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**2016 Global Commerce Forum**  
**International Trade & Politics:  
Implications for 2016 and Beyond**

**Thursday, May 19, 2016 | 8:30 AM**  
**JW Marriott Hotel Mexico City**

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- **Identifying and Positioning for Global Growth Markets**
- **Trade Shifts and the Future of the Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP)**
- **Global Data Security & Privacy Developments**
- **Next Steps and Opportunities in Cuba**
- **Upcoming US Elections & Preparing for Change**

**Keynote Speaker - NEWLY CONFIRMED!**

- **Claudia Ruiz Massieu**, Secretary of Foreign Affairs, Mexico

**Confirmed Panelists**

- **Roberto Berry**, Assistant General Counsel, International Affairs & Compliance, Fiat Chrysler Automot

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**Thursday, May 19, 2016**

8:30 am  
**Registration/Light Breakfast**

9:00 am - 1:30 pm  
**Program**

**JW Marriott Hotel Mexico City**  
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- **Paul Maslin**, Principal Researcher, FM3
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- **Peter Schechter**, Director, Adrienne Arsht Latin America Center, Atlantic Council
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This event will open Baker & McKenzie's Annual International Commercial Practice Group Meeting, bringing the group's lawyers from offices across North America and around the world to Mexico City.

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

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### Webinar Dates and Topics:

Date	Topic
Presented January 26	<a href="#"><b><i>Overview of the Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP)</i></b></a> Speakers: Frederick Burke (Ho Chi Minh City), Miguel Noyola (Chicago), Eugene Lim (Singapore), and Elizabeth Nightingale (Kuala Lumpur).
Presented February 16	<a href="#"><b><i>The Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP) and Labor and Environment</i></b></a> Speakers: Frederick Burke (Ho Chi Minh City) and Thuy Hang Nguyen (Ho Chi Minh City).
Presented March 29	<a href="#"><b><i>Customs Considerations in Free Trade Agreements, Including TPP and NAFTA</i></b></a> Speakers: Adriana Ibarra (Mexico City), Stuart Seidel (Washington, DC), and Meredith DeMent (Washington, DC).
April 19	<b>The Latest on Trade Sanctions: Iran, Russia, and Other Developments</b> Speakers: Steven Hill (Washington, DC), Philippe Reich (Zurich), Alexander Bychkov (Moscow), and Ben Smith (London).
May 24	<b>Cuba Sanctions Developments and Updates</b> Speakers: Alison Stafford-Powell (Palo Alto), Alexandre Lamy (Washington, DC), Brian Cacic (Toronto), and Julia Pfeil (Frankfurt).
June 21	<b>FCPA Considerations Arising in Import/Export Operations</b> Speakers: John McKenzie (San Francisco), Joan Meyer (Washington, DC) and Mini vandePol (Hong Kong).
July 26	<b>Update on Customs Valuation Issues Around the World – Transfer Pricing, First Sale, Royalties</b> Speakers: Paul Burns (Toronto), Nicole Looks (Frankfurt), Jennifer Revis (London), and Eugene Lim (Singapore).

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

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

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- Update blogs
- Articles and alerts analyzing the chapters and issues

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## United Nations

### Security Council adopts strong resolution regarding N. Korea

On 2 March 2016, the United Nations Security Council (UNSC) adopted Resolution 2270 (2016) regarding the Democratic People's Republic of Korea ("DPRK" or North Korea). The Resolution condemns "in the strongest terms the nuclear test conducted by the DPRK on 6 January 2016 in violation and flagrant disregard of the Council's relevant resolutions, and further *condemns* the DPRK's launch of 7 February 2016, which used ballistic missile technology and was in serious violation of resolutions 1718 (2006), 1874 (2009), 2087 (2013), and 2094 (2013)." The Resolution reinforces and expands various existing sanctions, adds new individuals to the travel ban/asset freeze list and new entities to the asset freeze list,

permits expulsion of diplomats, government representatives or DPRK nationals acting in a governmental capacity as well as non-nationals for prohibited activities and evasion of sanctions, requires the closing of representative offices of listed entities, prohibits listed entities from participating directly or indirectly in joint ventures, requires Member States to prohibit their nationals from leasing or chartering their flagged vessels or aircraft or providing crew services to the DPRK or listed individuals or entities.

The Resolution further requires that all States “inspect the cargo within or transiting through their territory, including in their airports, seaports and free trade zones, that has originated in the DPRK, or that is destined for the DPRK, or has been brokered or facilitated by the DPRK or its nationals, or by individuals or entities acting on their behalf or at their direction, or entities owned or controlled by them, or by designated individuals or entities, or that is being transported on DPRK flagged aircraft or maritime vessels, for the purposes of ensuring that no items are transferred in violation of resolutions 1718 (2006), 1874 (2009), 2087 (2013), 2094 (2013) and this resolution, and calls upon States to implement such inspections in a manner that minimizes the impact on the transfer of cargo that the State determines is for humanitarian purposes.” The Resolution requires all States to “deny permission to any aircraft to take off from, land in or overfly, unless under the condition of landing for inspection, their territory, if they have information that provides reasonable grounds to believe that the aircraft contains items the supply, sale, transfer or export of which is prohibited by resolutions 1718 (2006), 1874 (2009), 2087 (2013), 2094 (2013) or this resolution, except in the case of an emergency landing, and *calls upon* all States, when considering whether to grant overflight permission to flights to assess known risk factors.”

Additionally, the Resolution requires States to generally prohibit their nationals from registering vessels in the DPRK, obtaining authorization for a vessel to use the DPRK flag, and from owning, leasing, operating, providing any vessel classification, certification or associated service, or insuring any vessel flagged by the DPRK,

There are numerous other prohibitions in the Resolution relating to the sale or supply of coal, iron, iron ore, gold, titanium ore, vanadium ore, rare earth minerals, various aviation fuels; conducting or trading in banking and financial institutions, export credits, insurance guarantees and other financial activities.

Finally, the Resolution reaffirms the Security Council’s support to the Six Party Talks, calls for their resumption, and reiterates its support for the commitments set forth in the Joint Statement of 19 September 2005 issued by China, the DPRK, Japan, the Republic of Korea, the Russian Federation, and the United States, including that the goal of the Six-Party Talks is the verifiable denuclearization of the Korean Peninsula in a peaceful manner.

Check our [Sanctions blog](#) for future updates and further implementation details.

## World Trade Organization (WTO)

### Trade Policy Reviews: Turkey and Maldives

The [sixth review](#) of the trade policies and practices of Turkey took place on 15 and 17 March 2015. The basis for the review was a [report by the WTO Secretariat](#) and a [report by the Government of Turkey](#).

The [third review](#) of the trade policies and practices of Maldives took place on 21 and 23 March 2015. The basis for the review was a [report by the WTO Secretariat](#) and a [report by the Government of Maldives](#).

## Recent disputes

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

DS No.	Case Name	Date
<a href="#">DS503</a>	<a href="#">United States – US Measures Concerning Non immigrant Visas (Complainant: India)</a> – Request for consultations	03-03-16
<a href="#">DS504</a>	<a href="#">Korea — Anti-Dumping Duties on Pneumatic Valves from Japan (Complainant: Japan)</a> – Request for consultations	15-03-16
<a href="#">DS505</a>	<a href="#">United States - countervailing duty imposed on imports of supercalendered paper (i.e. glossy printing paper) (Complainant: Canada)</a> – Request for consultations	30-03-16

## 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="#">DS464</a>	United States — Anti-dumping and Countervailing Measures on large residential washers from Korea	<a href="#">Panel report issued</a>	11-03-16
<a href="#">DS473</a>	European Union — Anti-Dumping Measures on Biodiesel from Argentina	<a href="#">Panel report issued</a>	29-03-16

## TBT Notifications

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

## World Customs Organization (WCO)

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

Date	Title
02-03-16	<a href="#">New Zealand Minister Visits WCO Headquarters</a>
	<a href="#">G7 expert group in support of Customs contribution to security</a>
03-03-16	<a href="#">Brazilian Customs seizes 234 kg of cocaine in export cargo</a>
	<a href="#">WCO missions to Swaziland to support implementation of an advance ruling system and to strengthen infrastructure for tariff classification, origin and valuation work</a>
	<a href="#">The WCO supports the Customs Administration of Senegal to advance in its HR modernization efforts through the implementation of competency based HRM tools</a>
	<a href="#">World Wildlife Day: the future of wildlife is in our hands</a>

Date	Title
	<a href="#">WCO makes its origin tools publicly available for the purpose of enhancing transparency</a>
	<a href="#">WCO makes the "Technical Guidelines on Advance Rulings for Classification, Origin and Valuation" publicly available for the purpose of enhancing transparency</a>
04-03-16	<a href="#">Chilean Customs Seizures of 300 seahorses and 33 turtle shells</a>
	<a href="#">35th Session of the Enforcement Committee concludes</a>
07-03-16	<a href="#">Permanent Technical Committee Elevates the Focus on Digital Customs</a>
	<a href="#">The WCO supports Liberia Revenue Authority to build their capacity to "engage" with key Stakeholders.</a>
08-03-16	<a href="#">The Sixth Edition (2017) of the Harmonized System will enter into force on 1 January 2017</a>
	<a href="#">World Customs Organization celebrates International Women's Day 2016</a>
09-03-16	<a href="#">5th Meeting of the TFA Working Group focuses on the importance of stakeholder cooperation for the implementation of the WTO Trade Facilitation Agreement</a>
09-03-16	<a href="#">The 6th working session of the regional working group of HR and Training Managers of West and Central Africa was concluded with encouraging results</a>
	<a href="#">Oman Implements Single Window Services</a>
11-03-16	<a href="#">The WCO-WACAM Project continues its support to Cape Verde for WTO TFA implementation!</a>
14-03-16	<a href="#">WCO mission to Bangladesh to support implementation of an advance ruling system</a>
14-03-16	<a href="#">Gabon's Directorates General of Customs and Indirect Taxes and of Taxation sign a Memorandum of Understanding</a>
15-03-16	<a href="#">WCO signs United for Wildlife Transport Taskforce Buckingham Palace Declaration</a>
	<a href="#">Successful Conclusion of Action IPR A/P Combating Counterfeiting and Piracy</a>
16-03-16	<a href="#">Successful Conclusion of Operation SKY-NET II Combating Illicit Drugs and Precursor Chemicals Trafficking through Postal and Express Parcels</a>
17-03-16	<a href="#">WCO Accreditation Workshop on Post-Clearance Audit (PCA)</a>
18-03-16	<a href="#">Heads of Customs Administrations in the Asia/Pacific Region elevate engagement with stakeholders</a>
18-03-16	<a href="#">WCO Delivers Training on Planning Customs Enforcement Operations in Countering Illicit Wildlife Trade</a>
18-03-16	<a href="#">WCO Conducts the Second Accreditation workshop for Mercator Programme Advisors</a>
18-03-16	<a href="#">WCO Supports Belize Customs and Excise Department in its Human Resources Reform &amp; Modernization Initiatives</a>
21-03-16	<a href="#">WCO Accreditation Workshop for Technical Operational Advisers TOAs</a>
21-03-16	<a href="#">National Workshop on Customs Valuation in San Salvador, El Salvador, 9 - 10 March 2016</a>
21-03-16	<a href="#">Positive Verbal Assessment of WCO Non-Verbal Risk Assessment Training</a>
21-03-16	<a href="#">WCO Supports MENA Region in the Implementation / Consolidation of the Pre-arrival Processing System and SAFE Framework</a>
22-03-16	<a href="#">Regional Seminar on the Role of Customs in Natural Disaster Relief in WCO Africa Regions (Addis Ababa – 9-10 March 2016)</a>
	<a href="#">WCO Supports Trade Facilitation Training in Sudan</a>
24-03-16	<a href="#">Solidarity</a>
28-03-16	<a href="#">The WCO and ECOWAS successfully hold their annual review meeting in Abuja</a>
28-03-16	<a href="#">WCO facilitates conclusion of a two-year programme partnership to support Zimbabwe's effective and sustainable implementation of TFA</a>
28-03-16	<a href="#">The WCO and Ghana Revenue Authority Affirm Satisfactory Result of Support under the WCO-WACAM Project</a>
31-03-16	<a href="#">The WCO-Finland ESA Capacity Building Project concludes as a New Project to Progress the Trade Facilitation Agenda in ESA region is welcomed</a>
	<a href="#">OECD Integrity Forum to be held in Paris from 19 to 20 April 2016</a>
	<a href="#">UNESCO holds a unique round table on regulation, cooperation and diligence of professionals for cultural heritage protection</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](#) (dd-mm-yy):

Date	Title
01-03-16	2016/013 - <a href="#">Registration of operations that breed Appendix-I animal species in captivity for commercial purposes</a>
03-03-16	2016/014 - <a href="#">Invitation to participate in the InforMEA user survey</a>
10-03-16	2016/015 - <a href="#">Clark R. Bavin Wildlife Law Enforcement Awards</a>
11-03-16	2016/016 - <a href="#">Election of regional members of the Standing Committee and of the Animals and Plants Committees</a>
15-03-16	2016/017 - <a href="#">Colombia – Trade of <i>Caiman crocodilus fuscus</i> skins</a>
	2016/018 - <a href="#">Implementation of Resolution Conf. 12.8 (Rev. CoP13) (Review of Significant Trade in specimens of Appendix-II species) – Recommendations of the Standing Committee</a>
	2016/019 - <a href="#">Madagascar – Trade in <i>Dalbergia</i> spp. and <i>Diospyros</i> spp.: suspension of commercial trade in specimens of the species <i>Dalbergia</i> spp. and <i>Diospyros</i> spp. from Madagascar until further notice</a>
16-03-16	2016/020 - <a href="#">Seventeenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties – General information</a>
	2016/021 - <a href="#">Democratic Republic of the Congo – Recommendation to suspend trade in African grey parrots</a>
	2016/022 - <a href="#">Grenada – Recommendation to suspend trade for non-submission of annual reports</a>
	2016/024 - <a href="#">Sao Tome and Principe – Recommendation to suspend trade for non-submission of annual reports</a>
21-03-16	2016/025 - <a href="#">Public notice to alert Parties of a Compliance matter – National legislation</a>
	2016/026 - <a href="#">Registration of operations that breed Appendix-I animal species in captivity for commercial purposes</a>
	2016/027 - <a href="#">Rules of procedures of CITES bodies</a>
	2016/028 - <a href="#">Angola – Withdrawal of a recommendation to suspend trade</a>
23-03-16	2016/029 - <a href="#">Lao People's Democratic Republic – Withdrawal of a recommendation to suspend trade</a>
	2016/030 - <a href="#">Guinea-Bissau and Liberia – Recommendation to suspend commercial trade – National legislation</a>
	2016/031 - <a href="#">Registration of operations that breed Appendix-I animal species in captivity for commercial purposes</a>
	2016/032 - <a href="#">Trade in Polar Bears (<i>Ursus maritimus</i>)</a>

## The Americas - Central America

### Costa Rica

Customs and related resolutions, etc.

Date	Series and No	Subject
04-03-16	<a href="#">RES-DGA-002-2016</a>	Modify the TICA document entitled "Message Entry and Outputs version 1.59" to add the new condition of entry or departure (Multimodal, code 5). The full message modification indicated with the name: "Message Of Entry and Departures Version 1.60" will be available <a href="#">at the website</a> .
08-03-16	<a href="#">Minister of Foreign Commerce N° 513-2015</a>	Relating to the delegate to the Iberoamerican Nomenclature Committee meeting 9-20 Nov. 2016 to

Date	Series and №	Subject
		translate the 6 <sup>th</sup> version of the Spanish language version of the Harmonized System and ENs before Jan 2017

## Nicaragua

### Nicaraguan Classification Resolutions (Customs Rulings)

The Dirección General de Servicios Aduaneros (Nicaraguan Customs Service) has made the full text of tariff classification resolutions issued from 2004 to the present available on its [website](#). The tariff classification resolutions are based on the common Central American tariff known as [Sistema Arancelario Centroamericano](#).

## 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
07-03-16	National Customs Authority (NCA): <a href="#">Resolution № 075 (26-02-16) Whereby measures are taken relating to the obligation to declare the electronic airline manifest in the official information system of the National Customs Authority, and eliminate the presentation of physical documents for air cargo customs searches in international cargo terminals of the national territory.</a>
08-03-16	Health: <a href="#">Res. № 322 (25-02-16) Establishing new safety requirements for the commercialization of products that contain galantamina as the API</a>
	Health: <a href="#">Res. № 323 (25-02-16) Establishing new safety requirements for the commercialization of products that contain tramadol as the API</a>
21-03-16	Food Safety Authority: <a href="#">Resolution № 007 Amending the rates for services provided by the National Bureau of Verification of Food Imports</a>
28-03-16	NCA: <a href="#">Resolution № 904-04-150-OAL (21-03-16) Cancelling External user key in Integrated Customs Management - SIGA for breach of the terms of Resolution No. 192 of August 1, 2011.</a>
29-03-16	NCA: <a href="#">Resolution № 100 (21-03-16) Implementing the use of new bottle security seals (type: Marchamos)</a>
	Colon Free Zone: <a href="#">JD Resolution № 001-6 Amending certain fees and rates for the colon free zone.</a>
31-03-16	Health: <a href="#">Resolution № 414 Making Tapentadol and products containing it a narcotic substance nationwide and applying control measures for import, processing, storage, marketing, distribution, prescription and supply</a>

### Food Safety Standards

The following food safety standards (AUPSA-DINAN Decisions) were published by the Food Safety Authority in the *Gaceta Oficial – Digital* (Official Gazette – Digital) during the period of coverage. [Repealed documents are not shown; unless otherwise specified, food is for human consumption; dates are dd/mm/yy]:

Publication Date	AUPSA-DINAN № and Date	Food and Origin
01-03-16	<a href="#">003-2016 25-01-16</a>	<a href="#">Plant protection requirements for chili peppers import / bell peppers, sweet (<i>capsicum sp.</i>) fresh or chilled, for human consumption and / or transformation, originating</a>

Publication Date	AUPSA-DINAN № and Date	Food and Origin
		<a href="#">in Venezuela.</a>
	<a href="#">004-2016 25-01-16</a>	<a href="#">Phytosanitary requirement for importing soybeans, soybean (<i>glycine max</i>) dried beans for human consumption and / or transformation, originating in the United States.</a>
02-03-16	<a href="#">006-2016 25-01-16</a>	<a href="#">Plant protection requirements for importing otee, taro, taro Chinese (<i>xanthosoma saggitifolium</i>; <i>xanthosoma violaceum</i>) fresh or chilled, for human consumption and / or transformation, originating in Venezuela.</a>
	<a href="#">007-2016 25-01-16</a>	<a href="#">Plant protection requirements for imports of carrots (<i>Daucus carota L.</i>) fresh or chilled, for human consumption and / or transformation, originating in Venezuela.</a>
22-03-16	<a href="#">009-2016 14-03-16</a>	<a href="#">Plant protection requirements for importing coles, including: the cabbages, cauliflowers, kohlrabi, kale and similar edible brassicas sp, fresh or chilled, for human consumption and / or processing originating in Venezuela.</a>
	<a href="#">010-2016 14-03-16</a>	<a href="#">Plant protection requirements for importing fruits of mango (<i>mangifera indica L.</i>); mangosteens (<i>garcinia mangostana L.</i>); and / or guavas (<i>psidium guajava L.</i>) fresh, for human consumption and / or transformation, originating in Venezuela.</a>
	<a href="#">011-2016 14-03-16</a>	<a href="#">Plant protection requirements for importing avocado (<i>persea americana</i>) fresh, for human consumption and / or transformation, originating in Ecuador.</a>

## The Americas - North America

### Canada

#### Canada names additional Russian and Ukrainian individuals and entities as Designated Persons

On March 18, 2016, Canada further expanded its sanctions against Russia and Ukraine, adding 2 individuals and 10 entities to the list of designated persons under Schedule 1 of the Special Economic Measures (Russia) Regulations (the "Russia Regulations"). Canada also added 3 individuals and 4 entities to the list of designated persons under the schedule to the Special Economic Measures (Ukraine) Regulations (the "Ukraine Regulations").

An unofficial copy of the regulations amending the Russia Regulations naming the additional individuals and entities can be found [here](#). An unofficial copy of the regulations amending the Ukraine Regulations naming the additional individuals and entities can be found [here](#).

For additional information, please contact [Paul D. Burns](#), [Brian Cacic](#) or [Erica Lindberg](#) in our Toronto office. Check our Sanctions Blog for future updates.

#### New halal labelling and advertising requirements

On March 9, 2016, the Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA) [announced](#) that effective April 4, 2016, the new halal labelling and advertising requirements will be enforced following a two-year transition period. The related amendments to the *Food and Drug Regulations* were published in [Canada Gazette, Part II](#) on April 23, 2014.

As of April 4, all halal claims on food labels, packaging and advertising materials will need to be accompanied by the name of the organization or person that certi-

fied it as halal. This regulatory change supports a consistent approach to halal claims on food products in the Canadian marketplace. It provides Canadians with the information they need to make informed decisions and purchase the food that meets their needs.

Halal claims on food are voluntary. However, if a halal claim is made on a product label, packaging or in advertising, then it must follow the regulatory requirements. The CFIA will take compliance and enforcement actions if the requirements are not met.

These changes do not affect food safety. All food sold in Canada, including halal products, must meet Canada's stringent food safety standards.

## 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
03-05-16	Environment: <a href="#">Ministerial Condition No. 13052 - Rescission of Ministerial Conditions pursuant to (Section 84 of the Canadian Environmental Protection Act, 1999)</a>
03-19-16	Environment: <a href="#">Public consultation process in preparation for the 17th meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (N)</a>
	Environment: <a href="#">Ministerial Condition No. 18554 (Paragraph 84(1)(a) of the Canadian Environmental Protection Act, 1999)</a> [1,2-cyclohexanedicarboxylic acid, 1-butyl 2-(phenylmethyl) ester, Chemical Abstracts Service No. 1200806-67-2]
	Environment: <a href="#">Order 2016-87-04-02 Amending the Non-domestic Substances List pursuant to the Canadian Environmental Protection Act, 1999 (O)</a>
03-23-16	Environment/Health: <a href="#">Publication after screening assessment of a living organism — <i>Aspergillus oryzae</i> (<i>A. oryzae</i>) strain ATCC 11866 — specified on the Domestic Substances List (subsection 77(1) of the Canadian Environmental Protection Act, 1999)</a>
	Environment/Health: <a href="#">Publication after screening assessment of living organisms — <i>Pseudomonas putida</i> (<i>P. putida</i>) strains ATCC 12633, ATCC 31483, ATCC 31800 and ATCC 700369 — specified on the Domestic Substances List (subsection 77(1) of the Canadian Environmental Protection Act, 1999)</a>
03-23-16	Public Safety and Emergency Preparedness: <a href="#">Regulations Amending the Designated Provisions (Customs) Regulations (SOR/2016-36, March 11, 2016) pursuant to the Customs Act (R)</a>
	Public Safety and Emergency Preparedness: <a href="#">Regulations Amending the Passenger Information (Customs) Regulations (SOR/2016-35, March 11, 2016) pursuant to the Customs Act (R)</a>

## Restrictive measures

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

Publication Date	Title
03-23-16	Foreign Affairs: <a href="#">Regulations Amending the Freezing Assets of Corrupt Foreign Officials (Tunisia and Egypt) Regulations (SOR/2016-41, March 11, 2016) pursuant to the Freezing Assets of Corrupt Foreign Officials Act (R)</a>

Publication Date	Title
	Foreign Affairs: <a href="#">Order Extending the application of the Freezing Assets of Corrupt Foreign Officials (Tunisia) Regulations (SOR/2016-42, March 11, 2016) pursuant to the Freezing Assets of Corrupt Foreign Officials Act (O)</a>

## 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, CNs revised or cancelled and other agency notices

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 as well as notices issued by certain other agencies relating to international trade. [CFIA= Canadian Food Inspection Agency] (Dates are given in mm/dd/yy format.)

Date	Reference	Action	Title
03-03-16	<a href="#">CFIA D-14-03</a>		<a href="#">CFIA Directive: Phytosanitary import requirements for fresh and dried branches, cut flowers and other plant parts for ornamental purposes</a>
03-07-16			<a href="#">Report on Plans and Priorities (RPP) 2016-17</a>
03-09-16	<a href="#">CN 16-08</a>	New Form	<a href="#">Updates for Post-arrival Manual Amendments for House Bill, Cargo and Conveyance Information (eManifest)</a>
03-11-16	<a href="#">D19-13-5</a>	Revised	<a href="#">Transportation of Dangerous Goods</a>

## Antidumping and countervailing duty cases

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

## Mexico

### Diario Oficial

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

Publication Date	Title
03-02-16	Economy: <a href="#">Acuerdo amending the Acuerdo establishing the classification and codification of goods whose import and export is subject to authorization by the Ministry of Energy</a>
03-04-16	Hacienda: <a href="#">Guidelines for the Borders Operating Fund</a>
03-10-16	Economy: <a href="#">Call to participate in the selection process and training of the Consultative Council of Evaluation of the National Export Award 2016.</a>
	Economy: <a href="#">Call to participate in the 2016 National Export Award</a>

Publication Date	Title
03-24-16	Economy: <a href="#">Acuerdo amending the Acuerdo establishing the classification and codification of goods whose import and export is subject to regulation by the Secretariat of Environment and Natural Resources</a>
03-25-16	Health: <a href="#">Acuerdo establishing the criteria for verifying compliance with the Official Mexican Standard NOM-142-SSA1 / SCFI-2014, Alcoholic beverages, Health specifications. Labeling health and trade, published on March 23, 2015</a>
03-29-16	Economy: <a href="#">Acuerdo amending the Acuerdo setting forth the allocation mechanism to import beans under tariff rate quota.</a>
	Economy: <a href="#">Notice setting forth the amount adjusted to March 2016, the maximum quota to export sugar to the United States during the period from 1 October 2015 to 30 September 2016.</a>

## Antidumping and countervailing duty cases

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## United States

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

## Presidential documents

During the past month, President Obama signed the following documents relating to international trade, national emergencies, sanctions, embargoes, or blocking orders:

Date	Subject
03-02-16	<a href="#">Executive Order 13720—Delegation of Certain Authorities and Assignment of Certain Functions Under the Trade Preferences Extension Act of 2015</a>
03-04-16	<a href="#">Notice of March 2, 2016 - Continuation of the National Emergency With Respect to Ukraine</a>
	<a href="#">Notice of March 2, 2016 - Continuation of the National Emergency With Respect to Zimbabwe</a>
03-07-16	<a href="#">Notice of March 3, 2016 - Continuation of the National Emergency With Respect to Venezuela</a>
03-10-16	<a href="#">Notice of March 9, 2016—Continuation of the National Emergency With Respect to Iran</a>
03-16-16	<a href="#">Memorandum of March 11, 2016—Delegation of Authority Under Section 11 of the Export-Import Bank Reauthorization Act of 2012</a>
03-17-16	<a href="#">Proclamation 9406 of March 14, 2016 - To Take Certain Actions Under the African Growth and Opportunity Act</a>
03-18-16	<a href="#">Executive Order 13722 of March 15, 2016 - Blocking Property of the Government of North Korea and the Workers' Party of Korea, and Prohibiting Certain Transactions With Respect to North Korea</a>
03-31-16	<a href="#">Notice of March 29, 2016—Continuation of the National Emergency With Respect to Significant Malicious Cyber-Enabled Activities</a>

## President continues national emergency with respect to significant malicious cyber-enabled activities

On March 31, 2016, the *Federal Register* published Presidential [Notice of March 29, 2016—Continuation of the National Emergency With Respect to Significant Malicious Cyber-Enabled Activities](#) which continues for an additional year the national emergency first declared on April 1, 2015, by Executive Order 13694, because significant malicious cyber-enabled activities continue to pose an unusual and extraordinary threat to the national security, foreign policy, and economy of the United States.

## US Government Imposes Comprehensive Sanctions Targeting North Korea

On March 15, 2016, U.S. President Barack Obama issued [Executive Order 13722](#) (“EO 13722”) imposing additional sanctions targeting the Democratic People’s Republic of Korea (“North Korea”). As a result of these new sanctions, U.S. Persons (defined below) are prohibited from engaging in virtually any transaction with North Korea. The U.S. Department of the Treasury’s Office of Foreign Assets Control (“OFAC”) supplemented EO 13722 by issuing [nine general licenses](#) authorizing certain activities involving North Korea and published [frequently asked questions](#) (“FAQs”) pertaining to EO 13722 and the new general licenses. Finally, pursuant to EO 13722, OFAC [designated](#) 2 individuals, 15 entities, and 20 vessels as Specially Designated Nationals (“SDNs”).

EO 13722 was issued in response to North Korea’s continued pursuit of nuclear and missile programs, as evidenced most recently by its February 7, 2016 launch using ballistic missile technology and its January 6, 2016 nuclear test. EO 13722 builds upon recent steps targeting North Korea by implementing certain provisions of the North Korea Sanctions and Policy Enhancement Act of 2016 and [UN Security Council Resolution 2270](#).

### Heightened Restrictions on Dealings with North Korea

By way of background, the U.S. Government has long maintained restrictions on doing business with North Korea. Prior to the issuance of EO 13722, these restrictions included broad licensing requirements for exports and reexports to North Korea under the Export Administration Regulations, 15 C.F.R. Part 730 et seq. (“EAR”). In addition, pursuant to a series of executive orders, the U.S. Government designated a number of North Korean individuals and entities as SDNs and imposed a ban on the importation into the United States of any goods, services, or technology from North Korea.

While significant, these restrictions were not as “comprehensive” as sanctions targeting Crimea, Cuba, Iran, Sudan, and Syria. EO 13722 virtually eliminates this distinction by significantly strengthening the restrictions on doing business with North Korea. Most notably, EO 13722:

1. blocks the property of the Government of North Korea and the Workers’ Party of Korea;
2. prohibits exports or reexports from the United States or by U.S. Persons of goods, services (including financial services), and technology to North Korea;
3. prohibits new investment in North Korea by U.S. Persons; and
4. expands the criteria under which parties may be designated as SDNs for engaging in North Korea-related activities.

Items 1, 2, and 3 above apply primarily to U.S. Persons. For purposes of EO 13722, “U.S. Persons” are U.S. citizens or permanent resident aliens (“Green Card” holders) wherever located or employed; entities organized under U.S. laws as well as their non-U.S. branches; and individuals or entities in the United States. Importantly, U.S. Persons are prohibited not only from engaging in restricted activities directly but also from providing any approval, financing, or other facilitation to a non-U.S. Person for engaging in such activities.

Non-U.S. Persons (including non-U.S. subsidiaries of U.S. Persons) are not directly subject to Items 1, 2, and 3, but they could potentially be held liable for “causing” a U.S. Person to engage in a prohibited transaction—for instance, if a non-U.S. Person engages in a U.S. dollar transaction involving North Korea that is routed through a U.S. financial institution. Also, non-U.S. Persons now run the risk of being designated as SDNs themselves if they engage in certain activities related to North Korea, as referenced in Item 4. Finally, these new measures do not affect the existing EAR restrictions applicable to non-U.S. Persons engaging in exports or reexports to North Korea of items subject to the EAR.

We discuss each of these new sanctions measures in more detail below.

### **Blocking of the Government of North Korea and the Workers’ Party of Korea**

Pursuant to EO 13722, U.S. Persons are required to block all property and interests in property of the Government of North Korea (including its agencies, instrumentalities, and controlled entities) and the Workers’ Party of Korea. As a result of this prohibition, U.S. Persons are generally prohibited from engaging in transactions that directly or indirectly involve these entities.

### **Prohibition on Exports and Reexports to, and New Investment in, North Korea**

Even before the issuance of EO 13722, U.S. export controls imposed broad licensing requirements on most items that are “subject to the EAR.” EO 13722 expands on these restrictions by prohibiting all exports or reexports to North Korea from the United States or by a U.S. Person of any goods, services, or technology. The U.S. Department of Commerce’s Bureau of Industry and Security (“BIS”) maintains primary authority to license exports and reexports of goods and technology subject to the EAR to the Government of North Korea, the Workers’ Party of Korea, and any persons in North Korea who are not SDNs. As OFAC’s FAQs note, U.S. Persons must obtain a license from both OFAC and BIS to export or reexport items that are subject to the EAR to SDNs in North Korea. Finally, if a transaction involves only services and/or items that are not subject to the EAR, U.S. Persons would be required to obtain a license from OFAC.

EO 13722 also prohibits U.S. Persons from engaging in new investment in North Korea. In combination with the export and reexport ban, this prohibition essentially bars U.S. Persons from doing business with North Korea without authorization from OFAC.

### **New SDN Designation Criteria**

EO 13722 broadens existing U.S. sanctions targeting North Korea by expanding the types of North Korea-related activities that may potentially subject parties to designation as SDNs. Specifically, the U.S. Secretary of the Treasury (in consultation with the U.S. Secretary of State) may designate as an SDN any party found to have

- materially assisted, sponsored, or provided financial, material, or technological support for, or goods or services to or in support of, any person whose property and interests in property are blocked pursuant to EO 13722;
- sold, supplied, transferred, or purchased to or from North Korea metal, graphite, coal, or software, where any revenue or goods received may benefit the Government of North Korea or the Workers' Party of Korea, including North Korea's nuclear or ballistic missile programs;
- engaged in, facilitated, or been responsible for an abuse or violation of human rights by the Government of North Korea or the Workers' Party of Korea;
- engaged in, facilitated, or been responsible for the exportation of workers from North Korea, including exportation to generate revenue for the Government of North Korea or the Workers' Party of Korea;
- engaged in significant activities undermining cybersecurity outside of North Korea on behalf of the Government of North Korea or the Workers' Party of Korea; or
- to have engaged in, facilitated, or been responsible for censorship by the Government of North Korea or the Workers' Party of Korea.

In addition, EO 13722 authorizes the U.S. Secretary of the Treasury (in consultation with the U.S. Secretary of State) to identify specific sectors of the North Korean economy and to designate as SDNs any parties that operate in those sectors. On the same day that EO 13722 was issued, the U.S. Secretary of the Treasury published a [determination](#) targeting the transportation, mining, energy, and financial services sectors of the North Korean economy as subject to EO 13722. OFAC also designated 2 individuals, 15 entities, and 20 vessels as SDNs because they were determined to operate in these targeted sectors.

U.S. Persons are prohibited from dealing, directly or indirectly, with parties designated as SDNs or with any entities in which one or more SDNs own a 50% or greater interest.

### New General Licenses and Travel to North Korea

OFAC issued nine general licenses for certain activities involving North Korea that would otherwise be prohibited under EO 13722. Pursuant to these general licenses, U.S. Persons may engage in authorized activities without needing to apply for a specific license so long as the applicable conditions are met.

Among other things, OFAC has issued general licenses for:

- the provision of certain legal services (General License 2);
- noncommercial, personal remittances (General License 4);
- certain services in support of nongovernmental activities, including certain humanitarian projects to meet basic human needs in North Korea (General License 5); and
- certain transactions related to patents, trademarks, and copyrights (General License 8).

OFAC's FAQs state that travel to North Korea is not prohibited under EO 13722. Given the recent developments in North Korea and the restrictions under EO 13722 and other U.S. sanctions and export controls, though, travel related transactions involving North Korea continue to present compliance risks.

For additional information, please contact any member of our U.S. Outbound Trade group with whom you normally work. Their names may be found on our [Client Alert here](#). Check our [Sanctions Blog](#) for future updates.

## President restores duty-free AGOA treatment for South Africa

On March 17, 2016, the *Federal Register* published [Proclamation 9406 of March 14, 2016 - To Take Certain Actions Under the African Growth and Opportunity Act](#) which revokes Proclamation 9388 of January 11, 2016, and restores the Republic of South Africa (South Africa) as a beneficiary sub-Saharan African country for purposes of section 506A(a)(1) of the *Trade Act of 1974*, as added by section 111(a) of the *African Growth and Opportunity Act* (title I of Public Law 106–200) (AGOA), based on actions taken by South Africa to come into compliance with the AGOA requirements.

