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International Trade Webinar

Wednesday 19 July 2017



QATAR DIPLOMATIC CRISIS

Navigating the uncertainty of doing business with Qatar

On Monday, 5 June 2017, Saudi Arabia, the United Arab Emirates, Bahrain and Egypt cut diplomatic ties with Qatar and moved to close off access to the Gulf country, with a boycott on air, sea or land traffic to and from Qatar, with other Arab and African countries following their lead. The political and economic boycott has had major implications for international trade.

Baker McKenzie's Global International Trade team invites you to a one-hour webinar on Wednesday, 19 July 2017, to provide insights on the latest developments, discuss the legal and commercial impact of the boycott on doing business with Qatar and/or Qatari nationals, and consider how businesses can ensure their operations continue to run as smoothly as possible.

We hope you can join us. Kindly register using the link on the right-hand side. Log-in details will be sent via email the day before the event. In the meantime, please feel free to contact UAE.BD@bakermckenzie.com if you have any queries.

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United Nations

UNSC adopts Resolution 2356 on North Korea extending asset freeze and travel ban to additional individuals and asset freeze to additional entities

On 2 June 2017, the [United Nations Security Council \(UNSC\) adopted Resolution 2356 \(2017\)](#) on the DPR Korea (North Korea) which condemns in the strongest terms the nuclear weapons and ballistic missile development activities including a series of ballistic missile launches and other activities conducted by the DPRK since 9 September 2016 in violation and flagrant disregard of the Security Council's resolutions. The UNSC decided that the measures (asset freeze) specified in paragraph 8 (d) of resolution [1718 \(2006\)](#) shall apply to the 14 individuals and four entities listed in Annex I and II of the resolution and to any individuals or entities acting on their behalf or at their direction, and to entities owned or controlled by them, including through illicit means, and that the measures specified in paragraph 8 (e) of resolution [1718 \(2006\)](#) (travel ban) shall apply to the individuals listed in Annex I of the resolution and to individuals acting on their behalf or at their direction.

World Trade Organization (WTO)

Solid progress in talks on Australia's accession to the Government Procurement Agreement

On 21 June 2017, the WTO [announced](#) that work to complete Australia's accession to the *WTO Government Procurement Agreement* (GPA) has intensified and is nearing final stages. The accessions of the Kyrgyz Republic and Tajikistan to the Agreement are advancing steadily as well, informal discussions in the Committee on Government Procurement on 21 June 2017 have confirmed. The accession negotiations of Russia and the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia kicked off at the meeting.

Public viewing of oral hearing in "US — Tax Incentives" appeal

On 16 June 2017, the WTO [announced](#) that at the request of the United States in the dispute [United States – Conditional Tax Incentives for Large Civil Aircraft](#) (DS487), the Appellate Body Division in these appellate proceedings had authorized observation of the oral hearing by WTO members and the general public via delayed broadcast. The broadcast of the opening statements took place on Wednesday, 5 July 2017 at WTO headquarters in Geneva.

Given the need to protect certain sensitive business information, public observation was limited to the opening statements of the member delegations that agreed to have their statements made public.

Places reserved for the public were allocated on a first come, first served basis.

WTO website offers easier access to members' rules of origin

On 15 June 2017, the WTO announced that WTO members and the general public are now able to directly access members' legislation and practices related to rules of origin as a result of changes made in the [WTO's rules of origin webpage](#). The revised webpage also contains updated information on the current work of the WTO's Committee on Rules of Origin.

With the multiplication of regional trade agreements, an increasing number of countries apply a variety of different sets of preferential rules of origin. In addition, a growing number of WTO members have also introduced non-preferential origin requirements. As a result, there is growing demand for transparency and a better understanding of these requirements.

