpiles of enriched uranium or nuclear research and development. Despite this, Iran has stated that it remains open to negotiations with partners in Europe who have sought to help Iran continue trading overseas despite US sanctions (through the INSTEX vehicle, see earlier blog post [here](#)) and noted that the steps it has taken could be reversed if the US lifts its sanctions against Iran.

In response to Iran’s statement that it will no longer adhere to parts of the JCPOA, it has been reported yesterday that EU parties to the agreement are considering whether to launch the dispute resolution process provided under the JCPOA. The dispute resolution mechanism can be instigated if one of the parties to the JCPOA believes that the agreed commitments have not been met by another party; the ultimate outcome of the process could be the “snapping back” of UN and EU sanctions on Iran. The EU’s 28 foreign ministers are expected to hold an emergency meeting on Friday to discuss the situation. When asked whether the dispute resolution mechanism would be triggered, an EU diplomat stated that “It is increasingly likely, but not yet decided. Friday will be key”.

The following have so far also released statements on Iran’s actions over the last few days:

- Boris Johnson’s spokesperson stated that Iran’s announcement was “extremely concerning” and that the nuclear deal “is a reciprocal deal”; the spokesperson stated the UK was speaking to its partners regarding next steps.
- Germany commented on Iran’s decision to abandon limitations on enriching uranium, stating that this could trigger the end of a nuclear deal. German Foreign Minister, Heiko Maas, stated that “this could be the first step to the end of this agreement, which would be a big loss so we will weigh this up very, very responsibly now.” However, Germany also stressed that, despite Iran’s announcement on Sunday, it wanted to save Iran’s 2015 nuclear deal. Although Iran’s decision would be a breach of the JCPOA, Germany stressed that this would not automatically end the agreement.
- France’s President Emmanuel Macron, Germany’s Chancellor Angela Merkel and the UK’s Prime Minister Boris Johnson released a joint statement yesterday on the recent attacks on coalition forces in Iraq and the role Iran played in the region, emphasising an “urgent need for de-escalation” and calling on Iran to “refrain from further violent action or proliferation, and urging Iran to reverse all measures inconsistent with the JCPOA.”

We will update the blog as soon as there are further developments.

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## EU publishes updated list of Dual-Use Items

On 30 December 2019, the updated Annex I (the “Dual-Use List”) to Regulation 428/2009 (the “Dual-Use Regulation”) was published in the Official Journal of the European Union (see [here](#)). The updated Regulation came into effect on 31 December 2019.

The changes to the Dual-Use List reflect updates to the international non-proliferation agreements during the previous year. The majority of the changes result from amendments agreed to the Wassenaar Arrangement including:

- a new decontrol note for ‘open-cell foam’ electromagnetic wave absorbing materials (1C001);
- an amendment to control entry for Digital-to-Analogue Converter to avoid overlapping of the controls (3A001a5b);
- a new decontrol note for ‘information security’ items that are specially designed for a “**connected civil industry application**”, covering certain network-capable endpoint devices limited to network connected consumer or civil industry applications other than “information security”, digital communication, general purpose networking or computing, and also covering certain networking equipment specially designed to communicate with such devices. Additional parameters also apply governing the cryptographic functionality and the standards implemented, which items must satisfy in order to qualify for this decontrol (5A002); and
- the defined term “**described security algorithm**” replacing the references to key length strength thresholds in the main control text. The existing strength thresholds for symmetric and asymmetric algorithms are kept in the new definition, along with alternative new criteria for certain quantum-resistant asymmetric algorithms (5A002).

A more detailed summary of the changes can be found in our previous update [here](#).

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## Commission issues tariff classification regulations

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

## Amendments to the CN Explanatory Notes

No amendments to the *Explanatory Notes to the Combined Nomenclature of the European Union* were published in the *Official Journal* during the period covered by this Update.

## Binding Tariff Information

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

Binding Tariff Information is issued on request to economic operators by the customs authorities of the Member States. It is valid throughout the Community, regardless of the Member State which issued it. For information about an existing BTI, you may want to contact the [customs administration of the Member State](#)

which issued it. However, remember that, according to the provisions for data protection, there are limitations as to the information an administration can provide. You can search and consult existing BTIs on the [EBTI-database](#).

## Official Journal documents

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

OJ Date	Subject
03-01-20	<a href="#">Decision No 3/2019 of the ACP-EU Committee of Ambassadors of 17 December 2019 to adopt transitional measures pursuant to Article 95(4) of the ACP-EU Partnership Agreement [2020/2]</a>
09-01-20	<a href="#">Commission Implementing Decision (EU) 2020/10 of 7 January 2020 concerning certain interim protective measures in relation to highly pathogenic avian influenza of subtype H5N8 in Poland (notified under document C(2020) 75)</a>
10-01-20	<a href="#">Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2020/11 of 29 October 2019 amending Regulation (EC) No 1272/2008 of the European Parliament and of the Council on classification, labelling and packaging of substances and mixtures as regards information relating to emergency health response ( <sup>1</sup> )</a>
	<a href="#">Council Decision (EU) 2020/13 of 19 December 2019 amending the negotiating directives for the negotiation of Economic Partnership Agreements with the African, Caribbean and Pacific countries and regions, to the extent that they fall within the competence of the Union</a>
	<a href="#">Decision (EU) 2020/14 of the Representatives of the Governments of the Member States, meeting within the Council of 19 December 2019 authorising the European Commission to negotiate, on behalf of the Member States, Economic Partnership Agreements between the European Union and its Member States, of the one part, and the African, Caribbean and Pacific countries and regions, of the other part, to the extent that they fall within the competences of the Member States</a>
13-01-20	<a href="#">Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2020/16 of 10 January 2020 authorising the placing on the market of nicotinamide riboside chloride 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</a>
	<a href="#">Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2020/17 of 10 January 2020 concerning the non-renewal of the approval of the active substance chlorpyrifos-methyl, in accordance with Regulation (EC) No 1107/2009 of the European Parliament and of the Council concerning the placing of plant protection products on the market, and amending the Annex to Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) No 540/2011</a>
	<a href="#">Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2020/18 of 10 January 2020 concerning the non-renewal of the approval of the active substance chlorpyrifos, in accordance with Regulation (EC) No 1107/2009 of the European Parliament and of the Council concerning the placing of plant protection products on the market, and amending the Annex to Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) No 540/2011</a>
14-01-20	<a href="#">Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2020/22 of 31 October 2019 amending Annexes I and III to Regulation (EU) 2019/631 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards the monitoring of CO<sub>2</sub> emissions from new light commercial vehicles type-approved in a multi-stage process</a>
	<a href="#">Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2020/23 of 13 January 2020 concerning the non-renewal of the approval of the active substance thiacloprid, in accordance with Regulation (EC) No 1107/2009 of the European Parliament</a>



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	<p><a href="#">and of the Council concerning the placing of plant protection products on the market, and amending the Annex to Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) No 540/2011</a></p> <p><a href="#">Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2020/24 of 13 January 2020 authorising an extension of use of chia seeds (<i>Salvia hispanica</i>) as a novel food and the change of the conditions of use and the specific labelling requirements of chia seeds (<i>Salvia hispanica</i>) under Regulation (EU) 2015/2283 of the European Parliament and of the Council and amending Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2017/2470</a></p> <p><a href="#">Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2020/25 of 13 January 2020 amending and correcting Regulation (EC) No 1235/2008 laying down detailed rules for implementation of Council Regulation (EC) No 834/2007 as regards the arrangements for imports of organic products from third countries ( 1 )</a></p> <p><a href="#">Commission Implementing Decision (EU) 2020/27 of 13 January 2020 postponing the expiry date of approval of propiconazole for use in biocidal products of product-type 8</a></p>
15-01-20	<p><a href="#">Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2020/29 of 14 January 2020 concerning the non-approval of <i>Vitis vinifera</i> cane tannins as a basic substance in accordance with Regulation (EC) No 1107/2009 of the European Parliament and of the Council concerning the placing of plant protection products on the market</a></p> <p><a href="#">UN Regulation No 53 — Uniform provisions concerning the approval of category L<sub>3</sub> vehicles with regard to the installation of lighting and light-signalling devices [2020/31]</a></p> <p><a href="#">UN Regulation No 74 — Uniform provisions concerning the approval of category L<sub>1</sub> vehicles with regard to the installation of lighting and light-signalling devices [2020/32]</a></p> <p><a href="#">Corrigendum to Council Decision (EU) 2019/1355 of 15 July 2019 on the position to be taken on behalf of the European Union in the EPA Committee established under 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 Protocol 1 concerning the definition of the concept of 'originating products' and methods of administrative cooperation ( OJ L 222, 26.8.2019 )</a></p> <p><a href="#">Corrigendum to Commission Implementing Decision (EU) 2019/2193 of 17 December 2019 laying down rules for the calculation, verification and reporting of data and establishing data formats for the purposes of Directive 2012/19/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council on waste electrical and electronic equipment (WEEE) ( OJ L 330, 20.12.2019 )</a></p> <p><a href="#">Corrigendum to Regulation (EU) 2019/216 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 30 January 2019 on the apportionment of tariff rate quotas included in the WTO schedule of the Union following the withdrawal of the United Kingdom from the Union, and amending Council Regulation (EC) No 32/2000 ( OJ L 038, 8.2.2019 )</a></p> <p><a href="#">Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2020/21 of 14 January 2020 amending Implementing Regulation (EU) No 79/2012 laying down detailed rules for implementing certain provisions of Council Regulation (EU) No 904/2010 concerning administrative cooperation and combating fraud in the field of value added tax</a></p>
16-01-20	<p><a href="#">Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2020/35 of 15 January 2020 amending Implementing Regulation (EU) 2019/159 imposing definitive safeguard measures against imports of certain steel products</a></p>
17-01-20	<p><a href="#">Information concerning the entry into force of the Agreement in the form of an exchange of letters between the European Union and Ukraine amending the trade preferences for poultry meat and poultry meat preparations provided for by the Association Agreement between the European Union and the European Atomic Energy Community and their Member States, of the one part, and Ukraine, of the other part</a></p> <p><a href="#">Corrigendum to Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2019/1776 of 9 October 2019 amending Annex I to Council Regulation (EEC) No 2658/87 on the</a></p>

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	<p><a href="#">tariff and statistical nomenclature and on the Common Customs Tariff (Official Journal of the European Union L 280 of 31 October 2019)</a></p> <p><a href="#">Corrigendum to Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2019/1776 of 9 October 2019 amending Annex I to Council Regulation (EEC) No 2658/87 on the tariff and statistical nomenclature and on the Common Customs Tariff (Official Journal of the European Union L 280 of 31 October 2019)</a></p> <p><a href="#">Summary of European Commission Decisions on authorisations for the placing on the market for the use and/or for use of substances listed in Annex XIV to Regulation (EC) No 1907/2006 of the European Parliament and of the Council concerning the Registration, Evaluation, Authorisation and Restriction of Chemicals (REACH) (Published pursuant to Article 64(9) of Regulation (EC) No 1907/2006) [220/C 16/03]</a></p> <p><a href="#">Council Regulation (EC) No 428/2009 of 5 May 2009 setting up a Community regime for the control of exports, transfer, brokering and transit of dual-use items: Information on measures adopted by Member States in conformity with Articles 4, 5, 6, 8, 9, 10, 17 and 22 [2020/C 16/04]</a></p>
20-01-20	<p><a href="#">Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2020/42 of 17 January 2020 amending Regulation (EU) No 37/2010 to classify the substance bambamycin as regards its maximum residue limit</a></p> <p><a href="#">Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2020/43 of 17 January 2020 amending Regulation (EU) No 37/2010 to classify the substance ciclesonide as regards its maximum residue limit</a></p>
21-01-20	<p><a href="#">Commission Implementing Decision (EU) 2020/46 of 20 January 2020 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(2020) 342)</a></p> <p><a href="#">Commission Implementing Decision (EU) 2020/47 of 20 January 2020 on protective measures in relation to highly pathogenic avian influenza of subtype H5N8 in certain Member States (notified under document C(2020) 344)</a></p> <p><a href="#">Council Decision (EU) 2020/48 of 21 January 2020 amending Decision (EU) 2019/274 on the signing, on behalf of the European Union and of the European Atomic Energy Community, of the Agreement on the withdrawal of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland from the European Union and the European Atomic Energy Community</a></p>
22-01-20	<p><a href="#">Commission Regulation (EU) 2020/49 of 21 January 2020 correcting the German language version of Regulation (EU) 2017/1151 supplementing Regulation (EC) No 715/2007 of the European Parliament and of the Council on type-approval of motor vehicles with respect to emissions from light passenger and commercial vehicles (Euro 5 and Euro 6) and on access to vehicle repair and maintenance information, amending Directive 2007/46/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council, Commission Regulation (EC) No 692/2008 and Commission Regulation (EU) No 1230/2012 and repealing Commission Regulation (EC) No 692/2008</a></p>
	<p><a href="#">Commission Implementing Decision (EU) 2020/50 of 21 January 2020 amending Implementing Decision (EU) 2019/919 on the harmonised standards for recreational craft and personal watercraft drafted in support of Directive 2013/53/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards small craft identification, coding system, hull construction and scantlings for monohulls</a></p>
23-01-20	<p><a href="#">Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2020/94 of 22 January 2020 amending Implementing Regulation (EU) 2015/2078 as regards tariff quotas for poultrymeat originating in Ukraine and derogating from that Implementing Regulation for the quota year 2020</a></p>
24-01-20	<p><a href="#">Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2020/103 of 17 January 2020 amending Implementing Regulation (EU) No 844/2012 as regards the harmonised classification of active substances</a></p> <p><a href="#">Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2020/106 of 23 January 2020 concerning the authorisation of sodium formate as a feed additive for all animal species</a></p> <p><a href="#">Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2020/107 of 23 January 2020 concerning the authorisation of ponceau 4R as a feed additive for dogs, cats and ornamental fish</a></p>

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	<a href="#">Regulation No 122 of the Economic Commission for Europe of the United Nations (UN/ECE) — Uniform technical prescriptions concerning the approval of vehicles of categories M, N and O with regard to their heating systems [2020/110]</a>
27-01-20	<a href="#">Commission Implementing Decision (EU) 2020/114 of 24 January 2020 amending the Annex to Implementing Decision (EU) 2020/47 on protective measures in relation to highly pathogenic avian influenza of subtype H5N8 in certain Member States (notified under document C(2020) 487)</a>
29-01-20	<a href="#">Commission Implementing Decision (EU) 2020/122 of 16 January 2020 on the conclusion of an Agreement in the form of an Exchange of Letters between the European Union and the United Mexican States concerning amendments to Annexes I and II of the Agreement between the European Community and the United Mexican States on the mutual recognition and protection of designations for spirit drinks</a>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><a href="#">Agreement in the form of an exchange of letters between the European Union and the United Mexican States concerning the replacement of Annex I and II to the Agreement between the European Community and the United Mexican States on the mutual recognition and protection of designations for spirit drinks</a></li> </ul>
30-01-20	<a href="#">Council Decision (EU) 2020/121 of 28 January 2020 concerning the establishment of the Working Party on the United Kingdom chaired by the General Secretariat of the Council, and repealing Decision (EU) 2017/900</a>
	<a href="#">Decision of the EEA Joint Committee No 35/2018 of 23 March 2018 through Decision of the EEA Joint Committee No 76/2018 of 23 March 2018</a>

### Restrictive measures established, amended, corrected

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

OJ Date	Restrictive Measure
08-01-20	<a href="#">Council Implementing Regulation (EU) 2020/8 of 7 January 2020 implementing Article 12(1) of Regulation (EU) 2017/1770 concerning restrictive measures in view of the situation in Mali</a>
	<a href="#">Council Implementing Decision (CFSP) 2020/9 of 7 January 2020 implementing Decision (CFSP) 2017/1775 concerning restrictive measures in view of the situation in Mali</a>
14-01-20	<a href="#">Council Implementing Regulation (EU) 2020/19 of 13 January 2020 implementing Article 2(3) of Regulation (EC) No 2580/2001 on specific restrictive measures directed against certain persons and entities with a view to combating terrorism, and repealing Implementing Regulation (EU) 2019/1337</a>
	<a href="#">Council Decision (CFSP) 2020/20 of 13 January 2020 updating the list of persons, groups and entities subject to Articles 2, 3 and 4 of Common Position 2001/931/CFSP on the application of specific measures to combat terrorism, and repealing Decision (CFSP) 2019/1341</a>
17-01-20	<a href="#">Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2020/37 of 16 January 2020 amending Council Regulation (EC) No 1210/2003 concerning certain specific restrictions on economic and financial relations with Iraq</a>
28-01-20	<a href="#">Council Implementing Regulation (EU) 2020/115 of 27 January 2020 implementing Regulation (EU) No 101/2011 concerning restrictive measures directed against certain persons, entities and bodies in view of the situation in Tunisia</a>
	<a href="#">Council Decision (CFSP) 2020/117 of 27 January 2020 amending Decision 2011/72/CFSP concerning restrictive measures directed against certain persons and entities in view of the situation in Tunisia</a>
	<a href="#">Council Implementing Regulation (EU) 2020/116 of 27 January 2020 implementing Article 12(1) of Regulation (EU) 2017/1770 concerning restrictive measures in view of the situation in Mali</a>

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	<a href="#">Council Implementing Decision (CFSP) 2020/118 of 27 January 2020 implementing Decision (CFSP) 2017/1775 concerning restrictive measures in view of the situation in Mali</a>
	<a href="#">Council Implementing Regulation (EU) 2020/119 of 28 January 2020 implementing Regulation (EU) No 269/2014 concerning restrictive measures in respect of actions undermining or threatening the territorial integrity, sovereignty and independence of Ukraine</a>
	<a href="#">Council Decision (CFSP) 2020/120 of 28 January 2020 amending Decision 2014/145/CFSP concerning restrictive measures in respect of actions undermining or threatening the territorial integrity, sovereignty and independence of Ukraine</a>

## Antidumping and countervailing duty cases

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

## Individual Countries

### FRANCE

#### 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
26-12-19	<a href="#">№ 19-051: Duties and taxes applicable to energy products from January 1, 2020</a> <a href="#">№ 19-052: Circular of December 26, 2019 - Tariffs of duties on alcohol and alcoholic beverages applicable on January 1, 2020.</a>
17-01-20	<a href="#">2020/01 Notice to importers of Peroxosulfates originating in China</a> <a href="#">2020/02 Notice to importers of steel products</a>
21-01-20	<a href="#">2020/03 Notice to importers of Citric Acid</a> <a href="#">2020/04 Notice to importers of biodiesel</a> <a href="#">2020/05 Notice to importers of Woven and/or Sewn Glass Fiber Fabrics originating in China</a>
24-01-20	<a href="#">2020/06 Notice to importers of Certain Flat Hot Rolled Products of Stainless Steel, Coiled or Sheets, originating in China, Taiwan and Indonesia</a> <a href="#">2020/07 Notice to importers of Certain Welded Iron and Non-alloy Steel Tubes and Tubes originating in Belarus, China and Russia</a>

### SWITZERLAND

#### Illegal trafficking of shahtoosh wool shawls on the rise

On 28 January 2020, the Federal Council issued a press release which stated in part:

The seizure of 69 shahtoosh wool shawls in December and January shows that the illegal trafficking of “shawls of shame” is as widespread as ever. To produce these 69 shawls, around 300 Tibetan antelopes were killed, because it takes the wool of three to five antelopes to make each shawl. As these antelopes are at risk of extinction, trade in Tibetan wool shawls is strictly prohibited. Shahtoosh wool from Tibetan antelopes is considered to be the finest in the world.

Since 2013, the Federal Food Safety and Veterinary Office (FSVO) has been conducting tighter checks in collaboration with the Federal Customs Administration (FCA). As a result, large numbers of shawls are seized in Switzerland every year. To

combat this illegal trade effectively and help safeguard this endangered and thus strictly protected species, it is vital to encourage international collaboration and raise awareness among potential buyers.

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Illegal importation of a shahtoosh wool shawl is punishable by a fine under the Federal Act on the Trade in Protected Animal and Plant Species (FA-CITES).

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The number of shawls seized in Switzerland in recent years is only the tip of the iceberg of this illegal international trade. To combat this scourge effectively, strategic international collaboration is crucial to allow networking of specific knowledge and cooperation with the police. It is also a condition for providing effective support to relevant countries in the policing, customs and judicial sectors.

## Swiss open consultation for more efficient action by Customs against counterfeits

On 15 January 2020, the Federal Council [opened a public consultation](#) on the introduction of a simplified procedure for the Federal Customs Administration (FCA) to destroy fake products in small consignments. A new procedure aims to reduce the administrative effort by giving the authorities more leeway for their checks. These checks are essential – the importation of small consignments from Asia into Switzerland increased six-fold between 2014 and 2018. Swiss companies are particularly affected by counterfeiting. The consultation procedure will run until 30 April 2020.

In recent years, the sale of counterfeit products has shifted increasingly towards online trade where anyone can order a counterfeit product on the internet with a simple click of the mouse. The products are shipped to them in a small packet by post or courier. The Federal Department of Justice and Police (FDJP), which is the lead agency in the consultation, states:

This presents a major challenge for the FCA, which plays a central role in combating the importation of counterfeits into Switzerland. Owners of trade marks and other intellectual property rights can request the FCA to withhold suspicious goods at the border and to destroy them if the buyer does not expressly object to their destruction. However, this procedure is very time-consuming – for both the FCA and the owner of trade marks.

Over ninety per cent of suspicious goods intercepted at the border concern minor cases of small consignments with three items or less. Handling these customs procedures, however, requires a disproportionate amount of effort. The FCA must inform both the owner of trade marks and the purchaser of the goods and monitor the time limits. At this point, the owners of trade marks do not yet know if the purchaser objects to the destruction of the goods. For this eventuality, they have to prepare to initiate court proceedings. They therefore request the FCA to send them samples or images of the goods or grant them authorisation to inspect them. In most cases, however, all of these steps prove to be unnecessary in retrospect. The purchaser of the goods usually acknowledges that they have bought a counterfeit and therefore does not object to the destruction.

A streamlined and simplified procedure would mean that such minor cases could be settled with considerably less effort. The owner of trade marks would only be informed that their consignment has been withheld if the purchaser objects to the destruction. As a result, the FCA and the owners of trade marks would save themselves further procedural steps in numerous cases. As previously, the purchaser of suspicious goods would unconditionally reserve the right to object to the destruction of their goods. At the moment, this occurs in only about five per cent of cases. Thanks to this more efficient procedure, the FCA could dedicate more time to the actual inspection activities, thereby enabling them to intercept more counterfeit goods.