## President continues national emergency with respect to Iran

On March 10, 2016, the *Federal Register* published Presidential [Notice of March 9, 2016—Continuation of the National Emergency With Respect to Iran](#), which continues for an additional year, the national emergency first declared on March 15, 1995 in Executive Order (EO) 12957 to deal with the unusual and extraordinary threat to the national security, foreign policy, and economy of the United States constituted by the actions and policies of the Government of Iran. Subsequently, the President issued EO 12959 (May 6, 1995) imposing compressive sanctions, EO 13059 (Aug. 19, 1997) consolidating and clarifying the previous orders, EO 13553 (Sept. 28, 2010), EO 13574 (May 23, 2011), EO 13590 (Nov. 20, 2011), EO 13599 (Feb. 5, 2012), EO 13606 (Apr. 22, 2012), EO 13608 (May 1, 2012), EO 13622 (July 30, 2012), EO 13628 (Oct. 9, 2012) and EO 13645 (June 3, 2013), which involved additional steps.

On July 14, 2015, the P5+1 (China, France, Germany, Russia, the United Kingdom, and the United States), the European Union, and Iran reached a Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action (JCPOA) to ensure that Iran's nuclear program is and will remain exclusively peaceful. January 16, 2016, marked Implementation Day under the JCPOA, when the International Atomic Energy Agency issued a report verifying that Iran had completed key nuclear-related steps as specified in the JCPOA, and the Secretary of State confirmed the report's findings. As a result, the United States lifted nuclear-related sanctions on Iran consistent with its commitments under the JCPOA, including the termination of a number of Executive Orders that were issued pursuant to this national emergency. Though the lifting of nuclear-related sanctions constitutes a significant change in our sanctions posture, non-nuclear related sanctions remain in place.

The national emergency is being extended because, despite the historic deal to ensure the exclusively peaceful nature of Iran's nuclear program, certain actions and policies of the Government of Iran continue to pose an unusual and extraordinary threat to the national security, foreign policy, and economy of the United States.

## President continues national emergency with respect to Venezuela

On March 7, 2016, the *Federal Register* published Presidential [Notice of March 3, 2016 - Continuation of the National Emergency With Respect to Venezuela](#) which continues for an additional year the national emergency first declared in Executive Order (EO) 13692 (March 8, 2015) with respect to the situation in Venezuela, including the Government of Venezuela's erosion of human rights guarantees, persecution of political opponents, curtailment of press freedoms, use of violence and human rights violations and abuses in response to antigovernment protests, and arbitrary arrest and detention of antigovernment protestors, as well as the exacerbating presence of significant government corruption. The national emer-

gency is being extended for an additional year because the situation has not improved.

### President continues national emergency with respect to Ukraine

On March 4, 2016, the *Federal Register* published Presidential [Notice of March 2, 2016 - Continuation of the National Emergency With Respect to Ukraine](#) which continues for an additional year the national emergency first declared in Executive Order (EO) 13660 on March 6, 2014 to deal with the unusual and extraordinary threat to the national security and foreign policy of the United States constituted by the actions and policies of persons that undermine democratic processes and institutions in Ukraine; threaten its peace, security, stability, sovereignty, and territorial integrity; and contribute to the misappropriation of its assets.

The national emergency was subsequently expanded by EO 13661 (March 16, 2014) and EO 13662 (March 20, 2014) because the actions and policies of the Government of the Russian Federation with respect to Ukraine and the purported annexation of Crimea and use of force in Ukraine continued to undermine democratic processes and institutions in Ukraine; threaten its peace, security, stability, sovereignty, and territorial integrity; and contribute to the misappropriation of its assets. Additional actions were taken in EO 13685 (December 19, 2014). The national emergency is being extended for an additional year because the actions and policies addressed in these Executive Orders continue to pose an unusual and extraordinary threat to the national security and foreign policy of the United States.

### President continues national emergency with respect to Zimbabwe

On March 4, 2016, the *Federal Register* published Presidential [Notice of March 2, 2016 - Continuation of the National Emergency With Respect to Zimbabwe](#) which continues for an additional year the national emergency first declared in Executive Order 13288 (March 6, 2003) to deal with the unusual and extraordinary threat to the foreign policy of the United States constituted by the actions and policies of certain members of the Government of Zimbabwe and other persons to undermine Zimbabwe's democratic processes or institutions. These actions and policies had contributed to the deliberate breakdown in the rule of law in Zimbabwe, to politically motivated violence and intimidation in that country, and to political and economic instability in the southern African region. Additional steps were taken in EO 13391 (Nov. 22, 2005) and EO 13469 (July 25, 2008). The national emergency is being extended for an additional year because the actions and policies addressed in these Executive Orders continue to pose an unusual and extraordinary threat to the foreign policy of the United States.

### President delegates authorities and assigns functions under TPEA

On March 2, 2016, the *Federal Register* published [Executive Order 13720—Delegation of Certain Authorities and Assignment of Certain Functions Under the Trade Preferences Extension Act of 2015](#). The Executive Order delegates and assigns most functions under Title I of the *Trade Preferences Extension Act of 2015* (the "Act") (Public Law 114–27) to the U.S. Trade Representative. The President did not delegate authorities or functions under §§104(c), 105(a) and (b) of the Act and §§ 506A(d)(3)(B) and (d)(4)(C) of the Trade Act of 1974 (as amended by the Act). The functions under §13(c) of the *AGOA Acceleration Act of 2004*, as amended by the Act are delegated to the Administrator of USAID in collaboration with the Secretary of Agriculture. The functions of the President under section

110(a) of the Act are assigned to the USTR, in consultation with the Secretary of State.

### State seeks environmental experts to assist CAFTA-DR Secretariat

On March 1, 2016, the Department of State (State) published in the *Federal Register* a [request for expressions of interest](#) [Public Notice: 9457] by environmental experts to assist the *Dominican Republic-Central America-United States Free Trade Agreement* (CAFTA-DR) Secretariat for Environmental Matters (Secretariat) with the preparation of factual records.

State and the Office of the U.S. Trade Representative (USTR) are compiling recommendations for additional candidates to be included on the roster of environmental experts from which the CAFTA-DR Secretariat selects individuals to assist in the preparation of factual records. State and USTR invite environmental experts, including representatives from non-governmental organizations, educational institutions, private sector enterprises, and other interested persons, to submit their expression of interest in being included on the roster of experts. The two agencies encourage submitters to review the following prior to expressing interest: (1) Chapter 17: Environment of the CAFTA-DR, in particular Articles 17.7 and 17.8; (2) paragraph 2(d) of the Understanding Regarding the Establishment of a Secretariat for Environmental Matters Under CAFTA-DR; (3) paragraphs 3 and 4 of Article 5 of the *Agreement Establishing a Secretariat for Environmental Matters Under CAFTA-DR*; and (4) Decision No. 10 of the CAFTA-DR Environmental Affairs Council (Council). Submitters also are encouraged to review the definition of “environmental law” in Article 17.13 of Chapter 17 to get a sense of the range of environmental matters that could be at issue in a factual record. These documents are available at the [State CAFTA-DR Environment Chapter website](#).

To be assured of timely consideration, expressions of interest are requested no later than March 31, 2016.

### USTR requests comments on trade preferences for Nepal

On March 28, 2016, the Office of the United States Trade Representative (USTR) published in the *Federal Register* a [notice](#) announcing the initiation of a review of the eligibility of Nepal to receive preferential treatment for the articles described in the *Trade Facilitation and Trade Enforcement Act of 2015*. The South Asia Subcommittee of the Trade Policy Staff Committee is developing recommendations for the President on Nepal’s eligibility. The Subcommittee is requesting written comments from the public for this review. The Subcommittee will consider the written comments in developing its recommendations for the President. This notice identifies the eligibility criteria that the President must consider in determining whether to provide preferential treatment to certain articles from Nepal. Public comments are due by 5:00 p.m., 30 days from the date of publication of the *Federal Register* Notice.

### USTR establishes petition process to review AGOA eligibility

On March 18, 2016, the Office of the United States Trade Representative (USTR) published in the *Federal Register* an [interim final rule](#) [Docket Number USTR-2016-0002] to establish a petition process to review the eligibility of countries for the benefits of the *African Growth and Opportunity Act* (AGOA). This authority has been delegated to USTR by the President. The interim final rule is effective on

March 18, 2016. USTR will accept comments on the interim final rule in writing on or before April 18, 2016.

### USTR reallocates FY2016 TRQ for raw cane sugar

On March 8, 2016, the Office of the United States Trade Representative (USTR) published in the *Federal Register* a [notice of country-by-country reallocations](#) of the fiscal year (FY) 2016 in-quota quantity of the WTO tariff-rate quota (TRQ) for imported raw cane sugar.

On June 15, 2015, the Secretary of Agriculture established the FY 2016 TRQ for imported raw cane sugar at the minimum to which the United States is committed pursuant to the WTO *Uruguay Round Agreements* (1,117,195 metric tons raw value (MTRV)). On July 15, 2015, USTR provided notice of country-by-country allocations of the FY 2016 in-quota quantity of the WTO TRQ for imported raw cane sugar. Based on consultation with quota holders, USTR has determined to reallocate 86,533 MTRV of the original TRQ quantity from those countries that are unable to fill their FY 2016 allocated raw cane sugar quantities. USTR is allocating the 86,533 MTRV to the following countries in the amounts specified below:

Country	FY2016 Reallocation	Country	FY2016 Reallocation	Country	FY2016 Reallocation
Argentina	3,884	Fiji	813	Nicaragua	1,897
Australia	7,497	Guatemala	4,336	Panama	2,619
Belize	994	Guyana	1,084	Peru	3,703
Brazil	13,097	Honduras	903	Philippines	12,194
Colombia	2,168	India	723	South Africa	2,078
Costa Rica	1,355	Jamaica	994	Swaziland	1,445
Dominican R.	15,897	Malawi	903	Thailand	1,265
Ecuador	994	Mauritius	1,084	Zimbabwe	1,084
El Salvador	2,348	Mozambique	1,174	Conversion factor: 1 metric ton = 1.10231125 short tons	

### USTR seeks comments concerning policy recommendations on the global steel industry situation and impact on U.S. steel industry and market

On March 4, 2016, the Office of the United States Trade Representative (USTR) published in the *Federal Register* jointly with the U.S. Department of Commerce and with the participation of other U.S. Government agencies, a [document seeking public comment and advising that a public hearing will be convened](#) on the global steel industry situation and its impact on the U.S. steel industry and market. Written comments are due by 11:59 p.m., March 29, 2016. Persons wishing to testify orally at the hearing must provide written notification of their intention, as well as a summary of their testimony, by 11:59 p.m., March 29, 2016. The hearing will be held on April 12, 2016. For details on the location and the time and room number for the hearing, please see the *Federal Register* document.

USTR and Commerce invite written comments and/or oral testimony of interested persons on issues including, but not limited to, the following:

- Status and causes of the excess capacity situation in the global steel industry, including other factors that impact the global steel market (e.g., contracting markets and softening worldwide demand, weak raw material prices, and government support and policies that encourage capacity expansion as well as exports);
- countries and policies of concern;

- status of the U.S. steel market, steel manufacturing supply chain and demand trends;
- impacts of foreign trade barriers, unfair trade practices, subsidies and other policies on U.S. imports and exports of steel;
- the current and potential future impact of excess global steelmaking capacity on U.S. steel producing companies, U.S. workers, suppliers to the U.S. steel industry (e.g., iron ore, ferrous scrap, and other raw materials), U.S. steel consuming manufacturers, and States, localities and communities;
- U.S. steel industry responses and adjustment to the impact of the global market situation on their business and overall competitiveness, including trade remedy and other U.S. enforcement actions, industry cost savings efforts and participation in U.S. export markets;
- other sectors in which excess capacity impacts their particular industry in the United States and may merit further consideration; and
- views on whether further enforcement tools or approaches, or legislative action are needed.

## USITC issues annual report on its practice relating to APOs

On March 28, 2016, the U.S. International Trade Commission (USITC) published in the *Federal Register* a [summary of USITC practice relating to administrative protective orders](#) (APOs). Since February 1991, the USITC has issued an annual report on the status of its practice with respect to violations of its APOs under title VII of the *Tariff Act of 1930*, in response to a direction contained in the *Conference Report to the Customs and Trade Act of 1990*. Over time, the USITC has added to its report discussions of APO breaches in USITC proceedings other than under title VII and violations of the USITC's rules including the rule on bracketing business proprietary information ("BPI") (the "24-hour rule"), 19 C.F.R. 207.3(c). The notice provides a summary of breach investigations completed during calendar year 2014. This summary addresses one proceeding under title VII of the *Tariff Act of 1930* and four proceedings under section 337 of the *Tariff Act of 1930*. There were no rules violation investigations completed in 2014. The USITC intends that this report inform representatives of parties to USITC proceedings as to some specific types of APO breaches encountered by the USITC and the corresponding types of actions the USITC has taken.

## ITC investigations

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

Investigation. No. and title	Requested by:
<a href="#">Investigation No. 332–556 - Generalized System of Preferences: Possible Modifications, 2015 Review</a> (Change in scope)	USTR
<a href="#">Investigation No. 332–503 - Earned Import Allowance Program: Evaluation of the Effectiveness of the Program for Certain Apparel From the Dominican Republic, Seventh Annual Review</a> (RFC)	Statutory

## U.S. Coast Guard removes conditions of entry on vessels arriving from Cuba

On March 22, 2016, the U.S. Coast Guard (USCG) published in the *Federal Register* a [notice](#) [Docket No. USCG–2016–0201] announcing that it is removing the conditions of entry on vessels arriving from the country of the Republic of Cuba. On April 4, 2008 the Coast Guard published a Notice of Policy in the *Federal Register*, (73 Fed. Reg. 18546), announcing that it had determined that ports in the Republic of Cuba were not maintaining effective anti-terrorism measures, and imposed conditions of entry. Based on port assessments conducted in February 2016, the Coast Guard has determined that the Republic of Cuba is now maintaining effective anti-terrorism measures, and is accordingly removing the conditions of entry announced in the previously published Notice of Policy. With this notice, the current list of countries not maintaining effective anti-terrorism measures is as follows: Cambodia, Cameroon, Comoros, Cote d'Ivoire, Equatorial Guinea, The Gambia, Guinea-Bissau, Iran, Liberia, Libya, Madagascar, Nigeria, Sao Tome and Principe, Syria, Timor-Leste, Venezuela and Yemen. Notwithstanding this Notice, the “Unauthorized Entry into Cuban Territorial Waters” regulations located at 33 C.F.R. part 107 remain in effect. The policy announced in this notice is effective on March 22, 2016.

## NMFS extends comment time on seafood import monitoring program

On March 31, 2016, the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), published in the *Federal Register* an [extension of the comment period](#) [Docket No. 150507434–5999–01] on a proposed rule on a seafood import monitoring program published in the *Federal Register* on February 5, 2016. The comment period is being extended from April 5, 2016 to April 12, 2016. Pursuant to the *Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act* (MSA), the proposed rule would establish filing and recordkeeping procedures relating to the importation of certain fish and fish products, in order to implement the MSA's prohibition on the import and trade, in interstate or foreign commerce, of fish taken, possessed, transported or sold in violation of any foreign law or regulation. The information to be filed is proposed to be collected at the time of entry, and makes use of an electronic single window consistent with the *Safety and Accountability for Every (SAFE) Port Act of 2006* and other applicable statutes. Specifically, NMFS proposes to integrate collection of catch and landing documentation for certain fish and fish products within the government-wide International Trade Data System (ITDS) and require electronic information collection through the Automated Commercial Environment (ACE) maintained by the Department of Homeland Security, Customs and Border Protection (CBP). Under these procedures, NMFS would require an annually renewable International Fisheries Trade Permit (IFTP) and specific data for certain fish and fish products to be filed and retained as a condition of import to enable the United States to exclude the entry into commerce of products of illegal fishing activities. The information to be collected and retained will help authorities verify that the fish or fish products were lawfully acquired by providing information that traces each import shipment from point of harvest to entry-into commerce. The rule will also decrease the incidence of seafood fraud by collecting information at import and requiring retention of documentation so that the information reported (e.g., regarding species and harvest location) can be verified. The proposed rule stipulates the catch and landing data for imports of certain fish and fish products which would be required to be submitted electronically to NMFS through ACE and the requirements for recordkeeping concerning such imports.

Written comments on the proposed rule published February 5, 2016 (81 Fed. Reg. 6210) must be received on or before April 12, 2016.

### CBP to cease NCAP test regarding FDA data and fully implement it

On March 31, 2016, U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) published in the *Federal Register* a [general notice](#) announcing that CBP and the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) have determined that the National Customs Automation Program (NCAP) test concerning the electronic transmission of certain import data for all FDA-regulated commodities through the Automated Commercial Environment (ACE) has been a success as ACE is capable of accepting FDA-regulated electronic entries. Accordingly, the *Federal Register* document announces that the pilot is ending and CBP encourages all importers of merchandise regulated by the FDA to now use ACE for their electronic filings. In the near future ACE will be the sole CBP-authorized Electronic Data Interchange (EDI) system for these filings. The FDA test will end on May 2, 2016.

### CBP announces Tuna TRQ for 2016

On March 28, 2016, CBP published in the *Federal Register* an [announcement](#) [CBP Dec. 16–07] of the tariff-rate quota (TRQ) quantity of tuna in airtight containers for Calendar Year 2016. Each year, the tariff-rate quota for tuna described in subheading 1604.14.22, *Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States* (HTSUS), is calculated as a percentage of the tuna in airtight containers entered, or withdrawn from warehouse, for consumption during the preceding Calendar Year. The announcement document sets forth the tariff-rate quota of 15,350,636 kilograms for Calendar Year 2016. The 2016 tariff-rate quota is applicable to tuna in airtight containers entered, or withdrawn from warehouse, for consumption during the period January 1, 2016 through December 31, 2016.

### CBP corrects final rule on bonds

On March 22, 2016, CBP published in the *Federal Register* a [correction to the final rule](#) [CBP Dec. 15–15, USCBP–2006–0013] published in the *Federal Register* of November 13, 2015 (80 Fed. Reg. 70154), amending CBP's bond regulations. In that rule, CBP amended the regulation prescribing bond and rider filing requirements and stated, in the preamble, that the agency's intent was to provide additional time for the filing of these documents prior to their effective date. Due to a drafting error, one of the provisions inadvertently provides for a more restrictive time frame for filing a continuous bond, associated application, or rider prior to their effective date.

Prior to the amendments effectuated by CBP Dec. 15–15, § 113.26(a) permitted filing of a bond or rider up to 30 days before the bond's effective date. CBP's intent, as stated in the preamble to CBP Dec. 15–15 at pages 70156 and 70160 of the November 13, 2015, *Federal Register* document, was to liberalize § 113.26(a) to allow the filing of bonds and riders up to 60 days prior to the bond's effective date. This document corrects 19 C.F.R. 113.26(a) to clarify that bonds and riders may be filed up to 60 days prior to the effective date requested for the continuous bond or rider.

The correction document corrects that provision to conform it to CBP's stated intent to liberalize the bond and rider filing process. The correction is effective on March 22, 2016.

## CBP publishes interim rule on flights to Cuba

On March 21, 2016, CBP published in the *Federal Register* an [interim final rule](#) with a request for comments [USCBP–2016–0015; CBP Dec 16–06] that amends the CBP regulations by removing subpart O of 19 C.F.R. part 122, which addresses flights to and from Cuba. The provisions in that subpart are either obsolete due to intervening regulatory changes or are duplicative of regulations applicable to all other similarly situated international flights. These amendments are consistent with the President’s policy promoting the normalization of relations between the United States and Cuba. This interim final rule is effective on March 21, 2016. Comments must be received by April 20, 2016.

## State and CBP propose to reinstate discretionary waiver of certain documents

On March 8, 2016, CBP published in the *Federal Register* a [notice of proposed rulemaking](#) [USCBP-2016-0006] that would reinstate a 1996 amendment to a regulation in title 8 of the Code of Federal Regulations [8 C.F.R. 212.1(g)] regarding a discretionary waiver of certain documentary requirements for nonimmigrants seeking admission to the United States. The 1996 amendment allowed the legacy Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS) (now CBP) to waive passport and visa requirements for nonimmigrants due to an unforeseen emergency while preserving its ability to fine carriers for unlawfully bringing aliens who do not have a valid passport or visa to the United States. The U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit ruled that the legacy INS and the U.S. Department of State (State Department) did not satisfy a statutory requirement to act jointly when the amendment was promulgated. As a result, the court found that the 1996 amendment to the regulation was procedurally deficient and reimposed an earlier version of the regulation that legacy INS and the State Department promulgated in 1994.

The rule proposes to reinstate the 1996 amendment with some technical amendments. DHS and the State Department have acted jointly in this matter and the State Department published a [parallel proposed rule](#) [Public Notice: 9458] to amend its regulation [22 C.F.R. 41.2] in the March 8, 2016 edition of the *Federal Register*.

Comments must be received on or before May 9, 2016.

## CBP extends import restrictions for certain Colombian archaeological and ethnological materials

On March 15, 2016, CBP published in the *Federal Register* a [final rule](#) [CBP Dec. 16-05] that amends the CBP regulations to reflect the extension of import restrictions on certain archaeological and ethnological materials from the Republic of Colombia (“Colombia”). The restrictions, which were originally imposed by CBP Decision (Dec.) 06-09 and extended by CBP Dec. 11-06, are due to expire on March 15, 2016. The Assistant Secretary for Educational and Cultural Affairs, United States Department of State, has determined that factors continue to warrant the imposition of import restrictions and no cause for suspension exists. Accordingly, these import restrictions will remain in effect for an additional five years, and the CBP regulations are being amended to reflect this extension until March 15, 2021. These restrictions are being extended pursuant to determinations of the United States Department of State made under the terms of the *Convention on Cultural Property Implementation Act* that implemented the *United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) Convention on the Means*

of *Prohibiting and Preventing the Illicit Import, Export and Transfer of Ownership of Cultural Property*. CBP Dec. 06-09 contains the Designated List of archaeological and ethnological materials of Colombia to which the restrictions apply. These may also be found at the State Department [cultural property website](#).

### CBP modifies NCAP for certain EPA data

On March 14, 2016, CBP published in the *Federal Register* a [general notice](#) announcing CBP's plan to modify three National Customs Automation Program (NCAP) tests concerning the electronic transmission through the Automated Commercial Environment (ACE) of certain import data required by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) for commodities regulated by the EPA. These modifications revise the number of persons who may participate in the three previously announced NCAP tests.

The modifications of the PGA Message Set Tests described in the notice are effective March 14, 2016. The modified tests will continue until concluded by way of announcement in the *Federal Register*. Comments concerning the notice and any aspect of the announced modifications may be submitted during each of the test periods to the address set forth in the *Federal Register* notice.

### Miscellaneous CBP Federal Register documents

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

F.R. Date	Subject
03-03-16	<a href="#">Agency Information Collection Activities: Deferral of Duty on Large Yachts Imported for Sale</a> (N)
03-11-16	<a href="#">Agency Information Collection Activities: Exportation of Used Self-Propelled Vehicles</a> (N)
03-15-16	<a href="#">Agency Information Collection Activities: Holders or Containers Which Enter the United States Duty Free</a> (N) [Subheading 9803.00.50, HTS] <a href="#">Agency Information Collection Activities: User Fees</a> (N) [CBP Forms 339A, 339C, 339V]
03-16-16	<a href="#">Agency Information Collection Activities: Accreditation of Commercial Testing Laboratories and Approval of Commercial Gaugers</a> (N)
03-17-16	<a href="#">Accreditation and Approval of Altol Chemical and Environmental Laboratory, Inc., as a Commercial Laboratory</a> [Ponce, PR] (N)
	<a href="#">Accreditation and Approval of Chemical and Petrochemical Inspections as a Commercial Gauger and Laboratory</a> [Groves, TX] (N)
	<a href="#">Privacy Act of 1974: Implementation of Exemptions; Department of Homeland Security/U.S. Customs and Border Protection-001 Import Information System, System of Records</a> [Docket No. DHS-2016-0020] (FR)

### CBP withholding CDSOA funds due to litigation

On March 28, 2016, CBP [announced](#) that a significant amount of litigation has challenged various provisions of the *Continued Dumping and Subsidy Offset Act* (CDSOA, also known as the "Byrd Amendment"). CBP stated that it will continue to withhold funds from the CDSOA Special Account associated with any cases involved in ongoing litigation until the amounts at issue in the pending litigation have been withheld. This process will continue until a final decision is reached in the pending litigation.

For further information see the [CBP website here](#). The cases impacted by CBP's decision to withhold funds in the Special Account are shown below.

Case Number	Amount Withheld from Special Account				
	FY2012(\$)	FY2011 Supp (\$) processed 12/2012	FY2013(\$)	FY2014 (\$)	FY2015 (\$) **
A-401-201	2,488.43	(18.58)	0.00	0.00	2,434.71
A-412-201	60,999.26	2,711.52	122,389.98	376,477.26	0.00
A-427-201	0.00	0.45	845,926.69	0.00	0.00
A-428-201	134,824.68	1,260.55	61,907.73	116,841.49	316,860.38
A-475-201	13,221.66	76.28	652,541.22	0.00	0.00
A-559-801	81.58	0.00	4.50	3.08	136.72
A-570-905	2,700.82	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
A-588-201	5,631.15	1,380.09	205,110.13	5,688,087.41	694,359.09
<b>Total for FY</b>	<b>\$219,947.58</b>	<b>\$5,428.89</b>	<b>\$1,887,880.25</b>	<b>\$6,181,409.24</b>	<b>\$1,013,790.90</b>

Grand total all fiscal years \$9,308,456.86.

\*\*FY2015 amounts are subject to change. CBP liquidated several pre-2000 bearing entries during fiscal year 2015 that are being reviewed for eligibility. Posting will be updated once review is completed.

### CBP expands CEEs

CSMS# 16-000227 (03-23-16) On March 23, 2016, the Center Directors for the Agriculture & Prepared Products (APP); Automotive & Aerospace (AA); Base Metals (BM), Consumer Products & Mass Merchandising (CPMM); Industrial & Manufacturing Materials (IMM); and the Machinery (MACH) Centers of Excellence and Expertise (Centers) will assume trade authority for post-release trade processes of entry summaries for the respective industry tariff lines from Ports of Entry within the following Field Offices:

Atlanta	Baltimore	Boston	Buffalo	Chicago
Detroit	El Paso	Houston	Laredo	Los Angeles
Miami	New Orleans	New York	Portland	San Diego
San Francisco	Seattle	Tampa	Tucson	

A list of processing ports and the associated Center team codes are included in the [CSMS attachment](#).

Entry summary filing procedures and document submission processes will remain the same for brokers and importers. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) will consolidate post-release processing to provide an increased level of uniformity and certainty.

An appropriate level of trade staff at these Service Port locations will be transitioned to the Centers to support Center operations. The Center Director will have full authority for trade decisions for the respective industry tariff lines.

## Notification of the increase in the De Minimis value from \$200 to \$800

[CSMS# 16-000181 dated March 9, 2016](#), notified the public that on February 24, 2016 the President signed the *Trade Facilitation and Trade Enforcement Act of 2015*. One of its provisions established a 15 day mandatory implementation of an increase in the de minimis value exemption from duties and taxes (also known as Section 321) from \$200 to \$800. This provision was implemented on March 10, 2016. U. S, Customs and Border Protection (CBP) intends, as soon as possible, to publish an Interim Final Rule amending the appropriate regulations and soliciting comments from interested parties. However, beginning on March 10, 2016, shipments valued at \$800 or less will be eligible for release under the same processes and with the same restrictions as currently apply for de minimis shipments of \$200 or less.

On Thursday, March 10, 2016 at 12:01 a.m. a programming change was implemented in ACE production to increase the de minimis value from \$200 to \$800. This program change will be implemented based on section 321 validations. All existing processes for these shipments will remain unchanged other than the value.

As always, CBP has the right to require a formal entry on any shipment where additional information, bonding or protection is required. In the case of low value shipments, it is important to note that this treatment can be denied if used for the purpose of avoiding compliance with any pertinent law or regulation. That is especially important where revenue, import safety or serious trade enforcement issues are present.

## 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 Certification and Production Outages which have already occurred and problems which have been resolved are not included below.

Date	CSMS#	Title
03-01-16	<a href="#">16-000155</a>	Enhanced Two Step RLF Process in ACE
	<a href="#">16-000156</a>	Delays Writing ACE Entry Summaries to ACS
	<a href="#">16-000157</a>	Legacy ACE CERTIFICATION OUTAGE and Deployment, Wednesday March 2,2016 @0600-0900 ET
03-02-16	<a href="#">16-000158</a>	Duplicate SO70/71/72 Messages
	<a href="#">16-000159</a>	ACE PRODUCTION deployment, Thursday March 3, 2016 @0600ET, impact ACE CargoRel & EntrySumm
	<a href="#">16-000160</a>	@0600ET, impact ACE CargoRel & EntrySumm
	<a href="#">16-000161</a>	Business Rule Update per ATF IG V1.11
	<a href="#">16-000162</a>	ACE CERTIFICATION deployment, Wed. March 2, 2016 @1800ET, impact ACE CargoRel & EntrySumm
	<a href="#">16-000163</a>	@1800ET, impact ACE CargoRel & EntrySumm
	<a href="#">16-000164</a>	ACE CERTIFICATION CQ Deployment Thursday morning, March 3, 2016 at 0700 - 0730 ET
	<a href="#">16-000165</a>	Addendum: ACE CERTIFICATION CQ Deployment Thursday morning, March 3, 2016 at 0700-0730 ET
03-04-16	<a href="#">16-000167</a>	ACE CERTIFICATION deployment, Sat. March 5,2016 @1300 ET, impact ACE CargoRel & EntrySumm
03-07-16	<a href="#">16-000168</a>	Instructions for Transitioning to ACE with the PGA Pilots!
	<a href="#">16-000169</a>	Announcement of Initiation of Antidumping and Countervailing

Date	CSMS#	Title
		Duty Investigations [ <i>Stainless Steel Sheet and Strip from China</i> ]
	<a href="#">16-000170</a>	ACE CERTIFICATION de minimis value increase to \$800
03-08-16	<a href="#">16-000171</a>	AESDirect Technical Q&A Calls: 3/14, 3/21 and 3/28 at 3pm ET
	<a href="#">16-000172</a>	EPA Webinar on ACE Pilots on 3/8 1-2pm
	<a href="#">16-000173</a>	Updated Draft ACE CATAIR for Future Courtesy Noti
	<a href="#">16-000174</a>	
	<a href="#">16-000175</a>	ACE PRODUCTION CQ Deployment Thursday, March 10, 2016 at 0600-0615 ET
	<a href="#">16-000176</a>	PGA Message Set Updates
03-09-16	<a href="#">16-000177</a>	
	<a href="#">16-000178</a>	Agency Tariff Code to Agency Program Cross Reference File and ACE Appendix V Updates
	<a href="#">16-000179</a>	FDA ACE/ITDS Pilot Webinars - March 15 & 29, 2016
	<a href="#">16-000180</a>	ACE PRODUCTION de minimis value increase to \$800
	<a href="#">16-000181</a>	Notification of the increase in the De Minimis value from \$200 to \$800
03-10-16	<a href="#">16-000182</a>	Updated ACE Development and Deployment Schedule Posted to CBP.gov
	<a href="#">16-000183</a>	3/14 AES Direct Webinar and Reminder on Transition Dates
03-11-16	<a href="#">16-000185</a>	ACE CERTIFICATION deployment, Sat. March 12, 2016 @1300 ET, impact ACE CargoRel & EntrySumm
	<a href="#">16-000186</a>	FRN Published Modifying NCAP Tests for PGA Message Set for Certain EPA Data
	<a href="#">16-000187</a>	Updated ACE Draft Entry Summary Create/Update CATAIR Chapter Posted to CBP.gov
03-14-16	<a href="#">16-000188</a>	Trade Webinar Series: ACE Accounts and Census Vetting - March 17th @2pm EST
	<a href="#">16-000189</a>	
	<a href="#">16-000190</a>	March 2016 ACE Monthly Trade Update
	<a href="#">16-000191</a>	ACE Entry Summary Generating ACE System Failure
03-15-16	<a href="#">16-000195</a>	ACE CERTIFICATION deployment, Tues. March 15,2016 @2000ET, impact ACE CargoRel & EntrySumm
	<a href="#">16-000196</a>	Quota testing in ACE CERTIFICATION
	<a href="#">16-000197</a>	ACE PRODUCTION deployment, Thursday March 17,2016 @0600ET, impact ACE CargoRel & EntrySumm
03-16-16	<a href="#">16-000198</a>	ACE CERTIFICATION deployment, Wed. March 16, 2016 @1800ET, impact ACE CargoRel & EntrySumm
	<a href="#">16-000199</a>	Notification of the increase in the De Minimis value from \$200 to \$800
03-17-16	<a href="#">16-000200</a>	ACE PRODUCTION deployment, Friday March 18,2016 @0600 ET, impact ACE CargoRel & EntrySumm
	<a href="#">16-000203</a>	ACE CERTIFICATION deployment, Sat. March 19,2016 @1200ET, impact ACE CargoRel & EntrySumm
03-18-16	<a href="#">16-000204</a>	APHIS PGA Message Set Adapted Data Element Record Layout V4.7
	<a href="#">16-000206</a>	FDA ACE Webinar - March 23, 1:30 - 3:00PM EST
	<a href="#">16-000210</a>	Update to 4 FDA Data Elements for ACE Entries
03-21-16	<a href="#">16-000212</a>	Webinar/Q&A Today, 3/21! Refactored AESDirect Technical Call @ 3pm ET
03-21-16	<a href="#">16-000217</a>	ACE CERTIFICATION deployment, Mon. March 21,2016 @1800ET, impact ACE CargoRel & EntrySumm
	<a href="#">16-000220</a>	ISF Processing Issues
03-22-16	<a href="#">16-000222</a>	Closed: FDA ACE Webinar - March 23, 1:30 - 3:00PM EST
	<a href="#">16-000223</a>	Transmitting the consignee number at the line level
	<a href="#">16-000226</a>	EPA Nonroad Vehicles and Engine Pilot is Now Closed to New Importers
03-23-16	<a href="#">16-000227</a>	Upcoming Expansion of Six Centers of Excellence and Expertise (Centers)
	<a href="#">16-000228</a>	ACE PRODUCTION deployment, Thursday March 24,2016 @0600ET, impact ACE CargoRel & EntrySumm

Date	CSMS#	Title
	<a href="#">16-000229</a>	ACE CERTIFICATION deployment, Wed. March 23,2016 @2030ET, impact ACE CargoRel & EntrySumm
	<a href="#">16-000230</a>	ACE CERTIFICATION CQ Deployment Thursday morning, March 24, 2016 at 0700 ET
	<a href="#">16-000231</a>	Reminder: Transition Dates for AESDirect and AESpCLink Users
03-24-16	<a href="#">16-000232</a>	ACE Transition for PGA Requirements
	<a href="#">16-000233</a>	FDA Consumption of multiple HTS codes with FDA data on a single CBP line
	<a href="#">16-000234</a>	Rail Entry Processing
	<a href="#">16-000235</a>	ACE Statement Processing Testing in ACE Certification
03-25-16	<a href="#">16-000236</a>	New ACE Password Reset Capability for Trade Account Owners
	<a href="#">16-000238</a>	Clarification on Mandatory ACE Filing Timeline
	<a href="#">16-000239</a>	Message to Electronic Filers Regarding the March 31, 2016 Mandatory ACE Filings
03-28-16	<a href="#">16-000241</a>	ACE CERTIFICATION deployment, Tues March 29, 2016 @0700ET,impact ACE CargoRel & EntrySumm
	<a href="#">16-000242</a>	The DIS XML Schema and DIS Implementation Guide have been updated on CBP.gov.
	<a href="#">16-000243</a>	ACE CERTIFICATION deployment, Tues March 29, 2016 @2030ET,impact ACE CargoRel & EntrySumm
	<a href="#">16-000244</a>	ACE PRODUCTION deployment, Wed. March 30, 2016 @0600 ET,impact ACE CargoRel & EntrySumm
03-29-16	<a href="#">16-000247</a>	Erroneous ACE Portal Account Deactivations
03-30-16	<a href="#">16-000250</a>	FDA CDRH Product Code Deletes
	<a href="#">16-000251</a>	Validation Issues with ACE Cargo Release Passenger Hand-carry Entries
	<a href="#">16-000254</a>	ACE PRODUCTION deployment, Thursday March 31,2016 @0600ET,impact ACE CargoRel & EntrySumm
	<a href="#">16-000255</a>	ACE CERTIFICATION deployment, Wed. March 30, 2016 @2100ET,impact ACE CargoRel & EntrySumm
03-31-16	<a href="#">16-000256</a>	Initiation of Antidumping Duty Investigation: 1,1,1,2-Tetrafluoroethan From The PRC
	<a href="#">16-000257</a>	Initiation of Antidumping Duty Investigation: Phosphor Copper from the Republic of Korea
	<a href="#">16-000258</a>	New Federal Register Notice Published Concerning the Closure of the FDA Pilot
	<a href="#">16-000259</a>	ACE PRODUCTION deployment, Friday April 1, 2016 @0600 ET, impact ACE CargoRel & EntrySumm
	<a href="#">16-000260</a>	ACE CERTIFICATION deployment,Thurs March 31,2016 @2100 ET,impact ACE CargoRel & EntrySumm

