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United Nations

UN Security Council Resolutions

During March 2017, the UNSC issued the following Resolutions (dd-mm-yy)

Date	UNSC Res. №	Subject
17-03-17	S/RES/2344 (2017)	The situation in Afghanistan
23-03-17	S/RES/2345 (2017)	Non-proliferation/Democratic People's Republic of Korea
	S/RES/2346 (2017)	The situation in Somalia
24-03-17	S/RES/2347 (2017)	Maintenance of international peace and security
31-03-17	S/RES/2348 (2017)	The situation concerning the Democratic Republic of the Congo
	S/RES/2349 (2017)	Peace and security in Africa

World Trade Organization (WTO)

WTO members review further proposals to ease global trade in services

The WTO [announced](#) that WTO members discussed five new or enhanced proposals to advance services negotiations at meetings of the Working Party on Domestic Regulation and the Services Council on 14-17 March 2017. Four of these proposals aim to ensure that domestic licensing procedures and technical standards do not constitute unnecessary barriers to trade while one proposal relates to the establishment of a trade facilitation agreement for services. The WTO provided the following summaries:

Proposed domestic regulation disciplines

Increasing the **transparency of regulatory measures affecting services trade** was the aim of a proposal put forward by eight co-sponsors (Australia, Colombia, European Union, Japan, Republic of Korea, Mexico, New Zealand and Chinese Taipei). They are proposing enhanced transparency provisions requiring WTO members to make relevant information available to services providers and to publish draft regulation so as to allow interested parties to comment. Some developing countries highlighted their limited resources for publishing information and for setting up a system for responding to comments.

Two proposals — one submitted by Australia, Canada, Colombia, EU, Israel, Japan and Mexico and the other put forward by Hong Kong (China), Chile, Switzerland and New Zealand — concerned how WTO members should **develop their regulatory measures**, ensuring that they are **reasonable and impartial**, and are based on **objective and transparent criteria**. Members disagreed on whether a necessity test (ensuring that measures are not more burdensome than necessary) should feature in future disciplines on domestic regulation. Several said it was unrealistic to seek consensus on this issue.

A further proposal related to how WTO members should **administer processes** for the authorization of services suppliers and builds upon comments members shared during [previous discussions](#). It has ten co-sponsors: Australia, Chile, Colombia, EU, Japan, Mexico, Norway, Peru, Korea, and Chinese Taipei. Some members reiterated concerns about the proposal of a "single window" for streamlining the licensing of service businesses. The co-sponsors said they are happy to discuss this further.

Proposal for a Trade Facilitation Agreement for Services

A draft text for a Trade Facilitation Agreement for Services was submitted by India. This builds on earlier submissions that New Delhi had put forward for [discussion in previous meetings](#). The proposed agreement addresses a wider range of regulatory measures affecting services trade under the WTO's [General Agreement on Trade in](#)

[Services \(GATS\)](#). It aims to reduce bottlenecks and streamline procedures to ease services trade and intends to strike a balance between obligations and “best endeavour language”, India said. The proposal suggests setting a transition period for developing countries to comply with the provisions and only “encourages” least developed countries (LDCs) to do so.

Several developing countries called for the proposed agreement to replicate the special and differential treatment provisions for developing countries contained within the Trade Facilitation Agreement (TFA) for goods, which entered into force [on 27 February](#). The African Group questioned the benefits of the proposal for African countries and said they are analysing what the proposed agreement would mean for the [LDC Services Waiver](#).

Some WTO members expressed interest in discussing the cross-border temporary movement of professionals (also known as [mode 4](#)) but some questioned whether this was feasible given the current political climate. Others expressed concerns about immigration issues, including social security contributions and multiple entry visas. Some members expressed reservations about the provisions on cross-border information flows, facilitation of movement of health patients and insurance portability.

India said it would take members' comments into consideration.

Trade Policy Review: Japan

The thirteenth review of the trade policies and practices of Japan took place on 8 and 10 March 2017. The basis for the review was a [report by the WTO Secretariat](#) and a [report by the Government of Japan](#).

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
DS523	United States — Countervailing Measures on Certain Pipe and Tube Products (Turkey) (Complainant: Turkey) Request for consultations	08-03-17
DS524	Costa Rica - Measures Concerning the Importation of Fresh Avocados from Mexico (Complainant: Mexico) Request for consultations	

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
DS461	Colombia — Measures Relating to the Importation of Textiles, Apparel and Footwear: recourse to Article 21.5 of the DSU by Colombia	Panel established at Colombia's second request	06-03-17
DS510	United States — Certain measures relating to the renewable energy sector (Complainant: India)	Panels established	21-03-17
DS512	Russia — Measures concerning traffic in transit (Complainant: Ukraine)		
DS492	European Union — Measures Affecting Tariff Concessions on Certain Poultry Meat Products (Complainant: China)	WTO issues panel report	28-03-17

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
01-03-17	Dominican Republic Customs Hosts Risk Assessment and Selectivity Workshop
	Customs' electronic crime specialists meeting in Hong Kong
	WCO conducts Programme Global Shield Awareness-Raising Seminar for the MENA region
02-03-17	The WCO supports the Republic of Congo in their path to accession to the Revised Kyoto Convention
	Regional Workshop for East and Southern Africa on Customs Valuation and Transfer Pricing
	16th Session of the Administrative Committee for the Container Convention successfully concludes
03-03-17	WCO supports World Wildlife Day 2017
	WCO supports Sierra Leone with nCEN deployment under Mercator Programme
	Mexico and Hong Kong Sign Joint Action Plan Regarding Authorized Economic Operator
06-03-17	Continuation of Norad valuation programme for Tanzania Revenue Authority
	Tunisia Customs to host 2017 WCO PICARD Conference in Tunis
	Historical Meeting of the WCO Trade Facilitation Agreement Working Group
07-03-17	WCO addresses the High-level Meeting for the Euro-Asia Region on Transit and Trade Facilitation
	WCO Trade Facilitation Agreement Working Group and Capacity Building Committee Conclude Historical Joint Session
	World Customs Organization celebrates International Women's Day 2017
09-03-17	WCO Private Sector Consultative Group meets to discuss Customs and trade issues
	Customs Officers in the SACU region receive WCO support on successful stakeholder consultation
	17th Meeting of the SAFE Working Group makes significant progress on the global security and facilitation agenda
	TFA Implementation highlighted at High Level Roundtable held at the UK Parliament
	WCO publishes a Study Report on E-Commerce
10-03-17	WCO addresses gender equality during a seminar on the Icelandic model of equal pay management
	Notification from Belgian authority on deposit of instrument
	Palestine becomes the 156th Contracting Party to the Harmonized System Convention
14-03-17	WCO Regional structures and Vice chair offices committed to supporting the WCO's strategic plan
	Mercator Programme: Building Networks, Partnerships and Economies
15-03-17	Joining forces to fight corruption - frank discussions at the 16th Session of the WCO Integrity Sub-Committee
	HS 2017 Explanatory Notes translated into the Farsi language by Iran Customs
	WCO emphasizes priorities during Asia/Pacific Regional Meeting 2017
17-03-17	First steps successfully taken towards a regional risk management strategy for

Date	Title
	West and Central Africa (WCA)
21-03-17	1st Middle East and North Africa (MENA) Region SAFE Framework of Standards-Authorized Economic Operator (SAFE-AEO) Accreditation Workshop
	WCO conducts a Diagnostic mission on Post Clearance Audit for Ethiopia
22-03-17	Myanmar Customs' reform benefits from political support
23-03-17	WCO supports the EAC with the update and improvement of its regional Post Clearance Audit (PCA) Manual!
	Chile hosts WCO Workshop on Post clearance Audit for South America
24-03-17	WCO supports the Guinea Customs Administration with enforcement through procurement and rollout of the nCEN application!
	WCO launches Security Project for South East Asia and the Pacific Islands
27-03-17	WCO strongly supports the UN Security Council Resolution 2347/2017 on the protection of cultural heritage in the event of armed conflicts
28-03-17	WCO Sub-regional Workshop on Advance Rulings and Origin Certification for ASEAN Members Hosted by Malaysia
28-03-17	WCO workshop on Customs Valuation for Moldova Customs Service
29-03-17	IPM moves into a new phase
30-03-17	Successful Leadership and Management workshop for National Board of Revenue Bangladesh
	Accreditation Workshop for Expert trainers on Rules of Origin in ESA and WCA Regions
31-03-17	WCO National Workshop on the Development of a Pre-arrival Processing System and the Implications of E-Commerce on Customs in Tunisia
	The WCO Harmonized System Committee (HSC) held its 59th Session from 15 to 24 March 2017 at WCO Headquarters in Brussels
	Second WCO MENA Regional Capacity building coordinators Meeting in Qatar
	WCO discusses Customs' challenges with four delegations from the Indian Revenue Service
	WCO E-Commerce agenda gains further momentum

Other International Matters

CITES Notification to Parties

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

Date	Title
13-03-17	2017/019 Non-detriment findings (NDFs)
	2017/020 CITES online discussion forums
	2017/021 Changes in staff of the Secretariat
14-03-17	2017/022 Registration of operations that breed Appendix-I animal species in captivity for commercial purposes
21-03-17	2017/023 CAMBODIA – Fraudulent CITES permits for <i>Dalbergia cochinchinensis</i>
23-03-17	2017/024 Monitoring the illegal trade in ivory
24-03-17	2017/025 Questionnaire on precious corals
27-03-17	2017/026 Twenty-ninth meeting of the Animals Committee Annex 1: Registration form Procedure for the admission of observers from organizations and the private sector to meetings of the Animals Committee Annex 3: Invitation request for organizations and the private sector
31-03-17	2017/027 Twenty-third meeting of the Plants Committee Annex 1: Registration form Annex 2: Procedure for the admission of observers from organizations and the private sector to meetings of the Plants Committee Annex 3: Invitation request for organizations and the private sector

The Americas - Central America

Costa Rica

Documents published in *La Gaceta*

Date	Series and №	Subject
09-03-17	Resolución N° DM-015-2017	Economy, Industry and Commerce: Appeal: imposition of anti-dumping measure of 3.67% on imports of white unrefined crystal sugar intended for domestic use originating in Brazil entering Costa Rica under tariff section 1701.99.0099, submitted by the Industrial Sugar Cane League (LAICA) representing a significant proportion of national sugar plantation white sugar producers.
21-03-17	DGT-R-009-2017 RES-DGA-005-2017	Relating to duty-free and tax-free purchase authorizations when the 2017 HS system and the Central-American Tariff was expanded to 10 digits on 1 January 2017

El Salvador

Documents

Date	Series and №	Subject
21-03-17	DGA-006-2017	Update of the Register of International Freight Forwarders • Annex I Transporter Update Form • Annex II Update Carriers

Nicaragua

Documents

Date	Series, № and Subject
13-02-17	CT 013-2017 General provisions for the registration of international maritime transportation companies or international transportation agents before the General Administration of Customs
22-03-17	CT 025-2017 General provisions to facilitate the dispatch of exports from Public Customs Warehouses.
02-03-17	CT 026-2017 Provision on acceptance of the "Mexican Certificates of Origin".

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
15-03-17	Controller General of the Republic: Decree № 16-2017-DMySC (01-03-17)- Approving the "Procedure for the Management of Registration and Payment of Resources Arising From Penalties Imposed by Supervisory Bodies, as a Measure to Prevent Blocking Capital, Financing Terrorism and Financing The Proliferation of Weapons of Massive Destruction, Deposited in the Unique Account of the Treasury " of the General Administration of Treasury of the Ministry of Economy and Finance.
16-03-17	National Customs Authority (NCA): Resolution № 105 (13-03-17) which modifies resolution no. 532 (12-12-16), which adopts the new design and content of the traveler's sworn statement form.
27-03-17	NCA: Resolution № 114 (21-03-17) Adopting measures for the electronic delivery of the re-export and / or original certificates, according to the re-exports of products from the Free Zone or Free of the Republic of Panama, through the official computer system of the National Authority of Customs, and the presentation of printed documents is removed.

Food Safety Standards

The following food safety standards (AUPSA-DINAN Decisions) or emergency measures (CTI) 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 № or CTI № and Date	Food and Origin
24-03-17	004-CTI-2017	Temporary preventive measure (21-03-17) re: processed meat products (hams and sausages) originating in Brazil - until the health authorities of Brazil certify with scientific technical tests that the same comply with the sanitary requirements, are safe and fit for human consumption.

The Americas - North America

Canada

Single Window Initiative

On March 21, 2017, the Canada Border services Agency (CBSA) issued [Customs Notice 17-09](#) providing further information for commercial importers, custom brokers and software/service providers about the CBSA Single Window Initiative (SWI).

As of March 21, 2017, the following Participating Government Departments and Agencies (PGA) programs are available for the Integrated Import Declaration (IID):

- Natural Resources Canada – Explosives
- Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission– Import Program (Nuclear Substances and Equipment)
- Environment and Climate Change Canada – Vehicle and Engine Emissions, Ozone Depleting Substances and Halocarbon Alternatives, and Wildlife Enforcement

These PGA Programs join the following PGAs and PGA programs that are already live with the IID:

- Global Affairs Canada (previously Foreign Affairs, Trade and Development Canada)
 - Import Controls of Agricultural, Steel, and Textiles and Clothing Products
- Health Canada
 - Importation of Consumer Products, Cosmetics, Radiation Emitting Devices and Pest Control Products
 - Importation of Human Drugs, Natural Health Products, and Medical Devices Regulated by the *Food and Drugs Act*
 - Importation of Controlled Substances and Precursors
- Natural Resources Canada
 - Importation of Energy-using Products
 - Kimberley Process (Import of Rough Diamonds)
- Public Health Agency of Canada
 - Importation of Human and Terrestrial Animal Pathogens and Biological Toxins
- Transport Canada
 - Importation of Vehicles and Tires
- Environment and Climate Change Canada
 - Hazardous Waste and Hazardous Recyclable Material
- Canadian Food Inspection Agency
- Fisheries and Oceans Canada
 - Commercial importation of aquatic species under the Aquatic Biotechnology, Aquatic Invasive Species and Trade Tracking (Fisheries Resource Management) Programs

New self-service border kiosks launching at Ottawa airport; roll-out to continue across Canada this year

On March 17, 2017, Canada's Minister of Public Safety and Emergency Preparedness, and the Ottawa International Airport Authority President and CEO, announced that Primary Inspection Kiosks will be operating at the Ottawa Macdonald-Cartier International Airport starting Monday, March 20, 2017. Minister Goodale also announced that "CanBorder – eDeclaration," the Government of Canada's mobile declaration application, will be ready for use with the new kiosks at Ottawa airport. The announcement said:

[Primary Inspection Kiosks](#) are next generation technology that will expand current self-service options for international air travellers arriving in Canada. The new kiosks will launch first at Ottawa airport, with select airports to follow later this year.

The new kiosks will allow travellers to verify their travel documents, complete an on-screen declaration, and confirm their identity using facial authentication (involving only a one-to-one photo comparison at the kiosk with the traveller's passport). Those looking to save more time can complete their declaration in advance using the CanBorder - eDeclaration mobile app, which will give them a quick response (QR) code to scan at a kiosk upon arrival.

Primary Inspection Kiosks will be rolled out at Canada's major airports this year, strengthening border security and simplifying the border experience. By moving towards digital declarations, the Canada Border Services Agency (CBSA) is capitalizing upon the experience and successes of other countries that have adopted automated border technology.

Canada to participate in first Commonwealth trade ministers meeting

On March 8, 2017, Global Affairs Canada [announced](#) that the Hon. François-Philippe Champagne, Minister of International Trade, will be in London, United Kingdom, on March 9 and 10, 2017, to represent Canada at the first meeting of Commonwealth ministers responsible for trade, industry and investment. The announcement said that:

In London, ministers will hold a number of consultations with over 100 business leaders and trade experts from around the world, as well as hold round tables on growing international trade, innovation and investment, especially between Commonwealth countries.

Over the two days, Minister Champagne will be promoting Canada as an ideal partner for trade and investment during separate bilateral meetings with business leaders and a number of his counterparts, including Liam Fox, the United Kingdom's Secretary of State for International Trade and President of the Board of Trade; Steven Ciobo, Australia's Minister for Trade, Tourism and Investment; and Todd McClay, New Zealand's Minister of Trade and Minister for State Owned Enterprises.

Canada opens public consultation on possible FTA with China

On September 22, 2016, Prime Minister Justin Trudeau and Chinese Premier Li Keqiang [announced](#) that Canada and China had launched exploratory discussions for a possible Canada–China Free Trade Agreement.

The [Canada Gazette](#) of March 4, 2017, announced that the Government of Canada is seeking the views of Canadians on how to best proceed regarding a possible Free Trade Agreement (FTA) with China. This would include how to best improve market access and legal certainty and transparency for Canadian business, but also to understand any other related issues and concerns that are relevant when considering a possible FTA.

The Government is soliciting views from businesses, civil society organizations, labour unions, academia, individual Canadians, Indigenous groups, and provincial and territorial governments on objectives, key interests and potential concerns, which will help outline the parameters of a potential initiative.

Additional information on the Government's consultations on a potential Canada–China Free Trade Agreement can be found at [Global Affairs Canada Consulting Canadians on a Possible Canada–China Free Trade Agreement](#). All interested parties should submit their views by June 2, 2017. Any information received as a result of this consultation will be considered as public information, unless explicitly requested otherwise. For details on how to submit comments, go to [How do I participate?](#)

Relief announced for Fort McMurray families and Western Canadian entrepreneurs

On February 27, 2017, the Finance Minister [announced](#) that the Government of Canada is taking action to help Western Canadians affected by the exceptional price increases and supply shortages of building materials due to anti-dumping duties imposed on imported drywall from the United States. The Minister confirmed the Government has reduced anti-dumping duties on imported drywall from the U.S. into Western Canada by lowering the minimum import prices by more than 32 per cent.

In addition, the Government will use the approximately \$12 million in anti-dumping duties collected between September 2016 and January 2017 to provide specific monetary relief for Fort McMurray residents who are rebuilding their homes as a result of last year's wildfires, as well as builders and contractors in Western Canada adversely affected by higher drywall costs.

The announcement responds to recommendations from the Canadian International Trade Tribunal (CITT), which found that the full amount of the anti-dumping duties on imported drywall from the United States was leaving businesses that use drywall with fewer choices, leading to potential supply shortages in Western Canada and harming consumers.

The duty reduction is intended to maintain competitive conditions in the Western Canadian drywall market and reduce potential supply shortages, while ensuring a reasonable return on sales for domestic producers.

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
03-04-17	Environment: Notice to interested parties — Publication of a discussion paper on a Clean Fuel Standard pursuant to the Canadian Environmental Protection Act, 1999 (N)
	Environment: Order 2017-66-01-02 Amending the Non-domestic Substances List pursuant to the Canadian Environmental Protection Act, 1999
	Environment: Order 2017-87-02-02 Amending the Non-domestic Substances List pursuant to the Canadian Environmental Protection Act, 1999
	Environment: Publication after screening assessment of seven ethylene glycol ether substances specified on the Domestic Substances List (paragraphs 68(b) and 68(c) or subsection 77(1) of the Canadian Environmental Protection Act, 1999) (N)
	Global Affairs: Consultations on a Potential Free Trade Agreement With China
	Natural Resources: Notice of intent to improve the energy efficiency of appliances and equipment through Amendment 15 to the Energy Efficiency Regulations (N)
	Environment: Proposed Regulations Amending the Heavy-duty Vehicle and Engine Greenhouse Gas Emission Regulations and Other Regulations Made Under the Canadian Environmental Protection Act, 1999 (PR)
	Health: Proposed Regulations Amending the Food and Drug Regulations and the Regulations Amending the Food and Drug Regulations (Shortages of Drugs and Discontinuation of Sale of Drugs) .(PR)
	Health: Proposed Regulations Amending the Fees in Respect of Drugs and Medical Devices Regulations (PR)
03-08-17	Environment: Order 2017-87-02-01 Amending the Domestic Substances List (SOR/2017-24, Feb. 21, 2017) (O)
	Finance: Gypsum Board Products Anti-dumping Duty Remission Order, 2017 (SOR/2017-28, Feb. 24, 2017) (O)
03-11-17	Environment: Proposed Order Amending Schedule 1 to the Species at Risk Act pursuant to the Species at Risk Act (PR)
03-16-17	An Act to amend the Food and Drugs Act, the Hazardous Products Act, the Radiation Emitting Devices Act, the Canadian Environmental Protection Act, 1999, the Pest Control Products Act and the Canada Consumer Product Safety Act and to make related amendments to another Act (C-13)
03-18-17	Environment/Health: Notice of intent to develop regulations respecting formal-

Publication Date	Title
	dehyde pursuant to the <i>Canadian Environmental Protection Act, 1999</i> (N) Environment/Health: <i>Publication after screening assessment of 283 substances specified on the Domestic Substances List (paragraphs 68(b) and 68(c) or subsection 77(1) of the Canadian Environmental Protection Act, 1999)</i> (N) Transport: <i>Proposed Regulations Amending the Motor Vehicle Safety Regulations (Bus Seat Belts) pursuant to the Motor Vehicle Safety Act</i> (PR)
03-25-17	Environment/Health: <i>Publication after screening assessment of two substances — hexanoic acid, 2-ethyl-, calcium salt (calcium 2-ethylhexanoate), CAS 11 RN 136-51-6; and hexanoic acid, 2-ethyl-, 2-ethylhexyl ester (2-ethylhexyl-2-ethylhexanoate), CAS RN 7425-14-1 — specified on the Domestic Substances List (paragraphs 68(b) and (c) or subsection 77(1) of the Canadian Environmental Protection Act, 1999)</i>

CBSA advance rulings

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

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

D-Memoranda and CNs revised or cancelled

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

Date	Reference	Title
03-01-17	D10-15-18	Revised - Tariff Items 9967.00.00 and 9968.00.00
03-17-17	CN 17-08	Introduction of Digital Declarations through Primary Inspections Kiosk
03-20-17	D2-1-2	Foreign Scientific or Exploratory Expeditions in Canada
03-21-17	D19-2-1	Administration of the <i>Nuclear Safety and Control Act</i>
	D19-6-1	Import, Export and in Transit Requirements of the <i>Explosives Act</i> and Regulations
	CN 17-09	Update to the Implementation of the Single Window Initiative
03-29-17	CN 17-10	Amendments to the Departmental Consolidation of the <i>Customs Tariff</i>

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
03-01-17	Economy: Acuerdo establishing quotas for importing beef and rice
03-07-17	Decree Promulgating the Protocol Amending the Agreement on Trade-Related Aspects of Intellectual Property Rights, done at Geneva on December 6, 2000.
03-09-17	Economy: Acuerdo setting forth Decision No. 8 of the Administrative Commission of the Free Trade Agreement between the United Mexican States and the Republics of Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras and Nicaragua, adopted on 24 January 2017.
	Economy: Acuerdo setting forth Decision No. 9 of the Administrative Commission of the Free Trade Agreement between the United Mexican States and the Republics of Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras and Nicaragua, adopted on 24 January 2017
	Economy: Acuerdo setting forth Decision No. 86 of the Administrative Commission of the Free Trade Agreement between the United Mexican States and the Republic of Colombia, adopted on 6 February 2017.
03-10-17	Finance: Resolution that establishes the General Rules on the application of the customs provisions of the Free Trade Agreement between the United Mexican States and the Republics of Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras and Nicaragua and its Annex 1.
03-23-17	Economy: Clarification to the Acuerdo that modifies the Acuerdo that sets forth the rules governing the application of the Decree to support the competitiveness of the automotive terminal industry and the promotion of the internal car market, published on January 6, 2017.
03-24-17	Economy: Acuerdo setting forth Decision No. 87 of the Administrative Commission of the Free Trade Agreement between the United Mexican States and the Republic of Colombia, adopted on February 22, 2017.
03-27-17	Economy: Acuerdo establishing the Legal Affairs System for Foreign Investment and established rules for its use.
03-29-17	Economy: General Resolution determining the amount of the total value of the assets referred to in Article 9 of the Foreign Investment Law.

Antidumping and countervailing duty cases

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

United States

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

Presidential documents

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

Date	Subject
03-01-17	Executive Order 13777 of February 24, 2017 - Enforcing the Regulatory Reform Agenda
03-03-17	Executive Order 13778 of February 28, 2017 - Restoring the Rule of Law, Federalism, and Economic Growth by Reviewing the "Waters of the United States" Rule
03-09-17	Executive Order 13780 of March 6, 2017 - Protecting the Nation From Foreign Terrorist Entry Into the United States

Date	Subject
03-16-17	Executive Order 13781 of March 13, 2017 - Comprehensive Plan for Reorganizing the Executive Branch
03-24-17	Notice of March 22, 2017 - Continuation of the National Emergency With Respect to South Sudan
03-30-17	Executive Order 13782 of March 27, 2017 - Revocation of Federal Contracting Executive Orders
[signed 03-31-17]	Executive Order 13783 of March 28, 2017- Promoting Energy Independence and Economic Growth
	Notice of March 29, 2017 - Continuation of the National Emergency With Respect to Significant Malicious Cyber-Enabled Activities
	Executive Order 13785 of March 31, 2017 -- Establishing Enhanced Collection and Enforcement of Antidumping and Countervailing Duties and Violations of Trade and Customs Laws
	Executive Order 13786 of March 31, 2017 -- Regarding the Omnibus Report on Significant Trade Deficits

President to nominate McAleenan as CBP Commissioner and Radielovic Ricardel as U/S of Commerce for Export Administration

On March 30, 2017, the White House Press Office [announced](#) that President Trump intends to nominate Kevin K. McAleenan as Commissioner of U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) and Mira Radielovic Ricardel as Under Secretary of Commerce for Export Administration. Mr. McAleenan is a senior career official who has served as the Deputy Commissioner since 2014 and currently functions as the agency's Chief Operating Officer. Under Mr. McAleenan's leadership, CBP has developed strategies that protect the Nation's borders from terrorism, and attack transnational criminal networks, while ensuring the flow of legal commerce and travel. Mr. McAleenan previously held several leadership positions at CBP—including launching its Office of Antiterrorism—and one of its legacy agencies. In 2015, Mr. McAleenan received a Presidential Rank Award, which is the Nation's highest civil service award. He received his Juris Doctor degree from the University of Chicago Law School and a Bachelor of Arts from Amherst College.

Ms. Ricardel currently serves as Special Assistant to the President and Associate Director for Presidential Personnel. She has had an extensive career in the national security arena in both the public and private sectors. Within the Department of Defense, Ms. Ricardel held the positions of Acting Assistant Secretary of Defense and Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for International Security policy and Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Eurasia, and was awarded the Department of Defense Medal for Distinguished Public Service. Ms. Ricardel also served as Legislative Assistant for Arms Control and Foreign Policy to Republican Leader Bob Dole. From 2006–2015, Ms. Ricardel held senior leadership positions within Boeing Defense Space and Security, most recently Vice President, International Business Development, Network & Space Systems, where she led the business unit's marketing and growth strategies for international markets. She holds a Bachelor of Science in Foreign Service from Georgetown University and completed doctoral course work at the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy.

President signs Executive Order on enhanced AD/CVD and trade and customs enforcement

On March 31, 2017, President Trump signed [Executive Order 13785 of March 31, 2017 -- Establishing Enhanced Collection and Enforcement of Antidumping](#)

[and Countervailing Duties and Violations of Trade and Customs Laws](#) [published in the [Federal Register](#) on April 5, 2017] . The EO states that It is the policy of the United States to impose appropriate bonding requirements, based on risk assessments, on entries of articles subject to antidumping and countervailing duties (AD/CVD), when necessary to protect the revenue of the United States. The EO directs the Secretary of Homeland Security, in consultation with the Secretaries of the Treasury and Commerce and U.S. Trade Representative (USTR), to develop a plan within 90 days that would require covered importers that, based on a risk assessment conducted by CBP, pose a risk to the revenue of the United States, to provide security for antidumping and countervailing duty liability through bonds and other legal measures, and also would identify other appropriate enforcement measures.

The term “covered importer” means any importer of articles subject to AD/CVD for which one of the following is true: U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) has no record of previous imports by the importer; CBP has a record of the importer’s failure to fully pay AD/CVD; or CBP has a record of the importer’s failure to pay AD/CVD in a timely manner.

In addition, within 90 days, the Secretary of Homeland Security, through the Commissioner of CBP, is required to develop and implement a strategy and plan for combating violations of United States trade and customs laws for goods and for enabling interdiction and disposal, including through methods other than seizure, of inadmissible merchandise entering through any mode of transportation, to the extent authorized by law.

Furthermore, the EO requires the Secretary of the Treasury and the Secretary of Homeland Security to take all appropriate steps, including rulemaking if necessary, to ensure that CBP can, consistent with law, share with intellectual rights holders:

- any information necessary to determine whether there has been an IPR infringement or violation; and
- any information regarding merchandise voluntarily abandoned, as defined in section 127.12 of title 19, Code of Federal Regulations, before seizure, if the Commissioner of CBP reasonably believes that the successful importation of the merchandise would have violated United States trade laws.

The EO also requires the Attorney General, in consultation with the Secretary of Homeland Security, to develop recommended prosecution practices and allocate appropriate resources to ensure that Federal prosecutors accord a high priority to prosecuting significant offenses related to violations of trade laws.

President issues EO requiring report on the trade deficit

On March 31, 2017, President Trump signed [Executive Order 13786 of March 31, 2017 -- Regarding the Omnibus Report on Significant Trade Deficits](#) (published in the [Federal Register](#) on April 5, 2017). The EO states that

Free and fair trade is critical to the Nation’s prosperity, national security, and foreign policy. It is in America’s economic and national security interests to promote commerce by strengthening our relationships with our trading partners, vigorously enforcing our Nation’s trade laws, improving the overall conditions for competition and trade, and ensuring the strength of our manufacturing and defense industrial bases.

The EO states that for many years, the United States has not obtained the full scope of benefits anticipated under a number of international trade agreements or from participating in the World Trade Organization. Stating that the trade deficit in goods exceeds \$700 billion and overall trade deficit exceeded \$500 billion, the EO says that the United States must address the “challenges to economic growth and employment that may arise from large and chronic trade deficits and the unfair and discriminatory trade practices of some of our trading partners.”

Unfair and discriminatory practices by our trading partners can deny Americans the benefits that would otherwise accrue from free and fair trade, unduly restrict the commerce of the United States, and put the commerce of the United States at a disadvantage compared to that of foreign countries. To address these challenges, it is essential that policy makers and the persons representing the United States in trade negotiations have access to current and comprehensive information regarding unfair trade practices and the causes of United States trade deficits.

The EO requires the Secretary of Commerce and the United States Trade Representative (USTR), in consultation with the Secretaries of State, the Treasury, Defense, Agriculture, and Homeland Security, and the heads of any other executive departments or agencies with relevant expertise, as determined by the Secretary of Commerce and the USTR, to prepare and submit to the President an Omnibus Report on Significant Trade Deficits (Report). To aid in preparing the Report, the Secretary of Commerce and the USTR may hold public meetings and seek comments from relevant State, local, and non-governmental stakeholders, including manufacturers, workers, consumers, service providers, farmers, and ranchers. The Report shall identify those foreign trading partners with which the United States had a significant trade deficit in goods in 2016. For each identified trading partner, the Report shall

- (a) assess the major causes of the trade deficit, including, as applicable, differential tariffs, non-tariff barriers, injurious dumping, injurious government subsidization, intellectual property theft, forced technology transfer, denial of worker rights and labor standards, and any other form of discrimination against the commerce of the United States or other factors contributing to the deficit;
- (b) assess whether the trading partner is, directly or indirectly, imposing unequal burdens on, or unfairly discriminating in fact against, the commerce of the United States by law, regulation, or practice and thereby placing the commerce of the United States at an unfair disadvantage;
- (c) assess the effects of the trade relationship on the production capacity and strength of the manufacturing and defense industrial bases of the United States;
- (d) assess the effects of the trade relationship on employment and wage growth in the United States; and
- (e) identify imports and trade practices that may be impairing the national security of the United States.

President extends national emergency with respect to malicious cyber-enabled activities

On March 31, 2017, the *Federal Register* published President Trump’s [Notice of March 29, 2017 - Continuation of the National Emergency With Respect to Significant Malicious Cyber-Enabled Activities](#) which extends for an additional year the national emergency first declared on April 1, 2015 by EO 13694 to deal with the unusual and extraordinary threat to the national security, foreign policy, and economy of the United States constituted by the increasing prevalence and severity of malicious cyber-enabled activities originating from, or directed by persons located, in whole or in substantial part, outside the United States. On De-

cember 28, 2016, the President issued EO 13757 to take additional steps to address the national emergency declared in EO 13694. The national emergency is being continued because these 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.

President extends national emergency with respect to South Sudan

On March 24, 2017, the *Federal Register* published President Trump's [Notice of March 22, 2017 - Continuation of the National Emergency With Respect to South Sudan](#), which extends for an additional year the national emergency first declared on April 3, 2014, by EO 13664 to deal with the unusual and extraordinary threat to the national security and foreign policy of the United States constituted by the situation in and in relation to South Sudan, which has been marked by activities that threaten the peace, security, or stability of South Sudan and the surrounding region, including widespread violence and atrocities, human rights abuses, recruitment and use of child soldiers, attacks on peacekeepers and humanitarian workers, and obstruction of humanitarian operations. The national emergency is being continued because the situation in and in relation to South Sudan continues to pose an unusual and extraordinary threat to the national security and foreign policy of the United States.

President issues his first budget paper

On March 16, 2017, President Trump released his first budget blueprint for FY 2018 (covering only discretionary funding proposals), [America First - A Budget Blueprint to Make America Great Again](#). The proposed budget, which will be subject to review and change by Congress, which ultimately has the authority over appropriations, includes significant increases for defense spending, immigration enforcement, immigration judges, a southern border wall, Immigration and Customs Enforcement, Border Patrol, and violent crime. It states that it does not increase the national debt, accomplishing this with significant cuts to foreign aid, and significant cuts to, or in some cases, elimination of, domestic programs in the EPA, Commerce, Transportation, Agriculture and other Departments, the arts and humanities, as well as other domestic programs and a reduction in the federal workforce.

On March 16, 2017, the President sent a [letter](#) to Speaker of the House of Representatives requesting adjustments to the FY 2017 budget to carry out his programs.

President signs EO calling for plan to reorganize the executive branch

On March 13, 2017, President Trump signed [Executive Order 13781 of March 13, 2017 - Comprehensive Plan for Reorganizing the Executive Branch](#) (published in the *Federal Register* on March 16, 2017) directing the Director of the Office of Management and Budget (Director) to propose a plan to reorganize governmental functions and eliminate unnecessary agencies, components of agencies, and agency programs.

Under the EO, the head of each agency is required to submit to the Director a proposed plan within 180 days to reorganize the agency, if appropriate, in order to improve the efficiency, effectiveness, and accountability of that agency.

The Director is required to publish a notice in the *Federal Register* inviting the public to suggest improvements in the organization and functioning of the executive branch and is required to consider the suggestions when formulating the proposed plan, which must then be submitted to the President with 180 days after the closing date for comments. In developing the proposed plan, the Director is required to consider certain factors set forth in the EO.

[Editor's note: Reorganization Plans must be submitted to Congress in accordance with 5 U.S.C. §§ 901-912.]

President signs new EO suspending entry for certain aliens

On March 6, 2017, President Trump signed [Executive Order \(EO\) 13780 - Protecting the Nation From Foreign Terrorist Entry Into the United States](#) (published in the *Federal Register* on March 9, 2017). EO 13780 (the new EO) will replace EO 13769, which has been suspended by litigation, when it goes into effect on March 16, 2017. While this *Update* normally does not cover immigration matters, the new EO is summarized below because it may affect businesses and business decisions in the International Trade arena.

The new EO imposes 90 day suspension on the entry of nationals from Iran, Libya, Somalia, Sudan, Syria, and Yemen until an assessment of current screening and vetting procedures required by the EO is completed, subject to categorical exceptions and case-by-case waivers. The suspension shall apply only to foreign nationals of the designated countries who: (i) are outside the United States on the effective date of this order; (ii) did not have a valid visa at 5:00 p.m., eastern standard time on January 27, 2017; and (iii) do not have a valid visa on the effective date of this order.

Although Iraq is omitted from the above list because it has expressly undertaken steps to enhance travel documentation, information sharing, and the return of Iraqi nationals subject to final orders of removal, additional inquiries will be required in connection with an application by any Iraqi national for a visa, admission, or other immigration benefit.

The suspension of entry pursuant to section 2 of the new EO will not apply to:

- any lawful permanent resident of the United States;
- any foreign national who is admitted to or paroled into the United States on or after the effective date of this order;
- any foreign national who has a document other than a visa, valid on the effective date of this order or issued on any date thereafter, that permits him or her to travel to the United States and seek entry or admission, such as an advance parole document;
- any dual national of a country designated under section 2 of this order when the individual is traveling on a passport issued by a nondesignated country;
- any foreign national traveling on a diplomatic or diplomatic-type visa, North Atlantic Treaty Organization visa, C-2 visa for travel to the United Nations, or G-1, G-2, G-3, or G-4 visa; or
- any foreign national who has been granted asylum; any refugee who has already been admitted to the United States; or any individual who has been granted withholding of removal, advance parole, or protection under the Convention Against Torture.

The EO provides for case-by-case waivers by a consular officer, or, as appropriate, the Commissioner, U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP), or the

Commissioner's delegate and provides non-exclusive examples of appropriate circumstances for such waivers.

The new EO also requires the Secretary of State, the Attorney General, the Secretary of Homeland Security, and the Director of National Intelligence to implement a program, as part of the process for adjudications, to identify individuals who seek to enter the United States on a fraudulent basis, who support terrorism, violent extremism, acts of violence toward any group or class of people within the United States, or who present a risk of causing harm subsequent to their entry.

The new EO also suspends travel of refugees into the United States under the U.S. Refugee Admissions Program (USRAP) for 120 days, subject to waivers. The suspension will not apply to refugee applicants who, before the effective date of the new EO, have been formally scheduled for transit by the Department of State.

No immigrant or nonimmigrant visa issued before the effective date of new EO may be revoked pursuant to the new EO. Any individual whose visa was marked revoked or marked canceled as a result of EO 13769 will be entitled to a travel document confirming that the individual is permitted to travel to the United States and seek entry. Any prior cancellation or revocation of a visa that was solely pursuant to EO 13769 may not be the basis of inadmissibility for any future determination about entry or admissibility. The new EO will not apply to an individual who has been granted asylum, to a refugee who has already been admitted to the United States, or to an individual granted withholding of removal or protection under the *Convention Against Torture*.