The consultation documents consisting of an explanatory report and draft proposal are available for downloading in German, French or Italian:

- [Erläuternder Bericht](#)
- [Rapport explicatif](#)
- [Rapporto esplicativo](#)
- [Vorentwurf](#)
- [Avant-projet](#)
- [Avamprogetto](#)

## Guidance issued for determining validity of proofs of origin

In January 2020, the Federal Customs Administration (FCA) issued a "[Fact sheet For determining the formal validity of proofs of origin](#)". The purpose of the 22-page guide is to provide assistance to persons subject to the declaration obligation to check the formal validity of proofs of origin. If the declarant does not verify the validity of the proof of origin based on the information contained in the fact sheet, he doesn't comply with due diligence. The guide has examples of the certificates or origin and annotations with links for the following preferential agreements or programmes:

- Generic Movement Certificate (used in several agreements) MC EUR 1
- Euro-Med MC EUR-MED
- Japan-Switzerland
- Gulf Cooperation Council-Switzerland
- Generalized System of Preferences (Form A)
- China-Switzerland FTA

## Recueil officiel

Date	Measure
31-12-19	<a href="#">FSVO order instituting measures against the spread of African swine fever through import, transit and export trade with the Member States of the European Union, Iceland and Norway</a> (RS 916.443.107)
08-01-20	<a href="#">Weapons, Weapons Accessories and Ammunition Ordinance (Weapons Ordinance, OArm)</a> (RS 514.541)
	<a href="#">DETEC ordinance on the permit for the use of refrigerants (OPer-FI)</a> (RS 814.812.38)
	<a href="#">Order of the DFI regulating the import, transit and export trade in animals and animal products with third countries (OITE-PT-DFI)</a> (RS 916.443.106)
14-01-20	<a href="#">Ordinance on the placing on the market and use of biocidal products (Ordinance on biocidal products, OPBio)</a> (RS 813.12)
15-01-20	<a href="#">FSVO order instituting measures against the spread of African swine fever through import, transit and export trade with the Member States of the European Union, Iceland and Norway</a> (RS 916.443.107)
17-01-20	<a href="#">FSVO order establishing measures to prevent the introduction of avian influenza present in certain Member States of the European Union</a> (RS 916.443.102.1)
21-01-20	<a href="#">Ordinance on the import of agricultural products (Ordinance on agricultural imports, OIAgr)</a> (RS 916.01)
24-01-20	<a href="#">FSVO order establishing measures to prevent the introduction of avian influenza present in certain Member States of the European Union</a> (RS 916.443.102.1)



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	<a href="#">FSVO order instituting measures against the spread of African swine fever through import, transit and export trade with the Member States of the European Union, Iceland and Norway</a> (RS 916.443.107)
28-01-20	<a href="#">Ordinance of the FDF on goods benefiting from customs relief according to their use (Ordinance on customs relief, OADou)</a> (RS 631.012)
	<a href="#">Ordinance on the import of agricultural products (Ordinance on agricultural imports, OIAgr)</a> (RS 916.01)
	<a href="#">Free Trade Agreement between the Republic of Peru and the EFTA States</a> (RS 0.632.316.411)
30-01-20	<a href="#">FSVO order establishing measures to prevent the introduction of avian influenza present in certain Member States of the European Union</a> (RS 916.443.102.1)
31-01-20	<a href="#">Order of the DFI on the declaration of observations in relation to communicable diseases of humans</a> (RS 818.101.126)

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Date*	Restrictive Measure
20-12-19	<a href="#">Amendment to the Ordinance of 22 November 2017 on measures against the Republic of Mali</a> (RS 946.231.154.1) [Entry into force: 19-12-19]
03-01-20	<a href="#">Amendment to the Ordinance of 7 August 1990 on economic measures against the Republic of Iraq</a> (RS 946.206) [Entry into force: 02-01-20]
08-01-20	<a href="#">Order blocking heritage values in the context of Tunisia (O-Tunisia)</a> (RS 196.127.58) [Entry into force: 19-01-20] (One year extension)
	<a href="#">Heritage Freezing Order in the Context of Ukraine (O-Ukraine)</a> (RS 196.127.67) [Entry into force 28-02-20] (One year extension)
15-01-20	<a href="#">Amendment to the Ordinance of 22 November 2017 on measures against the Republic of Mali</a> (RS 946.231.154.1) [Entry into force: 14-01-20]
16-01-20	<a href="#">Amendment to the Ordinance of 2 October 2000 on Measures against Persons and Organizations with Connections to Usama bin Laden, the "Al-Qaïda" Group or the Taliban</a> (RS 946.203) [Entry into force: 15-01-20]

## UNITED KINGDOM

[Note: As a result of the UK's withdrawal from the EU, beginning with our next edition, the UK will be listed under [NON EU-EFTA EUROPEAN COUNTRIES](#) below]

### The UK exits the EU

On 31 January 2020, at midnight in Brussels (11 p.m. in the UK), the United Kingdom officially left the European Union, after having been a member for 47 years. There will be a transition period which will end on 31 December 2020, during which very little will change. During this time, the UK will try to negotiate a free trade agreement with the EU. The withdrawal agreement with the EU ensures an orderly withdrawal of the United Kingdom from the Union. It covers citizens' rights, the financial settlement, a transition period, protocols on Ireland/Northern Ireland, Cyprus and Gibraltar, governance and other separation issues. [See [EU-EFTA](#) above for EU actions related to Brexit]

## The UK is preparing to impose Magnitsky-style sanctions after Brexit

The UK Foreign Office has indicated that it is preparing to introduce a new targeted sanctions regime immediately after Brexit. The new sanctions regime will enable the UK to freeze the assets of foreign citizens deemed responsible for human rights abuses. It will then be followed by a list of people whose assets will be frozen. The US and Canada already have such arrangements and the EU has indicated that it intends to adopt a similar sanctions regime.

The UK Foreign Secretary, Dominic Raab MP, stated that the UK will implement the regime post-Brexit in a [press conference](#) with the Canadian Foreign Minister on 9 January 2019. Raab expressed a willingness to collaborate with Canada on human rights sanctions and stated that the new UK regime is inspired by the Canadian Magnitsky-style sanctions.

The new sanctions regime will be derived from the Sanctions and Money Laundering Act 2018 (see previous blog post on the act here), which was introduced to allow the UK to impose its own economic, trade and immigration sanctions after Brexit. Secondary legislation to establish the regime is expected in February or March.

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## UK adopts the revised EU Dual Use List

On 31 December 2019, the updated Annex I (the “Dual-Use List”) to Regulation 428/2009 (the “Dual-Use Regulation”) came into effect. The changes to the Dual-Use List reflect updates to the international non-proliferation agreements during 2018, the majority of which arose from amendments to the Wassenaar Arrangement agreed in December 2019. More detailed summaries of the changes can be found in our previous updates [here](#) and [here](#).

The UK has adopted this updated list and on 8 January published an updated version of the consolidated UK Strategic Export Control Lists, which sets out all items (goods, software and technology) that the UK considers to be controlled for export. The updated UK Strategic Export Control Lists can be found [here](#).

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## Legislation ([legislation.gov.uk](http://legislation.gov.uk))

Date	Measure
06-01-20	<a href="#">SI 2019/1216 - Correction Slip 1</a> These Regulations make miscellaneous amendments and modifications to secondary legislation relating to excise duties and are made to ensure the effective operation of the law applying to excise duties...
	<a href="#">SI 2019/1215 - Correction Slip 1</a> The Regulations are made by HMRC Commissioners under the Customs and Excise Management Act 1979 (c. 2) and the Treasury further to Part 1 of the Taxation (Cross-border Trade) Act 2018 (c. 22) (“the Ac...
	<a href="#">SI 2019/1214 - Correction Slip 1</a> These Regulations are made in consequence of, or otherwise in connection with, the withdrawal of the United Kingdom from the EU.
15-01-20	<a href="#">SSI 2020/7 - The Foods for Specific Groups (Medical Foods for Infants) and Addition of Vitamins, Minerals and Other Substances (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2020</a>
	<a href="#">SSI 2020/6 - The Foods for Specific Groups (Infant Formula and Follow-on Formula) (Scotland) Regulations 2020</a>
21-01-20	<a href="#">SI 2020/38 - The Overseas Production Orders and Requests for Interception (Designation of Agreement) Regulations 2020</a>

Date	Measure
23-01-20	<a href="#">2020 c. 1 - European Union (Withdrawal Agreement) Act 2020</a>
27-01-20	<a href="#">SI 2020/43 - The Food for Specific Groups (Food for Special Medical Purposes for Infants, Infant Formula and Follow-on Formula) (Information and Compositional Requirements) (Amendment etc.) (England) Regulations 2020</a>
29-01-20	<a href="#">SI 2020/75 - The European Union (Withdrawal Agreement) Act 2020 (Commencement No. 1) Regulations 2020</a>
	<a href="#">SI 2020/74 - The European Union (Withdrawal) Act 2018 (Commencement No. 5, Transitional Provisions and Amendment) Regulations 2020</a>
	<a href="#">SI 2020/69 - The Plant Health etc. (Fees) (Wales) (Amendment) Regulations 2020 / Rheoliadau Iechyd Planhigion etc. (Ffioedd) (Cymru) (Diwygio) 2020</a>
30-01-20	<a href="#">SI 2020/87 - The Value Added Tax (Miscellaneous Amendments, Revocation and Transitional Provisions) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019 (Appointed Day No. 1) (EU Exit) Regulations 2020</a>
31-01-20	<a href="#">SI 2020/93 - The European Union (Withdrawal Agreement) Act 2020 (Disapplication of the Deferral of Subordinate Legislation) (Wales) (EU Exit) Regulations 2020 / Rheoliadau Deddf yr Undeb Ewropeaidd (Y Cytundeb Ymadael) 2020 (Datgymhwyso Gohirio Is-ddeddfwriaeth) (Cymru) (Ymadael â'r UE) 2020</a>
	<a href="#">SI 2020/92 - The Food for Specific Groups (Information and Compositional Requirements) (Wales) (Amendment) Regulations 2020 / Rheoliadau Bwyd ar gyfer Grwpiau Penodol (Gofynion o ran Gwybodaeth a Chyfansoddiad) (Cymru) (Diwygio) 2020</a>
	<a href="#">SR 2020/16 - The Food Safety (Information and Compositional Requirements) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2020</a>

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Date*	Restrictive Measure
17-01-20	<a href="#">SI 2020/36 - The Andrey Lugovoy and Dmitri Kovtun Freezing Order 2020</a>

### HMRC updates

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

Release Date	Ref. No. and Subject
<b>Customs Information Papers</b>	
03-01-20	<a href="#">Change of address for sending C&amp;E1179 rejected imports claim forms (CIP2)</a>
29-01-20	<a href="#">Extension to implementation date of the change in approach on indirect representation for some customs authorisations holders (CIP3)</a>
<b>Tariff, Anti-Dumping and Other Notices</b>	
30-12-19	<a href="#">International Exchange of Information Manual</a>
03-01-20	<a href="#">Changes to commodity codes in chapter 8 (Tariff stop press notice 1)</a>
09-01-20	<a href="#">Report incorrect Customs Duty or VAT on items imported by post (BOR286)</a>
	<a href="#">Fees you'll pay for money laundering supervision</a>
15-01-20	<a href="#">Automatic Licence Verification System (ALVS) across HM Government</a>
16-01-20	<a href="#">Customs Declaration Service: service availability and issues</a>
20-01-20	<a href="#">European Union preferential export procedures (Notice 827)</a>
	<a href="#">End-use bill of discharge for goods with full customs authorisation (BOD2)</a>
	<a href="#">Peroxisulphates (persulphates) from China (anti-dumping duty 2383)</a>
	<a href="#">Notice 199B: approved depositories under external temporary storage facility</a>
	<a href="#">Apply for approved exporter status (C1454)</a>

Release Date	Ref. No. and Subject
	<a href="#">List of designated persons, terrorism and terrorist financing</a>
	<a href="#">Financial Sanctions, UK freezing orders</a>
	<a href="#">Financial sanctions, Iraq</a>
21-01-20	<a href="#">Customs special procedures for the Union Customs Code (Notice 3001)</a>
	<a href="#">Exporter review of bicycles made by Universal Cycle Corporation (Gouangzhou) (anti-dumping duty 2379)</a>
	<a href="#">Investigation to find out why Chinese export prices have decreased (anti-dumping duty 2380)</a>
	<a href="#">Tungsten electrodes from Laos, Thailand and India (anti-dumping duty 2382)</a>
	<a href="#">Notice 760: Customs Freight Simplified Procedures (CFSP)</a>
	<a href="#">Pins and staples from China (anti-dumping duty 2381)</a>
27-01-20	<a href="#">Letters to businesses about trade arrangements after the UK has left the EU</a>
28-01-20	<a href="#">Options when customs seizes your things</a>
	<a href="#">Who is subject to financial sanctions in the UK?</a>
30-01-20	<a href="#">Changes to commodity codes in chapters 35, 84 and 85 (Tariff stop press notice 2)</a>

## ECJU Notices to Exporters and DIT documents

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

Date	Notice No. and Subject
08-01-20	<a href="#">Notice to exporters 2020/01: list of dual use controlled items updated</a>
	<a href="#">Consolidated list of strategic military and dual-use items that require export authorisation</a>
17-01-20	<a href="#">Notice to exporters 2020/02: open general licences updated</a>
29-01-20	<a href="#">Notice to exporters 2020/03: exporting and trading items subject to strategic controls during the transition period</a>

## OTHER EU-EFTA COUNTRIES

### Import-export related measures

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

Date*	Measure
<b>ICELAND</b>	
03-01-20	<a href="#">Law 163/2019 (23-12-19) amending the Consumer Credit Act and the Anti-Money Laundering and Terrorist Financing Act</a>
30-01-20	<a href="#">№ 59/2020 (22-01-20) Regulation on (15) an amendment to Regulation no. 560/2014 on the entry into force of Commission Regulation (EC) No. 798/2008 on lists of third countries, territories, areas or compartments from which Community import and transit of poultry and poultry products is authorized, and requirements for animal and animal health certifications.</a>
31-01-20	<a href="#">№ 6/2020 (27-01-20) Notice on the beginning of a transitional period for the UK's exit from the European Union</a>
<b>IRELAND (EIRE)</b>	
07-01-20	<a href="#">SI 691 of 2019 European Union (Cooperation Between National Authorities Responsible for the Enforcement of Consumer Protection Laws) Regulations 2019</a>

Date*	Measure
17-01-20	<a href="#">SI 9 of 2020 European Union (Temporary Increase of Official Controls and Emergency Measures on Imports of Food and Feed of Non-Animal Origin) Regulations 2020</a>
21-01-20	<a href="#">SI 14 of 2020 European Union (Cooperation Between National Authorities Responsible for the Enforcement of Consumer Protection Laws) Regulations 2020</a> <a href="#">SI No. 15/2020 - Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons Act 2019 (Commencement) Order 2020</a>
<b>LIECHTENSTEIN</b>	
17-01-20	<a href="#">LGBI № 2020.003 Exchange of notes between the Principality of Liechtenstein and the European Union regarding the adoption of Regulation (EU) 2017/2225 amending Regulation (EU) 2016/399 with regard to the use of the entry / exit system (EES) and Regulation (EU) 2017 / 2226 on an entry / exit system (EES) to collect the entry and exit data as well as the refusal of entry data of third-country nationals at the external borders of the Member States and to determine the conditions for access to the EES for security and law enforcement purposes (further development of the Schengen acquis) (LR № 0.362.380.106)</a>
29-01-20	<a href="#">LGBI № 2020.019 Law of December 4, 2019 on the amendment of the Distance and Foreign Trade Act (LR № 215.211.6)</a> <a href="#">LGBI № 2020.030 Announcement of 14 January 2020 of decisions 3/2008 and 1/2010 of the EFTA-PLO joint committee (LR № 0.632.311.901)</a> <a href="#">LGBI № 2020.031 Announcement of 14 January 2020 of Decision No 1/2008 of the EFTA-Chile Joint Committee (LR № 0.632.311.451)</a> <a href="#">LGBI № 2020.032 Announcement of 14 January 2020 of Decisions No 1/2008 and 1/2010 of the EFTA-Mexico Joint Committee (LR № 0.632.311.421)</a> <a href="#">LGBI № 2020.033 Announcement of 14 January 2020 of Decisions No 1/2015 of the EFTA-Korea Joint Committee (LR № 0.632.311.461)</a>
31-01-20	<a href="#">LGBI № 2020.37 Ordinance of 28 January 2020 amending the Public Procurement Regulation (LR № 172.051.1)</a> <a href="#">LGBI № 2020.38 announcement of public procurement thresholds (LR № 172.051.11)</a> <a href="#">LGBI № 2020.39 Announcement of 28 January 2020 thresholds for the award of public contracts in the sector (LR № 172.052.11)</a> <a href="#">LGBI № 2020.50 Law of 29 January 2020 for the transitional period after the United Kingdom's withdrawal from the European Union and the EEA Agreement and other agreements between the United Kingdom and the EEA / EFTA States due to the membership of the United Kingdom in of the European Union apply (Brexit transitional law; Brexit-ÜG) (LR № 632.61)</a> <a href="#">LGBI № 2020.51 Agreement between Iceland, the Principality of Liechtenstein, the Kingdom of Norway and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland on the United Kingdom's withdrawal from the European Union, the EEA Agreement and other agreements between the United Kingdom and the EEA / EFTA States based on membership of the United Kingdom in the European Union (LR № 0.632.61)</a>
<b>LUXEMBOURG</b>	
14-01-20	<a href="#">Mem A16: Application of new European standards in the non-electrical field applicable to the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg.</a> <a href="#">Mem A17: Application of new European standards in the electrotechnical field applicable to the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg.</a> <a href="#">Mem A18: Application of new European telecommunications standards applicable in the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg.</a>
17-01-20	<a href="#">Mem A20: Grand-ducal regulation of 15 January 2020 modifying the modified grand-ducal regulation of 14 December 2018 relating to export control.</a>
27-01-20	<a href="#">Mem A28: Grand-ducal decree of January 21, 2020, publishing adjustments to the production and consumption of controlled substances in group I of Annex C to the Montreal Protocol on substances that deplete the ozone layer, done in Montreal, on September 16, 1987, adopted by Decision XXX / 2 at the thirtieth meeting of the Parties to the above-mentioned Protocol, held in Quito, Ecuador, from November 5 to 9, 2018 and entered into force on June 21, 2019.</a>
28-01-20	<a href="#">Mem A33: Ministerial regulation of January 24, 2020 amending the ministerial regulation of March 18, 2010 publishing the Belgian law of December 22, 2009</a>

Date*	Measure
	<p><a href="#">relating to the general excise regime transposing Council Directive 2008/118 / EC of December 16, 2008 and repealing Directive 92/12 / EEC on the subject and publishing:</a></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><a href="#">1. Law of November 7, 2011 laying down various tax provisions - Chapter 4 (art. 16)</a></li> <li><a href="#">2. Law of December 18, 2015 laying down various provisions excise goods - Chapter 2 (art. 2 - art.5)</a></li> <li><a href="#">3. Law of 27 April 2016 adapting titles and grades relating to customs and excise duties - Chapter 7 (art. 170 - art. 175)</a></li> <li><a href="#">4. Law of 20 December 2019 amending the law of 22 December 2009 relating to the general excise regime transposing Directive 2019/475.</a></li> </ol>
29-01-20	<p><a href="#">Mem A34: Ministerial regulation of January 24, 2020 amending the ministerial regulation of October 4, 1977 concerning the coordination of general provisions relating to customs and excise duties and publishing of:</a></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><a href="#">1.-7 Omitted;</a></li> <li><a href="#">8. the Belgian law of 12 May 2014 amending the general law on customs and excise;</a></li> <li><a href="#">9. the Belgian law of 18 December 2015 amending the general law on customs and excise;</a></li> <li><a href="#">10. the Belgian law of 27 April 2016 adapting the provisions attributing titles and grades in the tax codes and the legal provisions relating to customs and excise duties and laying down various other provisions;</a></li> <li><a href="#">11.-15 Omitted;</a></li> <li><a href="#">16. the Belgian law of 2 May 2019 amending various provisions relating to the processing of passenger data;</a></li> <li><a href="#">17. the Belgian law of 8 May 2019 introducing the Belgian Navigation Code.</a></li> </ol>
<b>MALTA</b>	
07-01-20	<p><a href="#">2 of 2020 – Distance Selling (Retail Financial Services) (Amendment) Regulations, 2020 Government Gazette Of Malta No. 20,324– 07.01.2020</a></p>
31-01-20	<p><a href="#">18 of 2020 – Residence Status of United Kingdom nationals and their family members in accordance with the Agreement on the Withdrawal of the United Kingdom and Northern Ireland from the European Union and the European Atomic Energy Community Regulations, 2020 Government Gazette Of Malta No. 20,340– 31.01.2020</a></p>
<b>NORWAY</b>	
07-01-20	<p>FOR-2019-12-13-2133 Ministry of Climate and Environment <a href="#">Regulations on amendments to the Regulations on Biocides (Biocides Regulations)</a></p>
	<p>FOR-2019-12-30-2144 Ministry of Finance <a href="#">Regulations on changes in regulations on changes in regulations to the Customs and Goods Act (Customs Regulations)</a></p>
09-01-20	<p>FOR-2020-01-08-6 Ministry of Trade and Industry <a href="#">Regulations on amendments to regulations on articles of precious metal, etc.</a></p>
10-01-20	<p>FOR-2020-01-09-12 Ministry of Climate and Environment <a href="#">Regulations on amendments to regulations on quota duty and trading of allowances for greenhouse gas emissions (the greenhouse gas emission regulation)</a></p> <p>FOR-2020-01-10-14 Ministry of Foreign Affairs <a href="#">Entry into force of Act 29 March 2019 No. 8 on a transitional period in the UK's exit from the EU</a></p>
23-01-20	<p>FOR-2020-01-20-62 Ministry of Finance <a href="#">Regulations on changes in regulations to the Customs and Goods Act (Customs Regulation)</a></p>
<b>POLAND</b>	
02-01-20	<p>№ 1 <a href="#">Regulation of the Minister of Finance of December 23, 2019 amending the regulation on customs declarations</a></p>
21-01-20	<p>№ 93 <a href="#">Ordinance of the Prime Minister of 9 January 2020 on the way in which officers of the Internal Security Agency draw up a report and official documentation of personal checks and of reviewing the contents of luggage or checking loads, as well as specimens of reports on these activities</a></p>
27-01-20	<p>№ 118 <a href="#">Ordinance of the Minister of the Interior and Administration of January 9, 2020 on specifying the model application for granting or changing the concession for business activities in the field of production and trade in explosives,</a></p>