## Foreign Trade Zones

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

F.R. Date	Document
03-01-16	<a href="#">Foreign-Trade Zone (FTZ) 57— Charlotte, North Carolina, Authorization of Production Activity, DNP Imagingcomm America Corporation, Subzone 57C (Dye Sublimation Transfer Ribbon (STR) and STR Photo Printer Packages), Concord, North Carolina [B-72-2015]</a>
03-02-16	<a href="#">Authorization of Production Activity, Foreign-Trade Subzone 125D, ASA Electronics, LLC, (Motor Vehicle Audio-Visual Products), Elkhart, Indiana [B-71-2015]</a>
03-03-16	<a href="#">Foreign-Trade Zone (FTZ) 39—Dallas/ Fort Worth, Texas, Authorization of Production Activity, KONE Inc., (Elevator Parts), Allen, Texas [B-70-2015]</a>
	<a href="#">Foreign-Trade Zone (FTZ) 76— Bridgeport, Connecticut; Authorization of Production Activity; MannKind Corporation, Subzone 76B (Inhalable Insulin), Danbury, Connecticut [B-75-2015]</a>

F.R. Date	Document
03-04-16	<a href="#">Foreign-Trade Zone 230—Piedmont Triad Area, North Carolina; Notification of Proposed Production Activity; United Chemi-Con, Inc.; Subzone 230A (Aluminum Electrolytic Capacitors); Lansing, North Carolina [B-11-2016]</a>
	<a href="#">Reorganization of Foreign-Trade Zone 182, (Expansion of Service Area), Under Alternative Site Framework; Fort Wayne, Indiana [Order No. 1994]</a>
03-07-16	<a href="#">Authorization of Production Activity; Foreign-Trade Subzone 38A; BMW Manufacturing Co., LLC; (Motor Vehicle Body Parts and Lithium-Ion Batteries); Spartanburg, South Carolina [B-79-2015]</a>
03-09-16	<a href="#">Approval of Expanded Subzone Status; Black &amp; Decker (U.S.) Inc., Subzone 243A, Rialto and Fontana, California [S-02-2016]</a>
03-18-16	<a href="#">Approval of Expansion of Subzone 78A - Nissan North America, Inc.; Smyrna, Tennessee [Order No. 1995]</a>
	<a href="#">Foreign-Trade Zone (FTZ) 39—Dallas, Texas; Authorization of Production Activity; Zale Delaware, Inc.; Subzone 39F (Assembly of Jewelry); Irving, Texas [B-69-2015]</a>
	<a href="#">Foreign-Trade Zone (FTZ) 168—Dallas/ Fort Worth, Texas; Notification of Proposed Production Activity; Gulfstream Aerospace Corporation (Passenger Jet Aircraft); Dallas, Texas [B-12-2016]</a>
	<a href="#">Foreign-Trade Zone (FTZ) 141— Monroe County, New York; Notification of Proposed Production Activity; Xerox Corporation; Subzone 141B (Bulk Toner, Toner Cartridges and Photoreceptors); Webster, New York [B-13-2016]</a>
	<a href="#">Authorization of Production Activity; Foreign-Trade Subzone 238B; CEIROanoke, LLC (Cosmetics and Personal Care Products Bottling); Roanoke, Virginia [B-76-2015]</a>
	<a href="#">Foreign-Trade Zone (FTZ) 45— Portland, Oregon; Authorization of Production Activity; Lam Research Corporation; Subzone 45H (Semiconductor Production Equipment, Subassemblies and Related Parts); Tualatin and Sherwood, Oregon Trade Zones Board [B-78-2015]</a>
03-24-16	<a href="#">Foreign-Trade Zone (FTZ) 7— Mayaguez, Puerto Rico, Notification of Proposed Production Activity, Lilly Del Caribe, Inc., Subzone 7K (Pharmaceutical Products), Carolina and Guayama, Puerto Rico [B-14-2016]</a>
03-31-16	<a href="#">Approval of Subzone Status - FTZ Networks, Inc. Olive Branch, Mississippi [S-4-2016]</a>
	<a href="#">Foreign-Trade Zone (FTZ) 87 – Lake Charles, Louisiana; Notification of Proposed Production Activity; Sasol Chemicals (USA), LLC, Subzone 87E, (Assembly of Ethylene Distillation/Rectification Plant and Ethane Cracker/Reaction Unit; Production of Polyethylene) Westlake and Sulphur, Louisiana [B-15-2016]</a>

### FinCEN imposes special measures against FBME Bank Ltd.

On March 31, 2016, the Financial Crimes Enforcement Network (FinCEN) published in the *Federal Register* a [final rule](#) imposing of a special measure against FBME Bank Ltd. (FBME), formerly known as the Federal Bank of the Middle East Ltd., as a financial institution of primary money laundering concern. FinCEN is issuing this final rule imposing a prohibition on U.S. financial institutions from opening or maintaining a correspondent account for, or on behalf of, FBME.

This final rule is effective July 29, 2016.

### FinCEN withdraws proposed rule and finding re: JSC CredexBank

On March 17, 2016, FinCEN published in the *Federal Register* a [withdrawal of a proposed rule](#) to impose the first and fifth special measure regarding JSC CredexBank (“Credex”), renamed JSC InterPayBank (“InterPay”), as a financial institution of primary money laundering concern, pursuant to Section 311 of the *USA PATRIOT Act* (“Section 311”). Because of material subsequent developments that have mitigated the money laundering risks associated with Credex, FinCEN has determined that Credex is no longer a primary money laundering concern that warrants the implementation of a special measure under Section

311. In addition, on the same date, FinCEN published in the *Federal Register* a [withdrawal of the related finding](#) regarding Credex. As of March 17, 2016 the proposed rule published May 30, 2012, at 77 Fed. Reg. 31794, is withdrawn.

### FinCEN amends foreign BSA financial accounts regulations

On March 10, 2016, FinCEN published in the *Federal Register* a [notice of proposed rulemaking](#) to revise the regulations implementing the *Bank Secrecy Act* (BSA) regarding Reports of Foreign Bank and Financial Accounts (FBAR), 31 C.F.R. Part 1010. The proposed rule would expand and clarify the exemptions for certain U.S. persons with signature or other authority over foreign financial accounts. In addition, the proposed rule would remove the special rules permitting limited account information to be reported when a U.S. person has financial interest in or signature authority over 25 or more foreign financial accounts. The proposed rule would also make several other changes, including a change to the filing date for FBAR reports due in 2017 and a revision to reflect electronic filing of FBARs.

Written comments on the notice of proposed rulemaking may be submitted on or before May 9, 2016.

### FinCEN withdraws finding regarding Banca Privada d'Andorra

On March 4, 2016, the FinCEN published in the *Federal Register* a [document](#) that withdraws FinCEN's finding that Banca Privada d'Andorra (BPA) is a financial institution of primary money laundering concern, pursuant to Section 311 of the *USA PATRIOT Act* (Section 311), codified at 31 U.S.C. 5318A. Because of material subsequent developments that have mitigated the money laundering risks associated with BPA, FinCEN has determined that BPA is no longer a primary money laundering concern that warrants the implementation of a special measure under Section 311.

On the same date FinCEN also published a withdrawal of the related [notice of proposed rulemaking](#) that would have imposed the fifth special measure against BPA pursuant to Section 311.

### Census proposes amendments to the FTR

On March 9, 2016, the Bureau of the Census (Census) published in the *Federal Register* a [notice of proposed rulemaking](#) [Docket Number: 151222999-6020-01] to amend its *Foreign Trade Regulations* to reflect new export reporting requirements related to the implementation of the International Trade Data System (ITDS), in accordance with Executive Order 13659, *Streamlining the Export/Import Process for American Businesses*. The ITDS was established by the *Security and Accountability for Every (SAFE) Port Act of 2006*. The proposed changes also include the addition of two new data elements in the Automated Export System (AES); the original Internal Transaction Number (ITN) field and the used electronics indicator. Lastly, Census proposes to make changes to provide clarity on existing reporting requirements. These changes are discussed in detail in the Supplementary Information section of the *Federal Register* notice..

Written comments must be submitted on or before May 9, 2016.

## OFAC removes Highly Enriched Uranium Agreement Assets Control Regulations

On March 29, 2016, the Office of Foreign Assets Control (OFAC) published in the *Federal Register* a [final rule](#) removing from the Code of Federal Regulations the *Highly Enriched Uranium (HEU) Agreement Assets Control Regulations* as a result of the termination of the national emergency on which the regulations were based. The HEU regulations were originally issued on June 25, 2001 to implement Executive Order 13159 of June 21, 2000 which blocked the property and interests in property of the Russian Federation directly related to the implementation of the *Agreement Between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the Russian Federation Concerning the Disposition of Highly Enriched Uranium Extracted from Nuclear Weapons*, dated February 18, 1993, and related contracts and agreements (collectively, the “HEU Agreements”).

In E.O. 13695 (May 26, 2015), the President found that the situation that gave rise to the declaration of a national emergency in E.O. 13617 had been significantly altered by the successful implementation of the HEU Agreements. As a result, he terminated the national emergency declared in E.O. 13617 and revoked that order, noting that, pursuant to section 202 of the NEA (50 U.S.C. 1622), termination of the national emergency shall not affect any action taken or proceeding pending that was not fully concluded or determined as of the date of E.O. 13695, any action or proceeding based on any act committed prior to such date, or any rights or duties that matured or penalties that were incurred prior to such date. Removal of this part does not affect ongoing enforcement proceedings or prevent the initiation of enforcement proceedings with respect to violations of the Regulations or of E.O. 13617 when they were in effect.

## OFAC revises Cuban Assets Control Regulations

On March 16, 2016, OFAC published in the *Federal Register* a [final rule](#) amending the *Cuban Assets Control Regulations* (31 C.F.R. part 515) to further implement elements of the policy announced by the President on December 17, 2014 to engage and empower the Cuban people. Among other things, these amendments further facilitate travel to Cuba for authorized purposes, expand the range of authorized financial transactions, and authorize additional business and physical presence in Cuba. These amendments also implement certain technical and conforming changes. The Bureau of Industry and Security (BIS), Department of Commerce is also taking additional coordinated actions with OFAC in support of the President’s Cuba policy.

OFAC is making additional amendments to the Regulations with respect to travel and related transactions, financial transactions, business and physical presence, and certain other activities, as set forth below:

### Travel and Related Transactions

- **Individual people-to-people educational travel.** OFAC is amending section 515.565(b) to remove the requirement that people-to-people educational travel be conducted under the auspices of an organization that sponsors such exchanges.
- **Payment of salaries.** OFAC is amending section 515.571 to remove the limitation on the receipt of compensation in excess of amounts covering living expenses and the acquisition of goods for personal consumption by a Cuban national present in the United States in a nonimmigrant status or pursuant to other non-immigrant travel authorization issued by the U.S. government.

- **Dealings in merchandise subject to section 515.204, including Cuban-origin goods, for personal use.** OFAC is adding section 515.585(c) to authorize individuals who are persons subject to U.S. jurisdiction and who are located in a third country to engage in the purchase or acquisition of merchandise subject to the prohibitions in section 515.204, including Cuban-origin goods, for personal consumption while in a third country, and to receive or obtain services from Cuba or a Cuban national that are ordinarily incident to travel and maintenance within a third country.

### Financial Transactions

- **U-turn payments through the U.S. financial system.** OFAC is amending section 515.584(d) to authorize U-turn transactions in which Cuba or a Cuban national has an interest to be conducted through the U.S. financial system.
- **Processing of U.S. dollar monetary instruments.** OFAC is adding new section 515.584(g) to authorize U.S. banking institutions to process U.S. dollar monetary instruments presented indirectly by Cuban financial institutions.
- **Certain bank accounts on behalf of a Cuban national.** OFAC is adding new section 515.584(h) to authorize banking institutions to open and maintain accounts solely in the name of a Cuban national located in Cuba for the purposes only of receiving payments in the United States in connection with transactions authorized pursuant to or exempt from the prohibitions of this part and remitting such payments to Cuba.

### Business and Physical Presence

- **OFAC is amending section 515.573 to authorize additional persons subject to U.S. jurisdiction to establish a business and physical presence in Cuba.** This includes exporters of goods authorized for export or reexport to Cuba by section 515.533 or section 515.559 or that are otherwise exempt; entities providing mail or parcel transmission services authorized by section 515.542(a) or providing cargo transportation services in connection with trade involving Cuba authorized by or exempt from the prohibitions of this part; and providers of travel and carrier services authorized by section 515.572.
- **OFAC is clarifying that the business and physical presence authorization for providers of internet-based services extends to persons engaged in transactions authorized by section 515.578(e).** OFAC is removing the prior provisions authorizing business presence that were located in sections 515.542 and 515.578 and consolidating these authorizations in section 515.573.
- **Physical presence.** OFAC is now expanding the authorization to establish a physical presence such as an office or other facility, in Cuba, to facilitate authorized transactions, to include the following additional categories of persons subject to U.S. jurisdiction: entities engaging in non-commercial activities authorized by section 515.574 (Support for the Cuban People); entities engaging in humanitarian projects set forth in section 515.575(b) (Humanitarian projects); and private foundations or research or educational institutes engaging in transactions authorized by section 515.576.
- **OFAC is also adding a note to clarify that the activities that may be carried out by exporters of items exported or reexported pursuant to authorization by the Department of Commerce or OFAC, or that are otherwise exempt, at a physical presence authorized by this section include the assembly of such items.**

### Other Transactions

- **Grants and awards.** OFAC is adding a new provision in section 515.565 to authorize the provision of educational grants, scholarships, or awards to a Cuban national or in which Cuba or a Cuban national otherwise has an interest.
- **Telecommunications and internet-related services.** OFAC is amending section 515.578 to allow the importation of Cuban-origin software.

OFAC is also making several technical and conforming edits. The amendments are effective on publication. OFAC is also publishing a number of new and updated [Frequently Asked Questions](#) pertaining to this regulatory amendment and a [Fact Sheet](#) summarizing the changes.

Please check our [Sanctions Blog](#) for any updates or information.

## OFAC revises sanctions lists on implementation of JCPOA

On March 14, 2016, OFAC published in the *Federal Register* a [notice](#) publishing the names of 59 individuals, 385 entities, 76 aircraft, and 227 vessels that were removed from the List of Specially Designated Nationals and Blocked Persons (SDN List), the Foreign Sanctions Evaders (FSE) List, and/or the Non-SDN Iran Sanctions Act (NS-ISA) List on January 16, 2016— Implementation Day of the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action of July 14, 2015 (JCPOA). In addition, OFAC is publishing amended SDN List entries for 14 persons previously blocked pursuant to one more of the following authorities: Executive Order (E.O.) 13224 of September 29, 2001, “Blocking Property and Prohibiting Transactions With Persons Who Commit, Threaten To Commit, Or Support Terrorism,” E.O. 13382 of June 28, 2005, “Blocking Property of Weapons of Mass Destruction Proliferators and Their Supporters,” E.O. 13438 of July 17, 2007, “Blocking Property of Certain Persons Who Threaten Stabilization Efforts in Iraq,” and/or the *Foreign Narcotics Kingpin Designation Act* (Pub L. 106–120, 21 U.S.C. 1901–1908). Finally, OFAC is publishing the names of individuals, entities, and vessels it added to a list of persons previously identified as meeting the definition of the term Government of Iran or the term Iranian financial institution and whose property and interests in property are blocked solely pursuant to E.O. 13599 and Section 560.211 of the *Iranian Transactions and Sanctions Regulations*, 31 C.F.R. part 560.

OFAC’s actions described in this notice were effective January 16, 2016

## Commerce Department to issue temporary General License relaxing export restrictions on ZTE Entities

On March 24, 2016, the Bureau of Industry and Security (BIS) published in the *Federal Register* a [final rule](#) [Docket No. 160106014–6262–02] granting a temporary general license relating to Zhongxing Telecommunications Equipment Corporation (“ZTE Corporation”) and ZTE Kangxun Telecommunications Ltd. (“ZTE Kangxun”). As detailed in a previous [post](#), BIS [added](#) these two companies and two affiliated entities (Beijing 8-Star and ZTE Parsian) to the *Export Administration Regulations*’ (“EAR”) [Entity List](#) on March 8, 2016.

The temporary general license will restore the EAR licensing and other requirements that applied to exports, reexports, and in-country transfers to ZTE Corporation and ZTE Kangxun prior to March 8, 2016. In other words, the licensing requirements that were imposed on ZTE Corporation and ZTE Kangxun on March 8, 2016 will not apply during the period that the temporary general license is in effect -- i.e., from the date of publication of the general license in the *Federal Register* (scheduled for March 24, 2016) through June 30, 2016. As such, items that could be supplied to ZTE Corporation or ZTE Kangxun before March 8, 2016 without triggering license requirements under the EAR (e.g., under a license exception or because the items are not controlled for export to the particular country of destination) may again be supplied to those entities without a specific license from BIS.

Please note that the general license does not apply to the other two ZTE entities added to the Entity List on March 8, 2016 -- i.e., Beijing 8-Star and ZTE Parsian. Accordingly, a specific license from BIS will continue to be required for any export, reexport, or in-country transfer of any item subject to the EAR to these two entities. An item is subject to the EAR if it is (i) of U.S. origin, (ii) exported from the United States, (iii) manufactured outside the United States but incorporates more than applicable de minimis levels of controlled U.S. content, or (iv) a foreign direct product of certain national security controlled U.S. technology.

BIS is issuing the temporary general license in connection with a request by ZTE Corporation and ZTE Kangxun to remove or modify their listings on the Entity List and the binding commitments made by these two entities to the U.S. Government. The temporary general license may be renewed to extend beyond June 30, 2016 if the U.S. Government determines that ZTE Corporation and ZTE Kangxun are performing their undertakings to the U.S. Government and are otherwise cooperating with the U.S. Government in this matter.

Check our [Sanctions Blog](#) for any updates.

### **BIS revises Cuban license exceptions and licensing policy**

On March 16, 2016, BIS published in the *Federal Register* a [final rule](#) [Docket No. 160303178-6178-01] that allows vessels departing the United States on temporary sojourn to Cuba with cargo for other destinations to travel to Cuba under a license exception rather than having to obtain a license for the cargo bound for those other destinations to transit Cuba. The rule also authorizes exports of certain items to persons authorized by the Department of the Treasury to establish and maintain a physical or business presence in Cuba (see OFAC revision to the *Cuban Assets Control Regulations*, above). Finally, the rule would adopt a licensing policy of case-by-case review for exports and reexports of items that would enable or facilitate export of items produced by the private sector in Cuba, subject to certain limitations. BIS is taking this action in coordination with the Department of the Treasury, Office of Foreign Assets Control (OFAC), which is amending the *Cuban Assets Control Regulations* (31 C.F.R. part 515)

### **BIS amends Entity List**

On March 8, 2016, BIS published in the *Federal Register* a [final rule](#) [Docket No. 160106014-6014-01] that amends the *Export Administration Regulations* (EAR) by adding four entities to the Entity List. The U.S. Government has determined that the four entities are acting contrary to the national security or foreign policy interests of the United States. The four entities will be listed on the Entity List under the destinations of People's Republic of China (China) and Iran.

### **Export Control Reform - conforming change to defense sales offset reporting requirements**

On March 1, 2016, BIS published in the *Federal Register* a [final rule](#) [Docket No. 150825780-6125-02] that requires reporting of offsets agreements in connection with sales of items controlled on the United States Munitions List (USML) and items controlled in "600 series" Export Control Classification Numbers (ECCNs) on the Commerce Control List (CCL) except for certain submersible and semi-submersible cargo transport vessels and related items that are not on the control lists of any of the multilateral export control regimes of which the United States is a member. Since the early 1990s, BIS has required reporting of offsets agreements in connection with sales of items controlled on the USML. Those reporting

requirements will continue, unchanged by this rule. Beginning on October 15, 2013, some items have been removed from the USML and been added to 600 series ECCNs. These items were subject to offsets reporting requirements prior to being added to 600 series ECCNs. Some other items have been moved from non- 600 series ECCNs to 600 series ECCNs as part of the Administration's Export Control Reform Initiative. This rule requires reporting of offsets agreements in connection with sales of items controlled in 600 series ECCNs regardless of whether the item was added to a 600 series ECCN simultaneously with its removal from the USML or was subject to the EAR prior to its inclusion in a 600 series ECCN, except for certain submersible and semi-submersible cargo transport vessels and related items that are not on the control lists of any of the multilateral export control regimes of which the United States is a member. The changes made by this rule were the subject of a proposed rule for which BIS received no comments. This final rule adopts the text of the proposed rule without change.

The final rule was effective March 31, 2016.

### 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
03-02-16	State: <a href="#">In the Matter of the Review of the Designation of Al-Qa'ida in the Arabian Peninsula (and Other Aliases) as a Foreign Terrorist Organization Pursuant to Section 219 of the Immigration and Nationality Act</a> [Public Notice: 9460] (N)
03-10-16	State: <a href="#">In the Matter of the Review of the Designation of the Palestine Liberation Front (PLF) (and other aliases) as a Foreign Terrorist Organization Pursuant to Section 219 of the Immigration and Nationality Act, as Amended</a> [Public Notice: 9468] (N)
03-11-16	OFAC: <a href="#">Sanctions Actions Pursuant to Executive Order 13667</a> (N) [one individual and one entity]
	OFAC: <a href="#">Sanctions Actions Pursuant to the Zimbabwe Sanctions Regulations</a> (N) [two entities]
03-14-16	OFAC: <a href="#">Additional Designations, Foreign Narcotics Kingpin Designation Act</a> (N) [individual and entity]
	OFAC: <a href="#">Unblocking of One Entity Pursuant to Executive Order 13067</a> (N) [one entity]
	OFAC: <a href="#">Changes to Sanctions Lists Administered by the Office of Foreign Assets Control on Implementation Day Under the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action</a> (N) [see brief above]
03-14-16	State: <a href="#">In the Matter of the Designation of Abdul Saboor, aka Engineer Saboor, aka Abdul Saboor Nasratyar as a Specially Designated Global Terrorist</a> [Public Notice 9474] (N)
	State: <a href="#">In the Matter of the Designation of Abdullah Nowbahar as a Specially Designated Global Terrorist Pursuant to Section 1(b) of Executive Order 13224, as Amended</a> [Public Notice: 9475] (N)
03-15-16	State: <a href="#">Additional Designation of North Korean Entities Pursuant to Executive Order 13382</a> [Public Notice: 9481] (N)
03-18-16	State: <a href="#">Additional Designation of a North Korean Entity Pursuant to Executive Order 13382</a> [Public Notice: 9464] (N)
03-19-16	BIS: <a href="#">Addition of Certain Persons and Modification to Entries on the Entity List; and Removal of Certain Persons From the Entity List</a> [Docket No. 160229152-6152-01] (FR)
03-23-16	OFAC: <a href="#">Sanctions Actions Pursuant to Executive Orders 13382 and 13551</a> (N)

F.R. Date	Applicable orders
	<i>[six individuals and one entity (13382) and three entities (13551)]</i> OFAC: <a href="#">Sanctions Actions Pursuant to Executive Orders 13382 and 13687</a> (N) <i>[three individuals (13382) and seven individuals and two entities(13687)]</i>
03-24-16	State: <a href="#">In the Matter of the Designation of Santoso Also Known as (aka) Abu Wardah as-Syargi aka Abu Warda aka Abu Yahya as a Specially Designated Global Terrorist Pursuant to Section 1(b) of Executive Order 13224, as Amended</a> [Public Notice: 9494] (N)
03-25-16	OFAC: <a href="#">Sanctions Actions Pursuant to Executive Orders 13469 and 13224</a> (N) <i>[one individual (13469) and one entity(13224)]</i>

## 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
03-07-16	FTC: <a href="#">Guides for the Jewelry, Precious Metals, and Pewter Industries</a> (PR/E)
03-10-16	CPSC: <a href="#">Statement of Policy on Enforcement Discretion Regarding General Conformity Certificates for Adult Wearing Apparel Exempt From Testing</a> (N)
03-23-16	CPSC: <a href="#">Safety Standard for Architectural Glazing Materials</a> [CPSC Docket No. CPSC–2012–0049] (FR)
03-28-16	CPSC: <a href="#">Safety Standard for Portable Hook-On Chairs</a> [Docket No. CPSC–2015–0016] (FR)

## 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
03-07-16	<a href="#">A Dietary Supplement Labeling Guide:Chapter II. Identity Statement: Guidance for Industry; Availability</a> [Docket No. FDA–2004–D–0544 (formerly 2004D–0487)] (N) <a href="#">Canned Tuna Deviating From Identity Standard: Temporary Permit for Market Testing</a> [Docket No. FDA–2012–P–1189] (N)
03-11-16	<a href="#">Acrylamide in Foods: Guidance for Industry; Availability</a> [Docket No. FDA–2013–D–0715] (N)
03-18-16	<a href="#">Use of Materials Derived From Cattle in Human Food and Cosmetics</a> [Docket No. FDA–2004–N–0188; (Formerly 2004N–0081)] (FR)
03-21-16	<a href="#">Global Nutrition International; Filing of Food Additive Petition (Animal Use)</a> [Docket No. FDA–2016–F–0784] (N)

## USDA formally removes COOL requirements

On March 2, 2016, the Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS), U.S. Department of Agriculture published in the *Federal Register* a [final rule](#) [Document No. AMS–LPS–16–0002] that amends the *Country of Origin Labeling* (COOL) regulations to remove muscle cut beef and pork, and ground beef and pork from mandatory COOL requirements. The COOL regulations are issued pursuant to the *Agricultural Marketing Act of 1946* (Act). The Agency is issuing this rule to conform with amendments to the Act contained in the *Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2016*.

The *Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2016* amended the Act to remove muscle cut beef and pork, and ground beef and pork from COOL requirements in order to

bring the United States into compliance with its international trade obligations. The Agency is issuing this rule to conform to these amendments.

## APHIS and other USDA notices issued

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

F.R. Date	Subject
03-01-16	AMS: <a href="#">United States Standards for Grades of Carcass Beef</a> [Doc. No. AMS-LPS-15-0050] (N)
	AMS: <a href="#">Christmas Tree Promotion, Research, and Information Order; Late Payment and Interest Charges on Past Due Assessments</a> [Document Number AMS-SC-15-0072] (PR)
	GIPSA: <a href="#">Reauthorization of the United States Grain Standards Act; Extension of Comment Period; Correction</a> (PR/C)
03-02-16	AMS: <a href="#">Removal of Mandatory Country of Origin Labeling Requirements for Beef and Pork Muscle Cuts, Ground Beef, and Ground Pork</a> [Document No. AMS-LPS-16-0002] (FR)
	FSIS: <a href="#">Codex Alimentarius Commission: Meeting of the Codex Committee on General Principles</a> [Docket No. FSIS-2016-0001] (N/H/RFC)
03-10-16	AMS: <a href="#">National Organic Program; Notice of Availability of National List Petition Guidelines</a> [Document Number AMS-NOP-16-0003; NOP-15-09] (N)
03-11-16	APHIS: <a href="#">International Sanitary and Phytosanitary Standard-Setting Activities</a> [Docket No. APHIS-2015-0105] (N/RFC)
	APHIS: <a href="#">Brucellosis and Bovine Tuberculosis: Update of General Provisions</a> [Docket No. APHIS-2011-0044] (PR/E)
03-14-16	APHIS: <a href="#">Notice of Availability of a Pest Risk Analysis for the Importation of Fresh Pomegranates From Peru Into the Continental United States</a> [Docket No. APHIS-2016-0012] (N)
	APHIS: <a href="#">Notice of Availability of a Pest Risk Analysis for the Importation of Fresh Figs From Peru Into the Continental United States</a> [Docket No. APHIS-2016-0011] (N)
03-16-16	AMS: <a href="#">Amendment to the Beef Promotion and Research Rules and Regulations</a> [No. AMS-LPS-15-0084] P(R) [to increase assessment levels for imported veal and veal products]
03-23-16	FSIS: <a href="#">Codex Alimentarius Commission: Meeting of the Codex Committee on Food Labeling</a> [Docket No. FSIS-2016-0003] (N)

## FAS GAIN reports

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

- Argentina - [FAIRS - Narrative](#)
- Brazil - [Brazil Increases Biodiesel Use Mandate](#)
- Canada - [Canada Rolls Out New Policy on Food Safety Private Certification](#)
- Canada - [CFIA's New Policy on Incorporation by Reference](#)
- China - [AQSIQ Revised Risk level and Inspection methods for Imports of Feed](#)

- China - [China Collects Comments on Crop Seed Labelling](#)
- China - [China Collects Comments on Seed Production and Operation Licensing](#)
- China - [Final Standard for Fresh and Frozen Aquatic Animal Product](#)
- China - [National Food Safety Standard - Beverages](#)
- China - [National Food Safety Standard - Edible Animal Oils](#)
- China - [National Food Safety Standard - Jellies](#)
- China - [National Food Safety Standard- Canned Food](#)
- China - [National Food Safety Standard-Edible Oil Products](#)
- China - [National Food Safety Standard-Edible Vegetable Oil Seeds](#)
- China - [National Food Safety Standard-Egg and Egg Products](#)
- China - [National Food Safety Standard-Frozen Beverages and Its Materials](#)
- China - [National Food Safety Standard-Processed aquatic products of animal](#)
- Czech Rep. - [Exporter Guide](#)
- Czech Rep. - [FAIRS - Narrative](#)
- India - [FSSAI Invites Comments Related to Oats and Pasta Products](#)
- India - [Pre-Arrival Document Scrutiny in the Food Import Clearance System](#)
- India - [WTO Notified Draft Health Certificate for Dog and Cat Food Imports](#)
- Korea, S. - [Korea's Special Act on Imported Food Safety Management](#)

## CITA requests comments on commercial availability request under US-Morocco FTA

On March 1, 2016, the Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements (CITA) published in the *Federal Register* a [request for public comments](#) concerning a request for modification of the *U.S.-Morocco Free Trade Agreement* (US-MFTA) rules of origin for 100% viscose woven fabric. On January 27, 2016, the Government of the United States received a request from the Government of Morocco (GOM), on behalf of HTL FASHION to initiate consultations with the GOM under Article 4.3.3 of the USMFTA. The GOM is requesting that the United States and Morocco (“the Parties”) consider revising the rules of origin for dresses, skirts, and blouses and tops to address availability of supply of 100% viscose woven fabric in the territories of the Parties. The President of the United States may proclaim a modification to the USMFTA rules of origin for textile and apparel products after reaching an agreement with the GOM on a modification under Article 4.3.6 of the USMFTA to address issues of availability of supply of fibers, yarns, or fabrics in the territories of the Parties.

CITA is soliciting public comments on this request, in particular with regard to whether 100% viscose woven fabric of *Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States* (HTSUS) subheading 5408.24 can be supplied by the U.S. domestic industry in commercial quantities in a timely manner. Comments must be submitted by March 31, 2016.

## Government procurement: DoD issues DFARS rule regarding Buy American and Balance of Payments program

On March 25, 2016, the Defense Acquisition Regulations System, Department of Defense (DoD) published in the *Federal Register* a [final rule](#) [Docket DARS–2015–0053] amending the *Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement* (DFARS) to clarify how the clause prescription addresses applicability when an exception to the Buy American statute or Balance of Payments Program applies.

The final rule adopts a proposed rule published in the *Federal Register* at 80 Fed. Reg. 72672 on November 20, 2015.