US, Afghanistan hold TIFA meeting, talk about trade

On March 28, 2017, the Office of the U.S. Trade Representative (USTR) [announced](#) that the U.S.-Afghanistan Trade and Investment Framework Agreement (TIFA) Council met on March 27 and 28 in Kabul, Afghanistan. Over the course of the TIFA meeting, the two delegations discussed a wide array of trade and investment related topics, including:

- a review of trade and investment trends in Afghanistan;
- the status of key commercial legislation related to Afghanistan's accession to the World Trade Organization (WTO);
- U.S. assistance for the WTO implementation process;
- updates on intellectual property laws and opportunities to cooperate in customs enforcement and intellectual property awareness;
- trade facilitation, including the status of implementation of the *Afghanistan-Pakistan Transit Trade Agreement* (APTTA) and the International Road Union's *Transportes Internationaux Routiers*, or TIR Convention;
- government procurement procedures; ease of doing business concerns such as taxes, business licenses, contract sanctity and enforcement, insolvency, and corruption; and
- challenges, opportunities, and solutions in key sectors such as agriculture, infrastructure, and telecoms.

The U.S. also presented an overview of the U.S. *Generalized System of Preferences* (GSP) preferential market access program, Afghanistan's current GSP utilization, and opportunities for expanded use of this program. Throughout these discussions, the need for inclusive growth – including recognition of the crucial role of women in grow-

ing trade and fostering economic growth as well as due regard for the rights of workers – was emphasized.

US, Vietnam renew trade dialog during TIFA meetings

On March 28, 2017, the Office of the U.S. Trade Representative (USTR) [announced](#) that the United States and Vietnam met on March 27-28 under their *Trade and Investment Framework Agreement* (TIFA) to discuss deepening trade ties between the two nations as well as address outstanding bilateral trade issues. The United States also used the meeting as an opportunity to reaffirm the Trump Administration's commitment to expanding ties with the Asia-Pacific region, including with Vietnam. The announcement said that:

The United States urged Vietnam to promptly address bilateral issues, including related to agriculture and food safety, intellectual property, digital trade, financial services, customs, industrial goods, transparency and good governance, and illegal wildlife tracking. Vietnam also updated the U.S. team on its plans to implement labor reforms. The two sides agreed to continue their dialogue on these issues and to launch working groups focused on resolving bilateral issues, starting with groups on agricultural and food safety issues, industrial goods, intellectual property matters, and digital trade.

They reviewed Vietnam's implementation of the WTO trade facilitation agreement, as well as Vietnam's participation in the WTO Information Technology Agreement expansion. In addition, the U.S. and Vietnamese teams discussed how they could work together to advance their common interests in building U.S.-ASEAN ties.

Vietnamese Minister of Industry and Trade Tran Tuan Anh welcomed the resumption of talks under the TIFA and efforts to further deepen bilateral trade ties. The U.S. delegation, which was led by Assistant U.S. Trade Representative Barbara Weisel, also included other officials from the U.S. Trade Representative, U.S. Department of Agriculture, U.S. Department of Commerce, U.S. Department of Labor, U.S. Department of State, and the U.S. Agency for International Development. In addition to the Ministry of Industry and Trade, the Vietnamese delegation included officials from the Office of the Government, Ministries of Agriculture and Rural Development, Environment and Natural Resources, Finance, Foreign Affairs, Health, Information and Communication, Labor, Invalids and Social Affairs, Science and Technology, and the State Bank of Vietnam.

US, Laos hold first meeting under TIFA

On March 23, 2017, the Office of the U.S. Trade Representative (USTR) [announced](#) that the United States and Laos held their first meeting under the *U.S.-Laos Trade and Investment Framework Agreement* (TIFA) Joint Trade and Investment Committee. The United States emphasized the Trump Administration's commitment to expanding ties with countries in the Asia-Pacific region, and the United States and Laos affirmed their interest in growing bilateral trade and investment between them, committing to continue work on outstanding bilateral issues.

The meeting, chaired by Assistant U.S. Trade Representative Barbara Weisel and Industry and Commerce Deputy Minister Somchith Inthamith, included, for Laos, officials from the Ministries of Industry and Commerce, Foreign Affairs, Science and Technology, Post and Telecommunications, Labor and Social Welfare, and Agriculture and Forestry and, for the United States, officials from the Office of the U.S. Trade Representative, the U.S. Department of State, and the U.S. Department of Agriculture. The United States and Laos discussed the importance of expeditiously addressing key bilateral issues, including digital trade, agriculture and sanitary and phytosanitary standards, intellectual property, autos, investment, good governance, labor, and illegal logging and wildlife trafficking.

The United States and Laos reviewed Laos's implementation of its WTO accession commitments and the WTO trade facilitation agreement, as well as Laos's participation in the WTO Information Technology Agreement. They also discussed the upcoming U.S.-ASEAN TIFA meeting on March 30 and opportunities to advance U.S.-ASEAN ties.

USTR releases 2017 Trade Policy Agenda and 2016 Annual Report

On March 1, 2017, the Office of the U.S. Trade Representative (USTR) posted the 336 page [2017 Trade Policy Agenda and 2016 Annual Report of the President of the United States on the Trade Agreements Program](#). The reports are required to be submitted to the U.S. Congress by March 1, pursuant to Section 163 of the *Trade Act of 1974*, as amended (19 U.S.C. 2213). Chapter II and Annex II of the document are intended to meet the requirements of Sections 122 and 124 of the *Uruguay Round Agreements Act* with respect to the World Trade Organization. In addition, the report also includes an annex listing trade agreements entered into by the United States since 1984. Goods trade data are for full year 2016. Services data by country are only available through 2015. The Office of USTR states that it intends to submit a more detailed report on the President's Trade Policy Agenda after the Senate has confirmed a USTR, and that USTR has had a full opportunity to participate in developing such a report.

The Trade Policy Agenda portion outlines the trade policy objectives and priorities of the United States for 2017, and reasons therefor. The Agenda states that, "The overarching purpose of our trade policy – the guiding principle behind all of our actions in this key area – will be to expand trade in a way that is freer and fairer for all Americans." It lists the following key objectives:

- Ensuring that U.S. workers and businesses have a fair opportunity to compete for business - both in the domestic market and in other key markets around the world.
- Breaking down unfair trade barriers in other markets that block U.S. exports, including exports of agricultural goods.
- Maintaining a balanced policy that looks out for the interests of all segments of the U.S. economy, including manufacturing, agriculture, and services, as well as small businesses and entrepreneurs.
- Ensuring that U.S. owners of intellectual property (IP) have a full and fair opportunity to use and profit from their IP.
- Strictly enforcing U.S. trade laws to prevent the U.S. market from being distorted by dumped and/or subsidized imports that harm domestic industries and workers.
- Enforcing labor provisions in existing agreements and enforcing the prohibition against the importation and sale of goods made with forced labor.
- Resisting efforts by other countries- or Members international bodies like the World Trade Organization (WTO) - to advance interpretations that would weaken the rights and benefits of, or increase the obligations under, the various trade agreements to which the United States is a party.
- Updating current trade agreements as necessary to reflect changing times and market conditions.
- Ensuring that United States trade policy contributes to the economic strength and manufacturing base necessary to maintain - and improve - our national security.
- Strongly advocating for all U.S. workers, farmers, ranchers, services providers, and businesses – large and small - to assure the fairest possible treatment of American interests in the U.S. market and in other markets around the world.

To achieve the objectives described above, the Trump Administration has identified four major priorities:

- Defend U.S. national sovereignty over trade policy.
- Strictly enforce U.S. trade laws.
- Use all possible sources of leverage to encourage other countries to open their markets to U.S. exports of goods and services, and to provide adequate and effective protection and enforcement of U.S. intellectual property rights.
- Negotiate new and better trade deals with countries in key markets around the world.

USTR seeks comments on 2016/2017 GSP product review

On March 3, 2017, the Office of the U.S. Trade Representative (USTR) published in the *Federal Register* a [document](#) [USTR–2016–0009] announcing the availability of full 2016 calendar year import statistics relating to competitive need limitations (CNLs) under the *Generalized System of Preferences* (GSP) program. USTR will accept public comments submitted by March 22, 2017, regarding: (1) Possible de minimis CNL waivers; and (2) possible redesignations of articles currently not eligible for GSP benefits because they previously exceeded the CNL thresholds. USTR also is announcing the withdrawal by the petitioners of certain previously accepted CNL waiver petitions.

ITC posts comments received on previously filed petitions for duty suspensions and reductions

On March 24, 2017, the United States International Trade Commission (ITC) published in the *Federal Register* a [notice](#) that it has published on its [Web site](#) comments received from the public on previously submitted petitions for duty suspensions and reductions, as required by the *American Manufacturing Competitiveness Act of 2016*. You will have to create a login name and password to use the free Web site.

ITC schedules hearing on CBERA

On March 17, 2017, the United States International Trade Commission (ITC) published in the *Federal Register* a [notice](#) [Inv. No. 332-227] scheduling a public hearing and providing an opportunity to submit information in connection with the Commission's 23rd report under section 215 of the *Caribbean Basin Economic Recovery Act* (CBERA), which requires the Commission to report biennially to the Congress and the President by September 30 of each reporting year on the economic impact of the Act on U.S. industries and U.S. consumers and on the economy of the beneficiary countries. The report will cover trade during calendar years 2015 and 2016, and will be transmitted to the Congress and the President by September 29, 2017.

The Schedule is as follows:

- April 13, 2017: Deadline for filing requests to appear at the public hearing.
- April 20, 2017: Deadline for filing pre-hearing briefs and statements.
- May 11, 2017: Public hearing.
- May 18, 2017: Deadline for filing post-hearing briefs and statements.
- May 18, 2017: Deadline for filing all other written submissions.
- September 29, 2017: Transmittal of ITC report to Congress and the President.

ITC investigations

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

Investigation. No. and title	Requested by:
Inv. No. 332-227 Caribbean Basin Economic Recovery Act: Impact on U.S. Industries and Consumers and on Beneficiary Countries (23 rd Report) (N/H/RFC)	Statutory: CBERA
Inv. No. 332-561 Global Digital Trade I: Market Opportunities and Key Foreign Trade Restrictions Notice of Correction Concerning Institution of Investigation and Scheduling of Hearing (N/C)	
Inv. No. 332-560 Generalized System of Preferences: Possible Modifications, 2016 Review (amended scope) (N)	USTR

State opens stakeholder consultations regarding conflict minerals

On March 27, 2017, the Department of State (State) published in the *Federal Register* a [notice](#) [Public Notice: 9929] seeking input from stakeholders to inform recommendations of how best to support responsible sourcing of tin, tantalum, tungsten and gold (the conflict minerals). The notice said that the United States remains committed to working with its partners to break the links between armed groups and the minerals trade in the Democratic Republic of Congo and other countries in the Great Lakes Region of Africa. The United States has played a leading role encouraging responsible sourcing and supply chain management in the minerals sector in this region as part of broader U.S. efforts to support peace and security, and to ensure that the region's resource wealth helps advance broad, inclusive, and sustainable socio-economic development. State, along with other agencies and departments is seeking input from stakeholders to inform recommendations of how best to support responsible sourcing of the conflict minerals. State will consider requests and comments received or postmarked by April 28, 2017.

State proposes extending cultural property agreements

On March 14, 2017, the Department of State (State) published in the *Federal Register* a [notice](#) [Public Notice 9903] stating that the Government of Belize has informed the Government of the United States of America of its interest in an extension of the [Memorandum of Understanding between the Government of United States of America and the Government of Belize Concerning the Imposition of Import Restrictions on Categories of Archaeological Material Representing the Cultural Heritage of Belize from the Pre-Ceramic \(Approximately 9000 B.C.\), Pre-Classic, Classic, and Post-Classic Periods of the Pre-Columbian Era through the Early and Late Colonial Periods](#). The designated list of covered materials is [found here](#).

On the same date, State published in the *Federal Register* a [notice](#) [Public Notice 9904] stating that the Government of the Republic of Guatemala has informed the Government of the United States of America of its interest in an extension of the [Memorandum of Understanding Between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the Republic of Guatemala Concerning the Imposition of Import Restrictions on Archaeological Material from the Pre-Columbian Cultures and Ecclesiastical Ethnological Material from the Conquest](#)

[and Colonial Periods of Guatemala \(as amended\)](#). The original [designated list](#) of covered materials is [found here](#). Representative photos are [here](#).

Also, on March 14, 2017, State published in the *Federal Register* a [notice](#) [Public Notice 9905] stating that the Government of the Republic of Mali has informed the Government of the United States of America of its interest in an extension of the [Agreement Between the Government of United States of America and the Government of the Republic of Mali Concerning the Imposition of Import Restrictions on Archaeological Material from Mali from the Paleolithic Era \(Stone Age\) to Approximately the Mid-Eighteenth Century](#). The original designated list and amended list are found [here](#) and [here](#).

Pursuant to the authority delegated to the Assistant Secretary of State for Educational and Cultural Affairs, and pursuant to 19 U.S.C. 2602(f)(1), the Department proposes extensions of the Agreements with the Government of Belize, Guatemala and Mali. .

Commerce seeks comments on using domestic steel and iron on American pipelines

On March 16, 2017, the Office of Policy and Strategic Planning, Department of Commerce (Commerce) published in the *Federal Register* a [notice](#) seeking information on the construction and maintenance of American pipelines. This information will help the Department develop a plan for the domestic sourcing of materials for the construction, retrofitting, repair, and expansion of pipelines inside the United States as directed by the January 24, 2017 Presidential Memorandum regarding “Construction of American Pipelines” (Presidential Memorandum). The Secretary of Commerce, in consultation with relevant agencies, is required to deliver this plan to the President by July 23, 2017.

In response to this directive, Commerce is conducting industry outreach to better understand: current pipeline construction technology and requirements; potential advances in pipeline technology; domestic and foreign supply chain for pipeline materials; and all other information respondents consider pertinent to the development of the domestic sourcing plan. Responses to this notice (posted at <https://www.regulations.gov>) will inform the Secretary's plan for the domestic sourcing of materials used in pipelines within the boundaries of the United States.

Comments must be received by 5 p.m. (EDT) on April 7, 2017.

Commerce seeks information on the impact of Federal regulations on domestic manufacturing

On March 7, 2017, the Department of Commerce published in the *Federal Register* a [notice](#) [Docket Number: 170302221-7221-01] seeking information on the impact of Federal permitting requirements on the construction and expansion of domestic manufacturing facilities and on regulations that adversely impact domestic manufacturers. As directed by the President's Memorandum of January 24, 2017, “*Streamlining Permitting and Reducing Regulatory Burdens for Domestic Manufacturing*,” the Secretary of Commerce, in coordination with the Secretaries of Agriculture and Energy, the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, the Director of the Office of Management and Budget, the Administrator of the Small Business Administration, and other appropriate agency heads, is conducting outreach to stakeholders concerning the impact of Federal regulations on domestic manufacturing, and is soliciting comments from the public con-

cerning Federal actions to streamline permitting for the construction and expansion of domestic manufacturing facilities and to reduce regulatory burdens for domestic manufacturers. Responses to this request for information—which will be [posted](#)—will inform the report of the Secretary of Commerce to the President, required under the Presidential Memorandum, setting forth a plan to streamline Federal permitting processes for domestic manufacturing and to reduce regulatory burdens affecting domestic manufacturers. Comments must be received by 5 PM Eastern time on March 31, 2017.

DHS, CBP heads to meet with Canadian counterparts

On March 8, 2017, the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) [announced](#) that Secretary of Homeland Security John Kelly will travel to Ottawa, Canada on Friday, March 10, where he will participate in bilateral meetings with multiple Canadian ministers to discuss U.S.-Canada collaboration across the broad spectrum of the DHS portfolio. Secretary Kelly will be accompanied by Chargé D’Affaires at U.S. Embassy Ottawa Elizabeth Aubin and DHS Deputy Assistant Secretary for International Engagement Matthew King, as well as Acting Commissioner of U.S. Customs and Border Protection Kevin McAleenan.

Secretary Kelly will meet with Minister of Public Safety and Emergency Preparedness Ralph Goodale, Minister of Transport Marc Garneau, Minister of Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Ahmed Hussen, Minister of Foreign Affairs Chrystia Freeland, and Minister of Justice and Attorney General of Canada Jody Wilson-Raybould. They will discuss shared priorities relating to perimeter security and traveler screening, cross border trade and travel, law enforcement cooperation, infrastructure, and immigration, refugee, and visa policy.

Miscellaneous CBP Federal Register documents

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

F.R. Date	Subject
03-01-17	Accreditation and Approval of Inspectorate America Corporation, as a Commercial Gauger and Laboratory (N) [South Portland, ME]
	Approval of Inspectorate America Corporation, as a Commercial Gauger (N) [Baytown, TX]
03-03-17	Agency Information Collection Activities: Passenger and Crew Manifest [OMB No. 1651-0088] (N/E) Additional 30 days to comment.
03-06-17	Accreditation and Approval of Inspectorate America Corporation, as a Commercial Gauger and Laboratory (N) [Torrance, CA]
	Accreditation and Approval of Inspectorate America Corporation, as a Commercial Gauger and Laboratory (N) [Vancouver, WA]
	Accreditation and Approval of Inspectorate America Corporation, as a Commercial Gauger and Laboratory (N) [East Haven, CT]
	Accreditation and Approval of Inspectorate America Corporation, as a Commercial Gauger and Laboratory (N) [Ferndale, WA]
03-13-17	Agency Information Collection Activities: Bonded Warehouse Proprietor’s Submission [OMB No. 1651-0033] (N) [CBP Form 300]
	Agency Information Collection Activities: General Declaration [OMB No. 1651-0002] (N) [CBP Form 7507]
03-20-17	Accreditation and Approval of Camin Cargo Control, Inc., as a Commercial Gauger and Laboratory (N) [New Haven, CT]
03-29-17	Agency Information Collection Activities: Documents Required Aboard Private Aircraft [OMB No. 1651-0058] (N)
	Agency Information Collection Activities: e-Allegations Submission [OMB No.

F.R. Date	Subject
	1651-0131] (N)
	Agency Information Collection Activities: Entry and Manifest of Merchandise Free of Duty, Carrier's Certificate and Release [OMB No. 1651-0013] (N) [CBP Form 7523]
	Agency Information Collection Activities: Foreign Trade Zone Annual Reconciliation Certification and Record Keeping Requirement [OMB No. 1651-0051] (N)

CBP issues final determinations in procurement cases

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

F.R. Date	Ruling Reference (Date Issued) and Product	Country of Origin
03-10-17	HQ H280872 (03-06-17) Country of Origin of the KC-390 Military Cargo Airplane Converted to a Fire-Fighting Aircraft	Brazil
03-13-17	HQ H280512 (03-07-17) WorkFit-TL Sit-Stand Desktop Workstation	US
03-14-17	HQ H269185 (03-08-17) Certain (3) Data Storage Products	1- Mexico 2- Malaysia 3- Mexico
03-22-17	HQ H282391 (03-16-17) Certain Gearmotors known as the R47DRE90M4 Gearmotors	US

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

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

Customs Bulletin Date	Applicant	Products Covered by the Application	Trademark
03-01-17 Approved	Fujifilm North America Corporation	Cameras and accessories	“Instax” USTM Reg. № 3,990,282 CBP Rec. № TMK 16-00781
03-22-17 Approved	Duracell U.S. Operations, Inc.	Battery products	“DURACELL” USTM Reg. № 3,144,722 CBP Rec. № TMK 16-01135

CBP announces West Coast Trade Symposium

U.S. Customs and Border Protection announced that the 2017 West Coast Trade Symposium (WCTS) [registration](#) opened on Wednesday, March 22, 2017 at 12:00 pm Eastern Time.

The WCTS will be held on May 24-25, 2017 at the DoubleTree Resort in Scottsdale, Arizona. The fee is \$161.00.

This year's symposium includes discussions on E-Commerce, Interagency Vision, Streamlining Processes and Innovation and Technology.

New this year, the WCTS will feature multiple tracks to choose from and Center of Excellence and Expertise (CEE) management roundtables.

CBP ICPs and other publications and fact sheets

During the period of coverage of this *Update*, CBP issued the following new or revised Informed Compliance Publications (ICPs) in the, "*What Every Member of the Trade Community Should Know About:...*" series, other publications and fact sheets:

- [State Department Office of Marine Conservation \(OMC\) Implementation Guide](#) (2017 v.2)
- [ACE CATAIR Cargo Release Chapter](#) (Feb. 17, 2017)
- [ACE Drawback CATAIR Guidelines](#) (March 2017)
- [ACE CATAIR PGA Message Set](#) (March 6, 2017)
- [ACE ABI Software Vendor List](#) (March 3, 2017)
- [CBP Trade Enforcement Bulletin](#) (FY 2017/Q1)
- [February 2017 ACE Monthly Trade Update](#)

Revocations or modifications of CBP rulings

[See separate section below.](#)

CSMS messages

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

Date	CSMS#	Title
03-01-17	17-000112	ACE PRODUCTION ACR & PGA Deploy, Thur Mar. 2, 2017 @0500ET, impact ACE CargoRel & EntrySumm
	17-000114	Burma(Myanmar)GSP Eligibility Reinstated, effective November 13, 2016
03-02-17	17-000115	Updated ACE Cargo Release CATAIR Chapter Available on CBP.gov
	17-000116	Correction: Updated ACE Cargo Release CATAIR Chapter Posted to CBP.gov
	17-000117	ACE Cargo Release System Fix
	17-000118	Removing of PG60 Validation resulting in PBG Rejection
03-03-17	17-000121	Clarification on Reporting a Multi-HTS Article With More Than One Mandatory Fee/Tax Class
	17-000123	Issue Accessing Official Notices of Extension, Suspension and Liquidation web site
	17-000124	Resolved issue Accessing Official Notices of Extension, Suspension & Liquidation web site
03-06-17	17-000125	Activation of Air In-Bond and Local Transfer disposition messages in ACE CERT
	17-000126	FDA Webinar for Software Vendors to Discuss Product Code Builder API
03-07-17	17-000127	Office of Marine Conservation (OMC) Implementation Guide V2.0, March 2, 2017
	17-000128	UPDATE: Designated FDA ACS Messaging to be Turned off

Date	CSMS#	Title
	17-000129	3/9/17
03-08-17	17-000131	Harmonized System Update (HSU) 1702 created March 7, 2017
	17-000132	Updated ACE Information Posted on CBP.gov
	17-000133	ACE Portal Password Rule Changes
	17-000134	Cambios En Las Reglas de Contraseñas del Portal de ACE
03-09-17	17-000135	Type 23 Temporary Importation Bond Processing – Message Set Correction
03-10-17	17-000139	February 2017 ACE Monthly Trade Update
03-13-17	17-000140	Port Code Update - Yangshan
03-15-17	17-000142	Updated PGA Filing Status document posted
	17-000143	Local Closure Port of JFK and New York/Newark
	17-000144	ACE PRODUCTION Cargo Release & Entry Summary Deployment, Thurs Mar. 16, 2017 @0500ET
	17-000145	FDA PG21 Email/Fax and Reminder about PG60 Instructions for Software Vendors
03-21-17	17-000154	CDRH Product Code Deletes (FDA)
	17-000155	Update on Two EPA Rules
	17-000156	FDA's Product Code Builder Application Program Interface Deployed 3/20/17
03-22-17	17-000159	Updated ACE PGA Documentation Posted on CBP.gov
	17-000160	Correction: Updated ACE PGA Documentation Posted on CBP.gov
	17-000161	ACE PRODUCTION PGA Deployment, Thurs Mar. 23, 2017 @0500ET, impact ACE CargoRel & EntrySum
03-23-17	17-000162	FDA ACE Support Center Change in Hours of Operation
03-24-17	17-000163	Registration is Now Open for the 2017 West Coast Trade Symposium
	17-000165	ACE Extract Reference File Query (FQ) fixes Deployed to CERTIFICATION
03-25-17	17-000169	FDA Experienced Multiple System Outages 0600 ET - 1400 Saturday, 3/25/2017
03-27-17	17-000170	Removal of AES License Code C32
	17-000171	FDA's ITACS Document Upload Functionality Unavailable 9pm ET 3/31/17 to 11am 4/1/17
	17-000173	Office of Marine Conservation (OMC) Implementation Guide V2.1, March 14, 2017
03-28-17	17-000175	DIS Option to Submit TSCA Certification for Expedited Release Programs
03-29-17	17-000177	Update: Removal of AES License Code C32
	17-000180	ACE PRODUCTION Quota Deployment, Thurs Mar 30, 2017 @0500ET, impact ACE CargoRel & EntrySumm
03-31-17	17-000181	Reminder: FDA's ITACS Document Upload Functionality Unavailable 9pm ET 3/31/17 to 11am 4/1
	17-000186	Entry Summary transaction ACE System Failure E90 or ACE Cargo SE with PGA Data Rejected
	17-000187	Update: Port of Neche, North Dakota - Friday, March 31, 2017

Foreign Trade Zones

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

F.R. Date	Document
03-01-17	Foreign-Trade Zone 269—Athens, Texas: Application for Reorganization Under Alternative Site Framework [B-14-2017]
03-02-17	Approval of Subzone Status - Volvo Car US Operations, Inc. Ridgeville, South Carolina [Order No. 2028] [Note: this notice appears twice in the Fed. Reg.]
03-06-17	Foreign-Trade Zone (FTZ) 176-Rockford, Illinois, Authorization of Production

F.R. Date	Document
	Activity, Brake Parts Inc. (Automotive Parts Kitting), McHenry, Illinois [B-73-2016]
	Approval of Subzone Status; TopShip, LLC, Gulfport, Mississippi [S-171-2016]
03-07-17	Foreign-Trade Zone (FTZ) 265 – Conroe, Texas - Notification of Proposed Production Activity - Bauer Manufacturing LLC dba NEORig (Stationary Oil/Gas Drilling Rigs) Conroe, Texas [B-15-2017]
	Foreign-Trade Zone 163 -- Ponce, Puerto Rico - Application for Subzone Caribe Rx Services, Inc. Caguas, Puerto Rico [S-28-2017]
	Foreign-Trade Zone 163 -- Ponce, Puerto Rico - Application for Subzone R. Ortiz Auto Distributors, Inc. Caguas, Puerto Rico [B-29-2017]
	Foreign-Trade Zone 163 -- Ponce, Puerto Rico - Application for Subzone Destilería Serrallés, Inc., Ponce, Puerto Rico [S-30-2017]
	Approval of Subzone Status - Brake Parts Inc., Hazleton, Pennsylvania [S-169-2016]
03-13-17	Reorganization of Foreign-Trade Zone 257 under Alternative Site Framework Imperial County, California [Order No. 2027]
	Approval of Expansion of Subzone 115B - ExxonMobil Oil Corporation, Jefferson and Liberty Counties, Texas [Order 2029]
03-14-17	Foreign-Trade Zone (FTZ) 7 – Mayaguez, Puerto Rico; Notification of Proposed Production Activity - Bristol-Myers Squibb Holdings Pharma, Ltd. (Pharmaceuticals) Manati, Puerto Rico [B-16-2017]
	Foreign-Trade Zone (FTZ) 38 – Spartanburg County, South Carolina - Authorization of Production Activity - ZF Transmissions Gray Court, LLC (Automatic Transmission and Powertrain Subassemblies and Parts, Transmission Shafts and Cranks) Gray Court, South Carolina [B-79-2016]
	Reorganization of Foreign-Trade Zone 283 - (Expansion of Service Area) under Alternative Site Framework - West Tennessee Area [Order No. 2030]
	Foreign-Trade Zone 43 – Battle Creek, Michigan - Application for Subzone Expansion - Mead Johnson & Company, LLC, Zeeland, Michigan [S-35-2017]
03-23-17	Foreign-Trade Zone (FTZ) 148 – Knoxville, Tennessee - Authorization of Production Activity - CoLinX, LLC (Bearing Units) Crossville, Tennessee [B-80-2016]
03-30-17	Foreign-Trade Zone (FTZ) 134 – Chattanooga, Tennessee - Authorization of Production Activity (Passenger Motor Vehicle Production) Chattanooga, Tennessee [B-81-2016]
	Foreign-Trade Zone 53 -- Tulsa, Oklahoma - Application for Subzone - Premier Logistics, LLC, Tulsa, Oklahoma [S-48-2017]
	Foreign-Trade Zone 87 -- Lake Charles, Louisiana - Application for Expansion of Subzone 87F - Westlake Chemical Corporation, Sulphur, Louisiana [B-17-2017]
03-31-17	Foreign-Trade Zone (FTZ) 226—Merced County, California; Authorization of Production Activity, Brake Parts Inc. (Automotive Parts Kitting), Patterson, California [B-82-2016]
	Foreign-Trade Zone (FTZ) 141— Monroe County, New York; Notification of Proposed Production Activity, Xerox Corporation, Subzone 141B (Xerographic Bulk Toner and Toner Cartridges), Webster, New York [B-18-2017]
	Foreign-Trade Zone (FTZ) 24—Pittston, Pennsylvania, Authorization of Production Activity, Brake Parts Inc (Automotive Parts Kitting), Hazleton, Pennsylvania [B-83-2016]

Treasury publishes list of countries requiring cooperation with an international boycott

On March 30, 2017, the Department of the Treasury (Treasury), in accordance with section 999(a)(3) of the *Internal Revenue Code of 1986*, published in the *Federal Register* a [current list of countries](#) which require or may require participation in, or cooperation with, an international boycott (within the meaning of section 999(b)(3) of the *Internal Revenue Code of 1986*). On the basis of the best information currently available to Treasury, the following countries require or may

require participation in, or cooperation with, such international boycott: Iraq, Kuwait, Lebanon, Libya, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Syria, United Arab Emirates, and Yemen.

Determination and certification relating to the largest exporting and importing countries of certain precursor chemicals

On March 29, 2017, the Department of State published in the *Federal Register* a [notice](#) [Public Notice: 9937] stating that, pursuant to Section 490(b)(1)(A) of the *Foreign Assistance Act of 1961*, as amended, the Under Secretary of State has determined and certified that the top five exporting and importing countries and economies of pseudoephedrine and ephedrine (Canada, China, Denmark, Egypt, France, Germany, Greece, India, Indonesia, Singapore, Republic of Korea, Switzerland and the United Kingdom) have cooperated fully with the United States, or have taken adequate steps on their own, to achieve full compliance with the goals and objectives established by the *1988 United Nations Convention Against Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances*.

State imposes nonproliferation measures and government procurement ban against foreign persons

On March 30, 2017, the Department of State published in the *Federal Register* a [final rule](#) [Public Notice: 9939] stating that a determination has been made that a number of foreign persons have engaged in activities that warrant the imposition of measures pursuant to Section 3 of the *Iran, North Korea, and Syria Nonproliferation Act*.

On March 21, 2017 the U.S. Government (USG) applied the following measures, which are authorized in Section 3, against the foreign persons identified in the report submitted pursuant to Section 2(a) of the Act and listed in the *Federal Register* document:

1. No department or agency of the USG may procure or enter into any contract for the procurement of any goods, technology, or services from these foreign persons, except to the extent that the Secretary of State otherwise may determine;
2. No department or agency of the USG may provide any assistance to these foreign persons, and these persons shall not be eligible to participate in any assistance program of the USG, except to the extent that the Secretary of State otherwise may determine;
3. No USG sales to these foreign persons of any item on the United States Munitions List are permitted, and all sales to these persons of any defense articles, defense services, or design and construction services under the *Arms Export Control Act* are terminated; and
4. No new individual licenses shall be granted for the transfer to these foreign persons of items the export of which is controlled under the *Export Administration Act of 1979* or the *Export Administration Regulations*, and any existing such licenses are suspended.

These measures shall be implemented by the responsible departments and agencies of the USG and will remain in place for two years from the effective date, except to the extent that the Secretary of State may subsequently determine otherwise.

State imposes nonproliferation measures and government procurement ban against Rosoboronexport

On March 29, 2017, the Department of State published in the *Federal Register* a [notice](#) [Public Notice: 9938] stating that a determination has been made that a foreign person has engaged in activities that warrant the imposition of measures pursuant to Section 3 of the *Iran, North Korea, and Syria Nonproliferation Act*. The Act provides for penalties on foreign entities and individuals for the transfer to or acquisition from Iran since January 1, 1999; the transfer to or acquisition from Syria since January 1, 2005; or the transfer to or acquisition from North Korea since January 1, 2006, of goods, services, or technology controlled under multilateral control lists (Missile Technology Control Regime, Australia Group, Chemical Weapons Convention, Nuclear Suppliers Group, Wassenaar Arrangement) or otherwise having the potential to make a material contribution to the development of weapons of mass destruction (WMD) or cruise or ballistic missile systems. The latter category includes (a) items of the same kind as those on multilateral lists but falling below the control list parameters when it is determined that such items have the potential of making a material contribution to WMD or cruise or ballistic missile systems, (b) items on U.S. national control lists for WMD/missile reasons that are not on multilateral lists, and (c) other items with the potential of making such a material contribution when added through case-by-case decisions.

The determination was effective March 21, 2017 against Rosoboronexport (ROE) (Russia) and any successor, sub-unit, or subsidiary thereof. As a result:

1. No department or agency of the United States Government (USG) may procure or enter into any contract for the procurement of any goods, technology, or services from this foreign person, except to the extent that the Secretary of State otherwise may determine. This measure shall not apply to subcontracts at any tier with ROE and any successor, sub-unit, or subsidiary thereof made on behalf of the USG for goods, technology, and services for the maintenance, repair, overhaul, or sustainment of Mi-17 helicopters for the purpose of providing assistance to the security forces of Afghanistan, as well as for the purpose of combating terrorism and violent extremism globally. Moreover, the ban on USG procurement from the Russian entity Rosoboronexport (ROE) and any successor, sub-unit, or subsidiary thereof shall not apply to USG procurement of goods, technology, and services for the purchase, maintenance, or sustainment of the Digital Electro Optical Sensor OSDCAM4060 to improve the U.S. ability to monitor and verify Russia's Open Skies Treaty compliance. Such subcontracts include the purchase of spare parts, supplies, and related services for these purposes;
2. No department or agency of the USG may provide any assistance to this foreign person, and this person shall not be eligible to participate in any assistance program of the USG except to the extent that the Secretary of State otherwise may determine;
3. No USG sales to this foreign person of any item on the United States Munitions List are permitted, and all sales to this person of any defense articles, defense services, or design and construction services under the *Arms Export Control Act* are terminated; and
4. No new individual licenses shall be granted for the transfer to this foreign person of items the export of which is controlled under the *Export Administration Act of 1979* or the *Export Administration Regulations*, and any existing such licenses are suspended.

These measures shall be implemented by the responsible departments and agencies of the USG and will remain in place for two years from the effective date, except to the extent that the Secretary of State may subsequently determine otherwise.

US Government imposes \$1.19 billion fine against ZTE for violating US sanctions and export controls

Ending a five-year investigation, ZTE Corp. (“ZTE”), the [second-largest](#) producer of telecommunications equipment in China, entered into a plea agreement with the US Department of Justice (“DOJ”) and settlement agreements with the US Department of Commerce’s Bureau of Industry (“BIS”) and the US Department of Treasury’s Office of Foreign Assets Control (“OFAC”), for violations of US sanctions against Iran and US export controls, making false statements to the US government, and obstruction of justice (complete plea/settlement agreements are available at the following links: [DOJ](#), [BIS](#) and [OFAC](#)). If the criminal plea with the DOJ is approved by a federal judge, the combined \$1.19 billion in penalties would be the largest fine and forfeiture ever levied by the US government in an export control case.

Despite the hefty penalties, ZTE avoided a denial of export privileges which, among other things, would have prohibited ZTE from sourcing US components. BIS placed ZTE on the Entity List on March 8, 2016 ([81 FR 12004](#)), effectively denying ZTE’s export privileges for a limited time, but then restored ZTE’s export privileges, using a series of temporary licenses. The denial of export privileges could have severely crippled the company, which is [highly-dependent](#) on US-origin chips and other components for its phones and other products.

In [a stipulated statement of facts](#) filed with the court, the company has acknowledged that senior managers, including ZTE’s General Counsel, concealed shipments of US components destined for Iran via “isolation companies” designed to insulate ZTE from civil or criminal liability. It was also stipulated that these shipments continued even after the DOJ began its 2012 investigation into ZTE’s conduct. ZTE also acknowledged concealing shipments from its external legal counsel, thereby causing counsel to unknowingly present false information to the DOJ. ZTE further acknowledged that it formed an internal unit to hide records of the Iran shipments from an outside forensic accounting firm hired at the behest of outside counsel to investigate the matter.

As part of the settlement agreement with BIS and the plea agreement with the DOJ, ZTE, among other things, is required to (i) appoint an independent compliance auditor/monitor who will assess and report to the US government ZTE’s compliance efforts as well as its adherence to the terms of the plea agreement and with US sanctions and export controls, (ii) submit annual audit reports on ZTE’s compliance with US export controls for the next six years, (iii) provide training on US export controls to ZTE’s senior management, and (iv) implement a “best-in-class” export compliance program for ZTE.

The multi-year and multi-agency investigations of ZTE demonstrate that the US government is committed to enforcement of US export controls and sanctions. That includes administrative and criminal enforcement in the context of activities involving non-US companies operating primarily outside the United States.

For additional information, please contact [Eunkyung Kim Shin](#), [Lloyd Grove](#), [Ryan Fayhee](#), [Sylvia A. Lis](#), or any member of the US Outbound Trade team with whom you normally work.

BIS revises Entity List

On March 29, 2017, the Bureau of Industry and Security (BIS) published in the *Federal Register* a [final rule](#) [Docket No. 170103009-7300-02] that amends the

Export Administration Regulations (EAR) by removing seven persons under ten entries from the Entity List. This rule removes four persons listed under the destination of Germany, one person listed under the destination of Hong Kong, one person listed under the destination of India, one person listed under the destination of Singapore, one person listed under the destination of Switzerland, and two persons under the destination of the United Arab Emirates from the Entity List. The three additional entries are being removed to account for two persons listed under more than one destination on the Entity List. All seven of the removals are the result of requests for removal received by BIS pursuant to the section of the EAR used for requesting removal or modification of an Entity List entity and a review of information provided in the removal requests in accordance with the procedure for requesting removal or modification of an Entity List entity.

Also on March 29, 2017, BIS published in the *Federal Register* a [final rule](#) [Docket No. 170109042-7255-01] that amends the EAR by removing two persons listed under the destination of China from the Entity List. The two removals are the result of a request for removal received by BIS pursuant to the section of the EAR used for requesting removal or modification of an Entity List entry and a review of information provided in the removal request in accordance with the procedure for requesting removal or modification of an Entity List entity. In light of the recent settlement of administrative and criminal enforcement actions against ZTE Corporation and ZTE Kangxun, the End-User Review Committee (ERC) has determined that these two persons being removed have performed their undertakings to the U.S. Government in a timely manner and have otherwise cooperated with the U.S. Government in resolving the matter which led to the two entities' listing.