To simplify and centralise access to such requirements, notifications received by the WTO Secretariat regarding members' preferential and non-preferential rules of origin are now directly accessible via the revised [webpage](#). For non-preferential rules of origin, a scroll-down menu allows users to quickly check which WTO members apply or do not apply non-preferential rules of origin and, in the case of the former, to access details on their relevant rules.

For preferential rules of origin, details can be retrieved through the [WTO Preferential Trade Agreements](#) database and the [WTO's Regional Trade Agreements Information System](#).

The revised webpage on rules of origin also contains new features, such as streamlined menus and centralized information, documents for meetings, links to relevant disputes, and information on technical assistance. In addition, the content has been updated to reflect the current work of the WTO's Committee on Rules of Origin.

Ag committee reviews WTO members' export support policies

On 7 June 2017, the WTO [announced](#) that WTO members held their annual review of export subsidies and other export support policies at the Committee on Agriculture meeting on 7 June. They also exchanged information on each other's farm policies. Canada's dairy policies and India's wheat stocks attracted much attention from members. The announcement stated that:

The Committee's review of agricultural export policies is part of the monitoring of how the Nairobi decision on farm export subsidies is being implemented. Members decided at the December 2015 Ministerial Conference in Nairobi to eliminate agricultural export subsidies — widely seen as an unfair trade practice that distorts trade and undermines food production in vulnerable countries — and to strengthen rules on other forms of export support.

The WTO Secretariat circulated a new, revised background document [G/AGW/125/Rev.6](#) with its four addenda on export subsidies, export finance, international food aid and agricultural exporting state trading enterprises (STEs). The Cairns group of agricultural exporting nations and the Russian Federation circulated document [G/AGW/164](#) analysing the information on export support policies. It noted that this was the first annual review based on members' reporting for 2016, i.e. the beginning of the Committee's assessment of members' implementation of the Nairobi Ministerial Decision.

Among the 18 members (1) that have scheduled export subsidy commitments as a result of the Uruguay Round, two members — New Zealand and Panama — have already phased out their export subsidies. Australia was the first member that submitted an amended schedule to the WTO to give up its export subsidy entitlement effective as of 22 May 2017. Several members provided updates on the steps being undertaken domestically to prepare for the modification of their schedules of commitments. The European Union, Israel and Norway indicated that they expected to notify their revised export subsidies schedules before the end of 2017.

Members exchanged information on other aspects of export competition disciplines — export financing support, agriculture exporting STEs, and international food aid.

On export financing support, "just under half of the programmes reported have repayment terms that exceed the 18 months maximum repayment period established in the MC10 decision," the paper by the Cairns group and Russia noted, while "sixteen members notified or reported agriculture exporting STEs covering a wide range of products".

The Chair of the Committee, Mr Alf Vederhus of Norway, noted that members still need to beef up their efforts to share information. "I urge members, developed and

developing ones in a position to do so, to make all possible efforts to provide in an accurate and timely manner, and when possible improve, the information provided to inform this dedicated discussion on export competition”, he said.

Members also exchanged information on their farm policy practices. The questions and answers to each query can be found in the Agriculture Information Management System.

Trade Policy Review: Nigeria

The fifth review of the trade policies and practices of Nigeria took place on 13 and 15 June 2017. The basis for the review was a [report by the WTO Secretariat](#) and a [report by the Government of Nigeria](#).

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
DS436	United States –Countervailing Measures on Certain Hot-Rolled Carbon Steel Flat Products from India (Request by India concerning consultations US compliance with an earlier WTO ruling)	09-06-17

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
DS353	United States — Measures Affecting Trade in Large Civil Aircraft — Second Complaint (Complainant: European Communities)	Panel report issued	09-06-17
DS456	India – Certain Measures Relating to Solar Cells and Solar Modules (Complainant: US)	Agreement on reasonable period of time for implementation	20-06-17

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)

HSC Decisions released

On 14 June 2017, the WCO announced that the decisions taken by the WCO Harmonized System Committee (HSC) at its 59th Session (15 to 24 March 2017) have now been published on the [WCO website](#).