## 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
03-02-16	Environmental Protection Agency (EPA): <a href="#">Premanufacture Notice for a Certain New Chemical; Extension of Review Period</a> [EPA-HQ-OPPT-2016-0099; FRL-9942-65] (N)
	EPA and National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA): <a href="#">Greenhouse Gas Emissions and Fuel Efficiency Standards for Medium- and Heavy-Duty Engines and Vehicles— Phase 2—Notice of Data Availability</a> [EPA-HQ-OAR-2014-0827; NHTSA-2014-0132; FRL-9942-94-OAR] (N)
	EPA: <a href="#">Penoxsulam; Pesticide Tolerances</a> [EPA-HQ-OPP-2014-0879; FRL-9940-36] (FR)
	EPA: <a href="#">Alpha-[2,4,6-Tris[1-(phenyl)ethyl]phenyl]-Omega-hydroxy poly(oxyethylene) poly(oxypropylene) copolymer; Tolerance Exemption</a> [EPA-HQ-OPP-2015-0485; FRL-9942-48] (FR)
03-03-16	EPA: <a href="#">Fluensulfone; Pesticide Tolerance for Emergency Exemption</a> [EPA-HQ-OPP-2015-0475; FRL-9942-10] (FR)
	NHTSA: <a href="#">Decision That Certain Nonconforming Model Year 2006–2007 European Market Ferrari 599 GTB Passenger Cars Manufactured Prior to September 2007 Are Eligible for Importation</a> [Docket No. NHTSA-2013-0109, Notice 2]
03-04-16	Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA): <a href="#">Schedules of Controlled Substances: Placement of 10 Synthetic Cathinones Into Schedule I</a> [Docket No. DEA-436] (PR)
	DEA: <a href="#">Schedules of Controlled Substances: Extension of Temporary Placement of 10 Synthetic Cathinones in Schedule I of the Controlled Substances Act</a> [Docket No. DEA-386] (Final Order)
	Energy: <a href="#">Energy Conservation Program for Consumer Products and Certain Commercial and Industrial Equipment: Supplemental Proposed Determination of Miscellaneous Refrigeration Products as Covered Products</a> [Docket No. EERE-2011-BT-DET-0072] (PR)
	EPA: <a href="#">Flubendiamide; Notice of Intent To Cancel Pesticide Registrations</a> [EPA-HQ-OPP-2007-0099; FRL-9943-25] (N)
03-07-16	Energy: <a href="#">Energy Conservation Program: Certification and Enforcement—Import Data Collection; Notice of Extension of Comment Period</a> [Docket No. EERE-2015-BT-CE-0019] (N/RO)
03-08-16	EPA: <a href="#">Amitraz, Carfentrazone-ethyl, Ethephon, Malathion, Mancozeb, et al.; Tolerance Actions; Correction</a> [EPA-HQ-OPP-2014-0194; FRL-9942-24] (FR/C)
	EPA: <a href="#">Fluopyram; Pesticide Tolerances</a> [EPA-HQ-OPP-2015-0443; FRL-9943-21] (FR)
	EPA: <a href="#">Zoxamide; Pesticide Tolerances</a> [EPA-HQ-OPP-2014-0922; FRL-9942-18] (FR)
	EPA: <a href="#">1-Bromopropane (1-BP); Availability of TSCA Work Plan Chemical Risk Assessment for Public Review and Comment</a> [EPA-HQ-OPPT-2015-0084; FRL-9942-68] (N)
	National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA): <a href="#">Identification of Nations Engaged in Illegal, Unreported, or Unregulated Fishing, Bycatch, or Shark Fishing</a> (N/RFI)
03-09-16	NHTSA: <a href="#">Decision That Nonconforming Model Year 2012 Fisker Karma Passenger Cars Are Eligible for Importation</a> [Docket No. NHTSA-2015-0107, Notice 2] Grant of petition
03-10-16	Commerce, International Trade Adm. (ITA): <a href="#">Request for Applicants for Appointment to the United States Section of the United States-Turkey Business Council</a> (N)

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	NHTSA: <a href="#">Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards; Electric-Powered Vehicles; Electrolyte Spillage and Electrical Shock Protection</a> [Docket No. NHTSA-2016-0029] (PR)
03-11-16	NHTSA: <a href="#">Make Inoperative Exemptions; Vehicle Modifications To Accommodate People With Disabilities, Roof Crush Resistance</a> [Docket No. NHTSA-2016-0031] (PR)
03-14-16	Energy: <a href="#">Energy Conservation Program: Energy Conservation Standards for General Service Lamps</a> [Docket Number EERE-2013-BT-STD-0051] (N)
03-14-16	Energy: <a href="#">Energy Efficiency Program for Consumer Products: Energy Conservation Standards for Ceiling Fans: Availability of the Preliminary Technical Support Document</a> [Docket No. EERE-2012-BT-STD-0045] (N/E)
03-15-16	Commerce: <a href="#">Advisory Committee on Supply Chain Competitiveness; Public Meetings</a> (N/H) [April 20-21, 2016]
03-16-16	NHTSA: <a href="#">Decision That Nonconforming Model Year 2008-2010 Alfa Romeo 8C Spider Passenger Cars Are Eligible for Importation</a> [Docket No. NHTSA-2015-0106, Notice 2]
03-16-16	EPA: <a href="#">Receipt of Several Pesticide Petitions Filed for Residues of Pesticide Chemicals in or on Various Commodities</a> [EPA-HQ-OPP-2015-0032; FRL-9942-86] (N)
03-16-16	EPA: <a href="#">Certain New Chemicals; Receipt and Status Information for January 2016</a> [EPA-HQ-OPPT-2016-0020; FRL-9943-49] (N)
03-16-16	EPA: <a href="#">Pesticide Product Registration; Receipt of Applications for New Active Ingredients</a> [EPA-HQ-OPP-2015-0021; FRL-9943-18] (N)
03-16-16	EPA: <a href="#">Pesticide Product Registration; Receipt of Applications for New Uses</a> [EPA-HQ-OPP-2015-0022 FRL-9943-20] (N)
03-16-16	EPA: <a href="#">Dicloran (DCNA); Notice of Receipt of Request to Voluntarily Amend Registrations to Terminate Certain Uses</a> [EPA-HQ-OPP-2005-0265; FRL-9941-37] (N)
03-16-16	Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA): <a href="#">Inspection, Repair, and Maintenance; Periodic Inspection of Commercial Motor Vehicles; Acceptance of Mexico's NOM-068-SCT-2-2014 Inspection Program</a> (N)
03-17-16	Energy: <a href="#">Energy Conservation Program: Energy Conservation Standards for General Service Lamps</a> [Docket Number EERE-2013-BT-STD-0051] (PR/H)
03-17-16	Energy: <a href="#">Energy Conservation Program: Test Procedures for Certain Categories of General Service Lamps</a> [Docket No. EERE-2016-BT-TP-0005] (PR)
03-17-16	EPA: <a href="#">Receipt of Test Data Under the Toxic Substances Control Act</a> [EPA-HQ-OPPT-2013-0677; FRL-9943-57] (N)
03-18-16	NMFS/NOAA: <a href="#">Endangered and Threatened Species; Identification of 14 Distinct Population Segments of the Humpback Whale (Megaptera novaeangliae) and Proposed Revision of Species-Wide Listing</a> (PR)
03-22-16	DEA: <a href="#">Schedules of Controlled Substances: Placement of UR-144, XLR11, and AKB48 Into Schedule I; Correction</a> [Docket No. DEA-417C] (PR/C)
03-23-16	NMFS/NOAA: <a href="#">Enhanced Document Requirements and Captain Training Requirements To Support Use of the Dolphin Safe Label on Tuna Products</a> [Docket No.: 160204080-6080-01] (IFR)
03-23-16	DEA: <a href="#">Schedules of Controlled Substances: Temporary Placement of Butyryl Fentanyl and Beta-Hydroxythiofentanyl Into Schedule I</a> [Docket No. DEA-434] (N)
03-23-16	Energy: <a href="#">Energy Conservation Program for Consumer Products: Representative Average Unit Costs of Energy</a> (N)
03-23-16	Energy: <a href="#">Energy Conservation Program: Test Procedure for Pumps; Correction</a> [Docket No. EERE-2013-BT-TP-0055] (FR/C)
03-24-16	Energy: <a href="#">Energy Conservation Program: Energy Conservation Standards for Commercial Packaged Boilers</a> [Docket Number EERE-2013-BT-STD-0030] (PR/H)
03-25-16	DEA: <a href="#">Exempt Chemical Preparations Under the Controlled Substances Act</a> [Docket No. DEA-372] (N/RFC)
03-28-16	EPA: <a href="#">Mandipropamid; Pesticide Tolerances</a> [EPA-HQ-OPP-2015-0031; FRL-9943-00] (FR)
03-29-16	EPA: <a href="#">Partial Exemption of Certain Chemical Substances From Reporting Additional Chemical Data</a> [EPA-HQ-OPPT-2014-0809; FRL-9941-19] (FR)

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	EPA: <a href="#">Receipt of a Pesticide Petition Filed for Residues of Pesticide Chemicals in or on Various Commodities</a> [EPA-HQ-OPP-2016-0034; FRL-9943-67] (N)
	EPA: <a href="#">Pesticide Experimental Use Permit; Receipt of Application; Comment Request</a> [EPA-HQ-OPP-2016-0035; FRL-9944-06] (N)
03-30-16	EPA: <a href="#">Salicylaldehyde; Exemption from the Requirement of a Tolerance</a> [EPA-HQ-OPP-2015-0019; FRL-9944-12] (FR)
	NHTSA: <a href="#">Decision That Nonconforming Model Year 2014 Mercedes-Benz SLK Class Passenger Cars Are Eligible for Importation</a> [Docket No. NHTSA-2015-0083, Notice 2] (Grant of petition)
03-31-16	EPA: <a href="#">Pendimethalin; Tolerance Exemptions; Technical Correction</a> [EPA-HQ-OPP-2014-0397; FRL-9943-79] (FR/C)
	Internal Revenue Service: <a href="#">Excise Tax; Tractors, Trailers, Trucks, and Tires; Definition of Highway Vehicle</a> [REG-103380-05] (PR)
	NMFS/NOAA: <a href="#">Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act; Seafood Import Monitoring Program</a> [Docket No. 150507434-5999-01] (PR/E)

### Commerce modifies regulations regarding ADD price adjustments

On March 24, 2016, Enforcement and Compliance, International Trade Administration, Department of Commerce (Commerce) published in the *Federal Register* a [final rule](#) [Docket No. 140929814-6136-02] modifying its regulations pertaining to price adjustments in antidumping duty proceedings. These modifications clarify that Commerce does not intend to accept a price adjustment that is made after the time of sale unless the interested party demonstrates, to the satisfaction of Commerce, its entitlement to such an adjustment. Commerce has further adopted in the final rule a non-exhaustive list of factors that it may consider in determining whether to accept a price adjustment that is made after the time of sale. The final rule is effective on April 25, 2016 and will apply to all proceedings initiated on or after that date.

### Commerce publishes list of scope rulings and anticircumvention determinations

On March 17, 2016, Enforcement and Compliance, International Trade Administration, Department of Commerce (Commerce) published in the *Federal Register* a list of scope rulings and anticircumvention determinations made between July 1, 2015, and September 30, 2015, inclusive. Commerce intends to publish future lists after the close of the next calendar quarter. Scope rulings were issued in the following cases:

- A-201-805: Circular Welded Non-Alloy Steel Pipe From Mexico
- A-588-845: Stainless Steel Sheet and Strip in Coils From Japan
- A-570-967 and C-570-968: Aluminum Extrusions From the People's Republic of China
- A-570-983 and C-570-984: Drawn Stainless Steel Sinks From the People's Republic of China
- A-570-909: Certain Steel Nails From the People's Republic of China
- A-570-970: Multilayered Wood Flooring From the People's Republic of China
- A-570-832: Pure Magnesium From the People's Republic of China
- A-580-834 and A-580-835: Stainless Steel Sheet and Strip in Coils From Republic of Korea
- A-583-831: Stainless Steel Sheet and Strip in Coils From Taiwan

Anticircumvention determinations were issued in the following case:

- A-520-803: Polyethylene Terephthalate Film, Sheet, and Strip From the United Arab Emirates

## 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
14-03-16	Commerce: <a href="#">Resolution 32/2016 (11-03-16) Amending Res. 5/2015 regarding Import Licensing</a>
16-03-16	Federal Public Revenue Administration (AFIP): <a href="#">General Resolution 3836 (15-03-16) Process. Law No. 11,683, text ordered in 1998 and its amendments. Easy payment scheme. General Resolution No. 3,827. Modification</a>
28-03-16	AFIP: <a href="#">General Resolution 3840 (23-03-16) Process. Special Regime Release and Storage Electronic Voucher Originals. General Resolutions No. 3749 and No. 3779. Their respective amended and supplemented. Further standard.</a>
29-03-16	National Administration of Medicines, Food and Medical Technology (ANMATM): <a href="#">Disp. Nº 108/2016 (13-01-16) Marketing ban on certain food products</a>
30-03-16	ANMATM: <a href="#">Disp. Nº 2841/2016 (22-03-16) Prohibition on use and commercialization of certain medical products</a>
	ANMATM: <a href="#">Disp. Nº 2862/2016 (22-03-16) Prohibition on use and commercialization of certain medical products</a>

### 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
29-02-16	<a href="#">SECEX Ordinance No. 10 (26-02-16)</a> Terminates the special procedure of non - preferential origin check with the qualification of Thailand origin for the product "porcelain objects to the table, regardless of their degree of porosity "(NCM 6911.10.10, 6911.10.90, 6911.90.00 and 6912.00.00), declared as produced by INDRA CERAMIC CO business. LTD.
	<a href="#">SECEX Ordinance No. 11 (26-02-16)</a> Terminates review of the special procedure of preferential origin verification, maintaining the disqualification of Bangladesh origin for the product "porcelain objects to table, regardless of their degree of porosity "(NCM 6911.10.10, 6911.10.90, 6911.90.00 and 6912.00.00), declared as produced by the company Shinepukur Ceramics Ltd.
01-03-16	<a href="#">CAMEX Resolution No. 16 (29-02-16)</a> Changes the principal representative of the Republic Presidency of the House of the Export Financing and Guarantee Committee - COFIG.

DOU Date	Subject
	<a href="#">CAMEX Resolution No. 17 (29-02-16)</a> Dismissal of the request for reconsideration submitted in the face of CAMEX Resolution № 121, 2015.
	<a href="#">CAMEX Resolution No. 19 (29-02-16)</a> Dismissal of the request for reconsideration submitted in the face of CAMEX Resolution № 110, 2015
18-03-16	<a href="#">SECEX Ordinance No. 12, (17-03-16)</a> - Amends Ordinance SECEX No. 23 of July 14, 2011, to provide for the distribution of tariff export quotas to Mexico that is the Fifth Protocol to the Appendix Bilateral II "on Trade in the Automotive Sector between Brazil and Mexico , " the Economic Complementation Agreement No. 55 - MERCOSUR / Mexico.
28-03-16	<a href="#">CAMEX Resolution No. 21 (24-03-16)</a> - Changes to 2% (two percent) the rates of import duty levied on the IT and telecommunications goods, the ex-tariff condition.
	<a href="#">CAMEX Resolution No. 22 (24-03-16)</a> - Changes to 2% (two percent) the rates of import duty levied on capital goods, the ex-tariff condition, and other measures.
	<a href="#">CAMEX Resolution No. 23 (28-03-16)</a> - Changes the constant auto parts list in Annex I of CAMEX Resolution n ° 116 of 18 December 2014.
	<a href="#">CAMEX Resolution No. 24 (24-03-16)</a> - Change the auto parts lists in Annexes I and II of CAMEX Resolution n ° 116 of 18 December 2014.
	<a href="#">CAMEX Resolution No. 26 (24-03-16)</a> - Revokes art. 4 of CAMEX Resolution № 62 of 22 July 2015
	<a href="#">CAMEX Resolution No. 27 (24-03-16)</a> - Changes the Brazilian Exceptions List the Common External Tariff of MERCOSUR.
	<a href="#">CAMEX Resolution No. 28 (24-03-16)</a> - Changes the Brazilian Exceptions List the Common External Tariff of MERCOSUR
	<a href="#">CAMEX Resolution No. 29 (24-03-16)</a> - Delegates authority to issue certificates and supervision of plant health, sanitary or hygienic-sanitary and repealing resolutions of the National Foreign Trade Council (Concex).

## 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
03-03-16	Ministry of Foreign Affairs: <a href="#">Decree № 184 Promulgating the agreement relative to the updating from the 2007 to the 2012 Harmonized System for the Tariff Schedules of the Chile – Thailand Free Trade Agreement</a>
	National Customs Service (NCS): <a href="#">Resolution № 1059 amending the Compendium of Customs Regulations (Norms)</a>
	NCS: <a href="#">Resolution № 1060 amending the Compendium of Customs Regulations (Norms)</a>
18-03-16	Hacienda: <a href="#">Decree № 47 - Declares International Exhibition China Machinery &amp; Electronic Products - Brand China, Chile 2016</a>
19-03-16	Foreign Affairs: <a href="#">Decree № 167 - Establishing composition of the Joint Advisory Committee created In Article 10 of the Convention of Association signed between Chile and the European Union on 18 November 2002</a>
24-03-16	Foreign Affairs: <a href="#">Decree № 228 Signing the Convention Abolishing the Requirement of Legalization for Foreign Public Documents</a>
30-03-16	Hacienda: <a href="#">Decree № 96 applying rebates for customs duties on sugar imports</a>

Date	Subject
	<a href="#">of crude sugar, refined sugar grade 1 and 2, and refined sugar grade 3 and 4, and substandard</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 and [Classification Opinions](#) (Dictámenes de Clasificación) from 1993-2009 are available. Post entry [Classification, valuation and origin decisions on claims](#) (fallos de reclamaciones) at the first and second instance levels from 2003 to the present are also available.

## Colombia

### TPTA information

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

### Tariff Classification Resolutions

Tariff Classification Resolutions issued in 2013 may be found at [http://www.dian.gov.co/DIAN/13Normatividad.nsf/pages/Clasificacion\\_arancelarias\\_2013](http://www.dian.gov.co/DIAN/13Normatividad.nsf/pages/Clasificacion_arancelarias_2013). For prior years, please see [http://www.dian.gov.co/DIAN/13Normatividad.nsf/pages/Clasificaciones\\_arancelarias](http://www.dian.gov.co/DIAN/13Normatividad.nsf/pages/Clasificaciones_arancelarias).

## 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
02-03-16	Promotion Commission of Peru for Export and Tourism: <a href="#">Resolution No. 035-2016-PROMPERÚ / SG</a> - Approve selling prices for promotional activities carried out exports to US and Peru
	External Relations: <a href="#">Understanding for the implementation of Article 18.8 of the Trade Promotion Agreement Peru - United States</a>
	External Relations: <a href="#">International Convention - Entry into force of Understanding to implement Article 18.8 of the Trade Promotion Agreement Peru - United States</a>
	External Relations: <a href="#">Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the Government of the United States of America the Government of the Republic of Peru</a>

Date	Subject
	<p><a href="#">and the General Secretariat of the Organization of American States relative to a Secretariat for requests on matters of environmental compliance in accordance with the Peru-United States Trade Promotion Agreement</a></p> <p>External Relations: <a href="#">International Convention – Entry into Force of the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the Government of the United States of America the Government of the Republic of Peru and the General Secretariat of the Organization of American States relative to a Secretariat for requests on matters of environmental compliance in accordance with the Peru-United States Trade Promotion Agreement</a></p>
03-03-16	SUNAT: <a href="#">Resolution of Superintendent No. 070 -2016 / SUNAT - Approve amendment of the Rules of Organization and Functions of the Superintendencia Nacional de Administración Tributaria - SUNAT</a>
05-03-16	Agriculture and Irrigation: <a href="#">Directorial Resolution N° 0022-2016-MINAGRI-SENASA-DIAIA - Change the glossary of terms the procedure for the determination of equivalence of chemical pesticides for agricultural use approved with RD No. 0002-2016-MINAGRI-SENASA-DIAIA</a>
12-03-16	<p>External Relations: <a href="#">supreme Resolution No. 038-2016-RE Delegated powers to the Minister of Agriculture and Irrigation to sign the Charter Exchange on certification requirements for meat and meat products from the United States.</a></p> <p>External Relations: <a href="#">Supreme Resolution No. 039-2016-RE Delegated powers to the Minister of Foreign Trade and Tourism to sign the Charter Exchange on certification requirements for meat and meat products from the United States</a></p> <p>Economy and Finance: <a href="#">Ministerial Resolution No. 088-2016-EF / 15 They have published on the website of the Ministry of draft Supreme Decree amending the Regulations of the General Customs Act and its preamble</a></p> <p>External Relations: <a href="#">Supreme Resolution No. 039-2016-RE Delegated powers to the Minister of Foreign Trade and Tourism to sign the Charter Exchange on certification requirements for meat and meat products from the United States</a></p> <p>External Relations: <a href="#">Supreme Resolution No. 040-2016-RE Delegated powers to the Minister of Health to sign the Letter of Exchange on certification requirements for meat and meat products from the United States</a></p>
16-03-16	Agriculture and Irrigation: <a href="#">Directorial Resolution No. 0010-2016-MINAGRI-SENASA-DSA Establish specific mandatory health requirements for imports of meat and edible offal chilled or frozen bovine from US</a>
18-03-16	<p>External Relations: <a href="#">Ministerial Resolution No. 0224 / RE-2016 Have published summary of UNSC Resolution 2262 (2016) on the situation in the Central African Republic</a></p> <p>Economy and Finance: <a href="#">Vice Ministerial Resolution No. 006-2016-EF / 15.01 CIF reference prices for the application of additional variable duty or tariff reduction on imports of sugar corn rice and whole milk powder</a></p>
19-03-16	Agriculture and Irrigation: <a href="#">Directorial Resolution No. 0009-2016-MINAGRI-SENASA-DSA Establish specific health requirements mandatory for the return of Peruvian horses that were temporarily exported to Brazil</a>
23-03-16	<p>National Customs and Tax Administration: <a href="#">Resolution No. 084-2016 / SUNAT Approved the Integrated Virtual File System for electronic records led enforced collection procedure</a></p> <p>Foreign Trade and Tourism: <a href="#">Supreme Decree No. 002-2016--MINCETUR Implementation of the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the Government of the United States of America the Government of the Republic of Peru and the General Secretariat of the Organization of American States on a secretariat for applications on compliance matters environmental under Trade Promotion Agreement Peru - United States</a></p> <p>Foreign Trade and Tourism: <a href="#">Supreme Decree No. 001-2016- MINCETUR Implementation of the Understanding to implement Article 18.8 of the Trade Promotion Agreement Peru - United States</a></p>
24-03-16	External Relations: <a href="#">Convention- Entry into force of the Treaty on Arms Trade</a>
28-03-16	<p>Economy and Finance: <a href="#">Supreme Decree No. 055-2016--EF Supreme Decree No. 115-2001 modified EF-establishing the Price Band System applicable to imports of various agricultural products</a></p> <p>Economy and Finance: <a href="#">Vice Ministerial Resolution No. 007-2016-EF / 15.01 Reference prices and additional variables rights referred to Supreme Decree No.</a></p>

Date	Subject
	<a href="#">115-2001-EF applicable to imports of sugar corn rice and whole milk powder</a>
29-03-16	Agriculture and Irrigation: <a href="#">Supreme Decree No. 004-2016-MINAGRI</a> <a href="#">Supreme Decree repeals Supreme Decree 058-2006-AG by which dictate conditions for imports of beef and beef products from the United States of America</a>

## Venezuela

### Revenue Service extends term for complying with labeling rules for alcoholic beverages

The National Integrated Service of Customs and Tax Administration (“Revenue Service” or SENIAT) has pushed back to 7 April 2016 the start of compliance with the alcoholic beverages labeling formalities issued through [Administrative Order No. SNAT/2015/0017](#) (*Official Gazette* No. 40,656 of 8 May 2015) (Order 0017). This order established the formalities that producers and importers of alcoholic beverages must follow for identifying the consumer's retail price on labels and bottles.

Originally, Order 0017 entered into force on 8 August 2015. However, the Revenue Service issued [Administrative Order No. SNAT/2015/0056](#) (*Official Gazette* No. 40,746 of 15 September 2015) (Order 0056), which extended Order 0017's entry into force until 6 January 2016. Lastly, the Revenue Service issued [Administrative Order No. SNAT/2016/0001](#) (*Official Gazette* No. 40,835 of 25 January 2016), which extended Order 0056's entry into force until 7 April 2016. As a result, producers and importers of alcoholic beverages will have until 7 April 2016 to comply with the labeling formalities of Order 0017.

For additional information, please contact [Ronald Evans](#), [José P. Barnola \(Jr.\)](#) or [Jorge Jraige](#) in our Caracas office.

## 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

### Anti-Dumping Commission provides information on verification procedures and reporting

[Anti-Dumping Notice No. 2016/30](#) dated 24 March 2016, provides interested parties with further information about practices and procedures followed by the Anti-Dumping Commission (the Commission) in relation to verification of financial and other data relevant to dumping and subsidy investigations and other operational activities. The Commission has recently examined its verification reporting practices and identified opportunities to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of those practices.

In the past, the Commission has been producing two versions of each verification report including, among other things, a considerable degree of detail with respect to the verification process; one confidential version and one non-confidential version. The latter is placed on the public record.

Feedback from interested parties has indicated that less focus on detailed process and greater focus on analysing important verification issues would represent an improvement in verification reporting.

The Commission will soon be adopting exception-based reporting for outlining the results of verification visits. The reports will display less detail in relation to verification process and will instead focus on more clearly presenting the Commission's findings, analysis, evidence relied upon and reasoning on key verification outcomes. This approach will provide more concise reports that are easier to understand, as well as reducing the time between verification visits and the publication of verification reports.

Exception-based reporting in exporter visit reports will, where relevant, continue to include outlines of key analysis and findings, including those in relation to:

- model and period matching;
- identifying who is the importer and who is the exporter;
- whether transactions are arms length;
- whether there were sufficient volumes of domestic sales made in the "ordinary course of trade";
- whether elements of costs reasonably reflect competitive market costs;
- adjustments to normal value to ensure proper comparison with export price;
- export price and normal value; and
- preliminary assessments of dumping and subsidy margins.

Australian industry visit reports will continue to include outlines of key analysis and findings in relation to:

- the scope of like goods;
- the Australian industry producing like goods;
- marketing and distribution;
- the economic condition of the industry (including price, volume and profit effects);
- causes of injury, including dumping and other factors; and
- non-injurious price.

Importer visit reports will continue to include outlines of key analysis and findings in relation to:

- identifying who is the importer and who is the exporter;
- whether transactions are arms length;
- export volumes and prices;
- post exportation charges, into-store costs, selling general and administrative expenses;
- selling prices in Australia of imported goods;
- profitability of sales; and
- causes of injury, including dumping and other factors.

As part of the shift to exception-based reporting, the Commission will also move to a practice of preparing only one version of verification visit reports. The report

will be in non-confidential format, such that it can be placed on the public record without redactions.

## Australia removes financial countermeasures for Iran

The Australian Government has removed the requirement for financial institutions to obtain a permit for financial transactions with Iran exceeding AUD 20,000. These were known as “financial countermeasures”. Previously, under the *Anti-Money Laundering and Counter-Terrorism Financing (Iran Countermeasures) Regulations 2014*, Australian financial institutions needed a permit to provide certain designated services to Iranian persons and entities for transactions exceeding AUD 20,000. The removal of the financial countermeasures was effective 27 February 2016.

The removal of the financial countermeasures follows the Australian Government in January 2016 lifting and suspending some of Australia’s UNSC and autonomous sanctions on Iran (Australia’s changes are in line with those made by other countries). Some sanctions are “suspended” while the legislative instruments are updated, so care should be taken in looking at the published sanctions to check for current treatment.

For additional information, please contact [Anne L. Petterd](#) of our Sydney office.

## DIBP notices and advices

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

Date	Series and No	Title
18-03-16	<a href="#">DIBP 2016/07</a>	Customs Duty Rate Changes for 1 April 2016 – Japan-Australia Economic Partnership Agreement
24-03-16	<a href="#">DIBP 2016/09</a>	Commerce (Imports) Regulations 1940 – Deferral of Sun-setting Date

## Australian Gazettes

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

Date	Matter
02-03-16	<a href="#">TC16-08</a>
09-03-16	<a href="#">TC16-09</a>
16-03-16	<a href="#">TC16-10</a>
23-03-16	<a href="#">TC16-11</a>

## Australian Tariff Precedents

The Department of Immigration and Border Protection (DIBP) and one of its predecessors, Australian Customs and Border Protection Service (ACBP) publish and post its [Tariff Precedent Files](#). Tariff Precedents are considered statements from Customs made to provide guidance on various classification issues.

## Antidumping and countervailing duty cases

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

## China (including Hong Kong SAR)

### MOFCOM and GAC notices

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

Date	Series and №	Subject
03-29-16	<a href="#">MOFCOM/GAC 12, 2016</a>	2016 Australian Wool country import tariff quota management implementation details

### Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Cases

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

## India

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

The following Central Board of Excise and Customs (CBEC) Customs notifications (NT-non tariff, T-tariff), circulars (Cir) and instructions (other than anti-dumping, countervailing duty and safeguard) and Directorate General of Foreign Trade (DGFT) notifications were issued during the period covered by this Update:

Date	Series and №	Subject
01-03-16	<a href="#">11/2016-Cus (T)</a>	Exempts CVD on imported media with recorded Information Technology Software on so much value as is equivalent to the value of the Information Technology Software recorded on the said media which is leviable to Service tax under Finance Act, 1994
	<a href="#">12/2016-Cus (T)</a>	Further amends Notification No. 12/2012-Customs, dated the 17.03.2012 so as to carry out Budgetary changes. Details are contained in Joint Secretary (TRU – I) DO letter dated 29.02.2016
	<a href="#">13/2016-Cus (T)</a>	Further amends Notification No. 171/93-Customs, dated the 16.09.1993 so as to increase the value limit for bonafide gifts imported by post or as air freight from Rs. 10,000 to Rs. 20,000
	<a href="#">14/2016-Cus (T)</a>	Further amends Notification No. 39/96-Customs, dated the 23.07.1996 so as to withdraw exemption of specified duties of customs on goods specified therein
	<a href="#">15/2016-Cus (T)</a>	Further amends Notification No. 27/2011-Customs, dated the 01.03.2011 so as to exempt duty of customs leviable under the Second Schedule, to the Customs Tariff Act, 1975 (51 of 1975) [Export Duty] on items specified therein.
	<a href="#">16/2016-Cus (T)</a>	Further amends Notification No. 21/2012-Customs, dated the 17.03.2012 so as to specify the rate of additional duty of customs leviable under sub-section 3 (5) of Customs Tariff Act, 1975 for items specified therein.
	<a href="#">17/2016-Cus (T)</a>	Further amends Notification No. 25/1999-Customs, dated 28.02.1999 so as to carry out Budgetary changes.
	<a href="#">18/2016-Cus (T)</a>	Further amends Notification No. 25/2002-Customs, dated the 01.03.2002 so as to carry out Budgetary changes.
	<a href="#">19/2016-Cus (T)</a>	Further amends Notification No. 24/2005-Customs, dated the 01.03.2005 so as to carry out Budgetary changes
	<a href="#">20/2016-Cus (T)</a>	Further amends Notification No. 230/86-Customs, dated the

Date	Series and №	Subject
		03.04.1986 so as to make suitable amendments to the Project Import Regulations, 1986.
	<a href="#">21/2016-Cus (T)</a>	Further amends Notification No. 42/96-Customs, dated the 23.07.1996 so as to make suitable amendments to the list of specified projects under heading 9801 of the first schedule to the Customs Tariff
	<a href="#">22/2016-Cus (T)</a>	Further amends Notification No. 81/2005-Customs, dated the 08.09.2005 so as to carry out Budgetary changes
	<a href="#">23/2016-Cus (T)</a>	Further amends Notification No. 72/1994-Customs, dated the 01.03.1994 relating to replacement aircraft parts
04-03-16	<a href="#">37/2016-Cus (NT)</a>	Notifies the India-ASEAN Trade in Goods Agreement (Safeguard Measures) Rules, 2016
08-03-16	<a href="#">Cir. 08/2016</a>	Dispensing of Customs Baggage Declaration Form for domestic passengers
11-08-16	<a href="#">Cir. 09/2016</a>	Clarification with regard to classification of 'Wireless microphone sets/systems consisting of one or more wireless microphones and a wireless receiver'
15-03-16	<a href="#">Cir. 10/2016</a>	Implementing Integrated Declaration under the Indian Customs Single Window
	<a href="#">Cir. 11/2016</a>	Clarification regarding other persons (co-noticees) used in sub-section (2) & sub-section (6) of the Section 28 of the Customs Act, 1962
	<a href="#">38/2016-Cus (NT)</a>	Tariff Notification in respect of Fixation of Tariff Value of Edible Oils, Brass Scrap, Poppy Seeds, Areca Nut, Gold and Sliver
	<a href="#">39/2016-Cus (NT)</a>	Amends Notification No. 32/2016-Cus (N.T.) dated 01.03.2016 [Customs (Import of Goods at Concessional Rate of Duty for Manufacture of Excisable Goods) Rules, 2016] so as to notify 16.03.2016 as the date from which the said rules will be effective. Further the requirement of submission of security for availing the benefit under the said notification is being done away with.
28-03-16	<a href="#">24/2016-Cus (T)</a>	Further amends notification No. 12/2012-Customs, dated the 17th March, 2012 so as to (i) continue BCD @ 25% on import of wheat beyond 31.03.2016 upto 30.06. 2016 (ii) retain BCD @ 40% on import of Ghee Butter and Butteroil, beyond 31.03.2016 for a period up to 30.09.2016
	<a href="#">Cir. 12/2016</a>	Prevention of use of non-genuine transferable duty credit scrips or DFIA (duty free import authorizations)
30-03-16	<a href="#">25/2016-Cus (T)</a>	Exemption from customs duty on cut/polished diamonds imported for testing/certification
31-03-16	<a href="#">26/2016-Cus (T)</a>	Superseding Notification No. 136/1990- Customs dated 20.03.1990
	<a href="#">27/2016-Cus (T)</a>	Superseding Notification No. 137/1990- Customs dated 20.03.1990
	<a href="#">28/2016-Cus (T)</a>	Amends Notification No. 69/2011-Customs, dated 29th July, 2011 so as to provide deeper tariff concessions in respect of specified goods imported under the India-Japan Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement (IJCEPA), w.e.f. 1st of April, 2016
	<a href="#">43/2016-Cus (NT)</a>	Amends Baggage Rules, 2016 Corrigendum
	<a href="#">44/2016-Cus (NT)</a>	Tariff Notification in respect of Fixation of Tariff Value of Edible Oils, Brass Scrap, Poppy Seeds, Areca Nut, Gold and Sliver
	DGFT Public Notice	
07-03-16	<a href="#">63/2015-2020</a>	Regarding :Amendment in Appendix 2C of Appendices and ANF of FTP 2015-20, list of agencies authorized to issue Generalized System of Preferences (GSP).
17-03-16	<a href="#">64/2015-2020</a>	Standard Input Output Norms under Chemical & Allied Product Group-reg.

Date	Series and №	Subject
21-03-16	<a href="#">65/2015-2020</a>	Regarding :Error correction in Focus Product Scheme (FPS) for export of "Other -Brakes and Servo Brakes and Part thereof "mentioned at SI. No. 608 of Appendix 37D as notified vide Public Notice 3 dated 05.06.2012 of Foreign Trade Policy 2009-2014.
	<a href="#">66/2015-2020</a>	Regarding :Allocation of additional quantity for export of sugar to USA under Tariff Rate Quota (TRQ).
30-03-16	<a href="#">67/2015-2020</a>	Regarding :Authorization of Textiles Committee to issue Certificate of Origin under various Free Trade Agreements/Preferential Trade Agreements -reg.
	DGFT Trade Notice	
23-03-16	<a href="#">21/2015</a>	Reconstitution of Board of Trade (BoT)
31-03-16	<a href="#">22/2015</a>	Clarifications on Trade Facilitation Measures

## Antidumping and countervailing duty cases

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

## Malaysia

### Federal Government Gazette

The following documents were published in the [Warta Kerajaan Persekutuan - Federal Government Gazette](#)

Date	Matter
03-03-16	<a href="#">P.U. (B) 93/2016 Notification of Values of Crude Petroleum Oil Under Section 12 - Customs Act 1967</a>
15-03-16	<a href="#">P.U. (A) 66/2016 Customs Duties (Exemption) (Amendment) Order 2016 - Customs Act 1967</a>
16-03-16	<a href="#">P.U. (B) 109/2016 Notification of Values of Crude Palm Oil Under Section 12 - Customs Act 1967</a>
	<a href="#">P.U. (B) 110/2016 Notification of Values of Crude Petroleum Oil Under Section 12 - Customs Act 1967</a>
18-03-16	<a href="#">P.U. (B) 116/2016 Notice of Initiation of Administrative Review of an Anti-Dumping Duty With Regard to the Imports of Cellulose Fibre Reinforced Cement Flat and Pattern Sheets Originating or Exported From the Kingdom of Thailand In Respect Of Mahaphant Fibre-Cement Public Company Limited - Countervailing And Anti-dumping Duties Act 1993</a>
24-03-16	<a href="#">P.U. (B) 123/2016 Notification of Values of Palm Kernel Under Section 12 - Customs Act 1967</a>
25-03-16	<a href="#">P.U. (B) 127/2016 Notification of Values of CRUDE Petroleum Oil Under Section 12 - Customs Act 1967</a>

## Customs rulings

Monthly compendiums of Customs classification rulings (with images where available) are available on the recently redesigned Royal Malaysian Customs Department website. Although the rulings are written in Malay, the product is usually listed in English and there are often English language descriptions and references to rulings in English from other Customs administrations. The rulings may be found under the topic: [Keputusan Ketetapan Kastam](#).

## New Zealand

### New Zealand Gazette

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

Date	Matter
08-03-16	<a href="#">Tariff Concession Approvals, Withdrawals and Declines Notice (No. 6) 2016</a> <a href="#">Tariff Concession (Advertisement) Notice No. 2016/6</a>
15-03-16	<a href="#">Tariff Concession (Advertisement) Notice No. 2016/7</a>
29-03-16	<a href="#">Tariff Concession Approvals, Withdrawals and Declines Notice (No. 8) 2016</a> <a href="#">Tariff Concession (Advertisement) Notice No. 2016/8</a>

## Singapore

Notices, circulars, etc.

Date	Reference	Matter
04-03-16	<a href="#">Circular No: 03/2016</a>	Advisory: GST Short Payment on Importation of Fish and Other Marine Products Through Jurong and Senoko Fishery Ports
16-03-16	<a href="#">Circular No: 04/2016</a>	Advisory: GST Relief on Importation of Goods, Excluding Intoxicating Liquors and Tobacco, by Air
21-03-16	<a href="#">Circular No: 05/2016</a>	Implementation of the Revised Rules of Origin (Roo) and Operational Certification Procedures (OCP) Under the Agreement Establishing the ASEAN-Australia-New Zealand Free Trade Area (AANZFTA)

## Vietnam

### Government documents

The following Government laws, decrees, decisions, notices and other documents related to international trade were posted by the General Department of Vietnam Customs on its [website](#). Translations are automated and unofficial [dd-mm-yy]:

Date	Reference and Matter
03-03-16	<a href="#">Decision No. 369 / QĐ-TCHQ dated 03.03.2016 of the General Administration of Customs Promulgating the Regulations implementing OSS in the General Department of Customs</a>
04-03-16	<a href="#">Decision No. 384 / QĐ-TCHQ dated 04.03.2016 of the General Administration of Customs Promulgating regulations on information exchange electronic customs declarations, obtained tax payment, deferred payment, fines, fees, and other charges, guarantee of tax on export, import and remittance charges, fees and other revenues for the revenue authorities through electronic payment gateway of Total Customs Department.</a>
07-03-16	<a href="#">Decision No. 862 / QĐ -BCT dated 07.03.2016 of the Ministry of Industry and Trade apply temporary safeguard measures.</a>
10-03-16	<a href="#">Decision No. 920 / QĐ -BCT dated 10.03.2016 of the Ministry of Industry and Trade Apply global safeguards.</a>
14-03-16	<a href="#">Official Letter No. 3357 / BTC-TCT dated 03.14.2016 of the Ministry of Finance V / V management refund VAT as prescribed by law.</a>
17-03-16	<a href="#">Circular No. 48/2016 / TT-BTC dated 17.03.2016 of the Ministry of Finance regarding tax rates amend the preferential import tax for some petrol, oil of heading 27.10 in the preferential import tariff long.</a>
18-03-16	<a href="#">Circular No. 51/2016 / TT-BTC dated 18/03/2016 of the Ministry of Finance amend and supplement the list of groups and commodity groups import tax rates on individual preference items for the production of iron or steel Recommended tire fishy chapter 98 of the preferential import tariff issued together with Circular</a>

Date	Reference and Matter
	<a href="#">No. 182/2015 / TT-BTC dated 16/11/2015 of the Minister of Finance.</a>

## Europe

### European Union (EU) and European Free Trade Association (EFTA)

#### EU announces online public consultation on the future of EU-Turkey trade and economic relations

The European Commission has [announced](#) an online public consultation that aims to gather detailed views relating to the future trade and economic relationship between the European Union (EU) and Turkey. The results of the consultation will feed into the Impact Assessment which Commission services are currently preparing with regards to the potential modernisation of the EU-Turkey Customs Union and the possible enhancement of the EU-Turkey bilateral preferential trade framework.