This final rule also adds one person to the Entity List. This person who is added to the Entity List has been determined by the U.S. Government to be acting contrary to the national security or foreign policy interests of the United States. This person will be listed on the Entity List under the destination of China.

Lastly, this final rule makes a conforming change to the EAR as a result of the removal of these two persons from the Entity List.

Commerce seeks applicants for Technical Advisory Committees

On March 7, 2017, Commerce's Bureau of Industry and Security (BIS), published in the *Federal Register* a [notice of recruitment](#) for private-sector members to the seven Technical Advisory Committees (TACs) that advise the Department of Commerce on the technical parameters for export controls applicable to dual-use commodities and technology and on the administration of those controls. The TACs are composed of representatives from industry representatives, academic leaders and U.S. Government representing diverse points of view on the concerns of the exporting community. Industry representatives are selected from firms producing a broad range of goods, technologies, and software presently controlled for national security, non-proliferation, foreign policy, and short supply reasons or that are proposed for such controls, balanced to the extent possible among large and small firms.

TAC members are appointed by the Secretary of Commerce and serve terms of not more than four consecutive years. The membership reflects Commerce's commitment to attaining balance and diversity. TAC members must obtain secret-level clearances prior to appointment. These clearances are necessary so that members may be permitted access to the classified information needed to

formulate recommendations to the Department of Commerce. Each TAC meets approximately four times per year. Members of the Committees will not be compensated for their services.

The seven TACs are responsible for advising the Department of Commerce on the technical parameters for export controls and the administration of those controls within the following areas:

- **Information Systems TAC:** Control List Categories 3 (electronics), 4 (computers), and 5 (telecommunications and information security);
- **Materials TAC:** Control List Category 1 (materials, chemicals, microorganisms, and toxins);
- **Materials Processing Equipment TAC:** Control List Category 2 (materials processing);
- **Regulations and Procedures TAC:** The Export Administration Regulations (EAR) and Procedures for implementing the EAR;
- **Sensors and Instrumentation TAC:** Control List Category 6 (sensors and lasers);
- **Transportation and Related Equipment TAC:** Control List Categories 7 (navigation and avionics), 8 (marine), and 9 (propulsion systems, space vehicles, and related equipment) and the
- **Emerging Technology and Research Advisory Committee:** (1) the identification of emerging technologies and research and development activities that may be of interest from a dual-use perspective; (2) the prioritization of new and existing controls to determine which are of greatest consequence to national security; (3) the potential impact of dual-use export control requirements on research activities; and (4) the threat to national security posed by the unauthorized exports of technologies.

The Notice of Recruitment will be open for one year from its date of publication in the *Federal Register*. To respond to the recruitment notice, please send a copy of your resume to [Ms. Yvette Springer](#).

OFAC publishes General License No. 4F authorizing certain transactions involving the Panamanian Mall and Associated Complex, Soho Panama, S.A.

On March 9, 2017, the Department of the Treasury's Office of Foreign Assets Control (OFAC) published a Kingpin Act General License: [General License 4F "Authorizing Certain Transactions Involving the Panamanian Mall and Associated Complex, Soho Panama, S.A. \(a.k.a. Soho Mall Panama\)."](#) This General License authorizes certain transactions and activities that would otherwise be prohibited pursuant to the Kingpin Act. OFAC is also amending one [Frequently Asked Question](#).

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
03-01-17	OFAC: Sanctions Actions Pursuant to Executive Order 13224 (N) [2 individuals]
03-03-17	OFAC: Sanctions Actions Pursuant to the Foreign Narcotics Kingpin Designa-

F.R. Date	Applicable orders
	tion Act and Executive Order 12978 (N) [19 persons whose property and interests in property have been unblocked and update to the identifying information of two blocked persons]
03-06-17	OFAC: Sanctions Action Pursuant to Executive Order 13382 (N) [one person]
03-17-17	OFAC: Sanctions Action Pursuant to Executive Order 13224 (N) [one person]
03-29-17	BIS: Removal of Certain Persons from the Entity List [Docket No. 170103009-7300-02] (N) [Seven persons]
	BIS: Removal of Certain Persons from the Entity List; Addition of a Person to the Entity List; and EAR Conforming Change [Docket No. 170109042-7255-01] (N) [Two persons removed, one added]
	State: E.O. 13224 Designation of Ahmad Hasan Yusuf, aka Abu-Maryam, aka Sajjad Hassan Nasir Al Zubaydi as a Specially Designated Global Terrorist [Public Notice 9935] (N)
	State: E.O. 13224 Designation of Alsayed Murtadha Majeed Ramadhan Alawi, aka Murtadha Majeed Ramadan Al Sindi, aka Murtadha Majeed Ramadhan al-Sindi, aka Mortada Majid Al-Sanadi as a Specially Designated Global Terrorist [Public Notice 9936] (N)
03-30-17	OFAC: Unblocking of Specially Designated Nationals and Blocked Persons Pursuant to Executive Order 13391 [Zimbabwe] (N) [one individual]

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

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

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

F.R. Date	Subject
03-07-17	BIS: Sensors and Instrumentation Technical Advisory Committee; Notice of Partially Closed Meeting (N/H) [April 18, 2017]
03-14-17	ITA: Environmental Technologies Trade Advisory Committee (ETTAC) Public Meeting (N/H) [April 4, 2017]
03-23-17	NIST: National Cybersecurity Center of Excellence (NCCoE) Capabilities Assessment for Securing Manufacturing Industrial Control Systems for the Manufacturing Sector [Docket No.: 170221188-7188-01] (N)
03-24-17	ITA: Advisory Committee on Supply Chain Competitiveness: Notice of Public Meetings (N/H) [April 19-20, 2017]
03-27-17	State: Notice of Stakeholder Consultations on Responsible Conflict Mineral Sourcing [Public Notice: 9929]
03-31-17	NIST: Visiting Committee on Advanced Technology (N/H) [May 8, 2017]

CPSC issues safety standards for infant bath tubs

On March 30, 2017, the Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) published in the *Federal Register* a [final rule](#) [Docket No. CPSC–2015–0019] containing safety standards for infant bath tubs in response to the direction of section 104 of the *Consumer Product Safety Improvement Act of 2008* (CPSIA), also known as the *Danny Keysar Child Product Safety Notification Act*. Section 104 requires the CPSC to promulgate consumer product safety standards for durable infant or toddler products. These standards are to be “substantially the same as” applicable voluntary standards, or more stringent than the voluntary standard if the CPSC concludes that more stringent requirements would further reduce the risk of injury associated with the product.

In addition, the CPSC is amending its regulations regarding third party conformity assessment bodies to include the mandatory standard for infant bath tubs in the list of notices of requirements (NORs) issued by the CPSC.

The rule will become effective October 2, 2017. The incorporation by reference of the publication listed in this rule is approved by the Director of the Federal Register as of October 2, 2017.

CPSC removes safety standard for magnet sets

On March 7, 2017, the CPSC published in the *Federal Register* a [final rule](#) [Docket No. CPSC-2012-0050] removing from the Code of Federal Regulations the final rule published on October 3, 2014 (79 Fed. Reg. 59962), titled, “Safety Standard for Magnet Sets.” This action responds to a decision of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Tenth Circuit that vacated the rule.

On December 2, 2014, Zen Magnets, LLC (Zen) filed a petition in the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Tenth Circuit challenging the magnet set rule. The Tenth Circuit concluded that the CPSC’s rule provided incomplete and inadequately explained findings. The court vacated and remanded the rule to the CPSC. *Zen Magnets, LLC v. Consumer Product Safety Comm’n*, No.14-9610 (10th Cir. Nov. 22, 2016). Consistent with that decision, this rule removes the magnet set rule at 16 C.F.R. part 1240 and reserves that part.

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
03-30-17	CPSC: Safety Standard for Infant Bath Tubs [Docket No. CPSC-2015-0019] (FR)

TTB announcements and Federal Register documents

The Alcohol and Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau (TTB) has posted the following information or regulatory actions of interest to international traders :

Date	Subject
03-03-17	2016 TTB Annual Report

FDA amends requirements to submit prior notice of imported food

On March 30, 2017, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) published in the *Federal Register* a [final rule](#); technical amendments [Docket No. FDA-2017-N-0011] amending the prior notice of imported food regulations to reflect a change in the U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) electronic data interchange system and its expanded capabilities, to correct inaccurate number designations in section headings, and to reflect a change in an office’s name. This action is ministerial or editorial in nature.

The FDA is amending the prior notice regulations to reflect the change of the CBP electronic data interchange system from “Automated Broker Interface/Automated Commercial System (ABI/ACS)” or “Automated Broker Interface

of the Automated Commercial System (ABI/ACS)” to “Automated Broker Interface/Automated Commercial Environment/International Trade Data System (ABI/ACE/ITDS).” There is no change in the FDA Prior Notice System Interface (FDA PNSI).

FDA regulations required submission through the FDA PNSI system (rather than the CBP system because ACS could not accommodate such transactions) for articles that have been refused entry, tracking numbers in lieu of certain information, and express consignment shipment tracking numbers. The FDA is revising the regulations to remove these limitations because the new ACE EDI system can accommodate such transactions. In addition, the “FDA Prior Notice Center” is now named the “FDA Division of Food Defense Targeting.”

The rule was effective on publication.

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
03-01-17	Fruit Juice and Vegetable Juice as Color Additives in Food; Draft Guidance for Industry; Reopening of Comment Period [Docket No. FDA-2016-D-4120] (N/RO)
03-06-17	DSM Biomedical; Filing of Color Additive Petition DSM Biomedical; Filing of Color Additive Petition [Docket No. FDA-2017-C-0935] (N)
03-13-17	United States Food and Drug Administration and Health Canada Joint Regional Consultation on International Council for Harmonisation of Technical Requirements for Pharmaceuticals for Human Use; Public Meeting and Webcast; Request for Comments [Docket No. FDA-2016-N-1112] (N/H/RFC)
03-20-17	Clarification of When Products Made or Derived From Tobacco Are Regulated as Drugs, Devices, or Combination Products; Amendments to Regulations Regarding “Intended Uses”; Further Delayed Effective Date; Request for Comments [Docket No. FDA-2015-N-2002] (FR/Delayed eff. date)
03-22-17	Tobacco Product Standard for N-Nitrosornicotine Level in Finished Smokeless Tobacco Products; Extension of Comment Period [Docket No. FDA-2016-N-2527] (PR/E)
03-28-17	Agency Information Collection Activities; Proposed Collection; Comment Request; Experimental Study on Warning Statements for Cigarette Graphic Health Warnings [Docket No. FDA-2017-N-0932] (N)
03-30-17	Requirements to Submit Prior Notice of Imported Food; Technical Amendments [Docket No. FDA-2017-N-0011] (FR)

APHIS and other USDA notices issued

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

F.R. Date	Subject
03-03-17	AMS: United States Standards for Grades of Frozen Onions [Doc. No. AMS-FV-08-0076] (PR/O)
03-07-17	FSIS: Codex Alimentarius Commission Committee on Food Import and Export Inspection and Certification Systems ((CCFICS) [Docket No. FSIS-2017-0009]

F.R. Date	Subject
	(N/H/RFC) [April 6, 2017] FSIS: Codex Alimentarius Commission: Codex Committee on Pesticide Residues (CCPR) [Docket No. FSIS-2017-0006] (N/H/RFC) [April 4, 2017]
03-21-17	AMS: National Organic Program: USDA Organic Regulations: Notification of 2017 sunset review [Document Number AMS-NOP-17-0001; NOP-16-04] (N)
03-23-17	AMS: U.S. Standards for Grades of Shelled Walnuts and Walnuts in the Shell [Doc. No. AMS-SC-16-0005] (PR/RO)
03-24-17	APHIS: Importation of Lemons From Northwest Argentina: Stay of Regulations [Docket No. APHIS-2014-0092] (FR/Stay)

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](#).

- Canada - [Canada Consults on Food Labelling Modernization](#)
- Canada - [Health Canada Intends to Phase-Out Imidacloprid](#)
- Chile - [Chile Bans Brazil Meat and Poultry Imports](#)
- China - [China Issues 13th Five-Year Plan on Food Safety](#)
- EU - [FAIRS - Certification](#)
- India - [GOI amends Import Requirements for Poultry and Poultry Products](#)
- India - [GOI Notifies Microbiological Standards for Fish and Fishery Products](#)
- Ethiopia - [Ethiopia's FAIRS](#)
- UK - [FAIRS - Narrative](#)
- Belgium - [Belgian Decree Sets New Conditions for Plants in Food Supplements](#)
- Honduras – [FAIRS - Certification](#)
- Japan - [Japan to Lift Age-based BSE Testing in April 2017](#)
- Japan - [Japan to Revise MRLs for 5 Agricultural Chemicals](#)
- Jordan - [FAIRS - Certification](#)
- Jordan – [FAIRS - Narrative](#)
- Kazakhstan - [FAIRS - Narrative](#)
- Korea - [Korea's New Biotech Labeling Requirements](#)
- Netherlands – [FAIRS - Narrative](#)
- Philippines - [SRA Import Clearance for HFCS](#)
- Poland - [Exporter Guide Annual](#)
- Russia - [Draft Amendments on TR on Dairy Notified to WTO](#)
- Russia - [Draft Amendments to Sanitary Measures Notified to WTO](#)
- Thailand - [Thai FDA Eases Its Labeling of Prepackaged Food Regulation](#)
- Thailand - [The Thai FDA Establishes Gluten Free Labeling Requirements](#)
- Vietnam - [Exporter Guide](#)

PHMSA amends Hazardous Materials Regulations

On March 30, 2017, the Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA) published in the *Federal Register* a [final rule](#) [Docket No. PHMSA-2015-0273 (HM-215N)] to amend the *Hazardous Materials Regulations* (HMR) to maintain consistency with international regulations and standards by incorporating various amendments, including changes to proper shipping names, hazard classes, packing groups, special provisions, packaging authorizations, air transport quantity limitations, and vessel stowage requirements. These revisions are necessary to harmonize the HMR with recent changes made to the *International Maritime Dangerous Goods Code*, the *International Civil Aviation Organization's Technical Instructions for the Safe Transport of Dangerous Goods by Air*, and the *United Nations Recommendations on the Transport of Dangerous Goods—Model Regulations*. Additionally, PHMSA is adopting several amendments to the HMR that result from coordination with Canada under the U.S.-Canada Regulatory Cooperation Council.

The rule is effective March 30, 2017, except for instruction 22, which is effective January 2, 2019. The voluntary compliance date was January 1, 2017. Unless otherwise specified, compliance with the amendments adopted in the final rule is required beginning January 1, 2018.

The incorporation by reference of certain publications listed in this rule is approved by the Director of the Federal Register as of March 30, 2017

Additional Federal Register documents

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

F.R. Date	Subject
03-01-17	Drug Enforcement Admin. (DEA): Schedules of Controlled Substances: Placement of 10 Synthetic Cathinones Into Schedule I [Docket No. DEA-436] (FR)
03-06-17	Environmental Protection Agency (EPA): Granting Petitions To Add n-Propyl Bromide to the List of Hazardous Air Pollutants [EPA-HQ-OAR-2014-0471] (N/E) EPA: Risk Evaluation Scoping Efforts Under TSCA for Ten Chemical Substances; Reopening of Comment Period [EPA-HQ-OPPT-2017-0002] (N/RO)
03-09-17	DEA: Schedules of Controlled Substances: Placement of Brivaracetam into Schedule V [Docket No. DEA-435] (FR) Energy: Excess Uranium Management: Effects of Potential DOE Transfers of Excess Uranium on Domestic Uranium Mining, Conversion, and Enrichment Industries; Notice of Issues for Public Comment (N/RFC) EPA: Receipt of Information under the Toxic Substances Control Act [EPA-HQ-OPPT-2013-0677] (N)
03-10-17	US Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS): Draft Environmental Assessment; Export Program for Certain Native Species Under the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora [Docket No. FWS-HQ-IA-2017-0012] (N/RFC) EPA: Flupyradifurone; Pesticide Tolerances for Emergency Exemptions [EPA-HQ-OPP-2016-0557] (FR) EPA: Oxytetracycline; Pesticide Tolerances for Emergency Exemptions [EPA-HQ-OPP-2016-0539] (FR) EPA: Certain New Chemicals; Receipt and Status Information for December 2016 [EPA-HQ-OPPT-2016-0697] (N)
03-15-17	EPA: Streptomycin; Pesticide Tolerances for Emergency Exemptions [EPA-HQ-OPP-2016-0540; FRL-9957-65] (FR)

F.R. Date	Subject
03-16-17	EPA: Certain New Chemicals; Receipt and Status Information for January 2017 [EPA-HQ-OPPT-2016-0698; FRL-9959-46] (N)
03-21-17	Energy: Energy Conservation Program: Energy Conservation Standards for Ceiling Fans [Docket No. EERE-2012-BT-STD-0045] (FR/Delayed eff. date)
	Energy: Energy Conservation Program: Test Procedure for Walk-in Coolers and Walk-in Freezers [Docket No. EERE-2014-BT-TP-0054] (FR/Delayed eff. date)
	Energy: Energy Conservation Program: Test Procedures for Central Air Conditioners and Heat Pumps [Docket No. EERE-2016-BT-TP-0029] (FR/Delayed eff. date)
	Energy: Energy Conservation Program: Test Procedures for Compressors [Docket No. EERE-2014-BT-TP-0054] (FR/Delayed eff. date)
	National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA): Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards; Minimum Sound Requirements for Hybrid and Electric Vehicles [Docket No. NHTSA-2016-0125] (FT/Delayed eff. date)
03-22-17	EPA: Cloquintocet-mexyl; Pesticide Tolerances [EPA-HQ-OPP-2016-0299; FRL-9959-11] (FR)
	EPA: Cyantraniliprole; Pesticide Tolerances [EPA-HQ-OPP-2014-0357; FRL-9958-53] (FR)
	EPA: Aspergillus flavus AF36; Amendment to an Exemption from the Requirement of a Tolerance [EPA-HQ-OPP-2016-0566; FRL-9959-92] (FR)
	EPA: Fatty Acids, Montan-Wax, Ethoxylated; Tolerance Exemption [EPA-HQ-OPP-2016-0337; FRL-9958-10] (FR)
	EPA: Isoamyl acetate; Exemption from the Requirement of a Tolerance [EPA-HQ-OPP-2016-0378; FRL-9956-02] (FR)
	EPA: Octadecanoic acid, 12-hydroxy-, homopolymer, ester with α, α', α''-1,2,3-propanetriyltris[ω-hydroxypoly(oxy-1,2-ethanediyl)] ; Tolerance Exemption [EPA-HQ-OPP-2016-0617; FRL-9958-97] (FR)
	EPA: Polyglycerol polyricinoleate; Tolerance Exemption [EPA-HQ-OPP-2016-0606; FRL-9959-12] (FR)
	NHTSA/EPA: Notice of Intention to Reconsider the Final Determination of the Mid-Term Evaluation of Greenhouse Gas Emissions Standards for Model Year 2022-2025 Light Duty Vehicles (N)
	EPA: Product Cancellation Order for Certain Pesticide Registrations [EPA-HQ-OPP-2010-0014; FRL-9958-52] (N)
	EPA: Product Cancellation Order for Certain Pesticide Registrations [EPA-HQ-OPP-2016-0345; FRL-9958-51] (N)
	EPA: Pesticide Emergency Exemptions; Agency Decisions and State and Federal Agency Crisis Declarations [EPA-HQ-OPP-2017-0009; FRL-9959-45] (N)
03-23-17	DEA: Schedules of Controlled Substances: Placement of FDA-Approved Products of Oral Solutions Containing Dronabinol [(-)-delta-9-trans-tetrahydrocannabinol (delta-9- THC)] in Schedule II [Docket No. DEA-344] (IR/RFC)
	DEA: Schedules of Controlled Substances: Temporary Placement of 4-Fluoroisobutryl Fentanyl into Schedule I [Docket No. DEA-452] (N)
	EPA: Receipt of Several Pesticide Petitions Filed for Residues of Pesticide Chemicals in or on Various Commodities [EPA-HQ-OPP-2015-0032; FRL-9957-99] (N/RFC)
	EPA: Product Cancellation Order for Certain Pesticide Registrations and Amendments to Terminate Uses [EPA-HQ-OPP-2016-0577; FRL-9958-13] (N)
03-28-17	NHTSA: Civil Penalties [Docket No. NHTSA-2016-0136] (FR/further delay of effective date)
03-29-17	Energy: Energy Conservation Program: Test Procedures for Central Air Conditioners and Heat Pumps; Correction [Docket No. EERE-2006-BT-TP-0029] (FR/C)
03-30-17	Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA): Hazardous Materials: Harmonization with International Standards (RRR) [Docket No. PHMSA-2015-0273 (HM-215N)] (FR)
03-31-17	US Coast Guard (USCG): Imposition of Conditions of Entry for Certain Vessels

F.R. Date	Subject
	Arriving to the United States From Nauru [Docket No. USCG–2016–1081] (N)

Commerce publishes Notice of Scope Rulings

On March 15, 2017, the Department of Commerce, International Trade Administration published in the *Federal Register* a [notice listing scope rulings and anti-circumvention determinations](#) made between January 1, 2016, and March 31, 2016, inclusive. Commerce intends to publish future lists after the close of the next calendar quarter. The rulings involved the following cases:

- A-201-805: Certain Circular Welded Non-Alloy Steel Pipe from Mexico
- A-570-967 and C-570-968: Aluminum Extrusions from China
- A-570-901: Certain Lined Paper Products from China
- A-570-943 and C-570-944: Certain Oil Country Tubular Goods from China
- A-570-970 and C-570-971: Multilayered Wood Flooring from China
- A-570-875: Non-malleable Cast Iron Pipe Fittings from China
- A-570-956 and C-570-957: Seamless Carbon and Alloy Steel Standard, Line, and Pressure Pipe from China

Antidumping and countervailing duty cases

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

The Americas - South America

Argentina

Government extends tax amnesty to cover customs debts

Resolution AFIP 4007-E of 3 March 2017, amended some regulations regarding the tax amnesty regime applicable to customs offenses and charges:

All additional charges corresponding to [import](#) and [export](#) duties and fines arising out of infringements occurring up to 31 May 2016 fall within the scope of the tax amnesty. Under the prior regulation, the tax amnesty only covered claims formally notified to the taxpayer until 31 May 2016. Now, it covers events notified after 31 May 2016 but resulting from taxable events or violations committed before that date.

It further states that material violations are “those set forth, among others, in Articles 954, paragraph a), 965, paragraph b), 966, -when a tax exemption is granted-, 970, 971, 973, 985, 986 and 987 of Law No. 22415.” Although the Law does not expressly refer to the offenses set forth in paragraphs b) and c) of Article 954 of the *Customs Code*, we think that they should be considered under the among others umbrella term of the Law.

For additional information, please contact [Esteban Pablo Rópolo](#) of our Buenos Aires office.

Commerce removes certain goods from Non-Automatic License list

On 3 March 2017, the *Boletín Oficial* (Official Bulletin) published Secretary of Commerce [Resolution 152-E / 2017 \(02-03-17\)](#), which modifies Resolution Nº 5/2015 by eliminating 11 statistical subheadings to the MERCOSUR Common Nomenclature (NCM) from the list of goods subject to the Non-Automatic Licensing requirements. These items will now be subject to the Automatic Licensing regime.

The affected subheadings are: 8471.30.12, 8471.30.19, 8471.30.90, 8471.41.10, 8471.49.00, 8504.40.90, 8528.41.10, 8528.41.20, 8528.51.10, 8528.51.20, and 8544.42.00, which includes certain portable and non-portable ADP machines, static converters, monitors for ADP machines and insulated electric conductors with connectors.

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
01-03-17	Decree 134/2017 (24-02-17) Exemption of the payment of the import duty and other taxes on products originating in and coming from the countries participating in the event "Villa Gesell International Fair" .
	National Adm. Of Medicines, Food and Medical Technology (ANMATM): Disp. 1988 /2017 (23-02-17) Prohibition of use and commercialization of certain cosmetic products
	ANMATM: Disp. 1989 /2017 (23-02-17) Prohibition of use and distribution of certain medical products .
	ANMATM: Disp 1990/2017 (23-02-17) Prohibition of use and commercialization of certain medical products .
	ANMATM: Disp. 1987/2017 (23-02-17) Prohibition of use and commercialization of chemical products
03-03-17	Secretary of Commerce: Resolution 152-E / 2017 (02-03-17) Modification. Resolution Nº 5/2015 relating to importations
	AFIP: General Resolution 4001-E (02-03-17) Exports - Reference values of preventive character. General Resolution No. 2716. Supplementary standard
06-03-17	AFIP: General Resolution 4002-E (02-03-17) Law No. 19,640. Representation of the Agency to the Commission for the Special Customs Area. Resolution Nº 4,712 / 80 (ANA) and its amendments. Modification.
	AFIP: General Resolution 4008-E (03-03-17) Contracts of services arranged with subjects from abroad. DJAS. RG No. 2776 and its modifications. Foreign payments of certain transactions carried out by residents in the country. DAPE. RG No. 3417 and its modif. Its repeal.
09-03-17	ANMATM: Disp. 2328/2017 () Prohibition on the use and distribution of certain medical products
14-03-17	Decree 167/2017 (13-03-17) – International Fair: Exemption from the payment of import duties and other charges on products originating in and coming from the countries participating in the "Gran Premio de la República Argentina Moto GP 2017"
16-03-17	ANMATM: Disp. 2501/2017 (13-03-17) Prohibition of use and commercialization of certain cosmetics
	ANMATM: Disp. 2502/2017 (13-03-17) Prohibition of use and commercialization of certain cosmetics
	ANMATM: Disp. 2503/2017 (13-03-17) Prohibition of use and commercialization of certain cosmetics
	ANMATM: Disp. 2504/2017 (13-03-17) Prohibition of use and commercialization of certain cosmetics

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	tion of certain cosmetics
	ANMATM: Disp. 2505/2017 (13-03-17) Prohibition of commercialization of certain food products
	ANMATM: Disp. 2506/2017 (13-03-17) Prohibition of commercialization of certain food products
28-03-17	AFIP: General Resolution 4017-E (23-03-17) Destinations of exportation for natural gas consumption. Determination of taxable value.
	ANMATM: Disp. 2827/2017 (22-03-17) Prohibition of use and commercialization of certain cosmetics

Brazil

Brazil reassures WTO members about its meat safety measures

The WTO [announced](#) that Brazil updated WTO members on the measures it has taken to ensure the safety of its meat and meat products at a meeting of the WTO's Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures on 22 and 23 March. The WTO said:

Since the start of its investigation into irregularities in meat inspections, several measures have been taken to "ensure the safety and quality of the products", the Brazilian delegation said. At the same time, the alleged misconduct only applied to a fraction of Brazil's "solid and trustworthy" sanitary controls on animal products, the delegation told WTO members. It further reassured its trading partners that "the Brazilian regulatory system is among the most frequently and strictly audited and monitored worldwide".

According to Brazil, the Federal Police launched an investigation on 17 March 2017 into irregular practices involving certification of meat and meat products in 21 meat processing facilities that handle beef, poultry and pork products. These initial findings were taken very seriously by the authorities, and facts were being thoroughly checked and investigated by the Ministry of Agriculture. President Michel Temer had convened a meeting over the weekend of 18-19 March 2017 to assess the safety of domestic and international consumers with regard to the quality of meat produced in the country.

Brazil urged members to take into account this information and not to resort to measures which would run counter to WTO disciplines.

CAMEX launches new portal

On 9 March 2017, the Executive Secretariat of the Foreign Trade Chamber - SE-CAMEX launched its [new services and information portal](#) . Restructured through the use of a new technological tool and based on the guidelines of the [Digital Identity of Government](#) (IDG) and the [Law on Access to Information](#) (LAI) .

Among the new functionalities of the portal, we highlight the improvement of communication channels with CAMEX. By clicking [Contact Us](#) , you can request information and clarifications. The user receives a protocol number to follow up on his clarification, which will be answered according to [Law No 12,527/2011](#) . In [Contact and Hearings](#) , the contact phones with SE-CAMEX are available, as well as a request form for hearings and requests for document views. In this case, the user also receives a protocol number.

Diário Oficial da União publications

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

Date	Subject
09-03-17	CAMEX Resolution № 20 (08-03-17) Provisions on the Technical Group of Commercial Defense - GTDC.
	CAMEX Resolution № 21 (08-03-17) Grants temporary reduction of the Import Tax rate for viscose rayon fiber, pursuant to Resolution n° 08/08 of the Common Market Group of Mercosur.
	CAMEX Resolution № 22 (08-03-17) Provision for the Technical Group on Temporary Alterations of the Mercosur Common External Tariff - GTAT-TEC.
10-03-17	SECEX Ordinance № 12 (09-03-17) Establishes criteria for the allocation of import quotas, determined by CAMEX Resolution No. 21, dated March 8, 2017.
17-03-17	SECEX Ordinance № 13 (16-03-17) Changes to SECEX Portaria No. 23, dated July 14, 2011, to provide for the distribution of tariff quotas for export to Mexico, which is dealt with in the Fifth Additional Protocol to Bilateral Appendix II "On Trade in the Automotive Sector between Brazil and Mexico "Of Economic Complementarity Agreement No. 55 - MERCOSUR / Mexico.
23-03-17	SECEX Ordinance № 14 (22-03-17) Dealing with the export operations processed through the Single Export Declaration (DU-E).

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
07-03-17	Foreign Affairs: Decree №146, of 2016. - Promulgates the Understanding between the Government of the Republic of Chile and the European Community on the System of Classification (Typing) of Channels and Nomenclature of Meat Cuts
08-03-17	Hacienda: Decree № 61, of 2017. - Rectifies decree No. 56 exempted, of 2017, which extends provisional antidumping duty to imports of steel wire rod originating in China
13-03-17	Law number 20997. - Modernizes customs legislation
22-03-17	Agriculture: Res. № 1608 Adopts provisional measures on the importation of fresh beef, pork and poultry meat from Brazil
29-03-17	Hacienda: Exempt Decree № 78, of 2017. - Applies reductions of customs duties for the import of raw sugar, refined sugar grades 1 and 2, and refined sugar grades 3 and 4, and substandard
	Hacienda: Exempt Decree № 63, of 2017. - Declares International Fair - Expo Edifica 2017
	Agriculture: Exempt Resolution № 1,762, of 2017. - Modifies resolution No. 1,608, of 2017, which adopts provisional measures on the importation of fresh beef, pork and poultry meat from Brazil
	Agriculture: Exempt Resolution № 1,722, dated 2017. - Updates national system for inscription, maintenance and authorization of establishments exporting live-stock products for human consumption and repeals resolution No. 7.078 of 2011

Classification opinions, advance rulings and classification valuation and origin decisions

The National Customs Service has recently redesigned its website. [Advance Classification Rulings](#) (Resoluciones Anticipadas Clasificación) from 2010 to the present are available. 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. For prior years, please see http://www.dian.gov.co/DIAN/13Normatividad.nsf/pages/Clasificaciones_arancelarias.

MinCIT, MinHacienda and DIAN Documents

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

Date	Subject
01-03-17	DIAN: Cir. 2746 Ad valorem levies applicable to reference agricultural products, their substitutes, agroindustrial products or by-products.
13-03-17	DIAN: Cir. 10 Reference Prices of Agricultural Products
15-03-17	DIAN: Cir. 2760 Ad valorem levies applicable to reference agricultural products, their substitutes, agroindustrial products or by-products
28-03-17	DIAN Cir. 2785 Ad valorem levies applicable to reference agricultural products, their substitutes, agroindustrial products or by-products.
	DIAN: Ext. Cir. 6 of 2017 Suspension of preferential tariff treatment for Some goods
	DIAN: Cir 12 Reference Prices of Agricultural Products

Peru

Peru unveils new labelling requirements for manufactured goods

[Legislative Decree № 1304 \(29 December 2016; DL 1304\)](#) signed by the President and Council of Ministers as well as the Secretary of Production, was published on 30 December 2016. This legislative decree (law) basically establishes the following:

- Repealed Law 28405, which previously established the mandatory labelling requirements for importation and commercialization of goods considered manufactured products for consumption.
- The new mandatory labelling requirements for manufactured goods for consumption issued by DL 1304 which only apply for commercialization and not for importation. The required information includes:

- o product name;
 - o country of origin;
 - o If perishable --
 - expiration date;
 - conditions of conservation;*
 - observations (any additional information); *
 - o for defective, used, reconstructed or remanufactured products, the condition of the product; *
 - o net content in units of mass or volume, as applicable;*
 - o if the product contains any raw material or input that represents a risk to the consumer or user, it must be declared;*
 - o name, address and tax identification number (RUC) of the producer, importer, packager or distributor in Peru;*
 - o warning of any foreseeable risk or danger that could arise from the product;* and
 - o urgent care language whenever applicable.*
- The items with an asterisk above (*) must be in the Spanish language. It is preferred, but not mandated, that the remaining elements be in Spanish. The information must be clear and in a visible location.
 - The information regarding the country of manufacture and expiration date must be indelibly marked on the product, packaging or packaging, depending on the nature of the product.
 - INDECOPI will be the competent authority responsible for supervising compliance with, and sanctioning non-compliance with, the labeling provisions.
 - The Ministry of Production will be in charge of verifying the compliance with technical regulations (with the exception of labeling) and for sanctioning non-compliance. The following products are governed by the provisions contained in technical regulations:
 - o Cosmetics,
 - o Household hygiene products and absorbent personal hygiene products,
 - o Food and beverages,
 - o Pharmaceutical and medical devices,
 - o Agrochemicals,
 - o Explosives,
 - o Others that by duly sustained Supreme Decree is available.

For additional information, please contact [Gonzalo Bernal](#) of our Lima office.

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 Admin-

istration) or in the legal standards section of [El Peruano](#) (the Official Gazette) (dd-mm-yy):

Date	Subject
04-03-17	SUNAT: Resolution No. 03-2017 / SUNAT / 5F0000 Approve the new format Affidavit of Baggage
07-03-17	Economy and Finance: Resolution Vice Ministerial Nº 003-2017-EF / 15.01 Reference prices and variable duties additional to imports of maize sugar rice and whole milk powder
08-03-17	Agriculture: Directorial Resolution Nº 0009-2017-MINAGRI-SENASA-DSA Approving specific health requirements of mandatory compliance for the importation of horses that were exported from Peru temporarily from Chile
13-03-17	Agriculture: Directorial Resolution Nº 0010 Suspends imports of live birds, fertile eggs, eggs SPF, poultry meat and other products capable of transmitting or serving as a vehicle of avian influenza from the Autonomous Community of Catalonia - Spain
16-03-17	External Relations: Protocol of Amendment to the Marrakesh Agreement Establishing the World Trade Organization • Entry into force of the Protocol of Amendment to the Marrakesh Agreement Establishing the World Trade Organization
18-03-17	SUNAT: Circular Nº 01-2017-SUNAT/5F0000 Laying down provisions for importation of butter from Colombia
20-03-17	Agriculture: Directorial Resolution Nº 0006-2017-MINAGRI-SENASA-DSV Establishes phytosanitary requirements of necessary compliance in the import of sesame seeds of origin and origin Japan
	Agriculture: Directorial Resolution No. 0010-2017-MINAGRI-SENASA-DSV Establishes phytosanitary requirements of necessary compliance in the importation of cuttings, cuttings rooted and plants in vitro of stevia of origin and origin Paraguay
23-03-17	Economy and Finance: Supreme Decree Nº 060-2017-EF Setting forth provisions to expedite the customs clearance of goods in case of state of emergency by natural disaster
	Energy and Mines: Supreme Decree Nº 008-2017-EM Establish authorization regime for the importation of energy in emergency situations
	SUNAT: Resolution No. 04-2017 / SUNAT / 5F0000 Modify Circulars and Resolutions of the National Deputy Superintendence of Customs that establish minimum descriptions of various goods
25-03-17	SUNAT: Resolution No. 079-2017 / SUNAT Repeal Resolution No. 297-2014 / SUNAT, which approved the SUNAT Statute
29-03-17	Produce: Directorial Resolution Nº 007 Peruvian Technical Standards Approve Fruit Marmalade Vinegar and Others
	External Trade and Tourism: Supreme Decree Nº 003 They provide for the implementation of Decision No. 1 of the Free Trade Commission of the Additional Protocol to the Framework Agreement of the Pacific Alliance on the Recognition of Electronically Signed Documents within the Framework of Interoperability of Foreign Trade Single Windows in The Pacific Alliance
	Agriculture: Directorial Resolution N ° 0012 Imports of live poultry eggs fertile eggs SPF poultry meat and other products capable of transmitting or serving as avian influenza vehicle from the states of Tennessee and Wisconsin of the USA
31-03-17	SUNAT: Resolution No. 05-2017 / SUNAT / 5F0000 Modify the Resolution of National Intendence No. 46-2016 / SUNAT / 5F0000 and the Specific Procedure Use and Control of High Security Seals INPCFA - PE.00.08 (version 1)

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

Customs duty rate changes for 1 April 2017: Japan-Australia EPA

In [DIBP Notice No. 2017/07](#), the Department of Immigration and Border Protection (DIBP) announced that on 1 April 2017, the rates of customs duty will be reduced on certain Japanese originating goods through the *Japan-Australia Economic Partnership Agreement*.

The next reduction of customs duty rates will affect certain imports of:

- plastic and rubber goods
- leather goods
- textile, clothing and footwear goods
- stone, plaster, cement, mica or similar materials for use as components in passenger motor vehicles
- toughened (tempered) safety glass and laminated safety glass for use as components in motor vehicles
- base metal goods
- machinery and mechanical appliances
- electrical equipment
- sound recorders and reproducers
- motor vehicles
- orthopaedic footwear goods
- measuring, checking or precision instruments and apparatus
- seats for motor vehicles and their parts
- other miscellaneous manufactured goods.

Note: phasing rates do not affect the import restrictions and border controls for prohibited goods as regulated by the *Customs (Prohibited Imports) Regulations 1956*. A full list of affected tariff subheadings is contained in [Schedule 11 \(Japanese Originating Goods\) of the Customs Tariff Act 1995](#).

Commencement of Commerce (Trade Descriptions) Regulation 2016

In [DIBP Notice No. 2017/06](#), the Department of Immigration and Border Protection (DIBP) announced that on 1 April 2017, the *Commerce (Trade Descriptions) Regulation 2016* (the CTD Regulation) will commence and replace the sunset *Commerce (Imports) Regulations 1940* (the CI Regulations). The *Commerce (Trade Descriptions) Act 1905* (the CTD Act) and, from 1 April 2017, the CTD Regulation together set out which goods or classes of goods require labelling, what labelling is required and where the label must be applied, before goods can be imported into Australia.