These include, in particular, 27 new Classification Opinions and 30 sets of amendments to the HS Explanatory Notes, as well as 28 Classification Rulings dealing with, among other things, arachidonic acid (ARA) oil; a mixture of pieces of red and green pepper fruits (*Capsicum frutescens*) filled with cheese (feta cheese and fresh cheese), submerged in a liquid consisting of sunflower oil, garlic and spices; rapid diagnostic test kits for detecting the Zika virus and other diseases transmitted by mosquitoes of the *Aedes* genus; a medicated bone graft substitute; photoresists, i.e., light-sensitive plastic resin solutions used in the photolithographic manufacture of semiconductor materials; table top art easels; laminated textile fabric; an electronic safe made of steel, designed to protect valuables; a palm size washer device operated by a small electric motor, used to remove stains from clothes; unassembled bicycle parts; a virtual reality headset designed to be connected to and used with a specific type of mobile phone; and jump ropes.

- [Classification Rulings – HS Committee 59th Session](#)
- [Amendments to the Compendium of Classification Opinions – HS Committee 59th Session](#)
- [Amendments to the Harmonized System Explanatory Notes – HS Committee 59th Session](#)

Announcements and news releases [dd-mm-yy]

Date	Title
01-06-17	WCO supports Palestine's FTA drive
	WCO Supports Egyptian Customs Authority (ECA) Drafting their Strategic Plan
	Addition of Annexes I – B to III – B and Appendix to the 'WCO Guide for Technical Update of Preferential Rules of Origin'
05-06-17	WCO Accreditation Workshop on Post-Clearance Audit takes place in Shanghai, China
	Mexico and Israel Sign Joint Action Plan on AEO Programs
06-06-17	WCO successfully supports Jordan Customs to conduct a Time Release Study (TRS)
07-06-17	The Power of Data 2017: WCO ITC launches discussions on latest IT trends
	Liberia Revenue Authority: Edging closer to establishing a modern HRM system
08-06-17	The European user base of the nCEN is growing
	WCO conducts a diagnostic on the capacity of Burkina Faso Customs to enforce the CITES Convention
09-06-17	WCO supports the Ethiopian Revenue and Customs Authority (ERCA) in completing a Risk Management Diagnostic
	Ukraine hosts a national workshop on the Harmonized System and the role of the Customs Laboratory
12-06-17	WCO supports the EAC with the development of a new 5 year risk management strategy
	WCO supports the consolidation of the SAFE Framework of Standards and the implementation of AEO programme in Fiji
	Afghan Customs Department (ACD) benefits from WCO support in defining its strategic plan for the period 2018-2022
13-06-17	Cyprus Customs briefs students on the protection of cultural heritage
	G20 Africa Partnership
14-06-17	WCO Sub-regional Workshop on Technical Update of Rules of Origin for ASEAN Member Countries held in Bangkok, Thailand
	Classification decisions taken at the 59th Session of the Harmonized System Committee have been released
15-06-17	WCO Workshop on Customs Valuation and Revenue Package for Asia Pacific Region highlights importance of strengthening Customs – Tax cooperation
	WCO Western Balkans Strategic Trade Control Enforcement Training Event –

Date	Title
	Zagreb 6-9 June
	WCO National Workshop on Post-Clearance Audit takes place in Minsk, Belarus
	Azerbaijan hosts a national Workshop on the modernization of its Customs Laboratories
16-06-17	WCO meets with Brussels-based Asean Ambassadors
	WCO support to Guinea Customs promotes and enables further cooperation between border agencies in the area of enforcement
	2017 WCO ITC concludes with expert insights on the Power of Data
20-06-17	WCO assists Pakistan Customs to map its WeBOC system to the WCO Data Model
	WCO National Workshop on the Revenue Package with focus on the HS 2017 in Apia, Samoa
	Update of the Comparative Study on Preferential Rules of Origin
21-06-17	WCO Knowledge Academy opened its doors this week
	Latest edition of WCO News now available
	WCO Supported Nigeria's National Committee on Trade Facilitation (NCTF)
22-06-17	WCO supported Cameroon's FTA implementation
	WCO Support a Regional Approach on Advance Rulings for SACU
26-06-17	Global Customs community marks the 2017 International Day against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking
27-06-17	WCO supports Ethiopia to strengthen its capacities in Post-Clearance Audit (PCA)