The online consultation aims to ensure that all relevant stakeholders have an opportunity to comment on all the aspects of the Impact Assessment that will accompany the Commission's planned recommendation to launch the negotiations for modernising the Customs Union and enhancing the bilateral preferential trade framework.

The online consultation will close on 9 June 2016.

#### EU announces online public consultation on the future of EU-Australia and EU-New Zealand trade and economic relations

The European Commission has announced an online public consultation that aims to gather detailed views relating to the future trade and economic relationship between the European Union (EU) and Australia and New Zealand, respectively. The results of the consultation will feed into the Impact Assessment which Commission services are currently preparing with regards to potential Free Trade Agreements (FTAs) between the European Union and Australia and New Zealand, respectively.

The online consultation will close on 3 June 2016.

### Commission publishes TTIP documents

On 21 March 2016, The European Commission published further documents from the ongoing negotiations on a *Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership* (TTIP), in line with its commitment to enhanced transparency in the ongoing trade negotiations with the United States.

The documents [made public](#) include the recent EU proposal on regulatory cooperation which the Commission submitted to the United States during the last round of talks in February.

Regulatory cooperation is an innovative part and a key pillar of TTIP. Regulatory cooperation with the United States has been on the agenda for many years and has produced good results in areas of common interest (e.g. ranging from aviation and marine safety to organic labels, electric cars and smart grids).

Explanatory documents about this key aspect of the talks are available online. Other published documents include EU proposals on trade in goods, agriculture and Customs and Trade Facilitation.

#### New documents in detail

##### Regulatory Cooperation and Good Regulatory Practices

- [Benefits of Regulatory Cooperation](#)
- [Guide to the EU's proposal on Regulatory Cooperation](#)
- [Revised EU proposal on Regulatory Cooperation](#)
- [Introduction to the EU's proposal on Good Regulatory Practices \(GRPs\)](#)
- [New EU proposal on Good Regulatory Practices](#)

##### Trade in goods and customs duties

- [Explanatory note to EU proposal for trade in goods](#)
- [EU textual proposal for trade in goods](#)

##### Agriculture

- [Reader's guide to EU proposal on agriculture](#)
- [Draft text of EU agriculture proposal](#)
- [EU paper - non-tariff issues](#)
- [EU proposal on wine and spirits](#)
- [Annex - distilled spirits and spirit drinks](#)

##### Services

- [EU textual proposal for Delivery services](#)

##### Customs and Trade Facilitation (CTF)

- [Introduction to proposal for Additional articles in CTF](#)
- [EU proposal for Additional articles in CTF](#)

##### Intellectual Property (IP) and Geographical Indications (GIs)

- [EU concept paper on Geographical Indications \(GIs\)](#)
- [EU proposal - text outline for GIs](#)
- [Annex I: list of foodstuffs](#)
- [Annex II: list of spirit names](#)

### EU lays down transitional measures where electronic systems required by the Union Customs Code are not in place

On 15 March 2016, the *Official Journal* published [Commission Delegated Regulation \(EU\) 2016/341 of 17 December 2015 supplementing Regulation \(EU\) No 952/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards transitional rules for certain provisions of the Union Customs Code where the relevant electronic systems are not yet operational and amending Delegated Regulation \(EU\) 2015/2446](#) (the Delegated Regulation). Article 278 of the Union Customs Code (UCC) provides that means for the exchange and storage of information other than electronic data-processing techniques may be used on a transitional basis until 31 December 2020 at the latest, where the electronic systems which are

necessary for the application of the provisions of the Code are not yet operational. The transitional rules provide that:

- Where the date of deployment of an electronic system falls before the final date laid down in the Code for the application of transitional provisions, the use of the relevant means for the exchange and storage of information other than electronic data-processing techniques should, in the interest of protecting the legal certainty of operators, be accepted as an alternative to the relevant electronic system, where deployed, and then suspended.
- Given the non-availability of the electronic systems necessary for the exchange of information between the customs authorities and between economic operators and customs authorities, transitional measures relating to the form of such applications and decisions are laid down.
- Continuation of the currently used paper and electronic means for binding tariff information ('BTI') applications and decisions, and authorised economic operator ('AEO') applications and authorisations, is authorized until the systems relating to them are fully operational;
- The current system for the declaration of particulars relating to customs value ('DV1') needs to be used, so transitional provisions relating to the communication of certain elements concerning the customs value of goods is provided until the upgrading of National Import Systems;
- In the absence of an electronic system set up for the exchange and storage of information pertaining to guarantees which may be used in more than one Member State other means of storage and exchange of this information are provided for;
- Since the Import Control System, which is necessary for the application of the provisions of the Code governing the entry summary declaration, is not yet fully upgraded, the currently used means for the exchange and storage of information other than the electronic data-processing techniques referred to in Article 6(1) of the Code will have to continue to be used;
- Because the current Import Control System is capable of only receiving an entry summary declaration by the submission of one dataset, the Articles stipulating the provision of data in more than one dataset should, until the upgrading of the ICS, be temporarily suspended and alternative requirements are laid down;
- In order to support and ensure the customs formalities related to the entry of goods with regard to safety and security of the Union and its citizens and to ensure that customs supervision begins at the appropriate time and is duly performed prior to the deployment of the Notification of Arrival, Presentation Notification and Temporary Storage systems, alternative means for exchange and storage of information is laid down to govern notification of arrival, diversion notification, presentation notification, and temporary storage;
- In order to ensure the smooth functioning of operations related to the placing of goods under a certain customs procedure, the use of paper-based customs declarations will be allowed alongside the existing National Import Systems as long as the latter are not upgraded;
- Considering that the new datasets and formats required by the Code and the provisions adopted based on the Code in relation thereto will not be available until the National Import Systems are upgraded, the possibility is laid down for customs declarations to be lodged with a different dataset with a view to guaranteeing legal certainty for operators;
- While using the simplified declaration, and until the upgrading of the Automated Export System and the National Import Systems, operators are provided with different deadlines to lodge the supplementary declaration. Member States are thus be able to provide for deadlines other than those outlined in Article 146 of Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2015/2446;
- Member States are permitted to authorise a simplified customs declaration to take the form of a commercial or administrative document;

- In the cases where a customs declaration is lodged prior to the presentation of the goods, before the electronic systems therefor are deployed and upgraded, the notification of presentation of goods will be permitted to be lodged to customs authorities through the existing national systems or other means;
- The obligation to lodge customs declarations by means of electronic exchange of information provided in Article 6(1) of the Code and the ending of the current waivers from the obligation to lodge summary declarations for postal consignments pose significant challenges for postal operators. The possibility to use a declaration with a reduced data set for some postal consignments also requires adjustments in the data flow and the supporting IT infrastructure of postal operators and the customs authorities of the Member States. Therefore, transitional rules are established in order to allow for smooth adjustments to the rules laid down in the Delegated Regulation (EU) 2015/2446;
- In the absence of the UCC Customs Decisions system, all information in relation to the application and authorisation for centralised clearance will continue to be published during the transitional period for access by the Commission and Member States for monitoring purposes;
- Rules for the continuation of the paper-based Union transit procedure for goods carried by rail are set up to allow for the smooth and uninterrupted transit of goods by rail, prior to the upgrading of the New Computerised Transit System ('NCTS');
- Rules for the continuation of the use of manifests in paper or in electronic form are established to ensure the continuous and effective movement by airline and shipping companies until the relevant economic operators systems are upgraded; and
- To ensure the effective operation of transitional arrangements, certain provisions of Delegated Regulation (EU) 2015/2446 are amended.

## Commission suspends GSP tariff preferences for certain BCs

[Commission Implementing Regulation \(EU\) 2016/330 of 8 March 2016](#), published in the *Official Journal* on 9 March 2016, suspends the tariff preferences of the general arrangement of the generalised scheme of preferences (GSP) for the period 2017-2019 for certain beneficiary countries (BCs) because the average value of Union imports of products of a GSP section originating in a GSP BC over three consecutive years exceeds the thresholds listed in Annex VI of Regulation (EU) No 978/2012.

The list of GSP sections for which the tariff preferences referred to in Article 7 of Regulation (EU) No 978/2012 are suspended in respect of a GSP beneficiary country concerned:

Beneficiary Country	GSP section (Article 2(j) of GSP Regulation)	Description of products
India	S-5	Mineral products
	S-6a	Inorganic and organic chemicals
	S-11a	Textiles
	S-14	Pearls and precious metals
	S-15a	Iron, steel and articles of iron and steel
	S-15b	Base metals (excl. iron and steel), articles of base metals (excl. articles of iron and steel)
	S-17b	Motor vehicles, bicycles, aircraft and spacecraft, ships and boats
Indonesia	S-1a	Live animals and animal products excluding fish
	S-3	Animal or vegetable oils, fats and waxes
Kenya	S-2a	Live plants and floricultural products

Beneficiary Country	GSP section (Article 2(j) of GSP Regulation)	Description of products
Ukraine	S-17a	Railway and tramway vehicles and products
	S-3	Animal or vegetable oils, fats and waxes

## EFTA and Georgia conclude free trade negotiations

On 26 February 2016, the European Free Trade Association [announced](#) that the third and final round of negotiations on a Free Trade Agreement (FTA) between the EFTA States and Georgia was held from 24 to 26 February 2016 in Tbilisi, Georgia.

The Agreement will comprise the following: Trade in Goods (including TBT, SPS, Trade Remedies and Trade Facilitation), Rules of Origin, Trade in Services, Establishment, Intellectual Property Rights, Government Procurement, Competition, Trade and Sustainable Development and Legal and Institutional Issues (including Dispute Settlement, General and Final Provisions).

The negotiations towards an FTA were preceded by the signing of a Joint Declaration on Cooperation (JDC) between the Parties on 28 June 2012, as well as discussions in September 2014 and February 2015 on the modalities of negotiations in the framework of the Joint Committee established under the JDC.

The Parties aim to swiftly conclude the legal review of the FTA and foresee to sign it during the EFTA Ministerial Meeting on 27 June 2016 in Bern, Switzerland.

## Commission issues tariff classification regulations

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

## Amendments to the CN Explanatory Notes

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 substanc-

es and fishing rights) were published in the *Official Journal of the European Union*:

OJ Date	Subject
01-03-16	<a href="#">Commission Regulation (EU) 2016/266 of 7 December 2015 amending, for the purpose of its adaptation to technical progress, Regulation (EC) No 440/2008 laying down test methods pursuant to Regulation (EC) No 1907/2006 of the European Parliament and of the Council on the Registration, Evaluation, Authorisation and Restriction of Chemicals (REACH)</a>
02-03-16	<a href="#">Commission Regulation (EU) 2016/293 of 1 March 2016 amending Regulation (EC) No 850/2004 of the European Parliament and of the Council on persistent organic pollutants as regards Annex I</a>
03-03-16	<a href="#">Opinion of the European Economic and Social Committee on the 'Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council setting a framework for energy efficiency labelling and repealing Directive 2010/30/EU' (COM(2015) 341 final — 2015/0149 (COD)) [2016/C 082/2]</a>
	<a href="#">Opinion of the European Economic and Social Committee on the 'Communication from the Commission to the European Parliament, the Council, the European Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions — Launching the public consultation process on a new energy market design' (COM(2015) 340 final) 2016/C 082/3]</a>
04-03-16	<a href="#">Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2016/305 of 3 March 2016 amending Regulation (EU) No 37/2010 as regards the substance 'gentamicin'</a>
	<a href="#">Update of the list of border crossing points referred to in Article 2(8) of Regulation (EC) No 562/2006 of the European Parliament and of the Council establishing a Community Code on the rules governing the movement of persons across borders (Schengen Borders Code) [2016/C 084/2]</a>
05-03-16	<a href="#">Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2016/312 of 4 March 2016 correcting Regulation (EU) No 37/2010 as regards the substance 'tylvalosin'</a>
	<a href="#">Commission Regulation (EU) 2016/314 of 4 March 2016 amending Annex III to Regulation (EC) No 1223/2009 of the European Parliament and of the Council on cosmetic products</a>
	<a href="#">Commission Implementing Directive (EU) 2016/317 of 3 March 2016 amending Council Directives 66/401/EEC, 66/402/EEC, 2002/54/EC, 2002/55/EC, 2002/56/EC and 2002/57/EC as regards the official label of seed packages</a>
	<a href="#">Commission Implementing Decision (EU) 2016/320 of 3 March 2016 amending Decision 2004/842/EC concerning implementing rules whereby Member States may authorise the placing on the market of seed belonging to varieties for which an application for entry in the national catalogues of varieties of agricultural plant species or vegetable species has been submitted (notified under document C(2016) 1221)</a>
	<a href="#">Commission Implementing Decision (EU) 2016/321 of 3 March 2016 adjusting the geographical scope of the authorisation for cultivation of genetically modified maize (<i>Zea mays</i> L.) MON 810 (MON-ØØ81Ø-6) (notified under document C(2016) 1231)</a>
	<a href="#">Corrigendum to Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2015/2420 of 12 October 2015 amending Council Regulation (EC) No 428/2009 setting up a Community regime for the control of exports, transfer, brokering and transit of dual use items ( OJ L 340, 24.12.2015 )</a>
08-03-16	<a href="#">Commission Regulation (EU) 2016/324 of 7 March 2016 amending and correcting Annex II to Regulation (EC) No 1333/2008 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards the use of certain food additives permitted in all categories of foods</a>
09-03-16	<a href="#">Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2016/329 of 8 March 2016 concerning the authorisation of 6-phytase as a feed additive for all avian species and for weaned piglets, pigs for fattening, sows and minor porcine species (holder of the authorisation Lohmann Animal Nutrition GmbH)</a>
	<a href="#">Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2016/330 of 8 March 2016 suspending the tariff preferences for certain GSP beneficiary countries in respect of certain GSP sections in accordance with Regulation (EU) No 978/2012 applying a scheme of generalised tariff preferences for the period of 2017-2019</a>
11-03-16	<a href="#">Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2016/345 of 10 March 2016 setting</a>

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	<p><a href="#">out the frequency of reporting of container status messages, the format of the data and the method of transmission</a></p> <p><a href="#">Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2016/346 of 10 March 2016 determining the items to be included in the Customs Information System</a></p> <p><a href="#">Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2016/348 of 10 March 2016 amending Implementing Regulation (EU) No 98/2012 as regards the minimum content of the preparation of 6-phytase (EC 3.1.3.26) produced by <i>Komagataella pastoris</i> (DSM 23036) as a feed additive for pigs for fattening (holder of authorisation Huvepharma EOOD)</a></p> <p><a href="#">Council Decision (EU) 2016/351 of 4 March 2016 establishing the position to be taken on behalf of the European Union within the General Council of the World Trade Organization on Jordan's request for a WTO waiver relating to the transitional period for the elimination of its export subsidy program</a></p> <p><a href="#">Council Decision (EU) 2016/352 of 4 March 2016 establishing the position to be adopted on behalf of the European Union in the relevant Committees of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe as regards the proposals for amendments to UN Regulations Nos 10, 34, 41, 46, 48, 50, 51, 53, 55, 60, 73, 83, 94, 107, 110, 113, 118, 125, 128, 130 and 131 and the proposal for a new Regulation concerning the approval of quiet road transport vehicles (QRTVs)</a></p> <p><a href="#">Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2016/323 of 24 February 2016 laying down detailed rules on cooperation and exchange of information between Member States regarding goods under excise duty suspension pursuant to Council Regulation (EU) No 389/2012</a></p>
12-03-16	<p><a href="#">Commission Regulation (EU) 2016/355 of 11 March 2016 amending Annex III to Regulation (EC) No 853/2004 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards the specific requirements for gelatine, collagen and highly refined products of animal origin intended for human consumption</a></p> <p><a href="#">Commission Implementing Decision (EU) 2016/361 of 10 March 2016 amending Annex I to Decision 2004/211/EC as regards the entry for China in the list of third countries and parts thereof from which imports into the Union of live equidae and semen, ova and embryos of the equine species are authorised (notified under document C(2016) 1450)</a></p> <p><a href="#">Commission Implementing Decision (EU) 2016/362 of 11 March 2016 on the approval of the MAHLE Behr GmbH &amp; Co. KG enthalpy storage tank as an innovative technology for reducing CO2 emissions from passenger cars pursuant to Regulation (EC) No 443/2009 of the European Parliament and of the Council</a></p>
15-03-16	<p><a href="#">Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2016/341 of 17 December 2015 supplementing Regulation (EU) No 952/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards transitional rules for certain provisions of the Union Customs Code where the relevant electronic systems are not yet operational and amending Delegated Regulation (EU) 2015/2446</a></p>
16-03-16	<p><a href="#">Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2016/370 of 15 March 2016 approving the active substance pinoxaden, 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, amending the Annex to Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) No 540/2011 and allowing the Member States to extend provisional authorisations granted for that active substance</a></p> <p><a href="#">Commission Regulation (EU) 2016/371 of 15 March 2016 refusing to authorise certain health claims made on foods, other than those referring to the reduction of disease risk and to children's development and health</a></p> <p><a href="#">Commission Regulation (EU) 2016/372 of 15 March 2016 refusing to authorise a health claim made on foods and referring to the reduction of disease risk</a></p> <p><a href="#">Commission Implementing Decision (EU) 2016/375 of 11 March 2016 authorising the placing on the market of lacto-<i>N</i>-neotetraose as a novel food ingredient under Regulation (EC) No 258/97 of the European Parliament and of the Council (notified under document C(2016) 1419)</a></p> <p><a href="#">Commission Implementing Decision (EU) 2016/376 of 11 March 2016 authorising the placing on the market of 2'-<i>O</i>-fucosyllactose as a novel food ingredient under Regulation (EC) No 258/97 of the European Parliament and of the Council (notified under document C(2016) 1423)</a></p> <p><a href="#">Council Decision (EU) 2016/342 of 12 February 2016 on the conclusion, on be-</a></p>

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	<p><a href="#">half of the Union, of the Stabilisation and Association Agreement between the European Union and the European Atomic Energy Community, of the one part, and Kosovo, of the other part</a></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">Stabilisation and Association Agreement between the European Union and the European Atomic Energy Community, of the one part, and Kosovo, of the other part</a></li> </ul>
17-03-16	<p><a href="#">Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2016/379 of 11 March 2016 amending Regulation (EC) No 684/2009 as regards the data to be submitted under the computerised procedure for the movement of excise goods under suspension of excise duty</a></p>
	<p><a href="#">Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2016/379 of 11 March 2016 amending Regulation (EC) No 684/2009 as regards the data to be submitted under the computerised procedure for the movement of excise goods under suspension of excise duty</a></p>
	<p><a href="#">Decision of the EU-Norway Joint Committee No 1/2016 of 8 February 2016 amending Protocol 3 to the Agreement between the European Economic Community and the Kingdom of Norway concerning the definition of the concept of 'originating products' and methods of administrative cooperation [2016/385]</a></p>
	<p><a href="#">Decision of the EU-Iceland Joint Committee No 1/2016 of 17 February 2016 amending Protocol 3 to the Agreement between the European Economic Community and the Republic of Iceland concerning the definition of the concept of 'originating products' and methods of administrative cooperation [2016/386]</a></p>
18-03-16	<p><a href="#">Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2016/389 of 17 March 2016 renewing the approval of the active substance acibenzolar-S-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></p>
	<p><a href="#">Council Decision (EU) 2016/394 of 14 March 2016 concerning the conclusion of consultations with the Republic of Burundi under Article 96 of the Partnership Agreement between the members of the African, Caribbean and Pacific Group of States, of the one part, and the European Community and its Member States, of the other part</a></p>
	<p><a href="#">Commission Decision (EU) 2016/397 of 16 March 2016 amending Decision 2014/312/EU establishing the ecological criteria for the award of the EU Eco-label for indoor and outdoor paints and varnishes (notified under document C(2016) 1510)</a></p>
	<p><a href="#">Commission Implementing Decision (EU) 2016/398 of 16 March 2016 authorising the placing on the market of UV-treated bread as a novel food under Regulation (EC) No 258/97 of the European Parliament and of the Council (notified under document C(2016) 1527)</a></p>
	<p><a href="#">Corrigendum to Council Regulation (EU) 2015/2265 of 7 December 2015 opening and providing for the management of autonomous Union tariff quotas for certain fishery products for the period 2016-2018 ( OJ L 322, 8.12.2015 )</a></p>
19-03-16	<p><a href="#">Commission Implementing Decision (EU) 2016/412 of 17 March 2016 authorising Member States to provide for a temporary derogation from certain provisions of Council Directive 2000/29/EC in respect of ash wood originating or processed in Canada (notified under document C(2016) 1635)</a></p>
22-03-16	<p><a href="#">Commission Implementing Decision (EU) 2016/423 of 18 March 2016 authorising certain laboratories in Egypt, the United Arab Emirates and the United States to carry out serological tests to monitor the effectiveness of rabies vaccines in dogs, cats and ferrets (notified under document C(2016) 1609)</a></p>
23-03-16	<p><a href="#">Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2016/432 of 18 March 2016 amending Regulation (EC) No 1484/95 as regards fixing representative prices in the poultrymeat and egg sectors and for egg albumin</a></p>
	<p><a href="#">Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2016/433 of 22 March 2016 amending Annex I to Regulation (EC) No 798/2008 as regards the entry for the United States of America in the list of third countries, territories, zones or compartments from which certain poultry commodities may be imported into or transit through the Union in relation to highly pathogenic avian influenza of the subtype H7N8</a></p>
	<p><a href="#">Council Decision (EU) 2016/436 of 15 March 2016 on the position to be adopt-</a></p>

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	<p><a href="#">ed, on behalf of the European Union, within the Customs Sub-Committee established by the Association Agreement between the European Union and the European Atomic Energy Community and their Member States, of the one part, and the Republic of Moldova, of the other part, as regards the replacement of Protocol II to that Agreement, concerning the definition of the concept of 'originating products' and methods of administrative cooperation</a></p> <p><a href="#">Regulation (EU) 2016/399 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 9 March 2016 on a Union Code on the rules governing the movement of persons across borders (Schengen Borders Code)</a></p> <p><a href="#">Regulation (EU) 2016/400 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 9 March 2016 implementing the safeguard clause and the anti-circumvention mechanism provided for in the Association Agreement between the European Union and the European Atomic Energy Community and their Member States, of the one part, and the Republic of Moldova, of the other part</a></p> <p><a href="#">Regulation (EU) 2016/401 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 9 March 2016 implementing the anti-circumvention mechanism provided for in the Association Agreement between the European Union and the European Atomic Energy Community and their Member States, of the one part, and Georgia, of the other part</a></p> <p><a href="#">Corrigendum to Regulation (EU) No 168/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 15 January 2013 on the approval and market surveillance of two- or three-wheel vehicles and quadricycles ( OJ L 60, 2.3.2013 )</a></p>
24-03-16	<p><a href="#">Information relating to the entry into force of the Stabilisation and Association Agreement between the European Union and the European Atomic Energy Community, of the one part, and Kosovo, of the other part</a></p> <p><a href="#">Commission Regulation (EU) 2016/439 of 23 March 2016 amending Annex IV to Regulation (EC) No 396/2005 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards <i>Cydia pomonella</i> Granulovirus (CpGV), calcium carbide, potassium iodide, sodium hydrogen carbonate, rescalure and <i>Beauveria bassiana</i> strain ATCC 74040 and <i>Beauveria bassiana</i> strain GHA</a></p> <p><a href="#">Commission Regulation (EU) 2016/440 of 23 March 2016 amending Annexes II, III and V to Regulation (EC) No 396/2005 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards maximum residue levels for atrazine in or on certain products</a></p> <p><a href="#">Commission Regulation (EU) 2016/441 of 23 March 2016 amending Annex II to Regulation (EC) No 1333/2008 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards the use of Steviol glycosides (E 960) as a sweetener in mustard</a></p> <p><a href="#">Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2016/442 of 23 March 2016 amending Implementing Regulation (EU) No 170/2013 laying down transitional measures in the sugar sector by reason of the accession of Croatia</a></p> <p><a href="#">Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2016/443 of 23 March 2016 amending Annex I to Regulation (EC) No 669/2009 as regards the list of feed and food of non-animal origin subject to an increased level of official controls on imports</a></p> <p><a href="#">Commission Implementing Decision (EU) 2016/447 of 22 March 2016 amending Implementing Decision (EU) 2015/2460 concerning certain protective measures in relation to highly pathogenic avian influenza of subtype H5 in France (<i>notified under document C(2016) 1608</i>)</a></p> <p><a href="#">Commission Implementing Decision (EU) 2016/448 of 23 March 2016 amending Annexes I and II to Decision 2003/467/EC in relation to the official tuberculosis-free and brucellosis-free status of Malta as regards bovine herds (<i>notified under document C(2016) 1697</i>)</a></p>
30-03-16	<p><a href="#">Information concerning the entry into force of the Additional Protocol to the Agreement on Trade, Development and Cooperation between the European Community and its Member States, of the one part, and the Republic of South Africa, of the other part, to take account of the accession of the Republic of Croatia to the European Union</a></p> <p><a href="#">Commission Regulation (EU) 2016/452 of 29 March 2016 amending Annexes II and III to Regulation (EC) No 396/2005 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards maximum residue levels for captan, propiconazole and spiroxamine in or on certain products</a></p>
31-03-16	<p><a href="#">Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2016/459 of 18 March 2016 amend-</a></p>

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	<a href="#">ing 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 (Text with EEA relevance)</a>
	<a href="#">Commission Implementing Decision (EU) 2016/464 of 29 March 2016 amending the Annex to Implementing Decision 2014/709/EU concerning animal health control measures relating to African swine fever in certain Member States, as regards the entries for Estonia and Poland (notified under document C(2016) 1701) (Text with EEA relevance)</a>
	<a href="#">Regulation (EU) 2016/425 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 9 March 2016 on personal protective equipment and repealing Council Directive 89/686/EEC</a>
	<a href="#">Regulation (EU) 2016/426 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 9 March 2016 on appliances burning gaseous fuels and repealing Directive 2009/142/EC</a>
	<a href="#">Regulation (EU) 2016/424 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 9 March 2016 on cableway installations and repealing Directive 2000/9/EC</a>
	<a href="#">Commission Regulation (EU) 2016/427 of 10 March 2016 amending Regulation (EC) No 692/2008 as regards emissions from light passenger and commercial vehicles (Euro 6)</a>

### Restrictive measures established, amended, corrected

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

OJ Date	Restrictive Measure
02-03-16	<a href="#">Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2016/294 of 1 March 2016 amending for the 242nd time Council Regulation (EC) No 881/2002 imposing certain specific restrictive measures directed against certain persons and entities associated with the Al-Qaida network</a>
04-03-16	<a href="#">Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2016/307 of 3 March 2016 amending for the 243rd time Council Regulation (EC) No 881/2002 imposing certain specific restrictive measures directed against certain persons and entities associated with the Al Qaida network</a>
05-03-16	<a href="#">Council Decision (CFSP) 2016/318 of 4 March 2016 amending Decision 2014/119/CFSP concerning restrictive measures directed against certain persons, entities and bodies in view of the situation in Ukraine</a>
	<a href="#">Council Implementing Regulation (EU) 2016/311 of 4 March 2016 implementing Regulation (EU) No 208/2014 concerning restrictive measures directed against certain persons, entities and bodies in view of the situation in Ukraine</a>
	<a href="#">Council Decision (CFSP) 2016/319 of 4 March 2016 amending Decision 2013/183/CFSP concerning restrictive measures against the Democratic People's Republic of Korea</a>
12-03-16	<a href="#">Council Decision (CFSP) 2016/359 of 10 March 2016 amending Decision 2014/145/CFSP concerning restrictive measures in respect of actions undermining or threatening the territorial integrity, sovereignty and independence of Ukraine</a>
	<a href="#">Council Implementing Regulation (EU) 2016/353 of 10 March 2016 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 Implementing Regulation (EU) 2016/354 of 11 March 2016 implementing Article 17(1) of Regulation (EU) No 224/2014 concerning restrictive measures in view of the situation in the Central African Republic</a>
	<a href="#">Council Decision (CFSP) 2016/359 of 10 March 2016 amending Decision 2014/145/CFSP concerning restrictive measures in respect of actions undermining or threatening the territorial integrity, sovereignty and independence of Ukraine</a>
15-03-16	<a href="#">Council Regulation (EU) 2016/363 of 14 March 2016 amending Regulation (EC)</a>

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	<a href="#">No 881/2002 imposing certain specific restrictive measures directed against certain persons and entities associated with the Al-Qaida network</a>
	<a href="#">Council Decision (CFSP) 2016/368 of 14 March 2016 amending Common Position 2002/402/CFSP concerning restrictive measures against members of the Al-Qaida organisation and other individuals, groups, undertakings and entities associated with them</a>
19-03-16	<a href="#">Council Decision (CFSP) 2016/411 of 18 March 2016 amending Decision 2011/172/CFSP concerning restrictive measures directed against certain persons, entities and bodies in view of the situation in Egypt</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
01-03-16	<a href="#">2016/13 - Notice to importers of aspartame originating in China</a>
10-03-16	<a href="#">2016/14 - Notice to importers of certain iron fasteners or steel originating in China or consigned from Malaysia</a>
03-03-16	<a href="#">2016/15 - Notice to importers of certain fishery products for the period 2016-2018</a>
09-03-16	<a href="#">2016/16 - Notice to importers of certain tube and pipe fittings of iron or steel, originating in South Korea and Malaysia</a>
	<a href="#">2016/17 - Notice to importers of photovoltaic modules in crystalline silicon and their essential components (cells) originating in or consigned from China</a>
18-03-16	<a href="#">2016/18 - Notice to importers of certain fishery products for the period 2016-2018</a>
22-03-16	<a href="#">2016/19 - Notice to importers of tubes and ductile iron pipes from India</a>

### Switzerland

#### Switzerland is strengthening its controls to better combat the illegal trade in shawls made from Tibetan antelope wool

On 14 March 2016, the Swiss Federal Food Safety and Veterinary Office (FSVO) [announced](#) that since 2013, in cooperation with the Federal Customs Administration (FCA), it has strengthened its controls in order to combat the illegal trade in shawls made from Tibetan antelope wool (shahtoosh). As a result, seizures of the shawls have increased each year. The announcement said:

International trade in the Tibetan antelope and its products has been prohibited since 1979 by virtue of the species' registration in Annex I of the *Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species* (CITES), just like the elephant, tiger and rhinoceros for example. Despite this, more than 70 shawls have been seized in Switzerland in 2015 (compared to 29 in 2014). "This result is worrying because in order to produce a pure shahtoosh shawl you need to kill two to five antelopes, which represents more than 280 animals for the shawls seized in 2015," explains Mathias Lörtscher, head of species conservation at the FSVO. It is impossible to domesticate these animals in order

to shear them, and their poaching has caused a drastic collapse in the population by around 90 & since the beginning of the 20th century. Despite numerous efforts to prevent their eradication, such as the creation of a large protected area in China, the population remains endangered.

The FSVO indicated that to combat this type of trade effectively, international cooperation is vital in terms of strategy, networking, sharing of specific information and cooperation with the police in order to pursue the criminals. Specifically, the FSVO, which is the Swiss Management Authority for the CITES or 'Washington' Convention, collaborates closely with the Federal Customs Administration (FCA) and FEDPOL at the national level and with the CITES Secretariat and INTERPOL on an international level.

Under the Swiss *Federal Act on the Trade in Protected Animal and Plant Species*, the illegal importation of shahtoosh wool shawls is punishable by a heavy fine. In addition, the products are confiscated by the authorities. Unfortunately, luxury lovers are willing to pay several thousand francs for these shawls because Tibetan antelope wool is regarded as the finest, softest and warmest in the world.

## United Kingdom

### HMRC updates

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

Release Date	Ref. No. and Subject
08-03-16	<a href="#">CIP 5 (2016): changes to Temporary Storage arrangements under the Union Customs Code</a>
01-03-16	<a href="#">CIP 10 (2016): Changes to ships' reporting requirements on current customs ship reporting procedures</a>
04-03-16	<a href="#">CIP 13 (2016): procedures for movements of oil and gas by pipeline to/from the UK</a>
08-03-16	<a href="#">CIP 14 (2016): procedures for movements to/from the UK continental shelf</a>
09-03-16	<a href="#">CIP 15 (2016): Union Customs Code, Delegated and Implementing Regulations - possible future amendments</a>
11-03-16	<a href="#">CIP 16 (2016): Customs Freight Simplified Procedures notification of presentation for Entry in the Declarant's Records</a>

### UK amends OGEL: international non-proliferation regime decontrols (dual-use items)

On 4 March 2016, the Export Control Organisation (ECO) announced in [Notice to Exporters \(NTE\) 2016/09](#) that the ECO has amended [Open General Export Licence \(OGEL\): International Non-Proliferation Regime Decontrols: Dual-Use Items](#). The amendments include:

- revising the goods schedule
- adding Russia and Syria to the list of excluded destinations
- changing some of the terms and conditions, in particular adding a clause to cover the requirement to complete a pre-visit questionnaire.

Depending on whether a trader's goods are newly listed or were listed on the previous version of this OGEL and are now decontrolled, the trader will need to take

action to either register or surrender the licence via [SPIRE](#). See NTE 2016/09 for full details.