Date*	Measure
	<a href="#">weapons, ammunition as well as products and technology for military or police purposes</a>
<b>SPAIN</b>	
03-01-20	HACIENDA: <a href="#">Resolution of December 18, 2019, of the Department of Customs and Special Taxes of the State Tax Administration Agency, which approves the Internal Regime Regulation of the Free Zone of the Bay of Algeciras. (BOE-A-2020-70)</a>
08-01-20	AGRICULTURE, FISHERIES & FOOD: <a href="#">Order APA / 1299/2019, of December 18, which modifies Order AAA / 458/2013, of March 11, which establishes the phytosanitary technical standard that wooden packaging must comply with and regulates the authorization and registration regime for wood packaging operators. (BOE-A-2020-282)</a>
14-01-20	INDUSTRY, COMMERCE AND TOURISM (ICT): <a href="#">Resolution of January 7, 2020, of the General Directorate of Industry and Small and Medium Enterprises, which publishes the list of European standards that have been ratified during the month of December 2019 as Spanish standards. (BOE-A-2020-480)</a>
	ICT: <a href="#">Resolution of January 7, 2020, of the General Directorate of Industry and Small and Medium Enterprises, which publishes the list of annulled UNE standards during the month of December 2019. (BOE-A-2020-481)</a>
	ICT: <a href="#">Resolution of January 7, 2020, of the General Directorate of Industry and Small and Medium Enterprises, which publishes the list of UNE standards approved by the Spanish Standardization Association, during the month of December 2019. (BOE-A-2020-482)</a>
22-01-20	FOREIGN AFFAIRS: <a href="#">Correction of errors in the Amendments to the Agreement on international transport of perishable goods and on special vehicles used in these transports (ATP), adopted in Geneva on October 10, 2014. (BOE-A-2020-910)</a>
28-01-20	HACIENDA: <a href="#">Resolution of January 21, 2020, of the General Directorate of the State Tax Administration Agency, approving the general guidelines of the Annual Tax and Customs Control Plan of 2020. (BOE-A-2020-1201)</a>
29-01-20	ICT: <a href="#">Resolution of January 24, 2020, of the Secretary of State for Commerce, which modifies that of December 16, 2019, approving the official calendar of international trade fairs for the year 2020. (BOE-A-2020-1331)</a>

### Restrictive measures established, amended, corrected

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

Date*	Restrictive Measure
<b>ICELAND</b>	
22-01-20	<a href="#">№ 29/2020 (07-01-20) Regulation to enforce coercive measures on Nicaragua</a>
<b>IRELAND (EIRE)</b>	
10-01-20	<a href="#">S.I. 694 of 2019 European Union (Restrictive Measures Concerning Turkey) Regulations 2019</a>
	<a href="#">S.I. No. 695/2019 - Criminal Justice (Terrorist Offences) Act 2005 (Section 42) (Restrictive Measures Concerning Certain Persons and Entities Associated with the Isil (Da'esh) and Al-Qaida Organisations) (No.6) Regulations 2019</a>
	<a href="#">S.I. No. 696/2019 - European Union (Restrictive Measures Concerning Isil (Da'esh) and Al-Qaeda and Natural and Legal Persons, Entities or Bodies Associated with Them) (No.3) Regulations 2019</a>
<b>LIECHTENSTEIN</b>	
29-01-20	<a href="#">LGBI № 2020.013 Law of December 4, 2019 amending the Law on Enforcement of International Sanctions (LR № 946.21)</a>

## Non EU-EFTA European Countries

### TURKEY

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

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

Date	Subject
04-01-20	<a href="#">Communiqué on the Prevention of Unfair Competition in Imports (No: 2019/33)</a>
	<a href="#">Communiqué on the Prevention of Unfair Competition in Imports (No: 2019/34)</a>
	<a href="#">Communiqué on the Prevention of Unfair Competition in Imports (No: 2019/36)</a>
	<a href="#">Communiqué on the Prevention of Unfair Competition in Imports (No: 2019/37)</a>
	<a href="#">Communiqué on the Prevention of Unfair Competition in Imports (No: 2019/38)</a>
06-01-20	<a href="#">Communiqué No: 2019/37 - Woven fabrics of synthetic filament yarn (for clothing) - People's Republic of China, Korea, Malaysia, Kingdom of Thailand, China Taiwan (Woven fabrics of synthetic filament yarn) , Malaysia, Kingdom of Thailand, Chinese Taipei)</a>
07-01-20	<a href="#">Communiqué on the Prevention of Unfair Competition in Imports (No: 2019/35)</a>
	<a href="#">Communiqué Amending the Communiqué on the Prohibited and Pre-Permitted Goods (Export: 96/31) (Export 2020/1)</a>
09-01-20	<a href="#">Communiqué Amending the Communiqué on the Implementation of Surveillance in Imports (Communiqué No: 2019/1)</a>
14-01-20	<a href="#">Regulation Amending the Customs Settlement Regulation</a>
	<a href="#">Communiqué on Allocation of Export Quota for 2020 (No: 2019/66)</a>
18-01-20	<a href="#">Communiqué Amending the General Communiqué of Customs (Fuel Mixing Processes in Warehouses) (Series No: 1) (Fuel Mixing Processes in Warehouses) (Series No: 2)</a>
21-01-20	<a href="#">List of Taxes, Duties and Fees Exemption Documents (Y) for December 2019</a>
	<a href="#">List of Inward Processing Permits (D1) for December 2019</a>
	<a href="#">List of Excluded Processing Permits (H) for December 2019</a>
22-01-20	<a href="#">Communiqué on the Implementation of Articles 25 and 26 of the Regulation on the Production and Principles Regarding the Production of Ethyl Alcohol and Methanol and their Domestic and Foreign Trade (No: 2019/69)</a>
	<a href="#">Communiqué on the Application of Articles 22, 23 and 26 of the Regulation on the Procedures and Principles Regarding Tobacco Production, Processing, Domestic and Foreign Trade (No: 2019/70)</a>
	<a href="#">Article 23 of the Regulation on the Procedures and Principles Regarding the Production and Trade of Tobacco Products, Article 6 of the Decision on the Procedures and Principles Regarding the Imports, Price Determination and Domestic Marketing of Cigars, Article 23 of the Regulation on the Production and Trade of Macarons Article, Communiqué on the Implementation of Article 23 of the Regulation on the Procedures and Principles Regarding the Production and Trade of Leaf Cigarette Paper (No: 2019/71)</a>
25-01-20	<a href="#">Government Resolution on the Ratification of the Trade and Economic Cooperation Agreement between the Republic of Turkey and the Government of the Federal Republic Somalia (Decision Number: 2066)</a>
	<a href="#">Between Turkey and Switzerland amended by the Protocol of Agricultural Products Trade Arrangement between Iceland and Turkey Agricultural Products from December 1, 2019 Date of the Agreement on the Trade Decision on Approval of the Amended Instrument Being Valid (Decision Number: 2068)</a>
29-01-20	<a href="#">Decision Regarding the Determination of Special Consumption Tax Amounts to be Applied to Some Goods (Decision Number: 2081)</a>
31-01-20	<a href="#">The Government of the Republic of Turkey in 7211 between the Government of the Republic of Argentina Subject Customs Cooperation and Mutual Assistance Treaty Ratification of the Law on the appropriate location</a>
	<a href="#">Communiqué on Prevention of Unfair Competition in Imports (No: 2020/1)</a>

## UKRAINE

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

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

Date	Subject
07-12-19	№ AD-433/2019/4411-03 (02-12-19) <a href="#">initiation and review of anti-dumping measures on imports of seamless stainless steel pipes from China due to their expiry</a>
	№ AD-434/2019/4411-03 (02-12-19) <a href="#">Anti-dumping investigation into imports of steel fasteners originating in the People's Republic of China to Ukraine</a>
	№ No. JV — 432/2019/4411-03 (02-12-19) <a href="#">Special investigation into the import of syringes into Ukraine regardless of country of origin and export</a>
10-01-20	<a href="#">On Amendments to the Regulation on Security Measures and Determining the Procedure for Performing Individual Transactions in Foreign Currency</a> Resolution of the National Bank of Ukraine # 163 dated 27.12.2019
23-01-20	<a href="#">Expiration of anti-dumping measures on imports into Ukraine of incandescent lamps originating in the Kyrgyz Republic</a> on 31-07-20 [№ AD-330/2015/4442-06 of 23-06-15]
	№ AD-435/2020/4411-03 (17-01-20) <a href="#">Anti-dumping measures on imports of mineral fertilizers originating in the Russian Federation</a>

## MIDDLE EAST AND NORTH AFRICA

### ALGERIA

#### 2020 Finance Law

The [Algerian finance law for 2020](#) adopted on the eve of the presidential election on 11 December 2019 was published in the Official Journal on 30 December 2019. Please see our January 2020 [Francophone Africa Legal Alert](#) for full details. However, here are some highlights that affect imports:

#### Bank domiciliation of import transactions

The rates applicable to the bank domiciliation (i.e. registration) of goods and services import transactions are revised as follows:

- 0.5% of the import amount for goods or merchandise intended for resale as is
- 1% for imports under CKD/SKD (assembly) with a minimum of 20,000 dinars;
- 4% for imports of services

The applicable rates until 1 January 2020 were 0.3% for the import of goods and merchandise for resale as is and 3% for the import of services.

#### VAT on online sales

The Finance Law stipulates that sales transactions by electronic means must be subject to VAT at the reduced rate of 9%. Sales of digital products and services used and exploited in Algeria, including when delivery is made by a taxpayer established outside of Algeria, will thus be subject to VAT.

#### Economic Zones

The law creates "economic development zones of the southern border regions and landlocked regions" in order to create platforms for inter-African trade at the southern

cross-border areas (Tamanrasset, Illizi and Tindouf). It also creates "economic zones for the development of trade logistics and services" to support the development of information technologies and innovation. Finally, it establishes "integrated industrial zones".

However, the distribution of the economic zones over the territory, their implementation conditions, operating procedures and tax advantages remain to be defined.

#### Solidarity contribution

The solidarity contribution applicable to the import of goods released for consumption in Algeria increases from 1% to 2%.

This increase is intended to further reduce the deficit of the Caisse Nationale des Retraites.

#### Customs duties

Customs duties on computer equipment are increased from 5% to 30%.

### New law on hydrocarbons

[Law No. 19-13 of 11 December 2019 governing hydrocarbon activities](#) entered into force following its publication in the *Official Gazette* on 22 December 2019 (the "New Law"). The New Law revises the institutional, legal and fiscal framework of the energy sector. [Click here to read more in the Francophone Africa Legal Alert.](#)

## MOROCCO

### 2020 Finance Law

The Moroccan Finance Law No. 70-19 for 2020 was published in the [Bulletin Officiel No. 6838 bis](#) of 14 December 2019.

This law, strongly inspired by the recommendations of the national conferences on taxation, aims at giving a new dynamic to the reform process of the Moroccan tax system in order to meet two main imperatives:

- to support the social and economic changes in Morocco;
- fulfilling commitments to bring the system into line with international rules and standards.

Please see our January 2020 [Francophone Africa Legal Alert](#) for full details of the various tax measures. However, here are some highlights that affect exports:

- **Amendment to the export tax regime.** The five-year exemption for export turnover is abolished and the tax rate is increased from 17.50% to 20% for export turnover. The new rate of 20% applies to fiscal years beginning as of 1 January 2020. As a transitional measure, exporting companies having carried out their first export operation before 1 January 2020 continue to benefit from the five-year exemption, until the expiry of the period of five consecutive years starting from the financial year during which their first export operation was carried out.
- **Amendment of the tax regime for export processing zones, now called "Industrial acceleration zones".** A specific rate of 15% for CIT or 20% for IT will be uniformly applied to overall profits without distinction between local and export turnover, starting from the sixth year following the five-year exemption period. The tax regime currently in force remains applicable to companies operating in industrial acceleration zones before 31 December 2020 until the 20-year period covered by the specific rate of 8.75% is exhausted.

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## 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
<b>Board (Коллегии) of the Eurasian Economic Commission Решения</b>	
17-01-20	<a href="#">№ 1 (14-01-20) On approval of the Guidelines on establishing acceptable limits for health effects in order to identify risks in the production of medicines on common production (technological) lines</a>
	<a href="#">№ 2 (14-01-20) On the Establishment of the Import Customs Duty Rate of the Common Customs Tariff of the Eurasian Economic Union in Relation to Stamping Foil</a>
	<a href="#">№ 3 (14-01-20) On the structure and format of the certificate of enforcement of the obligation to pay customs duties and taxes</a>
	<a href="#">№ 4 (14-01-20) On amendments to the Procedure for filling out the passenger customs declaration for express cargo</a>
	<a href="#">№ 5 (14-01-20) On amendments to clause 10 of the Procedure for filling out a document on the payment of customs duties and taxes in respect of goods for personal use, the customs declaration of which is carried out using the passenger customs declaration for express cargo</a>
	<a href="#">№ 6 (14-01-20) On amendments to some decisions of the Board of the Eurasian Economic Commission</a>
	<a href="#">№ 7 (14-01-20) On amending the form of the report of the authorized body of a state - a member of the Eurasian Economic Union on the crediting and distribution of the amounts of import customs duties</a>
	<a href="#">№ 8 (14-01-20) On the implementation of the Decision of the Board of the Eurasian Economic Commission of June 11, 2019 No. 93</a>
	<a href="#">№ 9 (14-01-20) On amendments to the Regulation on the exchange between the authorized bodies of the Member States of the Eurasian Economic Union of information related to the crediting, distribution, transfer and return of special, anti-dumping, countervailing duties</a>
	<a href="#">№ 10 (14-01-20) On technological documents governing information interaction during the implementation of the general process "Using databases of documents drawn up by authorized bodies of the Member States of the Eurasian Economic Union, when regulating foreign and mutual trade, including those submitted during customs operations, using the integrated information system of the Eurasian Economic Union" goals of verifying compliance with prohibitions and restrictions "</a>
22-01-20	<a href="#">№ 11 (20-01-20) About the Program for the development (amendment, revision) of interstate standards, the application of which on a voluntary basis ensures compliance with the technical regulations of the Eurasian Economic Union "On Safety of Attractions" (EAEU TR 038/2016), as well as interstate standards containing rules and methods research (testing) and measurements, including sampling rules necessary for the application and implementation of the requirements of the technical regulations of the Eurasian Economic Union and "On the safety of attractions" (TR EAEU 038/2016) and the assessment of conformity of objects of technical regulation</a>
	<a href="#">№ 12 (20-01-20) On the list of international and regional (interstate) standards, and in case of their absence - national (state) standards, the application of which on a voluntary basis ensures compliance with the technical regulations of</a>

Publication Date	Title
	<a href="#">the Customs Union "On packaging safety" (TR TS 005/2011), and the list of international and regional (interstate) standards, and in case of their absence - national (state) standards containing the rules and methods of research (testing) and measurements, including the right silt sampling required for the implementation and enforcement of the requirements of technical regulations of the Customs Union "On the security package" (TR CU 005/2011) and the implementation of conformity assessment of technical regulation objects</a>
	<a href="#">№ 13 (20-01-20) On the directory of types of goods controlled by veterinary control (supervision)</a>
30-01-20	<a href="#">№ 14 (28-01-20) On the classification of a steel cabinet in accordance with the unified Commodity Nomenclature of Foreign Economic Activity of the Eurasian Economic Union</a>
	<a href="#">№ 15 (28-01-20) On the classification of hygienic silica gel filler for cat litter in accordance with the unified Commodity Nomenclature for Foreign Economic Activity of the Eurasian Economic Union</a>
	<a href="#">№ 16 (28-01-20) On introducing amendments to the Procedure for customs operations related to the release of goods, refusal to release goods and canceling the release of goods, execution of decisions on suspension of the release date of goods, extension of the term of such suspension and on their cancellation, as well as notification of such decisions</a>
	<a href="#">№ 17 (28-01-20) On amendments to the Decision of the Board of the Eurasian Economic Commission of October 8, 2019 No. 174</a>
	<a href="#">№ 18 (28-01-20) About the Program for the development (amendment, revision) of interstate standards, the application of which on a voluntary basis ensures compliance with the technical regulations of the Customs Union "On the safety of equipment operating under excessive pressure" (TR TS 032/2013), and interstate standards containing the rules and methods of research (testing) and measurements, including the rules for sampling, necessary for the application and implementation of the requirements of the technical regulations of the Customs Union " Safety equipment operating under excess pressure "(TR CU 032/2013) and of conformity assessment of technical regulation objects</a>
	<a href="#">№ 19 (28-01-20) On the list of international (interstate) standards, and in case of their absence, national (state) standards, the application of which on a voluntary basis ensures compliance with the technical regulations of the Customs Union "Technical regulations for fruit and vegetable juice products" (TR CU 023/2011), and the list of international and regional (interstate) standards, and in case of their absence - national (state) standards containing the rules and research methods (tests) and measurements, including sampling rules, necessary for applying and fulfilling the requirements of the technical regulation of the Customs Union "Technical regulation for juice products from fruits and vegetables" (TR TS 023/2011) and assessing the conformity of objects of technical regulation</a>
	<a href="#">№ 20 (28-01-20) On Amending the Decision of the Board of the Eurasian Economic Commission of January 31, 2018 No. 15</a>
	<a href="#">№ 21 (28-01-20) On the extension of the anti-dumping measure in respect of steel forged rolls for metal rolling mills originating from Ukraine and imported into the customs territory of the Eurasian Economic Union</a>
	<a href="#">№ 22 (28-01-20) About coordination of extension of the term of state regulation of prices for buckwheat</a>

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

The Commission has posted a table which provides a [collection of classification decisions](#) under the common tariff adopted by the Commission. A separate 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 27 Jan. 2020. The table lists the tariff codes, a description, rationale (GRIs) for the decision.



## BELARUS

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

The following normative legal acts were posted to the Belarus legislation website:

Date	Subject
19-12-19	<a href="#">Agreement on the traceability mechanism of goods imported into the customs territory of the Eurasian Economic Union</a> Agreement of May 29, 2019
	<a href="#">Protocol on Amendments to the Treaty on the Eurasian Economic Union of May 29, 2014 in connection with the accession of the Republic of Armenia to it</a> Protocol of May 29, 2019
	<a href="#">Protocol on Amendments to the Treaty on the Eurasian Economic Union of May 29, 2014 in connection with the accession of the Kyrgyz Republic to it</a> Protocol of May 29, 2019
27-12-19	<a href="#">On the determination of the structure and format of the document on the payment of customs duties and taxes for goods for personal use, the customs declaration of which is carried out using the passenger customs declaration for express cargo, in the form of an electronic document</a> Resolution of the State Customs Committee of the Republic of Belarus of November 15, 2019 No. 53
11-01-20	<a href="#">On amending the decision of the State Customs Committee of the Republic of Belarus of July 10, 2014 No. 41</a> Resolution of the State Customs Committee of the Republic of Belarus of December 13, 2019 No. 58
24-01-20	<a href="#">On amendments to the Decree of the State Military Industrial Committee of the Republic of Belarus and the State Customs Committee of the Republic of Belarus dated December 28, 2007 No. 15/137</a> Resolution of the State Military Industrial Committee of the Republic of Belarus and the State Customs Committee of the Republic of Belarus dated December 17, 2019 No. 8/61
25-01-20	<a href="#">On changing the resolution of the State Customs Committee of the Republic of Belarus and the Board of the National Bank of the Republic of Belarus dated June 30, 2016 No. 13/365</a> Resolution of the State Customs Committee of the Republic of Belarus, the Management Board of the National Bank of the Republic of Belarus dated December 26, 2019 No. 63/533

## RUSSIAN FEDERATION

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

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

Date of Publication	Subject
18-12-19	<a href="#">Order of the Federal Customs Service dated 11.11.2019 No. 1718 "On recognition of the orders of the Federal Customs Service of Russia dated May 14, 2014 No. 881" On the competence of customs authorities to perform customs operations in relation to energy carriers classified in certain positions and subheadings of group 27 of the HS FEA CU and certain subheadings of group 29 TN FEA TS "and dated September 5, 2014 No. 1734" On amending the order of the Federal Customs Service of Russia dated May 14, 2014 No. 881 " (Registered December 17, 2019 No. 56843)</a>
20-12-19	<a href="#">Order of the Federal Customs Service of November 19, 2019 No. 1772 "On approval of the form of the taxpayer's value-added tax obligation on the submission of a copy of the certificate of state registration of a civil aircraft in the State Register of Civil Aircraft of the Russian Federation" (Registered December 20, 2019 No. 56913)</a>

Date of Publication	Subject
23-12-19	<a href="#">Decree of the Government of the Russian Federation of 16.12.2019 No. 1694 "On approval of the Rules for determining the customs value of goods exported from the Russian Federation"</a>
27-12-19	<a href="#">Decree of the Government of the Russian Federation of December 25, 2019 No. 1816 "On state support of organizations in order to compensate for part of the costs associated with the certification of agricultural products in foreign markets"</a>
30-12-19	<a href="#">Decree of the Government of the Russian Federation of December 25, 2019 No. 1830 "On Amending the Requirements for Anti-Terrorism Protection of Objects (Territories) of Customs Authorities and Institutions Under the Federal Customs Service"</a>
04-01-20	<a href="#">Decree of the Government of the Russian Federation dated December 28, 2019 No. 1935 "On Amending the Rules for the Establishment, Opening, Functioning (Operation), Reconstruction and Closing of Checkpoints across the State Border of the Russian Federation"</a>
09-01-20	<a href="#">Decree of the Government of the Russian Federation dated December 31, 2019 No. 1953 "On the approval of the rules for marking cameras (except for movie cameras), flash and flash lamps with identification tools and features of the implementation of the state information system for monitoring the circulation of goods subject to mandatory identification means identification regarding photographic products"</a>
	<a href="#">Decree of the Government of the Russian Federation dated December 31, 2019 No. 1955 "On providing access to information contained in the state information system for monitoring the circulation of goods subject to mandatory labeling by means of identification"</a>
	<a href="#">Decree of the Government of the Russian Federation dated December 31, 2019 No. 1956 "On approval of the Rules for labeling light industry products with identification tools and the specifics of introducing a state information system for monitoring the circulation of goods subject to mandatory labeling with identification tools for light industry products"</a>
10-01-20	<a href="#">Decree of the Government of the Russian Federation dated December 31, 2019 No. 1957 "On approval of the Rules for labeling perfumes and toilet water by means of identification and the particularities of introducing a state information system for monitoring the circulation of goods subject to mandatory labeling by means of identification in relation to perfumes and toilet water"</a>
	<a href="#">Decree of the Government of the Russian Federation dated December 31, 2019 No. 1958 "On approval of the Rules for labeling tires with identification tools and the specifics of introducing a state information system for monitoring the circulation of goods subject to mandatory labeling with identification tools for tires"</a>
27-01-20	<a href="#">Order of the Federal Customs Service of October 18, 2019 No. 1601 "On declaring the instructions of the State Customs Committee of Russia dated July 8, 1992 No. 01-12 / 71" On the Prohibition of the Importation of Radioactive Waste and Materials "into the Russian Federation" (Registration No. 23.01.2020 57268)</a>
30-01-20	<a href="#">Order of the Federal Customs Service of December 25, 2019 No. 1960 "On declaring the order of the Federal Customs Service of Russia dated October 13, 2015 No. 2034" On the Definition of Requirements for Equipment and Arrangement of a Section of the Site of Advancement of Social and Economic Development for the Purpose of Customs Control " invalidated (Registered on 30.01.2020 No. 57327)</a>

## AFRICA (EXCEPT NORTH AFRICA)

### CÔTE D'IVOIRE

#### Enactment of the new Ivorian Public Procurement Code

Ordinance No. 2019-679 of 24 July 2019 establishing the Public Procurement Code has been published, on 11 December 2019, in [Côte d'Ivoire's Official Journal](#).

This text transposes the directives of the West African Economic and Monetary Union, which organize the framework of public procurement in this geographical area, as it introduces a number of novelties to the institutional and procedural aspects regarding public procurement in Ivory Coast. [Click here to read more in the January 2020 Francophone Africa Legal Alert](#).