The CTD Regulation retains most of the existing trade description requirements in the CI Regulations that apply to specified goods. The CTD Regulation contains modifications to simplify expressions, and to remove redundant provisions. Some goods will no longer require a trade description (such as medicines and medicinal preparations) while others are no longer exempt from requiring a trade description (such as packages containing less than 15 grams of tobacco).

The CTD Regulation aligns with the Australian Government's country of origin labelling for food reforms. Mandatory changes to food labelling will take effect from 1 July 2018.

The CTD Regulation was developed to ensure that the Australian Border Force (ABF) can continue to enforce labelling requirements for the importation of certain of goods, including food, at the Australian border. The CTD Act and the CTD Regulation give ABF officers the power to inspect and examine imported goods to determine whether accurate trade descriptions, including the country of origin, have been applied.

Australia to remove low value GST import threshold

Australia has moved forward with taking steps to impose GST on the sale and importation of low value goods imported by consumers from 1 July 2017. Under the current rules, goods valued at AUD 1,000 imported into Australia are not subject to GST, however, this is slated for abolition.

The *Treasury Laws Amendment (GST Low Value Goods) Bill 2017* was introduced into the Australian Parliament on 16 February 2017, however, it has not yet passed.

The general intent of the proposed law is that low value goods imported by consumers will face the same tax regime as goods that are sourced domestically. In essence, overseas suppliers that have an Australian turnover of AUD 75,000 or more will be required to register for, charge, collect and remit GST (at the rate of 10%) for low value goods supplied to consumers in Australia, using a vendor registration model.

Under the proposed laws, a new taxing nexus treats supplies of goods valued at AUD 1,000 or less as connected with the Indirect Tax Zone (ITZ) and subject to GST, if the goods are purchased by consumers and are brought to the ITZ with the assistance of the supplier. This includes both where the supplier delivers the goods and where the supplier procures, arranges or facilitates the delivery of the goods into the ITZ.

A supply of goods will be taken to be low value goods if the customs value of the goods would have been AUD 1,000 or less, had the goods been imported at the time when the consideration for the supply was first agreed between the parties. For goods with a value greater than AUD 1,000, the GST will continue to be collected by the Australian Customs (not the non-resident), and will continue to be charged to the importer recorded at the Australian border.

Special rules will apply where the low value goods are supplied through an electronic distribution platform (eg, a marketplace), to shift the GST responsibility to the operator of the platform (rather than the supplier of the good). This is consistent with the electronic distribution platform rules applying as part of the changes to the cross border supplies (ie, Australia's Electronic Services rule)

coming into effect from 1 July 2017.

If this law is passed, Australia will be the first jurisdiction to remove a low value threshold and impose the obligation on an overseas supplier.

For additional information, please contact [Simone Bridges](#) 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 №	Title
27-03-17	DIBP № 2017/06	Commencement of Commerce (Trade Descriptions) Regulation 2016
30-03-17	DIBP № 2017/07	Customs Duty Rate Changes for 1 April 2017: Japan-Australia Economic Partnership Agreement

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
01-03-17	Notice of Substituted Rates of Customs Duty for Excise-Equivalent Goods - Notice (No. 2) 2017
	Notice of Substituted Rates of Excise Duty - Notice No. 2 (2017)
	TC17-12 01 March 2017
08-03-17	TC17-13 08 March 2017
15-03-17	TC17-14 15 March 2017
22-03-17	TC17-15 22 March 2017
29-03-17	TC17-16 29 March 2017
30-03-17	Notifications under the Hazardous Waste (Regulation of Exports and Imports) Act 1989

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)

AQSIQ will no longer designate pre-shipment inspection agencies for importations of used mechanical or electric products

On 14 March 2017, the General Administration of Quality Supervision, Inspection and Quarantine (AQSIQ) issued the [Decision on Amending the Administrative Measures for the Supervision and Inspection of Imported Used Mechanical and Electrical Products \(AQSIQ Decree No. 187 \[2017\]\)](#), [国家质量监督检验检疫总局《国家质量监督检验检疫总局关于修改〈进口旧机电产品检验监督管理办法〉的决

[定》\(总局令第 187 号\)](#)], which amends the 2015 Administrative Measures on the same subject, will come into force on 1 April 2017. The 2017 Decision states that AQSIQ will no longer designate pre-inspection agencies to inspect and certify used, old or refurbished mechanical or electrical products, although all such products will be subject to port inspection and certain products will still have to be pre-inspected and certified. The details are set forth in the Decision (which is available only in Chinese, at present).

Is China next for labor-based trade consequences?

[The following article was written by [Ryan Vann](#), Partner, Employment & Compensation Law, in our Chicago office.]

In the recently released [2017 Trade Policy Agenda and 2016 Annual Report of the President of the United States on the Trade Agreements Program](#), the administration set forth its key priorities in establishing trade policies in general and specifically towards particular countries. Among several other items listed as “Key Principles and Objectives of the Trump Administration’s Trade Policies,” the agenda includes a key objective of “[e]nforcing labor provisions in existing agreements and enforcing the prohibition against the importation and sale of goods made with forced labor.” Additionally, the report suggests that unfair trade practices of “violations of labor laws” and “use of forced labor” have distorted true, market-based competition among US trading partners.

The 2016 Annual Report reveals numerous cooperative and punitive trade actions with and against dozens of US trading partners on a variety of labor and human rights issues. It appears that the Trump trade agenda will include at least some of the same activity to ensure fair competition under the existing trade agreements based on labor provisions, but the targeted countries will likely change.

The key country to watch is China, which was a frequent target for Trump during the presidential campaign and appears to be an unnamed but prominent focus of the Trade Policy Agenda. The US/China trade provisions currently do not include labor standards, nor do World Trade Organization (WTO) regulations. According to a position paper “Reforming the US-China Trade Relationship” released by the Trump campaign prior to the election, one of the four key reforms Trump plans for the US/China trade relationship is to “[r]eclaim millions of American jobs and reviving American manufacturing by putting an end to China’s illegal export subsidies and lax labor and environmental standards. No more sweatshops or pollution havens stealing jobs from American workers.”

Even without trade agreement reform, one available tool currently at Trump’s disposal is US Customs and Border Protection (CBP). Section 307 of the Tariff Act of 1930 (19 U.S.C. § 1307) prohibits the importation of merchandise mined, produced or manufactured, wholly or in part, in any foreign country by forced or indentured child labor – including forced child labor. A 2016 amendment gives CBP enhanced ability to block goods covered by Section 307 by removing a requirement that US “consumptive demand” exceeds domestic production for such goods.

Given the enhanced focus on China, it is likely that the Trump administration will take decisive action before long. US companies importing from China should perform substantial supply chain labor compliance reviews to ensure, at a minimum,

that forced and child labor are eliminated. Failure to do so could result in becoming a very public example to support the Trump administration's China agenda.

[For additional information on the [2017 Trade Policy Agenda and 2016 Annual Report of the President of the United States on Trade Agreements Program](#), visit "[The New Vision for Trade, Restated](#)" posted on our Asia-focused [Trade Crossroads Blog](#).]

MOFCOM and GAC notices

The following Ministry of Commerce (MOFCOM), General Administration of Customs (GAC) and General Administration of Quality Supervision, Inspection and Quarantine (AQSIQ) notices were posted during the period covered by this Update (mm-dd-yy). Most are only available in Chinese:

Date	Series and №	Subject
02-13-17	AQSIQ Ann. № 6/2017	Inspection and Supervision of Imported Wood Waste and Scrap
03-01-17	GAC Order 231	Measures relating to special preferential tariff treatment for imported goods from Least Developed Countries
03-09-17	MOFCOM, GAC Joint № 84 of 2016	2017 automatic import license management of goods directory
03-13-17	MOFCOM, GAC, AQSIQ Joint 85 of 2016	2017 import license management of goods catalog
03-17-14	AQSIQ Decree № 187	Decision on Amending the Administrative Measures for the Supervision and Inspection of Imported Used Mechanical and Electrical Products
	MOFCOM, GAC Joint № 6 of 2017	New Zealand Wool and Top of 2017, Regulations on the Administration of Tariff Quotas in Australian Wool Import Country
	MOFCOM, GAC Joint № 86 of 2016	2017 export license management of goods directory
	GAC № 11 of 2017	Notice on the Application of the "Regulations of the People's Republic of China on the Administration of Origin of Imported Goods with Special Offers for Least Developed Countries"
	GAC and Bank of China Joint № 32	Import and export of gold and gold products
03-20-17	AQSIQ Notice № 24	On the Kimberley process certificate system designated ports and implementation
	GAC № 12 of 2017	Notice on Further Expanding the Scope of the Reform of Tax Collection and Administration
	GAC № 13 of 2017	Notice of the General Administration of Customs of the People's Republic of China No. 13 of 2017 (Notice on Amending the Standard for the Registration of Customs Declaration on Import and Export of Customs of the People's Republic of China)
03-28-17	AQSIQ Notice № 26	AQSIQ's announcement on further supporting the construction of a single window of international trade

Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Cases

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

India

Other CBEC notifications, circulars and instructions

The following Central Board of Excise and Customs (CBEC) Customs notifications (NT-non tariff, T-tariff), circulars (Cir) and instructions (Inst.), other than anti-dumping, countervailing duty and safeguard were issued during the period covered by this Update: [DGFT material will appear next month]

Date	Series and №	Subject
CBEC		
01-03-17	07/2017-Cus (T)	Amendment to Notification No.09/2012-Cus reg. enabling authorised offices or agencies in India of the laboratories mentioned under para 4.74 of HBP 2015-20
02-03-17	15/2017-Cus (NT)	Amendment to Notification No.62/1994-Customs (N.T.) dated 21st November, 1994 in respect of Revdanda Port in State of Maharashtra for the purpose of unloading of imported goods and loading of export goods or any class of such goods
03-03-17	16/2017-Cus (NT)	Courier Imports and Exports (Clearance) Amendment Regulations, 2017
06-03-17	Inst. № 02	Regarding classification of Selfie Sticks with or without Bluetooth [F.NO. 528/76/2016-STO(TU)]
	Cir. 07/2017	Guidelines for launching of prosecution in relation to offences punishable under Customs Act, 1962 [F.No. 394/68/2013-Cus (AS)]
15-03-17	21/2017-Cus (NT)	Tariff Notification in respect of Fixation of Tariff Value of Edible Oils, Brass Scrap, Poppy Seeds, Areca Nut, Gold and Silver- Reg.
16-03-17	Inst. № 03	Regarding errors in the bank account no., IFSC Code, etc. given by exporters for processing claims of Duty Drawback and Rebate of State Levies (RoSL) Scheme [F.No. 609/29/2017-DBK]
20-03-17	Cir. 08/2017	Rebate of State Levies (RoSL) on Export of made-up articles – Implementation by CBEC [F.No. 609/106/2016-DBK]
21-03-17	Inst. № 04	Regarding classification of leggings [F. No. 528/115/2016-STO(TU)]
23-03-17	08/2017-Cus (T)	Inclusion of Hazira (Surat) Port in the list of ports mentioned in Export Promotion (EP) Schemes Notifications
	09/2017-Cus (T)	Amendment to Notification No.12/2012-Customs, so as to reduce the basic customs duty from 30% to 10% on sunflower seeds falling under tariff item 1206 00 90 [i.e. other than of seed quality] for the purposes extraction and refining of oil subject to actual user condition, for the period from 1st April, 2017 to 30th September, 2017
28-03-17	10/2017-Cus (T)	Amendment to Notification No.12/2012-Customs, dated the 17th March, 2012, so as to impose basic customs duty of 10% on wheat and Tur, with immediate effect.
29-03-17	Cir. 09/2017	Disposal of seized/confiscated cigarettes of foreign origin vis-a-vis provisions of the cigarettes and other tobacco products (Packaging and Labelling) Rules, 2008 [F.No. 711/07/2003-Cus (AS)]
30-03-17	Cir. 10/2017	Export of carpet under duty drawback - examination of carpets for composition, price determination etc. [F.No. 609/24/2017-DBK]
31-03-17	Cir. 11/2017	Clarification regarding amendment in Special Economic Zone Rules, 2006 in Rule 47, after sub-rule (4) dated 05.08.2016 – reg. [F.No. DGEP/SEZ/51/2009 Part-II-Cus (AS)]
	Cir. 12/2017	Clarification regarding legislative changes relating to Customs Act, 1962 proposed in the Finance Bill, 2017 [F.No.450/10/2017-CusIV]

Date	Series and No	Subject
	11/2017-Cus (T)	Seeks to amend 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 (IJCE-PA), w.e.f. 1st of April, 2017.
	23/2017-Cus (NT)	Tariff Notification in respect of Fixation of Tariff Value of Edible Oils, Brass Scrap, Poppy Seeds, Areca Nut, Gold and Silver.
	24/2017-Cus (NT)	Regarding the Handling of Cargo in Customs Areas (Amendment) Regulations, 2017
	26/2017-Cus (NT)	Regarding the Bill of Entry (Electronic Integrated Declaration) Amendment Regulations, 2017
	27/2017-Cus (NT)	Regarding the Bill of Entry (Forms) Amendment Regulations, 2017
	28/2017-Cus (NT)	Regarding the Deferred Payment of Import Duty (Amendment) Rules, 2017

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
15-03-17	P.U. (B) 134/2017 - Notification of Values of Crude Petroleum Oil Under Section 12 - Customs Act 1967
	P.U. (B) 135/2017 - Notification of Values of Crude Palm Oil Under Section 12 - Customs Act 1967
20-03-17	P.U. (A) 79/2017- Customs Duties (Exemption) (Amendment) (No. 2) Order 2017 - Customs Act 1967
21-03-17	P.U. (B) 150/2017 - Notification of Values of Palm Kernel Under Section 12 - Customs Act 1967
28-03-17	P.U. (B) 164/2017 - Notification of Values of Crude Petroleum Oil Under Section 12 - Customs Act 1967
31-03-17	P.U. (A) 91/2017 - Food (Amendment) Regulations 2017 - Food Act 1983
	P.U. (A) 92/2017 - Excise Duties Order 2017- Excise Act 1976
	P.U. (A) 100/2017 - Customs Duties (Goods of ASEAN Countries Origin) (ASEAN Harmonised Tariff Nomenclature and ASEAN Trade in Goods Agreement) Order 2017 - Customs Act 1967
	P.U. (A) 101/2017 - Customs Duties (Amendment) Order 2017- Customs Act 1967
	P.U. (A) 102/2017 - Customs (Prohibition Of Exports) Order 2017 - Customs Act 1967
	P.U. (A) 103/2017 - Customs (Prohibition Of Imports) Order - Customs Act 1967

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
07-03-17	Tariff Concession Approvals, Withdrawals and Declines Notice (No. 6) 2017
	Tariff Concession (Advertisement) Notice No. 2017/6
09-03-17	Customs (Application for Customs Controlled Area Licences) Amendment Rules 2017
	Customs (Application for JBMS User Registration) Rules 2017
14-03-17	Tariff Concession (Advertisement) Notice No. 2017/7
	Tariff Concession Approvals, Withdrawals and Declines Notice (No. 7) 2017
21-03-17	Tariff Concession Approvals, Withdrawals and Declines Notice (No. 8) 2017
	Tariff Concession (Advertisement) Notice No. 2017/8
28-03-17	Tariff Concession (Advertisement) Notice No. 2017/9
	Tariff Concession Approvals, Withdrawals and Declines Notice (No. 9) 2017

Singapore

Notices, circulars, etc.

Date	Reference	Matter
27-03-17	Cir. 04/2017	Clearance of Containers From Licensed Warehouses and Zero-GST Warehouses for Export Via Sea

Vietnam

US, Vietnam renew trade dialog during TIFA meetings

See [UNITED STATES](#) section above.

New Decree on Commercial Mediation

On 24 February 2017, the Government issued Decree No. 22/2017/ND-CP (Decree No. 22) on commercial mediation, which will come into effect on 15 April 2017. Decree No. 22 provides in detail the principles, conditions, and procedures of commercial mediation as an alternative dispute resolution method, as well as the conditions for establishment of mediation centers in Vietnam. Prior to the introduction of Decree No. 22, mediation was already an integrated part of the dispute resolution process at both courts and arbitration centers in Vietnam.

For the key points of Decree No. 22, please see our [Client Alert on the New Decree on Commercial Mediation](#) written by [Chi Anh Tran](#) and [Maria Chung](#) of our Vietnam offices.

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
01-03-17	Decision No. 558 / QĐ-BNN-BVTV dated March 1, 2017 on suspending the importation of high-risk commodities carrying serratus from India.
	Official Letter No. 225 / QLCT-P2 dated 01/03/2017 of the Ministry of Industry and Trade on the notification of the application of safeguard measures
	Official Letter No. 1238 / TCHQ-TXNK dated 01/03/2017 v / v Classification of food flavoring ingredients
02-03-17	OL No. 690 / TXNK-CST dated 02/03/2017 of the General Department of Customs on the amount of goods for calculation of environmental protection import tax amount
03-03-17	Circular No. 03/2017 / TT-BCT dated 03/03/2017 regulating the principle of operating import tariff quota on salt and poultry eggs in 2017.
	Official Letter No. 696 / TXNK-TGHQ dated 03/03/2017 of the General Department of Customs on the valuation of coal
06-03-17	Official Letter No. 1367 / TCHQ-GSQL dated 06 March, 2017 of the General Department of Customs on the issuance of permits for import of publications and non-commercial cultural products.
	Circular No. 20/2017 / TT-BTC dated March 6, 2017 of the Ministry of Finance amending and supplementing Clause 2, Article 8 of the Ministry of Finance's Circular No. 195/2015 / TT-BTC of November 4, Finance (amended and supplemented by the Ministry of Finance's Circular No. 130/2016 / TT-BTC dated 12 August 2016)
07-03-17	Official Letter No. 1393 / TCHQ-TXNK dated 07/03/2017 of the General Department of Customs on Guiding the implementation of budget index
	Official Letter No. 2939 / BTC-CST dated 07/03/2017 of the Ministry of Finance on the tax policy for re-exported goods for non-refundable ODA projects in Laos
08-03-17	Official Letter No. 1425 / TCHQ-TXNK dated 08/03/2017 of the General Department of Customs on the classification of paper cloth
	Official Letter No. 1415 / TCHQ-TXNK dated 08/03/2017 of the General Department of Customs on the imposition of self tax on steel bar
	Official Letter No. 1414 / TCHQ-TXNK dated 08/03/2017 of the General Department of Customs on determination of commodity codes
	Official Letter No. 1413 / TCHQ-TXNK dated 08/03/2017 of the General Department of Customs on the import of PP plastic packaging
09-03-17	Decision No. 04/2017 / QĐ-TTq dated March 9, 2017 regulates the list of vehicles and equipment that must be labeled with energy, minimum energy efficiency and roadmap.
	Circular No. 04/2017 / TT-BCT dated March 9, 2017 to reduce paperwork in procedures for importing passenger cars of 9 seats or less.
	Official Dispatch No. 486 / GSQL-GQ4 dated 09/3/2017 of the General Department of Customs on problems related to third party invoices C / O form E
	Official Letter No. 769 / TXNK-TGHQ dated 08/03/2017 of the General Department of Customs on answering problems in classification of goods and declaration of invoice price
10-03-17	Official Letter No. 3167 / BTC-CST dated 10/03/2017 of the Ministry of Finance on the VAT policy for rice
	Decision No. 686 / QĐ-BNN-TY dated March 10, 1973 on the suspension of import of poultry and poultry products from the United States.
	Official Letter No. 494 / GSQL-GQ2 dated 10 March, 2017 of the General Department of Customs on the norms of raw materials and supplies of manufacturing activities
	Official Letter No. 1536 / TCHQ-TXNK dated 10/03/2017 of the General Department of Customs on the classification of yoghurt cream Kids Mix Premium
13-03-17	OL No. 503 / GSQL-GQ2 dated 13 March, 2017 of the General Department of Customs on the use of export-import type of EPEs
	Official Letter No. 501 / GSQL-GQ1 dated 13 March, 2017 of the General Department of Customs guiding the legal process and procedures for conducting business transactions
	Official Letter No. 500 / GSQL-GQ2 dated 13 March, 2017 of the General Department of Customs on customs procedures for goods of EPEs
	Decision No. 762 / QĐ-TCHQ dated 13 March, 2017 of the General Department of Customs promulgating the detailed plan implementing the reform and moderni-

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	zation of the customs sector in 2017. Official Letter No. 3263 / BTC-CST dated 13/03/2017 of the Ministry of Finance on recommendations of enterprises in the fourth quarter of 2016 Official Dispatch No. 273 / QLCT-P2 dated 13/03/2017 of the Ministry of Industry and Trade on the timing of adjustment of the MSG safeguard duty rate Document No. 410 / BVTVD-KD dated 13/03/2017 of the Plant Protection Department on the prevention of leaf mosaic disease
14-03-17	Official Dispatch No. 788 / TXNK-CST dated 14/03/2017 of the General Department of Customs on the VAT on TN-TX goods Document No. 1603 / TCHQ-TXNK dated 14/03/2017 of the General Department of Customs on import tax exemption
16-03-17	Document No. 1709 / TCHQ-TXNK dated 16/03/2017 of the General Department of Customs on the handling of lost tax on goods Official Letter No. 1734 / TCHQ-TXNK dated March 16, 2017 of the General Department of Customs on the classification of "humidifier"
17-03-17	Official Letter No. 856 / TXNK-CST dated March 17, 2017 of the General Department of Customs on the VAT guidance of specialized goods Official Dispatch No. 1775 / TCHQ-TXNK dated March 17, 2017 of the General Department of Customs on the classification of goods (trucks used exclusively for aircraft rations)
20-03-17	Official Letter No. 1811 / TCHQ-TXNK dated 20/03/2017 by the General Department of Customs on the classification of cables Official Dispatch No. 1819 / TCHQ-TXNK dated 20/03/2017 of the General Department of Customs on the determination of customs value
21-03-17	Official Letter No. 1842 / TCHQ-TXNK dated March 21, 2017 of the General Department of Customs on classification results Official Letter No. 883 / TXNK-PL dated 21/03/2017 of the General Department of Customs on the Code and Value Added Tax for Goods
22-03-17	Official Letter 3740 / BTC-CST dated 22/03/2017 of the Ministry of Finance on the list of imports and exports; MFN and FTA tariffs Official Letter No. 922 / TXNK-TGHQ dated 22/03/2017 of the General Department of Customs on the problem of fee CIC Official Dispatch No. 923 / TXNK-TGHQ dated 22/03/2017 of the General Department of Customs on the examination and determination of customs value Official Dispatch No. 924 / TXNK-CST dated 22/03/2017 of the General Department of Customs on export tax on products made from recycling and waste treatment Official Letter No. 1868 / TCHQ-TXNK dated 22/03/2017 of the General Department of Customs on Classification of Goods Official Letter No. 1869 / TCHQ-TXNK dated 22/03/2017 of the General Department of Customs on the deadline for payment of SCT Official Dispatch No. 1860 / TCHQ-TXNK dated 22/03/2017 of the General Department of Customs on classification of commodity water
23-03-17	Official Letter No. 1902 / TCHQ-GSQL dated 23 March, 1973 of the General Department of Customs on the import of wire launching equipment for marine navigation safety Official Dispatch No. 1895 / TCHQ-TXNK dated 23/03/2017 of the General Department of Customs on classification of goods (electric shock pulse machine)
24-03-17	Official Dispatch No. 599 / GSQL-GQ2 of March 24, 2007 of the General Department of Customs guiding the use of type codes and formulation of an International Registration Council Official Dispatch No. 1934 / TCHQ-TXNK dated March 24, Official Letter No. 1978 / TCHQ-TXNK dated 24/03/2017 of the General Department of Customs on the classification of goods (fungicides used for the manufacture of paints) Official Letter No. 1955 / TCHQ-TXNK dated 24/3/2017 of the General Department of Customs on the announcement of the signed commercial cooperation agreement with the GDC signed with the GDC Official Letter No. 1956 / TCHQ-TXNK dated 24/03/2017 of the General Department of Customs on the announcement of the signed commercial cooperation agreement with the GDC.

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27-03-17	OL No. 959 / TXNK-TGHQ dated 27/03/2017 of the General Department of Customs on the problems related to customs value Official Dispatch No. 2003 / TCHQ-TXNK dated 27/03/2017 of the General Department of Customs on the classification of goods (artificial dry powder)
28-03-17	Official Letter No. 436 / TTg-CN dated March 28, 1977 on the implementation of the roadmap for application of emission standards under the Decision No. 49/2011 / QD-TTg
28-03-17	Directive No. 03 / CT-BCT dated 28/3/2017 of the Ministry of Industry and Trade on enhancing the management of toxic chemicals are used in food preservation and processing.
29-03-17	Official Dispatch No.643 / GSQL-GQ1 dated March 29, 1971 on the import of tractor cars Official Letter No. 639 / GSQL-GQ3 dated 29 March, 2017 on the location of customs procedures for goods temporarily imported for re-export, temporary export - re-import of export processing enterprises Official Dispatch No. 628 / GSQL-GQ1 dated 29 March, 2017 on customs clearance Official Letter No. 995 / TXNK-CST dated 29/03/2017 of the General Department of Customs on tax policy for export goods, export goods for processing.

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The UK triggers Article 50

See below under [UNITED KINGDOM](#).

Common Military List updated

On 28 March 2017, the *Official Journal* published the [Common Military List of the European Union](#) which was adopted by the Council on 6 March 2017. The Common Military List provides a list of (equipment covered by Council Common Position 2008/944/CFSP defining common rules governing the control of exports of military technology and equipment and updates and replaces the Common Military List of the European Union adopted by the Council on 14 March 2016.

EEA Joint Committee adopts legal package on organic production

On 17 March 2017, the European Free Trade Association (EFTA) [announced](#) that The Standing Committee of the EFTA States and the EEA Joint Committee met in Brussels on 16 and 17 March 2017 respectively. In the Joint Committee meeting, 22 decisions were adopted incorporating 69 legal acts into the EEA Agreement. The announcement said:

Among these acts were several regulations on organic production, which had been under discussion over the past years. The main legal act implemented was the Council framework legislation on organic production (Council Regulation (EC) No 834/2007), which sets out the principles, aims and overarching rules for all levels of organic production, as well as distribution, control and labelling of organic products that may be offered and traded in the Internal Market. It applies to the organic production of living or unprocessed products, processed foods, animal feed and seeds and propagating material. The collection of wild plants and seaweed is also included in the scope of the Regulation.

In the meeting, the Norwegian Chair, Ambassador Oda Helen Sletnes, stated *"this [organic production] package is a good example that shows that only incorporation into the EEA Agreement gives the necessary legal certainty for our economic operators. We are pleased to note that all 41 legal acts in this package will enter into force*

tomorrow thereby again enabling the free flow of organic fish and agriculture products within the whole Internal Market”.

The EU Chair, Mr Claude Maerten of the European External Action Service also underlined the importance of ensuring legal certainty for export of organic products in the entire European Economic Area and said that the EU was “*pleased to find the organic package on today’s list [of legal acts being incorporated into the EEA Agreement]*”.

Prior to the meeting, the Joint Committee had received notice from Iceland regarding the process of lifting capital controls which had been put in place as a protective measure to prevent the worsening of the financial crisis that hit Iceland hard in 2008. [The Icelandic Ambassador to the EU, Ms Bergdís Ellertsdóttir, briefed the Committee](#) on this process, which came into effect on Tuesday 14 March 2017.

The EEA Joint Committee provides a forum for the EEA EFTA States and the EU to exchange views and take decisions by consensus to incorporate EU legislation into the EEA Agreement. Both meetings were chaired by Ms Oda Helen Sletnes, Norway’s Ambassador to the EU.

Pictures from both meetings can be found [here](#)

[List of EEA Joint Committee Decisions adopted so far in 2017](#)

[Provisional texts of EEA Joint Committee Decisions in 2017](#)

EFTA and Malaysia hold eighth round of negotiations

On 16 March 2017, EFTA [announced](#) that Delegations from the EFTA States and Malaysia convened from 13 to 17 March 2017 in Kuala Lumpur for the eighth round of negotiations on an Economic Partnership Agreement. The announcement said in part:

Following a series of expert meetings during the second half of 2016, the EFTA States and Malaysia convened again for a full round of negotiations. Ambassador Markus Schlagenhof from Switzerland acted as the EFTA Spokesperson, while Senior Director Khoo Boo Seng from the Ministry of International Trade and Industry headed the Malaysian delegation.

The round allowed expert groups to make progress in most areas under negotiation, namely: trade in goods (including market access on industrial and agricultural products), sanitary and phytosanitary measures, trade remedies, rules of origin, trade facilitation, services, investment, legal and horizontal issues, competition, intellectual property rights, government procurement, cooperation and trade and sustainable development.

Negotiations between EFTA and Malaysia have been ongoing since March 2014. The two sides have held eight rounds of negotiations, as well as intersessional expert meetings. A ninth round of negotiations is foreseen for the third quarter of 2017.

All EFTA states have joined the Joint Initiative on Standardisation

On 14 March 2017, EFTA [announced](#) that Iceland signed the Joint Initiative on Standardisation in the meeting of the European Commission’s Committee on Standards which took place in Brussels on 9 March, thus joining Norway, Switzerland and Liechtenstein in committing to this Initiative. The announcement said:

The EFTA States put great importance on a well-functioning Single Market underpinned by good quality European standards developed in a timely manner. With the Icelandic signing, all EFTA states have now committed to the Joint Initiative on Standardisation. Managing Director Guðrún Rögnvaldardóttir also signed the Initiative on behalf of Icelandic Standards

The main emphasis in 2017 is on the 15 actions being developed under the Joint Initiative. These focus on issues such as how standards can better support innovation, how collaboration among the various actors that develop standards can be improved, raising awareness of the important role that standards play and international aspects of standardisation. EFTA is monitoring the work of the actions and the EFTA Secretariat participates in a Steering Committee that oversees their implementation.

EU Parliament approves restrictions on 'conflict minerals'

On 16 March 2017, the European Commission [announced](#) that the European Parliament adopted by an overwhelming majority the European Commission's proposal to stop trade in conflict minerals. The announced said in part:

The Regulation brokered by the Commission and voted today by the European Parliament will impose due diligence rules on companies importing tin, tantalum, tungsten and gold. Such metals and minerals are used in the production of everyday products such as mobile phones, car and jewelry. The rules will cover up to 95% of imports as of 1 January 2021. In the meantime, the Commission and Member States will work to make sure that the necessary structures are in place to ensure EU-wide implementation.

Together with the new rules, the EU will be putting in place accompanying measures to support small and medium-sized importers, and development aid to ensure the Regulation is effective and has a positive impact on the ground. The EU has also been reaching out to governments in Africa, Asia and beyond to encourage them to source responsibly and eliminate alternative markets for conflict minerals.

To become effective, the Regulation still has to be formally adopted by the Council.

EU extends sanctions against Russia until 15 September 2017

The Council of the European Union has announced today, on 13 March 2017, that the EU is formally extending their economic sanctions over actions undermining or threatening the territorial integrity, sovereignty and independence of Ukraine until 15 September 2017. According to the Council's [press release](#), the assessment of the situation does not justify a change in the sanctions regime. The Council removed two deceased persons from the list of persons and entities subject to these restrictive measures, which now apply to 150 persons and 37 entities.

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SWIFT bars access to its platform for North Korean banks

On 8 March, the Society for Worldwide Interbank Financial Telecommunication (SWIFT) issued a statement saying that it would no longer allow North Korean banks to access its platform.

The statement by the Brussels based inter-bank messaging system followed a decision by Belgium to withdraw authorisations for transactions with North Korean Banks, which the Belgian foreign ministry stated were prompted by Pyongyang's increasingly destabilising behaviour and recent missile launches.

The policy change came shortly after the publication of a [United Nations \(UN\) report](#) in February, which said that any company trading with a designated North Korean bank would be in violation of UN sanctions. According to the panel of experts who prepared the report, UN sanctions would be breached even if a company had received authorisation from a European government. The report stated that, in respect of UN Sanctions, only the UN Security Council could provide an

exemption to trade with sanctioned banks. This message is primarily directed at governments granting authorisations, since companies and individuals are bound by the implementing law in each member state. A subsequent [UN Security Council statement](#) of 7 March accordingly called on UN member states to redouble their efforts to implement sanctions, and also threatened further measures.

SWIFT has suspended access to its secure financial messaging system for the following banks referred to in the UN report:

- Bank of East Land,
- Korea Daesong Bank, and
- Korea Kwangson Banking Corp.

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EU renews misappropriation sanctions against Ukrainian individuals

The Council of the European Union has extended the asset freezes against 15 people "identified as responsible for the misappropriation of Ukrainian state funds or for the abuse of office causing a loss to Ukrainian public funds" until 6 March 2018.

The sanctions were [first introduced in March 2014](#) to target former Ukrainian president Viktor Yanukovich and senior members of his administration and have been extended annually since.

One person, Yuriy Volodymyrovych Ivanyushchenko, was removed from the list.

The implementing Regulation was published on 4 March and can be found [here](#).