## ECO Notices to Exporters and BIS documents

The following Export Control Organisation (ECO) [Notices to Exporters](#) and other Department for Business, Innovation and Skills (BIS) documents were issued:

Date	Notice No. and Subject
04-03-16	<a href="#">Notice to Exporters 2016/09 : International non-proliferation regime decontrols (dual-use items) OGEL amended</a>
22-03-16	<a href="#">Notice to Exporters 2016/10: book now for ECO training courses, second half of 2016</a>

## Other EU-EFTA Notices

### 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>France</b>	
10-03-16	№ 79 Agriculture: <a href="#">Notice to importers introducing wood or wood-based products in the territory of the European Union</a>
15-03-16	№ 67 Finance: <a href="#">Notice to importers and exporters on the amenities of customs agents (297th list)</a>
22-03-16	№ 5 <a href="#">Decree No. 2016-334 of 21 March 2016 concerning the Neutral package of cigarettes and certain tobacco products</a>
	№ 6 <a href="#">Decree of 21 March 2016 concerning the conditions of neutrality and standardization of packaging and paper cigarettes and rolling tobacco</a>
31-03-16	<a href="#">Law 2016-370 of 30 March 2016 authorizing the ratification of the Framework Agreement on Partnership and Cooperation between the European Union and its Member States, on the one hand, and the Republic of the Philippines, on the other</a>
	<a href="#">Law 2016-371 of 30 March 2016 authorizing the ratification of the Framework Agreement on Comprehensive Partnership and Cooperation between the European Union and its Member States, on the one hand, and the Socialist Republic of Vietnam, of the other</a>
	№ 18 <a href="#">Decree No 2016-379 of 30 March 2016 on implementation modalities of the limitation of plastic bags for single use</a>
<b>Germany</b>	
10-03-16	<a href="#">Law to protect children and adolescents from the dangers of consuming electronic cigarettes and electronic Hookahs (03-03-2016) from no. 11 of, page 369</a>
16-03-16	<a href="#">Regulation on the implementation of a monitoring program on the virus of avian influenza in wild birds (wild bird avian monitoring regulation) (08-03-16) from no. 12, page 449</a>
31-03-16	<a href="#">First Regulation to the Product Safety Act (Regulation on electrical equipment ProdSV) (17-03-16) from no. 13 of 31.03.2016, page 502</a>
<b>Ireland (Eire)</b>	
04-03-16	<a href="#">S.I. No. 121 of 2016 - European Union (Labelling of Fishery and Aquaculture Products) Regulations 2016</a>
22-03-16	<a href="#">S.I. No. 141 of 2016 - European Union (Identification of Equidae) (Amendment) Regulations 2016</a>

Date*	Measure
<b>Liechtenstein</b>	
11-03-16	LGBI № 2016.096 <a href="#">Exchange of Notes between the Principality of Liechtenstein and the European Union on the adoption of the Commission of 23 February 2016, amending Implementing Decision C (2013) Implementing Decision 4914 drawing up the list of the visor travel documents entitling the holder to cross the external borders entitle (the Schengen –Accord) (LR № 0.362.380.062)</a>
<b>Luxembourg</b>	
02-03-16	Mem. A № 23 <a href="#">Agreement on the Conservation of African-Eurasian Migratory Waterbirds</a>
04-03-16	Mem. A. № 26 <a href="#">Grand Ducal Regulation of 23 February 2016 laying down the procedure to be followed as part of the public consultation referred to in Article 14 (6) of the Act of 19 December 2014 on plant protection products.</a>
18-03-16	Mem. A № 42 <a href="#">Grand-Ducal regulation of 15 March 2016 amending the Grand Ducal Regulation of 9 January 2009 concerning the full and partial protection of certain species of wildlife.</a>
<b>Malta</b>	
04-03-16	№ 67 of 2016 - Manufacture, Presentation and Sale of Tobacco and Related Products Regulations, 2016 - <a href="#">Government Gazette of Malta No. 19,543 – 04.03.2016</a>
<b>Norway</b>	
01-03-16	FOR-2016-02-22-191 Industry and Fisheries Ministry <a href="#">Regulation amending the Regulation on turnover of aquaculture animals and products of aquaculture animals, the prevention and combating of infectious diseases in aquatic animals</a>
	FOR-2016-02-24-192 Climate and Environment Ministry <a href="#">Regulation amending the Regulation on safety of toys (the setting of maximum three isothiazolinone and formamide)</a>
08-03-16	FOR-2016-02-22-214 Industry and Fisheries Ministry of Agriculture and Food <a href="#">Regulation amending the Regulation on additives for use in animal nutrition</a>
	FOR-2016-03-04-215 Finance <a href="#">Regulations amending the Regulations to the law on customs and movement of goods (Customs Regulations)</a>
	FOR-2016-03-04-220 Finance <a href="#">Commencement Act of 13 December 2013 no. 124 of amendments to the Law 21 December 2007 no. 119 on customs and movement of goods (Customs Act)</a>
11-03-16	FOR-2016-03-02-231 MPE <a href="#">Regulation amending the Regulation on ecodesign of energy related products (økodesignforskriften)</a>
	FOR-2016-03-02-232 MPE <a href="#">Regulation amending the Regulation on energy labeling of energy-related products (energy labeling regulations for products)</a>
15-03-16	FOR-2016-03-14-240 Labour and Social Affairs <a href="#">Regulation amending the Regulation on feed hygiene</a>
18-03-16	FOR-2016-03-16-258 Agriculture and Food <a href="#">Regulation amending the Regulation on animal health conditions for the importation and exportation of equidae</a>
<b>Poland</b>	
07-03-16	№ 282 <a href="#">Regulation of the Minister of Internal Affairs and Administration of 19 February 2016. Amending the regulation on the financial resources required of a foreign national entering the territory of the Polish Republic and documents that can confirm the possibility of obtaining such funds, and the purpose and duration of the intended stay</a>
09-03-16	№ 299 <a href="#">Proclamation of the Marshal of the Polish Sejm of 17 February 2016. On the uniform text of the law on combating money laundering and financing of terrorism</a>
14-03-16	№ 334 <a href="#">Statement of the Minister of Finance of 17 February 2016. On the uniform text of the Regulation of the Minister of Finance on the positions of corporate officers of customs, mode of promotion and making changes at business</a>
18-03-16	№ 365 <a href="#">Statement of the Minister of Finance dated 2 March 2016. On the uniform text of the Regulation of the Minister of Finance on customs offices competent for international shipments of waste</a>
21-03-16	№ 375 <a href="#">Regulation of the Minister of Finance dated 18 March 2016. Amending the Regulation on recruitment for the posts of director and deputy director of customs chamber and the head and deputy head of the customs office</a>
22-03-16	№ 382 <a href="#">Statement of the Minister of Finance dated 8 March 2016. On the uni-</a>

Date*	Measure
	<a href="#">form text of the Regulation of the Minister of Finance on the establishment of customs chambers and customs offices and establish their headquarters</a>
<b>Spain</b>	
09-03-16	<a href="#">Entry into force of the Additional Protocol to the Free Trade Agreement between the European Union and its Member States on the one part, and the Republic of Korea, on the other, to take into account the accession of Croatia to the European Union, signed in Brussels on March 25, 2014. (BOE-A-2016-2368)</a>
12-03-16	<a href="#">Foreign Affairs: Multilateral Agreement M-292 under section 1.5.1 of the European Agreement on International Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Road (ADR) on the transport of damaged lithium batteries that are transported according to the conditions specified by the competent authority under special provision 376, made in Madrid on December 22, 2015. (BOE-A-2016-2493)</a>
22-03-16	<a href="#">Hacienda: Order HAP / 370/2016 of 11 March, by the extension of the territorial scope of the Free Trade Zone of Cadiz is authorized. (BOE-A-2016-2848)</a>
<b>Switzerland</b>	
01-03-16	<a href="#">Agreement between Switzerland and Italy on the establishment of a joint national control offices in Chiasso train station and en route control over the Lugano-Como route (RS 0.631.252.945.461.4)</a>
	<a href="#">Agreement between Switzerland and Italy on the establishment of a joint national control office at the border of Stabio / Gaggiolo (RS 0.631.252.945.461.5)</a>
08-03-16	<a href="#">Ordinance of the FDF on the contribution rate to the export of agricultural commodities (RS 632.111.723.1)</a>
	<a href="#">Ordinance of the FOAG on fixing periods and deadlines as well as the authorization of parts of the tariff quota of fresh vegetables, fresh fruit and fresh cut flowers (Ordinance authorizing imports on the OIELFP) (RS 916.121.100)</a>
	<a href="#">Exchange of Notes of February 18, 2016 between Switzerland and the European Union on the resumption of Regulation (EU) 2016/93 repealing certain acts of the Schengen acquis (development of the Schengen acquis) (RS 0.362.380.066)</a>
15-03-16	<a href="#">Decision No 1/2015 of Agriculture Joint Committee of 19 November 2015 regarding the amendment of Appendices 1, 2 and 4 of Annex 4 of the Agreement between the European Community and the Swiss Confederation on trade in agricultural products (RS 0.916.026.81)</a>
	<a href="#">Decision No 1/2015 of the Joint Veterinary Committee established by the Agreement between the Swiss Confederation and the European Community on trade in agricultural products of 17 December 2015 regarding the amendment of Appendices 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 10 and 11 of Schedule 11 to the agreement (RS 0.916.026.81)</a>
	<a href="#">Decision No 2/2015 of the Joint Committee on Agriculture of 19 November 2015 regarding the amendment of Appendices 1 and 2 of Annex 9 to the Agreement between the European Community and the Swiss Confederation on trade in agricultural products (RS 0.916.026.81)</a>
22-03-16	<a href="#">Ordinance of the FDF on goods enjoying customs relief according to their use (Ordinance on customs relief, OADou) (RS 631.012)</a>
	<a href="#">Ordinance regulating contributions to the export of processed agricultural products (Ordinance on export contributions) (RS 632.111.723)</a>
	<a href="#">Ordinance on the import of agricultural products (Ordinance on agricultural imports, OIAgr) (RS 916.01)</a>
<b>United Kingdom</b>	
01-03-16	<a href="#">SR 2016/79 - The Producer Responsibility Obligations (Packaging Waste) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2016</a>
03-03-16	<a href="#">SI 2016/278 - The European Union Referendum (Date of Referendum etc.) Regulations 2016</a>
07-03-16	<a href="#">SI 2016/254 - The Plant Protection Products (Fees and Charges) (Amendment) Regulations 2016</a>
10-03-16	<a href="#">SI 2016/315 - The Explosives Regulations 2014 (Amendment) Regulations 2016</a>
23-03-16	<a href="#">SI 2016/387 - The Animal Feed (Hygiene, Sampling etc. and Enforcement) (Wales) Regulations 2016 / Rheoliadau Bwyd Anifeiliaid (Hylendid, Samplu etc. a Gorfodi) (Cymru) 2016</a>
	<a href="#">SI 2016/386 - The Animal Feed (Composition, Marketing and Use) (Wales)</a>

Date*	Measure
	<a href="#">Regulations 2016 / Rheoliadau Bwyd Anifeiliaid (Cyfansoddiad, Marchnata a Defnydd) (Cymru) 2016</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>Ireland (Eire)</b>	
26-02-16	S.I. 71 of 2016 <a href="#">European Union (Restrictive Measures concerning Sudan) Regulations 2016</a>
	S.I. 72 of 2016 <a href="#">European Union (Restrictive Measures concerning the Republic of Guinea Bissau) Regulations 2016</a>
	S.I. 73 of 2016 <a href="#">European Union (Restrictive Measures concerning the Republic of Guinea) Regulations 2016</a>
	S.I. 74 of 2016 <a href="#">European Union (Restrictive Measures concerning the Democratic Republic of the Congo) Regulations 2016</a>
	S.I. 75 of 2016 <a href="#">European Union (Restrictive Measures concerning Burundi) Regulations 2016</a>
	S.I. 76 of 2016 <a href="#">European Union (Restrictive Measures concerning Tunisia) Regulations 2016</a>
	S.I. 77 of 2016 <a href="#">European Union (Restrictive Measures concerning Liberia) Regulations 2016</a>
	S.I. 78 of 2016 <a href="#">European Union (Restrictive Measures concerning Zimbabwe) Regulations 2016</a>
	S.I. 79 of 2016 <a href="#">European Union (Restrictive Measures concerning the Democratic People's Republic of Korea) Regulations 2016</a>
<b>Liechtenstein</b>	
02-03-16	LGBI № 2016.086 <a href="#">Ordinance of 1 March 2016 concerning amendment of the ordinance on measures against Belarus (LR № 946.223.0)</a>
03-03-16	LGBI № 2016.089 <a href="#">Ordinance of 1 March 2016 concerning amendment of the ordinance on measures against individuals and entities with links to the grouping "Al Qaeda" (LR № 946.222.22)</a>
	LGBI № 2016.090 <a href="#">Ordinance of 1 March 2016 concerning amendment of the ordinance on measures against individuals and entities with links to the grouping "Al Qaeda" (LR № 946.222.22)</a>
05-03-16	LGBI № 2016.093 <a href="#">Decree of March 4, 2016 concerning amendment of the ordinance on measures against certain individuals from Ukraine (LR № 946.224.0)</a>
09-03-16	LGBI № 2016.094 <a href="#">Decree of March 8, 2016 concerning amendment of the ordinance on measures against certain individuals from Ukraine (LR № 946.224.0)</a>
	LGBI № 2016.095 <a href="#">Decree of March 8, 2016 concerning amendment of the ordinance on measures against the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (LR № 946.223.1)</a>
16-03-16	LGBI № 2016.097 <a href="#">Decree of 15 March 2016 concerning amendment of the ordinance on measures against the Central African Republic (LR № 946.224.1)</a>
	LGBI № 2016.098 <a href="#">Decree of 15 March 2016 concerning amendment of the ordinance on measures to avoid the circumvention of international sanctions in connection with the situation in Ukraine (LR № 946.224.2)</a>
<b>Luxembourg</b>	
03-03-16	Mem. A № 24 - <a href="#">Ministerial Regulation of 1 March 2016 amending Annex IC of the Grand Ducal Regulation of 29 October 2010 implementing the law of 27 October 2010 on the implementation of UN Security Council resolutions and acts adopted by EU including prohibitions and restrictive measures in financial matters against certain persons, entities and groups in the context of the fight</a>

Date*	Restrictive Measure
	<a href="#">against terrorist financing</a>
	Mem. A № 50 - <a href="#">Ministerial Regulation of 29 March 2016 amending Annex IV of the Grand Ducal Regulation of 29 October 2010 implementing the law of 27 October 2010 on the implementation of resolutions of the United Nations Security Council and acts adopted by EU including prohibitions and restrictive measures in financial matters against certain persons, entities and groups in the fight against terrorist financing</a>
<b>Switzerland</b>	
01-03-16	<a href="#">Modifications to Ordinance of 28 June 2006 on measures against Belarus</a> (RS 946.231.116.9)
02-03-16	<a href="#">Ordinance on Measures against persons and entities associated with Usama bin Laden, the group "Al Qaeda" or the Taliban</a> (RS 946.203)
04-03-16	<a href="#">Modifications to the Ordinance of 25 October 2006 on measures against the DPRK</a> (RS 946.231.127.6)
	<a href="#">Ordinance on automatic resumption of UN Security Council sanctions lists</a> (RS 946.203)
08-03-16	<a href="#">Modifications to Ordinance on Measures against the Central African Republic</a> (RS 946.231.123.6)
22-03-16	<a href="#">Ordinance instituting measures against certain individuals from Ukraine</a> (RS 946.231.176.7)
23-03-16	<a href="#">Ordinance on measures to prevent the circumvention of international sanctions in connection with the situation in Ukraine</a> (RS 946.231.176.72)
<b>United Kingdom</b>	
16-03-16	<a href="#">SI 2016/371 - The Iran (Sanctions) (Overseas Territories) Order 2016</a>
22-03-16	<a href="#">SI 2016/378 - The Iran (United Nations Sanctions) (Amendment) Order 2016</a>

## Non EU-EFTA European Countries

### 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
16-03-16	<a href="#">On signing the Agreement between the Government of Ukraine and the Council of Ministers of Bosnia and Herzegovina on mutual assistance in customs matters</a> - Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine of 16.03.2016 number 169-p
	<a href="#">On signing the Protocol between the Government of Ukraine and the Government of the Republic of Croatia on amendments to the Agreement between the Government of Ukraine and the Government of the Republic of Croatia on mutual assistance in customs matters</a> - Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine of 16.03.2016 number 168-p
	<a href="#">On approval of admission, and the first deliveries targeted use of goods specified in part eight of Article 287 of the Customs Code of Ukraine, for use in the production of defense</a> - Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine; The order form model document, Help, Report of 16.03.2016 number 170

## 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 [new Eurasian Economic Commission documentation page](#).

Publication Date	Title
<b>Board (Коллегии) of the Eurasian Economic Commission</b>	
03-03-16	<a href="#">Decision № 20 (01-03-16) On the establishment of import customs duties of the Common Customs Tariff of the Eurasian Economic Union in respect of certain types of timber wood of some tropical species</a>
	<a href="#">Decision № 21 (01-03-16) On the extension of the import duties of the Common Customs Tariff of the Eurasian Economic Union in respect of parts of gas turbine capacity of more than 5000 kW but not exceeding 50 000 kW</a>
17-03-16	<a href="#">Decision № 22 (15-03-16) On Amendments to the Resolution of the Board of the Eurasian Economic Commission on April 9, 2013 № 68</a>
	<a href="#">Decision № 23 (15-03-16) On the order of entry into force of amendments to the technical regulations of the Customs Union "On the safety of perfumery and cosmetic products" (TR CU 009/2011)</a>
23-03-16	<a href="#">Decision № 24 (22-03-16) On the Advisory Committee on Customs Regulation</a>
	<a href="#">Decision № 25 (22-03-16) On establishing the rates of import customs duties of the Common Customs Tariff of the Eurasian Economic Union in respect of certain types of agricultural products</a>
31-03-16	<a href="#">Decision № 26 (29-03-16) On establishing the rates of import customs duties of the Common Customs Tariff of the Eurasian Economic Union in respect of certain goods, in accordance with the Russian Federation's obligations under the WTO and on amendments to some decisions of the Eurasian Economic Commission</a>
	<a href="#">Decision № 27 (29-03-16) On Amendments to the single commodity nomenclature of foreign economic activity of the Eurasian Economic Union and the Common Customs Tariff of the Eurasian Economic Union in respect of certain goods, as well as some of the decisions of the Council of the Eurasian Economic Commission and the Supreme Eurasian Economic Council</a>
	<a href="#">Decision № 28 (29-03-16) On the application of anti-dumping measures by the introduction of anti-dumping duty in respect of bars, originating in Ukraine and imported into the customs territory of the Eurasian Economic Union</a>
<b>Board Распоряжение</b>	
09-03-16	<a href="#">№ 16 (01-03-16) Draft decision of the Council of the Eurasian Economic Commission "On approval of the Rules of research (tests) to assess the biological effect of health care products"</a>
	<a href="#">№ 17 (01-03-16) Draft decision of the Council of the Eurasian Economic Commission "On approval of the application by the authorized bodies of the states - members of the Eurasian Economic Union on the suspension measures or to prohibit the use of medical devices that are dangerous to the life and (or) human health, substandard, counterfeit or falsified medical products and the withdrawal of their from circulation in the territories of the states - members of the Eurasian economic Union"</a>
10-03-16	<a href="#">№ 18 (09-03-16) Draft decision of the Council of the Eurasian Economic Commission "On Approval of the Regulations on the conditions and procedure for the application of a unified system of tariff preferences of the Eurasian Economic Union"</a>
	<a href="#">№ 19-22 Organization of Advisory Committees</a>
	<a href="#">№ 23 (09-03-16) About the Council Regulation of the Eurasian Economic Commission "Draft Treaty on Trademarks, Service Marks and Appellations of Origin of the Eurasian Economic Union"</a>
16-03-16	<a href="#">№ 26 (15-03-16) Draft decision of the Council of the Eurasian Economic Commission "On amendments to some decisions of the Commission of the Customs</a>

Publication Date	Title
	<p><a href="#">Union, and on the approval of the list of goods imported into the territory of the Republic of Armenia for the purpose of construction of the third power line Iran - Armenia"</a></p> <p><a href="#">№ 27 (15-03-16) On the composition of the working group on the creation of a unified system of identification of participants of foreign trade activities in the customs territory of the Eurasian Economic Union</a></p> <p><a href="#">№ 28 (15-03-16) Draft decision of the Council of the Eurasian Economic Commission "On amendments to some decisions of the Commission of the Customs Union on imports of raw cane sugar to the territory of the Republic of Belarus"</a></p> <p><a href="#">№ 29 (15-03-16) Draft decision of the Council of the Eurasian Economic Commission "On the draft decision of the Supreme Eurasian Economic Council" On the application of the provisions of the application number 2 of the Protocol on co-ordinated (agreed) transport policy (application number 24 to the Treaty on the Eurasian Economic Union of 29 May 2014)"</a></p>
23-03-16	<p><a href="#">№ 30 (*22-03-16) Draft decision of the Council of the Eurasian Economic Commission "About the order of the Supreme Eurasian Economic Council" On the representation of information in accordance with subparagraph 5 of paragraph 20 of the Protocol on common principles and rules of regulation of natural monopolies (application number 20 to the Treaty on the Eurasian Economic Union on May 29, 2014)"</a></p> <p><a href="#">№ 31 (22-03-16) On the composition of the Advisory Committee on Customs Regulation</a></p> <p><a href="#">№ 32 (22-03-16) About the Memorandum of Cooperation between the Eurasian Economic Commission and the International Union of Public Associations "International Congress of Industrialists and Entrepreneurs"</a></p> <p><a href="#">№ 33 (22-03-16) Draft decision of the Council of the Eurasian Economic Commission "On Approval of the Procedure for the development, approval, modification and application of common sanitary and epidemiological and hygienic requirements and procedures"</a></p> <p><a href="#">№ 34 (22-03-16) On the composition of the organizing committee of the exhibition forum "Eurasian Week"</a></p> <p><a href="#">№ 35 (22-03-16) Draft Agreement on a harmonized system of confirmation of the origin of goods exported from the customs territory of the Eurasian Economic Union</a></p>
31-03-16	<p><a href="#">№ 36 (29-03-16) Draft decision of the Council of the Eurasian Economic Commission "On establishing the rates of import customs duties of the Common Customs Tariff of the Eurasian Economic Union in respect of certain goods, in accordance with the commitments of the Russian Federation in the WTO"</a></p> <p><a href="#">№ 37(29-03-16) Draft Agreement on exchange of information in the sphere of counteraction to legalization (laundering) of proceeds from crime and terrorist financing when moving cash and (or) monetary instruments across the customs border of the Eurasian Economic Union</a></p> <p><a href="#">№ 38 (29-03-16) Approval of the draft decision of the Council of the Eurasian Economic Commission "On Amendments to the single commodity nomenclature of foreign economic activity of the Eurasian Economic Union and the Common Customs Tariff of the Eurasian Economic Union on fully husked long grain rice to the ratio of length to width equal to 3 or more, as well as some solutions Council of the Eurasian economic Commission and the Supreme Eurasian Economic Council "</a></p> <p><a href="#">№ 39 (29-03-16) About the Memorandum of Cooperation between the Eurasian Economic Commission and the International Air Transport Association</a></p> <p><a href="#">№ 40 Draft decision of the Council of the Eurasian Economic Commission "About the order of the Eurasian Intergovernmental Council" On the implementation of the working plan for the development of regulations and international treaties in accordance with the Treaty on the Eurasian Economic Union of 29 May 2014 and the plan of action of the Eurasian Economic Commission on the implementation of the Belarusian presidency priorities set out in the appeal of the President of the Republic of Belarus AG Lukashenko to the heads of states - members of the Eurasian Economic Union by January 1, 2015 ."</a></p>

Publication Date	Title
<b>Board Recommendations</b>	
23-03-16	<a href="#">№ 2 (22-03-16) On the application of measures aimed at improving the efficiency of interaction between the competent authorities in the field of consumer protection states - members of the Eurasian Economic Union</a>
31-03-16	<a href="#">№ 3 (29-03-16) On introduction of changes in volume VI of the Explanatory Notes to the Single Commodity Nomenclature of Foreign Trade of the Eurasian Economic Union</a>
	<a href="#">№ 4 (29-03-16) On common approaches to the safety requirements of the certification of railway transport and the procedure for issuing</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 January 2016. The table lists the tariff codes, a description, rationale (GRIs) for the decision and the issuing country.

### Belarus

#### Preliminary decisions on tariff classification

The State Customs Committee maintains a [searchable database of preliminary decisions on the tariff classification of goods](#) (*База данных товаров, в отношении которых принято предварительное решение о классификации*). The database has been updated through February 2016. It may be searched by tariff code or description (in Russian).

### Russian Federation

#### Preliminary decisions on tariff classification

The Federal Customs Service (FCS) has a [searchable on-line database of preliminary decisions on tariff classification](#). The database has been updated through 16 March 2016. It may be searched by tariff code, description (in Russian) or note number.

## Africa

### South Africa

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

Publication Date	Publication Details	Subject	Implementation Date
31-03-16	GG.39892 Notice R.396	Part 1 of Schedule No. 1 – Some editorial errors/ omissions that occurred in the Budget Review tabled by the Minister of Finance on 24 February 2016 are rectified. Part 1 of Schedule No. 1 are therefore, amended with retrospective effect from the date and time of tabling on 24	24-02-16

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		February 2016 at 14:47. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><a href="#">Notice R.396</a></li> </ul>	
	GG.39892 Notice R.395	Part 2A of Schedule No. 1 – Some editorial errors/ omissions that occurred in the Budget Review tabled by the Minister of Finance on 24 February 2016 are rectified. Part 2A of Schedule No. 1 are therefore, amended with retrospective effect from the date and time of tabling on 24 February 2016 at 14:47. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><a href="#">Notice R.395</a></li> </ul>	
	GG.39892 Notice R.392	Part 3A of Schedule No. 1 – An increase in the rate of environmental levy on plastic bags from 6c/bag to 8c/bag to give effect to the Budget proposals announced by the Minister of Finance on 24 February 2016. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><a href="#">Notice R.392</a></li> </ul>	01-04-16
	GG.39892 Notice R.400	Part 3C of Schedule No. 1 – An increase in the rate of environmental levy on incandescent light bulbs from R4.00 to R6.00 per globe to give effect to the Budget proposals announced by the Minister of Finance on 24 February 2016. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><a href="#">Notice R.400</a></li> </ul>	
	GG.39892 Notice R.401	Part 3D of Schedule No. 1 – an increase in the motor vehicles emissions tax on passenger vehicles from R90 to R100 for every gram of CO2 emissions per kilometre above 120g CO2/km and, in the case of double cabs, from R125 to R140 for every gram of CO2 emissions per kilometre in excess of 175g CO2/km to give effect to the Budget proposals announced by the Minister of Finance on 24 February 2016. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><a href="#">Notice R.401</a></li> </ul>	
	GG.39892 Notice R.397	Part 5A of Schedule No. 1 – An increase of 30c/li in the rate of the general fuel levy from 255c/li to 285c/li and 240c/li to 270c/li on petrol and diesel respectively to give effect to the Budget proposals announced by the Minister of Finance on 24 February 2016. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><a href="#">Notice R.397</a></li> </ul>	06-04-16
	GG.39892 Notice R.393	Part 1C of Schedule No. 6 – The insertion of rebate items 620.03/104.17.09/07.01 and 620.06/104.17.09/06.01 as a consequence to the 2015 Budget speech that inserted provisions for non-malted cereal grains. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><a href="#">Notice R.393</a></li> </ul>	25-02-16
	GG.39892 Notice R.398	Part 1C of Schedule No. 6 – To provide specific rebate items for pot stillled and vintage brandy as well as mixtures of non-malted cereal grains and non-alcoholic beverages. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><a href="#">Notice R.398</a></li> </ul>	24-02-16
	GG.39892 Notice R.399	Part 1D of Schedule No. 6 – To provide specific rebate items for pot stillled and vintage brandy. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><a href="#">Notice R.399</a></li> </ul>	
	GG.39892 Notice R.394	Part 1 D of Schedule No. 6 – To provide specific rebate items for pot stillled and vintage brandy. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><a href="#">Notice R.394</a></li> </ul>	
	GG.39892	Part 3 of Schedule No. 6 – A reduction of 50%	01-04-16

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	Notice R.402	for the generation of electricity by open cycle turbines as announced in the budget review of 2015. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><a href="#">Notice R.402</a></li> </ul>	
	GG.39892 Notice R.403	Part 3 of Schedule No. 6 – As a consequence to the increase in the fuel levy as announced by the Minister of Finance in his budget speech of 24 February 2016, the diesel refund provisions are adjusted accordingly. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><a href="#">Notice R.403</a></li> </ul>	06-04-16
11 -03-16	GG 39799 Notice R.240	Part 1 of Schedule No. 1 – By the deletion of tariff subheading 1605.53.20 and insertion of tariff subheadings 1605.53.2; 1605.53.21 and 1605.53.22 to reduce the rate of customs duty on canned mussels in airtight metal containers from 25% to free – ITAC Report 513. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><a href="#">Notice R.240</a></li> </ul>	11-03-16
	GG 39799 Notice R.239	Part 1 of Schedule No. 1 – By the insertion of tariff subheadings 3909.50.10 and 3909.50.90 and the substitution of tariff subheading 3909.50 to increase the rate of customs duty on polyurethane prepolymers from free to 10% - ITAC Report 514. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><a href="#">Notice R.239</a></li> </ul>	

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

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

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

Date of Release	Subject
03-02-16	<a href="#">Former CEO sentenced to more than 7 years for illegally exporting technology equipment to China, money laundering (DOJ, ICE, FBI)</a>
	<a href="#">ICE, CBP team with international authorities in key operation (ICE, Hong Kong Customs, SAT)</a>
03-03-16	<a href="#">ICE returns Stalin letter, Peter the Great decree and more to Russian Federation</a>

Date of Release	Subject
	(ICE, State Dep't, Russian Embassy and other Government officials)
03-09-16	<a href="#">In re Ribway Airlines Company Limited, et. al. - Amended Temporary Denial Order (BIS)</a>
03-10-16	<a href="#">Shipping Companies Fined for Falsifying Records Under Defense Contract (DoD, DOJ)</a>
03-11-16	<a href="#">ICE, CBP recover 2nd century Bodhisattva head destined for auction during New York's Asia Week (ICE, CBP)</a>
	<a href="#">ICE recovers stolen Indian artifacts from major auction house ahead of Asia Week New York (ICE, NYDA)</a>
03-15-16	<a href="#">ICE removes Iranian national convicted of exporting sensitive technologies (ICE)</a>
03-22-16	<a href="#">Miami-area businessman pleads guilty in Houston to foreign bribery and fraud charges in Venezuelan energy scheme (DOJ, ICE, IRS)</a>
	<a href="#">Central California man pleads guilty to federal copyright infringement for selling pirated Adobe software (ICE, DOJ)</a>
03-25-16	<a href="#">In the Matter of: Nutveena Sirirojnananont,- Order Denying Export Privileges – EAR (BIS)</a>
03-30-16	<a href="#">U.S. government, Hong Kong authorities to share more than \$20 million seized in massive HSI apparel smuggling probe (CBP, ICE, HK)</a>
	<a href="#">ICE seeks public's help in locating badge counterfeiter believed to be in Germany</a>
	<a href="#">In the Matter of Gree Electric Appliances, Inc., of Zhuhai, Hong Kong Gree Electric Appliances Sales Co., Ltd., and Gree USA Sales, Ltd. (Settlement of \$15,450,000 for allegedly defective humidifiers) (CPSC)</a>
03-31-16	<a href="#">Orange County man convicted of smuggling Asian songbirds into the US (ICE, CBP, FWS, USDA, DOJ)</a>

## Newsletters, Reports, Articles, Etc.

### Baker & McKenzie Global VAT/GST Newsletter

Baker & McKenzie's [March 2016 Global VAT/GST Newsletter](#) provides a quick update into important developments in the field of VAT/GST across the globe. In order to maximize the effectiveness of this newsletter to you, most articles are brief and are designed to flag topics that are likely to affect multi-national businesses. Contacts for the Global VAT/GST Newsletter are:

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### Publications, Alerts, Newsletters

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

Subject
<b>International Trade, Tax and Anti-corruption</b>
<a href="#">Global - International Trade Compliance Update - March 2016</a> <a href="#">{Archives here}</a>
<a href="#">Global Sanctions Update – Client Alert: North Korean Executive Order - US Government Imposes Comprehensive Sanctions Targeting North Korea</a>
<a href="#">Legal Alert: Canada Relaxes Sanctions Targeting Iran</a>
<a href="#">Buenos Aires Tax Alert: Argentina implements the Convention on Mutual Administrative Assistance in Tax Matters of the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (“OECD”) to report the accounts that non Argentine residents have in Argentine financial institutions (Eng.); Argentina implementa la Convención sobre Asistencia Administrativa Mutua en Materia Fiscal de la Organización Para la Cooperación y el Desarrollo Económi-</a>

Subject
<a href="#">co ("OCDE") para reportar las cuentas que sujetos no residentes tengan en entidades financieras locales (Span.)</a>
<a href="#">Buenos Aires Tax Alert: Law № 27,191: Tax Benefits for New Investments on the Generation of Electric Energy With Renewable Energy Sources (Eng.); Ley № 27.191: Beneficios Impositivos Para Nuevas Inversiones en Generación de Energía Eléctrica Con Fuentes Renovables de Energía (Span.)</a>
<a href="#">EMEA Tax Newsletter – March 2016</a>
<a href="#">Global VAT/GST Newsletter – March 2016</a>
<a href="#">Kyiv Wealth Management Client Alert: Ukraine makes significant step forward towards electronic declaration of income and assets by public officials (Eng.); Україна робить суттєвий крок вперед на шляху впровадження електронного декларування доходів та активів державними діячами (Ukr.)</a>
Other Subjects
<a href="#">b:INFORM – Legal Insights on Data and Technology Trends – Magazine</a>
<a href="#">Global Information Technology &amp; Communications Industry &amp; Practice Group LegalBytes – Special Edition: EU-U.S. Privacy Shield Unveiled</a>
<a href="#">Global Information Technology &amp; Communications Industry &amp; Practice Group LegalBytes – March 2016 Edition</a>
<a href="#">London Intellectual Property Client Alert: Trunki design right case: the Supreme Court's decision</a>
<a href="#">EU Trade Mark Reform Client Alert: Will your EU registrations be invalidated by the new law?</a>

## Webinars, Meetings, Seminars, Etc.

### 2016 International Trade Compliance Webinar Series

Our 13<sup>th</sup> annual, International Trade Compliance Webinar Series entitled, "**TPP and New Developments in Global Trade**" is under way. Our 2016 webinar series will have several sessions covering the Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP), as well as sessions covering key developments in customs, export and FCPA. Terrie Gleason, a partner in our Washington, DC office and Co-Chair of the Firm's Global Customs and FTA Practice Group will moderate these webinars.

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

If you miss a webinar, wish to see it again or want to download a presentation, you will be able to do so about two weeks after the live webinar [at this link](#) or by clicking the blue title below which indicates the material has been posted.

### Upcoming Webinar Dates and Topics:

Date	Topic
Presented January 26	<a href="#">Overview of the Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP)</a> Speakers: Frederick Burke (Ho Chi Minh City), Miguel Noyola (Chicago), Eugene Lim (Singapore), and Elizabeth Nightingale (Kuala Lumpur).
Presented February 16	<a href="#">The Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP) and Labor and Environment</a> Speakers: Frederick Burke (Ho Chi Minh City) and Thuy Hang Nguyen (Ho Chi Minh City).
Presented March 29	<a href="#">Customs Considerations in Free Trade Agreements, Including TPP and NAFTA</a> Speakers: Adriana Ibarra (Mexico City), Stuart Seidel (Washington, DC), and Meredith DeMent (Washington, DC).

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April 19	<b>The Latest on Trade Sanctions: Iran, Russia, and Other Developments</b> Speakers: Steven Hill (Washington, DC), Philippe Reich (Zurich), Alexander Bychkov (Moscow), and Ben Smith (London).
May 24	<b>Cuba Sanctions Developments and Updates</b> Speakers: Alison Stafford-Powell (Palo Alto), Alexandre Lamy (Washington, DC), Brian Cacic (Toronto), and Julia Pfeil (Frankfurt).
June 21	<b>FCPA Considerations Arising in Import/Export Operations</b> Speakers: John McKenzie (San Francisco), Joan Meyer (Washington, DC) and Mini vandePol (Hong Kong).
July 26	<b>Update on Customs Valuation Issues Around the World – Transfer Pricing, First Sale, Royalties</b> Speakers: Paul Burns (Toronto), Nicole Looks (Frankfurt), Jennifer Revis (London), and Eugene Lim (Singapore).

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

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If you missed any webinars in our 2015 International Trade Compliance Webinar Series, or would like to see them again, you may view them or download only the Presentation used, by clicking [on this link](#) or on the specific linked title below. Our 2015 series was entitled, “*New Developments in Global Trade for 2015.*”

Original Date	Topic
Jan. 27, 2015	<a href="#">US Export Control Reform</a> Speakers: Sylwia Lis (Washington, DC) and Paul Amberg (Chicago)
Feb. 17, 2015	<a href="#">Intercompany Pricing and Customs Valuation (Canada, EU and US)</a> Speakers: Paul Burns (Toronto), William Outman (San Francisco), Holly Files (Washington, DC), and Nicole Looks (Frankfurt)
Mar. 17, 2015	<a href="#">Developments in Importing into EU</a> Speakers: Jenny Revis (London) and Vanessa Dersch (Frankfurt)
Apr. 21, 2015	<a href="#">Developments in Importing into LATAM</a> Speakers: Adriana Ibarra (Mex-

	ico City) and Esteban Roppolo (Buenos Aires)
May 19, 2015	<a href="#">FCPA and Antibribery Developments US, Asia and LATAM</a> Speakers: John McKenzie (San Francisco), Mini vandePol (Hong Kong) and Esther Flesch (Sao Paulo)
June 23, 2015	<a href="#">Export Control Developments in Asia</a> Speakers: Eugene Lim (Singapore), Daisuke Tatsuno (Tokyo), Meng Yew (Malaysia), and Anne Petterd (Australia)

In addition, two special webinars on Iran were also presented. If you missed either one, you may view them or download only the Presentation used, by clicking [on this link](#) or on the specific linked title or Presentation below.