Other International Matters

CITES Notification to Parties

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

Date	Title
02-06-17	2017/042 National Ivory Action Plans (NIAP) Process – Decision of the Standing Committee
08-06-17	2017/043 Totoaba (<i>Totoaba macdonaldi</i>)
	2017/044 Registration of operations that breed Appendix-I animal species in captivity for commercial purposes
15-06-17	2017/045 Disposal of confiscated live specimens – Online survey
	2017/046 Canada – Stricter domestic measures regarding import of Caudata spp.
27-06-17	2017/047 MADAGASCAR – Recommendation to suspend commercial trade in specimens of the species <i>Dalbergia spp.</i> and <i>Diospyros spp.</i> from Madagascar
	2017/048 Registration of operations that breed Appendix-I animal species in captivity for commercial purposes
29-06-17	2017/049 IPBES: External review for the global assessment of biodiversity and ecosystem services

The Americas - Central America

Panama

Official Gazette

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

Publication Date	Title
01-06-17	Food Safety Authority (FSA): Resolution № 021-2016 (07-11-16) Amending Resolution No. 006-2015 of September 9, 2015, for Which the Pan American Food Safety Authority Establishes Tariffs In Concept of Services Provided by the National Directorate of Analysis and Control of Imported Foods.
07-06-17	Agriculture: Executive Decree № 80 Which establishes in one charge the rate for the Phytosanitary Inspection Service for export shipping and issue of the Phytosanitary Certificate, established in Executive Decree No. 54 of 04-09-98
09-06-17	National Customs Authority (NCA): Administrative Res. № 221 (06-06-17) Re-organizing the Committee of Customs Appeals National Biosafety Commission for Genetically Modified Organisms: Resolution № CNB 07-2017 (01-06-17) Whereas the Final Protection of the Lots (CY-2013) Imported in May 2014 and (CY 2014) Imported in March of 2015, of the Genetically Modified Salmon Atlántico (Salmo Salar), Under the Construction of a Single Copy of the Form of the RADN OPAFP-GHC2 Construction in the Locus- in the Triploid Lineage, Hemocigota, Being All the Female Atlántico Salmon (Salmo Salar), Known as Aquadventure.
13-06-17	Colon Free Zone: Res. JD № 003-17 (07-06-17) Establishing special rates and fees for the free port
20-06-17	National Assembly: Law № 47 (16-06-17) Establishes provisions for the import of agricultural products subject to quotas for disposal. Commerce and Industries: Res. № 13 (13-06-17) for which the le-029 accreditation is maintained by the company SGS Panamá Control Services, Inc. NCA: Res. № 242 (16-06-17) A Public Auction Is Authorized for the Goods Offered at the Facilities of the National Authority of Aduanas, Building 1009, Avenida Dulcideo González, Curundú Corregimiento, Panamá District, Panamá Province.
21-06-17	NCA: Adm. Res. № 241 (15-06-17) Reorganization of the Committee for Customs Appeals
27-06-17	NCA: Res. № 250 (26-06-17) In which the use of the economic and financial resources of the Customs Public Management Fund and of the Customs Security Fund of the National Customs Authority is regulated and a legal provision is repealed NCA: Res № 251 (26-06-17) through which is recognized as a simplified customs declaration, the Colón Free Port special invoice, and the company's electronic signature is accepted, when it is fulfilled with the requirements of law.