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Commission issues tariff classification regulations

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

Amendments to the CN Explanatory Notes

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

Binding Tariff Information

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

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

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

Official Journal documents

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

OJ Date	Subject
01-03-17	Notice concerning the entry into force of the Protocol amending the Marrakesh Agreement establishing the World Trade Organization
	Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2017/357 of 28 February 2017 concerning the non-approval of the active substance cyclaniliprole, in accordance with Regulation (EC) No 1107/2009 of the European Parliament and of the Council concerning the placing of plant protection products on the market
	Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2017/358 of 28 February 2017 confirming the conditions of approval of the active substance acrinathrin, as set out in Implementing Regulation (EU) No 540/2011
	Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2017/359 of 28 February 2017 amending Implementing Regulation (EU) No 540/2011 as regards the conditions of approval of the active substance oxyfluorfen
	Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2017/360 of 28 February 2017 amending Implementing Regulation (EU) No 540/2011 as regards the conditions of approval of the active substance buprofezin
	Decision No 1/2017 of the EU-Switzerland Joint Committee of 8 February 2017 amending Tables II, III and IV(b) of Protocol No 2 to the Agreement between the European Economic Community and the Swiss Confederation of 22 July 1972 as regards the provisions applicable to processed agricultural products [2017/362]
02-03-17	Corrigendum to Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) No 1062/2010 of 28 September 2010 supplementing Directive 2010/30/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council with regard to energy labelling of televisions (OJ L 314, 30.11.2010)
03-03-17	Council Implementing Decision (EU) 2017/369 of 27 February 2017 on subjecting methyl 2-[[1-(cyclohexylmethyl)-1H-indole-3-carbonyl]amino]-3,3-dimethylbutanoate (MDMB-CHMICA) to control measures
	Commission Implementing Decision (EU) 2017/370 of 1 March 2017 amending Commission Implementing Decision 2014/909/EU by extending the period of application of certain protective measures and amending the list of areas subject to protective measures in relation to small hive beetle in Italy (notified under document C(2017) 1321)
	Regulation (EU) 2017/354 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 15 February 2017 amending Regulation (EU) 2015/936 on common rules for imports of textile products from certain third countries not covered by bilateral agreements, protocols or other arrangements, or by other specific Union import rules
	Regulation (EU) 2017/355 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 15 February 2017 on certain procedures for applying 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
04-03-17	Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2017/375 of 2 March 2017 renewing the approval of the active substance prosulfuron, as a candidate for substitution, in accordance with Regulation (EC) No 1107/2009 of the European Parliament and of the Council concerning the placing of plant protection products on the market, and amending the Annex to Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) No 540/2011

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	Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2017/377 of 3 March 2017 concerning the non-approval of the active substance <i>Pseudozyma flocculosa</i> strain ATCC 64874 in accordance with Regulation (EC) No 1107/2009 of the European Parliament and of the Council concerning the placing of plant protection products on the market
	Commission Regulation (EU) 2017/378 of 3 March 2017 amending Annex I to Regulation (EC) No 1334/2008 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards certain flavouring substances
	Decision No 1/2017 of 1 March 2017 of the Joint Committee established under Article 14 of the Agreement on Mutual Recognition between the European Community and the United States of America, amending the Sectoral Annex for Pharmaceutical Good Manufacturing Practices (GMPs) [2017/382]
07-03-17	Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2017/384 of 2 March 2017 amending Annexes I and II to Regulation (EU) No 206/2010 as regards the models of veterinary certificates BOV-X, OVI-X, OVI-Y and RUM and the lists of third countries, territories or parts thereof from which the introduction into the Union of certain ungulates and of fresh meat is authorised
	Corrigendum to Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) No 665/2013 of 3 May 2013 supplementing Directive 2010/30/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council with regard to energy labelling of vacuum cleaners (OJ L 192, 13.7.2013)
08-03-17	Regulation (EU) 2017/371 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 1 March 2017 amending Council Regulation (EC) No 539/2001 listing the third countries whose nationals must be in possession of visas when crossing the external borders and those whose nationals are exempt from that requirement (revision of the suspension mechanism)
	Regulation (EU) 2017/372 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 1 March 2017 amending Regulation (EC) No 539/2001 listing the third countries whose nationals must be in possession of visas when crossing the external borders and those whose nationals are exempt from that requirement (Georgia)
	Summary of European Commission Decisions on authorisations for the placing on the market for the use and/or for use of substances listed in Annex XIV to Regulation (EC) No 1907/2006 of the European Parliament and of the Council concerning the Registration, Evaluation, Authorisation and Restriction of Chemicals (REACH) (Published pursuant to Article 64(9) of Regulation (EC) No 1907/2006) [2017/C 72/02]
09-03-17	Commission Regulation (EU) 2017/405 of 8 March 2017 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 sulfoxaflor in or on certain products
	Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2017/406 of 8 March 2017 approving the low-risk active substance Mild Pepino Mosaic Virus isolate VX1, 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
	Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2017/407 of 8 March 2017 renewing the approval of the active substance iodosulfuron 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
	Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2017/408 of 8 March 2017 approving the low-risk active substance Mild Pepino Mosaic Virus isolate VC1, 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
	Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2017/409 of 8 March 2017 approving the basic substance hydrogen peroxide 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

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	Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) No 540/2011 Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2017/410 of 8 March 2017 amending Regulations (EC) No 184/2007 and (EU) No 104/2010, as regards the name of the holder of the authorisation of potassium diformate Commission Implementing Decision (EU) 2017/417 of 7 March 2017 amending the Annex to Implementing Decision (EU) 2017/247 on protective measures in relation to outbreaks of the highly pathogenic avian influenza in certain Member States (notified under document C(2017) 1614)
10-03-17	Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2017/419 of 9 March 2017 approving the basic substance <i>Urtica</i> spp. 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 Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2017/420 of 9 March 2017 concerning the authorisation of a preparation of thyme oil, synthetic star anise oil and quillaja bark powder as feed additive for chickens for fattening, chickens reared for laying, minor avian species for fattening and reared for laying (holder of the authorisation Delacon Biotechnik GmbH) Commission Implementing Decision (EU) 2017/427 of 8 March 2017 amending Implementing Decision 2012/535/EU as regards measures to prevent the spread within the Union of <i>Bursaphelenchus xylophilus</i> (Steiner et Bührer) Nickle et al. (the pine wood nematode) (notified under document C(2017) 1482) Update of the list of border crossing points as referred to in Article 2(8) of Regulation (EU) 2016/399 of the European Parliament and of the Council on a Union Code on the rules governing the movement of persons across borders (Schengen Borders Code) [2017/C 74/03] Commission communication in the framework of the implementation of Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2015/1187 supplementing Directive 2010/30/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council with regard to energy labelling of solid fuel boilers and packages of a solid fuel boiler, supplementary heaters, temperature controls and solar devices (Publication of titles and references of transitional methods of measurement and calculation for the implementation of Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2015/1187, and in particular Annexes VIII and X thereof.) [2017/C 76/01] Commission communication in the framework of the implementation of Commission Regulation (EU) 2015/1188 implementing Directive 2009/125/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council with regard to ecodesign requirements for local space heaters, of the implementation of Commission Regulation (EU) 2015/1185 implementing Directive 2009/125/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council with regard to ecodesign requirements for solid fuel local space heaters and of the implementation of Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2015/1186 supplementing Directive 2010/30/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council with regard to energy labelling of local space heaters (Publication of titles and references of transitional methods of measurement and calculation for the implementation of Regulation (EU) 2015/1188, and in particular Annexes III and IV thereof, for the implementation of Regulation (EU) 2015/1185, and in particular Annexes III and IV thereof, and for the implementation of Regulation (EU) 2015/1186, and in particular Annexes VIII and IX thereof.) [2017/C 76/02] Commission communication in the framework of the implementation of Regulation (EC) No 765/2008 of the European Parliament and of the Council, Decision No 768/2008/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council, Regulation (EC) No 1221/2009 of the European Parliament and of the Council (Publication of titles and references of harmonised standards under Union harmonisation legislation). [2017/C 76/03] Commission communication in the framework of the implementation of Directive 2014/53/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council on the harmonisation of the laws of the Member States relating to the making available on the market of radio equipment and repealing Directive 1999/5/EC (Publication of titles and references of harmonised standards under Union harmonisation legislation). [2017/C 76/04]

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	Commission communication in the framework of the implementation of Regulation (EU) No 305/2011 of the European Parliament and of the Council laying down harmonised conditions for the marketing of construction products and repealing Council Directive 89/106/EEC (Publication of titles and references of harmonised standards under Union harmonisation legislation) . [2017/C 76/05]
11-03-17	Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2017/428 of 10 March 2017 approving the basic substance clayed charcoal 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 Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2017/429 of 10 March 2017 concerning the authorisation of a preparation of endo-1,3(4)-beta-glucanase produced by <i>Aspergillus aculeatinus</i> (formerly classified as <i>Aspergillus aculeatus</i>) (CBS 589.94), endo-1,4-beta-glucanase produced by <i>Trichoderma reesei</i> (formerly classified as <i>Trichoderma longibrachiatum</i>) (CBS 592.94), alpha-amylase produced by <i>Bacillus amyloliquefaciens</i> (DSM 9553) and endo-1,4-beta-xylanase produced by <i>Trichoderma viride</i> (NIBH FERM BP4842) as a feed additive for all avian species and amending Regulations (EC) No 358/2005 and (EC) No 1284/2006 and repealing Regulation (EU) No 516/2010 (holder of the authorisation Kemin Europa NV) Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2017/430 of 10 March 2017 amending Implementing Regulation (EU) 2016/1713 fixing the quantitative limit for the exports of out-of-quota sugar until the end of the 2016/2017 marketing year and amending Implementing Regulation (EU) 2016/1810
14-03-17	Council Decision (EU) 2017/434 of 13 February 2017 on the signing, on behalf of the Union, and provisional application of the Cooperation Agreement on Partnership and Development between the European Union and its Member States, of the one part, and the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan, of the other part Cooperation Agreement on Partnership and Development between the European Union and its Member States, of the one part, and the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan, of the other part Council Decision (EU) 2017/435 of 28 February 2017 on the conclusion of the Agreement amending for the second time 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, signed in Cotonou on 23 June 2000, as first amended in Luxembourg on 25 June 2005 Council Decision (EU) 2017/436 of 6 March 2017 on the signing, on behalf of the European Union, of the Agreement between the European Union and the Republic of Chile on trade in organic products Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2017/438 of 13 March 2017 amending Implementing Regulation (EU) No 540/2011 as regards the conditions of approval of the active substance abamectin Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2017/439 of 13 March 2017 concerning the authorisation of L-lysine sulphate produced by <i>Escherichia coli</i> as a feed additive for all animal species Council Decision (EU) 2017/443 of 6 March 2017 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 3, 4, 6, 7, 13, 19, 23, 27, 28, 38, 39, 43, 45, 50, 69, 70, 73, 75, 77, 79, 83, 87, 91, 98, 99, 101, 104, 107, 109, 110, 112, 118, 119, 123 and 138, and one proposal for amending the Consolidated Resolution on the Construction of Vehicles (R.E.3) by guidelines on cyber security and data protection
15-03-17	Council Decision (EU) 2017/446 of 3 March 2017 on the conclusion on behalf of the European Union of the Protocol (2015) amending the Annex to the Agreement on Trade in Civil Aircraft Protocol (2015) amending the Annex to the Agreement on Trade in Civil Aircraft Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2017/447 of 14 March 2017 concerning the authorisation of the preparation of <i>Bacillus subtilis</i> (DSM 5750) and

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	<u>Bacillus licheniformis</u> (DSM 5749) as a feed additive for sows, weaned piglets, pigs for fattening, calves for rearing and turkeys for fattening and amending Regulations (EC) No 1453/2004, (EC) No 2148/2004 and (EC) No 600/2005 (holder of authorisation Chr. Hansen A/S) <u>Council Decision (EU) 2017/449 of 7 March 2017 on the position to be adopted, on behalf of the European Union, in the 60th session of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs on the scheduling of substances under the Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs of 1961, as amended by the 1972 Protocol, and the Convention on Psychotropic Substances of 1971</u> <u>Commission Implementing Decision (EU) 2017/450 of 13 March 2017 authorising the placing on the market of lactitol as a novel food ingredient under Regulation (EC) No 258/97 of the European Parliament and of the Council (notified under document C(2017) 1576)</u> <u>Commission Directive (EU) 2017/433 of 7 March 2017 amending Directive 2009/43/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards the list of defence-related products</u> <u>Corrigendum to Commission Communication in the framework of the implementation of Commission Regulation (EU) No 932/2012 implementing Directive 2009/125/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council with regard to ecodesign requirements for household tumble driers and of Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) No 392/2012 supplementing Directive 2010/30/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council with regard to energy labelling of household tumble driers (Publication of titles and references of harmonised standards under Union harmonisation legislation) (OJ C 460, 9.12.2016) [2017/C 80/05]</u>
16-03-17	<u>Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2017/455 of 15 March 2017 concerning the authorisation of a preparation of <i>Lactobacillus fermentum</i> (NCIMB 41636), <i>Lactobacillus plantarum</i> (NCIMB 41638) and <i>Lactobacillus rhamnosus</i> (NCIMB 41640) as a feed additive for dogs</u>
17-03-17	<u>Decision No 45/2016 of the Joint Committee established under the Agreement on mutual recognition between the European Community and the United States of America of 1 March 2017 related to the listing of Conformity Assessment Bodies under the Sectoral Annex for Electromagnetic Compatibility [2017/465]</u> <u>Decision No 46/2016 of the Joint Committee established under the Agreement on Mutual Recognition between the European Community and the United States of America of 1 March 2017 related to the listing of conformity assessment bodies under the sectoral annex for telecommunication equipment [2017/466]</u> <u>Decision No 47/2016 of the Joint Committee established under the Agreement on Mutual Recognition between the European Community and the United States of America of 1 March 2017 related to the listing of conformity assessment bodies under the sectoral annex for electromagnetic compatibility [2017/467]</u>
18-03-17	<u>Council Decision (EU) 2017/470 of 28 February 2017 on the signing, on behalf of the European Union, of an Agreement in the form of an Exchange of Letters between the European Union and the Swiss Confederation on the cumulation of origin between the European Union, Switzerland, Norway and Turkey in the framework of the Generalised System of Preferences of the European Union</u> <u>Council Decision (EU) 2017/471 of 28 February 2017 on the signing, on behalf of the European Union, of an Agreement in the form of an Exchange of Letters between the European Union and the Kingdom of Norway on the cumulation of origin between the European Union, Switzerland, Norway and Turkey in the framework of the Generalised System of Preferences of the European Union</u> <u>Council Decision (EU) 2017/477 of 3 March 2017 on the position to be adopted on behalf of the European Union within the Cooperation Council established under the Enhanced Partnership and Cooperation Agreement between the European Union and its Member States, of the one part, and the Republic of Kazakhstan, of the other part as regards the working arrangements of the Cooperation Council, the Cooperation Committee, specialised subcommittees or any other bodies</u> <u>Commission Implementing Decision (EU) 2017/478 of 16 March 2017 releasing certain Member States from the obligation to apply to certain species Council Directives 66/401/EEC, 66/402/EEC, 68/193/EEC, 1999/105/EC, 2002/54/EC,</u>

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	2002/55/EC and 2002/57/EC on the marketing of fodder plant seed, cereal seed, material for the vegetative propagation of the vine, forest reproductive material, beet seed, vegetable seed and seed of oil and fibre plants respectively, and repealing Commission Decision 2010/680/EU (notified under document C(2017) 1662)
	Regulation (EU) 2017/458 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 15 March 2017 amending Regulation (EU) 2016/399 as regards the reinforcement of checks against relevant databases at external borders
21-03-17	Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2017/481 of 20 March 2017 amending Annex I to Regulation (EC) No 798/2008 as regards the entry for the United States 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
	Commission Implementing Decision (EU) 2017/487 of 17 March 2017 amending Decision 2005/51/EC as regards the period during which soil contaminated by pesticides or persistent organic pollutants may be introduced into the Union for decontamination purposes (notified under document C(2017) 1693)
	Commission Implementing Decision (EU) 2017/486 of 17 March 2017 amending Annexes I and II to Decision 2004/558/EC as regards the infectious bovine rhinotracheitis-free status of Luxembourg, of the Federal States Hamburg and Schleswig-Holstein of Germany and of Jersey, and amending Annex II to Decision 2008/185/EC as regards the Aujeszky's disease-free status of the Friuli Venezia Giulia region of Italy (notified under document C(2017) 1689)
22-03-17	Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2017/493 of 21 March 2017 on the release of securities in relation to Union import tariff quotas for poultrymeat originating in Ukraine managed by Implementing Regulation (EU) 2015/2078
23-03-17	Commission Regulation (EU) 2017/542 of 22 March 2017 amending Regulation (EC) No 1272/2008 of the European Parliament and of the Council on classification, labelling and packaging of substances and mixtures by adding an Annex on harmonised information relating to emergency health response
24-03-17	Commission Implementing Decision (EU) 2017/554 of 23 March 2017 amending the Annex to Implementing Decision (EU) 2017/247 on protective measures in relation to outbreaks of the highly pathogenic avian influenza in certain Member States (notified under document C(2017) 2033) (1)
25-03-17	Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2017/555 of 24 March 2017 amending Implementing Regulation (EU) No 540/2011 as regards the extension of the approval periods of several active substances listed in Part B of the Annex to Implementing Regulation (EU) No 686/2012 (AIR IV renewal programme)
	Council Decision (EU) 2017/560 of 21 March 2017 on the position to be adopted on behalf of the European Union within the EU-Mexico Joint Committee relating to amendments to Annex III to Decision No 2/2000 of the EC-Mexico Joint Council of 23 March 2000 concerning the definition of the concept of originating products and methods of administrative cooperation (certain product-specific rules of origin for chemicals)
	Council Decision (EU) 2017/561 of 21 March 2017 on the position to be adopted on behalf of the European Union within the EU-Mexico Joint Committee relating to amendments to Annex III to Decision No 2/2000 of the EC-Mexico Joint Council of 23 March 2000 concerning the definition of the concept of originating products and methods of administrative cooperation (Andorra and San Marino, and certain product-specific rules of origin for chemicals)
	Commission Implementing Decision (EU) 2017/564 of 23 March 2017 amending the Annex to Implementing Decision 2014/709/EU concerning animal health control measures relating to African swine fever in certain Member States (notified under document C(2017) 1813)
	Corrigendum to Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2016/1824 of 14 July 2016 amending Delegated Regulation (EU) No 3/2014, Delegated Regulation (EU) No 44/2014 and Delegated Regulation (EU) No 134/2014 with regard, respectively, to vehicle functional safety requirements, to vehicle construction and general requirements and to environmental and propulsion unit performance requirements (OJ L 279, 15.10.2016)
28-03-17	Council Decision (EU) 2017/594 of 21 March 2017 on the conclusion of a Proto-

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	col to the Partnership and Cooperation Agreement establishing a partnership between the European Communities and their Member States, of the one part, and the Republic of Uzbekistan, of the other part, amending the Agreement in order to extend the provisions of the Agreement to bilateral trade in textiles, taking account of the expiry of the bilateral textiles Agreement • Protocol to the Partnership and Cooperation Agreement establishing a partnership between the European Communities and their Member States, of the one part, and the Republic of Uzbekistan, of the other part, amending the Agreement in order to extend the provisions of the Agreement to bilateral trade in textiles, taking account of the expiry of the bilateral textiles Agreement
	Common Military List of the European Union [2017/C 97/01]
29-03-17	Council Decision (EU) 2017/601 of 6 March 2017 on the position to be taken on behalf of the European Union within the Association Council set up by the Euro-Mediterranean Agreement establishing an association between the European Community and its Member States, of the one part, and the People's Democratic Republic of Algeria, of the other part, with regard to the adoption of the EU-Algeria Partnership Priorities Decision No 1/2017 of the EU-Algeria Association Council of 13 March 2017 agreeing on EU-Algeria partnership priorities [2017/603]
30-03-17	Commission Regulation (EU) 2017/605 of 29 March 2017 amending Annex VI to Regulation (EC) No 1005/2009 of the European Parliament and of the Council on substances that deplete the ozone layer Various Decisions of the EEA Joint Committee of 25 September 2015 amending the EEA Agreement
31-03-17	Council Decision (EU) 2017/609 of 27 March 2017 on the conclusion, on behalf of the European Union and its Member States, of a Protocol to the Euro-Mediterranean Agreement establishing an Association between the European Community and its Member States, of the one part, and the Republic of Lebanon, of the other part, to take account of the accession of the Republic of Croatia to the European Union Commission Implementing Decision (EU) 2017/615 of 30 March 2017 accepting a proposal by a group of exporting producers together with the China Chamber of Commerce for Import and Export of Machinery and Electronic Products concerning the implementation of the undertaking referred to in Implementing Decision 2013/707/EU Regulation (EU) 2017/540 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 15 March 2017 amending Regulation (EU) No 19/2013 implementing the bilateral safeguard clause and the stabilisation mechanism for bananas of the Trade Agreement between the European Union and its Member States, of the one part, and Colombia and Peru, of the other part, and amending Regulation (EU) No 20/2013 implementing the bilateral safeguard clause and the stabilisation mechanism for bananas of the Agreement establishing an Association between the European Union and its Member States, on the one hand, and Central America on the other Directive (EU) 2017/541 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 15 March 2017 on combating terrorism and replacing Council Framework Decision 2002/475/JHA and amending Council Decision 2005/671/JHA Summary of European Union decisions on marketing authorisations in respect of medicinal products from 1 February 2017 to 28 February 2017(Published pursuant to Article 13 or Article 38 of Regulation (EC) No 726/2004 of the European Parliament and of the Council) [2017/C 102/01] Summary of European Union decisions on marketing authorisations in respect of medicinal products from 1 February 2017 to 28 February 2017(Decisions taken pursuant to Article 34 of Directive 2001/83/EC or Article 38 of Directive 2001/82/EC) [2017/C 102/02]

Restrictive measures established, amended, corrected

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

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04-03-17	Council Decision (CFSP) 2017/381 of 3 March 2017 amending Decision 2014/119/CFSP concerning restrictive measures directed against certain persons, entities and bodies in view of the situation in Ukraine
	Council Implementing Regulation (EU) 2017/374 of 3 March 2017 implementing Regulation (EU) No 208/2014 concerning restrictive measures directed against certain persons, entities and bodies in view of the situation in Ukraine
08-03-17	Council Implementing Decision (CFSP) 2017/398 of 7 March 2017 implementing Decision 2010/231/CFSP concerning restrictive measures against Somalia
	Council Implementing Regulation (EU) 2017/395 of 7 March 2017 implementing Article 13 of Regulation (EU) No 356/2010 imposing certain specific restrictive measures directed against certain natural or legal persons, entities or bodies, in view of the situation in Somalia
	Council Implementing Decision (CFSP) 2017/399 of 7 March 2017 implementing Decision 2010/788/CFSP concerning restrictive measures against the Democratic Republic of the Congo
	Council Implementing Regulation (EU) 2017/396 of 7 March 2017 implementing Article 9(5) of Regulation (EC) No 1183/2005 imposing certain specific restrictive measures directed against persons acting in violation of the arms embargo with regard to the Democratic Republic of the Congo
09-03-17	Council Decision (CFSP) 2017/412 of 7 March 2017 amending Decision 2013/798/CFSP concerning restrictive measures against the Central African Republic
	Council Regulation (EU) 2017/400 of 7 March 2017 amending Regulation (EU) No 224/2014 concerning restrictive measures in view of the situation in the Central African Republic
	Council Implementing Decision (CFSP) 2017/413 of 7 March 2017 implementing Decision 2014/450/CFSP concerning restrictive measures in view of the situation in Sudan
	Council Implementing Regulation (EU) 2017/401 of 7 March 2017 implementing Article 15(3) of Regulation (EU) No 747/2014 concerning restrictive measures in view of the situation in Sudan
	Council Implementing Decision (CFSP) 2017/414 of 7 March 2017 implementing Decision (CFSP) 2015/740 concerning restrictive measures in view of the situation in South Sudan
	Council Implementing Regulation (EU) 2017/402 of 7 March 2017 implementing Article 20(3) of Regulation (EU) 2015/735 concerning restrictive measures in respect of the situation in South Sudan
	Council Implementing Decision (CFSP) 2017/415 of 7 March 2017 implementing Decision 2012/285/CFSP concerning restrictive measures directed against certain persons, entities and bodies threatening the peace, security or stability of the Republic of Guinea-Bissau
	Council Implementing Regulation (EU) 2017/403 of 7 March 2017 implementing Article 11(1) of Regulation (EU) No 377/2012 concerning restrictive measures directed against certain persons, entities and bodies threatening the peace, security or stability of the Republic of Guinea-Bissau
	Council Implementing Decision (CFSP) 2017/416 of 7 March 2017 implementing Decision 2011/486/CFSP concerning restrictive measures directed against certain individuals, groups, undertakings and entities in view of the situation in Afghanistan
	Council Implementing Regulation (EU) 2017/404 of 7 March 2017 implementing Article 11(4) of Regulation (EU) No 753/2011 concerning restrictive measures directed against certain individuals, groups, undertakings and entities in view of the situation in Afghanistan
14-03-17	Council Decision (CFSP) 2017/445 of 13 March 2017 amending Decision 2014/145/CFSP concerning restrictive measures in respect of actions undermining or threatening the territorial integrity, sovereignty and independence of Ukraine
	Council Implementing Regulation (EU) 2017/437 of 13 March 2017 implementing Regulation (EU) No 269/2014 concerning restrictive measures in respect of actions undermining or threatening the territorial integrity, sovereignty and independence of Ukraine

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	Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2017/441 of 13 March 2017 amending Council Regulation (EC) No 1210/2003 concerning certain specific restrictions on economic and financial relations with Iraq
21-03-17	Council Implementing Decision (CFSP) 2017/485 of 20 March 2017 implementing Decision 2013/255/CFSP concerning restrictive measures against Syria Council Implementing Regulation (EU) 2017/480 of 20 March 2017 implementing Regulation (EU) No 36/2012 concerning restrictive measures in view of the situation in Syria
22-03-17	Council Implementing Decision (CFSP) 2017/497 of 21 March 2017 implementing Decision (CFSP) 2015/1333 concerning restrictive measures in view of the situation in Libya Council Regulation (EU) 2017/488 of 21 March 2017 amending Regulation (EU) 2016/44 concerning restrictive measures in view of the situation in Libya Council Implementing Regulation (EU) 2017/489 of 21 March 2017 implementing Article 21(5) of Regulation (EU) 2016/44 concerning restrictive measures in view of the situation in Libya Council Decision (CFSP) 2017/496 of 21 March 2017 amending Decision 2011/172/CFSP concerning restrictive measures directed against certain persons, entities and bodies in view of the situation in Egypt Council Implementing Decision (CFSP) 2017/498 of 21 March 2017 implementing Decision 2011/172/CFSP concerning restrictive measures directed against certain persons, entities and bodies in view of the situation in Egypt Council Implementing Regulation (EU) 2017/490 of 21 March 2017 implementing Regulation (EU) No 270/2011 concerning restrictive measures directed against certain persons, entities and bodies in view of the situation in Egypt Council Implementing Regulation (EU) 2017/491 of 21 March 2017 implementing Regulation (EU) No 270/2011 concerning restrictive measures directed against certain persons, entities and bodies in view of the situation in Egypt Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2017/494 of 21 March 2017 amending for the 262nd time Council Regulation (EC) No 881/2002 imposing certain specific restrictive measures directed against certain persons and entities associated with the ISIL (Da'esh) and Al-Qaida organisations
25-03-17	Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2017/557 of 24 March 2017 amending for the 263rd time Council Regulation (EC) No 881/2002 imposing certain specific restrictive measures directed against certain persons and entities associated with the ISIL (Da'esh) and Al-Qaida organisations
30-03-17	Council Decision (CFSP) 2017/607 of 29 March 2017 amending Decision 2011/173/CFSP concerning restrictive measures in view of the situation in Bosnia and Herzegovina

Antidumping and countervailing duty cases

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

Individual EU-EFTA Countries

Croatia

Introduction of new e-Excise modules for the management of foreign tobacco stamps

On 31 March 2017, the Croatian Customs Administration [announced](#) that there will be a new module in the e-Excise (e-Trošarine) System, excise taxation of tobacco products subsystem.

The new module “Foreign Tobacco Stamps” („*Duhanske inozemne markice*”) is intended for processing forms that businessmen electronically submit if tobacco products are manufactured in the Republic of Croatia and intended for shipment under suspension of excise duty in another Member State of the EU and/or for

export marked with stamps of other EU member states or stamps of third countries or are marked with a mark required by the importing country or in another member State or without labels.

Entrepreneurs can test electronic submission of the completed forms and receive feedback messages with the Foreign Tobacco Stamps application from 11 April 2017. On 26 April 2017, the application of the Foreign Tobacco Stamps module will be placed in a production environment ready for the actual work.

France

French Customs search for hidden Swiss bank accounts

On 31 March 2017, the National Financial Office [announced](#) that searches and hearings were conducted on 30 and 31 March by the National Judicial Customs Service (SNDJ), under the direction of the National Financial Office (PNF), throughout French territory, as part of the operational phase of a judicial inquiry coordinated at the international level by EUROJUST. Nearly 25 SNDJ agents were engaged in this operation.

Opened on 26 April 2016, by the head of money laundering aggravated by tax fraud, the investigation has revealed several thousand bank accounts opened in Switzerland and not declared by their holders to the French tax authorities. The same facts apply to the Netherlands, Germany, Great Britain and Australia.

The announcement states that the transnational dimension of this type of fraud, which is particularly damaging to public finances, justifies effective coordination between countries at the European and international level.

Official Gazette (*Journal officiel*)

Date	Measure
04-03-17	17 Decree No. 2017-277 of 2 March 2017 adopted for the application of Article 345 of the Customs Code
07-03-17	13 Order of 27 February 2017 amending the list of customs offices and indirect rights
10-03-17	7 Decree of 28 February 2017 amending the decree of 19 January 2016 on the list of fuels authorized under Article 265 ter of the Customs Code
15-03-17	9 Decree No. 2017-325 of 13 March 2017 on food flavorings
24-03-17	47 Order of 16 March 2017 amending the Decree of 28 May 2015, as amended, concerning the arrangements for reimbursement of the internal consumption tax provided for in Article 265 of the Customs Code and the internal consumption tax on natural gas provided for in Article 266d of the same code
30-03-17	13 Order of 8 March 2017 defining the technical standards applicable to equipment used for the immobilisation of means of transport pursuant to Article 61 of the Customs Code

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
01-03-17	2017/09-Notice to importers of certain high tenacity polyester yarn originating in the People's Republic of China

Release Date	Ref. No. and Subject
03-03-17	2017/10-Notice to importers of certain plate of non-alloy steel or other alloy steel originating in the People's Republic of China
07-03-17	DA № 17-015 Amending circular relating to the collection by the DGDDI, on importation, of the tax allocated to ITERG
09-03-17	DA № 17-016 Amending circular relating to the collection by the DGDDI, on importation, of the tax allocated to the technical center of the foundry industries (CTIF)
13-03-17	2017/11-Notice to importers of certain graphite electrode systems originating in India
15-03-17	DA № 17-019 Tariff of duties on spirits, alcoholic beverages and non-alcoholic beverages
16-03-17	2017/12-Notice to importers of products from Jordan 2017/13-Notice to importers of crystalline silicon photovoltaic modules and their essential components (cells) originating in or coming from the People's Republic of China

Switzerland

Federal Council lifts selected sanctions against Syria

On 10 March 2017, the Federal Council [announced](#) that it had lifted selected sanctions against Syria, following the EU decision to facilitate the purchase and financing of petroleum products for humanitarian organisations operating in Syria. The change came into effect on 10 March 2017 at 6.00 pm. The announcement stated:

The Ordinance on Measures against Syria prohibits the purchase and transport of Syrian petroleum and petroleum products, together with the financing of such activities. The Federal Council has now relaxed selected aspects of the ban on purchasing and financing petroleum products in the Ordinance. The lifting of sanctions applies to the purchase and transport of petroleum products, as well as to related financing activities carried out by humanitarian organisations that receive funding from the Swiss Confederation.

This change should facilitate the provision of humanitarian aid and the work of Swiss diplomatic and consular missions in Syria. It will reduce the level of bureaucracy currently facing humanitarian organisations supported by the Swiss Confederation. Humanitarian organisations that do not receive public funding can request that an exception be made, as was previously the case.

As a consequence, the Federal Council will now allow the release of economic resources to persons, businesses and organisations previously subject to sanctions, provided the funding is for the purchase or financing of petroleum products for humanitarian purposes.

The Federal Council first imposed sanctions on Syria on 18 May 2011, following the line taken by the EU in its decision of 9 May 2011 on measures against Syria. Since then, the Federal Council has revised Swiss sanctions against Syria in keeping with the EU decisions on the matter.

Legislation (from *Recueil officiel*)

Date	Measure
03-03-17	Ordinance of the OSAV establishing measures to prevent the introduction in Switzerland of African swine fever present in certain Member States of the European Union (RS 916.443.107)
10-03-17	Ordinance of the DFI regulating trade in import, transit and export of animals and animal products with third countries (OIT-PT-DFI) (RS 916.443.106)
14-03-17	Regional Convention of 15 June 2011 on pan-Euro-Mediterranean preferential

Date	Measure
	rules of origin (RS 0.946.31) Framework Agreement of 30 June 2015 between the Swiss Federal Council and the Government of the Republic of Croatia on the implementation of the Swiss-Croatian cooperation program to reduce economic and social disparities in the enlarged European Union (RS 0.973.229.11) Ordinance of the OSAV establishing measures to prevent the introduction into Switzerland of avian influenza present in certain Member States of the European Union (RS 916.443.102.1)
17-03-17	Ordinance of the OSAV to prevent the introduction of avian influenza into the domestic poultry population (RS 916.403.1) FDF Ordinance on Rates of Export Contributions for Agricultural Commodities (RS 632.111.723.1)
21-03-17	Ordinance of the DFI on the maximum limits for pesticide residues in or on products of plant or animal origin (OPOVA) (RS 817.021.23) Ordinance of the DFI on foodstuffs of animal origin (ODAIAn) (RS 817.022.108) Ordinance of the DFI on Residues of Pharmacologically Active Substances and Feed Additives in Food of Animal Origin (ORésDAIAn) (RS 817.022.13) Ordinance of the DFI on food supplements (OCAI) (RS 817.022.14) DFI Ordinance on Maximum Contaminant Levels (Contaminants Ordinance, OCont) (RS 817.022.15) Ordinance of the OSAV on the importation and placing on the market of foodstuffs contaminated with cesium following the accident at the Chernobyl nuclear power plant (Chernobyl Ordinance) (RS 817.022.151) Ordinance of the DFI concerning information on foodstuffs (OIDAI) (RS 817.022.16) Ordinance of the DFI on new kinds of foodstuffs (RS 817.022.2) Ordinance of the DFI on Additives Adopted in Foods (Ordinance on Additives, OAdd) (RS 817.022.31) Ordinance of the DFI on the Addition of Vitamins, Minerals and Certain Other Substances to Foods (OASM) (RS 817.022.32) Ordinance of the DFI on Processes and Processing Aids for the Processing of Foodstuffs (OPAT) (RS 817.022.42) Ordinance of the DFI on the safety of toys (Ordinance on toys, OSJo) (RS 817.023.11) Ordinance of the DFI on materials and articles intended to come into contact with foodstuffs (Ordinance on materials and objects) (RS 817.023.21) Ordinance of the DFI on cosmetics (OCos) (RS 817.023.31) Ordinance of the DFI on articles intended to come into contact with the mucous membranes, the skin or the hair and capillary system, and on candles, matches, lighters and joke articles (Ordinance on articles intended to enter Contact with the human body) (RS 817.023.41) DFI Ordinance on Aerosol Generators (RS 817.023.61) Ordinance regulating trade in import, transit and export of animals and animal products with third countries (OIT-PT) (RS 916.443.10) Ordinance of the DFI regulating trade in import, transit and export of animals and animal products with third countries (OIT-PT-DFI) (RS 916.443.106) Ordinance regulating trade in import, transit and export of animals and animal products with the EU Member States, Iceland and Norway (ILO-EU) (RS 916.443.11)
24-03-17	Ordinance of the DFI regulating trade in import, transit and export of animals and animal products with third countries (OIT-PT-DFI) (RS 916.443.106)
28-03-17	Ordinance of the DFI on foods for people with special nutritional needs (OBNP) (RS 817.022.104) Ordinance of the DFI on Food of Plant Origin, Mushrooms and Edible Salt (ODAI OV) (RS 817.022.17) Ordinance of the DFI on flavorings and food additives with flavoring properties used in or on foodstuffs (Ordinance on flavorings) (RS 817.022.41) Federal Decree approving the WTO Agreement on Trade Facilitation Agreement of 15 April 1994 establishing the World Trade Organization (RS 0.632.20)

Date	Measure
	Decision № 1/2017 of the EU-Switzerland Joint Committee of 8 February 2017 amending Tables II, III and IV b) of Protocol o 2 of the Agreement between the European Economic Community and the Swiss Confederation of 22 July 1972 Concerning the provisions applicable to processed agricultural products (RS 0.632.401.2)
	Ordinance of the OSAV establishing measures to prevent the introduction into Switzerland of avian influenza present in certain Member States of the European Union (RS 916.443.102.1)
Date	Restrictive Measure
09-03-17	Amendment to the Ordinance of 7 August 1990 imposing economic measures against the Republic of Iraq (RS 946.206) [Entry into force 08-03-17]
10-03-17	Amendment to the Order imposing measures against Syria (RS 946.231.172.7) [Entry into force 10-03-17 at 1800 hrs.]
17-03-17	Amendment to the Ordinance of 2 October 2000 imposing measures against persons and entities associated with Usama bin Laden, the « Al-Qaeda » group or the Taliban (RS 946.203) [Entry into force 16-03-17]
22-03-17	Amendment to the Ordinance of 2 October 2000 imposing measures against persons and entities associated with Usama bin Laden, the « Al-Qaeda » group or the Taliban (RS 946.203) [Entry into force 21.03.17]
24-03-17	Amendment of 23-03-17 to the Ordinance establishing measures to prevent the circumvention of international sanctions in connection with the situation in Ukraine (RS 946.231.176.72)
27-03-17	Amendment to the Ordinance of 8 June 2012 imposing measures against Syria (RS 946.231.172.7) [Entry into force 28-03-17]
30-03-17	Amendment to the Ordinance of 2 October 2000 imposing measures against persons and entities associated with Usama bin Laden, the « Al-Qaeda » group or the Taliban (RS 946.203) [Entry into force 29-03-17]
31-03-17	Amendment to the Ordinance of 2 October 2000 imposing measures against persons and entities associated with Usama bin Laden, the « Al-Qaeda » group or the Taliban (RS 946.203) [Entry into force 30-03-17]

United Kingdom

The UK triggers Article 50

On 28 March 2017, Prime Minister Theresa May [signed a letter dated 29 March](#) officially notifying the President of the European Council of Britain's intention to leave the European Union. The letter will be delivered on 29 March, beginning two years of talks on the terms of withdrawal allowed under Article 50(2) of the Treaty on European Union (the Lisbon treaty). The two year period may be extended if the EU and UK mutually agree to do so. Until the actual withdrawal, the UK will remain in the EU and all EU laws will remain in effect and UK citizens will have all rights and responsibilities of EU citizens. In addition, in accordance with the same Article 50(2) as applied by Article 106a of the *Treaty Establishing the European Atomic Energy Community*, Mrs. May also notified the European Council of the United Kingdom's intention to withdraw from the European Atomic Energy Community.

The letter sets out the UK's approach to the exit discussions. The letter states that the UK will repeal the *European Communities Act of 1972*, but convert the body of existing EU law into UK law when the UK exits the EU, thereby providing certainty. The letters sets forth proposed principles for the discussions.

- i. We should engage with one another constructively and respectfully, in a spirit of sincere cooperation.
- ii. We should always put our citizens first.

- iii. We should work towards securing a comprehensive agreement.
- iv. We should work together to minimise disruption and give as much certainty as possible.
- v. In particular, we must pay attention to the UK's unique relationship with the Republic of Ireland and the importance of the peace process in Northern Ireland.
- vi. We should begin technical talks on detailed policy areas as soon as possible, but we should prioritise the biggest challenges.
- vii. We should continue to work together to advance and protect our shared European values.

The letter proposes

a bold and ambitious Free Trade Agreement between the United Kingdom and the European Union. This should be of greater scope and ambition than any such agreement before it so that it covers sectors crucial to our linked economies such as financial services and network industries. This will require detailed technical talks, but as the UK is an existing EU member state, both sides have regulatory frameworks and standards that already match.

The letter also recognizes that the UK will suffer consequences from its withdrawal and that UK companies doing business in the EU will have to align with rules agreed to by institutions of which the UK is no longer a part.

Brexit Bill passed

On 13 March 2017, the UK's Parliament passed the [European Union \(Notification of Withdrawal\) Act](#), which paves the way for the government to trigger Article 50, so that the UK can leave the European Union. Members of the House of Lords backed down over issues of EU residency rights and a meaningful vote on the final Brexit deal, after their objections were overturned by MPs.

When commenting on the news, the UK's Secretary of State for Exiting the EU, David Davies, said that "we will trigger Article 50 by the end of this month...and deliver an outcome that works in the interests of the whole of the UK".

For additional information, please contact [Jessica Mutton](#) or any member of London's EU, Competition and Trade practice.