Original Date	Topic
June 24, 2015	<a href="#">Overview of Current US and EU Sanctions Targeting Iran and Potential Developments</a> Speakers: Ross Denton (London) and Alex Lamy (Washington, DC)
Aug. 4, 2015	<a href="#">The Future of Sanctions on Iran</a> Speakers: Sunny Mann (London), Kerry Contini (Washington) and Jasper Helder (Amsterdam)

## 2014 International Trade Compliance Webinar Series

### Global Trade and the Global Supply Chain: Key Issues for 2014

If you missed any webinars in our 2014 series, or would like to see them again, you may view them or download only the Presentation used, by clicking [on this link](#) or on the specific linked title or Presentation below. Our focus in 2014 was on *Global Trade and the Global Supply Chain: Key Issues for 2014*.

- [FCPA Enforcement Trends – US, EU and Asia](#) - Speakers: Joan Meyer (Washington, DC), Maria McMahon (Washington, DC), Sunny Mann (London) and Michelle Gon (Shanghai) – [Original broadcast: January 14] [Presentation only](#)
- [Voluntary Self-Disclosures in Export Compliance Cases in the US, EU and China](#) - Speakers: John McKenzie (San Francisco), Ross Denton (London), Julia Pfeil (Frankfurt) and Eugene Lim (Singapore) Moderator: John McKenzie (San Francisco) [Original broadcast: February 11, 2014] [Presentation only](#)
- [Customs Valuation Issues and Updates – US, Mexico, EU and China](#) - Speakers: Terrie Gleason (Washington, DC), Edmundo Elias (Guadalajara), Jennifer Revis (London) and William Marshall (Hong Kong) – [Original broadcast: March 11, 2014] [Presentation only](#)
- [Country of Origin Rules for Marking and Government Procurement Purposes – US, EU and China](#) - Speakers: Stuart Seidel (Washington, DC), Holly Files (Washington, DC), Jasper Helder (Amsterdam) and William Marshall (Hong Kong) – [Original Broadcast: April 15, 2014] [Presentation](#).
- [Product-Related Environmental Restrictions and Compliance - EU, Russia/CIS and China](#) - Speakers: Ulrich Ellinghaus (Frankfurt), Alexander Bychkov (Moscow) and Scott Silverman (Beijing) – [Original broadcast: May 20, 2014] [Presentation only](#).
- [The Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement \(CETA\), The Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership \(TTIP\) and The Trans-Pacific Partnership \(TPP\)](#) - Speakers: Paul Burns (Toronto), Diane MacDonald (Chicago) and Fred Burke (Ho Chi Minh City) [Original broadcast: June 17, 2014] [Presentation only](#).
- [Import and Export of Used and/or Refurbished Goods in Asia](#) - Speakers: Eugene Lim (Singapore), Chen Ying (Hong Kong), Daisuke Tatsuno (Tokyo) and Panya Sittisakonsin (Bangkok) [Original broadcast: July 22, 2014] [Presentation only](#).

## 2014 EU Anti-Bribery, Trade and Customs Webinar Series

In 2014, our EU Compliance, International Trade and Customs Groups brought together their considerable local knowledge and on the ground experience to deliver their third webinar series. The 2014 series covered a range of customs, export control, trade sanctions and anti-bribery and corruption topics.

Our panel of speakers provided a practical overview of each of the topics listed below, using both examples of recent cases and case studies. Our panel of speakers and moderators comprise leading international trade experts from various EMEA locations including: Alexander Bychkov (Moscow), Ross Denton (London), Jasper Helder (Amsterdam), Nicole Looks (Frankfurt), Sunny Mann (London), Jennifer Revis (London). If you missed any webinars in this series, or would like to see them again, you may view them or download only the Presentation used, by clicking [on this link](#) or on the specific linked title or Presentation below:

- [Union Customs Code: What to expect from the draft Implementing Provisions and how to take part in the negotiations.](#) Guest speaker: Jim Repper from HM Revenue & Customs [Original date: February 27] [Presentation only](#)
- [Anti-Bribery and Corruption: Insight into SFO/ DOJ and update on the introduction of Deferred Prosecutions Agreements \(DPAs\) in the UK and lessons learnt from DPAs in the US](#) [Original date: March 27:] [Presentation only](#)
- [EU Trade Sanctions Update](#) [Original date: April 10] [Presentation only](#)
- [How to conduct M&A due diligence in the areas of International Trade and Anti-Bribery and Corruption](#) [Original date: May 8] [Presentation only](#)
- [Customs: How to classify and value your products](#) [Original date: June 26] [Presentation only](#)
- [US and EU Russian Sanctions Update](#) [Original date: September 17]
- [Customs: How to determine the origin of your products](#) [Original date: September 25] [Presentation only](#)
- [Fundamentals and Pitfalls of EU Export Controls](#) [Original date: October 23] [Presentation only](#)
- [Investigations and Voluntary Disclosures in International Trade and Anti-Bribery and Corruption](#) [Original date: November 27] [Presentation only.](#)
- [Anti-Bribery and Corruption: Key Developments](#) [Original date: December 11] [Presentation only.](#)

## WTO TBT Notifications

Member countries of the World Trade Organization (WTO) are required under the *Agreement on Technical Barriers to Trade* (TBT Agreement) to report to the WTO all proposed technical regulations that could affect trade with other Member countries. The WTO Secretariat distributes this information in the form of “notifications” to all Member countries. This chart summarizes notifications in English posted by the WTO during the past month. If you are interested in obtaining copies of any of these notifications, please contact [stuart.seidel@bakermckenzie.com](mailto:stuart.seidel@bakermckenzie.com) who will try to obtain the text. Some notifications are only available in the official language of the country publishing the notification. *Note: All dates are given as mm/dd/yyyy; National flags are not scaled for relative comparison.*

Country	Notification	Date Issued	Final Date for Comments	Merchandise Covered
 Argentina	ARG/211/Add.4	02/26/2016	Not given	Gas appliances for domestic use
 Brazil	BRA/339/Add.7	03/09/2016	Not given	Toys; also their parts and accessories
 Brazil	BRA/609/Add.3	03/01/2016	Not given	Semiconductor devices; light-emitting diodes; mounted piezoelectric crystals (HS 8541)
 Brazil	BRA/569/Add.3	03/07/2016	Not given	Water dispensers (HS 8516)
 Brazil	BRA/116/Add.5	03/09/2016	Not given	Toys (HS Chapter 95)
 Brazil	BRA/558/Add.2	03/09/2016	Not given	Friction material and articles thereof (for example, sheets, rolls, strips, segments, discs, washers, pads), not mounted, for brakes, for clutches or the like, with a basis of asbestos, of other mineral substances or of cellulose, whether or not combined with textile or other materials (HS 6813)
 Brazil	BRA/408/Rev.1/Add.3	03/14/2016	Not given	Parts and accessories for motor vehicles (brakes, radiators, mufflers, exhaust pipes, clutches, steering wheels, etc.) (HS 8708)
 Brazil	BRA/658/Add.1	3/23/2016	Not given	Portable tanks bulk containers (IBC) used in land transport of certain dangerous goods
 Canada	CAN/429/Add.1	03/14/2016	Not given	Crystalline powder - alpha-phenylacetoacetonitrile (APAAN)
 Canada	CAN/454/Add.1	3/30/2016	Not given	Water supplied on board conveyances
 Canada	CAN/472/Add.1	03/04/2016	Not given	Prescription status of medicinal ingredients for human use (HS 3004.90)
 Canada	CAN/474/Add.1	3/30/2016	Not given	Prescription status of medicinal ingredients for human use (HS 3004.90)
 Canada	CAN/483	03/01/2016	05/05/2016	Radiocommunications
 Canada	CAN/483/Corr.1	03/09/2016	Not given	Radiocommunications
 Canada	CAN/484	03/09/2016	04/27/2016	Methylphenidate, its salts, isomers, derivatives and analogues, as well as salts of the derivatives, isomers and analogues
 Canada	CAN/485	03/10/2016	05/12/2016	Motor vehicles
 Canada	CAN/486	03/10/2016	05/12/2016	Motor vehicles
 Chile	CHL/237/Add.2	3/22/2016	Not given	Pesticides and other phytosanitary products in general
 Chile	CHL/337/Add.1	3/22/2016	Not given	Food for human consumption
 Chile	CHL/345	02/22/2016	04/22/2016	Connectors for electrical installations; Electrical panel boards; Feeders and subfeeders for electrical installations; Conductors, materials and trunking systems for electrical installations; Earthing systems and equipotential bonding connections for electrical installations
 Chile	CHL/346	3/15/2016	5/14/2016	Electrical products and fuel
 Chile	CHL/347	3/17/2016	5/16/2016	Lighters
 China	CHN/1170	03/08/2016	05/07/2016	New chemical substances that are researched, produced, imported, or used within the territory of the People's Republic of China. Inorganic chemicals; organic or inorganic compounds of precious metals, of rare earth metals, of radioactive elements or of isotopes

Country	Notification	Date Issued	Final Date for Comments	Merchandise Covered
				(HS 28), Organic chemicals (HS 29)
 Colombia	COL/196/Add.4	03/02/2016	Not given	Biological medicines
 Czech Republic	CZE/192	3/29/2016	5/28/2016	Packaging for the transport, storage, or disposal of radioactive or fissile material; a special-form radioactive material and a low-dispersible radioactive material subject to type approval; radioactive or fissile material subject to a transport licence Fissile materials and nuclear fuel technology (ICS 27.120.30), Other standards related to nuclear energy (ICS 27.120.99)
 Ecuador	ECU/59/Add.5	03/02/2016	Not given	Household pressure cookers (HS 7615.19, 7323.93, 4016.93, 3926.90)
 Ecuador	ECU/97/Add.2	03/02/2016	Not given	Road signs
 Ecuador	ECU/177/Add.2	03/02/2016	Not given	Motorcycles (HS 8711, 8711.10.00, 8711.10.00.10, 8711.10.00.90, 8711.20.00, 8711.20.00.10, 8711.20.00.90, 8711.30.00, 8711.30.00.10, 8711.30.00.90, 8711.40.00, 8711.40.00.10, 8711.40.00.90, 8711.50.00, 8711.50.00.10, 8711.50.00.90, 8711.90.00, 8711.90.00.10 and 8711.90.00.90)
 Egypt	EGY/112/Corr.1	3/16/2016	Not given	Ceramic tiles
 Egypt	EGY/113/Corr.1	03/16/2016	Not given	Labelling of detergents and cleaning products
 Egypt	EGY/131	03/04/2016	05/03/2016	Fire extinguishers
 Egypt	EGY/132	30/09/2016	05/08/2016	Gas cylinders
 Egypt	EGY/133	03/09/2016	05/08/2016	LED lamps (bulbs)
 Egypt	EGY/134	03/09/2016	05/08/2016	Road vehicles
 Egypt	EGY/135	3/15/2016	5/14/2016	Road vehicles
 Egypt	EGY/136	3/15/2016	5/14/2016	Road vehicles
 Egypt	EGY/137	3/15/2016	5/14/2016	Road vehicles
 Egypt	EGY/138	3/15/2016	5/14/2016	Road vehicles
 Egypt	EGY/139	3/15/2016	5/14/2016	Road vehicles
 Egypt	EGY/140	3/15/2016	5/14/2016	Road vehicles
 Egypt	EGY/141	3/16/2016	5/15/2016	Road vehicles
 Egypt	EGY/142	3/16/2016	5/15/2016	Road vehicles
 Egypt	EGY/143	3/16/2016	5/15/2016	Road vehicles
 Egypt	EGY/144	3/16/2016	5/15/2016	Road vehicles
 Egypt	EGY/145	3/18/2016	5/17/2016	Road vehicles
 Egypt	EGY/146	3/21/2016	5/20/2016	Road vehicles
 Egypt	EGY/147	3/18/2016	5/17/2016	Road vehicles

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 Egypt	EGY/148	3/18/2016	5/17/2016	Road vehicles
 Egypt	EGY/149	3/23/2016	5/22/2016	Road vehicles
 Egypt	EGY/150	3/23/2016	5/22/2016	Road vehicles
 Egypt	EGY/151	3/23/2016	5/22/2016	Road vehicles
 Egypt	EGY/152	3/23/2016	5/22/2016	Vacuum cleaners and water-suction cleaning appliances
 Egypt	EGY/94/Rev.1/Corr.1	3/16/2016	Not given	Pencils and coloured pencils
 European Union	EU/362/Corr.1	03/02/2016	Not given	Biocidal products
 European Union	EU/369	03/10/2016	Not given	Chemical substances classified as drug precursors
 European Union	EU/370	03/14/2016	05/13/2016	Materials and articles in contact with food (HS 3919, 3920, 3923 & 3924)
 India	IND/44/Add.4	03/07/2016	Not given	List of 15 Products notified in Schedule to the Electronics and Information Technology Goods (Requirements for Compulsory Registration) Order, 2012
 India	IND/47/Add.2	3/07/2016	Not given	Addition of 15 products to the Schedule of the "Electronics and Information Technology Goods (Requirements for Compulsory Registration) Order, 2012" (List attached)
 India	IND/54	3/16/2016	5/15/2016	Electrical capacitors/A.C. motor capacitors/Power capacitors of self healing type for AC power systems having a rated voltage upto 650V/Shunt capacitors of non-self healing type for AC power systems having a rated voltage upto and including 650V
 Indonesia	IDN/104	03/09/2016	05/08/2016	Portable digital automatic data processing machines, weighing not more than 10 kg, consisting of at least a central processing unit, a keyboard and a display (HS 847130, 851712)
 Indonesia	IDN/103/Rev.1	3/17/2016	Not given	IT products
 Indonesia	IDN/104/Rev.1	3/17/2016	Not given	Portable digital automatic data processing machines, weighing not more than 10 kg, consisting of at least a central processing unit, a keyboard and a display (HS 847130, 851712)
 Israel	ISR/872	03/01/2016	04/30/2016	Lifting platforms for person with impaired mobility (HS 8428)
 Israel	ISR/873	03/01/2016	04/30/2016	Processed tomato concentrate (HS 2002)
 Israel	ISR/874	03/01/2016	04/30/2016	Gas-oil for heating and gas-oil for gas turbine applications (HS 2710)
 Israel	ISR/875	03/01/2016	04/30/2016	Flat glass panels for buildings (HS 7006)
 Israel	ISR/876	03/04/2016	05/03/2016	Tahena (HS 120740)
 Israel	ISR/877	03/07/2016	05/06/2016	Cellular telecommunication terminal equipment
 Israel	ISR/878	03/08/2016	05/07/2016	Low-voltage switchgear and controlgear assemblies (HS 853710, 853720)
 Israel	ISR/879	03/08/2016	05/07/2016	Low-voltage switchgear and controlgear as-

Country	Notification	Date Issued	Final Date for Comments	Merchandise Covered
				semblies (HS 853710, 853720)
 Israel	ISR/880	03/08/2016	05/07/2016	Low-voltage switchgear and controlgear assemblies (HS 853710, 853720)
 Israel	ISR/881	03/08/2016	05/07/2016	Bonded abrasive products (HS 8460)
 Israel	ISR/882	03/08/2016	05/07/2016	Handlamps (HS 851310, 853910, 940510)
 Israel	ISR/883	03/08/2016	05/07/2016	Air conditioners (HS 8415, 847989)
 Israel	ISR/884	03/14/2016	05/13/2016	Cocoa powders (HS 1805, 180610)
 Israel	ISR/885	03/14/2016	05/13/2016	Lighting chains (HS 8512, 8513, 8539, 940510)
 Israel	ISR/887	03/14/2016	05/13/2016	Microbiology test methods for foodstuffs
 Israel	ISR/888	03/14/2016	05/13/2016	Fire extinguishers (HS 842410)
 Israel	ISR/889	3/23/2016	5/22/2016	Domestic gas appliances (HS 7321)
 Israel	ISR/890	3/23/2016	5/22/2016	Terrazzo floor tiles (HS 680210, 6810)
 Israel	ISR/886	3/14/2016	5/13/2016	Steel for the reinforcement of concrete (HS 721310, 721420)
 Japan	JPN/519	3/16/2016	Not given	Substances with probable effects on the central nervous system
 Kenya	KEN/459	03/04/2016	03/26/2016	Fruit juices and nectars
 Kenya	KEN/460	03/07/2016	03/25/2016	Fruits and Vegetables
 Kenya	KEN/461	03/07/2016	04/01/2016	Strength test of panels for building construction
 Kenya	KEN/462	03/07/2016	04/08/2016	Essential oils and resinoids; perfumery, cosmetic or toilet preparations (HS 33)
 Kenya	KEN/463	03/07/2016	04/08/2016	Essential oils and resinoids; perfumery, cosmetic or toilet preparations (HS 33)
 Kenya	KEN/464	03/07/2016	04/11/2016	Drawing, marking-out or mathematical calculating instruments (for example, drafting machines, pantographs, protractors, drawing sets, slide rules, disc calculators); instruments for measuring length, for use in the hand (for example, measuring rods and tapes, micrometers, callipers), not specified or included elsewhere in this Chapter (HS 9017)
 Kenya	KEN/465	03/07/2016	04/08/2016	Disinfectants (HS 380840)
 Kenya	KEN/466	03/07/2016	004/05/2016	Fertilizers (HS 31)
 Korea, Republic of	KOR/629	3/15/2016	5/14/2016	Pharmaceuticals
 Korea, Republic of	KOR/630	3/15/2016	5/14/2016	Cosmetics
 Korea, Republic of	KOR/631	3/18/2016	4/7/2016	Cosmetics
 Korea, Republic of	KOR/632	3/18/2016	5/17/2016	Cosmetics
 Korea, Republic of	KOR/633	3/18/2016	5/17/2016	Cosmetics
 Kyrgyz Republic	KGZ/45	3/24/2016	Not given	Machines and equipment

Country	Notification	Date Issued	Final Date for Comments	Merchandise Covered
 Kyrgyz Republic	KGZ/46	3/24/2016	Not given	Wheeled or track type tractors used in agriculture and forestry, trailers and tractor components
 Kyrgyz Republic	KGZ/47	3/24/2016	Not given	Electric and non-electric equipment, including Ex-Component, which is used to work in explosion prone environment
 Malaysia	MYS/68	3/24/2016	5/23/2016	Land Mobile Radio (LMR) equipment include base stations/repeater stations, mobile stations and handheld terminals, which are intended for voice and/or data communicatio
 Russian Federation	RUS/47	03/02/2016	04/26/2016	Food products
 Russian Federation	RUS/48	03/08/2016	Not given	Portland cement, aluminous cement, slag cement, super-sulphate cement and similar hydraulic cements, whether or not coloured or in the form of clinkers (HS 2523)
 Saudi Arabia	SAU/920	03/02/2016	05/01/2016	Ceramic tiles
 Saudi Arabia	SAU/921	03/02/2016	05/01/2016	Ceramic sanitary appliances
 South Africa	ZAF/195	3/29/2016	5/28/2016	Pineapples (HS 0804)
 South Africa	ZAF/196	3/29/2016	5/28/2016	Hot water storage tanks for domestic use
 South Africa	ZAF/197	3/29/2016	5/16/2016	Flexible cords for electrical appliances (HS 8544)
 South Africa	ZAF/198	3/29/2016	5/28/2016	Electrical motor-operated or magnetically driven hand-held tools, transportable tools and lawn and garden machinery, with the following attributes: . Maximum rated voltage not exceeding 250 V single phase a.c . Maximum rated voltage not exceeding 480 V three phase a.c; and . Maximum rated input not exceeding 4000 W Other equipment (HS 851180)
 South Africa	ZAF/199	3/29/2016	5/28/2016	Low voltage switchgear and controlgear
 South Africa	ZAF/200	3/29/2016	5/28/2016	Motor vehicles for the transport of ten or more persons, including the driver (HS 8702, 8704, 87091)
 South Africa	ZAF/201	3/29/2016	5/28/2016	Live lobsters
 South Africa	ZAF/202	3/29/2016	5/28/2016	Pneumatic tyres (HS 4011.10)
 South Africa	ZAF/203	3/29/2016	5/28/2016	Pneumatic tyres (HS 401120)
 Taiwan Economy	TPKM/229	03/04/2016	05/03/2016	Food for human consumption
 Taiwan Economy	TPKM/227/Add.1	3/16/2016	Not given	Chocolate products
 Taiwan Economy	TPKM/225/Add.2	3/15/2016	Not given	Organic agricultural products
 Taiwan Economy	TPKM/230	3/24/2016	5/23/2016	Food for human consumption
 Thailand	THA/202/Add.1	03/14/2016	Not given	Textile auxiliary materials (HS 3204)
 Thailand	THA/379/Add.1	03/14/2016	Not given	Synthetic dyestuffs: pigments and extenders
 Thailand	THA/380/Add.1	03/14/2016	Not given	Synthetic dyestuffs: pigments and extenders

Country	Notification	Date Issued	Final Date for Comments	Merchandise Covered
 Thailand	THA/381/Add.1	03/14/2016	Not given	Synthetic dyestuffs: pigments and extenders
 Thailand	THA/382/Add.1	03/14/2016	Not given	Synthetic dyestuffs: pigments and extenders
 Thailand	THA/42/Rev.1	3/15/2016	Not given	Steel (HS 7209)
 Thailand	THA/60/Rev.1	3/15/2016	Not given	Domestic electrical appliances (HS Chapter 8)
 Thailand	THA/149/Rev.1	3/15/2016	Not given	Steels (HS 7208)
 Thailand	THA/217/Rev.1	3/15/2016	Not given	Flat steel products and semi-products (HS 7208)
 Thailand	THA/475	3/14/2016	5/13/2016	Cord extension sets (HS 8536)
 Thailand	THA/476	3/14/2016	5/13/2016	Tungsten filament lamps (HS 853931, 854370, 854089)
 Thailand	THA/477	3/14/2016	5/13/2016	Tumble dryers (HS 845121)
 Thailand	THA/478	3/29/2016	5/28/2016	Lubricating oil
 Uganda	UGA/532	3/24/2016	Not given	Shea nut
 Uganda	UGA/533	3/24/2016	5/23/2016	Shea butter
 Ukraine	UKR/107	3/15/2016	5/14/2016	Equipment and protective systems intended for use in potentially explosive atmospheres
 United States	USA/1011/Add.4	03/04/2016	Not given	Medium and heavy-duty vehicle emissions
 United States	USA/1061/Add.1	03/09/2016	Not given	Jewellery, precious metals, and pewter (HS 7116, 7117)
 United States	USA/1062/Add.1	3/16/2016	Not given	Ceiling fans (HS 8414.51)
 United States	USA/1067/Add.2	03/09/2016	Not given	Import data collection
 United States	USA/1071/Add.1	03/01/2016	Not given	Grain standards
 United States	USA/1071/Add.1/Corr.1	03/04/2016	Not given	Grain standards
 United States	USA/1077/Add.1	3/16/2016	Not given	Water conserving plumbing fixtures
 United States	USA/1078	03/01/2016	Not given	Fire safety Fire extinguishers, whether or not charged (HS 842410)
 United States	USA/1078/Corr.1	3/04/2016	Not given	Fire safety Fire extinguishers, whether or not charged (HS 842410)
 United States	USA/1079	03/01/2016	Not given	Foods produced with genetic engineering
 United States	USA/1079/Corr.1	03/09/2016	Not given	Foods produced with genetic engineering
 United States	USA/1080	3/16/2016	6/8/2016	Posterior cervical screw systems
 United States	USA/1081	3/16/2016	5/9/2016	Electric-powered vehicles
 United States	USA/1082	3/16/2016	5/10/2016	Motor vehicles
 United States	USA/1083	3/22/2016	2/17/2015	Marine watercraft
 United States	USA/1084	3/23/2016	5/31/2016	Commercial packaged boilers (HS 84)
 United States	USA/1085	3/23/2016	4/18/2016	General service lamps- Lamps (HS 851310)
 United States	USA/1086	3/24/2016	4/15/2016	Video navigation devices. Telecommunication terminal equipment (ICS: 33.050), Mobile services (ICS: 33.070)
 United States	USA/1087	3/24/2016	5/16/2016	Nuclear power plant components

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 United States	USA/1088	3/24/2016	3/31/2016	Electronic cigarette substance
 United States	USA/1089	3/24/2016	4/18/2016	Diesel particulate filters
 United States	USA/1090	3/24/2016	3/25/2016	Plastic bags and plastic film
 United States	USA/1091	3/29/2016	3/14/2016	Amusement devices
 United States	USA/1092	3/29/2016	6/20/2016	Powdered gloves
 United States	USA/1093	3/29/2016	Not given	Adult wearing apparel
 United States	USA/1094	3/29/2016	5/6/2016	White space devices
 United States	USA/390/Add.2	3/23/2016	Not given	Human foods, cosmetics (HS 33-3, 2106)
 United States	USA/661/Add.5	03/07/2016	Not given	Non-compressor residential refrigeration products (HS 8418)
 United States	USA/720/Add.4	03/07/2016	Not given	Medical device and device packages identification
 United States	USA/801/Add.2	03/07/2016	Not given	Country of origin labeling
 United States	USA/854/Add.2	3/30/2016	Not given	Commercial packaged boilers (HS Chapter 84)
 United States	USA/874/Add.4	3/16/2016	Not given	General service lamps (HS 8512.90)
 United States	USA/874/Add.5	3/23/2016	Not given	General service lamps (HS 8512.90)
 United States	USA/925/Add.1	03/04/2016	Not given	Beef carcass
 United States	USA/980/Add.1/Corr.1	3/30/2016	Not given	Pumps
 United States	USA/995/Add.1	3/30/2016	Not given	Architectural glazing materials

## 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
05-29-15	<a href="#">270443</a>	<a href="#">Artist paper, brand name Arnhem, white (245 g/m<sup>2</sup>) roll</a>	4802.58.00.90 [GIR 1 and 6; Chap 48 LN 1 and 5; Chap 48 SN 1(a)]
07-30-15	<a href="#">270688</a>	<a href="#">Schrade SCHOTF3B</a>	9898.00.00 [GIR 1; D19-13-2]
07-30-15	<a href="#">270613</a>	<a href="#">Dream Catcher #10001038</a>	8306.29.00.00 [GIRs 1, 3(b) and 6]
07-30-15	<a href="#">270610</a>	<a href="#">Dream Catcher #10001040</a>	8306.29.00.00 [GIRs 1, 3(b) and 6]
07-30-15	<a href="#">271192</a>	<a href="#">Stainless Steel Mixing Bowl, product number 144700-000-000</a>	7323.93.00.30 [GIR 1 and 6; Chap. 85 EN (B)]
07-30-15	<a href="#">271092</a>	<a href="#">12 in 1 Camp Scissors, product number 2000010743</a>	8213.00.10.10 [GIR 3(b); LN 1(A)]
07-30-15	<a href="#">271090</a>	<a href="#">Mr. C Brew Basket, Disp, SGL product # CM2101-005-000</a>	8516.90.90.90 [GIR 1 and 6; Sec. XVI LN 2(b); D10-0-1]

Date	TRS Number	Merchandise	Tariff Classification and Basis
07-30-15	<a href="#">271002</a>	<a href="#">Hinges for a 28 QT WalMart Cooler, product number 527A1241</a>	3926.90.99.19 [GIR 1 and 6; Sec. XV LN 2; Sec. XVI LNote 1 (g); Sec. XVII LN 2 (b); Chap 90 LN 1 (f); Chap 93 LN 1 (b); and Chap 94 LN 1 (d)]
07-30-15	<a href="#">270311</a>	<a href="#">Baby Backpack / Carrier # SC-1C-108</a>	4202.92.20.21 [GIR 1 and 6; CITT Case AP-2013-046]
07-30-15	<a href="#">270955</a>	<a href="#">Man's denim jacket, style 00SG3V OSAJI ELSHAR-E</a>	6203.32.00.00 [GIR 1 and 6]
07-30-15	<a href="#">270890</a>	<a href="#">Jacket Style 00SJ6Y 0NAIS L-MADARA</a>	4203.10.00.31 [GIR 3(b) and 6]
07-30-15	<a href="#">270965</a>	<a href="#">Ladies Denim Jacket style# 00SKBU 0847K DE-WILD</a>	6204.32.00.00 [GIR 1 and 6; Chap 62 Note 8; EN to 61.02]
08-24-15	<a href="#">271145</a>	<a href="#">Margaritaville Blending Blade product # 1911411-011-000</a>	8509.90.20.90 [GIR 1 and 6; Sec. XVI, LN 2(b); D10-0-1]
08-31-15	<a href="#">271560</a>	<a href="#">Wonderart Latch Hook Kits, Series 426 and 429 (NAFTA)</a>	6308.00.00.00 [Does not meet 401(b) ROO]
09-04-15	<a href="#">271124</a>	<a href="#">BlissLights® Outdoor/Indoor Firefly Light Projector, also known as BlissLights® Spright Lite</a>	9013.20.00.00 [GIRs 1, 3(b) and 6]
09-04-15	<a href="#">270537</a>	<a href="#">Neon Light Bulb Assembly, P/N 103699</a>	8539.39.90.00 [GIR 1 and 6; Gen.EN to 85.39(c)(1)]
09-04-15	<a href="#">270091</a>	<a href="#">Product # 084036-000-000, a cube shaped, glass replacement jar for an Oster blender</a>	8509.90.20.90 [GIR 1 and 6; Sec. XVI LN 2(b); D10-0-1]
09-04-15	<a href="#">270420</a>	<a href="#">EVA foam rollers</a>	9506.91.90.90 [GIR 1 and 6; EN (II) to heading 90.19]
09-04-15	<a href="#">271285</a>	<a href="#">Container Bottom, product #164173-000-090</a>	8509.90.20.90 [GIR 1 and 6; Sec. XVI, LN 2(b); D10-0-1]
09-21-15	<a href="#">270938</a>	<a href="#">Outdoor Laser Firefly Projector w/Stake, item # X99975</a>	9013.20.00.00 [GIRs 1, 3(b) and 6]
09-21-15	<a href="#">270783</a>	<a href="#">Shoe, Style Y01169 P0607 D-STRING</a>	6404.19.90.91 [GIR 1 and 6]
09-21-15	<a href="#">271294</a>	<a href="#">Nikkalite CRG 92000 Series Film [replaced the previous advance ruling #267897]</a>	3919.90.00.90 [GIR 1 and 6]
11-17-15	<a href="#">272163</a>	<a href="#">Masslinn® Dust Cloth</a>	5603.12.00.89 [GIR 1]
11-17-15	<a href="#">272170</a>	<a href="#">Chix® Foodservice Towel with Microban® Protection</a>	5603.12.00.89 [GIR 1]
11-17-15	<a href="#">270728</a>	<a href="#">Shoe, Style Y01112 P0612 BIKKREN</a>	6403.99.90.91 [GIR 1]
11-17-15	<a href="#">272113</a>	<a href="#">Nestle Gerber® organic brown rice standard baby cereal</a>	1901.10.10.00 [GIR 1 and 6]
11-17-15	<a href="#">272247</a>	<a href="#">Plastic replacement jar for Oster blender models 6840-33/6840-33A, product #083818-002-089</a>	8509.90.20.90 [GIR 1 and 6; Sec. XVI LN 2(b); D10-0-1]
11-17-15	<a href="#">270727</a>	<a href="#">Shoe, Style Y00321 PR052 MAGNETE LOW</a>	6403.99.90.91 [GIR 1; LN Subheading 1 to Chap 64]
11-17-15	<a href="#">270786</a>	<a href="#">Shoe, Style Y01167 P0614 E-DYNAGG</a>	6402.99.90.91 [GIR 1; LN Subheading 1 to Chap 64]
12-01-15	<a href="#">270702</a>	<a href="#">Salomon hydration backpacks/systems</a>	6211.43.90.29 [GIR 3(b); LN 2(a) and Note 7 (f) to Section XI]

## CBP Rulings: Downloads and Searches

As US Customs and Border Protection (CBP) issues several thousand rulings a year, it is not practical to list each ruling. However, almost all rulings issued by US Customs or CBP from 1993 to the present and many issued before 1993 are available for search and downloading using the [CROSS search engine](#). Over 190,000 such rulings are in the database. We list revocations and modifications of issued rulings in the next section.