The Americas - North America

Canada

Canada and Chile announced modernized FTA

On June 5, 2017, the Hon. François-Philippe Champagne and Heraldo Muñoz, Chile's Minister of Foreign Affairs signed Amending Agreements to modernize the [Canada-Chile Free Trade Agreement](#) (CCFTA). The modernized CCFTA will support an open, inclusive and progressive rules-based trading environment. The most recent amendments to the CCFTA are:

- [Amending Agreement \(signed June 5, 2017, not yet in force\)](#)
 - o [Appendix I: Chapter C bis: Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures](#)
 - o [Appendix II: Chapter C ter: Technical Barriers to Trade](#)
 - o [Appendix III: Amendments to Article Kbis-05: Time Limits for Tendering Process](#)
- [Amending Agreement In Respect of Investment and Trade and Gender \(signed June 5, 2017, not yet in force\)](#)

- o [Appendix I: Chapter G: Investment](#)
- o [Appendix II: Chapter N bis: Trade and Gender](#)
- [Proposed amendments to Chapter D \(Rules of Origin\) and Annex D-01 \(Specific Rules of Origin proposed in 2013\)](#)

Global Affairs Canada stated that 2017 marks the 20th anniversary of the CCFTA). During that period, bilateral merchandise trade has more than tripled growing to \$2.4 billion in 2016. At the end of 2016, the stock of Canadian investment in Chile was \$16.5 billion, making Chile the top direct investment destination in South and Central America. For additional information, see the [CCFTA page at Global Affairs Canada](#),

Canada announces NAFTA consultation

On June 3, 2017, the *Canada Gazette* published a [notice](#) from Global Affairs Canada announcing that the Government of Canada is seeking the views of Canadians on the scope of the renegotiation and modernization of the existing 23 year old North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) with the United States and Mexico. The notice stated in part:

The Government of Canada is committed to strengthening and deepening relationships with its North American partners. As the Government prepares for these discussions, the Government is seeking views on key areas in NAFTA that could be clarified or updated, and on any new areas that should form part of a modernized agreement. Furthermore, given that NAFTA has been in force for over 20 years, the Government is seeking information on the areas that have been the most beneficial to Canadian exporters. Views should also take into account reactions to potential proposals from the United States or Mexico where Canada could be pressed to take on commitments to address perceived trade irritants.

This notice is part of the Government of Canada's ongoing domestic consultation process with stakeholders, including provinces and territories, businesses, civil society organizations, labour unions, academia, Canada's Indigenous peoples, and individual Canadians.

Given that the Agreement is over 23 years old, there are many clarifications and technical improvements that could be made in all trade areas covered by NAFTA, such as labour, the environment or culture. The Agreement would also benefit from the inclusion of new trade areas, such as electronic commerce, that are not currently covered, to ensure the Agreement is aligned with today's economic realities. Canada is committed to upholding and supporting a vibrant and globally competitive North American manufacturing sector that provides stable, rewarding, and well-paying jobs for Canadians.

Additional information on the public consultations on the renegotiation and modernization of NAFTA can be found at the following addresses:

- Global Affairs Canada (www.international.gc.ca):
- Consulting Canadians on the renegotiation of the North American Free Trade Agreement with the United States and Mexico (www.international.gc.ca/nafta)

The Government is seeking input on the following questions:

- In your view, what should be a priority for the Government of Canada in the renegotiation of NAFTA (e.g. trade areas, practices, issues)?
- Are there elements of NAFTA that are working well and should be preserved or improved upon?
- Are you aware of any trade practices, laws or regulations in the United States, and/or in Mexico, that undermine or could undermine meaningful market access for Canadian goods and services?