Legislation (legislation.gov.uk)

Date	Measure
10-03-17	SSI 2017/70 The Sale of Tobacco (Registration of Moveable Structures and Fixed Penalty Notices) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2017
13-03-17	SI 2017/325 - The Freight Containers (Safety Convention) Regulations 2017
16-03-17	2017 c. 9 - European Union (Notification of Withdrawal) Act 2017
17-03-17	SI 2017/409 - The Tobacco Products and Herbal Products for Smoking (Fees) Regulations 2017
20-03-17	SI 2017/420 - The Immigration (Health Charge) (Amendment) Order 2017
27-03-17	SI 2017/463 - The Nuclear Industries Security (Amendment) Regulations 2017
Date	Restrictive Measure
15-03-17	SI 2017/320 - The Democratic People's Republic of Korea (Sanctions) (Overseas Territories) (Amendment) Order 2017
	SI 2017/319 - The North Korea (United Nations Sanctions) (Amendment) Order 2017

Date	Measure
28-03-17	SI 2017/478 - The United Nations and European Union Financial Sanctions (Linking) Regulations 2017

HMRC updates

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

Release Date	Ref. No. and Subject
Customs Information Papers	
01-03-17	Customs Information Paper 6 (2017): a new address for the National Clearance Hub
02-03-17	Customs Information Paper 4 (2017): Union Customs Code (UCC) Reauthorisation triggers
09-03-17	Customs Information Paper 49 (2016): CHIEF short term fallback arrangements
Tariff and Anti-Dumping Notices	
02-03-17	Tariff Stop Press Notice 5 (2017): amendments to commodity codes in chapters 3, 44 and 73
	Tariff Stop Press Notice 7 (2017): changes to the monthly trade euro rate
07-03-17	Anti-Dumping Duty measure AD2176
08-03-17	Tariff Notice 1 (2017): single glass shelf
	Tariff Notice 2 (2017): thumb grips for a game console controller
	Tariff Notice 3 (2017): tatami puzzle mat
	Tariff Notice 4 (2017): multi-rotor helicopters
09-03-17	Tariff Notice 5 (2017): inflatable boats designed for children and multi-rotor helicopters
13-03-17	Tariff Notice 6 (2017): electrical apparatus for radio broadcast reception
	Tariff Notice 7 (2017): notepad, notepad holder and ballpoint pens
	UK Trade Tariff: excise duties, reliefs, drawbacks and allowances
15-03-17	Tariff Notice 8 (2017): textile fabrics partially covered by plastic dots
21-03-17	Tariff Notice 10 (2017): changes to the Combined Nomenclature of the European Union
	Anti-Dumping Duty measure AD2177
	Anti-Dumping Duty measure AD2178
22-03-17	Tariff Notice 11 (2017): Explanatory Note to the Combined Nomenclature of the European Union
Other Documents and Notices	
06-03-17	Notice 3: bringing your belongings, pets and private motor vehicles to UK from outside the EU
08-03-17	Excise Notice 476: Tobacco Products Duty
	Vehicle Excise Duty: increase in rates for cars, vans, motorcycles and motorcycle trade licences
	VAT registration threshold
	Minimum Excise Tax for cigarettes
27-03-17	Excise Notice 263: marine voyages - relief from fuel duty
29-03-17	Register or renew for anti money laundering supervision with HMRC
30-03-17	Notice 143: a guide for international post users
31-03-17	Notice 999: catalogue of publications

ECO Notices to Exporters and DIT documents

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

Date	Notice No. and Subject
01-03-17	Notice to exporters 2017/05: 6 open licences updated
	Open general export licence (military goods: A400M collaborative programme)
	Open general export licence (military goods, software and technology)
	Open general export licence: export under the US-UK defence trade co-operation treaty
	Open general export licence (military goods, software and technology: government or NATO end use)
	Open general export licence (military components)
	OGEL (PCBs and components for military goods) in force until 11:59 on 7 March 2017
07-03-17	Notice to exporters 2017/06: 6 open licences updated - correction
15-03-17	Notice to exporters 2017/07: changes to export control legislation
22-03-17	Notice to exporters 2017/08: Iran list removed from GOV.UK
27-03-17	Overseas Business Risk - Mauritius (Updated)
	Overseas Business Risk - Chile (Updated)

Other EU-EFTA Countries

Import-export related measures

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

Date*	Measure
Germany	
15-03-17	Law amending the Customs Administration Act (10.03.2017) from No. 12 of March 15, 2017, p. 425
	Sixth regulation on the amendment of EU-law references in the German Medicinal Products Act (10.03.2017) from No. 12, March 15, 2017, p. 456
20-03-17	New version of the Ordinance on Hazardous Substances (15.03.2017) From No. 13 of March 20, 2017, page 483
30-03-17	Ninth Regulation on the Amendment of Dangerous Goods Regulations (17.03.2017) From No. 15 of March 30, 2017, page 568
Ireland (Eire)	
14-03-17	S.I. No. 79 European Communities (Control of Organisms Harmful to Plants and Plant Products) (Amendment) Regulations 2017
	S.I. No. 80 Destructive Insects and Pests Acts 1958 and 1991 (Epitrix) Order 2017
Liechtenstein	
07-03-17	LGBI № 2017.060 Protocol amending the Agreement on Trade-Related Aspects of Intellectual Property Rights (TRIPS Agreement) (LR № 0.632.20)
14-03-17	LGBI № 2017.070 through LGBI № 2017. 074 are notices of Decisions of the EEA Joint Committee
18-03-17	LGBI № 2017.088 Regulation of 17 March 2017 repealing the Regulation on precautionary measures for the prevention of the introduction of avian influenza (LR № 916.421.2)
Luxembourg	
07-03-17	Mem A246: Grand-Ducal Regulation of 28 February 2017 amending the Grand-Ducal Regulation of 27 February 2011 laying down the sustainability criteria for biofuels and bioliquids.
27-03-17	Mem A328: Grand-Ducal Regulation of 21 March 2017 concerning caseins and caseinates intended for human consumption.
	Mem A330: Law of 21 March 2017 on packaging and packaging waste.
	Mem A331: Grand-Ducal Regulation of 21 March 2017 repealing the amended

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	Grand-Ducal Regulation of 31 October 1998 implementing Directive 94/62 / EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 20 December 1994 on packaging and packaging waste .
28-03-17	Mem A334: Publication of the Annex to Commission Directive (EU) 2017/433 of 7 March 2017 amending Directive 2009/43 / EC of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards the list of products Defense in accordance with Article 1 of the amended Law of 28 June 2012 on the terms and conditions of transfers of defense-related products in the European Union
Malta	
03-03-17	№ 72 of 2017 – Seeds of Agricultural Plants and Vegetables (Amendment) Regulations, 2017 - Government Gazette of Malta No. 19,735 – 03.03.2017
	№ 73 of 2017 – Fruit Trees Propagating Material (Amendment) Regulations, 2017 - Government Gazette of Malta No. 19,735 – 03.03.2017
	№ 74 of 2017 – Fruit Trees Propagating Material (Amendment No. 2) Regulations, 2017 - Government Gazette of Malta No. 19,735 – 03.03.2017
21-03-17	№ 93 of 2017 – Aerosols Dispensers (Amendment) Regulations, 2017 pursuant to the Product Safety Act. Government Gazette of Malta No. 19,744 – 21.03.2017
Norway	
09-03-17	FOR-2017-03-02-280 Health and Care Services Regulation amending the Regulation on cosmetics and bodycare products
13-03-17	FOR-2017-03-03-295 Climate and Environment Ministry Regulation amending the Regulation on the protection of the State Cultural Heritage Properties
	FOR-2017-03-10-299 Climate and Environment Ministry Regulations amending the REACH Regulation (approval for use of trichlorethylene, sodium dichromate, chromium trioxide and sodium chromate)
16-03-17	FOR-2017-03-13-321 Agriculture and Food Regulation amending the Regulation on imports from third countries of certain live animals, bees, bumblebees and fresh meat of certain animals
17-03-17	FOR-2017-03-16-328 Health and Care Services Regulation amending the list of third countries approved residue control program
20-03-17	FOR-2017-03-18-339 Climate and Environment Ministry Regulation amending the Regulation on biocides (Biocide)
21-03-17	FOR-2017-03-16-346 Ministry Regulation amending the Regulation on EEA requirements for electromagnetic compatibility (EMC) of equipment to electronic communications
	FOR-2017-03-20-348 Health and Care Services Regulation amending the Regulation on maximum levels for drug residues in food from animals
	FOR-2017-03-20-349 Health and Care Services Regulation amending the Regulation on residues of pesticides in food and feed
	FOR-2017-03-20-350 Agriculture and Food Regulation amending the Regulation on pesticide
	FOR-2017-03-20-351 Agriculture and Food Regulation amending the Regulation on spirit and flavored drinks, etc.
22-03-17	FOR-2017-03-18-355 Industry and Fisheries Ministry of Agriculture and Food Regulation on organic production and labeling of organic agricultural products, aquaculture products, food and feed (Organic Regulations)
	FOR-2017-03-18-356 Industry and Fisheries Ministry of Agriculture and Food Delegation of authority from the FSA to Debio by Organic Regulations
	FOR-2017-03-18-357 Industry and Fisheries Ministry of Agriculture and Food Instructions from the FSA at the Head Office Debio and the regional FSA for the exercise of delegated powers by the Organic Regulations
	FOR-2017-03-20-358 Ministry Regulation amending the Regulation on electronic communications networks and electronic communications services (Ecom)
	FOR-2017-03-21-364 Agriculture and Food Regulation amending the Regulation on temporary preventive measures to prevent infection of highly pathogenic avian influenza from wild birds to poultry and other birds kept in captivity
23-03-17	FOR-2017-03-22-367 Agriculture and Food Regulation amending the Regulation on the import and transit of poultry and certain poultry products from third countries

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28-03-17	FOR-2017-03-24-387 Climate and Environment Ministry Amendments of the REACH regulation (approval for the use of 1,2-dichloroethane)
	FOR-2017-03-24-388 Health and Care Services Amendments to the Regulations on production and importation of drugs
30-03-17	FOR-2017-03-27-409 Agriculture and Food, and Industry and Fisheries Ministry Regulation amending the Regulation on additives for use in animal nutrition
31-03-17	FOR-2017-03-31-415 Health and Care Services Shared endorsement of the Act of 10 February 2017 No.. 5 on changes to the Tobacco Act (implementing Directive 2014/40 / EU and standardized tobacco packaging)
	FOR-2017-03-31-416 Health and Care Services Regulation on transitional provisions to the Act of 10 February 2017 No.. 5 amending the Law on March 9, 1973 No.. 14 concerning protection against tobacco
	FOR-2017-03-31-417 Prime Minister's Office Transferring management responsibility for exploration and exploitation of mineral deposits on the continental shelf of Trade and Fisheries Ministry to MPE effective 1 April 2017
Poland	
01-03-17	№ 421 Regulation of the Minister of Development and Finance of 27 February 2017. On the appointment of heads of customs and tax competence in matters of registration and operation of slot machines and gaming devices, and identify the areas of their jurisdiction
	№ 438 Regulation of the Minister of Development and Finance of 24 February 2017. On the control of customs-duty performed with the arrangement and conduct of gambling
	№ 444 Regulation of the Minister of Development and Finance of 27 February 2017. On the positions of corporate officers of the Customs and Tax Service, mode of promotion and making changes at business
	№ 447 Regulation of the Minister of Internal Affairs and Administration dated 1 March 2017. On vehicle registration Government Protection Bureau, the Police, Internal Security Agency, Foreign Intelligence Agency, Central Anticorruption Bureau, Border Guard and the National Fiscal Administration Service used by the Customs and Tax
	№ 449 Regulation of the Minister of Internal Affairs and Administration and the Minister of Justice of 1 March 2017. On the conditions of road use oversize vehicles the police, Road Transport Inspectorate, the Government Protection Bureau, Internal Security Agency, Foreign Intelligence Agency, Central Anticorruption Bureau, Border Guard Service Prison, National Fiscal Administration used by the Customs and Tax Service and fire protection units
03-03-17	№ 467 Regulation of the Minister of Development and Finance of 27 February 2017. Amending the regulation on the deployment of a customs official to perform work outside the Customs Service
	№ 472 Regulation of the Minister of Development and Finance of 27 February 2017. Amending the regulation on the transfer of officers of the Police and Border Guard service in the Customs Service
10-03-17	№ 508 Council of Ministers of March 2, 2017. On cooperation between Customs and Tax Service and the Border Guard in the range of tasks performed by vessels of the National Fiscal Administration
17-03-17	№ 567 Regulation of the Minister of Health of 10 March 2017. On the cooperation of the State Sanitary Inspection of the customs authorities in the field of border health checks
	№ 574 Regulation of the Minister of Development and Finance of 14 March 2017. On the documents, which make it impossible to determine some of the data in the performance of operational activities by the Service of Customs and Tax
20-03-17	№ 589 Regulation of the Prime Ministers of 14 March 2017. On giving officers Service Customs and Fiscal power to impose fines in the mandate of criminal
21-03-17	№ 601 Government statement of 13 January 2017. On the loss of binding force of the Agreement on friendship and cooperation between the Polish People's Republic and the Mongolian People's Republic, signed in Ulan Bator on 4 July 1975
	№ 602 Government statement of 13 January 2017. On the loss of binding force

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	of the Treaty of Commerce and Navigation between Poland and Finland, signed in Warsaw on 10 November 1923 № 603 Government statement of 13 January 2017. On the loss of binding force of the Agreement between the Polish People's Republic and the Italian Republic on the promotion and protection of investments, signed in Warsaw on 10 May 1989 № 604 Government statement of 13 January 2017. On the loss of binding force of the Agreement between the Government of the Polish Republic and the Government of the Republic of India for the promotion and protection of investments, signed in Warsaw on 7 October 1996 № 612 Regulation of the Minister of Development and Finance of 16 March 2017. Amending the Regulation on customs officers receive food or cash equivalent in exchange for food
22-03-17	№ 618 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, on the other hand, signed in Brussels on 27 June 2012. № 619 Government statement of 22 February 2017. On the binding force 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, on the other hand, signed in Brussels on 27 June 2012.
27-03-17	№ 641 Regulation of the Minister of Finance and Development of 21 March 2017. On the ID cards of employees in the organizational units of the National Tax Administration and Customs Service officers-Tax
28-03-17	№ 660 Proclamation of the Marshal of the Polish Sejm on 10 March 2017. On the uniform text of the Act on the Protection of the state border
30-03-17	№ 686 Minister of Health of 16 March 2017. On specific conditions and procedures for issuing permits and documents necessary for the import, export, intra-Community acquisition or intra-Community supply of narcotic drugs, psychotropic substances or precursors of category 1
Spain	
01-03-17	Foreign Affairs: Entry into force of the Protocol to the Stabilization and Association Agreement between the European Communities and their Member States, of the one part, and the Republic of Serbia, of the other part, to take account of the accession of the Republic of Croatia to the European Union, In Brussels on 25 June 2014. (BOE-A-2017-2109) Foreign Affairs: Entry into force of the Protocol to the Stabilization and Association Agreement between the European Communities and their Member States, of the one part, and the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, of the other part, to take account of the accession of the Republic of Croatia to the European Union , Done in Brussels on 18 July 2014. (BOE-A-2017-2110)
04-03-17	Presidency: Royal Decree 130/2017 of 24 February, which approves the Explosives Regulation. (BOE-A-2017-2313) [covers importations and exportations]
08-03-17	Presidency: Royal Decree 129/2017 of 24 February, which approves the Regulation of control of drug precursors. (BOE-A-2017-2461)
13-03-17	Foreign Affairs: Administrative Agreement between the Minister of the Interior of the Kingdom of Spain (Directorate General for Civil Protection and Emergencies) and the Minister of the Interior of the French Republic (Directorate General of Civil Security and Crisis Management) on emergency assistance and assistance in border areas, Made in Malaga on February 20, 2017. (BOE-A-2017-2668) Hacienda: Resolution of October 27, 2016, issued by the Secretariat of State for Public Administration, which publishes the Agreement for cross-border cooperation between the Provincial Council of Salamanca and the Association of Municipalities of Cova da Beira (Portugal). (BOE-A-2017-2729)
14-03-17	Economy, etc.: Resolution of March 6, 2017, of the General Directorate of Industry and Small and Medium-sized Enterprises, which submits to public information the draft standards UNE that the Spanish Association of Standardization is in process, corresponding to the month of February 2017. (BOE-A-2017-

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	2769 Economy, etc.: Resolution of March 6, 2017, of the General Directorate of Industry and Small and Medium-sized Enterprises, by which public projects are submitted to European and international standards that have been processed as draft UNE by the Spanish Association Of Normalization, corresponding to the month of February, 2017. (BOE-A-2017-2770)
	Economy, etc.: Resolution of March 6, 2017, of the General Directorate of Industry and Small and Medium Enterprise, which publishes the list of European standards that have been ratified during the month of February 2017 as Spanish standards. (BOE-A-2017-2771)
	Economy, etc.: Resolution of March 6, 2017, issued by the General Directorate of Industry and Small and Medium-sized Enterprises, which publishes the list of UNE regulations canceled during February 2017. (BOE-A-2017-2772)
	Economy, etc.: Resolution of March 6, 2017, of the General Directorate of Industry and Small and Medium Enterprise, which publishes the list of UNE standards approved by the Spanish Association for Standardization during the month of February 2017.(BOE-A-2017-2773)
16-03-17	Agriculture, etc.: Order APM / 233/2017, dated 7 March, amending the annexes to Order APA / 2442/2006 of 27 July, which establishes specific measures of protection in relation to avian influenza. (BOE-A-2017-2865)

Restrictive measures established, amended, corrected

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

Date*	Restrictive Measure
Ireland (Eire)	
07-03-17	S.I. No. 61 of 2017 European Union (Restrictive Measures concerning Iraq) Regulations 2017
14-03-17	S.I. No. 75 European Union (Restrictive Measures concerning Iran) Regulations 2017
28-03-17	S.I. No. 90 European Union (Restrictive Measures concerning the Democratic Republic of the Congo) Regulations 2017
	S.I. No. 91 European Union (Restrictive Measures concerning Central African Republic) Regulations 2017
	S.I. No. 92 European Union (Restrictive Measures concerning the Democratic People's Republic of Korea) Regulations 2017
	S.I. No. 93 European Union (Restrictive Measures concerning Syria) Regulations 2017
Liechtenstein	
07-03-17	LGBI № 2017.061 Regulation of 6 March 2017 on the amendment of the Regulation on measures against certain persons from Ukraine (LR № 946.224.0)
09-03-17	LGBI № 2017.063 Regulation of 7 March 2017 on the amendment to the Regulation on economic measures against the Republic of Iraq (LR № 946.221.1)
	LGBI № 2017.064 Regulation of 7 March 2017 on the amendment of the Regulation on measures against the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (LR № 946.223.1)
17-03-17	LGBI № 2017.085 Regulation of 14 March 2017 on the amendment to the Regulation on economic measures against the Republic of Iraq (LR № 946.221.1)
23-03-17	LGBI № 2017.089 Regulation of 21 March 2017 on the amendment of the Regulation on measures against persons and entities with links to the grouping "Al-Qaeda" (LR № 946.222.22)
	LGBI № 2017.090 Regulation of 21 March 2017 on the amendment of the Regulation on measures against Syria (LR № 946.223.8)

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	LGBI № 2017.091 Regulation of 21 March 2017 on the amendment of the Regulation on measures to prevent the circumvention of international sanctions related to the situation in Ukraine (LR № 946.224.2)
30-03-17	LGBI № 2017.096 Regulation of 28 March 2017 on the amendment of the Regulation on measures against persons and entities with links to the grouping "Al-Qaida" (LR № 946.222.22)
	LGBI № 2017.097 Regulation of 28 March 2017 on the amendment of the Regulation on measures against certain persons from Egypt (LR № 946.223.7)
	LGBI № 2017.098 Regulation of 28 March 2017 on the amendment of the Regulation on measures against Syria (LR № 946.223.8)
Norway	
14-03-17	FOR-2017-03-09-308 Foreign Affairs Regulation amending the Regulation on restrictive measures against certain persons in light of the situation in Tunisia
22-03-17	FOR-2017-03-21-360 Foreign Affairs Regulation amending the Regulation on restrictive measures against persons deemed responsible for the misappropriation of public funds, as well as persons who are considered to have participated in human rights violations in Ukraine
24-03-17	FOR-2017-03-23-373 Foreign Affairs Regulation amending the Regulation on restrictive measures against Syria
31-03-17	FOR-2017-03-30-413 Foreign Affairs Regulation amending the Regulation on sanctions and restrictive measures in view of the situation in Southern Sudan

Non EU-EFTA European Countries

Turkey

Turkey revises food labelling requirements

On 26 January 2017, the Ministry of Food, Agriculture and Livestock published in the *T.C. Resmî Gazete* № 29960 (the Official Gazette) the [Turkish Food Codex Food Labeling and Consumer Information Regulation](#) and the [Turkish Food Codex Nutrition and Health Regulations of Statements](#).

The two regulations make it mandatory to provide the following information in the Turkish language (other languages may be shown, but cannot be contradictory to the Turkish information) for covered products:

- Name of the food.
- List of ingredients.
- Certain substances or products caused by allergy or intolerance in Annex-1.
- Amount of certain components or groups of components.
- Net amount of food.
- Recommended consumption date or last consumption date.
- Special containment and / or conditions of use.
- Name or trade name and address of the food operator.
- Business registration number or identification mark.
- Country of origin.
- Instructions for use of the food if the consumption of food is not possible in the absence of usage information.
- Volume of alcohol in beverages containing more than 1.2% alcohol by volume.
- Nutrition notification.

- In addition to the information stated above, it is mandatory for certain foodstuffs listed in Annex-2 to have additional information on the label.

The regulations define the various terms used, set forth responsibilities for compliance, provide details for providing the required information and sanctions for failure to comply. The information provided must be clearly readable, permanent (in a way that prevents it from being detached or separated from the product) and the case of nutrition and health claims, may not be deceptive, vague or incorrect.

Legislation (laws, resolutions, orders, etc.)

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

Date	Subject
07-03-17	Regulation on the Addition of Vitamins, Minerals and Certain Other Items to the Turkish Food Codex
	Turkish Food Codex Regulation on Classification of Pharmacological Active Ingredients and Maximum Residue Limits to be found in Animal Husbandry
	Communiqué on the Prevention of Unfair Competition in Imports (No: 2017/1)
08-03-17	6775 Law on the Approval of the Free Trade Agreement between Republic of Turkey and Republic of Singapore
	6776 Law on the Approval of the Agreement on Economic Cooperation between the Government of the Republic of Turkey and the Dominican Republic Government
	6782 Law on the Approval of the Free Trade Agreement between the Republic of Turkey and the Kingdom of Denmark Concerning the Faroe Islands
	6789 Between the Government of the Republic of Turkey and the Government of the Islamic Republic of Iran Law on the Approval of the Memorandum of Understanding on the Opening of New Land Border Borders in Turkey-Iran Hudu
	Decision on the Amendment of the Additional Regulation to the Import Regime Decision 2017/9780
	• 2017/9955 Annex to Decision on Import Regime
09-03-17	Regulation on the Amendment of the Regulation on the Arrangement of Veterinary Controls at the Entry of the Products into the Country
	6810 Law on the Approval of the Memorandum of Understanding between the Government of the Republic of Turkey and the Islamic Development Bank Group on the Cooperation for the Promotion of Trade and Investment between Turkey and the IDB Member Countries
	6815 Law on the Approval of Trade and Economic Cooperation Agreement between the Government of the Republic of Turkey and the Government of the Republic of Honduras
	6816 Law on the Approval of Trade and Economic Cooperation Agreement between the Government of the Republic of Turkey and the Government of the Republic of Nicaragua
11-03-17	6817 Law on the Approval of the Protocol on the Establishment of the Economic Cooperation Council between the Government of the Republic of Turkey and the Government of the Palestinian State
	2017/9781 Decision on Amendment to Additional Decision to Import Order Decision
	Communiqué Pertaining to the Amendment of the Communiqué Pertaining to the Determination of Provincial Food, Agriculture and Animal Husbandry Authorities Authorized to Perform Official Controls with Authorized Customs Administrations to Enter Certain Products Subject to Control of Food, Agriculture and Livestock Ministry
14-03-17	Communiqué Pertaining to the Removal of the Communiqué on the Establishment and Activities of Sectoral Promotion Groups (Export: 2010/6) (Export: 2017/1)
	Communiqué Pertaining to the Removal of the Communiqué on the Duties and Activities of Country Tables (Exports: 2012/7) (Export: 2017/2)
16-03-17	6833 Law on the Approval of the Framework Agreement Establishing Free

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	Trade Area Between the Republic of Turkey and the Islamic Republic of Pakistan 6838 Law on the Approval of the Memorandum of Understanding on the Establishment of a Joint Commission on the Evaluation of the Effects of a Possible Free Trade Agreement Between the Undersecretariat of Foreign Trade of the Prime Ministry of the Republic of Turkey and the Ministry of Commerce of the Republic of Iraq 6839 Law on the Approval of the Memorandum of Understanding between the Undersecretariat of the Prime Ministry for Foreign Trade of the Republic of Turkey and the Ministry of Commerce of the Republic of Turkey for the Union of Businessmen in the Field of Free Zones 6845 Law on the Approval of the Protocol Between the Government of the Republic of Turkey and the Government of Romania on the Prohibition and Prohibition of Illegal Importation, Exportation, Transit and Property Transfer of the Cultural Asset Communiqué Pertaining to the Change in the Processing Regime on the Inward (Export: 2006/12) (Export: 2017/3)
17-03-17	2017/9880 Decision on the Approval of the Protocol on the Plant Health Requirements for Pistachio to Turkey Issued to Turkey Between the Ministry of Food, Agriculture and Livestock of the Republic of Turkey and the General Administration of Quality Control, Inspection and Quarantine of the People's Republic of China Regulation on the Amendment of the Regulation on the Arrangement of Veterinary Controls to be Implemented in Live Animals Entering the Country
18-03-17	2017/9898 Decision on Safeguard Measures in the Importation of Goods Originated in the People's Republic of China "dated 20/05/2003 dated 2/5/2003 and numbered 2003/5567 by the Decision of the Council of Ministers" Decision on Removal from Enforcement
21-03-17	2017/9873 Decision on the Determination of the Date of Withdrawal from the International Coffee Agreement of 2007 as February 12, 2017 Regulation on the Collection, Production and Exportation of Natural Flower Bulbs from the Wild Communiqué on the Prevention of Unfair Competition in Imports (No: 2017/8) Turkish Food Codex Distilled Alcoholic Beverages Communication (No: 2016/55) Turkish Food Codex Distilled Alcoholic Beverage Analysis Methods Notification (No: 2017/9) General Customs Declaration (Tariff-Classification Decisions) (Series No: 25) <i>[The purpose of this Communiqué is to ensure uniformity of Turkey's tariff classification applications with the EU's practices by announcing the European Union (EU) decisions on the classification of various commodities by Combined Nomenclature code]</i>
22-03-17	6894 Law on the Approval of the Business Association Agreement in the Field of Combating Illegal International Trade of Drugs and Psychotropic Items Between the Government of the Republic of Turkey and the Government of the United Mexican States 6893 Law on the Confirmation of the Approval of the Business Association Agreement between the Government of the Republic of Turkey and the Government of the United Mexican States for Organized Crime and the Struggle Against Terrorism
23-03-17	2017/9956 Decision on Amendment to Additional Regulation on Import Regime Decision Resolution 2017/9950 on the Adoption of the Annexed Decision of the United Nations Security Council on the Decisions of 1718, 1874, 2087, 2094, 2270 and 2321 2017/9962 Decision on Principles Regarding Issuance of a Stamp Passport for Exporters 2017/9963 Principles Regarding the Amendments to the Articles of Association of the Administrations in Foreign Countries on the Procurement of Goods and Services and Their Works

Date	Subject
	Lists related to war vehicles and ammunition and weapons, ammunition and their spare parts, military explosives, and related technologies to be subject to control pursuant to Law No. 5201 (List of Materials Subject to the Control of 2017)
24-03-17	Communiqué on the Prevention of Unfair Competition in Imports (No: 2017/9) 6872 Between the Government of the Republic of Turkey and the Government of the Republic of Yemen, the Law on the Approval of the Business Association and Mutual Assistance Agreement in the Customs Regulations
28-03-17	Regulation on the Amendment of the Regulation on the Importation, Production, Processing and Supply to the Market of Reinforcing Foods Regulation on the Amendment of the Regulation on the Registration of the Plant Passport System and Operators Communiqué on the Amendment of the "Turkish Food Codex Supplementary Foods Communiqué (Communiqué No: 2013/49)" (No: 2017/6)
31-03-17	Communiqué on the Amendment of the Communiqué on the Implementation of Imports Surveillance (Communiqué No: 2005/8) Communiqué on the Prevention of Unfair Competition in Imports (No: 2017/7)

Ukraine

Ukraine ratifies the Free Trade Agreement with Canada

On 14 March 2017, Ukrainian President Poroshenko [announced](#) that the Ukrainian Parliament (the *Verkhovna Rada*) ratified the [Canada-Ukraine Free Trade Agreement](#) (Agreement), which had been signed on 11 July 2016. Canada's Parliament had approved the agreement earlier. Entry into force of the Agreement will lead to the increase of foreign direct investment in Ukraine, creation of new jobs in construction, industry and trade, as well as duty-free access to 98% of Canadian market. This refers both to agricultural and industrial goods. However, according to the [Canada-Ukraine Trade and Investment Support Project](#), there are exceptions:

For agricultural products. The Agreement provides zero tariff rates for all agricultural products except 108 tariff positions allowed for duty-free export within Canada's global tariff rate quotas. They include, inter alia, poultry (frozen poultry, poultry fat), dairy products (milk, cream, yogurt, butter), eggs and egg products, cheeses and sugar.

For manufactured products. The only exception is cars – 7 years transitional period is set for them within which the duties will be reduced to 0%.

Canada's situation is more complex. Immediately after the Agreement comes into force, the duties will be eliminated only for 72% of Canadian goods. The duties for the remaining 27% will be gradually reduced in compliance with transition periods – 3, 5, and 7 years. The Agreement also provides for partial liberalization on the agricultural products key for Ukraine as well as some tariff rate quotas and specific goods.

The Agreement also regulates non-tariff technical barriers to trade, rules of origin, trade facilitation, trade remedies and emergency action, sanitary and phytosanitary measure, fair competition, government procurement, IP, e-commerce and cooperation on trade issues.

The President emphasized that the ratification of the Agreement provides for the formation of a Ukraine-Canada-EU free-trade triangle, as the formation of the free trade area between Canada and the European Union is about to be completed.

Ukraine imposes sanctions against banks with Russian capital

On 15 March 2017, the President of Ukraine enacted the decision of the Ukrainian National Security and Defense Council (NSDC) [\[The Decree of the President of Ukraine No. 63/2017 from 15 March 2017 enacting the NSDC's Resolution dated 15 March 2017 "On Imposition of Personal Special Economic and Other Restrictive Measures \(Sanctions\)"\]](#) to impose sanctions on five Ukrainian banks with the capital of Russian state-owned banks: Sberbank PJSC; VS Bank PJSC; Prominvestbank PJSC; VTB Bank PJSC; and BM Bank PJSC (the "Sanctioned Banks").¹

The Sanctioned Banks are prohibited from transferring capital outside the territory of Ukraine in favour of any affiliated entities. Based on the current interpretation by the state authorities, this sanction includes prohibition against:

- transferring any funds from the Sanctioned Banks to their affiliated entities;
- transferring securities abroad from the securities accounts of the Sanctioned Banks; and
- entering into any transactions with securities (or other financial instruments) of the Sanctioned Banks through securities traders.

The government and the National Bank of Ukraine are obliged to ensure implementation of the sanctions and take measures to prohibit companies with a state share from depositing funds with the Sanctioned Banks. Therefore, new regulations on implementation of the sanctions and detailed restrictions imposed by these sanctions should be approved within the next few weeks.

The sanctions are imposed for the period of one year.

For additional information, please contact [Ihor Olekhov](#) or [Hanna Shtepa](#) of our Kyiv office.

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
01-03-17	On approval of the transfer of goods to the area or the area of the antiterrorist operation Resolution of the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine; Order of March 1, 2017 № 99
13-03-17	On approving the list of goods and products allowed to move in temporarily uncontrollable and out temporarily uncontrolled territory in the area of anti-terrorist operation MTOT, Ministry of Economic Development of Ukraine; Charge, from the list of 13.03.2017 № 34/357
15-03-17	On urgent additional measures to counter threats to national security hybrid Ukraine - the National Security Council; Solution from 15-03-2017
	On the decision of the National Security and Defense of Ukraine from March 15, 2017 "On urgent measures to counter the additional hybrid threats to the national security of Ukraine" - Order of the President of Ukraine from 15.03.2017 № 62/2017
	The Decree of the President of Ukraine No. 63/2017 from 15 March 2017 en-

Date	Subject
	acting the NSDC's Resolution dated 15 March 2017 "On Imposition of Personal Special Economic and Other Restrictive Measures (Sanctions)"
	On the use of personal special economic and other restrictive measures (sanctions) - the National Security Council; Decision from 15/03/2017
	On the decision of the National Security and Defense of Ukraine from March 15, 2017 "On application of special personal economic and other restrictive measures (sanctions)" - Order of the President of Ukraine from 15.03.2017 № 63/2017
28-03-17	On approving the list and volume of goods allowed to move to / from the humanitarian and logistic centers and through the MTOT contact line from the list of 24.03.2017 number 39 Zarehystrovanno: Justice Ukraine from 28.03.2017 № 417/30285
29-03-17	The issue of installment payments of VAT on the importation into Ukraine of equipment and machinery - A resolution of the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine from 29.03.2017 number 196

Eurasian Economic Union (EAEU)

Decisions and recommendations of the Eurasian Economic Commission

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

Publication Date	Title
Eurasian Intergovernmental Council - Евразийского межправительственного совета	
09-03-17	№ 1 (07-03-17) On the state of mutual trade between the countries - members of the Eurasian Economic Union in 2015 - 2016 years
	№ 2 (07-03-17) On the areas of the economy that have potential for integration into the Eurasian Economic Union, and the Means of its use
	№ 3 (07-03-17) About the International Forum "Antikontrafakt"
	№ 4 (07-03-17) The representation of the Supreme Eurasian Economic Council Board member candidates of the Eurasian Economic Commission
	№ 5 (07-03-17) On the organization of work on preparation of an interim agreement leading to the formation of a free trade zone between the Eurasian Economic Union and its Member States, on the one hand, and the Islamic Republic of Iran, on the other hand
	№ 6 (07-03-17) On the implementation of decisions of the Supreme Eurasian Economic Council on May 29, 2014 № 72
	№ 7 (07-03-17) About joint forecasts of development of agriculture, supply and demand of states - members of the Eurasian Economic Union, the main types of agricultural products and foodstuffs for 2016 - 2017 years
	№ 8 (07-03-17) On the organization in the states - members of the Eurasian Economic Union production of analogs produced in third countries components for machinery and equipment for agriculture
	№ 9 (07-03-17) On measures to promote exports to third country markets of cars and agricultural equipment produced in the states - members of the Eurasian Economic Union
	№ 10 (07-03-17) The time and venue of the next meeting of the Intergovernmental Council of the Eurasian
Council Regulations/Orders (Распоряжение)	
03-03-17	№ 4 (13-01-17) Draft Agreement on the Transboundary Movement of Hazardous Wastes within the customs territory of the Eurasian Economic Union
20-03-17	№ 5 (13-01-17) On the progress of work on the creation, maintenance and development of the integrated Eurasian Economic Union Information System

Publication Date	Title
	№ 6 (13-01-17) Action plan for the creation, maintenance and development of the Eurasian Economic Union integrated information system on the 2017 - 2018 years
Board (Коллегии) of the Eurasian Economic Commission (Решения)	
02-03-17	№ 22 (28-02-17) On Amendments to the decision of the Board of the Eurasian Economic Commission dated September 18, 2012 № 159
	№ 23 (28-02-17) On approval of the single form of the certificate of classification issued with the release into circulation of small size vessel that meets the requirements of technical regulations of the Customs Union "On the safety of small vessels" (CU TR 026/2012) and the rules for its completion
	№ 24 (28-02-17) About the transitional provisions of the technical regulations of the Eurasian Economic Union "On Restriction of use of hazardous substances in electrical and electronics products" (EAEC TR 037/2016)
	№ 25 (28-02-17) About the transitional provisions of the technical regulations of the Eurasian Economic Union "On the safety of amusement" (EAEC TR 038/2016)
	№ 26 (28-02-17) On the list of standards containing rules and research (testing) and measurement methods, including sampling rules, required for application and implementation of the requirements of technical regulations of the Eurasian Economic Union, "Requirements for liquefied petroleum gas for use as fuel" (TR EAEC 036 / 2016) and the implementation of conformity assessment of technical regulation objects
	№ 27 (28-02-17) On Amendments to the Resolution of the Board of the Eurasian Economic Commission dated 12 December, 2012 № 275
	№ 28 (28-02-17) On the classification of condensers and evaporators for air conditioning systems of motor vehicles in accordance with the Single Commodity Nomenclature of Foreign Trade of the Eurasian Economic Union
	№ 29 (14-03-17) On Amendments to the Customs Union Commission Decision of 15 July 2011 № 710
15-03-17	
23-03-17	№ 30 (21-03-17) On amendments to some decisions of the Board of the Eurasian Economic Commission
Board Распоряжение	
02-03-17	№ 14 (28-02-17) Draft decision of the Council of the Eurasian Economic Commission "On Amendments to the technical regulations of the Customs Union" On Safety of Toys "(TR CU 008/2011)"
	№ 15 (28-02-17) Draft decision of the Council of the Eurasian Economic Commission "On amendments to paragraph 2 of the Council Decision of the Eurasian Economic Commission dated July 20, 2012 № 57"
	№ 16 (28-02-17) On Amendments to the Advisory Committee on Financial Markets
06-03-17	№ 18 (28-02-17) Draft decision of the Council of the Eurasian Economic Commission "On the draft decision of the Eurasian Intergovernmental Council" on the organization of joint research and development work in the field of agro-industrial complex of states - members of the Eurasian Economic Union "
15-03-17	№ 19 (14-03-17) On Amendments to the Advisory Committee on Natural Monopolies
	№ 20 (14-03-17) On Amendments to the Advisory Committee on Customs Regulation
22-03-17	№ 21 (14-03-17) Draft Agreement on the treatment in the framework of the Eurasian Economic Union of products, the requirements for which are not established by the technical regulations of the Eurasian Economic Union, and regulations to ensure the safety of such products
	№ 22 (14-03-17) Draft Agreement on the principles and approaches of the state control (supervision) over observance of technical regulations of the Eurasian Economic Union in order to harmonize the legislation of the States - members of the Eurasian Economic Union in this field
23-03-17	№ 23 (21-03-17) Draft decision of the Council of the Eurasian Economic Commission "On Amendments to the technical regulations of the Customs Union" On the safety of products intended for children and adolescents "(TR CU

Publication Date	Title
	007/2011)"
	№ 24 (21-03-17) On Amendments to the composition of the commission for inter-state test of the integrated information system of foreign and mutual trade
Board Recommendations	
02-03-17	№ 5 (28-02-17) On the list of priority directions of cooperation of the states - members of the Eurasian Economic Union in order to accelerate the process of modernization and increase of innovative activity of organizations of the Member States in view of applied and fundamental research carried out by Member States
	№ 6 (28-02-17) On the organization and conduct of negotiations and consultations on disputes related to the implementation of the agreed (coordinated) agricultural policy, including state support for agriculture issues

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 16 March 2017. The table lists the tariff codes, a description, rationale (GRIs) for the decision.

Belarus

State Customs Committee (acts, resolutions, orders, etc.)

The following normative legal acts of the State Customs Committee (SCC) were posted to the SCC website:

Date	Subject
04-03-17	Protocol between the State Customs Committee of the Republic of Belarus and the Revenue Service of the Ministry of Finance of Georgia on cooperation in the fight against customs fraud relating to the movement of goods by air transport protocol of the State Customs Committee of Belarus on February 23, 2017
08-03-17	Protocol between the State Customs Committee of the Republic of Belarus and the State Customs Committee of the Republic of Azerbaijan on cooperation in the fight against customs fraud relating to the movement of goods by air transport protocol of the Republic of Belarus State Customs Committee on 28 November 2016
10-03-17	On state regulation of export control Presidential Decree on February 28, 2017 № 49
11-03-17	On licensing of certain types of imported products from plaster and making additions to the Decree of the Council of Ministers of the Republic of Belarus of February 17, 2012 № 156 of Council of Ministers of the Republic of Belarus of March 7, 2017 № 183
21-03-17	Concerning the annulment of some decisions of the State Customs Committee of the Republic of Belarus Resolution of the State Customs Committee of Belarus on March 14, 2017 number 6

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 2017. It may be searched by tariff code or description (in Russian).

Kazakhstan

Legislation (acts, resolutions, orders, etc.)

Subject
The concept of the draft Code of the Republic of Kazakhstan "On Customs Affairs in the Republic of Kazakhstan"

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 December 2016. It may be searched by tariff code, description (in Russian) or note number.

Legislation (acts, resolutions, orders, etc.)