## 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 CBP 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>Proposals to Revoke or Modify</b>						
<a href="#">(P) 03-09-16</a>	Tariff classification of certain articles of footwear [ <i>Nike "Studio Wrap Pack"</i> ]	NY N239002 (R)	Separate classification for each item GRI 1	HQ H241428	6404.19.39 [retail set but GRI 3(c)]	(C) 04-08-16
	Tariff classification of antenna shields	HQ H164415 (M)	9015.80.8040	HQ H267349	9015.90.0060 [GRI 1]	
	Tariff classification of Sefar Tetex Mono V-17-2030-W 50 Rayl Woven Fabric	HQ H063618 (M)	Misstatement of HS Explanatory Notes 59.11	HQ H266215	Correction	
	Tariff classification of certain patient lifts ( <i>Corrected notice with change in certain ruling numbers and proposed new ruling</i> )	NY 868691 (M)	9402.90.0020 & 9817.00.96	HQ H235507	8428.90.0290 [GRI 1] & 9817.00.96	
		NY 871935 (M)	9402		8428	
		NY B87708 (M)	9402.90.0020 & 9817.00.96		8428.90.0290 and 8431.90.00[GRI 1] & 9817.00.96	
		NY C81648 (M)	9402.90.0020 & 9817.00.96		8428.90.0290 [GRI 1] & 9817.00.96	
		NY D83377 (M)	9402.90.0020 & 9817.00.96		8428.90.0290 [GRI 1] & 9817.00.96	
	NY N092699 (R)	8428.90.0190	Publication was not in accord with 19 USC 1625(c)			
Tariff classification of cereal bars	NY N211715 (M)	1704.90.3550	HQ H269530	1806.32.90		
Applicability of subheading 9801.00.20, HTSUS) to certain automobile parts [ <i>when originally imported by FMM or a distributor and exported and reimported by FMM</i> ]	NY N263924 (M) NY N260230 (M)	Goods were eligible for 9801 treatment.	HQ H270377	Goods are not eligible for 9801.00.20 treatment when originally imported by others because there is no showing that original importers were agents of FMM		
Tariff classification of a certain case for baby wipes	NY N257516 (R)	4202.99.9000	HQ H257222	4202.92.9060 [GRI 1 and 6]		
<b>Revocations and Modifications</b>						
<a href="#">(A) 03-09-16</a>	Tariff classification of Saytex HP 7010, also known as Brominated Polystyrene (CAS #88497-56-7)	NY N074315 (R)	3824.90	HQ H257795	3903.90.50 [GRI 1 and 6]	(E) 05-09-16

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	Tariff classification of certain off-road tires for dump trucks <i>[earthmovers]</i>	HQ 959730 (M) HQ 966360 (R) ----- HQ 958100 (M)	4011.20.10	HQ H192148	4011.62.00 or 4011.63.00 [GRI 1, EN] ----- 4011.93.40 4011.93.80 4011.94.40 4011.94.80 [GRI 1] depending on tread and use	
	Preferential tariff treatment and country of origin marking under the North American Free Trade Agreement ("NAFTA") for certain prepared nuts <i>[grown in non-NAFTA countries]</i>	NY E87234 (M) NY F88926 (M) NY H84143 (M) NY H82352 (M) NY R02589 (M) NY N228118 (M)	Roasting and blanching or salting nuts from non-NAFTA countries qualifies for preference and for NAFTA marking	HQ H243329 HQ H256782 HQ H256783 HQ H256785 HQ H256784 HQ H256781	Pursuant to GN 12(s)(ii), the nuts do not qualify for preference or [in specified cases] for marking of a NAFTA party. Source of nuts must be marked.	
	Tariff classification of medical apparatus	HQ 085366 (R)	9018.90.60	HQ H152456	9018.90.75 [GRI 1]	
	Tariff classification of flocked heat transfers and textile/PVC material designed for transferring images to fabric or other surfaces	NY J81335 (R) NY J80560 (R) ----- NY E85712 (R)	5601.30.00 ----- 5903.10.25	HQ H265493	4908.90.00 [GRI 1 and 6]	
	Tariff classification of certain pillowcases.	NY N239270 (R)	6302.31.90	HQ H242650	6302.31.70 [GRI 1 and 6]	

## European Classification Regulations

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

Commission Implementing Regulation	Description of the goods	Classification (CN code)	Reasons
<a href="#">(EU) 2016/283 of 24-02-16</a>	An article predominantly made of plastics, having the shape of a pointed cylinder (so-called 'LED glitter lamp'), approximately 17 cm high. The article tapers to a point at the top, with a broader base, and has a transparent plastic middle section. The middle section is decorated inside with a stylised figure of a girl and is filled with a transparent fluid which has glitter particles suspended in it.  The base contains several battery-powered light-emitting diodes (LEDs). When the article is shaken, the middle section glows gently in different colours. The light is only emitted briefly, for about one minute, after shak-	3926 40 00	Classification is determined by general rules 1 and 6 for the interpretation of the Combined Nomenclature and by the wording of CN codes 3926 and 3926 40 00.  The article cannot be classified as a lamp under heading 9405, because it is not primarily designed to illuminate, for example, a room, nor is it a specialised lamp (see also the Harmonised System Explanatory Notes (HSEN) to heading 9405, (I), (1) and (3)).  According to its objective characteristics, the article is not essentially intended for the amusement of persons (children or adults) (see also the HSEN to heading 9503, (D)). Classification under

Commission Implementing Regulation	Description of the goods	Classification (CN code)	Reasons
	<p>ing. See image</p>		<p>heading 9503 as a toy is therefore also excluded.</p> <p>Due to its objective characteristics, the article is mainly designed for decorative purposes. The illumination is only enhancing the ornamental effect.</p> <p>Consequently, the article is to be classified under CN code 3926 40 00 as other ornamental articles of plastics.</p>
<p><a href="#">(EU) 2016/302 of 25-02-16</a></p>	<p>An article in the form of a plastic drawing board measuring approximately 31 cm x 32 cm, with a bright layered plastic magnetic surface for drawing and erasing. The surface is surrounded and held by a plastic frame.</p> <p>There is a drawing pen made of plastics with a metal tip attached by a string to the board which is pressed on the surface and produces pictures, letters, etc. using the magnetic property of the surface. There are four small magnetic stamps made of plastics loosely laid in the plastic frame, with which figures can be stamped on the surface.</p> <p>The erasing function works by lifting the upper layer of the plastics; the mechanism for lifting the upper layer is built-in at the bottom of the drawing board and disconnects the magnetic function.</p> <p>The article is designed for the entertainment of children.</p>  <p>See image</p>	<p>9503 00 95</p>	<p>Classification is determined by general rules 1, 3(a), 3(b) and 6 for the interpretation of the Combined Nomenclature (GIR) and by the wording of CN codes 9503 00 and 9503 00 95.</p> <p>Classification as a slate or board, with writing or drawing surfaces under heading 9610 is excluded, as the article is not to be used for writing or drawing with slate pencils, chinks, felt or fibre-tipped markers (see also the Harmonized System Explanatory Notes (HSEN) to heading 9610).</p> <p>The article has the characteristics of a toy of heading 9503. As heading 9503 provides the most specific description, classification under heading 3926 as other articles of plastics is also excluded.</p> <p>The article is a composite article within the meaning of GIR 3(b). It consists of plastics and a magnetic surface, which together form a whole (see also the HSEN to GIR 3(b), (IX)).</p> <p>The frame and surface are made of plastics. The plastic components dominate and give the article its essential character within the meaning of GIR 3(b).</p> <p>Consequently, the article is to be classified under CN code 9503 00 95 as other toys of plastics.</p>

## 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.

Ref. №	Commodity	Action
<a href="#">337-TA-929</a>	Certain beverage brewing capsules, components thereof, and products containing the same	Commission's final determination finding no violation of section 337 by Solofill LLC or DongGuan Hai Rui Precision Mould Co., Ltd.; Issuance of a limited exclusion order and cease and desist orders to defaulted respondents; termination of the investigation
<a href="#">337-TA-935</a>	Certain personal transporters, components thereof, and manuals therefor	Issuance of a general exclusion order, a limited exclusion order, and a cease and desist order, termination of investigation
<a href="#">337-TA-941</a>	Certain graphics processing chips, systems on a chip, and products containing the same	Commission determination to review in part a final initial determination finding a violation of section 337; schedule for filing written submissions on the issues under review and on remedy, the public interest, and bonding
<a href="#">337-TA-951</a>	Certain lithium metal oxide cathode materials, lithium-ion batteries for power tool products containing same, and power tool products with lithium-ion batteries containing same	Request for statements on the public interest
<a href="#">337-TA-970</a>	Certain height adjustable desk platforms and components thereof	Commission determination not to review an initial determination granting a joint motion to terminate the investigation on the basis of settlement; termination of investigation
<a href="#">337-TA-987</a>	Certain hospital beds, and components thereof	Institution of an investigation based on a complaint filed on behalf of Stryker Corporation alleging patent infringement
<a href="#">337-TA-988</a>	Certain pumping bras	Institution of an investigation based on a complaint filed on behalf of Simple Wishes, LLC alleging patent infringement
<a href="#">337-TA-989</a>	Certain automated teller machines, ATM modules, components thereof, and products containing the same	Institution of an investigation based on a complaint filed on behalf of Nautilus Hyosung Inc. and Nautilus Hyosung America Inc. alleging patent infringement
<a href="#">337-TA-990</a>	Certain mobile electronic devices incorporating Haptics (including smartphones and smartwatches) and components thereof	Institution of an investigation based on a complaint filed on behalf of Immersion Corporation alleging patent infringement
<a href="#">337-TA-991</a>	Certain nanopores and products containing the same	Institution of an investigation based on a complaint filed on behalf of Illumina, Inc.; University of Washington; and UAB Research Foundation

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 3127</a>	Certain height-adjustable desk platforms and components thereof	Varidesk LLC
<a href="#">DN 3128</a>	Certain carbon spine board, cervical collar and various medical training manikin devices, and accompanying product catalogues, product inserts, literature and components thereof	Laerdal Medical Corp. and Laerdal Medical AS
<a href="#">DN 3129</a>	Certain motorized self-balancing vehicles	Razor USA LLC, Inventist, Inc. and Shane Chen

## 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 No	Merchandise/Country	Action
<a href="#">A-201-847</a>	Heavy walled rectangular welded carbon steel pipes and tubes from Mexico:	Affirmative preliminary determination of sales at LTFV and postponement of final determination
<a href="#">A-489-824</a>	Heavy walled rectangular welded carbon steel pipes and tubes from Turkey	Preliminary determination of sales at LTFV and postponement of final determination
<a href="#">A-580-880</a>	Heavy walled rectangular welded carbon steel pipes and tubes from S.Korea	Preliminary determination of sales at LTFV and postponement of final determination
<a href="#">A-602-807</a> <a href="#">A-351-842</a> <a href="#">A-560-828</a> <a href="#">A-570-022</a> <a href="#">A-471-807</a>	Certain uncoated paper from Australia, Brazil, Indonesia, China, and Portugal	Amended final affirmative AD determinations for Brazil and Indonesia and ADD orders
<a href="#">A-570-900</a>	Diamond sawblades and parts thereof from China	Initiation and preliminary results of changed circumstances review
<a href="#">A-533-867</a>	Welded stainless pressure pipe from India	Postponement of preliminary determination of ADD investigation
<a href="#">C-560-829</a> <a href="#">C-570-023</a>	Certain uncoated paper from Indonesia and China	Amended final affirmative CVD determination and CVD order (Indonesia) and CVD order (China)
<a href="#">A-570-904</a>	Certain activated carbon from China	Preliminary results of ADD administrative review; 2014- 2015
<a href="#">C-570-009</a>	Calcium Hypochlorite From China	Initiation of CVD new shipper review; 2014-2015
<a href="#">A-570-029</a>	Certain cold-rolled steel flat products from China	Affirmative preliminary determination of sales at LTFV, and preliminary affirmative determination of critical circumstances
<a href="#">A-533-865</a>	Certain cold-rolled steel flat products from India	Affirmative preliminary determination of sales at LTFV and postponement of final determination and extension of provisional measures
<a href="#">A-351-843</a>	Certain cold-rolled steel flat products from Brazil	Affirmative preliminary determination of sales at LTFV, postponement of final determination, and extension of provisional measures
<a href="#">A-588-873</a>	Certain cold-rolled steel flat products from Japan	Affirmative preliminary determination of sales at LTFV and preliminary affirmative determination of critical circumstances
<a href="#">A-580-881</a>	Certain cold-rolled steel flat products from S. Korea	Affirmative preliminary determination of sales at LTFV and postponement of final determination
<a href="#">A-412-824</a>	Certain cold-rolled steel flat products from the United Kingdom	Affirmative preliminary determination of sales at LTFV, postponement of final determination and extension of provisional measures
<a href="#">A-570-888</a>	Floor-standing, metal-top ironing tables and certain parts thereof from China	Continuation of ADD order
<a href="#">A-821-822</a>	Certain cold-rolled steel flat products from the Russian Federation	Affirmative preliminary determination of sales at LTFV, affirmative preliminary determination of critical circumstances, and postponement of final determination
<a href="#">A-570-890</a>	Wooden bedroom furniture from China	Final results of the expedited second sunset review of the ADD order
<a href="#">A-533-813</a>	Certain preserved mushrooms from India	Preliminary results of ADD administrative review; 2014-2015
<a href="#">A-351-825</a>	Stainless steel bar from Brazil	Preliminary results of ADD administrative review; 2014- 2015


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Case No	Merchandise/Country	Action
<a href="#">A-201-843</a>	Prestressed concrete steel rail tie wire from Mexico	Preliminary results of ADD administrative review; 2013–2015
<a href="#">A-570-929</a>	Small diameter graphite electrodes from China	Preliminary results of ADD administrative review and rescission of review in part; 2014–2015
<a href="#">A-122-856</a> <a href="#">A-570-032</a>	Certain iron mechanical transfer drive components from Canada and China	Postponement of preliminary determinations of ADD investigations
<a href="#">A-570-928</a>	Uncovered innerspring units from China	Preliminary results of the ADD administrative review; 2014–2015
<a href="#">A-475-818</a>	Certain pasta from Italy	Amended final results of ADD administrative review; 2013–2014
<a href="#">C-489-817</a>	Oil country tubular goods from Turkey	Notice of court decision not in harmony with the final determination of the CVD investigation
<a href="#">A-570-851</a>	Certain preserved mushrooms from China	Final results of ADD administrative review; 2014–2015
<a href="#">A-533-810</a>	Stainless steel bar from India	Preliminary results of ADD administrative review; 2014–2015
<a href="#">A-549-822</a>	Certain frozen warmwater shrimp from Thailand	Preliminary results of ADD administrative review, rescission of review, in part, and preliminary determination of no shipments; 2014–2015
<a href="#">A-552-802</a>	Certain frozen warmwater shrimp from Vietnam	Preliminary results of ADD administrative review and partial rescission of review; 2014–2015
<a href="#">A-533-840</a>	Certain frozen warmwater shrimp from India	Preliminary results of ADD administrative review, preliminary determination of no shipments; 2014–2015
<a href="#">A-570-042</a>	Stainless steel sheet and strip from China	Initiation of LTFV Investigation
<a href="#">A-580-836</a>	Certain cut-to-length carbon-quality steel plate products from S.Korea	Preliminary results of ADD administrative and new shipper reviews and rescission of administrative review, in part; 2014–2015
<a href="#">C-533-868</a>	Welded stainless pressure pipe from India	CVD investigation: preliminary affirmative determination and alignment of final determination with final ADD determination
<a href="#">A-201-842</a>	Large residential washers from Mexico	Preliminary results of the ADD administrative review; 2014–2015
<a href="#">A-580-868</a>	Large residential washers from S. Korea	Preliminary results of the ADD administrative review; 2014–2015
<a href="#">A-570-835</a>	Furfuryl alcohol from China	Preliminary results of ADD administrative review; 2014–2015
<a href="#">C-523-811</a>	Certain polyethylene terephthalate resin from Oman	Final negative CVD determination
<a href="#">C-570-043</a>	Stainless steel sheet and strip from China	Initiation of CVD investigation
<a href="#">A-570-806</a>	Silicon metal from China	Preliminary results of ADD administrative review; 2014–2015
<a href="#">C-580-837</a>	Certain cut-to-length carbon-quality steel plate from S. Korea	Preliminary results of CVD administrative review and new shipper review; calendar year 2014
<a href="#">C-533-862</a>	Certain polyethylene terephthalate resin from India	CVD investigation: final affirmative determination and final affirmative critical circumstances determination, in part
<a href="#">C-570-025</a>	Certain polyethylene terephthalate resin from China	CVD investigation: final affirmative determination
<a href="#">A-122-855</a>	Certain polyethylene terephthalate resin from Canada	Final determination of sales at LTFV
<a href="#">A-533-861</a>	Resin from India	Final determination of sales at LTFV and final affirmative determination of critical circumstances
<a href="#">A-570-024</a>	Certain polyethylene terephthalate resin from China	Final determination of sales at LTFV
<a href="#">A-523-810</a>	Certain polyethylene terephthalate resin from Oman	Final determination of sales at LTFV
<a href="#">C-570-039</a>	Certain amorphous silica fabric from China	Postponement of preliminary determination in the CVD investigation
<a href="#">A-427-602</a>	Brass sheet and strip from France	Final results of ADD administrative review; 2014-2015
<a href="#">A-570-909</a>	Certain steel nails from China	Final results of ADD administrative review; 2013-2014
<a href="#">A-580-867</a>	Large power transformers from S. Korea	Final results of ADD administrative review; 2013-2014


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Case №	Merchandise/Country	Action
<a href="#">A-570-956</a> <a href="#">C-570-957</a>	Seamless carbon alloy steel standard line and pressure pipes from China	Continuation of ADD order and CVD order
<a href="#">A-201-847</a>	Heavy walled rectangular carbon steel pipes and tubes from Mexico	Amended preliminary determination of sales at LTFV
<a href="#">A-570-890</a>	Wooden bedroom furniture from China	Notice of court decision not in harmony with final scope ruling and notice of amended final scope ruling pursuant to court decision
<a href="#">A-570-001</a>	Potassium permanganate from China	Continuation of ADD order
<a href="#">A-475-601</a>	Brass sheet and strip from Italy	Final results of ADD administrative review; 2014-2015
<a href="#">A-523-812</a> <a href="#">A-535-903</a> <a href="#">A-520-807</a> <a href="#">A-552-820</a>	Pipe from Oman, Pakistan, the United Arab Emirates, and Vietnam	Postponement of preliminary determinations of ADD investigations
<a href="#">A-570-967</a> <a href="#">C-570-968</a>	Aluminum extrusions from China	Initiation of anti-circumvention inquiry
<a href="#">A-580-883</a>	Certain hot-rolled steel flat products from S. Korea	Affirmative preliminary determination of sales at LTFV and postponement of final determination
<a href="#">A-588-874</a>	Certain hot-rolled steel flat products from Japan	Preliminary determination of sales at LTFV and postponement of final determination
<a href="#">C-570-068</a>	Aluminum extrusions from China	Amended final results of CVD administrative review; 2013
<a href="#">A-570-985</a>	Xanthan gum from China	Prelimin view
<a href="#">A-602-809</a>	Certain hot-rolled steel flat products from Australia	Preliminary determination of sales at LTFV and postponement of final determination
<a href="#">A-421-813</a>	Certain hot-rolled steel flat products from the Netherlands:	Affirmative preliminary determination of sales at LTFV, postponement of final determination and extension of provisional measures
<a href="#">A-489-826</a>	Certain hot-rolled steel flat products from Turkey	Affirmative preliminary determination of sales at LTFV and postponement of final determination
<a href="#">A-351-845</a>	Certain hot-rolled steel flat products from Brazil	Affirmative preliminary determination of sales at LTFV, postponement of final determination, and extension of provisional measures
<a href="#">A-412-825</a>	Certain hot-rolled steel flat products from the United Kingdom	Affirmative preliminary determination of sales at LTFV, postponement of final determination and extension of provisional measures
<a href="#">A-570-848</a>	Freshwater crawfish tail meat from China	Rescission of ADD administrative review in part; 2014-2015
<a href="#">A-533-857</a>	Certain oil country tubular goods from India	Rescission of ADD administrative review; 2015
<a href="#">A-570-983</a>	Drawn stainless steel sinks from China	Notice of final results of ADD changed circumstances review
<a href="#">A-552-801</a>	Certain frozen fish fillets from Vietnam	Final results and partial rescission of ADD administrative review; 2013-2014
<a href="#">A-570-504</a>	Certain petroleum wax candles from China	Final results of expedited fourth sunset review of the ADD order
<a href="#">C-570-041</a>	Truck and bus tires from China	Postponement of preliminary determination in the CVD investigation


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

Case №	Merchandise/Country	Action
<a href="#">731-TA-1063-1064</a> and <a href="#">1066-1068</a>	Frozen warmwater shrimp from Brazil, China, India, Thailand, and Vietnam	(Second review) Institution of five-year reviews
<a href="#">731-TA-308-310</a> and <a href="#">520-521</a>	Carbon steel butt-weld pipe fittings from Brazil, China, Japan, Taiwan, and Thailand	(Fourth Review) Institution of five-year reviews
<a href="#">731-TA-1279</a>	Hydrofluorocarbon blends and com-	(Final) Scheduling of the final phase of an ADD investigation


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

Case No	Merchandise/Country	Action
	ponents from China	
<a href="#">701-TA-551-553</a> <a href="#">731-TA-1307-1308</a>	Certain new pneumatic off-the-road-tires from China, India, and Sri Lanka	(Preliminary) Determinations that there is a reasonable indication that an industry in the US is materially injured by imports that are allegedly sold in the US at LTFV and imports of OTR tires that are allegedly subsidized by the governments of India and Sri Lanka. The Commission also found that imports of OTR tires from China are negligible and its investigations with regard to imports from this country are thereby terminated
<a href="#">701-TA-554</a> <a href="#">731-TA-1309</a>	Certain biaxial integral geogrid products from China	(Preliminary) Determinations that there is a reasonable indication that an industry in the US is materially injured by imports that are alleged to be sold in the US at LTFV, and that are allegedly subsidized by the government of China
<a href="#">701-TA-469</a> <a href="#">731-TA-1168</a>	Certain seamless carbon and alloy steel standard, line, and pressure pipe from China	(Review) Determinations that revocation of the CVD order and ADD order would be likely to lead to continuation or recurrence of material injury to an industry in the US within a reasonably foreseeable time.
<a href="#">731-TA-1313</a>	1,1,1,2-Tetrafluoroethane (R-134a) from China	(Preliminary) Institution of ADD investigation and scheduling of preliminary phase investigation
<a href="#">701-TA-539</a> <a href="#">731-TA-1280-1282</a>	Heavy walled rectangular welded carbon steel pipes and tubes from Korea, Mexico, and Turkey	(Final) Scheduling of the final phase of AD and CVD investigation
<a href="#">731-TA-1314</a>	Phosphor copper from Korea	(Preliminary) Institution of ADD investigation and scheduling of preliminary phase investigation
<a href="#">701-TA-555</a> <a href="#">731-TA-1310</a>	Certain amorphous silica fabric from China	(Preliminary) Determinations that an industry in the US is materially injured by reason of imports that are alleged to be subsidized by the government of China and sold in the US at LTFV
<a href="#">701-TA-556</a> <a href="#">731-TA-1311</a>	Truck and bus tires from China;	(Preliminary) Determinations that there is a reasonable indication that an industry in the US is materially injured or threatened with material injury by reason of imports that are alleged to be sold in the US at LTFV, that are allegedly subsidized by the government of China
<a href="#">731-TA-282</a>	Petroleum wax candles from China	(Fourth Review) Scheduling of an expedited five-year review
<a href="#">701-TA-540-544</a> <a href="#">731-TA-1283-1287</a> , <a href="#">1289-1290</a>	Cold-rolled steel flat products from Brazil, China, India, Japan, Korea, Russia, and the United Kingdom	(Final) Scheduling of the final phase of CVD and ADD investigations


**Canadian International Trade Tribunal (CITT)**

Ref. Number	Merchandise/Country	Action
<a href="#">NQ-2015-001</a>	Hot-rolled carbon steel plate and high-strength low-alloy steel plate originating in or exported from India and the Russian Federation	Finding and reasons
<a href="#">NQ-2015-002</a>	Carbon and alloy steel line pipe originating in or exported from China	Finding issued that the dumping and subsidizing of the covered goods have caused injury to the domestic industry.
<a href="#">PI-2015-003</a>	Welded large diameter carbon and alloy steel line pipe originating in or exported from China and Japan	Notice of commencement of preliminary injury inquiry
<a href="#">RR-2015-003</a>	<i>Dumping</i> : Copper pipe fittings originating in or exported from the USA, S. Korea and China; <i>Subsidizing</i> of such goods originating in or exported from China	Notice of expiry review of orders



## Canada Border Services Agency (CBSA)

Ref. Number	Merchandise/Country	Action
<a href="#">AD 1392ri16</a>	Certain stainless steel sinks originating in or exported from China	Notice of re-investigation and <a href="#">schedule</a>
<a href="#">AD 1407ni</a>	<i>Dumping and subsidizing</i> : certain carbon and alloy steel line pipe originating in or exported from China	Final determinations - statement of reasons
<a href="#">RR-2015-003</a> <a href="#">Dumping:4366-45</a> <a href="#">Subsidy: 4366-46</a>	<i>Dumping</i> : certain copper pipe fittings originating in or exported from the USA, S. Korea and China; <i>Subsidizing</i> of certain copper pipe fittings originating in or exported from China	Notice of initiation of expiry review investigation
<a href="#">AD/1408 4214-47</a> <a href="#">CV/143 4218-44</a>	<i>Dumping</i> : certain welded large diameter carbon and alloy steel line pipe (large line pipe) originating in or exported from China and Japan, and the alleged injurious subsidizing of large line pipe from China	Notice of Initiation of Investigations



## NAFTA Panels

Ref. Number	Merchandise/Country	Action
None		



## Mexico - Ministry of Economy

Ref. No	Merchandise/Country	Action
<a href="#">11/15</a>	Ferrosilicon manganese, originating in India, regardless of country of export	Preliminary AD resolution



## European Union

Ref. Number	Merchandise/Country	Action
<a href="#">(EU) 2016/299</a>	Silico-manganese originating in India	Commission Implementing Decision terminating the anti-dumping proceedings
<a href="#">(EU) 2016/306</a>	Certain tube and pipe fittings, of iron or steel, originating in S. Korea and Malaysia	Commission Implementing Regulation amending Implementing Regulation imposing a definitive ADD following an interim review
<a href="#">2016/C 091/6</a>	Crystalline silicon photovoltaic modules and key components (i.e. cells) originating in or consigned from China	Notice concerning the definitive ADD imposed and the definitive CVD: change of name of one company subject to an individual anti-dumping duty rate and individual countervailing duty rate
<a href="#">2016/C 091/7</a>	Crystalline silicon photovoltaic modules and key components (i.e. cells) originating in or consigned from China	Notice concerning the definitive ADD imposed and the definitive CVD: change of name of one company subject to an undertaking
<a href="#">(EU) 2015/2362</a>	Certain bicycle parts originating in China	Corrigendum to Commission Implementing Decision concerning exemptions from the extended ADD
<a href="#">2016/C 099/6</a>	Certain continuous filament glass fibre products originating in China	Notice of initiation of an expiry review of the AD measures
<a href="#">2016/C 101/6</a>	Certain footwear with uppers of leather originating in China and Vietnam	Notice on the implementation of the judgment in joined cases C-659/13 and C-34/14 C&J Clark International Limited and Puma SE concerning Council Regulation (EC) No 1472/2006 imposing a definitive ADD and collecting definitively the provisional duty

**European Union**

Ref. Number	Merchandise/Country	Action
<a href="#">(EU) 2016/387</a>	Tubes and pipes of ductile cast iron (also known as spheroidal graphite cast iron), originating in India	Commission Implementing Regulation imposing a definitive CVD
<a href="#">(EU) 2016/388</a>	Tubes and pipes of ductile cast iron (also known as spheroidal graphite cast iron) originating in India	Commission Implementing Regulation imposing a definitive ADD
<a href="#">(EU) 2016/415</a>	Ammonium nitrate originating in Russia	Commission Implementing Regulation withdrawing the acceptance of the undertaking for two exporting producers and repealing Decision 2008/577/EC accepting an undertaking offered in connection with the AD proceeding
<a href="#">(EU) 2016/113</a>	High fatigue performance steel concrete reinforcement bars originating in China	Corrigendum to Commission Regulation imposing a provisional ADD
<a href="#">2016/C 108/5</a>	Tungsten carbide, fused tungsten carbide and tungsten carbide simply mixed with metallic powder originating in China	Notice of initiation of an expiry review of the anti-dumping measures
<a href="#">2016/C 114/4</a>	Concrete reinforcement bars and rods originating in Belarus	Notice of initiation of an anti-dumping proceeding

**Australian Anti-Dumping Commission**

Ref. №	Merchandise/Country	Action
<a href="#">2016/21</a>	Pineapple from Thailand and the Philippines	Initiation of a continuation inquiry of AD measures
<a href="#">2016/22</a>	Chrome bars from Italy and Romania	Clarification of tariff classifications
<a href="#">2016/23</a>	Zinc coated (galvanised) steel from Korea and Taiwan, China	Findings in relation to anti-circumvention inquiries
<a href="#">2016/24</a>	Hollow structural sections from China, Korea and Malaysia	Findings in relation to anti-circumvention inquiries
<a href="#">2016/25</a>	Grinding balls from China	Extension of time to publish the statement of essential facts
<a href="#">2016/26</a>	Various	Status report as at 29 February 2016
<a href="#">2016/28</a>	Chrome bars from Romania	Preliminary affirmative determination (PAD) report
<a href="#">2016/29</a>	Hollow structural sections from China	Notice of extension of time to make a declaration under subsection 269ZDB(1A)
<a href="#">2016/30</a>	All	Verification procedures and reporting

**China Ministry of Commerce (MOFCOM)**

Ref. №	Merchandise/Country	Action
<a href="#">10, 2016</a>	Grain-oriented electrical steel originating in Japan, South Korea and the European Union	Preliminary ruling that there has been substantial damage, and the causal relationship between the dumping and material injury
<a href="#">6, 2016</a>	Caprolactam originating in the EU and the US	Company name change announcement

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

Reference	Merchandise/Country	Action
<a href="#">06/2016-Cus (ADD)</a>	Phenol, originating in, or exported from the EU, Singapore and Korea RP	Levies definitive ADD for a period of five years
<a href="#">07/2016-Cus (ADD)</a>	Polypropylene, originating in, or ex-	Levies definitive ADD for a period of five years


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

Reference	Merchandise/Country	Action
	ported from Singapore	
<a href="#">08/2016-Cus (ADD)</a>	Homopolymer of vinyl chloride monomer (suspension grade), originating in or exported from Taiwan, China, Indonesia, Japan, Malaysia, Thailand and the United States of America	Amends notification No. 27/2014- Customs (ADD) dated 13.06.2014
<a href="#">09/2016-Cus (ADD)</a>	All kinds of plastic processing machines or injection moulding machines, also known as injection presses, having clamping force equal to or more than 40 tonnes, and equal to or less than 3200 tonnes, used for processing or moulding of plastic materials originating in, or exported from Chinese Taipei, Philippines, Malaysia or Vietnam	Levies definitive ADD on imports for a period of five years.
<a href="#">10/2016-Cus (ADD)</a>	2-Ethyl Hexanol, originating in, or exported from the European Union, Indonesia, Korea RP, Malaysia, Chinese Taipei and USA	Levies definitive ADD for a period of five years
<a href="#">11/2016-Cus (ADD)</a>	Tyre Curing Presses also known as Tyre Vulcanisers or Rubber Processing Machineries for tyres, excluding Six Day Light Curing Press for curing bi-cycle tyres originating in, or exported from China	Levies definitive ADD for a period of five years
<a href="#">12/2016-Cus (ADD)</a>	Glazed/Unglazed Porcelain/Vitrified tiles in polished or unpolished finish with less than 3% water absorption, originating in, or exported from China	Levies provisional ADD for a period not exceeding six months
<a href="#">01/2016-Cus (SG)</a>	Hot-rolled flat products of non-alloy and other alloy Steel in coils of a width of 600 mm or more	Levies safeguard duty on imports for a period of two years and six months.


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

Reference	Merchandise/Country	Action
<a href="#">SECEX Cir. № 13</a>	Glass objects for table, originating in Argentina, China and Indonesia	Starts review of ADD
<a href="#">SECEX Cir. № 14</a>	Polyvinyl chloride, not mixed with other substances, obtained by process suspension, originating in Mexico	Update of reference prices
<a href="#">SECEX Cir. № 15</a>	Technical porcelain from China	Updating the price undertaking of technical porcelain manufactured by companies associated with the China Chamber of Commerce Minerals Metals and Chemicals Importers and Exporters - CCCMC and exported to Brazil, directly or through their respective trading companies.
<a href="#">SECEX Cir. № 16</a>	New radial tires for bus or truck, rims 20" 22" and 22.5" (NCM 4011.20.90) originating in Japan	Updates the prices commitment in compliance with the judgment given by the 2nd VF / SJDF, of new radial tires, manufactured and exported by the company Sumitomo Rubber Industries (SRI).
<a href="#">CAMEX Res. № 18</a>	Ferrite magnets (ceramic) ring-haped, origi-	Extending the definitive ADD for a period of five (5) years


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

Reference	Merchandise/Country	Action
	nating in China.	
<a href="#">CAMEX Res.№ 20</a>	Footwear originating in China	Extending ADD reducing its rate, because of public interest <a href="#">(Correction)</a>
<a href="#">SECEX Cir. No. 17</a>	Semi-rigid boards for packaging, coated, duplex and triplex types, of equal weight or more than 200 g / m <sup>2</sup> from Chile	Makes public the update of price undertaking to be respected by Cartulinas CMPC SA, Chile
<a href="#">CAMEX Res. № 25</a>	PVC-S originating in China, South Korea, Mexico and the United States	Makes public the establishment of public interest assessment process by the Public Interest Assessment Technical Group - GTIP, on the application of definitive ADD

## Opportunity to Request Administrative Review

In a March 1, 2016 *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 March anniversary dates:

AD/CVD Proceedings - Country/ Merchandise	Case No.	Period
<b>Antidumping Duty Proceedings</b>		
Canada: Iron Construction Castings	A-122-503	3/1/15-2/29/16
France: Brass Sheet & Strip	A-427-602	3/1/15-2/29/16
Germany: Brass Sheet & Strip	A-428-602	3/1/15-2/29/16
India: Sulfanilic Acid	A-533-806	3/1/15-2/29/16
Italy: Brass Sheet & Strip	A-475-601	3/1/15-2/29/16
Russia: Silicon Metal	A-821-817	3/1/15-2/29/16
Spain: Stainless Steel Bar	A-469-805	3/1/15-2/29/16
Taiwan: Light-Walled Rectangular Welded Carbon Steel Pipe and Tube	A-583-803	3/1/15-2/29/16
Thailand: Circular Welded Carbon Steel Pipes and Tubes	A-549-502	3/1/15-2/29/16
The PR of China: Chloropicrin	A-570-002	3/1/15-2/29/16
Circular Welded Austenitic Stainless Pressure Pipe	A-570-930	3/1/15-2/29/16
Glycine	A-570-836	3/1/15-2/29/16
Sodium Hexametaphosphate	A-570-908	3/1/15-2/29/16
Tissue Paper Products	A-570-894	3/1/15-2/29/16
<b>Countervailing Duty Proceedings</b>		
India: Sulfanilic Acid	C-533-807	1/1/15-12/31/15
Iran: In-Shell Pistachio Nuts	C-507-501	1/1/15-12/31/15
The PR of China: Circular Welded Austenitic Stainless Pressure Pipe	C-570-931	1/1/15-12/31/15
Turkey: Circular Welded Carbon Steel Pipes and Tubes	C-489-502	1/1/15-12/31/15
<b>Suspension Agreements</b>		
Mexico: Fresh Tomatoes	A-201-820	3/1/15-2/29/16

## Opportunity to Request Administrative Review

In an April 1, 2016 *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 April anniversary dates:

AD/CVD Proceedings - Country/ Merchandise	Case No.	Period
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AD/CVD Proceedings - Country/ Merchandise	Case No.	Period
<b>Antidumping Duty Proceedings</b>		
Russia: Solid Fertilizer-Grade Ammonium Nitrate	A-821-811	4/1/15-3/31/16
The PR of China: Activated Carbon	A-570-904	4/1/15-3/31/16
Drawn Stainless Steel Sinks	A-570-983	4/1/15-3/31/16
Magnesium Metal	A-570-896	4/1/15-3/31/16
Non-Malleable Cast Iron Pipe Fittings	A-570-875	4/1/15-3/31/16
Steel Threaded Rod	A-570-932	4/1/15-3/31/16
<b>Countervailing Duty Proceedings</b>		
The PR of China: Drawn Stainless Steel Sinks	C-570-984	1/1/15-12/31/15
<b>Suspension Agreements</b>		
None.		

## Requested Reviews

In a March 3, 2016 *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 January anniversary dates. See actual notices for companies requesting review:

AD/CVD Proceedings - Country/ Merchandise	Case No.	Period
<b>Antidumping Duty Proceedings</b>		
Thailand: Prestressed Concrete Steel Wire Strand	A-549-820	1/1/15-12/31/15
The PR of China: Fresh Garlic	A-570-831	11/1/14-10/31/15
Multilayered Wood Flooring	A-570-970	12/1/14-11/30/15
Potassium Permanganate	A-570-001	1/1/15-12/31/15
Wooden Bedroom Furniture	A-570-890	1/1/15-12/31/15
<b>Countervailing Duty Proceedings</b>		
The PR of China: Calcium Hypochlorite	C-570-009	5/27/14-12/31/15
<b>Suspension Agreements</b>		
None		

## Advance Notification of Sunset Reviews

In a March 1, 2016, *Federal Register* [notice](#), the US Department of Commerce advised that the following cases were scheduled for five-year ("Sunset") reviews for April.

AD/CVD Proceedings - Merchandise/Country	Case No.
<b>Antidumping Duty Proceedings</b>	
Aluminum Extrusions from China	A-570-967 (1 <sup>st</sup> Review)
Certain in-Shell Raw Pistachios from Iran	A-507-502 (2 <sup>nd</sup> Review)
<b>Countervailing Duty Proceedings</b>	
Aluminum Extrusions from China	C-570-968 (1 <sup>st</sup> Review)
No Sunset Review of suspended investigations is scheduled for initiation in April 2016	

## Initiation of Sunset Reviews

In a March 1, 2016, *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-351-602	731-TA-308	Brazil	Carbon Steel Butt-Weld Pipe Fittings (4 <sup>th</sup> Rev)
A-351-838	731-TA-1063	Brazil	Frozen Warmwater Shrimp (2 <sup>nd</sup> Review).
A-533-840	731-TA-1066	India	Frozen Warmwater Shrimp (2 <sup>nd</sup> Review).
A-588-602	731-TA-309	Japan	Carbon Steel Butt-Weld Pipe Fittings (4 <sup>th</sup> Rev).
A-570-814	731-TA-520	PRC	Carbon Steel Butt-Weld Pipe Fittings (4 <sup>th</sup> Rev).
A-570-893	731-TA-1064	PRC	Frozen Warmwater Shrimp (2 <sup>nd</sup> Review).
A-583-605	731-TA-310	Taiwan	Carbon Steel Butt-Weld Pipe Fittings (4 <sup>th</sup> Rev).
A-549-807	731-TA-521	Thailand	Carbon Steel Butt-Weld Pipe Fittings (4 <sup>th</sup> Rev).
A-549-822	731-TA-1067	Thailand	Frozen Warmwater Shrimp (2 <sup>nd</sup> Review).
A-552-802	731-TA-1068	Vietnam	Frozen Warmwater Shrimp (2 <sup>nd</sup> Review)

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