More specifically, Canada is seeking views on the following areas included in NAFTA:

- Preamble
- Objectives
- General Definitions
- National Treatment and Market Access for Goods
 - o Annex 300-A: Trade and Investment in the Automotive Sector
 - o Annex 300-B: Textile and Apparel Goods
- Rules of Origin
 - o Annex 401: Specific Rules of Origin
- Customs Procedures
- Energy and Basic Petrochemicals
- Agriculture and Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures
- Emergency Action
- Standards-Related Measures
- Government Procurement
- Investment
- Cross-Border Trade in Services
- Telecommunications
- Financial Services
- Competition Policy, Monopolies and State Enterprises
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- Publication, Notification and Administration of Laws
- Review and Dispute Settlement in Antidumping/ Countervailing Duty Matters
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 - o Annex I: Reservations for Existing Measures and Liberalization Commitments
 - o Annex II: Reservations for Future Measures
 - o Annex III: Activities Reserved to the State
 - o Annex IV: Exceptions from Most-Favored-Nation Treatment
 - o Annex V: Quantitative Restrictions
 - o Annex VI: Miscellaneous Commitments
 - o Annex VII: Reservations, Specific Commitments and Other Items

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
06-03-17	Global Affairs: Consultations on the renegotiation and modernization of the North American Free Trade Agreement (N) Health: Notice to interested parties — Proposal regarding the scheduling of U-47700 under the Controlled Drugs and Substances Act and its Regulations (N)
06-10-17	Environment: Notice of intent to amend the Domestic Substances List under subsection 87(3) of the Canadian Environmental Protection Act, 1999 to indicate that subsection 81(3) of that Act applies to the substances benzenamine, 4,4'-methylenebis- and formaldehyde, polymer with benzenamine, also known as 4,4'-MDA and pMDA, respectively (N) Environment/Health: Publication after screening assessment of 88 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) Environment/Health: Publication of final decision after assessment of five methylenediphenyl diisocyanate and two methylenediphenyl diamine substances specified on the Domestic Substances List (paragraphs 68(b) and (c) or subsection 77(6) of the Canadian Environmental Protection Act, 1999) (N)
06-17-17	Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA): Notice of intent to amend the Food and Drug Regulations to update the beer compositional standards (N) Environment: Ministerial Condition No. 19007 (Paragraph 84(1)(a) of the Canadian Environmental Protection Act, 1999) (N) Environment/Health: Publication after screening assessment of 74 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) Environment/Health: Updates on activities under the third phase of the Chemicals Management Plan -Canadian Environmental Protection Act, 1999 (CE-PA), the Canada Consumer Product Safety Act (CCPSA), the Pest Control Products Act (PCPA), and the Food and Drugs Act (FDA) (N) Environment: Proposed Order Amending Schedule 1 to the Species at Risk Act (PR) Environment: Proposed Order Adding Toxic Substances to Schedule 1 to the Canadian Environmental Protection Act, 1999 (PR) Health: Proposed Corded Window Coverings Regulations pursuant to the Canada Consumer Product Safety Act (PR)
06-24-17	Environment: Significant New Activity Notice No. 19046 pursuant to Section 85 of the Canadian Environmental Protection Act, 1999 (N) Environment: Waiver of information requirements for substances (subsection 81(9) of the Canadian Environmental Protection Act, 1999) (N) Environment/Health: Proposed Order Adding a Toxic Substance to Schedule 1 to the Canadian Environmental Protection Act, 1999 (PR) Transport: Proposed Transportation of Dangerous Goods by Rail Security Regulations pursuant to the Transportation of Dangerous Goods Act, 1992 (PR)
06-28-17	Environment: Regulations Amending the Wild Animal and Plant Trade Regulations (SOR/2017-123, June 9, 2017) pursuant to the Wild Animal and Plant Protection and Regulation of International and Interprovincial Trade Act (R)