### RWANDA

#### Applications for Quitus Fiscal for Fiscal Year 2020 are now open

In a [notice dated 13 December 2019](#), the Rwanda Revenue Authority (RRA) announced that applications for *quitus fiscal*, a tax clearance certificate available to importers and public tender bidders which fulfil certain tax, accounting and corporate requirements, would open on 16 December 2019. The [application form](#) is available on the RRA's website.

Under Article 64 of [Rwanda's income tax law](#), Law No. 016/2018 of 14 April 2018, the RRA has authority to issue tax clearance certificates to taxpayers, making them exempt from certain withholding taxes set forth in Articles 59, 60 and 62 of the income tax law.

The notice signed by the Commissioner for Domestic Taxes Department sets forth a list of 23 requirements that applicants must meet in order to benefit from a tax clearance. Requirements make clear that the RRA is seeking to prevent, detect and address tax evasion. Please see our January 2020 [Francophone Africa Legal Alert](#) for full details.

The contributors to the [Francophone Africa Legal Alert](#) are: [Richard Mugni](#), [Céline van Zeebroeck](#), [Fabien Hecquet](#), and [Keltoum Boudribila](#).

### SOUTH AFRICA

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

Date	Publication Details	Subject	Implementation Date
15-01-20		<a href="#">Customs &amp; Excise Rules, 1995</a> with amendments through 23-12-19	
17-01-20	GG. 42959 R. 36	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, 1101.00.20, 1101.00.30 and 1101.00.90 to reduce the rate of customs duty on wheat and wheaten flour from 100.86c/kg and 151.29c/kg to 77.62c/kg and 116.44c/kg respectively, in terms of the existing variable tariff formula – Minute M10/2019 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><a href="#">Notice</a></li> </ul>	17-01-20

Date	Publication Details	Subject	Implementation Date
24-01-20	GG.42968 R.45.	Amendment to Note 8 to Schedule No. 5, to provide for the granting of a refund or drawback of duty as contemplated in section 75(1)(c), 54D or 54J of the Act in circumstances where the customs procedure code is not inserted on the bill of entry or other export declaration, or have been inserted incorrectly <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><a href="#">Notice</a></li> </ul>	24-01-20
31-01-20	GG.42985 R.82	Amendment to Schedule No. 1, to implement the revised Tariff Rate Quota in terms of the Economic Partnership Agreement (EPA) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><a href="#">Notice R.82</a></li> </ul>	With retrospective effect from 01-01-20
	GG.42985 R.81	Amendment to Schedule No. 1, to implement the revised Tariff Rate Quota in terms of the Economic Partnership Agreement (EPA) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><a href="#">Notice R.81</a></li> </ul>	With retrospective effect from 01-09-19 to 31-12-19

## 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

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Subject
<b>International Trade, Tax and Anti-corruption</b>
<a href="#">Global International Trade Compliance Update – January 2020</a> <span style="float: right;">{older issues}</span>
Insight: <a href="#">Brexit: What it Means for Your Business</a> [and Brexit Tool Kit]
<a href="#">China Indirect Tax, Trade and Commerce Client Alert: China Releases Latest Draft of Export Control Law</a>
Insight: <a href="#">(Malaysia) Entry into Force of Amendments to Key Legislations Affecting Trade and Customs</a> (also in <a href="#">Korean</a> )
<a href="#">UK/EU International Commercial &amp; Trade Client Alert: Iran Sanctions: The potential re-implication of UN and EU Sanctions under the JCPOA</a>
<a href="#">Thailand Trade and Commerce Client Alert: Latest Updates on the Submission of Financial Statements</a>
<a href="#">BakerMcKenzie Tax Alert: Dutch Anti-Hybrid Rules 2020</a>
<a href="#">Mexico Client Alert: New Regulations to the Federal Law on Consumer's Protection</a> (Eng.); <a href="#">Nuevo Reglamento de la Ley Federal de Protección al Consumidor</a> (Span.)
<a href="#">Francophone Africa January 2020 Legal Alert</a> (Eng.); <a href="#">Afrique francophone</a> (Fr.)

Subject
<a href="#">Mexico International Commercial Client Alert: New labeling requirements for pre-packaged food and non-alcoholic beverages</a> (Eng.); <a href="#">Nuevos requisitos de etiquetado de alimentos y bebidas no alcohólicas pre-envasados</a> (Span.)
<a href="#">Thailand Client Alert: Foreign Business Act – Further liberalization and streamlining ahead</a>
<b>Other areas</b>
<a href="#">Baker McKenzie Wong &amp; Leow: Singapore Healthcare Newsletter</a>
<a href="#">Baker McKenzie FenXun Mergers and Acquisitions Client Alert: Chinese antitrust authority urged companies to boost antitrust compliance management</a>
<a href="#">Baker McKenzie FenXun Mergers and Acquisitions Client Alert: China's Foreign Investment Law and related regulations mark a new era for foreign investment in China</a>
<a href="#">Baker McKenzie: EMEA Healthcare and Life Sciences Newsletter December 2019</a>
Insight: <a href="#">Japan: Amendment to the Act on the Evaluation of Chemical Substance and the Regulations on their Manufacturing, etc.</a>
<a href="#">Vietnam Renewable Energy Client Alert: Updates to Vietnam's Draft Decision on solar power: New Draft submitted on 31 December 2019</a>
<a href="#">Thailand Client Alert: Land and Building Tax Act: extended deadlines; definition of vacant property; installment payment eligibility</a>
<a href="#">Hong Kong Financial Services Client Alert: SFC provides licensing guidance to private equity firms</a>
<a href="#">Vietnam Employment &amp; Labor Client Alert: Coronavirus Outbreak - Readiness and Responses</a>
<a href="#">Vietnam Power, Energy and Infrastructure Client Alert: Vietnam's new policies for approving proposed power and energy projects in the master plan</a>
<a href="#">Client Alert: Getting Ahead of the Coronavirus Outbreak: A Checklist for Multinational Employers</a>
<a href="#">Bloomberg Law Article: Antitrust Compliance and Pricing Algorithms</a> (by Creighton Macy and Dan Graulich, Baker McKenzie, and Matthew Bester, Accenture)

## WEBINARS, MEETINGS, SEMINARS, ETC.

<p><b>INTERNATIONAL COMMERCIAL &amp; TRADE GLOBAL TAX</b></p>  <p><b>WTO and Tax Conference</b></p>	<p><b>About this event</b></p> <p><b>Save the Date:</b> Wednesday, 18 March 2020</p> <p><b>Location:</b> CCV - Centre de Conférences de Varembe Rue de Varembe 9-11 Geneva, Switzerland</p>
<p>The emergence of new principles that should govern direct corporate taxes at the international level may have a strong impact on international trade rules. Baker McKenzie is organizing a one-day conference to address the interaction between those two sets of regulations.</p> <p>The timing of this event is particularly important given the developing conflicts arising from the implementation of new taxes imposed by certain countries on large digital trading companies.</p> <p><b>Mark</b> your calendars, for this one-day conference, which will be held Wednesday, 18 March 2020 in Geneva, Switzerland.</p>	

We look forward to welcoming you in Geneva.

The registration details and agenda will follow in due course.

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Our program of basic webinars will cover the areas of Customs, Export Controls and Sanctions. These webinars (dates highlighted in **blue**) are primarily aimed at participants who are new to Global Trade and/or those who would like a refresher.

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Tuesday, January 28	<b>US, Brazil, EU China Trade Policy and FTA Update plus Brexit</b>  <b>Speakers:</b> Stu Seidel (Washington, DC), Marcelle Silbiger (Sao Paulo), Jon Cowley (Hong Kong), Jenny Revis (London), and Meera Rolaz (London)
Tuesday, February 25	<b>Basic: How to Classify Your Products (Customs)</b>



#### Details

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Tuesday, March 31	<p><b>Speakers:</b> Jose Hoyos-Robles (Mexico City), John Foote (Washington, DC), Olof Johannesson (Stockholm), Andrew Rose (London), and Riza Buditomo (Jakarta)</p> <p><b>Foreign Investment Review Regimes Around the World: Focus on US, UK, Germany, Italy, and Canada</b></p> <p><b>Speakers:</b> Sylwia Lis (DC), Ross Evans (London), Anahita Thoms (Dusseldorf), Antonio Lattanzio (Rome), Yana Ermak (Toronto)</p> <p><b>Moderator:</b> Rod Hunter (DC)</p>
Tuesday, April 28	<p><b>Basic: Key Compliance Issues under US, EU, and China Export Controls</b></p> <p><b>Speakers:</b> Lise Test (Washington, DC), Ben Smith (London), Jenny Pan (Shanghai)</p>
Tuesday, May 19	<p><b>Restricted Parties Screening: Compliance Issues and Best Practices under US, EU, and Canadian Trade Sanctions and Export Controls</b></p> <p><b>Speakers:</b> Meghan Hamilton (Chicago), Alexandra Alberti (London), Brian Cacic (Toronto)</p>
Tuesday, June 23	<p><b>Basic: How to value your products (Customs)</b></p> <p><b>Speakers:</b> Kevin Nordin (London); Jaap Huenges Wajer (Amsterdam); John McKenzie (San Francisco); Ivy Tan (Kuala Lumpur)</p>
Tuesday, July 28	<p><b>What you need to know about importing into Africa, China, Russia and the Middle East (Customs)</b></p> <p><b>Speakers:</b> Virusha Subban (Johannesburg), Tina Li (Shanghai), Vladimir Efremov (Moscow), and Laya Aoun Hani (Dubai)</p>
Tuesday, August 25	<p><b>Basic: Key Compliance Issues under US, EU, and Canada trade Sanctions</b></p> <p><b>Speakers:</b> Callie LeFevre (Washington, DC), Sven Bates (London), Quentin Vander Schueren (Toronto)</p>
Tuesday, September 29	<p><b>Customs Audits and Latest Customs Developments</b></p> <p><b>Speakers:</b> Andrea Dieguez (Mexico City) Nicole Looks (Frankfurt), Kelvin Hong (Kuala Lumpur), John Foote (Washington, DC)</p>
Tuesday, October 27	<p><b>Basic: How to determine the origin of your products (Customs)</b></p> <p><b>Speakers:</b> Jessica Mutton (London), Mariana Rojas (Mexico City), Eukyung Kim Shin (Chicago), Weng Keong Kok (Hong Kong)</p>
Tuesday, November 24	<p><b>Hot Topics in US, EU, Russian Trade Sanctions and Export Controls</b></p> <p><b>Speakers:</b> Inessa Owens (Washington, DC), Derk Christiaans (Amsterdam), Julian Godfray (London), Alexander Bychkov (Moscow)</p>
Tuesday, December 15	<p><b>What you need to know about importing into Mexico, Brazil and Argentina (Customs)</b></p>

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

Keeping up to Speed on Evolving Challenges



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We expanded our program of basic customs webinars to cover the areas of export controls and sanctions. The Basic program (highlighted in **orange**) was primarily aimed at participants who were new to Global Trade and/or those who would like a refresher.

**Jenny Revis**, a partner in our London office and co-leader of the EMEA Customs practice, and others moderated these webinars and were joined by experts from across our global network.

If you missed a webinar or 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.

#### Webinar Dates and Topics:

Date	Topic
January 29	<a href="#">Basic: How to Classify Your Products (Customs)</a> <b>Speakers:</b> Jose Hoyos-Robles (Mexico City), Olof Johannesson (Stockholm), Andrew Rose (London), and Riza Buditomo (Jakarta)
February 26	<a href="#">Trade Wars vs. Free Trade Agreements (Brexit, TPP, NAFTA)</a>

	<p><b>Speakers:</b> Stu Seidel and Cindy Owens DC), Jenny Revis (London), and Meera Rolaz (London)</p>	<p>Board as an accredited provider in the state of New York for the period 12/12/15-12/11/18. We have applied to renew our accreditation for our webinar in December and our upcoming webinars in 2019. This program may earn newly admitted New York attorneys credit under Areas of Professional Practice. Baker &amp; McKenzie LLP is an accredited sponsor, approved by the State Bar of Texas, Committee on MCLE.</p> <p> These webinars have been approved for 1.5 CCS, CES and MES credit by the National Customs Brokers &amp; Forwarders Association of America, Inc</p> <p>To register for this <b>complimentary webinar series</b>, click on the <b>Register Now</b> button above 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><b>Interested in learning more?</b></p> <p> Visit our online international trade news &amp; resource center</p> <p> Watch previously recorded International Trade Webinars</p> <p> To receive or updates in real time please follow us on Twitter: @BMckTrade</p>
March 19	<p><b>Basic: Export controls and sanctions</b></p> <p><b>Speakers:</b> Ben Smith (London), Olof Konig (Stockholm), Hanna Shtepa (Kyiv), and Paul Amberg (Amsterdam)</p>	
April 30	<p><b>Export compliance investigation and disclosures</b></p> <p><b>Speakers:</b> Ross Denton (London), John McKenzie (San Francisco), Anahita Thoms (Dusseldorf), and Lise Test (DC)</p>	
May 21	<p><b>Basic: How to determine the origin of your products (Customs)</b></p> <p><b>Speakers:</b> Adrianna Ibarra-Fernandez (Mexico City), Jessica Mutton (Barcelona), and John F. McKenzie (San Francisco)</p>	
June 25	<p><b>Overview of global ABC enforcement</b></p> <p><b>Speakers:</b> Yindi Gesinde (London), Julian Godfray (London), Omid Uskowi (DC), and Henry Chen (Shanghai).</p> <p><b>Moderator:</b> Tristan Grimmer (London)</p>	
July 30	<p><b>Basic: How to value your products (Customs)</b></p> <p><b>Speakers:</b> Jennifer Revis and Meera Cordelia Lara Rolaz (London) Jon Cowley (Hong Kong), and Quentin Vander Schueren (Toronto)</p>	
August 27	<p><b>Foreign investment review regimes around the world: Focus on US, EU, UK, Germany and Canada</b></p> <p><b>Speakers:</b> Ross Evans; (London) Rod Hunter and Sylwia Lis (DC), Anahita Thoms (Dusseldorf) and Yana Ermak (Toronto)</p>	
September 24	<p><b>Basic: Overview of customs and imports developments: US, Brazil, China/Asia and Mexico</b></p> <p><b>Speakers:</b> Eunkyung Kim Shin (Chicago), Alessandra Machado (Sao Paolo), Jon Cowley and Tina Li (Hong Kong), and Armando De Lille (Monterrey)</p>	
October 29	<p><b>Key updates on export controls and sanctions (US, EU/UK, APAC, Russia)</b></p> <p><b>Speakers:</b> Kerry Contini (DC), Sven Bates (London), Alexandra Alberti (London), Alexander Bychkov (Moscow), and Anne Petterd (Singapore)</p>	
November 19	<p><b>Basic: Overview of customs and imports developments: EU, Middle East and Russia</b></p> <p><b>Speakers:</b> Nicole Looks (Frankfurt), Ana Royuela (Barcelona), Reggie Mezu (Dubai), and Vladimir Efremov (Moscow)</p>	

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**Managing Emerging Compliance Risks**

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

Country	Notification	Date Issued	Final Date for Comments	Merchandise Covered
 Albania	ALB/94	01/09/2020	03/09/2020	Labeling of Animal Food
 Argentina	ARG/382	01/09/2020	02/08/2020	Alcoholic beverages; beverages, spirits and vinegar (HS Chapter 22)
 Argentina	ARG/383	01/10/2020	02/09/2020	Plant-based food
 Argentina	ARG/384	01/10/2020	02/09/2020	Packaging and utensils that come into contact with foodstuffs


























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 Bahrain, Kingdom of	BHR/568	01/09/2020	03/09/2020	Meat, meat products and other animal produce
 Bahrain, Kingdom of	BHR/569	01/09/2020	03/09/2020	Sugar and sugar products
 Bahrain, Kingdom of	BHR/570	01/09/2020	03/09/2020	Non-alcoholic beverages
 Bahrain, Kingdom of	BHR/571	01/09/2020	03/09/2020	Cereals, pulses and derived products
 Bahrain, Kingdom of	BHR/572	01/09/2020	03/09/2020	Cereals, pulses and derived products
 Bahrain, Kingdom of	BHR/573	01/09/2020	03/09/2020	Prepackaged Food Stuffs
 Brazil	BRA/621/Add.4	01/06/2020	Not given	Instruments & apparatus for measuring, level pressure (HS 9026.20, 90.14, 90.15, 90.28 or 90.32)
 Brazil	BRA/951/Add.1	01/06/2020	Not given	Pumps for liquids; liquid elevators; parts thereof (HS 8413)
 Brazil	BRA/861/Add.1	01/07/2020	Not given	Plastic materials and polymer coatings in contact with food.
 Brazil	BRA/952	01/07/2020	Not given	Instruments and apparatus for measuring or checking the flow, level, pressure or other variables of liquids or gases (for example, flowmeters, level gauges, manometers, heat meters), excluding instruments and apparatus of heading 90.14, 90.15, 90.28 or 90.32 (HS 9026)
 Brazil	BRA/893/Add.1	01/08/2020	Not given	Industrial trans fats in foods HS 2106
 Brazil	BRA/928/Add.1	01/08/2020	Not given	HS Codes: 2936, 2937, 3001, 3002, 3003, 3004, 3006 (medical devices)
 Brazil	BRA/929/Add.1	01/08/2020	Not given	HS Code(s): 3002300, 3822 (In vitro diagnosis products)
 Brazil	BRA/953	01/08/2020	03/02/2020	HS Code(s): 280400000 (medical gases)
 Brazil	BRA/954	01/08/2020	03/02/2020	HS Codes: 3303; 3304; 3305; 3306;3307; 340111; 340130; 9616; 9619 (personal hygiene products, cosmetics, and perfumes)
 Brazil	BRA/952/Add.1	01/09/2020	Not given	Instruments and apparatus for measuring or checking the flow, level, pressure or other variables of liquids or gases (for example, flowmeters, level gauges, manometers, heat meters), excluding instruments and apparatus of heading 90.14, 90.15, 90.28 or 90.32 (HS 9026)
 Brazil	BRA/955	01/09/2020	04/07/2020	HS Code(s): 3003; 3004; 3005; 2941 (pharmaceutical products)
 Brazil	BRA/861/Add.2	01/14/2020	Not given	Plastic materials and polymer coatings in contact with food.
 Brazil	BRA/956	01/14/2020	Not given	20.09; Chapter 22 of HS Code
 Brazil	BRA/957	01/14/2020	02/28/2020	Regulatory agenda for 2020-2021
 Brazil	BRA/958	01/14/2020	02/02/2020	Revolvers and pistols, other than those of heading 93.03 or 93.04 (HS 9302)
 Brazil	BRA/396/Add.11	01/15/2020	Not given	Festive or other entertainment articles, including conjuring tricks and novelty jokes (HS 9505)
 Brazil	BRA/959	01/15/2020	02/14/2020	Vehicle natural gas system components HS Code(s) 2711.21
 Brazil	BRA/853/Add.2	01/16/2020	Not given	Export and import certification of beverages, fermented acetic, wines and wine and grapes derived





































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				products (HS 20.09; 22.04; 22.05; 22.06; 22.07; 22.08; 22.09)
 Brazil	BRA/804/Add.1	01/24/2020	Not given	Sanitizing products
 Brazil	BRA/960	01/24/2020	02/12/2020	HS Code(s) 3303; 3304; 3305; 3306; 3307; 340111; 340130; 9616; 9619 (personal hygiene products, cosmetics, and perfumes)
 Brazil	BRA/961	01/30/2020	Not given	HS CODE 30049099; 3006; 5302 (cannabis-based medicine, its derivatives and synthetic analogues)
 Burundi	BDI/62	01/15/2020	03/15/2020	Mineral and metal fibres (Dera Dress)
 Burundi	BDI/63	01/15/2020	03/15/2020	Textile fabrics (Kikoi)
 Burundi	BDI/64	01/15/2020	03/15/2020	Textile fabrics (Maasai Shuka)
 Burundi	BDI/65	01/15/2020	03/15/2020	Surgical instruments and materials (Surgical suture needles)
 Burundi	BDI/66	01/15/2020	03/15/2020	Surgical instruments and materials (Surgical sutures)
 Burundi	BDI/67	01/15/2020	03/15/2020	Surgical instruments and materials (Surgical sutures)
 Burundi	BDI/68	01/15/2020	03/15/2020	Edible oils and fats. Oilseeds (Palm stearin)
 Burundi	BDI/69	01/15/2020	03/15/2020	Animal and vegetable fats and oils (Palm olein)
 Canada	CAN/601	01/07/2020	03/04/2020	Radiocommunications
 Canada	CAN/592/Add.1	01/08/2020	Not given	Vaping products including vaping devices, vaping parts and vaping substances
 Canada	CAN/602	01/13/2020	03/20/2020	Land mobile and fixed equipment operating in the frequency range 1.705 MHz to 30 MHz
 Canada	CAN/603	01/13/2020	03/20/2020	Industrial, scientific and medical (ISM) equipment
 Canada	CAN/604	01/13/2020	03/20/2020	Vehicles, boats and other devices equipped with internal combustion engines, traction batteries or both
 Canada	CAN/605	01/22/2020	03/27/2020	Radiocommunications
 Canada	CAN/606	01/22/2020	03/27/2020	Radiocommunications
 Chile	CHL/508	12/16/2019	02/14/2020	Chargers for electric vehicles, electrical equipment
 Chile	CHL/509	12/16/2019	01/15/2020	Vicuña fibre and by-products thereof
 Chile	CHL/510	01/06/2020	03/06/2020	Electronic active electrical energy meters, single-phase or three-phase, classes 1 and 2.
 Chile	CHL/511	01/06/2020	03/06/2020	Electronic active electrical energy meters, single-phase or three-phase, classes 0.2S and 0.5S.
 Chile	CHL/512	01/06/2020	03/06/2020	Electronic reactive energy meters, single-phase or three-phase, classes 2 and 3.
 Chile	CHL/513	01/06/2020	03/06/2020	Polyethylene upright storage tanks
 China	CHN/1402	01/06/2020	3/6/2020	Human blood; animal blood prepared for therapeutic, prophylactic or diagnostic uses; antisera and other blood fractions and modified immunological products, whether or not obtained by means of biotechnological processes; vaccines, toxins, cultures of micro-organisms (excluding yeasts) and similar products (HS 3002); Medicaments (excluding goods of heading 30.02, 30.05 or 30.06) consisting of two