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

Date of Publication	Subject
06-03-17	Russian Federation Government Resolution dated 03-03-2017 № 247 "On Amendments to the ratification of the Protocol between the states - parties to the Treaty on the free trade zone of 18 October 2011 on the rules and procedures of public procurement regulation,".
10-03-17	Russian Federation Government Resolution dated 09-03-2017 № 276 "On Amendments to the list of agricultural products, raw materials and food, country of origin is the Republic of Turkey and are prohibited from 1 January 2016 to the importation into the Russian Federation"
13-03-17	Order of the Federal Customs Service of 23.12.2016 number 2372 "On amendments to some legal acts of the FCS of Russia on the establishment of irregular service of the day the federal state civil servants" (Registered in the Ministry of Justice of Russia 10-03-2017 number 45894)
	Order of the Ministry of Agriculture of the Russian Federation, the Russian Ministry of Industry and Trade, the Federal Customs Service of the № 44/147/140 31-01-2017 "On Approval of the Procedure for putting a mark on the payment of utilization fee or on the basis of non-payment of utilization fee on blank passports and other self-propelled machines types of equipment, including form a unified form of the passport of self-propelled machines and other kinds of art, and the passport of self-propelled machines and other kinds of art, or a duplicate passport and self-propelled machines other equipment " (Registered in the Ministry of Justice of Russia 07.03.2017 number 45871)
	The order of the Russian Federation from 03.09.2017 number 412-p "On Deputy Head of the Federal Customs Service," a PDF-file: 20 KB
17-03-17	The order of the Russian Federation from 13-03-2017 № 440-p "On the conclusion of the Agreement by an exchange of notes between the Government of Russian Federation and the United States Government to extend the five-year term of the Agreement between the Russian Federation and the Government of the United States on the procedure of customs clearance and duty-free importation of goods transported within the Russian-American

Date of Publication	Subject
	cooperation in the exploration and use of outer space imnyh purposes of 16 December 1994
20-03-17	The order of the Russian Federation from 13-03-2017 № 439-p "On signing the Agreement on the voluntary coordination of states - members of the Eurasian Economic Union with the Eurasian Economic Commission for specific subsidies for industrial goods and of the Eurasian Economic Commission proceedings relating to the provision of the states - members of the Eurasian economic Union of specific subsidies "
21-03-17	The order of the Russian Federation from 18-03-2017 № 486-p "On the Trade Representative of the Russian Federation in the Republic of Abkhazia"
22-03-17	The order of the Russian Federation from 21-03-2017 № 506-p "On the conclusion of the Agreement by an exchange of notes between the Government of Russian Federation and the Government of the Republic of Azerbaijan on amendments to the Agreement between the Government of the Russian Federation and the Government of the Republic of Azerbaijan on the border checkpoint between the Russian Federation and the Republic of Azerbaijan dated October 7, 1995 "

Africa

Botswana

Botswana takes steps to implement an advance ruling system for tariff classification and origin

The World Customs Organization [announced](#) that the Botswana Unified Revenue Service (BURS) hosted a WCO Revenue Package national Workshop from 20 to 23 February 2017 in Gaborone with the aim of preparing the Administration for the implementation of an advance ruling system for classification and origin, as required under the WTO Trade Facilitation Agreement (TFA). The announcement said, in pertinent part:

During the Workshop, the representatives of the WCO focused on the importance of a well-organised classification and origin infrastructure and well-defined and effective classification and origin practices before introducing the advance ruling system.

Presentations were made on the theoretical and practical understanding and implementation of new WCO materials developed under the WCO Revenue Package Phase II, such as the Guidelines on Customs Infrastructure for Tariff Classification, Origin and Valuation and the Technical Guidelines on Advance Rulings for Classification, Origin and Valuation.

The participants came up with a number of action points/recommendations to the Commissioner of Customs and Excise in relation to an advance ruling system, such as amending the *Customs and Excise Act*, establishing procedures and guidelines for Customs and traders, improving the procedure for settlement of disputes, creation of a rulings database, providing capacity building and improving communication with economic operators.

As Botswana is a Member of SACU (the South African Customs Union) it was suggested that creating a consultation forum with other SACU countries would improve the work at regional level. The establishment of a customs laboratory at national level, a regional (SACU) laboratory, or using a private laboratory were also given attention. Finally, more capacity building was also sought.

South Africa

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

Date	Publication Details	Subject	Implementation Date
03-03-17	GG.40661 R.199	Amendment of Part 1 of Schedule No. 1, by the substitution and insertion various tariff subheadings under tariff headings 72.19 and 72.20 to increase the rate of customs duty on flat rolled products of stainless steel from free of duty to 5% – ITAC Report No. 535 Notice	03-03-17
17-03-17	GG.40696 R.239	Amendment of Part 1 of Schedule No. 2 as a consequence to the changes made under tariff heading 39.07 due to the implementation of the Harmonized System (HS) for 2017 Notice R.239	17-03-17
	GG.40692 R.236	Amendment of Part 1 of Schedule No. 1, by the substitution, insertion and deletion of various tariff subheadings under tariff headings 39.07 to align the 8-digit tariff subheading structure for Poly (ethylene terephthalate) with the Harmonized System (HS) for 2017 Notice R.236	
24-03-17	GG.40713 R.266	Amendment of Part 1 of Schedule No. 3 by the insertion of rebate item 317.06/00.00/06.00 to provide for duty free imports of components for heavy motor vehicles – dti request Notice R.266	24-03-17
	GG.40713 R.265	Amendment of Part 3 of Schedule No. 5 by the insertion of refund item 536.00/00.00/04.00 to provide for duty free imports of components for heavy motor vehicles – dti request Notice R.265	
	GG.40713 R.264	Amendment of Part 1 of Schedule No. 1, by the substitution of tariff subheadings 1701.12, 1701.13, 1701.14, 1701.91, and 1701.99 to increase the rate of customs duty on sugar from free of duty to 63.63c/kg in terms of the existing variable tariff formula as recommended in Minute M08/2016 Notice R.264	
31-03-17	GG.40734 R.295	Amendment in Part 1 of Schedule No. 1, by the substitution of tariff subheadings 1001.91 and 1001.99 as well as 1101.00.10 and 1101.00.90 to reduce the rate of customs duty on wheat and wheaten flour from 159.14c/kg to 119.02c/kg and 238.71c/kg to 178.53c/kg respectively, in terms of the existing variable tariff formula – ITAC Minute M01/2017. Notice R.295	31-03-17
	GG.40734 R.294	Part 5B of Schedule No. 1 – An increase of 9c/li in the RAF levy from 154c/li to 163c/li on both petrol and diesel to give effect to the Budget proposals announced by the Minister of Finance on 22 February 2017 Notice R.294	05-04-17
	GG.40734 R.293	Part 5A of Schedule No. 1 – An increase of 30c/li in the rate of the general fuel levy from 285c/li to 315c/li and 270c/li to 300c/li on petrol and diesel respectively to give effect to the Budget proposals	

Date	Publication Details	Subject	Implementation Date
		announced by the Minister of Finance on 22 February 2017 Notice R.293	
	GG.40734 R.292	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 22 February 2017, the diesel refund provisions are adjusted accordingly Notice R.292	
	GG.40734 R.291	Amendment of Part 1 of Schedule No. 1 by the substitution of various tariff subheadings under tariff heading 72.17 and 73.18 to review the rate of customs duty on steel wire products and steel fasteners upwards as recommended in Itac Report no. 545 Notice R.291	31-03-17
	GG.40734 R.290	Amendment of the General Notes to Schedule No. 1 to implement the revised Tariff Rate Quotas by the substitution of Table 1 in paragraph 3.1 to Note IJ of the General Notes in terms of the Economic Partnership Agreement (EPA) which came into effect on 10 October 2016 Notice R.290	With retrospective effect from 01-01-17
	GG.40734 R.289	Amendment of Part 1 of Schedule No. 1, by the substitution of tariff subheading 2933.69.30 to reduce the rate of customs duty on Atrazine from 10% to free of duty – Itac Report No. 541 Notice R.289	31-03-17

Other African Countries (except North Africa)

Date	Subject
	Zimbabwe
17-03-17	Statutory Instrument 41 of 2017 Customs and Excise (Electrical Manufacturers)(Rebate)(Amendment) Regulations, 2017 (No. 7)

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

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

[Agency abbreviations: US agencies - APHIS= Animal & Plant Health Inspection Service; ATF=Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives; BIS= Bureau of Industry and Security, Office of Export Enforcement (Commerce); CBP=US Customs and Border Protection; CPSC=Consumer Product Safety Commission; DDT= State Dep't Directorate of Defense Trade Controls; DOJ=Department of Justice, including US Attorneys; DEA=Drug Enforcement Administration; DoD=Dep't of Defense components [NCIS, DCIS, CID, etc.]; FBI=Federal Bureau of Investigation; FDA= US Food and Drug Administration; FRB= Federal Reserve Board of Governors; FTC= Federal Trade Commission; FWS= US Fish & Wildlife Service; GSA= General services Administration; ICE=US Immigration and Customs Enforcement, Homeland Security Investigations; NOAA=National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration; OFAC=Office of Foreign Assets Control]

(Treasury); SEC=Securities and Exchange Commission; USCG= US Coast Guard; USPIS=Postal Inspection Service; USDA= US Department of Agriculture ; USMS=US Marshals Service; DSS= Diplomatic Security Service. Local agencies - PD = Police departments; Non-US agencies - CBSA= Canada Border Services Agency; RCMP= Royal Canadian Mounted Police; SAT=Mexican Customs; HKCE= Hong Kong Customs & Excise; SFO = UK Serious Fraud Office.]

Date of Release	Subject
02-17-17	BIS Settles Antiboycott Claim for \$162,000 (BIS)
03-06-17	Local CBP officers put the brakes on toys with dangerous lead levels (CBP)
03-07-17	Ukrainian National Arrested In Connection With Scheme To Illegally Export Rifle Scopes And Thermal Imaging Equipment (DOJ, FBI, ICE, BIS)
	1. Secretary of Commerce Wilbur L. Ross, Jr. Announces \$1.19 Billion Penalty for Chinese Company's Export Violations to Iran and North Korea
	2. ZTE Corporation Agrees to Plead Guilty and Pay Over \$430.4 Million for Violating U.S. Sanctions by Sending U.S.-Origin Items to Iran - Combined Penalty of \$1.19 Billion with Department of Commerce and Department of Treasury Actions Shows All of Government Approach to Sanctions Enforcement (BIS, DOJ, OFAC, FBI, ICE)
	• ZTE Information • ZTE Plea Agreement Supplement • ZTE Plea Agreement • ZTE Factual Resume
03-08-17	Distributor of Pulley Block Systems Settles with FTC, Agrees to Drop Misleading 'Made in USA' Claims (FTC)
03-13-17	CBP officers in Tacoma seize shipments in violation of trade laws (CBP)
03-14-17	Florida Firm Fined \$27 Million for Export Violations (BIS, DOJ, ICE)
03-15-17	Counterfeit DVDs of popular television shows seized (CBP)
03-16-17	Nogales man sentenced to more than 7 years for attempting to export ammunition into Mexico (DOJ, ICE, CBP, ATF)
03-17-17	Order Denying Export Privileges (Eyad Farah) for violations of AECA (BIS)
03-22-17	ZTE Corporation Pleads Guilty for Violating U.S. Sanctions by Sending U.S.-Origin Items to Iran (BIS, OFAC, DOJ, ICE, FBI)
	ICE, CBP seize thousands of fake condoms (ICE, CBP, FDA)
	Los Angeles-area man pleads guilty to illegally importing ED drugs which were sold as 'herbal' sexual enhancement products (DOJ, ICE, CBP, FDA)
	Massachusetts fraudster sentenced to 6 years for billion dollar pyramid scheme (ICE, FBI, Brazilian Fed. Police, SEC, DOJ, local - Mass.)
	CBP Officers Seize Fake Apple EarPods At Peace Bridge (CBP)
	Member of CD and DVD Counterfeiting Ring in Atlanta Sentenced to 60 Months in Prison (DOJ, FBI, ICE, local PDs, Industry Associations, USMS)
03-24-17	Lebanese Businessman Tied to Hizballah Arrested for Violating IEEPA and Defrauding the U.S. Government (DOJ, DEA, CBP, OFAC)
03-28-17	New Jersey man charged with smuggling and dispensing misbranded drugs (DOJ, ICE, FDA, USPIS)
	Romanian Man Pleads Guilty to Participating in International Fraud Scheme Involving Online Marketplace Websites (FBI, DOJ, Local)

Newsletters, Reports, Articles, Etc.

Baker & McKenzie Global VAT/GST Newsletter

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

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Baker McKenzie launches 2017 Asia Pacific Food Law Guide

Tariffs, quotas and other traditional trade barriers are gradually declining with the growth in free trade agreements. As the regional market gains strength in this sector, the **Asia Pacific Food Law Guide** offers key insights on food laws in 11 jurisdictions across Asia Pacific.

The guide is an easy-to-search online summary of food laws, which aims to assist food businesses that wish to enter and compete in the ever-evolving Asia Pacific market. It covers the following topics:

- local language and mandatory labelling requirements
- country of origin labelling
- mandatory warnings
- product registration
- import permit and clearance requirements
- changes to local laws and regulations

Compare and contrast the food laws across Asia Pacific in an interactive platform that lets you export and download the content in readable format. Click [this link](#) to access the interactive site.

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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
International Trade, Tax and Anti-corruption
Global International Trade Compliance Update –March 2017 {older issues}
Global Compliance News: UK Criminal Finances Bill – Ten things to consider
Buenos Aires: Argentina: Government Extends Tax Amnesty to Cover Customs Debts
Kyiv International Commercial and Trade Client Alert: Ukraine Imposes Sanctions against Banks with Russian Capital
Kyiv Tax Client Alert: Simplified Accounting Compliance: Guidance Released (Eng.); Спрощення документообігу в бухгалтерії: оприлюднено роз'яснення (Ukr.); Упрощение документооборота в бухгалтерии: обнародовано разъяснение (Rus.)
Vietnam Tax Client Alert: New Guidance on Transfer Pricing
Other areas
Global IT/C: Access a wealth of resources designed to help providers and users of technology
Global IP Practice March 2017 IP Dispatch
EMEA Healthcare Industry Group Newsletter March 2017
Kyiv Banking and Finance Client Alert: Ukrainians can Freely Use Foreign Bank Accounts
Kyiv Banking and Finance Client Alert: Ukraine: Central Bank Simplifies Registration of Cross-Border Loans (Eng.); Національний банк спростив процедуру реєстрації кредитів від нерезидентів (Ukr.); Украина: Национальный банк упростил процедуру регистрации кредитов от нерезидентов (Russ.)
Kyiv Employment and Migration Client Alert: New Rules for Ukrainian Visas (Eng.); Нові Правила оформлення віз для в'їзду в Україну (Ukr.); Новые правила оформления виз для въезда в Украину (Russ.)
Global Arbitration News: Stockholm Chamber of Commerce Publishes Report on Investor State Arbitration
Vietnam Antitrust and Competition Client Alert: New Decision on Abuse of Dominance by Vietnam Competition Council
Vietnam Dispute Resolution Client Alert: New Decree on Commercial Mediation
Doing Business in Azerbaijan in 2017

Webinars, Meetings, Seminars, Etc.



A New World Order in Global Trade?

We are pleased to invite you to our inaugural Global Trade Conference in Bellevue, WA. The conference will be held on Thursday, May 25 at The Bellevue Club.

About this event

Our international trade compliance lawyers from around the world will review the major trade developments impacting international trade, including President Trump's trade regulation and policy agenda, Brexit, export controls and trade sanctions as well as specific developments in Russia and Brazil. The full agenda for the program is below.

This event is complimentary, but registration is required. If you or a colleague would like to attend please register by no later than Thursday, May 11, 2017.

We look forward to your participation!

Location:
The Bellevue Club
11200 SE 6th St.
Bellevue, WA 98004

Time: 8:30 am - 4:45 pm

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Agenda

Time:	Description:
8:30 am – 9:00 am	Registration/Light Breakfast
9:00 am – 11:00 am	The Changing Face of World Trade: A View From the US, Mexico, Canada and China
11:00 am – 11:15 am	Break
11:15 am – 12:30 pm	Brexit and How to Prepare
12:30 pm – 1:30 pm	Lunch and Break
1:30 pm – 3:00 pm	Recent Developments in US Export Controls and Sanctions
3:00 pm – 3:15 pm	Break
3:15 pm – 4:45 pm	Recent Developments in Trade in Russia and Brazil

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2017 Global Trade & Commercial Compliance Update: Covering the US, Latin America, the European Union, Canada, and Asia Pacific

Baker McKenzie lawyers from around the world will come together in Chicago to present on recent global trade and commercial compliance updates. Mark your calendars for this year's full-day conference, which will be held on Tuesday, **May 23, 2017** at the Chicago office of Baker McKenzie.

A formal email invitation with additional details and the agenda will be distributed in the coming months, however registration is now open due to high demand. Register by clicking on the "Register now" button on the right and completing the form. The conference is complimentary, but registration is required.

Confirmation emails will be sent several weeks prior to the event. [Click here](#) for additional details regarding this invitation.

About this event

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2017 Global Trade and Supply Chain Webinar Series

Beginning of a New Era in Global Trade and Business?"



We are very pleased to announce our 14th annual, **Global Trade and Supply Chain Webinar Series** entitled, "**2017: Beginning of a New Era in Global Trade and Business?**". The series will include the latest international trade developments including the impact of the Trump presidency on trade policy and of Brexit. In addition to our usual topics of Customs, export controls/sanctions and FCPA/anti-bribery, we will also cover data privacy and intellectual property in the supply chain.

This year, we are very excited to expand our usual program to launch our *Customs Academy*, which will feature 6 "*Customs 101*" webinars (indicated in green). The Customs 101

Webinar Start Time:

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

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Duration:

90 Minutes

Login Details:

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program will be primarily aimed at participants who are new to Customs and/or those who would like a refresher and will include introductory sessions on key Customs topics such as tariff classification, valuation and origin; and an overview of Customs in some key jurisdictions.

Terrie Gleason, a partner in our Washington, DC office and Head of the Firm's Global Customs Focus Group, and Jenny Revis, Of Counsel in the London office, will moderate these webinars and be joined by experts from across our global network.

All webinars will begin at 11:00 AM Eastern (US) and are scheduled to run approximately 90 minutes. If you reside in a different time zone and wish to verify your time - please click on the following link: www.timeanddate.com. If you miss any webinars, they will be available at the links below about two-three weeks after the presentation. (Blue links below mean they are available for viewing.)

Webinar Dates and Topics:

January 31 [Major Customs Developments in North America and Asia](#)

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

February 28 [Customs Basic: How to Classify Your Products](#)

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

March 28 [New Era of Protectionism? – Trump Presidency and Brexit Developments](#)

Speakers: Terrie Gleason and Stu Seidel (Washington DC), Ross Denton and Jessica Mutton (London)

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

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

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

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

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

Speakers: Terrie Gleason (Washington, DC), Daniel Lund (London), and Adriana Ibarra-Fernandez (Mexico City)

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

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

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

Speakers: Gonike van Slooten (Amsterdam), Paul Amherst

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

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

Interested in learning more?

(Chicago), Manuel Padron (Juarez), and Panya Sittsakonsin (Bangkok)

September 26 Intellectual Property Considerations and Issues in Your Supply Chain

Speakers: Joyce Smith (San Francisco) and Gary Shapiro (San Francisco)

October 24 Customs Basic: What You Need to Know about Customs in the EU, Russia and China

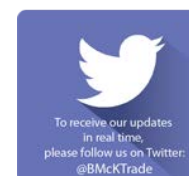
Speakers: Mariacristina Scarpa and Giulia Bettarini (Milan), Alexander Brychov and Vladimir Efremov (Moscow), and Frank Pan (Shanghai)

November 28 Major Developments in FCPA/Anti-Bribery Regulation

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

December 19 Customs Basic: What You Need to Know about Customs in the US, Mexico and Brazil

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



2016 International Trade Compliance Webinar Series

Our 13th annual, International Trade Compliance Webinar Series entitled, **“TPP and New Developments in Global Trade”** had several sessions covering the Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP), as well as sessions covering key developments in customs, export and FCPA. All webinars run approximately 90 minutes. If you missed a webinar, wish to see it again or want to download a presentation, you may so at [this new link](#) or by clicking the blue title below which indicates the material has been posted. Due to a redesign of our website, previous links are no longer valid.

Recorded Webinars:

Date	Topic
Presented January 26	<u>Overview of the Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP)</u> Speakers: Frederick Burke (Ho Chi Minh City), Miguel Noyola (Chicago), Eugene Lim (Singapore), and Elizabeth Nightingale (Kuala Lumpur).
Presented February 16	<u>The Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP) and Labor and Environment</u> Speakers: Frederick Burke (Ho Chi Minh City) and Thuy Hang Nguyen (Ho Chi Minh City).
Presented March 29	<u>Customs Considerations in Free Trade Agreements, Including TPP and NAFTA</u> Speakers: Adriana Ibarra (Mexico City), Stuart Seidel (Washington, DC), and Meredith DeMent (Washington, DC).
Presented April 19	<u>The Latest on Trade Sanctions: Iran, Russia, and Other Developments</u> Speakers: Steven Hill (Washington, DC), Philippe Reich (Zurich), Alexander Bychkov (Moscow), and Ben Smith (London).
Presented May 24	<u>Cuba Sanctions Developments and Updates</u> Speakers: Alison Stafford-Powell (Palo Alto), Alexandre Lamy (Washington, DC), Brian Cacic (Toronto), and Julia Pfeil (Frankfurt).
Presented June 21 1	<u>FCPA Considerations Arising in Import/Export Operations</u> Speakers: John McKenzie (San Francisco), Joan Meyer (Washington, DC) and Mini vandePol (Hong Kong).
Presented July 26	<u>Update on Customs Valuation Issues Around the World – Transfer Pricing, First Sale, Royalties</u> Speakers: Paul Burns (Toronto), Nicole Looks (Frankfurt), Jennifer Revis (London), and Eugene Lim (Singapore).

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WTO TBT Notifications

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

Country	Notification	Date Issued	Final Date for Comments	Merchandise Covered
 Argentina	ARG/126/Add.2	03/23/2017	Not given	Low voltage electrical equipment
 Argentina	ARG/297/Add.6	03/23/2017	Not given	Low-voltage electrical products
 Argentina	ARG/316	02/22/2017	03/24/2017	Medicinal preparations for human use
 Argentina	ARG/317	02/22/2017	03/24/2017	Medicinal preparations for human use
 Argentina	ARG/317/Corr.1	03/06/2017	Not given	Medicinal preparations for human use
 Australia	AUS/100/Add.2	03/07/2017	Not given	Foods sold in Australia (imported and domestically produced) (HS Chapters 2-22, inclusive)
 Australia	AUS/104/Add.1	03/22/2017	Not given	Cosmetics and cosmetic ingredients, including (but not limited to) those contained in HS Chapters 28, 29 and 33.
 Bahrain, Kingdom of	BHR/468	03/13/2017	05/12/2017	Nuts
 Bahrain, Kingdom of	BHR/469	03/13/2017	05/12/2017	Wheat flour
 Bahrain, Kingdom of	BHR/470	03/23/2017	05/22/2017	Pesticides and other agrochemicals
 Bahrain, Kingdom of	BHR/471	03/28/2017	05/27/2017	Road vehicles in general
 Bahrain, Kingdom of	BHR/472	03/30/2017	05/29/2017	Commercial bitter varieties of cassava roots grown from Manihot esculenta Crantz, of the <i>Euphorbiaceae</i> family
 Brazil	BRA/461/Add.3	03/23/2017	Not given	Systems and equipment for water heating using

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				solar energy (HS 8419)
 Brazil	BRA/567/Add.6	03/23/2017	Not given	Baby Feeding Bottles and Nipples
 Brazil	BRA/613/Rev.1	03/23/2017	Not given	Wine (HS 2204) (HS 200960) Grapejuice, sweetend or not; (HS 220900) Vinegar. Wine of fresh grapes, including fortified wines; grape must other than that of heading 20.09. (HS: 2204), Vinegar and substitutes for vinegar obtained from acetic acid. (HS: 220900)
 Brazil	BRA/649/Corr.1	03/29/2017	Not given	Food additives and technology supporting used in wine (HS 2204)
 Brazil	BRA/675/Corr.1	03/23/2017	Not given	Wine (HS 2204); Grapejuice, sweetened or not (HS 200960); Vinegar (HS 220900). Wine of fresh grapes, including fortified wines; grape must other than that of heading 20.09. (HS 2204), Vinegar and substitutes for vinegar obtained from acetic acid. (HS 220900)
 Brazil	BRA/698/Add.1	03/23/2017	Not given	Parts & accessories for adp. machines & units (HS 847330) - Parts and accessories of the machines of heading 84.71
 Brazil	BRA/708	02/28/2017	03/29/2017	Water for pharmaceutical use
 Canada	CAN/463/Add.1	03/01/2017	Not given	Barbituric Acid, Naloxegol and its salts, Methylnal-trexone and its salts, the salts of Naloxone, Nal-trexone and Nalmefene and Catha Edulis Forsk, its preparations, derivatives, alkaloids and salts includ-ing Cathine and Cathinone and its salts
 Canada	CAN/464/Add.1	03/01/2017	Not given	The salts of the following 14 substances: apomor-phine, cyprenorphine, narcotine, papaverine, car-bamethidine, oxpheneridine, ethoheptazine, me-tethoheptazine, metheptazine, dextromethorphan, dextrorphan, levallorphan, levargorphan, and cycla-zocine
 Canada	CAN/517/Add.1	03/01/2017	Not given	Fresh and frozen raw ground beef products
 Canada	CAN/519	03/08/2017	05/23/2017	Radiocommunications
 Canada	CAN/520	03/22/2017	05/18/2017	On-road heavy-duty vehicles, engines and trailers
 Chile	CHL/374/Add.1	03/09/2017	Not given	Concrete
 Chile	CHL/388	02/23/2017	04/24/2017	Fluorescent self-ballasted lamps (compact fluores-cent lamps) for general lighting services
 Chile	CHL/389	02/23/2017	04/24/2017	Double-capped fluorescent lamps
 Chile	CHL/390	02/23/2017	04/24/2017	Single-capped fluorescent lamps
 Chile	CHL/391	02/23/2017	04/24/2017	Self-ballasted LED lamps for general lighting ser-vices
 Chile	CHL/392	02/23/2017	04/24/2017	Double-capped LED lamps designed to retrofit line-ar fluorescent lamps
 Chile	CHL/393	03/06/2017	05/05/2017	Teleferics, chair-lifts and lifts.
 China	CHN/1198	02/27/2017	04/28/2017	Biological products Medicaments
 Colombia	COL/213/Add.1	02/23/2017	Not given	Anhydrous fuel ethanol and denatured anhydrous fuel ethanol
 Colombia	COL/222/Add.1	03/01/2017	Not given	Low-alloy corrugated bars and rods (7213.10.00.00)

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				and 7214.20.00.00)
 Colombia	COL/196/Add.7	03/13/2017	Not given	Biological medicines
 Dominica	DMA/14	03/07/2017	05/06/2017	Hollow Concrete Block
 Dominica	DMA/15	03/07/2017	05/06/2017	Tyres
 Ecuador	ECU/101/Add.4	03/21/2017	Not given	Safety glass for motor vehicles (HS 7007.11, 7007.19, 7007.21, 7007.29, 8708.29)
 Ecuador	ECU/281/Add.1	03/22/2017	Not given	Household electrical appliances for cooking by induction (HS 8514.4000 and 8516.6020)
 Ecuador	ECU/330	02/22/2017	05/21/2017	Decoders (HS 8528710010 and 8528710090)
 Ecuador	ECU/331	02/27/2017	03/25/2017	Cosmetics, domestic hygiene products and absorbent personal hygiene products (HS 3305.10.00.00)
 Ecuador	ECU/54/Add.6	03/02/2017	Not given	Three-wheeled motor vehicles (HS 8711, 8714)
 El Salvador	SLV/192/Add.2	03/22/2017	Not given	Poultry products
 European Union	EU/399/Add.1	03/06/2017	Not given	Waste
 European Union	EU/458	03/08/2017	05/07/2017	Cosmetics
 European Union	EU/459	03/13/2017	05/12/2017	Biocidal products
 European Union	EU/460	03/23/2017	06/20/2017	Electrical and electronic equipment
 European Union	EU/461	03/29/2017	05/28/2017	Biocidal products
 European Union	EU/462	03/29/2017	05/28/2017	Biocidal products
 European Union	EU/463	03/29/2017	05/28/2017	Biocidal products
 European Union	EU/464	03/29/2017	05/28/2017	Biocidal products
 European Union	EU/465	03/29/2017	05/28/2017	Biocidal products
 European Union	EU/466	03/29/2017	05/28/2017	Biocidal products
 European Union	EU/467	03/29/2017	05/28/2017	Biocidal products
 European Union	EU/71/Add.1	03/23/2017	Not given	Medical devices
 European Union	EU/72/Add.1	03/23/2017	Not given	In vitro diagnostic medical devices
 Finland	FIN/51	03/13/2017	05/14/2017	Ventilation products for buildings
 Finland	FIN/52	03/13/2017	05/14/2017	Energy products
 Finland	FIN/53	03/13/2017	05/14/2017	Construction products
 Georgia	GEO/99	03/06/2017	Not given	Misleading products, which endanger the health or safety of consumers
 Georgia	GEO/100	03/06/2017	Not given	Lighters
 Hungary	HUN/33	03/10/2017	05/11/2017	Fire fighting products, flammable or explosive appliances, machines, equipment
 Indonesia	IDN/37/Add.3	02/24/2017	Not given	Glazed Ceramic - Tableware, Closets and Ceramic Tiles (HS 6907, 6908, 6910, 6911, 6912)
 Israel	ISR/942	02/24/2017	04/25/2017	Foodstuffs (HS Section I to IV, Chapters 1 to 24)

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 Israel	ISR/943	03/23/2017	05/21/2017	Bituminous felt and cardboard (HS 271490)
 Israel	ISR/944	03/23/2017	05/21/2017	Two layered polyethylene film for milk and for liquid milk products (HS 3901)
 Israel	ISR/945	03/23/2017	05/21/2017	Pressure regulators for LPG (HS 8481; 903220)
 Jamaica	JAM/55	03/14/2017	04/29/2017	White sugar
 Japan	JPN/548	03/01/2017	Not given	Substances with probable effects on the central nervous system
 Japan	JPN/549	03/02/2017	05/01/2017	700MHz bands intelligent transport system
 Japan	JPN/550	03/07/2017	05/06/2017	Deleterious substances
 Japan	JPN/551	03/27/2017	05/26/2017	Processed foods
 Japan	JPN/552	03/27/2017	Not given	Wood; and Goods which are manufactured from wood as a major raw material and are designated by a Ministerial Ordinance, including furniture and paper (excluding recycled goods) Ministerial Ordinance (in Japanese): http://search.e-gov.go.jp/servlet/Public?CLASSNAME=PCMMSTD&ETAIL&id=550002453&Mode=0
 Kazakhstan	KAZ/15	02/24/2017	Not given	Coolants
 Kazakhstan	KAZ/16	03/30/2017	05/29/2017	Milk and Dairy Products
 Kenya	KEN/551	03/24/2017	05/06/2017	Cold rolled steel sections
 Kenya	KEN/552	03/24/2017	05/06/2017	Hot-rolled structural steel sections
 Kenya	KEN/553	03/24/2017	05/06/2017	Steel fabric for reinforcement of concrete
 Kenya	KEN/554	03/24/2017	05/06/2017	Weld mesh
 Kenya	KEN/555	03/24/2017	05/06/2017	Steel for the reinforcement of concrete
 Korea, Republic of	KOR/682/Add.1	02/24/2017	Not given	Foods, livestock products
 Korea, Republic of	KOR/709	03/27/2017	05/26/2017	Livestock products
 Kuwait	KWT/350	03/13/2017	05/12/2017	Nuts
 Kuwait	KWT/351	03/13/2017	05/12/2017	Wheat flour
 Kuwait	KWT/352	03/23/2017	05/22/2017	Pesticides and other agrochemicals
 Kuwait	KWT/353	03/28/2017	05/27/2017	Road vehicles in general
 Kuwait	KWT/354	03/30/2017	05/29/2017	Commercial bitter varieties of cassava roots grown from <i>Manihot esculenta</i> Crantz, of the <i>Euphorbiaceae</i> family
 Mexico	MEX/10/Add.1	03/22/2017	Not given	Data message storage
 Mexico	MEX/222/Add.3	03/01/2017	Not given	Hydrocarbons
 Mexico	MEX/279/Add.1	03/01/2017	Not given	Vehicles other than railway or tramway rolling-stock, and parts and accessories thereof (HS 87)
 Mexico	MEX/300/Add.5	03/09/2017	Not given	Petroleum products (headings 27.01 to 2901.10)
 Mexico	MEX/301/Add.2	03/01/2017	Not given	Alcoholic beverages, mezcal (HS 2208.90.05)
 Mexico	MEX/352	03/02/2017	05/01/2017	Products of plant origin

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 Mexico	MEX/353	03/02/2017	03/21/2017	Haemodialysis infrastructure
 Mexico	MEX/355	03/21/2017	Not given	Equipment to block mobile phone signals, radio-communications and the transmission of images and other data (heading 8517)
 New Zealand	NZL/77	03/08/2017	05/07/2017	Personal care products containing microbeads that are rinsed off, for example body scrubs, facial cleaners, and toothpastes
 Nicaragua	NIC/151	03/02/2017	05/01/2017	Meat sausages
 Oman	OMN/291	03/13/2017	05/12/2017	Nuts
 Oman	OMN/292	03/13/2017	05/12/2017	Wheat flour
 Oman	OMN/293	03/14/2017	05/13/2017	Air-Conditioners
 Oman	OMN/294	03/23/2017	05/22/2017	Pesticides and other agrochemicals
 Oman	OMN/295	03/28/2017	05/27/2017	Road vehicles in general
 Oman	OMN/296	03/30/2017	05/29/2017	Commercial bitter varieties of cassava roots grown from <i>Manihot esculenta</i> Crantz, of the <i>Euphorbiaceae</i> family
 Qatar	QAT/466	03/13/2017	05/12/2017	Nuts
 Qatar	QAT/467	03/13/2017	05/12/2017	Wheat flour
 Qatar	QAT/468	03/23/2017	05/22/2017	Pesticides and other agrochemicals
 Qatar	QAT/469	03/28/2017	05/27/2017	Road vehicles in general
 Qatar	QAT/470	03/30/2017	05/29/2017	Commercial bitter varieties of cassava roots grown from <i>Manihot esculenta</i> Crantz, of the <i>Euphorbiaceae</i> family
 Russian Federation	RUS/82	03/01/2017	05/10/2017	Milk and dairy products
 Saudi Arabia	SAU/970	03/13/2017	05/12/2017	Nuts
 Saudi Arabia	SAU/971	03/13/2017	05/12/2017	Wheat flour
 Saudi Arabia	SAU/972	03/23/2017	05/22/2017	Pesticides and other agrochemicals
 Saudi Arabia	SAU/973	03/28/2017	05/27/2017	Road vehicles in general
 Saudi Arabia	SAU/974	03/30/2017	05/29/2017	Commercial bitter varieties of cassava roots grown from <i>Manihot esculenta</i> Crantz, of the <i>Euphorbiaceae</i> family
 Switzerland	CHE/216	03/09/2017	05/20/2017	Telecommunication equipment, radio equipment and telecommunication terminal equipment
 Taiwan Economy	TPKM/250/Add. 1	02/24/2017	Not given	Safety footwear and protective footwear (refer to attachment)
 Taiwan Economy	TPKM/251/Add. 1	03/06/2017	Not given	Food additives, egg products, edible vinegars and infant foods
 Taiwan Economy	TPKM/255/Add. 1	03/13/2017	Not given	Self-ballasted fluorescent lamps (HS Chapter 85, 853931)
 Taiwan Economy	TPKM/265	03/02/2017	04/21/2017	Telecommunications radio-frequency devices
 Taiwan Economy	TPKM/265/Add. 1	03/06/2017	Not given	Telecommunications radio-frequency devices
 Taiwan Economy	TPKM/266	03/13/2017	05/12/2017	Food sold by vending machines
 Tanzania	TZA/75	02/27/2017	04/28/2017	Oilseeds

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 Tanzania	TZA/76	02/27/2017	04/28/2017	Oilseeds
 Tanzania	TZA/77	02/27/2017	04/28/2017	Oilseeds
 Tanzania	TZA/78	03/27/2017	05/26/2017	Alcoholic Beverages
 Tanzania	TZA/79	03/27/2017	05/26/2017	Alcoholic Beverages
 Tanzania	TZA/80	03/27/2017	05/26/2017	Alcoholic Beverages
 Tanzania	TZA/81	03/27/2017	05/26/2017	Alcoholic beverages
 Tanzania	TZA/82	03/27/2017	05/26/2017	Alcohol Beverages
 Tanzania	TZA/83	03/27/2017	05/26/2017	Alcoholic Beverages
 Tanzania	TZA/84	03/27/2017	05/26/2017	Alcoholic Beverages
 Tanzania	TZA/85	3/27/2017	5/26/2017	Alcoholic Beverages
 Tanzania	TZA/86	03/27/2017	05/26/2017	Alcoholic Beverages
 Tanzania	TZA/87	03/27/2017	05/26/2017	Alcoholic Beverages
 Tanzania	TZA/88	03/27/2017	05/26/2017	Alcoholic Beverages
 Thailand	THA/443/Add.1	03/06/2017	Not given	Fluorescent lamps, Discharge lamps (HS 8539)
 Thailand	THA/444/Add.1	03/06/2017	Not given	Fluorescent lamps, Discharge lamps (HS 8539)
 Thailand	THA/472/Add.1	03/03/2017	Not given	Grills, toasters and similar portable cooking appliances
 Thailand	THA/475/Add.1	03/06/2017	Not given	Cord extension sets (HS 8536)
 Thailand	THA/477/Add.1	03/06/2017	Not given	Tumble dryers (HS 845121)
 Uganda	UGA/609	02/27/2017	04/28/2017	Organic fertilizer. Animal or vegetable fertilisers, whether or not mixed together or chemically treated; fertilisers produced by the mixing or chemical treatment of animal or vegetable products. (HS 3101)
 Uganda	UGA/610	02/27/2017	04/28/2017	Inorganic foliar fertilizer (HS 31)
 Uganda	UGA/611	02/27/2017	04/28/2017	Magnesium sulphate fertilizer (HS 31)
 Uganda	UGA/612	03/02/2017	05/01/2017	Food grade material, Food packaging
 Uganda	UGA/613	03/20/2017	05/19/2017	Egg powder
 Uganda	UGA/614	03/21/2017	05/20/2017	Copper rod, bar and wire
 Uganda	UGA/615	03/21/2017	05/20/2017	Steel tubes for non-pressure purposes
 Uganda	UGA/616	03/21/2017	05/20/2017	Plastic cling wrap film for food contact use
 Uganda	UGA/617	03/30/2017	05/29/2017	Poultry feed premix; Preparations of a kind used in animal feeding (HS 2309)
 Uganda	UGA/618	03/30/2017	05/29/2017	Dairy cattle feed premix; Preparations of a kind used in animal feeding (HS 2309)
 Uganda	UGA/619	03/30/2017	05/29/2017	Macadamia kernels; Edible fruit and nuts; peel of citrus fruit or melons (HS 08)