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				or more constituents which have been mixed together for therapeutic or prophylactic uses, not put up in measured doses or in forms or packings for retail sale (HS 3003); Medicaments (excluding goods of heading 30.02, 30.05 or 30.06) consisting of mixed or unmixed products for therapeutic or prophylactic uses, put up in measured doses (including those in the form of transdermal administration systems) or in forms or packings for retail sale (HS 3004)
 Colombia	COL/228/Add.5	12/18/2019	Not given	Zinc-carbon and alkaline cells and batteries (HS tariff subheadings 8506.10.11.00, 8506.10.19.00, 8506.10.91.10, 8506.10.91.90 and 8506.10.99.00)
 Costa Rica	CRI/186/Add.1	01/21/2020	Not given	Glyphosate
 Costa Rica	CRI/177/Add.2	01/24/2020	Not given	Textiles, used clothing
 Côte d'Ivoire	CIV/13	12/16/2019	Not given	Used goods: Food
 Côte d'Ivoire	CIV/14	12/16/2019	Not given	Preserved and semi-preserved food
 Côte d'Ivoire	CIV/15	12/16/2019	Not given	Goods and services
 Côte d'Ivoire	CIV/16	12/16/2019	Not given	Used goods: Goods and services
 Côte d'Ivoire	CIV/17	12/16/2019	Not given	Used goods: Dairy products
 Czech Republic	CZE/236/Add.2	01/07/2020	Not given	Draft General Measure number: 0111-OOP-C099-19, laying down metrological and technical requirements for legally controlled measuring instruments, including testing methods for verification of the following legally controlled measuring instruments: 'serving measures'
 Czech Republic	CZE/238/Add.1	01/07/2020	Not given	Butyrometers
 Czech Republic	CZE/240/Add.1	01/07/2020	Not given	Nozzle sensors for transmission medium flow
 Czech Republic	CZE/244/Add.1	01/07/2020	Not given	Nozzle gas flow sensors
 Czech Republic	CZE/245/Add.1	01/07/2020	Not given	Venturi tube gas flow sensors
 Czech Republic	CZE/235/Add.1	01/17/2020	Not given	Metrology and measurement in general
 Czech Republic	CZE/241/Add.1	01/17/2020	Not given	Instruments for measuring the instantaneous values and short- and long-term averages of the 222Rn activity concentration in air and water and the 222Rn equivalent activity concentration
 Czech Republic	CZE/242/Add.1	01/17/2020	Not given	Current measuring transformers
 Czech Republic	CZE/243/Add.1	01/17/2020	Not given	Venturi tube sensors for transmission medium flow
 Czech Republic	CZE/237/Add.1	01/20/2020	Not given	Tachographs recording the work activities of drivers of motor vehicles compulsorily equipped with these tachographs - digital tachographs
 Czech Republic	CZE/239/Add.1	01/20/2020	Not given	Analogue tachographs
 Ecuador	ECU/421/Rev.1	12/16/2019	Not given	Food grinders and mixers; fruit or vegetable juice extractors (HS 850940); Other appliances (HS 850980)





















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 Ecuador	ECU/433/Rev.1	12/16/2019	Not given	Trunks, suit-cases, vanity-cases, executive-cases, brief-cases, school satchels, spectacle cases, binocular cases, camera cases, musical instrument cases, gun cases, holsters and similar containers; travelling-bags, insulated food or beverages bags, toilet bags, rucksacks, handbags, shopping-bags, wallets, purses, map-cases, cigarette-cases, tobacco-pouches, tool bags, sports bags, bottle-cases, jewellery boxes, powder-boxes, cutlery cases and similar containers, of leather or of composition leather, of sheeting of plastics, of textile materials, of vulcanised fibre or of paperboard, or wholly or mainly covered with such materials or with paper (HS 4202)
 Ecuador	ECU/438/Rev.1	12/16/2019	Not given	Aluminium casks, drums, cans, boxes and similar containers (including rigid or collapsible tubular containers), for any material (other than compressed or liquefied gas), of a capacity not exceeding 300 l, whether or not lined or heat-insulated, but not fitted with mechanical or thermal equipment (HS 7612); - Of a capacity of less than 50 l: (HS 73102); - Other (HS 830990)
 Ecuador	ECU/38/Add.2	12/18/2019	Not given	Steel structures (HS 9900)
 Ecuador	ECU/40/Add.3	12/18/2019	Not given	Welding of steel structures (HS 3810, 8311)
 Ecuador	ECU/130/Add.3	12/18/2019	Not given	Copper and aluminium wires and cables (HS 7413, 7614, 7614.10 and 7614.90)
 Ecuador	ECU/324/Add.2	12/18/2019	Not given	Metal valves used in water distribution systems (HS 84813000, 84818040, 84818051, 84818059, 84818060 and 84818099)
 Ecuador	ECU/143/Add.3	12/18/2019	Not given	Coach screws and other wood screws (HS 7318, 7318.11 and 7318.12)
 Ecuador	ECU/111/Add.4	01/09/2020	Not given	Perfumes and toilet waters (HS 3303); Lip make-up preparations (HS 3304.10); Eye make-up preparations (HS 3304.20); Manicure or pedicure preparations (HS 3304.30); Powders, whether or not compressed (HS 3304.91); Shampoos (HS 3305.10); Preparations for permanent waving or straightening (HS 3305.20); Hair lacquers (HS 3305.30); Other (HS 3305.90); Dentifrices (HS 3306.10); Other (HS 3306.90); Pre-shave, shaving or after-shave preparations (HS 3307.10); Personal deodorants and antiperspirants (HS 3307.20); Perfumed bath salts and other bath preparations (HS 330730); Other (HS 3307.90)
 Ecuador	ECU/122/Add.4	01/09/2020	Not given	Sound or visual signalling equipment (HS 8531.10, 8531.20, 8531.80 and 8531.90)
 Ecuador	ECU/160/Add.4	01/09/2020	Not given	Ignition wiring sets (HS 8544.30.00)
 Ecuador	ECU/183/Add.2	01/09/2020	Not given	Disposable absorbent personal hygiene products (HS 9619.00, 9619.00.10, 9619.00.10.10, 9619.00.10.20, 9619.00.10.90, 9619.00.20, 9619.00.20.10, 9619.00.20.20, 9619.00.20.90, 9619.00.90, 9619.00.90.10, 9619.00.90.20, and 9619.00.90.90)
 Ecuador	ECU/224/Add.2	01/09/2020	Not given	Hand- or foot-operated air pumps (HS 8414.20)
 Ecuador	ECU/246/Add.2	01/09/2020	Not given	Waste disposal units (HS 8509.80.20)




























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 Ecuador	ECU/248/Add.3	01/09/2020	Not given	Rotating dental instruments (HS 9018.90.90)
 Ecuador	ECU/263/Add.3	01/09/2020	Not given	Programmable controllers and related equipment (HS 8537.10.10, 8538.90.00)
 Ecuador	ECU/66/Add.7	01/20/2020	Not given	"premium" and "super" petrol, diesel fuel (HS 2707.50.90, 2710.11.11, 2710.11.13, 2710.19.14, 2710.19.21, 2710.19.22, 2711.11.00, 2711.12.00, 2711.13.00, 2711.21.00)
 Ecuador	ECU/469/Add.1	01/20/2020	Not given	854310 Particle accelerators; Mechano-therapy appliances; massage apparatus; psychological aptitude-testing apparatus; ozone therapy, oxygen therapy, aerosol therapy, artificial respiration or other therapeutic respiration apparatus (HS 9019); Other breathing appliances and gas masks, excluding protective masks having neither mechanical parts nor replaceable filters (HS 9020); Parts and accessories (not specified or included elsewhere in this Chapter) for machines, appliances, instruments or apparatus of Chapter 90 (HS 9033); Medical, surgical, dental or veterinary furniture (for example, operating tables, examination tables, hospital beds with mechanical fittings, dentists' chairs); barbers' chairs and similar chairs, having rotating as well as both reclining and elevating movements; parts of the foregoing articles (HS 9402); Particle accelerators (HS 85431); Electro-diagnostic apparatus (including apparatus for functional exploratory examination or for checking physiological parameters) (HS 90181); Ultra-violet or infra-red ray apparatus (HS 901820); Other (HS 901849); Other ophthalmic instruments and appliances (HS 901890); Hearing aids, excluding parts and accessories (HS 902140); Pacemakers for stimulating heart muscles, excluding parts and accessories (HS 902150); Computed tomography apparatus (HS 902212); Other, for dental uses (HS 902213); Other, for medical, surgical or veterinary uses (HS 902214); For medical, surgical, dental or veterinary uses (HS 902221); X-ray tubes (HS 902230); Other, including parts and accessories (HS 902290); Other (HS 902519); For measuring or checking pressure (HS 902620); Instruments and apparatus for measuring or detecting ionising radiations (HS 903010); Other (HS 940490); Chandeliers and other electric ceiling or wall lighting fittings, excluding those of a kind used for lighting public open spaces or thoroughfares (HS 940510)
 Egypt	EGY/1/Add.9	01/07/2020	Not given	Food products
 Egypt	EGY/3/Add.24	01/07/2020	Not given	Chemical, textile and engineering products
 Egypt	EGY/34/Add.5	01/07/2020	Not given	Food products
 Egypt	EGY/215/Rev.1	01/07/2020	Not given	Plastics pipes ; Drainage systems ; External sewage systems
 Egypt	EGY/216/Rev.1	01/07/2020	Not given	Plastics pipes ; External water conveyance systems ; Water supply systems
 Egypt	EGY/3/Add.25	01/08/2020	Not given	Chemical, textile and engineering products

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 Egypt	EGY/3/Add.26	01/08/2020	Not given	Chemical, textile and engineering products
 Egypt	EGY/211/Add.1	01/08/2020	Not given	Products of the chemical industry (Air freshener)
 Egypt	EGY/218/Add.1	01/08/2020	Not given	Prepackaged and prepared foods
 Egypt	EGY/219/Add.1	01/08/2020	Not given	Equipment for children
 Egypt	EGY/220/Add.1	01/08/2020	Not given	Quality management and quality assurance, Laboratory medicine in general
 Egypt	EGY/223/Add.1	01/08/2020	Not given	Refrigerating technology
 Egypt	EGY/224/Add.1	01/08/2020	Not given	Water heating equipment
 Egypt	EGY/225/Add.1	01/08/2020	Not given	Incandescent lamps
 Egypt	EGY/226/Add.1	01/08/2020	Not given	Switches
 Egypt	EGY/227/Add.1	01/08/2020	Not given	Incandescent lamps
 Egypt	EGY/229/Add.1	01/08/2020	Not given	Wood, sawlogs and sawn timber (Plywood)
 Egypt	EGY/230/Add.1	01/08/2020	Not given	Materials and articles in contact with foodstuffs (ceramic tableware)
 Egypt	EGY/234/Add.1	01/08/2020	Not given	Sacks. Bags
 Egypt	EGY/238	01/08/2020	03/08/2020	Other wood-based panels
 Egypt	EGY/239	01/08/2020	03/08/2020	Plastics pipes
 Egypt	EGY/240	01/08/2020	03/08/2020	Poultry and eggs (Chilled poultry and rabbits)
 El Salvador	SLV/205	12/19/2019	2/17/2020	Coffee
 European Union	EU/696	01/20/2020	Not given	Co-formulants (non-active substance used in plant protection products or adjuvants)
 European Union	EU/697	01/27/2020	03/27/2020	Biocidal products
 India	IND/118	01/07/2020	02/06/2020	Safety Glass
 India	IND/119	01/07/2020	02/06/2020	Flat Transparent Sheet Glass
 India	IND/120	01/28/2020	03/28/2020	Table 1: Sl. No. Indian Standards Steel or steel products Indian Trades Classification (Harmonized System) Codes (ITC(HS)) (1) (2) (3) (4) 1. IS 1993 : 2018 Cold-reduced Electrolytic Tin Plate 721011, 72101110, 72101190, 721012, 72101210 7210129, 721210, 72121010, 72121090 2. IS 12591 : 2018 Cold reduced electrolytic chromium / Chromium oxide - coated steel 72105000, 72125090 Table 2: Sl. No. ITC (HS) Codes Description of the Products Remarks (1) (2) (3) (4) 1. 73101010 Tanks, Casks, Drums, Cans, Boxes And Similar Containers, (Other Than Compressed Or Liquefied Gas), of tin plate or tin free steel of Capacity 50 litre or more but not Exceeding 300 L 2. 73102110 Tin plate and tin free cans of capacity less than 50 litre which are to be closed by soldering or crimping. 3. 73102910 Tanks, Casks, Drums, Boxes And Similar Containers, (Other Than Compressed Or Liquefied Gas), of























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				tin plate or tin free steel of capacity less than 50 litre. 4. 83099010 Pilfer proof caps for packaging, all sorts, with or without washers or other fittings, of cork, rubber, polyethylene or any other material.
 Indonesia	IDN/126	01/07/2020	03/07/2020	Ex. HS. 8541.40.22: Photovoltaic cells, assembled in modules or made up into panels; - Photosensitive semiconductor devices, including photovoltaic cells whether or not assembled in modules or made up into panels
 Indonesia	IDN/53/Add.3	1/14/2020	Not given	SNI:7617:2010 Babies' Garments and Accessories, Knitted or Crocheted: of cotton; HS 6111.20.00.00); -of synthetic fibres; (HS 6111.30.00.00); -of other textile materials, (HS 6111.90.00.00); Babies - garments and clothing accessories -of cotton: -T-shirts, shirts, pyjamas, napkins (diapers) and similar articles;(HS 6209.20.30.00)--other: suits, pants and similar articles (HS 6209.20.90.10)- other; (HS 6209.20.90.90) of synthetic fibres;-suits, pants and similar articles; (HS 6209.30.10.00);--T-shirts, shirts, pyjamas, napkins (diapers) and similar articles; HS 6209.30.30.00--clothing accessories, (HS 6209.30.40.00); Of other textile materials; (HS 6209.90.00.00). Sanitary towels (pads) and tampons, napkins and napkin liners for babies and similar articles, of any material- Other: - Knitted or crocheted: With an absorbent core of wadding of textile materials; (HS 9619.00.91.10) Other: (HS 9619.00.91.90);- Other: With an absorbent core of wadding of textile materials (HS 9619.00.99.10) - Other: (HS 9619.00.99.90)
 Indonesia	IDN/64/Add.4	01/29/2020	Not given	Toys (HS 9503), Baby walker-of metal (HS 9403.20) of plastics (9403.70), Tricycles, scooters, pedal cars and similar wheeled toys; dolls' carriages (HS 9503), Dolls (HS 9503), Electric trains, including tracks, signals and other accessories therefore (HS 9503), Ftalat-Reduced size ("scale") models and similar recreational models, working or not: Model aircraft assembly kits, Others (HS 9503)
 Indonesia	IDN/74/Add.2	01/29/2020	Not given	Sulfuric acid (HS 2807)
 Indonesia	IDN/77/Add.4	01/29/2020	Not given	Palm Oil
 Israel	ISR/907/Rev.1	01/07/2020	Not given	Pepper (Piper nigrum L.) (HS 0904)
 Israel	ISR/1099	01/08/2020	03/08/2020	Self-contained smoke detectors for fire detection systems (HS 853110)
 Israel	ISR/1100	01/09/2020	03/09/2020	Alcoholic beverages; (HS 2208)
 Israel	ISR/1101	01/09/2020	03/09/2020	Dried vegetables, spices and food seasoning mixtures; (HS: 020713, 0904, 0905, 0906, 0907, 0908, 0909, 090910, 090920, 090930, 090940, 090950, 0910, 2103)
 Israel	ISR/1102	01/09/2020	03/09/2020	Cribs and cradles; (HS 9403)
 Israel	ISR/1103	01/09/2020	03/09/2020	Prepackaged food products
 Israel	ISR/1104	01/09/2020	03/09/2020	Oven cleaners and grease removers; (HS 3402)














































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 Israel	ISR/1105	01/16/2020	03/16/2020	Mattresses; (HS 9403, 9404)
 Israel	ISR/1106	01/28/2020	03/28/2020	Medical electrical equipment - Cardiac defibrillators; (HS: 9018; 9402)
 Israel	ISR/1107	01/28/2020	03/28/2020	Uninterruptible power systems (UPS); (HS: 850440)
 Jamaica	JAM/83	01/13/2020	01/21/2020	Non-sheathed insulated cables
 Jamaica	JAM/84	01/13/2020	01/21/2020	Insulated cables
 Jamaica	JAM/85	01/13/2020	01/21/2020	LED lamps
 Jamaica	JAM/86	01/13/2020	01/21/2020	Household refrigerating appliances
 Jamaica	JAM/87	01/13/2020	01/21/2020	Household refrigerating appliances
 Jamaica	JAM/88	01/13/2020	01/21/2020	Household refrigerating appliances
 Jamaica	JAM/89	01/13/2020	01/21/2020	Microwave ovens
 Jamaica	JAM/90	01/13/2020	01/21/2020	Tumble dryers
 Jamaica	JAM/91	01/13/2020	01/21/2020	Flexible cables (cords)
 Jamaica	JAM/92	01/13/2020	01/21/2020	Sheathed insulated cables
 Japan	JPN/646	01/06/2020	03/06/2020	Vehicle (HS 87.01~87.06, 87.13)
 Japan	JPN/647	01/06/2020	02/05/2020	Fertilizer (HS 3101, 3102, 3103, 3104, 3105)
 Japan	JPN/648	01/15/2020	03/15/2020	Foods containing designated ingredients or substances that require specific cautions, raw buffalo milk, agricultural product pickles, rice, nutrient content claims
 Japan	JPN/627/Add.1	01/20/2020	Not given	5G (the fifth generation cellular network) system
 Japan	JPN/649	01/20/2020	3/20/2020	2.4 GHz band Low Power Data Communication systems (only for radiolocation)
 Japan	JPN/650	01/22/2020	03/22/2020	920 MHz band Active Low Power Wireless system
 Japan	JPN/651	01/22/2020	03/22/2020	Steel or Aluminium beverage cans (HS codes 7310.29, 7612.90) Polyethylene terephthalate beverage or specified sauce containers (HS codes 3923.30)
 Japan	JPN/652	01/24/2020	03/24/2020	Rigid polyurethane foam stock solution (except for those used for housing, molding and manufacturing the following products) and the following products using rigid polyurethane foam; Heat insulating materials; Refrigerating machines and cold storage machines
 Japan	JPN/652/Corr.1	01/28/2020	Not given	Rigid polyurethane foam stock solution (except for those used for housing, molding and manufacturing the following products) and the following products using rigid polyurethane foam; Heat insulating materials; Refrigerating machines and cold storage machines
 Kenya	KEN/944	01/08/2020	02/23/2020	Animal feeding stuffs (Fishmeal)
 Kenya	KEN/945	01/08/2020	02/23/2020	Animal feeding stuffs (Oilseed cakes and meal for animal feeds)
 Kenya	KEN/946	01/10/2020	02/23/2020	Animal feeding stuffs

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 Kenya	KEN/947	01/14/2020	02/23/2020	Animal feeding stuffs
 Kenya	KEN/948	01/14/2020	02/23/2020	Animal feeding stuffs
 Kenya	KEN/949	01/14/2020	02/23/2020	Animal feeding stuffs
 Kenya	KEN/950	01/14/2020	02/23/2020	Animal feeding stuffs
 Kenya	KEN/951	01/14/2020	02/23/2020	Animal feeding stuffs
 Kenya	KEN/952	01/14/2020	03/10/2020	Prepackaged and prepared foods
 Kenya	KEN/953	01/14/2020	03/10/2020	Food additives
 Kenya	KEN/954	01/14/2020	06/10/2020	Cereals, pulses and derived products
 Kenya	KEN/955	01/14/2020	03/10/2020	Processes in the food industry
 Kenya	KEN/956	01/14/2020	03/10/2020	Cereals, pulses and derived products
 Kenya	KEN/957	01/14/2020	03/10/2020	Processes in the food industry
 Kenya	KEN/958	01/14/2020	03/08/2020	Cereals, pulses and derived products
 Kenya	KEN/959	01/14/2020	03/08/2020	Cereals, pulses and derived products
 Kenya	KEN/960	01/30/2020	03/24/2020	Braking systems (drum brake linings and disk brake pads)
 Kenya	KEN/961	01/30/2020	03/24/2020	Cooling systems. Lubricating systems (Radiators)
 Kenya	KEN/962	01/30/2020	03/24/2020	Cooling systems. Lubricating systems (Oil filters)
 Kenya	KEN/963	01/30/2020	03/24/2020	Pressure charging and air/exhaust gas ducting systems (Air filters)
 Kenya	KEN/964	01/30/2020	03/15/2020	Sugar and sugar products (Refined white sugar)
 Kenya	KEN/965	01/30/2020	03/15/2020	Sugar and sugar products (Raw cane sugar)
 Kenya	KEN/966	01/30/2020	03/15/2020	Sugar and sugar products (Plantation (Mill) white sugar)
 Kenya	KEN/967	01/30/2020	03/15/2020	Sugar and sugar products (Confectionery)
 Kenya	KEN/968	01/30/2020	03/17/2020	Vegetables and derived products (Potato Flakes)
 Kenya	KEN/969	01/30/2020	03/24/2020	Cooling systems. Lubricating systems (Radiators hoses)
 Kenya	KEN/970	01/30/2020	03/24/2020	Road vehicle systems (Telescopic shock absorbers)
 Kenya	KEN/971	01/30/2020	03/24/2020	Glass (Laminated automobile windscreens)
 Kenya	KEN/972	01/30/2020	03/24/2020	Fuel systems (Fuel Filters)
 Korea, Republic of	KOR/867/Add.2	01/07/2020	Not given	Consumer Chemical Products subject to Safety Check. These products are designated and announced by the Minister of Environment since it is recognized that they have risks based on the result of risk assessment conducted in accordance with the Act on Consumer Chemical Products and Bio-cides Safety.






























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 Korea, Republic of	KOR/872	01/07/2020	03/07/2020	Cosmetics
 Korea, Republic of	KOR/873	01/10/2020	03/10/2020	Foods
 Korea, Republic of	KOR/865/Add.1	01/15/2020	Not given	Food
 Korea, Republic of	KOR/874	01/15/2020	03/15/2020	Foods for infants and young children, health functional foods
 Korea, Republic of	KOR/875	01/15/2020	03/15/2020	Furniture (chest of drawers and office filing Cabinet whose height is over 762mm) and Furniture for children use
 Kuwait	KWT/526	01/09/2020	03/09/2020	Meat, meat products and other animal produce
 Kuwait	KWT/527	01/09/2020	03/09/2020	Sugar and sugar products
 Kuwait	KWT/528	01/09/2020	03/09/2020	Non-alcoholic beverages
 Kuwait	KWT/529	01/09/2020	03/09/2020	Cereals, pulses and derived products
 Kuwait	KWT/530	01/09/2020	03/09/2020	Cereals, pulses and derived products
 Kuwait	KWT/531	01/09/2020	03/09/2020	Prepackaged Food Stuffs
 Lithuania	LTU/36	01/16/2020	03/16/2020	Dried fruits. KN 0803 10 90; KN 0804 10; KN 0804 20; KN 0804 30; KN 0804 50; KN 0806 20; KN 0809 29; KN 0809 21; KN 0813 10; KN 0813 20; KN 0813 30; KN 0813 40 10; KN 0813 40 30; Fruit, dried, other than that of headings 08.01 to 08.06; mixtures of nuts or dried fruits of this Chapter (HS 0813)
 Mexico	MEX/461	12/16/2019	02/04/2020	Water for human consumption
 Mexico	MEX/415/Add.2	01/07/2020	Not given	Lubricating oils for four-stroke petrol engines and/or lubricating oils for two- and four-stroke diesel engines. Related tariff headings: 271012, 271019 and 271020.
 Mexico	MEX/426/Add.2	01/16/2020	Not given	Mobile terminal equipment National tariff heading: 8517
 Morocco	MAR/28	12/18/2019	01/27/2020	All industrial products covered by Law No. 24-09 on the safety of products and services, other than food and pharmaceutical products. The list of products concerned is available at: <a href="http://www.mcinet.gov.ma/sites/default/files/liste%20des%20produits%20contrôles%20a%20l'importation%20au%20maroc.pdf">http://www.mcinet.gov.ma/sites/default/files/liste%20des%20produits%20contrôles%20a%20l'importation%20au%20maroc.pdf</a>
 New Zealand	NZL/96	01/21/2020	4/20/2020	HS Section XX - Miscellaneous Manufactured Articles; 94 Furniture; bedding, mattresses, mattress supports, cushions and similar stuffed furnishings; lamps and lighting fittings, not elsewhere specified or included; illuminated signs, illuminated nameplates and the like; prefabricated buildings.
 Oman	OMN/401	01/09/2020	03/09/2020	Meat, meat products and other animal produce
 Oman	OMN/402	01/09/2020	03/09/2020	Sugar and sugar products
 Oman	OMN/403	01/09/2020	03/09/2020	Non-alcoholic beverages
 Oman	OMN/404	01/09/2020	03/09/2020	Cereals, pulses and derived products
 Oman	OMN/405	01/09/2020	03/09/2020	Cereals, pulses and derived products
 Oman	OMN/406	01/09/2020	03/09/2020	Prepackaged Food Stuffs
 Panama	PAN/89/Add.3	01/24/2020	Not given	Split type, free flow, ductless air conditioners

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 Paraguay	PRY/115	12/17/2019	02/15/2020	Processed foods
 Peru	PER/66/Add.1	12/16/2019	Not given	Clinical electrical thermometers (HS 9025.19.90.00)
 Peru	PER/71/Add.1	12/16/2019	Not given	Energy efficiency labeling of lamps for household and similar use (HS 8539, 8541, 9405, 8543)
 Peru	PER/72/Add.1	12/16/2019	Not given	Technical Regulation on the energy efficiency labeling of ballasts for fluorescent lamps for household and similar use (HS 8504.10)
 Peru	PER/73/Add.1	12/16/2019	Not given	Energy efficiency labelling of household refrigerating appliances (HS 8418)
 Peru	PER/74/Add.1	12/16/2019	Not given	Energy efficiency labelling of boilers (HS 8402, 8403, 8404)
 Peru	PER/75/Add.1	12/16/2019	Not given	Energy efficiency labelling of three-phase squirrel-cage asynchronous or induction electric motors (HS 8501)
 Peru	PER/76/Add.1	12/16/2019	Not given	Energy efficiency labelling of washing machines for domestic use (HS 8450, 8451)
 Peru	PER/77/Add.1	12/16/2019	Not given	Energy efficiency labelling of household tumble driers (HS 8451)
 Peru	PER/78/Add.1	12/16/2019	Not given	Energy efficiency labelling for air-conditioners (HS 8415)
 Peru	PER/79/Add.1	12/16/2019	Not given	Energy efficiency labelling of water heaters for domestic use (HS 8419, 8516)
 Peru	PER/80/Add.1	12/16/2019	Not given	Measuring instruments, electric energy, static meters
 Peru	PER/81/Add.1	12/16/2019	Not given	- Pharmaceutical products classified under Chapter 30 of the Harmonized System or Customs Tariff. - Medical devices classified under headings of the Harmonized System or Customs Tariff.
 Peru	PER/83/Add.1	12/16/2019	Not given	Measuring instruments, electric energy, static meters
 Peru	PER/90/Add.1	12/16/2019	Not given	Road and rail tankers (HS 8705.90.90.00)
 Peru	PER/91/Add.1	12/16/2019	Not given	Measuring instruments in general (9027.10.10.00: Gas or smoke analysis apparatus, electrical or electronic; 9027.10.90.00: Other gas or smoke analysis apparatus)
 Peru	PER/98/Add.1	12/16/2019	Not given	Forest-tree seeds (06.02.90.90 Other live plants (including their roots), cuttings and slips; mushroom spawn; 0602.10.90.00 Unrooted cuttings and slips; 0602.20.00.00 Trees, shrubs and bushes, grafted or not, of kinds which bear edible fruit or nuts; 1209.99.10.00 Seeds of fruit trees or forest trees)
 Peru	PER/101/Add.1	12/16/2019	Not given	Water meters (HS 9028.20.10.00)
 Peru	PER/102/Add.1	01/08/2020	Not given	Water meters (HS 9028.20.10.00)
 Peru	PER/103/Add.1	01/08/2020	Not given	Water meters (HS 9028.20.10.00)
 Peru	PER/107/Add.1	01/08/2020	Not given	Prepackaged products
 Peru	PER/52/Add.1	01/15/2020	Not given	Pharmaceutical products: medicine, herbal medicine, dietary products and sweeteners, and biological and galenic products (classified under Chapter 30 of the Harmonized System and of the Customs Tariff)















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 Peru	PER/53/Add.1	01/15/2020	Not given	Pharmaceutical products: medicine, herbal medicine, dietary products and sweeteners, and biological and galenic products (classified under Chapter 30 of the Harmonized System and of the Customs Tariff)
 Peru	PER/117/Add.1	01/15/2020	Not given	Labelling of prepackages
 Philippines	PHL/223/Rev.1	01/07/2020	Not given	Hot-dip Metallic-Coated and Pre-painted Galvanized Steel Sheets for Roofing
 Qatar	QAT/564	01/09/2020	03/09/2020	Meat, meat products and other animal produce
 Qatar	QAT/565	01/09/2020	03/09/2020	Sugar and sugar products
 Qatar	QAT/566	01/09/2020	03/09/2020	Non-alcoholic beverages
 Qatar	QAT/567	01/09/2020	03/09/2020	Cereals, pulses and derived products
 Qatar	QAT/568	01/09/2020	03/09/2020	Cereals, pulses and derived products
 Qatar	QAT/569	01/09/2020	03/09/2020	Prepackaged Food Stuffs
 Russian Federation	RUS/93	01/07/2020	04/25/2020	Oils and fats
 Russian Federation	RUS/94	01/07/2020	01/25/2020	Medicaments (excluding goods of heading 30.02, 30.05 or 30.06) consisting of two or more constituents which have been mixed together for therapeutic or prophylactic uses, not put up in measured doses or in forms or packings for retail sale (HS 3003); Medicaments (excluding goods of heading 30.02, 30.05 or 30.06) consisting of mixed or un-mixed products for therapeutic or prophylactic uses, put up in measured doses (including those in the form of transdermal administration systems) or in forms or packings for retail sale (HS 3004)
 Russian Federation	RUS/95	01/08/2020	01/24/2020	Human blood; animal blood prepared for therapeutic, prophylactic or diagnostic use; immune serums, other blood fractions and immunological products, modified or unmodified, including those obtained by biotechnology; vaccines, toxins, cultures of microorganisms (except yeast) and similar products; immune sera, other blood fractions and immunological products, modified or unmodified, including those obtained by biotechnology; Medicinal products consisting of a mixture of two or more components for therapeutic or prophylactic use, but not packaged in dosage forms or in forms or packages for retail sale; Medicinal products consisting of mixed or un-mixed products for therapeutic or prophylactic use, packaged in the form of dosage forms (including medicinal products).
 Russian Federation	RUS/96	01/09/2020	03/25/2020	Medicaments (excluding goods of heading 30.02, 30.05 or 30.06) consisting of mixed or un-mixed products for therapeutic or prophylactic uses, put up in measured doses (including those in the form of transdermal administration systems) or in forms or packings for retail sale (HS 3004); - Opacifying preparations for X-ray examinations; diagnostic reagents designed to be administered to the patient (HS 300630)
 Russian Federation	RUS/97	01/16/2020	04/10/2020	Machines and equipment



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 Rwanda	RWA/286	01/07/2020	03/07/2020	Surgical instruments and materials (Surgical suture needles)
 Rwanda	RWA/287	01/07/2020	03/07/2020	Surgical instruments and materials (Surgical sutures)
 Rwanda	RWA/288	01/07/2020	03/07/2020	Surgical instruments and materials (Surgical sutures)
 Rwanda	RWA/289	01/07/2020	03/07/2020	Company organization and management in general
 Rwanda	RWA/290	01/07/2020	03/07/2020	Special wastes (Waste within healthcare facilities)
 Rwanda	RWA/291	01/07/2020	03/07/2020	Paints and varnishes (Silk (sheen) emulsion paint)
 Rwanda	RWA/292	01/07/2020	03/07/2020	Paints and varnishes (Gloss solvent-borne paints)
 Rwanda	RWA/293	01/07/2020	03/07/2020	Paints and varnishes (Semi-gloss (egg shell) solvent-borne paints)
 Rwanda	RWA/294	01/07/2020	03/07/2020	Paints and varnishes (Textured paints)
 Rwanda	RWA/295	01/07/2020	03/07/2020	Services for consumers (Travel and tour operations)
 Rwanda	RWA/296	01/07/2020	03/07/2020	Buildings and installations for processing and storage of agricultural produce
 Rwanda	RWA/297	01/07/2020	03/07/2020	Greenhouses and other installations
 Rwanda	RWA/298	01/07/2020	03/07/2020	Buildings and installations for processing and storage of agricultural produce
 Rwanda	RWA/299	01/07/2020	03/07/2020	Buildings and installations for processing and storage of agricultural produce
 Rwanda	RWA/300	01/08/2020	03/08/2020	Storing, Warehousing (Storage of bagged grains)
 Rwanda	RWA/301	01/08/2020	03/08/2020	Ceramic products (Handmade ceramic products)
 Rwanda	RWA/302	01/08/2020	03/08/2020	Furniture (Chairs and tables for home furniture)
 Rwanda	RWA/303	01/08/2020	03/08/2020	Furniture (Tables)
 Rwanda	RWA/304	01/08/2020	03/08/2020	Wood, sawlogs and sawn timber (Timber in joinery)
 Rwanda	RWA/305	01/08/2020	03/08/2020	Special wastes; Pesticides and other agrochemicals
 Rwanda	RWA/306	01/08/2020	03/08/2020	Milk and processed milk products (Fermented (cultured) milk)
 Rwanda	RWA/307	01/08/2020	03/08/2020	Cheese (Gouda cheese)
 Rwanda	RWA/308	01/08/2020	03/08/2020	Cheese (Cottage cheese)
 Rwanda	RWA/309	01/08/2020	03/08/2020	Cheese (Cheddar cheese)
 Rwanda	RWA/310	01/08/2020	03/08/2020	Cheese (Mozzarella)
 Rwanda	RWA/311	01/08/2020	03/08/2020	Cheese (Cream cheese)
 Rwanda	RWA/312	01/08/2020	03/08/2020	Paints and varnishes (Drop on materials for road marking paints)
 Rwanda	RWA/313	01/08/2020	03/08/2020	Animal and vegetable fats and oils (Raw cashew nut)
 Rwanda	RWA/314	01/08/2020	03/08/2020	Animal and vegetable fats and oils (Raw cashew kernels)


















































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 Rwanda	RWA/315	01/08/2020	03/08/2020	Animal and vegetable fats and oils (Roasted cashew kernels)
 Rwanda	RWA/316	01/08/2020	03/08/2020	Animal and vegetable fats and oils (Cashew butter)
 Rwanda	RWA/317	01/08/2020	03/08/2020	Animal and vegetable fats and oils (Raw macadamia kernel)
 Rwanda	RWA/318	01/08/2020	03/08/2020	Animal and vegetable fats and oils (Roasted macadamia kernel)
 Rwanda	RWA/319	01/08/2020	03/08/2020	Animal and vegetable fats and oils (Sesame (sim-sim))
 Rwanda	RWA/320	01/08/2020	03/08/2020	Animal and vegetable fats and oils (2019 Chia seeds)
 Rwanda	RWA/321	01/08/2020	03/08/2020	Fruits. Vegetables (Dried banana)
 Rwanda	RWA/322	01/08/2020	03/08/2020	Starch and derived products (Honey)
 Rwanda	RWA/323	01/08/2020	03/08/2020	Starch and derived products (Bee pollen)
 Rwanda	RWA/324	01/08/2020	03/08/2020	Starch and derived products (Bee propolis)
 Rwanda	RWA/325	01/08/2020	03/08/2020	Processes in the food industry (Premixes and fortified foods)
 Rwanda	RWA/326	01/08/2020	03/08/2020	Starch and derived products (Stingless bee honey)
 Rwanda	RWA/327	01/08/2020	03/08/2020	Cereals, pulses and derived products (Fortified composite flour)
 Rwanda	RWA/328	01/08/2020	03/08/2020	Textile fabrics (Dera Dress)
 Rwanda	RWA/329	01/08/2020	03/08/2020	Processes in the food industry (Food fortification premix and fortificants)
 Rwanda	RWA/330	01/08/2020	03/08/2020	Cereals, pulses and derived products (Processed cereal-based foods)
 Rwanda	RWA/331	01/08/2020	03/08/2020	(HS 2501); Food additives (Fortified edible salt)
 Rwanda	RWA/332	01/08/2020	03/08/2020	(HS 190110); Prepackaged and prepared foods (Infant formula)
 Rwanda	RWA/333	01/08/2020	03/08/2020	(HS 1521); Food additives (Beeswax)
 Rwanda	RWA/334	01/08/2020	03/08/2020	Textile fabrics (Maasai Shuka)
 Rwanda	RWA/335	01/08/2020	03/08/2020	Textile fabrics (Kikoi)
 Saudi Arabia	SAU/1118	01/07/2020	03/07/2020	Food products in general (Organic Food Products)
 Saudi Arabia	SAU/1086/Add.1	01/08/2020	Not given	Tobacco products
 Saudi Arabia	SAU/1119	01/08/2020	03/08/2020	Tobacco, tobacco products and related equipment
 Saudi Arabia	SAU/1120	01/09/2020	03/09/2020	Meat, meat products and other animal produce
 Saudi Arabia	SAU/1121	01/09/2020	03/09/2020	Sugar and sugar products
 Saudi Arabia	SAU/1122	01/09/2020	03/09/2020	Non-alcoholic beverages
 Saudi Arabia	SAU/1123	01/09/2020	03/09/2020	Cereals, pulses and derived products
 Saudi Arabia	SAU/1124	01/09/2020	03/09/2020	Cereals, pulses and derived products

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 Saudi Arabia	SAU/1125	01/09/2020	03/09/2020	Prepackaged Food Stuffs
 Saudi Arabia	SAU/1126	01/15/2020	03/15/2020	Portable and/or hand-oriented machines 8433 8467
 Saudi Arabia	SAU/1127	01/24/2020	03/24/2020	Buses
 Saudi Arabia	SAU/1128	01/28/2020	03/28/2020	Water heating equipment
 Saudi Arabia	SAU/1129	01/31/2020	03/31/2020	Used cars 8700
 Spain	ESP/41	01/15/2020	03/15/2020	Agricultural machinery; HS codes 84.32, 84.33 and 84.38
 Switzerland	CHE/241	01/06/2020	03/31/2020	Chemicals and biocides (mixtures/preparations)
 Switzerland	CHE/242	01/15/2020	04/20/2020	Telecommunication equipment, radio equipment and telecommunication terminal equipment
 Taiwan Economy	TPKM/388/Add. 1	01/09/2020	Not given	Self-ballasted LED lamps; Electric filament or discharge lamps, including sealed beam lamp units and ultra-violet or infra-red lamps; arc-lamps (HS 8539)
 Taiwan Economy	TPKM/397	01/22/2020	02/21/2020	Baby carriers
 Taiwan Economy	TPKM/398	01/22/2020	03/22/2020	Hot cathode fluorescent lamps; -- Fluorescent, hot cathode (HS 853931)
 Taiwan Economy	TPKM/399	01/28/2020	01/30/2020	New Radio Base Station Radio Frequency Equipment of Mobile Broadband Business; Telecommunications. Audio and video engineering (Vocabularies)
 Taiwan Economy	TPKM/400	01/28/2020	01/30/2020	New Radio Broadband Terminal Equipment of Mobile Broadband Business; Telecommunications. Audio and video engineering (Vocabularies)
 Taiwan Economy	TPKM/393/Add. 1	01/30/2020	Not given	Children's cots and folding cots for domestic use; Other furniture and parts thereof (HS 9403)
 Tanzania	TZA/367	01/08/2020	03/08/2020	Cereals, pulses and derived products
 Tanzania	TZA/368	01/08/2020	03/08/2020	Fruits. Vegetables (Dried banana)
 Tanzania	TZA/369	01/08/2020	03/08/2020	Cereals, pulses and derived products (Banana flour)
 Tanzania	TZA/370	01/08/2020	03/08/2020	Sanitary installations (Vitreous china)
 Tanzania	TZA/371	01/08/2020	03/08/2020	Sanitary installations (Wash down water closets)
 Tanzania	TZA/372	01/08/2020	03/08/2020	Sanitary installations (Wash basins)
 Tanzania	TZA/373	01/08/2020	03/08/2020	Sanitary installations (Squatting pans)
 Tanzania	TZA/374	01/08/2020	03/08/2020	Sanitary installations (Urinals and partition plates)
 Tanzania	TZA/375	01/15/2020	03/15/2020	Surgical instruments and materials (Surgical suture needles)
 Tanzania	TZA/376	01/15/2020	03/15/2020	Surgical instruments and materials (Surgical sutures)
 Tanzania	TZA/377	01/15/2020	03/15/2020	Surgical instruments and materials (Surgical sutures)
 Tanzania	TZA/378	01/24/2020	03/24/2020	Lubricants, industrial oils and related products







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 Turkey	TUR/154	01/10/2020	03/10/2020	Spices
 Uganda	UGA/1158	01/08/2020	03/08/2020	Barley grains; -- Of other cereals (HS 110429)
 Uganda	UGA/1159	01/08/2020	03/08/2020	Silk (sheen) emulsion paint; Paints and varnishes (including enamels and lacquers) based on synthetic polymers or chemically modified natural polymers, dispersed or dissolved in an aqueous medium (HS 3209)
 Uganda	UGA/1160	01/08/2020	03/08/2020	Semi-gloss (egg shell) solvent borne paints; Paints and varnishes (including enamels and lacquers) based on synthetic polymers or chemically modified natural polymers, dispersed or dissolved in an aqueous medium (HS 3209)
 Uganda	UGA/1161	01/08/2020	03/08/2020	Textured paints; Paints and varnishes (including enamels and lacquers) based on synthetic polymers or chemically modified natural polymers, dispersed or dissolved in an aqueous medium (HS 3209)
 Uganda	UGA/1162	01/09/2020	03/09/2020	Anti-skid aggregates; Glass beads, imitation pearls, imitation precious or semi-precious stones and similar glass smallwares, and articles thereof other than imitation jewellery; glass eyes other than prosthetic articles; statuettes and other ornaments of lamp-Worked glass, other than imitation jewellery; glass microspheres not exceeding 1 mm in diameter (HS 7018)
 Uganda	UGA/1163	01/09/2020	03/09/2020	Gloss solvent borne paints; Paints and varnishes (including enamels and lacquers) based on synthetic polymers or chemically modified natural polymers, dispersed or dissolved in an aqueous medium (HS 3209)
 Uganda	UGA/1164	01/09/2020	03/09/2020	Machete; Hand tools, the following: spades, shovels, mattocks, picks, hoes, forks and rakes; axes, bill hooks and similar hewing tools; secateurs and pruners of any kind; scythes, sickles, hay knives, hedge shears, timber wedges and other tools of a kind used in agriculture, horticulture or forestry (HS 8201)
 Uganda	UGA/1165	01/09/2020	03/09/2020	Kikoi; Textile products and articles, for technical uses, specified in Note 7 to this Chapter (HS 5911)
 Uganda	UGA/1166	01/09/2020	03/09/2020	Dera dress; Textile products and articles, for technical uses, specified in Note 7 to this Chapter (HS 5911)
 Uganda	UGA/1167	01/09/2020	03/09/2020	Ceramic sinks, wash basins, wash basin pedestals, baths, bidets, water closet pans, flushing cisterns, urinals and similar sanitary fixtures (HS 6910)
 Uganda	UGA/1168	01/09/2020	03/09/2020	Maasai Shuka; Textile products and articles, for technical uses, specified in Note 7 to this Chapter (HS 5911)
 Uganda	UGA/1169	01/09/2020	03/09/2020	Infant formula; Milk and cream, concentrated or containing added sugar or other sweetening matter (HS 0402); - Preparations for infant use, put up for retail sale (HS 190110)
 Uganda	UGA/1170	01/10/2020	03/10/2020	Ceramic sinks, wash basins, wash basin pedestals, baths, bidets, water closet pans, flushing cisterns,

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				urinals and similar sanitary fixtures (HS 6910); Sanitary installations
 Uganda	UGA/1171	01/10/2020	03/10/2020	Ceramic sinks, wash basins, wash basin pedestals, baths, bidets, water closet pans, flushing cisterns, urinals and similar sanitary fixtures (HS 6910); Sanitary installations
 Uganda	UGA/1172	01/10/2020	03/10/2020	Ceramic sinks, wash basins, wash basin pedestals, baths, bidets, water closet pans, flushing cisterns, urinals and similar sanitary fixtures (HS 6910); Sanitary installations
 Uganda	UGA/1173	01/10/2020	03/10/2020	Hammers; Tools, tool bodies, tool handles, broom or brush bodies and handles, of wood; boot or shoe lasts and trees, of wood (HS 4417); - Hammers and sledge hammers (HS 820520); Hand-held tools
 Uganda	UGA/1174	01/10/2020	03/10/2020	Ceramic sinks, wash basins, wash basin pedestals, baths, bidets, water closet pans, flushing cisterns, urinals and similar sanitary fixtures (HS 6910); Sanitary installations
 Uganda	UGA/1175	01/10/2020	03/10/2020	Shovels and spades; Hand tools, the following: spades, shovels, mattocks, picks, hoes, forks and rakes; axes, bill hooks and similar hewing tools; secateurs and pruners of any kind; scythes, sickles, hay knives, hedge shears, timber wedges and other tools of a kind used in agriculture, horticulture or forestry (HS 8201); Hand-held tools in general
 Uganda	UGA/1176	01/10/2020	03/10/2020	Fortified edible salt; Salt (including table salt and denatured salt) and pure sodium chloride, whether or not in aqueous solution or containing added anti-caking or free-flowing agents; sea water (HS 2501); Food additives, Salts
 Uganda	UGA/1177	01/10/2020	03/10/2020	Garden hoes; Hand tools, the following: spades, shovels, mattocks, picks, hoes, forks and rakes; axes, bill hooks and similar hewing tools; secateurs and pruners of any kind; scythes, sickles, hay knives, hedge shears, timber wedges and other tools of a kind used in agriculture, horticulture or forestry (HS 8201); Hand-held tools in general
 Uganda	UGA/1178	01/10/2020	03/10/2020	Fortified composite flour; - Flour, meal and powder (HS 110510); Cereals, pulses and derived products
 Uganda	UGA/1179	01/10/2020	03/10/2020	Hacksaw blades; Hand saws; blades for saws of all kinds (including slitting, slotting or toothless saw blades) (HS 8202); Cutting tools in general, Hand-held tools
 Uganda	UGA/1180	01/10/2020	03/10/2020	Food fortification premix, Food fortification fortificants; - Other, including invert sugar and other sugar and sugar syrup blends containing in the dry state 50% by weight of fructose (HS 170290); Food additives
 Uganda	UGA/1181	01/10/2020	03/10/2020	Premixes, fortified foods; - Other, including invert sugar and other sugar and sugar syrup blends containing in the dry state 50% by weight of fructose (HS 170290); Food additives
 Uganda	UGA/1182	01/10/2020	03/10/2020	Processed cereal-based foods; - Other (HS 190490); Cereals, pulses and derived products
 Uganda	UGA/1183	01/13/2020	03/13/2020	Agricultural products