Country	Notification	Date Issued	Final Date for Comments	Merchandise Covered
 Uganda	UGA/620	03/30/2017	05/29/2017	Roasted macadamia
 Uganda	UGA/621	03/30/2017	05/29/2017	Cashew kernels; Coconuts, Brazil nuts and cashew nuts, fresh or dried, whether or not shelled or peeled (HS 0801)
 Uganda	UGA/622	03/30/2017	05/29/2017	Roasted cashew kernels.. Coconuts, Brazil nuts and cashew nuts, fresh or dried, whether or not shelled or peeled (HS 0801)
 Uganda	UGA/623	03/30/2017	05/29/2017	Pulse flour
 Uganda	UGA/624	03/30/2017	05/29/2017	Plant protein-based yoghurt; Buttermilk, curdled milk and cream, yogurt, kephir and other fermented or acidified milk and cream, whether or not concentrated or containing added sugar or other sweetening matter or flavoured or containing added fruit, nuts or cocoa (HS 0403)
 Uganda	UGA/625	03/30/2017	05/29/2017	Shoe polish; Polishes, creams and similar preparations for footwear or leather (HS 340510)
 United Arab Emirates	ARE/354	03/13/2017	05/12/2017	Nuts
 United Arab Emirates	ARE/355	03/13/2017	05/12/2017	Wheat flour
 United Arab Emirates	ARE/356	03/23/2017	05/22/2017	Pesticides and other agrochemicals
 United Arab Emirates	ARE/357	03/28/2017	05/27/2017	Road vehicles in general
 United Arab Emirates	ARE/358	03/30/2017	05/29/2017	Commercial bitter varieties of cassava roots grown from Manihot esculenta Crantz, of the <i>Euphorbiaceae</i> family
 United States	USA/1031/Add.5	03/29/2017	Not given	Tobacco products (HS 2402)
 United States	USA/1062/Add.4	03/28/2017	Not given	Ceiling fans (HS 8414.51)
 United States	USA/1076/Add.1	03/06/2017	Not given	Portable fuel containers
 United States	USA/1107/Add.1	03/06/2017	Not given	Building codes
 United States	USA/1109/Add.1	03/06/2017	Not given	Fire prevention code
 United States	USA/1110/Add.1	03/06/2017	Not given	Industrial building safety
 United States	USA/1111/Add.1	03/06/2017	Not given	Amusement devices
 United States	USA/1116/Add.4	02/24/2017	Not given	Canned and bottled foods and beverages
 United States	USA/1116/Add.5	03/08/2017	Not given	Canned and bottled foods and beverages
 United States	USA/1122/Add.3	03/28/2017	Not given	Compressors
 United States	USA/1144/Add.6	03/06/2017	Not given	Chemical bulk storage
 United States	USA/1189/Add.4	03/28/2017	Not given	Walk-in coolers and walk-in freezers. Refrigerators, freezers and other refrigerating or freezing equipment, electric or other; heat pumps other than air conditioning machines of heading 84.15 (HS 8418)
 United States	USA/1207/Add.1	03/08/2017	Not given	Antifreeze (HS 3820)
 United States	USA/1208/Add.1	03/08/2017	Not given	Fuel inspection
 United States	USA/1216/Add.2	03/06/2017	Not given	Ozone-depleting substances
 United States	USA/1231/Add.1	03/06/2017	Not given	Onions (HS 0703)
United States	USA/1243/Add.1	02/24/2017	Not given	Passenger equipment safety standards
United States	USA/1248/Add.1	03/08/2017	Not given	Maritime radio equipment

Country	Notification	Date Issued	Final Date for Comments	Merchandise Covered
 United States	USA/1256/Add.1	02/24/2017	Not given	Enhanced flight vision systems
 United States	USA/1259/Add.1	02/24/2017	Not given	Venison
 United States	USA/1262/Add.1	02/24/2017	Not given	Organic food
 United States	USA/1264/Add.1	02/24/2017	Not given	Meat and poultry products
 United States	USA/1268/Add.1	03/28/2017	Not given	Hazardous materials; unrefined petroleum products
 United States	USA/1275	02/28/2017	Not given	Low-rise residential buildings, energy efficiency
 United States	USA/1275/Add.1	03/06/2017	Not given	Low-rise residential buildings, energy efficiency
 United States	USA/1275/Add.2	03/28/2017	Not given	Low-rise residential buildings, energy efficiency
 United States	USA/1276	02/28/2017	03/20/2017	Chemical substances
 United States	USA/1277	02/28/2017	03/20/2017	Chemical substances
 United States	USA/1278	02/28/2017	03/20/2017	Commercial harbor craft
 United States	USA/1279	02/28/2017	03/20/2017	Diesel-fueled transport refrigeration units
 United States	USA/539/Rev.1	03/07/2017	Not given	Toddler beds (HS 9404)
 United States	USA/552/Rev.1/Add.4	03/28/2017	Not given	Air conditioners, heat pumps (HS 8415.10, 8418.61)
 United States	USA/748/Add.3	03/08/2017	Not given	Magnet sets
 United States	USA/777/Add.4	03/28/2017	Not given	Hybrid and electric vehicles
 United States	USA/827/Add.7	03/28/2017	Not given	Formaldehyde emissions, composite wood products
 United States	USA/828/Add.5	03/28/2017	Not given	Third-party certification framework for the formaldehyde standards
 United States	USA/972/Add.3	03/06/2017	Not given	Information and communication technology
 Yemen	YEM/70	03/13/2017	05/12/2017	Nuts
 Yemen	YEM/71	03/13/2017	05/12/2017	Wheat flour
 Yemen	YEM/72	03/23/2017	05/22/2017	Pesticides and other agrochemicals
 Yemen	YEM/73	03/28/2017	05/27/2017	Road vehicles in general
 Yemen	YEM/74	03/30/2017	05/29/2017	Commercial bitter varieties of cassava roots grown from Manihot esculenta Crantz, of the <i>Euphorbiaceae</i> family

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
07-30-15	270700	Schrade SCHOTF3 Viper Out-the-Front Assisted Opening knife	9898.00.00 [GIR 1,6; meets the criteria of a prohibited weapon]
09-21-15	271862	Dulce de Leche milk caramel spread	1901.90.39.90 [GIR 1,6]
12-17-15	272821	Cobra MKII retractable tool lanyard	8479.89.90.90 [GIR 1,6; CDN Rule 1; Sec. XVI, Supp. Note 1; CITT AP-94-157 and AP-98-078]
	272315	Large Animal Tool Box (113740.000.000)	3926.90.99.90 [GIR 1,6; EN Exc. (f) to 42.02; EN (10) to 39.26]
	271343	Lid Assembly Skillet Side Solution, product number 9988-5031	7321.90.10.29 [GIR 1,6]
	271236	Oster® FYD Dog Shed Blade, product number 78279-109-001	9615.19.00.00 [GIR 1,6; EN 1 to Chap 96; Sec. XV note 1(m)]
	271248	PL65-12/24DC/12-24AC electric door strike insert	8301.40.90.92 [GIR 1,6; CDN Rule 1; CITT AP 95-100]
02-11-16	271885	Men's Dry Tech Shell System Jacket, Style DF7634	6210.40.90.90 [GIR 1, 6; Chap 59 LN 2]
	270804	Trailer brake turn signal light	8512.20.00.20 [GIR 1,6; EN 85.12 Item 9; LN 2(f) to Sec. XII]
	270805	Trailer side turn signal lamp	8512.20.00.20 [GIR 1,6;

CBP Rulings: Downloads and Searches

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

CBP Rulings: Revocations or Modifications

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

Published in CBP Bulletin (P) Proposed (A) Action	Product(s) or Issue(s)	Ruling(s) to be Modified (M) or Revoked (R)	Old Classification or Position	New Ruling	New Classification or Position	Comments Due (C) or Effective Date (E)
Proposed Revocations/modifications						
(P) 03-08-17	Tariff classification of certain non-motorized knee scooters	NY N246495 (R) NY N182928 (R)	8716.80.5090	HQ H280343	9021.10.00 [GRI 1; Chap. 90 Note 6; Sec. XVII Note 2(g)]	(C) 04-07-17
Revocations/Modifications						
(A) 03-08-17	Tariff classification of certain plastic rainwear	NY N247420 (M)	3926.20.60	Withdrawn	No modification is necessary	(E) Immediate
	Tariff classification of focaccia.	NY J89472 (R)	1905.90.9090	HQ H269056	1905.90.1049 [GRI 1, 6]	(E) 05-08-17
	Tariff classification of	NY N253198 (R)	6307.90.98	HQ H264344	9404.90.2000 [GRI 1,	

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	internally padded ground mats	NY H82586 (R) NY G85866 (R) NY G86314 (R) NY G86128 (R) NY F81159 (R) NY E87993 (R) NY D80795 (R) NY 878296 (R) NY 849584 (R)	6307.90.99 6307.90.90		Sec.XI, Note 1(a)]	

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*.

Implementing Regulation	Description of the goods	Classification (CN code)	Reasons
	None issued in March 2017		

Amendments to the CN Explanatory Notes

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

Official Journal	CN code or page	Description of Articles
2017/C 89/06	Pg. 344 – CN subheading 8536 69 10 to 8536 69 90	Replacement of text and images to the explanatory note to CN subheading 8536 69 10 to 8536 69 90
2017/C 92/04	Pg. 95 – CN 2103 90 90	New explanatory note text is inserted for 2103 90 90 (Other) following 2103 90 30 and before 2104.

Section 337 Actions

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

Inv. №	Commodity	Action
337-TA-945	Certain Network Devices, Related Software and Components Thereof (II)	Commission Decision to Review in Part a Final Initial Determination Finding a Violation of Section 337; Request for Written Submissions
337-TA-976	Certain Woven Textile Fabrics and Products Containing Same	Issuance of a General Exclusion Order; Termination of the Investigation
337-TA-989	Certain Automated Teller Machines, ATM Modules, Components Thereof, and Products Containing the Same	Commission Determination Not to Review an Initial Determination Amending the Complaint and Notice of Investigation to Reflect a Corporate Name Change
337-TA-989		Notice of Request for Statement on the Public Interest
337-TA-1002	Certain Carbon and Alloy Steel Products	Commission Determination to Seek Further Written Submissions from the Public and to Reschedule the Date for an Oral Argument
337-TA-1014	Certain Composite Intermediate Bulk Containers	Commission Determination Not To Review an Initial Determination Terminating the Investigation Based on the Withdrawal of the Complaint; Termination of the Investigation
337-TA-1024	Certain Integrated Circuits With Voltage Regulators and Products Containing Same	Commission Determination Not To Review an Initial Determination Amending the Complaint and Notice of Investigation
337-TA-1029	Certain Mobile Electronic Devices	Commission Determination Not to Review an Initial Determination Terminating the Investigation Based Upon a Settlement Agreement and Withdrawal of the Complaint; Termination of the Investigation
337-TA-1030	Certain High-Potency Sweeteners, Processes for Making Same, and Products Containing Same	Commission Determination Not To Review an Initial Determination Granting Complainants' Motion for Termination of the Investigation Based on Withdrawal of the Complaint; Termination of the Investigation
337-TA-1032	Certain Single-Molecule Nucleic Acid Sequencing Systems and Reagents, Consumables, and Software for Use With Same	Commission Determination Not To Review an Initial Determination Granting an Unopposed Motion To Amend the Complaint and Notice of Investigation
337-TA-1041	Certain Digital Television Set-Top Boxes, Remote Control Devices, and Components Thereof	Institution of Investigation based on a complaint filed on behalf of OpenTV, Inc.; Nagra USA, Inc.; NagraVision SA; and Kudelski SA alleging patent infringement
337-TA-1042	Certain Hybrid Electric Vehicles and Components Thereof	Institution of Investigation based on a complaint filed on behalf of Paice LLC and Abell Foundation, Inc. alleging patent infringement
337-TA-1043	Certain Electrical Connectors, Components Thereof, and Products Containing the Same	Institution of Investigation based on a complaint filed on behalf of J.S.T. Corporation alleging patent infringement
337-TA-1044	Certain Graphics Systems, Components Thereof, and Consumer Products Containing the Same	Institution of Investigation based on a complaint filed on behalf of Advanced Micro Devices, Inc. and ATI Technologies ULC alleging patent infringement
337-TA-1045	Certain Document Cameras and Software for Use Therewith	Institution of Investigation based on a complaint filed on behalf of Pathway Innovations and Technologies, Inc. alleging patent infringement

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

Ref. №	Commodity	Complaint filed on behalf of:
DN 3199	Certain Non-Volatile Memory Devices and Products Containing Same	Macronix International Co., Ltd. and Macronix America, Inc.
DN 3200	Certain Semiconductor Devices and Consumer Audiovisual Products Containing the Same	Broadcom Corporation
DN 3202	Certain Mirrors with Internal Illumination and Components Thereof	Electric Mirror, LLC and Kelvin 42 LLC
DN 3204	Certain Digital Cable and Satellite Products, Set-Top Boxes,	Sony Corporation and Sony Electronics Inc.

Ref. №	Commodity	Complaint filed on behalf of:
	Gateways, and Components Thereof	
DN 3205	Certain Intravascular Administration Sets and Components Thereof	Curlin Medical Inc., ZEVEEX, Inc., and Moog Inc.
DN 3206	Certain Dental Ceramics, Products Thereof, and Methods of Making the Same	Ivoclar Vivadent AG, Ivoclar Vivadent, Inc., and Ardent Inc.
DN 3207	Certain Thermoplastic- Encapsulated Electric Motors, Components Thereof, and Products and Vehicles Containing Same	Intellectual Ventures II LLC
DN 3209	Certain LTE Wireless Communication Devices and Components Thereof	LG Electronics, Inc., LG Electronics Alabama, Inc.; and LG Electronics MobileComm U.S.A.

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.



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Case №	Merchandise/Country	Action
A-533-810	Stainless Steel Bar From India	Preliminary Results of ADD Administrative Review; 2015-2016
C-489-830	Steel Concrete Reinforcing Bar From Turkey	Affirmative CVD Determination and Alignment of Final CVD Determination With Final ADD Determination
A-583-850	Certain Oil Country Tubular Goods From Taiwan	Rescission of ADD Administrative Review; 2015-2016
A-351-825	Stainless Steel Bar From Brazil	Preliminary Results of ADD Administrative Review; 2015-2016
A-570-044	1,1,1,2 Tetrafluoroethane (R-134a) From China	Final Determination of Sales at LTFV and Affirmative Determination of Critical Circumstances, in Part
A-588-873	Certain Cold-Rolled Steel Flat Products From Japan	Final Results of Changed Circumstances Review, and Revocation of ADD Order, in Part
A-580-	Certain Cut-to-Length Carbon-Quality Steel Plate Products From S. Korea	Preliminary Results of ADD Administrative Review; 2015-2016
A-570-905	Certain Polyester Staple Fiber From China	Preliminary Results and Partial Rescission of the ADD Administrative Review; 2015-2016
C-570-037	Certain Biaxial Integral Geogrid Products From China	CVD Order
A-570-036	Certain Biaxial Integral Geogrid Products From China	ADD Order
A-469-805	Stainless Steel Bar From Spain	Preliminary Results of ADD Administrative Review; 2015-2016
A-580-885	Phosphor Copper From S. Korea	Final Affirmative Determination of Sales at LTFV and Negative Final Determination of Critical Circumstances
A-580-868	Large Residential Washers From S. Korea	Preliminary Results of the ADD Administrative Review; 2015-2016
A-570-051	Certain Hardwood Plywood Products From China	Postponement of Preliminary Determination of ADD Investigation
A-201-842	Large Residential Washers From Mexico	Preliminary Results of the ADD Administrative Review; 2015-2016
A-549-822	Certain Frozen Warmwater Shrimp From Thai-	Preliminary Results of ADD Administrative Review and Preliminary


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Case №	Merchandise/Country	Action
	land	Determination of No Shipments; 2015-2016
A-533-840	Certain Frozen Warmwater Shrimp From India	Preliminary Results of ADD Administrative Review; 2015-2016
A-570-954	Certain Magnesita Carbon Bricks From China	Rescission of ADD Administrative Review
A-533-869	Certain New Pneumatic Off-the-Road Tires From India	ADD Order
C-570-971	Multilayered Wood Flooring From the People's Republic of China:	Final Results of Expedited First Sunset Review of the CVD Order
C-533-870 C-542-801	Certain New Pneumatic Off-the-Road Tires From India and Sri Lanka	Amended Final Affirmative CVD Determination for India and CVD Orders
A-570-979 A-570-010	Crystalline Silicon Photovoltaic Cells, Whether or Not Assembled Into Modules, From China; Certain Crystalline Silicon Photovoltaic Products From China	Initiation and Preliminary Results of Changed Circumstances Reviews: ADD Orders and ADD Order
A-588-815	Gray Portland Cement and Cement Clinker From Japan	Final Results of Expedited Fourth Sunset Review of the ADD Order
C-570-011	Certain Crystalline Silicon Photovoltaic Products From China	Preliminary Results of CVD Administrative Review and Preliminary Intent To Rescind, in Part; 2014-2015
A-570-851	Certain Preserved Mushrooms From China	Preliminary Results of ADD Administrative Review and Preliminary Determination of No Shipments; 2015-2016
A-570-010	Certain Crystalline Silicon Photovoltaic Products From China	Preliminary Results of ADD Administrative Review and Preliminary Determination of No Shipments; 2014-2016
A-583-853	Certain Crystalline Silicon Photovoltaic Products From Taiwan	Preliminary Results of ADD Administrative Review and Partial Rescission of ADD Administrative Review; 2014-2016
A-570-822 A-583-820	Certain Helical Spring Lock Washers From China and Taiwan	Final Results of the Expedited Fourth Five-Year Sunset Reviews of the ADD Orders
A-580-810 A-583-815	Welded ASTM A-312 Stainless Steel Pipe From S. Korea and Taiwan	Final Results of the Expedited Fourth Sunset Reviews of the ADD Orders
A-588-876	Steel Concrete Reinforcing Bar From Japan	Preliminary Affirmative Determination of Sales at LTFV
A-583-859	Steel Concrete Reinforcing Bar From Taiwan	Preliminary Affirmative Determination of Sales at LTFV, Postponement of Final Determination, and Extension of Provisional Measures
A-489-829	Steel Concrete Reinforcing Bar From Turkey	Preliminary Affirmative Determination of Sales at LTFV
A-570-896	Magnesium Metal From China	Final Results of Antidumping Duty Administrative Review; 2015-2016
A-570-049 C-570-050	Ammonium Sulfate From China	ADD and CVD Orders
A-570-970	Multilayered Wood Flooring From China	Final Results of Expedited First Sunset Review of ADD Order
A-580-867	Large Power Transformers from S. Korea	Final Results of ADD Administrative Review; 2014-2015
C-580-837	Certain Cut-to-Length Carbon-Quality Steel Plate From S. Korea	Preliminary Results of Countervailing Duty Administrative Review, and Preliminary Intent to Rescind in Part: Calendar Year 2015
A-570-928	Uncovered Innerspring Units From China	Final Results of ADD Administrative Review; 2015-2016
C-570-039	Certain Amorphous Silica Fabric From China	CVD Order
A-570-038	Certain Amorphous Silica Fabric From China	ADD Order
A-533-843	Certain Lined Paper Products From India	Final Results of ADD Administrative Review; 2014-2015
A-570-909	Certain Steel Nails From China	Final Results of ADD Administrative Review, Final Determination of No Shipments and Final Partial Rescission; 2014-2015
C-570-048	Certain Carbon and Alloy Steel Cut-to-Length Plate From China	CVD Order
A-570-047	Certain Carbon and Alloy Steel Cut-to-Length Plate From China	ADD Order


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Case №	Merchandise/Country	Action
C-570-921	Lightweight Thermal Paper From China	Notice of Rescission of CVD Administrative Review; 2015
A-570-899	Certain Artist Canvas From China	Continuation of the ADD Order
A-475-818	Certain Pasta From Italy	Notice of Preliminary Results of Antidumping Duty Changed Circumstances Review
A-570-863	Honey From China	Notice of Partial Rescission of Antidumping Duty Administrative Review; 2015-2016
A-570-970 C-570-971	Multilayered Wood Flooring From China	Final Results of Changed Circumstances Reviews
A-570-890	Wooden Bedroom Furniture From China	Final Results of Changed Circumstances Review
C-570-046	1-Hydroxyethylidene-1, 1-Diphosphonic Acid From China	CVD Investigation: Final Affirmative Determination
A-570-045	1-Hydroxyethylidene-1, 1-Diphosphonic Acid From China	Final Determination of Sales at LTFV
A-580-886	Ferrovandium From S. Korea	Final Determination of Sales at LTFV
C-570-039	Certain Amorphous Silica Fabric From China	CVD Order - Correction
A-201-838	Seamless Refined Copper Pipe and Tube From Mexico	Rescission of ADD Administrative Review; 2015-2016
A-552-801	Certain Frozen Fish Fillets From Vietnam	Final Results and Partial Rescission of ADD Administrative Review; 2014-2015
A-583-849	Steel Wire Garment Hangers From Taiwan	Rescission of ADD Administrative Review; 2015-2016
C-570-009	Calcium Hypochlorite From China	Final Decision to Rescind the CVD New Shipper Review of Haixing Jingmei Chemical Products Sales Co., Ltd.
A-552-814	Utility Scale Wind Towers From Vietnam	Notice of Court Decision Not in Harmony with the Final Determination of LTFV Investigation and Notice of Amended Final Determination of Investigation
C-570-054	Certain Aluminum Foil From China	Initiation of CVD Investigation
A-570-053	Certain Aluminum Foil From China	Initiation of LTFV Investigation
A-570-863	Honey From China	Final Rescission of the New Shipper Review of Shanghai Sunbeauty Trading Co., Ltd


United States International Trade Commission (USITC)

Inv. №	Merchandise/Country	Action
731-TA-472	Silicon Metal From China	(Fourth Review) Institution of a Five-Year Review
731-TA-540-541	Welded Stainless Steel Pipe From Korea and Taiwan	(Fourth Review) Scheduling of an Expedited Five-Year Review
731-TA-313, 314, 317, 379	Brass Sheet and Strip From France, Germany, Italy, and Japan	(Fourth Review) Institution of Five-Year Reviews
731-TA-624-625	Helical Spring Lock Washers From China and Taiwan	(Fourth review) Scheduling of an Expedited Five-Year Review
701-TA-554 731-TA-1309	Certain Biaxial Integral Geogrid Products From China	(Final) Determinations that an industry in the United States is materially injured by reason of imports from China that have been found by Commerce to be sold in the United States at LTFV and to be subsidized by the government of China
731-TA-461	Gray Portland Cement and Cement Clinker From Japan	(Fourth Review) Scheduling of an Expedited Five-Year Review
731-TA-669	Cased Pencils From China	(Fourth Review) Notice of Commission Determination To Conduct a Full Five-Year Review and Scheduling of a Full Five-Year Review


United States International Trade Commission (USITC)

Inv. №	Merchandise/Country	Action
701-TA-562 731-TA-1329	Ammonium Sulfate From China	(Final) Determinations that an industry in the United States is materially injured by reason of imports that have been found by Commerce to be sold in the United States at LTFV, and to be subsidized by the government of China.
701-TA-382 731-TA-800, 801, 803	Stainless Steel Sheet and Strip From Japan, Korea, and Taiwan	(Third Review) Scheduling of Full Five-Year Reviews
731-TA-1330	Diocetyl terephthalate (DOTP) From Korea	(Final) Scheduling of the final phase of an antidumping duty investigation
731-TA-1091	Artists' Canvas From China	(Second Review) Determination that revocation of the ADD order would be likely to lead to continuation or recurrence of material injury to an industry in the United States within a reasonably foreseeable time
731-TA-663	Paper Clips From China	(Fourth Review) Notice of Commission Determination To Conduct a Full Five-year Review and Scheduling of a Full Five-year Review
731-TA-1334-1337	Emulsion Styrene-butadiene Rubber From Brazil, Korea, Mexico, and Poland	(Final) Scheduling of the Final Phase of Antidumping Duty Investigations
701-TA-567-569 731-TA-1343-1345	Silicon Metal from Australia, Brazil, Kazakhstan, and Norway	(Preliminary) Institution of AD and CVD Investigations and Scheduling of Preliminary Phase Investigations
701-TA-570 731-TA-1346	Aluminum Foil From China	(Preliminary) Institution of AD and CVD Investigations and Scheduling of Preliminary Phase Investigations
701-TA-564 731-TA-1338-1340	Steel Concrete Reinforcing Bar From Japan, Taiwan, and Turkey	(Final) Scheduling of the Final Phase of CVD and ADD Investigations
701-TA-555 731-TA-1310	Certain Amorphous Silica Fabric From China	(Final) Determinations that an industry in the United States is materially injured by reason of imports that have been found by Commerce to be sold in the United States at LTFV, and to be subsidized by the government of China. Because a minority of participating Commissioners made affirmative findings that imports subject to Commerce's affirmative critical circumstance determination are likely to undermine seriously the remedial effect of the ADD order the Commission has not made an affirmative critical circumstances finding with respect to such imports
701-TA-388, 389, 391 731-TA-817, 818, 821	Cut-to-Length Carbon Quality Steel Plate from India, Indonesia, and Korea	(Third Review) Notice of Commission Determination to Conduct Full Five-Year Reviews
731-TA-287	Raw-In-Shell Pistachios From Iran	(Second Review) Revised Schedule for Full Five-Year Review
701-TA-560 731-TA-1320	Carbon and Alloy Steel Cut-to-Length Plate From China	(Final) Determination that an industry in the United States is materially injured by reason of imports that have been found by Commerce to be sold in the United States at LTFV and subsidized by the government of China.
701-TA-556 731-TA-1311	Truck and Bus Tires From China	(Final) Determination that an industry in the United States is not materially injured or threatened with material injury by reason of imports that have been found by Commerce to be sold in the United States at LTFV and subsidized by the government of China.
701-TA-571-572 731-TA-1347-1348	Biodiesel From Argentina and Indonesia	(Preliminary) Institution of AD and CVD Investigations and Scheduling of Preliminary Phase Investigations
701-TA-475 731-TA-1177	Aluminum Extrusions From China	(Review) Determinations that revocation of the CV and ADD orders would be likely to lead to continuation or recurrence of material injury to an industry in the United States within a reasonably foreseeable time
701-TA-557 731-TA-1312	Stainless Steel Sheet and Strip From China	(Final) Determinations that an industry in the United States is materially injured by reason of imports of subject products that have been found by Commerce to be sold in the United States at LTFV, and to be subsidized by the government of China



Canadian International Trade Tribunal (CITT)

Ref. Number	Merchandise/Country	Action
	None published during March	



Canada Border Services Agency (CBSA)

Ref. Number	Merchandise/Country	Action
SM2 2017 IN	<i>Dumping</i> : certain silicon metal originating in or exported from Brazil, Kazakhstan, Lao PDR, Malaysia, Norway, the Russian Federation and Thailand; and the alleged injurious <i>subsidizing</i> of certain silicon metal originating in or exported from Brazil, Kazakhstan, Malaysia, Norway and Thailand	Notice of Initiation of Investigations - Statement of Reasons



NAFTA Panels

Ref. Number	Merchandise/Country	Action
USA-MEX-2014-1904-02	Steel Concrete Reinforcing Bar from Mexico	Notice of Completion of Panel Review - Final Panel Decision of the Binational Panel dated February 2, 2017, affirming the Determination on Remand



Mexico - Ministry of Economy

Ref. Number	Merchandise/Country	Action
	None published during March	



European Union

Ref. Number	Merchandise/Country	Action
(EU) 2017/366	Crystalline silicon photovoltaic modules and key components (i.e. cells) originating in or consigned from China	Commission Implementing Regulation imposing definitive CVD following an expiry review and terminating the partial interim review investigation
(EU) 2017/367	Crystalline silicon photovoltaic modules and key components (i.e. cells) originating in or consigned from China	Commission Implementing Regulation imposing definitive ADD following an expiry review and terminating the partial interim review investigation
2017/C 67/10	Crystalline silicon photovoltaic modules and key components (i.e. cells) originating in or consigned from China	Notice of initiation of a partial interim review of the AD and CV measures
2017/C 72/03	Chamois leather originating in, or exported from, China	Notice of the impending expiry of certain AD measures on 07.12.2017
(EU) 2017/421	Certain graphite electrode systems originating in India	Commission Implementing Regulation imposing a definitive CVD on imports following an expiry
(EU) 2017/422	Certain graphite electrode systems originating in India	Commission Implementing Regulation imposing a definitive ADD on imports following an expiry review



European Union

Ref. Number	Merchandise/Country	Action
(EU) 2017/423	Certain footwear with uppers of leather originating in China and Vietnam	Commission Implementing Regulation re-imposing a definitive anti-dumping duty and collecting definitively the provisional duty imposed on imports and produced by specific companies implementing the judgment of the Court of Justice in Joined Cases C-659/13 and C-34/14
(EU) 2017/454	Crystalline silicon photovoltaic modules and key components (i.e. cells) originating in or consigned from China	Commission Implementing Regulation withdrawing the acceptance of the undertaking for four exporting producers under Implementing Decision 2013/707/EU confirming the acceptance of an undertaking offered in connection with the AD and anti-subsidy proceedings for the period of application of definitive measures
2017/C 101/08	Lever arch mechanisms originating in China	Notice concerning the AD measures in force: change of name of one company subject to an individual anti-dumping duty rate



Australian Anti-Dumping Commission

Ref. №	Merchandise/Country	Action
2017/24	Pineapples (Consumer) From Thailand	Initiation of an Accelerated Review
2017/25	Hollow Structural Sections From India and UAE	Resumption of an Investigation
2017/26	Aluminium Extrusions From China	Initiation of an Accelerated Review
2017/28	A4 Copy Paper From China, Brazil, Indonesia and Thailand	Extension of Time Granted to Provide Final Report
2017/29	A4 Copy Paper From China, Brazil, Indonesia and Thailand	Extension of Time Granted to Provide Final Report
2017/31	Aluminium Extrusions From China	Initiation of Exemption Inquiry
2017/32	Tomato Products, Prepared or Preserved From Italy	Initiation of an Accelerated Review
2017/34	A4 Copy Paper from China, Brazil, Indonesia and Thailand	Part Termination of Investigation
2017/35	Aluminium Zinc Coated Steel and Zinc Coated (Galvanised) Steel from Korea	Extension of Time Granted to Provide SEF and Final Report
2017/36	Aluminium Extrusions from Malaysia and Vietnam	Extension of time to publish SEF and Final Report
2017/37	Aluminium Extrusions From Malaysia and Vietnam	Preliminary Affirmative Determination - Amendment of Securities
2017/38	Aluminium Extrusions From China	Initiation of a Review of AD Measures
2017/41	Various	Status Report as at 28 February 2017
2017/42	Aluminium Extrusions From China	Initiation of an Accelerated Review



China Ministry of Commerce (MOFCOM)

Ref. №	Merchandise/Country	Action
16, 2017	Methyl isobutyl (meth) ketone originating in Korea, Japan and South Africa	Initiation of AD investigation
14.2017	Nylon 6 slices originating in the United States, the European Union, Russia and Taiwan.	Publication of rate applicable to Dolby Sulfur Co.
10/2017	Photographic Paper Originating in the European Union, the United States and Japan	Final Examination and Accreditation of AD Measures
15/2017	Sugar [Safeguard]	Decision to extend the investigation period of this case to May 22, 2017.



Australian Anti-Dumping Commission

Ref. №	Merchandise/Country	Action
13/2017	Bisphenol A Originating in Thailand	Initiation of AD investigation



Government of India Ministry of Finance (Department of Revenue)

Notification №	Merchandise/Country	Action
08/2017-Cus (ADD)	Phosphoric Acid-Technical Grade and Food Grade (including Industrial Grade), originating in or exported from China	Orders provisional assessment on imports by M/s. Guangxi Quinzhou Capital Success Chemical Co. Ltd. (producer or exporter) into India till the finalization of New Shipper Review initiated by DGAD, vide notification No.15/5/2016 - DGAD, dated 09.02.2017
09/2017-Cus (ADD)	Indolinone originating in or exported from China	Imposes ADD up to and inclusive of 20th November, 2019.
10/2017-Cus (ADD)	1,1,1,2-Tetrafluoroethane or R-134a, originating in or exported from China	Orders provisional assessment on imports by M/s. Zhejiang Sanmei Chemical Ind. Co., Ltd. (Producer/Exporter) [China PR], M/s Zhejiang Sanmei Chemical Products Co., Ltd (Exporter) [China PR] and M/s Jiangsu Sanmei Chemical Ind. Co., Ltd (Producer) [China PR] into India, till the finalization of New Shipper Review initiated by DGAD, vide notification No.15/22/2016-DGAD dated 27.02.2017.



Brazil Ministry of Industry, Foreign Trade and Services

Reference	Merchandise/Country	Action
SECEX Cir. № 12	PET film originating in the United Arab Emirates, Mexico and Turkey	Initiates review of the AD measure
SECEX Cir. № 13	New radial tires for buses and trucks, rims 20 “, 22 “ and 22.5 “ originating in Japan	Updates the price commitment for product exported by the company Sumitomo Rubber Industries (SRI)
SECEX Cir. № 14	Certain coarse salt that is not intended for animal consumption, including human, originating in the Republic of Chile	Updates the price commitment for product manufactured and exported by K + S Chile SA
SECEX Cir. № 15	Fresh or chilled garlic originating in China	Begins scope assessment of ADD
SECEX Cir. № 16	Certain flat rolled products of alloy or non-alloy steel originating in China, USA and Russia	Extends the deadline for the conclusion of the dumping investigation
SECEX Cir. № 17	Certain coarse salt not intended for animal consumption, including human consumption originating in Chile	Preliminary affirmative determination of likelihood of a continuation of dumping

Opportunity to Request Administrative Review

In a March 6, 2017 *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:

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AD/CVD Proceedings - Country/ Merchandise	Case No.	Period
Antidumping Duty Proceedings		
Australia: Uncoated Paper	A-602-807	8/26/15-2/28/17
Brazil: Uncoated Paper	A-351-842	8/27/15-2/28/17
Canada: Iron Construction Castings	A-122-503	3/1/16-2/28/17
France: Brass Sheet & Strip	A-427-602	3/1/16-2/28/17
Germany: Brass Sheet & Strip	A-428-602	3/1/16-2/28/17
India: Sulfanilic Acid	A-533-806	3/1/16-2/28/17
Italy: Brass Sheet & Strip	A-475-601	3/1/16-2/28/17
Portugal: Uncoated Paper	A-471-807	8/26/15-2/28/17
Russia: Silicon Metal	A-821-817	3/1/16-2/28/17
Spain: Stainless Steel Bar	A-469-805	3/1/16-2/28/17
Taiwan: Light-Walled Rectangular Welded Carbon Steel Pipe and Tube	A-583-803	3/1/16-2/28/17
Thailand: Circular Welded Carbon Steel Pipes and Tubes	A-549-502	3/1/16-2/28/17
The PR of China: Chloropicrin	A-570-002	3/1/16-2/28/17
Circular Welded Austenitic Stainless Pressure Pipe	A-570-930	3/1/16-2/28/17
Glycine	A-570-836	3/1/16-2/28/17
Sodium Hexametaphosphate	A-570-908	3/1/16-2/28/17
Tissue Paper Products	A-570-894	3/1/16-2/28/17
Uncoated Paper	A-570-022	8/26/15-2/28/17
Countervailing Duty Proceedings		
India: Sulfanilic Acid	C-533-807	1/1/16-12/31/16
Indonesia: Uncoated Paper	C-560-829	6/29/15-12/31/16
Iran: In-Shell Pistachios Nuts	C-507-501	1/1/16-12/31/16
The PR of China: Uncoated Paper	C-570-023	6/29/15-12/31/16
Circular Welded Austenitic Stainless Pressure Pipe	C-570-931	1/1/16-12/31/16
Turkey: Circular Welded Carbon Steel Pipe and Tubes	C-489-502	1/1/16-12/31/16
Suspension Agreements		
Mexico: Fresh Tomatoes	A-201-820	3/1/16-2/28/17

Requested Reviews

In a March 15, 2017 *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
Antidumping Duty Proceedings		
PR of China: Potassium Permanganate	A-570-001	01/1/16 - 12/31/16
Multilayered Wood Flooring	A-570-970	12/1/15 - 11/30/16
Wooden Bedroom Furniture	A-570-890	01/1/16 - 12/31/16
Republic of Korea: Welded Line Pipe	A-580-876	5/22/15 - 11/30/16
Countervailing Duty Proceedings		
PR of China: Multilayered Wood Flooring	C-570-971	1/1/15 - 12/31/15
Suspension Agreements		
None		

Initiation of Sunset Reviews

In a March 3, 2017, *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-427-602	731-TA-313	France	Brass Sheet & Strip (4 th Review)
A-428-602	731-TA-317	Germany	Brass Sheet & Strip (4 th Review)
A-475-601	731-TA-314	Italy	Brass Sheet & Strip (4 th Review)
A-588-704	731-TA-379	Japan	Brass Sheet & Strip (4 th Review)
A-570-806	731-TA-472	PRC	Silicon Metal (4 th Review)

Advance Notification of Sunset Reviews

In a March 15, 2017, *Federal Register* [notice](#), the US Department of Commerce advised that the following cases were scheduled for five-year (“Sunset”) reviews for April 2017.

AD/CVD Proceedings - Merchandise/Country	Case No.
Antidumping Duty Proceedings	
Fresh Garlic from China	A-570-831 (4 th Review)
Stilbenic Optical Brightening Agents from China	A-570-972 (1 st Review)
Stilbenic Optical Brightening Agents from Taiwan	A-583-848 (1 st Review)
Steel Nails from United Arab Emirates	A-520-804 (1 st Review)
Countervailing Duty Proceedings	
No Sunset Review of countervailing duty orders is scheduled for initiation in April 2017	
Suspended Investigations	
No Sunset Review of suspended investigations is scheduled for initiation in April 2017	



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