Country	Notification	Date Issued	Final Date for Comments	Merchandise Covered
 Ukraine	UKR/148/Corr.1	01/15/2020	Not given	Coffee extract, soluble coffee extract, soluble coffee, instant coffee, chicory extract, soluble chicory, instant chicory.
 Ukraine	UKR/157/Corr.1	01/15/2020	Not given	Textile products
 United Arab Emirates	ARE/467	01/09/2020	03/09/2020	Meat, meat products and other animal produce
 United Arab Emirates	ARE/468	01/09/2020	03/09/2020	Sugar and sugar products
 United Arab Emirates	ARE/469	01/09/2020	03/09/2020	Non-alcoholic beverages
 United Arab Emirates	ARE/470	01/09/2020	03/09/2020	Cereals, pulses and derived products
 United Arab Emirates	ARE/471	01/09/2020	03/09/2020	Cereals, pulses and derived products
 United Arab Emirates	ARE/472	01/09/2020	03/09/2020	Prepackaged Food Stuffs
 United Kingdom	GBR/34	01/14/2020	03/14/2020	Tableware, kitchenware, other household articles and toilet articles, of plastics (HS 3924)
 United States	USA/1072/Add.1	01/06/2020	Not given	Cranial electrotherapy stimulator (CES) devices
 United States	USA/1088/Rev.1 /Add.1	01/06/2020	Not given	Electronic cigarette substance
 United States	USA/1557	01/06/2020	02/18/2020	Tires
 United States	USA/149/Add.3	01/09/2020	Not given	Cheese and related cheese products (HS 0406)
 United States	USA/1558	01/09/2020	03/02/2020	Unmanned aircraft systems; Other aircraft (for example, helicopters, airplanes); spacecraft (including satellites) and suborbital and spacecraft launch vehicles (HS 8802)
 United States	USA/1544/Add.1	01/10/2020	Not given	Liquefied natural gas, transport
 United States	USA/1559	01/10/2020	02/21/2020	Consumer refrigeration products; Environmental protection, Test conditions and procedures in general, Refrigerating technology, Domestic refrigerating appliances
 United States	USA/1560	01/10/2020	02/24/2020	Anthropomorphic test devices; Motor cars and other motor vehicles principally designed for the transport of persons (other than those of heading 87.02), including station wagons and racing cars (HS 8703); Road vehicles in general, Crash protection and restraint systems, Diagnostic, maintenance and test equipment
 United States	USA/1524/Add.1	01/13/2020	Not given	General service incandescent lamps (GSILs)
 United States	USA/894/Add.6	01/14/2020	Not given	Food products, labeling, serving sizes
 United States	USA/1561	01/14/2020	Not given	Vitamin E Acetate, vaping products; Domestic safety, Tobacco, tobacco products and related equipment
 United States	USA/1562	01/14/2020	03/02/2020	Railroad track safety; Railway or tramway track construction material of iron or steel, the following: rails, check-rails and rack rails, switch blades, crossing frogs, point rods and other crossing pieces, sleepers (cross-ties), fish-plates, chairs, chair wedges, sole plates (base plates), rail clips, bedplates, ties and other material specialized for jointing or fixing rails (HS 7302); Quality, Test conditions and procedures in general, Railway engineering in general, Materials and components for railway engineering, Rails and railway components

Country	Notification	Date Issued	Final Date for Comments	Merchandise Covered
 United States	USA/854/Add.4	01/15/2020	Not given	Commercial packaged boilers (HS Chapter 84)
 United States	USA/1132/Add.3	01/15/2020	Not given	Compressors
 United States	USA/1148/Add.2	01/15/2020	Not given	Portable air conditioners
 United States	USA/1181/Add.1	01/15/2020	Not given	Uninterruptible power supplies
 United States	USA/1428/Add.1	01/15/2020	Not given	Chemical substances
 United States	USA/1563	01/15/2020	02/06/2020	Replica motor vehicles, vehicle identification number requirements
 United States	USA/1564	01/17/2020	03/16/2020	Polychlorinated Dibenzofurans; Pollution, pollution control and conservation, Stationary source emissions, Environmental testing, Production in the chemical industry, Organic chemical
 United States	USA/1565	01/20/2020	3/16/2020	Electronic detonators; Safety fuses; detonating fuses; percussion or detonating caps; igniters; electric detonators (HS 3603); Explosion protection, Electrical apparatus for explosive atmospheres, Explosives. Pyrotechnics and fireworks, Mining equipment
 United States	USA/1181/Add.1/Corr.1	01/22/2020	Not given	Uninterruptible power supplies
 United States	USA/1451/Add.1	01/22/2020	Not given	Volatile organic compounds
 United States	USA/1566	01/22/2020	02/18/2020	Chemical substances
 United States	USA/1567	01/22/2020	02/20/2020	Heavy-duty engine pollution
 United States	USA/1568	01/22/2020	03/16/2020	Railroad safety, brake systems
 United States	USA/1364/Add.4	01/24/2020	Not given	Bioengineered (BE)
 United States	USA/1375/Add.1	01/24/2020	Not given	Radiology devices
 United States	USA/1551/Add.1	01/27/2020	Not given	Vaping products
 United States	USA/203/Add.3	01/29/2020	Not given	Appliances efficiency -- power supplies; consumer audio and video equipment, which are televisions, compact audio products, digital versatile disc players, digital versatile disc recorders, and digital television adapters (HS 8504, 8519, 8525)
 United States	USA/608/Rev.2	01/29/2020	Not given	Plant seeds (HS 12)
 United States	USA/1244/Add.1	01/29/2020	Not given	Lighting efficiency
 United States	USA/1285/Rev.1/Add.1	01/29/2020	Not given	Infant inclined sleep products
 United States	USA/1541/Add.1	01/29/2020	Not given	Electronic nicotine
 United States	USA/1542/Add.1	01/20/2020	Not given	Flavored vaping products
 United States	USA/1040/Add.2	01/31/2020	Not given	Hazardous liquid pipelines: Pipeline components and pipelines
 United States	USA/1117/Add.3	01/31/2020	Not given	Pipeline safety
 United States	USA/1569	01/31/2020	03/30/2020	Carrots; Carrots and turnips (HS 070610)
 Viet Nam	VNM/158	01/07/2020	030/7/2020	Calcium cyclamate (HS code 2933.59.90), sodium cyclamate (HS code 2929.90.10), calcium saccharin (HS code 2925.11.00), potassium saccharin (HS code 2925.11.00), sodium saccharin (HS code



Country	Notification	Date Issued	Final Date for Comments	Merchandise Covered
				2925.11.00), sucralose (HS code 2940.00.00), alicame (HS code 2934), aspartame-acesulfame (HS code 2934.99.90), polyglycol syrup (HS code 1702.20.00), sorbitol syrup (HS code 2905.44.00)
 Yemen	YEM/168	01/09/2020	03/09/2020	Meat, meat products and other animal produce
 Yemen	YEM/169	01/09/2020	03/09/2020	Sugar and sugar products
 Yemen	YEM/170	01/09/2020	03/09/2020	Non-alcoholic beverages
 Yemen	YEM/171	01/09/2020	03/09/2020	Cereals, pulses and derived products
 Yemen	YEM/172	01/09/2020	03/09/2020	Cereals, pulses and derived products
 Yemen	YEM/173	01/09/2020	03/09/2020	Prepackaged Food Stuffs

## CBSA ADVANCE RULINGS

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

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

Date	TRS Number	Merchandise	Tariff Classification and Basis
03-11-15	<a href="#">269785</a>	<a href="#">40 inch palm leaves with flower buds, item #15865</a>	0604.90.10.00 [GIR 1, 6]
08-28-17	<a href="#">278642</a>	<a href="#">Boa System Lacing, Products 7089426 to 7089436</a>	7312.10.00.41 [GIR 1, 3(c), 6, CAR 1; Chap. 64 N2; Sec. XVI SN 1]
03-11-15	<a href="#">269828</a>	<a href="#">Central Park Deli Cheddar Jalapeno Smokie</a>	1601.00.90.10 [GIR 1, 6; Chap 16 EN2]
03-15-18	<a href="#">280090</a>	<a href="#">Good Karma Dairy Free Probiotic Drinkable Yogurt (assorted flavours)</a>	2202.99.90.90 [GIR 1, 6; EN 22.02; CAR 1]
03-15-18	<a href="#">280084</a>	<a href="#">Good Karma Flaxmilk (assorted flavours)</a>	2202.99.90.90 [GIR 1, 6; EN 22.02; CAR 1]
03-31-15	<a href="#">269783</a>	<a href="#">Kidizoom Smartwatch</a>	9102.12.00.00 [GIR 1, 3(b), 6; EN 91.02]
04-13-17	<a href="#">277562</a>	<a href="#">Or troisième feu (Lustre d'or)</a>	3207.30.00.00 [GIR 1,6; Chap. 71 N 3(c); EN 32.07 EN 4]
07-25-17	<a href="#">278519</a>	<a href="#">PigaOne-brand technical footwear</a>	6307.90.99.90 [GIR 1, 6; Chap. 64 LN1(b); Chap 63.07 EN 26]
11-03-16	<a href="#">276287</a>	<a href="#">Square posts and post caps</a>	7308.90.00.60 [GIR 1, 6; EN 73.08]
05-24-16	<a href="#">273922</a>	<a href="#">Touch Pro, an electrical weeding device</a>	8543.70.00.00 [GIR 1, 6; Sec. XVI LN4]

## 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 204,000 such rulings are in the database.

## CBP RULINGS: REVOCATIONS OR MODIFICATIONS

The following table summarizes proposals made or actions taken that were published in the weekly [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)	
<b>Proposed Revocations/modifications</b>							
<a href="#">(P) 01-02-20</a>	Tariff classification of embroidered motifs	NY B85277 NY 801210 NY 889565	M	5810.92.0040 or successor 5810.92.1000	HQ H301424	5810.92.90 [GRI 1, 6; EN 58.10; Chap. 58 AUSN 3]	
		NY 800463 NY 881559	R				
	Applicability of subheading 9802.00.50, HTSUS to automotive rim forgings	NY M86482	R	eligible for duty-free treatment	HQ H306334		(C) 01-31-20
	Tariff classification of instant noodle soup	NY N125119 HQ 953104	R	1902.30.0060	HQ H304896		
HQ 086309		1902.19.4000					
Tariff classification of a document holder with note pad	NY N069095	M	4202.12.8170	HQ H188455	4820.10.2040 [GRI 1; EN to GRI 3(b)]		
<b>Revocations/Modifications</b>							
<a href="#">(A) 01-02-20</a>	Tariff classification of plastic stethoscope covers without an antimicrobial agent	HQ 967233	M	9018.90.80	HQ H304940	3926.90.99 [GRI 1, 6 ; Chap 39 n1,2, Chap 90 n2; EN 90.18] (E) 03-02-20	

## SECTION 337 ACTIONS

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

Inv. №	Commodity	Action
<a href="#">337-TA-971</a>	Certain Air Mattress Systems, Components Thereof, and Methods of Using the Same	Commission Determination Vacating the Final Determination Relating to United States Patent No. 5,904,172 and the Limited Exclusion Order Based Thereon; Termination of the Investigation
<a href="#">337-TA-1088</a>	Certain Road Construction Machines and Components Thereof	Notice of Commission Determination to Institute a Modification Proceeding; Request for Written Submissions

Inv. №	Commodity	Action
<a href="#">337-TA-1115</a>	Certain Blow-Molded Bag-In-Container Devices, Associated Components, and End Products Containing or Using Same	Notice of a Commission Determination to Terminate the Investigation in Whole Based on Withdrawal of the Complaint; Termination of the Investigation
<a href="#">337-TA-1125</a>	Certain Height-Adjustable Desk Platforms and Components Thereof	Issuance of a General Exclusion Order and Cease and Desist Orders; Termination of the Investigation
<a href="#">337-TA-1131</a>	Certain Wireless Mesh Networking Products and Related Components Thereof	Notice of Request for Statements on the Public Interest
<a href="#">337-TA-1132</a>	Certain Motorized Vehicles and Components Thereof	Notice of Commission Decision to Review in Part a Final Initial Determination Finding a Violation of Section 337; Schedule for Filing Written Submissions; Extension of the Target Date for Completion of the Investigation
<a href="#">337-TA-1139</a>	Certain Electronic Nicotine Delivery Systems and Components Thereof	Notice of Request for Statements on the Public Interest
<a href="#">337-TA-1189</a>	Certain Dissolving Microneedle Patches for Cosmetic and Pharmaceutical Use	Institution of Investigation based on a second complaint filed on behalf of TheraJect, Inc. alleging patent infringement
<a href="#">337-TA-1190</a>	Certain Wearable Monitoring Devices, Systems, and Components Thereof	Institution of Investigation based on a complaint filed on behalf of Philips North America, LLC and Koninklijke Philips N.V. alleging patent infringement

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

Ref. №	Commodity	Complaint filed on behalf of:
<a href="#">DN 3428</a>	Certain Audio Players and Controllers, Components Thereof, and Products Containing the Same	Sonos, Inc.

## ANTIDUMPING, COUNTERVAILING DUTY AND SAFEGUARDS INVESTIGATIONS, ORDERS & REVIEWS

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

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



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

Case №	Merchandise/Country	Action
<a href="#">A-570-900</a>	Diamond Sawblades and Parts Thereof From China	Notice of Court Decision Not in Harmony With the Final Results of Review and Amended Final Results of the ADD Administrative Review; 2014-2015
<a href="#">A-583-858</a>	Certain Carbon and Alloy Steel Cut-to-Length Plate From Taiwan	Final Results of ADD Administrative Review and Final Determination of No Shipments; 2016- 2018
<a href="#">A-570-967</a> <a href="#">C-570-968</a>	Aluminum Extrusions From China	Notice of Court Decision Not in Harmony With Final Determination and Notice of Amended Final Determination of Circumvention Pursuant to Court Decision


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Case №	Merchandise/Country	Action
<a href="#">A-821-809</a>	Certain Hot-Rolled Flat-Rolled Carbon-Quality Steel Products From the Russian Federation	Final Results of ADD Administrative Review; 2017-2018
<a href="#">A-560-828</a>	Certain Uncoated Paper From Indonesia	Final Results of ADD Administrative Review; 2018-2019
<a href="#">C-570-043</a>	Stainless Steel Sheet and Strip From China	Rescission of CVD Administrative Review; 2018
<a href="#">A-570-062</a> <a href="#">C-570-063</a>	Cast Iron Soil Pipe Fittings From China	Final Results of Changed Circumstances Reviews
<a href="#">A-570-058</a>	Certain Cold-Drawn Mechanical Tubing of Carbon and Alloy Steel From China	Notice of Rescission of the ADD Administrative Review; 2017-2019
<a href="#">A-570-112</a>	Certain Collated Steel Staples From China	Preliminary Affirmative Determination of Sales at LTFV, Preliminary Affirmative Determination of Critical Circumstances, Postponement of Final Determination and Extension of Provisional Measures
<a href="#">A-533-863</a>	Certain Corrosion-Resistant Steel Products From India	Notice of Court Decision Not in Harmony with Amended Final Determination in LTFV Investigation; Notice of Amended Final Determination Pursuant to Court Decision; and Notice of Revocation of ADD Order, in Part
<a href="#">A-580-878</a> <a href="#">C-580-879</a>	Certain Corrosion-Resistant Steel Products From S. Korea	Correction to Affirmative Final Determinations of Anti-Circumvention Inquiries on the ADD and CVD Orders
<a href="#">A-570-896</a>	Magnesium Metal From China	Preliminary Results of ADD Administrative Review; 2018-2019
<a href="#">A-583-837</a>	Polyethylene Terephthalate Film, Sheet, and Strip From Taiwan	Final Results of ADD Administrative Review and Final Determination of No Shipments; 2017-2018
<a href="#">C-533-892</a>	Forged Steel Fittings From India	Postponement of Preliminary Determination in the CVD Investigation
<a href="#">A-533-885</a> <a href="#">A-570-097</a>	Polyester Textured Yarn From India and China	Amended Final ADD Determination for India and ADD Orders
<a href="#">C-570-098</a> <a href="#">C-533-886</a>	Polyester Textured Yarn From China and India	CVD Orders
<a href="#">C-570-913</a>	Certain New Pneumatic Off-the-Road Tires From China	Notice of Court Decision Not in Harmony With Final Results of Administrative Review and Notice of Amended Final Results
<a href="#">A-570-040</a>	Truck and Bus Tires From China	Final Results of ADD Changed Circumstances Review
<a href="#">A-570-029</a>	Certain Cold-Rolled Steel Flat Products From China	Rescission of ADD Administrative Review; 2018-2019
<a href="#">A-570-030</a>	Certain Cold-Rolled Steel Flat Products From China	Rescission of CVD Administrative Review; 2018
<a href="#">C-428-848</a> <a href="#">C-533-894</a> <a href="#">C-475-841</a> <a href="#">C-570-116</a>	Forged Steel Fluid End Blocks From Germany, India, Italy and China	Initiation of CVD Investigations
<a href="#">A-570-831</a>	Fresh Garlic From China	Preliminary Results, Preliminary Rescission, and Final Rescission, In Part, of the 24th ADD Administrative Review; 2017-2018
<a href="#">A-428-847</a> <a href="#">A-533-893</a> <a href="#">A-475-840</a>	Forged Steel Fluid End Blocks From Germany, India and Italy	Initiation of LTFV Investigations
<a href="#">A-580-905</a>	4 <sup>th</sup> Tier Cigarettes From S. Korea	Initiation of LTFV Investigation
<a href="#">C-570-991</a>	Chlorinated Isocyanurates From China	Preliminary Results of the CVD Administrative Review; 2017
<a href="#">A-201-844</a>	Steel Concrete Reinforcing Bar From Mexico	Preliminary Results of ADD Administrative Review; 2017-2018
<a href="#">A-570-900</a>	Diamond Sawblades and Parts Thereof From China	Preliminary Results of ADD Administrative Review and Preliminary Determination of No Shipments; 2017-2018
<a href="#">A-570-964</a>	Seamless Refined Copper Pipe and Tube From China	Final Results of ADD Administrative Review; 2017- 2018


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Case №	Merchandise/Country	Action
<a href="#">A-570-601</a>	Tapered Roller Bearings and Parts Thereof, Finished and Unfinished, From China	Notice of Court Decision Not in Harmony With Final Results of ADD Administrative Review; and Amended Final Results of ADD Administrative Review; 2015-2016
<a href="#">C-580-888</a>	Certain Carbon and Alloy Steel Cut-to-Length Plate From S. Korea	Final Results and Partial Rescission of CVD Administrative Review, 2017
<a href="#">A-475-818</a>	Certain Pasta From Italy	Final Results of ADD Administrative Review; 2017-2018
<a href="#">A-533-502</a>	Welded Carbon Steel Standard Pipes and Tubes From India	Final Results of ADD Administrative Review; 2017-2018
<a href="#">A-560-826</a>	Monosodium Glutamate From Indonesia	Preliminary Results of ADD Administrative Review; 2017-2018
<a href="#">A-580-809</a>	Circular Welded Non-Alloy Steel Pipe From S. Korea	Preliminary Results of ADD Administrative Review; 2017- 2018
<a href="#">A-423-812</a>	Certain Carbon and Alloy Steel Cut-To-Length Plate From Belgium	Final Results of ADD Administrative Review; 2016-2018
<a href="#">A-475-834</a>	Certain Carbon and Alloy Steel Cut-To-Length Plate From Italy	Final Results of ADD Administrative Review; 2016-2018
<a href="#">A-570-051</a> <a href="#">C-570-052</a>	Certain Hardwood Plywood From China	Notice of Covered Merchandise Referral from CBP and Initiation of Scope Inquiry
<a href="#">C-489-819</a>	Steel Concrete Reinforcing Bar From Turkey	Preliminary Results of CVD Administrative Review and Intent to Rescind the Review in Part; 2017
<a href="#">A-570-040</a>	Truck and Bus Tires From China	Correction to Final Results of ADD Changed Circumstances Review
<a href="#">A-559-808</a> <a href="#">A-469-819</a>	Acetone from Singapore and Spain	Correction to ADD Orders
<a href="#">A-583-008</a>	Certain Circular Welded Carbon Steel Pipes and Tubes From Taiwan	Final Results of ADD Administrative Review, 2017-2018
<a href="#">A-489-501</a>	Circular Welded Carbon Steel Standard Pipe and Tube Products From Turkey	Final Results of ADD Administrative Review and Final Determination of No Shipments; 2017-2018
<a href="#">A-122-853</a>	Citric Acid and Certain Citrate Salts From Canada	Preliminary Results of ADD Administrative Review; 2018-2019
<a href="#">A-560-826</a>	Monosodium Glutamate From Indonesia	Amended Final Results of ADD Administrative Review; 2016-2017
<a href="#">A-201-845</a>	Sugar From Mexico	Amendment to the Agreement Suspending the ADD Investigation
<a href="#">C-201-846</a>	Sugar From Mexico	Amendment to the Agreement Suspending the CVD Investigation
<a href="#">A-570-110</a> <a href="#">C-570-111</a>	Vertical Metal File Cabinets From China	Correction to ADD and CVD Orders
<a href="#">A-570-028</a>	Hydrofluorocarbon Blends From China	Affirmative Preliminary Determination of Circumvention of the ADD Order; Unfinished R-32/R-125 Blends
<a href="#">A-570-886</a>	Polyethylene Retail Carrier Bags	Rescission of ADD Administrative Review; 2018-2019
<a href="#">C-489-819</a>	Steel Concrete Reinforcing Bar From Turkey	Final Results of the Expedited First Sunset Review of the CVD Order
<a href="#">A-570-900</a>	Diamond Sawblades and Parts Thereof From China	Notice of Covered Merchandise Referral and Initiation of Scope Inquiry
<a href="#">C-560-829</a>	Uncoated Paper From Indonesia	Final Results of CVD Administrative Review; 2018
<a href="#">A-570-016</a> <a href="#">C-570-017</a>	Certain Passenger Vehicle and Light Truck Tires From China	Notice of Initiation and Preliminary Results of Changed Circumstances Reviews
<a href="#">A-533-838</a>	Carbazole Violet Pigment 23 From India	Preliminary Results of ADD Administrative Review; 2017-2018
<a href="#">C-122-865</a>	Certain Fabricated Structural Steel From Canada	Final Negative CVD Determination
<a href="#">C-201-851</a>	Certain Fabricated Structural Steel From Mexico	Final Affirmative CVD Determination
<a href="#">C-570-103</a>	Certain Fabricated Structural Steel From China	Final Affirmative CVD Determination


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Case №	Merchandise/Country	Action
<a href="#">A-122-864</a>	Certain Fabricated Structural Steel From Canada	Final Determination of Sales at LTFV
<a href="#">A-201-850</a>	Certain Fabricated Structural Steel From Mexico	Final Determination of Sales at LTFV
<a href="#">A-570-102</a>	Certain Fabricated Structural Steel From China	Final Affirmative Determination of Sales at LTFV
<a href="#">A-570-992</a>	Monosodium Glutamate From China	Final Results of the First Expedited Sunset Review of the ADD Order


**United States International Trade Commission (USITC)**

Inv. №	Merchandise/Country	Action
<a href="#">731-TA-1132 and 1134</a>	Polyethylene Terephthalate Film, Sheet, and Strip From China and the United Arab Emirates	[SECOND REVIEW] Institution of Five-Year Reviews
<a href="#">731-TA-1153</a>	Certain Tow-Behind Lawn Groomers and Parts Thereof From China	[SECOND REVIEW] Institution of a Five-Year Review
<a href="#">701-TA-511</a> <a href="#">731-TA-1246 and 1247</a>	Certain Crystalline Silicon Photovoltaic Products From China and Taiwan	[REVIEW] Institution of Five-Year Reviews
<a href="#">731-TA-986 and 987</a>	Ferrovandium From China and South Africa	[THIRD REVIEW] Institution of Five-Year Reviews
<a href="#">731-TA-1020</a>	Barium Carbonate From China	[THIRD REVIEW] Institution of a Five-Year Review
<a href="#">701-TA-624-625</a> <a href="#">731-TA-1450-1451</a>	Quartz Surface Products From India and Turkey	[FINAL] Scheduling of the final phase of CVD and ADD investigations
<a href="#">701-TA-612-613</a> <a href="#">731-TA-1429-1430</a>	Polyester Textured Yarn From China and India	[FINAL] Determinations that an industry in the United States is materially injured
<a href="#">731-TA-1145</a>	Steel Threaded Rod From China	[SECOND REVIEW] Scheduling of an Expedited Five-Year Review
<a href="#">701-TA-636</a> <a href="#">731-TA-1469-1470</a>	Wood Mouldings and Millwork Products From Brazil and China	[PRELIMINARY] Institution of AD and CVD Investigations and Scheduling of Preliminary Phase Investigations
<a href="#">701-TA-614</a> <a href="#">731-TA-1431</a>	Magnesium From Israel	[FINAL] Determinations that an industry in the United States is not materially injured or threatened with material injury, and the establishment of an industry in the United States is not materially retarded
<a href="#">731-TA-1012</a>	Certain Frozen Fish Fillets from Vietnam	[THIRD REVIEW] Notice of Commission Determination to Conduct a Full Five-Year Review
<a href="#">731-TA-1229-1230</a>	Monosodium Glutamate From China and Indonesia	[REVIEW] Notice of Commission Determinations to Conduct Full Five-Year Reviews
<a href="#">701-TA-626</a> <a href="#">731-TA-1452</a>	Collated Steel Staples From China	[FINAL] Scheduling of the Final Phase of CVD and ADD Investigations.
<a href="#">701-TA-499-500</a> <a href="#">731-TA-1215-1216,</a> <a href="#">1221-1223</a>	Oil Country Tubular Goods (OCTG) From India, Korea, Turkey, Ukraine, and Vietnam	[REVIEW] Scheduling of Full Five-Year Reviews.
<a href="#">731-TA-1022</a>	Refined Brown Aluminum Oxide From China	[THIRD REVIEW] Scheduling of an Expedited Five-Year Review
<a href="#">701-TA-449</a> <a href="#">731-TA-1118-1121</a>	Light-Walled Rectangular Pipe and Tube From China, Korea, Mexico, and Turkey	[SECOND REVIEW] Scheduling of Full Five-Year Reviews
<a href="#">701-TA-637</a> <a href="#">731-TA-1471</a>	Vertical Shaft Engines From China	[PRELIMINARY] Institution of ADD and CVD Investigations and Scheduling of Preliminary Phase Investigations
<a href="#">731-TA-1143</a>	Small Diameter Graphite Electrodes From China	[SECOND REVIEW] Cancellation of Hearing for Second Full Five-Year Review




**United States International Trade Commission (USITC)**

Inv. No	Merchandise/Country	Action
<a href="#">701-TA-502</a> <a href="#">731-TA-1227</a>	Steel Concrete Reinforcing Bar From Mexico and Turkey	[REVIEW] Notice of Commission Determination to Conduct Full Five-Year Reviews
<a href="#">731-TA-1472</a>	Difluoromethane (R-32) from China	[PRELIMINARY] Institution of ADD Investigation and Scheduling of Preliminary Phase Investigation
<a href="#">731-TA-1443</a>	Carbon and Alloy Steel Threaded Rod from Taiwan	[FINAL] Determination that an industry in the United States is materially injured
<a href="#">701-TA-622</a> <a href="#">731-TA-1448</a>	Dried Tart Cherries From Turkey	[FINAL] Determination that an industry in the United States is not materially injured or threatened with material injury


**Canadian International Trade Tribunal (CITT)**

Ref. Number	Merchandise/Country	Action
<a href="#">NQ-2019-001</a>	Sucker Rods originating in or exported from Argentina, Brazil and Mexico	Notice of Commencement of Inquiry
<a href="#">LE-2019-005</a>	Oil Country Tubular Goods originating in or exported from Chinese Taipei, India, Indonesia, the Philippines, S. Korea, Thailand, Turkey, Ukraine and Vietnam	Notice of Expiry of Finding
<a href="#">RR-2019-004</a>	Hot-rolled Carbon Steel Plate and High-strength Low-alloy Steel Plate originating in or exported from Ukraine	Notice of Expiry Review of Order
<a href="#">PI-2019-002</a>	Corrosion-resistant Steel Sheet originating in or exported from Turkey, United Arab Emirates, and Vietnam	Preliminary Determination of Injury
<a href="#">RR-2018-008</a>	Aluminum Extrusions originating in or exported from China	Expiry Review Order
<a href="#">GC-2018-001-E2</a>	Certain Steel Goods	Notice of Commencement of Exclusions Inquiry


**Canada Border Services Agency (CBSA)**

Ref. Number	Merchandise/Country	Action
<a href="#">PLA6 2020 ER</a>	Certain hot-rolled carbon steel plate originating in or exported from Ukraine	Notice of Initiation of Expiry Review Investigation
<a href="#">LLP 2019 UP1</a>	Certain welded large diameter carbon and alloy steel line pipe (large line pipe) exported from Japan	Notice of Close of Record and Updated Schedule
<a href="#">CPF 2020 UP1</a>	Certain copper pipe fittings from the United States, South Korea and China	Notice of Normal Value and Export Price Review
<a href="#">SR2 2019 IN</a>	Certain sucker rods originating in or exported from Argentina, Brazil, and Mexico	Statement of Reasons Concerning Preliminary Determination
<a href="#">SR2 2019 IN</a>	Certain sucker rods originating in or exported from Argentina, Brazil, and Mexico	Notice of Undertaking Proposals
<a href="#">FISC 2020 SP</a>	Certain fabricated industrial steel components (FISC) from China, South Korea and Spain	Notice of Initiation of Scope Proceeding

**Canada Border Services Agency (CBSA)**

Ref. Number	Merchandise/Country	Action
<a href="#">LP2 2020 UP1</a>	Carbon and alloy steel line pipe (line pipe) exported from S. Korea	Notice of Normal Value and Export Price Review
<a href="#">COR2 2019 IN</a>	Certain corrosion-resistant steel sheet originating in or exported from Turkey, Vietnam, and the United Arab Emirates	Notice of Extension of Investigations

**European Union**

Reference	Merchandise/Country	Action
<a href="#">(EU) 2020/35</a>	Certain steel products	Commission Implementing Regulation amending Implementing Regulation (EU) 2019/159 imposing definitive safeguard measures
<a href="#">(EU) 2020/39</a>	Peroxosulphates (persulphates) originating in China	Commission Implementing Regulation imposing a definitive ADD following an expiry review
<a href="#">2020/C 18/03</a>	Citric acid originating in China	Notice of initiation of an expiry review of the AD measures
<a href="#">2020/C 18/04</a>	Biodiesel originating in the USA	Notice of the impending expiry of certain anti-subsidy measures 16.09.20
<a href="#">2020/C 18/05</a>	Biodiesel originating in the USA	Notice of the impending expiry of certain anti-dumping measures 16.09.20
<a href="#">(EU) 2020/44</a>	Certain woven and/or stitched glass fibre fabrics originating in China and Egypt	Commission Implementing Regulation making imports originating in China and Egypt subject to registration
<a href="#">(EU) 2020/45</a>	Bicycles originating in China	Commission Implementing Regulation amending Implementing Regulation as regards the extension of the ADD to imports of certain bicycle parts originating in China
<a href="#">2020/C 20/05</a>	Monosodium glutamate originating in China and in Indonesia	Notice of initiation of an expiry review of the AD measures
<a href="#">(EU) 2020/104</a>	Certain hot rolled stainless steel sheets and coils originating in China, Taiwan and Indonesia	Commission Implementing Regulation making imports subject to registration
<a href="#">(EU) 2020/105</a>	Certain hot rolled stainless steel sheets and coils originating in China and Indonesia	Commission Implementing Regulation making imports subject to registration
<a href="#">2020/C 24/08</a>	Certain welded pipes and tubes of iron or non-alloyed steel originating in Belarus, China and Russia	Notice of initiation of an expiry review of the AD measures

**Australian Anti-Dumping Commission**

Ref. №	Case №	Merchandise/Country	Action
<a href="#">2020/001</a>	516	Hot dip galvanised steel angle from China	Extension of time to publish SEF and Final Report REP 516
<a href="#">2020/002</a>	527	Resealable can end closures from Malaysia	Extension of time to issue SEF and Final Report REP 527
<a href="#">2020/007</a>		Various	Monthly status report
<a href="#">2020/008</a>	528	Hot rolled coil steel from Taiwan	Extension of time to provide SEF and Final Report
<a href="#">2020/009</a>	520	Grinding balls from China	Extension of time granted to issue SEF and Final Report
<a href="#">2020/010</a>	507	Power transformers from China	Notice of Termination of an Investigation


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

Notification No	Merchandise/Country	Action
<a href="#">1/2020-Cus CVD</a> <a href="#">08-01-20</a>	Continuous Cast Copper Wire Rods originating in or exported from Indonesia, Malaysia, Thailand and Vietnam	Imposes CVD Duty for five years
<a href="#">01/2020-Cus (ADD)</a> <a href="#">24-01-2020</a>	Sodium Nitrite originating in or exported from China PR	Notifies revised rate of ADD
<a href="#">02/2020-Cus (ADD)</a> <a href="#">30-01-2020</a>	Digital Offset Printing Plates originating in or exported from China PR, Japan, Korea RP, Taiwan and Vietnam	Imposes Provisional ADD for six months


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

File No and Date	Merchandise/Country	Action
INITIATIONS		
<a href="#">6/36/2019-DGTR</a> <a href="#">10-01-2020</a>	Ciprofloxacin Hydrochloride originating in or exported from China PR	Initiates AD Investigation
<a href="#">6/37/2019-DGTR</a> <a href="#">14-01-2020</a>	Dimethyl Formamide (DMF) originating in or exported from China PR and Saudi Arabia	Initiates AD Investigation
<a href="#">6/41/2019-DGTR</a> <a href="#">14-01-2020</a>	Viscose Spun Yarn originating in or exported from China PR, Indonesia and Vietnam	Initiates AD Investigation
<a href="#">6/40/2019-DGTR</a> <a href="#">20-01-2020</a>	Newsprint in rolls or sheets, excluding glazed newsprint originating in or exported from Australia, Canada, European Union, Hong Kong, Russia, Singapore and United Arab Emirates	Initiates AD Investigation
<a href="#">6/39/2019-DGTR</a> <a href="#">22-01-2020</a>	Soda Ash originating in or exported from Turkey and USA	Initiates AD Investigation
<a href="#">6/42/2019-DGTR</a> <a href="#">24-01-2020</a>	Aniline originating in or exported from China PR	Initiates AD Investigation
ORAL HEARINGS		
<a href="#">22/5/2019-DGTR</a> <a href="#">22-01-2020</a>	Import of Single Mode Optical Fiber into India	Schedules oral hearing in Safeguard Investigation on 12 February, 2020
<a href="#">7/21/2019-DGTR</a> <a href="#">29-01-2020</a>	Sodium Citrate originating in or exported from China PR	Schedules oral hearing in AD Investigation on 12 February, 2020
<a href="#">6/20/2019-DGTR</a> <a href="#">29-01-2020</a>	Flexible Slabstock Polyol originating in or exported from the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia and United Arab Emirates	Schedules oral hearing in AD Investigation on 12 February, 2020
OTHERS		
<a href="#">06/17/2019-DGTR</a> <a href="#">06-01-2020</a>	Fiberboards originating in or exported from Indonesia, Malaysia, Sri Lanka, Thailand and Vietnam	Time for filing questionnaire response in Anti-Subsidy Investigation extended until 20 January, 2020
<a href="#">6/30/2019-DGTR</a> <a href="#">07-01-2020</a>	New pneumatic radial tyres of rubber for buses and lorries with or without tubes and/ or flaps originating or exported from Thailand	Time for filing questionnaire response in AD Investigation extended until 24 January, 2020
<a href="#">6/29/2019-DGTR</a> <a href="#">08-01-2020</a>	Mono Ethylene Glycol originating in or exported from Kuwait, Oman, Saudi Arabia, United Arab Emirates and Singapore.	Time for filing questionnaire response in AD Investigation extended until 31 January, 2020
<a href="#">7/22/2019-DGTR</a> <a href="#">09-01-2020</a>	Nylon Tyre Cord Fabric originating in or exported from China PR	Time for filing questionnaire response in Sunset Review of AD Investigation extended until 28 January, 2020
<a href="#">06/36/2019-DGTR</a> <a href="#">29-01-2020</a>	Ciprofloxacin Hydrochloride originating in or exported from China PR	Time for filing questionnaire response in AD Investigation extended until 29 February, 2020

**Argentina Ministry of Productive Development**

Ref. Number	Merchandise/Country	Action
<a href="#">Resolution 33/2020 RESOL-2020-33- APN-MDP</a>	Tennis balls originating in China, the Philippines and Thailand	Opening the expiry review and changed circumstances of the AD measure
<a href="#">Resolution 36/2020 RESOL-2020-36- APN-MDP</a>	Certain Helical Drill Bits cylindrical originating in China	Opening the expiry review

**Brazil Ministry of Development, Industry and Trade**

Reference	Merchandise/Country	Action
<a href="#">SECEX Cir. 01</a>	Sodium acid pyrophosphate (SAPP), NCM 2835.39.20, originating in Canada, China and the United States of America	Decides not to initiate a public interest assessment of the AD measure and makes public the time limits for will serve as a parameter for the review process of that measure
<a href="#">SECEX Cir. 02</a>	Certain new rubber tires of a kind used on radial construction passenger cars originating in Ukraine	Decides to terminate the review of the anti-dumping measure imposed by CAMEX Resolution 1 of 15 January 2014
<a href="#">CAMEX Res. № 31</a>	Metallic magnesium originating in Russia and China	Concludes the public interest assessment without suspending the enforceability of the existing anti-dumping measures
<a href="#">SECEX Cir. 04</a>	Refractory ceramic filters	Of resumption of domestic industry damage
<a href="#">SECEX Cir. 06</a>	Phenol, originating in the USA and EU	Initiates public interest assessment
<a href="#">SECEX Cir. 07</a>	Frozen potatoes originating in France and the Netherlands	Update of the price commitment
<a href="#">SECEX Cir. 08</a>	CNG cylinders from China	Initiation of AD investigation



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## Opportunity to Request Administrative Review

In a January 2, 2020 *Federal Register* [notice](#), the US Department of Commerce announced that it will receive requests to conduct administrative reviews of various antidumping (AD) and countervailing duty (CVD) orders and findings with January anniversary dates:

AD/CVD Proceedings - Country/ Merchandise	Case No.	Period
<b>Antidumping Duty Proceedings</b>		
Belarus: Carbon and Alloy Steel Wire Rod,	A-822-806	1/1/19-12/31/19
Brazil: Prestressed Concrete Steel Wire Stand,	A-351-837	1/1/19-12/31/19
Canada: Softwood Lumber,	A-122-857	1/1/19-12/31/19
India: Prestressed Concrete Steel Wire Strand,	A-533-828	1/1/19-12/31/19
Mexico: Prestressed Concrete Steel Wire Strand,	A-201-831	1/1/19-12/31/19
S. Korea: Prestressed Concrete Steel Wire Strand,	A-580-852	1/1/19-12/31/19
Russia: Carbon and Alloy Steel Wire Rod,	A-821-824	1/1/19-12/31/19
South Africa: Ferrovandium,	A-791-815	1/1/19-12/31/19
Thailand: Prestressed Concrete Steel Wire Strand,	A-549-820	1/1/19-12/31/19
The PR of China: Calcium Hypochlorite,	A-570-008	1/1/19-12/31/19
Carbon and Certain Alloy Steel Wire Rod,	A-570-012	1/1/19-12/31/19
Crepe Paper Products,	A-570-895	1/1/19-12/31/19
Ferrovandium,	A-570-873	1/1/19-12/31/19
Folding Gift Boxes,	A-570-866	1/1/19-12/31/19
Hardwood Plywood Products,	A-570-051	1/1/19-12/31/19
Potassium Permanganate,	A-570-001	1/1/19-12/31/19
Wooden Bedroom Furniture,	A-570-890	1/1/19-12/31/19
United Arab Emirates: Carbon and Alloy Steel Wire Rod,	A-520-808	1/1/19-12/31/19

AD/CVD Proceedings - Country/ Merchandise	Case No.	Period
<b>Countervailing Duty Proceedings</b>		
Argentina: Biodiesel,	C-357-821	1/1/19-12/31/19
Canada: Softwood Lumber,	C-122-858	1/1/19-12/31/19
Indonesia: Biodiesel,	C-560-831	1/1/19-12/31/19
The PR of China: Calcium Hypochlorite,	C-570-009	1/1/19-12/31/19
Carbon and Certain Alloy Steel Wire Rod,	C-570-013	1/1/19-12/31/19
Circular Welded Carbon Quality Steel Line Pipe,	C-570-936	1/1/19-12/31/19
Hardwood Plywood Products,	C-570-052	1/1/19-12/31/19
Oil Country Tubular Goods,	C-570-944	1/1/18-12/31/18
Tool Chests and Cabinets,	C-570-057	1/1/19-12/31/19
<b>Suspension Agreements</b>		
Russia: Certain Cut-To-Length Carbon Steel Plate,	A-821-808	1/1/19-12/31/19

## Requested Reviews

In a January 17, 2020 *Federal Register* [notice](#), the US Department of Commerce announced that it has received timely requests to conduct administrative reviews of various antidumping and countervailing duty orders and findings with November anniversary dates. See actual notices for companies requesting review:

AD/CVD Proceedings - Country/ Merchandise	Case No.	Period
<b>Antidumping Duty Proceedings</b>		
Australia: Hot-Rolled Steel Flat Products	A-602-809	10/1/18 - 9/30/19
Indonesia: Monosodium Glutamate	A-560-826	11/1/18 - 10/31/19
Mexico: Circular Welded Non-Alloy Steel Pipe	A-201-805	11/1/18 - 10/31/19
Steel Concrete Reinforcing Bar	A-201-844	11/1/18 - 10/31/19
S. Korea: Certain Hot-Rolled Steel Flat Products	A-580-883	10/1/18 - 9/30/19
PR of China: Fresh Garlic	A-570-831	11/1/18 - 10/31/19
Diamond Sawblades and Parts Thereof	A-570-900	11/1/18 - 10/31/19
Certain Hot-Rolled Carbon Steel Flat Products	A-570-865	11/1/18 - 10/31/19
Forged Steel Fittings	A-570-067	5/1/18 - 10/31/19
Lightweight Thermal Paper	A-570-920	11/1/18 - 10/31/19
Monosodium Glutamate	A-570-992	11/1/18 - 10/31/19
Multilayered Wood Flooring	A-570-970	12/1/17 - 11/30/18
Polyethylene Terephthalate (Pet) Film	A-570-924	11/1/18 - 10/31/19
Seamless Refined Copper Pipe and Tube	A-570-964	11/1/18 - 10/31/19
Steel Wire Garment Hangers	A-570-918	10/1/18 - 9/30/19
United Arab Emirates: Polyethylene Terephthalate (Pet) Film	A-520-803	11/1/18 - 10/31/19
<b>Countervailing Duty Proceedings</b>		
India: Stainless Steel Flanges	C-533-878	1/23/18 - 12/31/18
Welded Stainless Pressure Pipe	C-533-868	1/1/18 - 12/31/18
S. Korea: Certain Hot-Rolled Steel Flat Products	C-580-884	1/1/18 - 12/31/18
PR of China: Forged Steel Fittings	C-570-068	3/14/18 - 12/31/18
TURKEY: Steel Concrete Reinforcing Bar	C-489-819	1/1/18 - 12/31/18
<b>Suspension Agreements</b>		
Ukraine: Certain Cut-To-Length Carbon Steel Plate	A-823-808	11/1/18 - 10/31/19

## Initiation of Sunset Reviews

In a January 2, 2020, *Federal Register* [notice](#), the US Department of Commerce advised that it was automatically initiating a five-year (“Sunset”) review of the antidumping and countervailing duty orders listed below.

AD/CVD DOC Case No.	ITC Case No.	Country	Merchandise
A-570-880	731-TA-1020	China	Barium Carbonate (3 <sup>rd</sup> Review)
A-570-010	731-TA-1246	China	Crystalline Silicon Photovoltaic Products (1 <sup>st</sup> Review).
C-570-011	701-TA-511	China	Crystalline Silicon Photovoltaic Products (1 <sup>st</sup> Review)
A-570-873	731-TA-986	China	Ferrovandium (3 <sup>rd</sup> Review) .

## Advance Notification of Sunset Reviews

In a January 2, 2020, *Federal Register* [notice](#), the US Department of Commerce advised that the following cases were scheduled for five-year (“Sunset”) reviews for December 2019 (so in original should be February 2020).

AD/CVD Proceedings - Merchandise/Country	Case No.
<b>Antidumping Duty Proceedings</b>	
Kitchen Appliance Shelving and Racks from China	A-570-941 (2nd Review)
<b>Countervailing Duty Proceedings</b>	
Kitchen Appliance Shelving and Racks from China	C-570-942 (2nd Review)
No Sunset Review of suspended investigations is scheduled for initiation in February 2020	





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