CBSA advance rulings

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

[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
05-26-17	D3-1-8	Cargo – Export Movements
	D3-1-1	Policy Respecting the Importation and Transportation of Goods (Revised)
	D3-6-6	Rail Pre-arrival and Reporting Requirements (Revised)
06-06-17	CN 17-18	Arctic Shipping Electronic Commercial Clearances Program
	D11-4-13	Rules of Origin for Casual Goods Under Free Trade Agreements (Revised)
	D11-4-2	Proof of Origin of Imported Goods (Revised)
06-07-17	CN 17-19	System Outages, Interim Measures and Issuance of ACI Penalties to Highway Carriers
	D9-1-1	Canada Border Services Agency's Policy on the Classification of Obscene Material (Revised)
06-08-17	D2-6-3	Disposition of Alcoholic Beverages (Revised)
06-19-17	D9-1-15	Canada Border Services Agency's Policy on the Classification of Hate Propaganda, Sedition and Treason (Revised)
06-20-17	D9-1-17	Canada Border Services Agency's Determination Procedures for Obscenity and Hate Propaganda (Revised)
06-21-17	D19-1-1	Food, Plants, Animals and Related Products (Revised)
	CN 17-20	Update - Deconsolidation Notice – Paper Options for Warehouse Operations, Terminal Operators and Freight Forwarders
06-23-17	D10-15-11	Sports Goods of Tariff Item 9984.00.00

Antidumping and countervailing duty cases

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

Mexico

Ministry of Economy enables website for comments and proposals for NAFTA

On June 25, 2017 the Ministry of Economy [announced](#) a new website for interested parties to send and publish their comments, as well as their proposals through digital files, regarding the modernization of the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA).

This website is enabled following up on the order of the Mexican President and as part of the permanent enquiry process for guiding the modernization of NAFTA, extending online the public enquiry process that has been performed in the past months, to more sectors of the country.

The Ministry of Economy will be receiving comments and proposals through the enabled website (<http://www.economia-snci.gob.mx/tlcan/>) from June 26 to July 26, 2017.

The Ministry of Economy held an enquiry period from February 1 to May 3, 2017 with certain productive sectors of the country through the Strategic Advisory Council on International Negotiations, which groups the business chambers and associations, and with farmer organizations, agriculture producers, educational institutions and representatives from the cultural sector.

The topics mainly covered in this website are:

- Agroindustrial sector
- Manufacturing and services sector
- Rules of Origin and procedures related to origin
- Textile and clothing goods
- Customs administration and trade facilitation
- Technical obstacles to commerce
- Investment
- Cross-Border Services Trade
- Temporary Entry of Business People
- Labor
- Environment
- Commercial Remedies (Chapter XIX)

How we can help

Our Trade and Commerce practice group has the necessary knowledge and experience to help you in the preparation of your comments and proposals, since they must address the objectives that the modernization of NAFTA should follow, identify specific interests and/or cover additional related matters. This article was authored by: [Edith Salcedo Hinojosa](#).

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Government procurement thresholds under FTAs published

On June 26, 2017, the Secretary of Public Function – Sub-secretary of Administrative Responsibilities and Public Contracts published in the *Diario Oficial de la Federación* (the Official Federal Gazette) [a circular](#) [Oficio №. UNCP/309/TU/370/2017] with tables showing in national currency the thresholds under the various free trade agreements of which Mexico is a party that apply from July 1, 2017 through December 31, 2017, when foreign companies seek to provide goods and services to the Government.

LOCATION OF DEPENDENCIES AND ENTITIES SUBJECT TO THE COVERAGE OF THE CHAPTERS OR SHARES OF PURCHASES OF THE PUBLIC SECTOR OF THE FREE TRADE TREATIES		
Annexes	Chapter Number or Title	Name of the Treaty
Annexes 1 and 1001.1a- 1a- 2 to Article 1001	Chapter X	North American Free Trade Agreement. (NAFTA)
Sections 1 and 2 of Part A of Annex I to Article 6-01	Chapter VI	Free Trade Agreement between the United Mexican States and the State of Israel. (Mexico - Israel FTA)
Sections 1 and 2, from Part A of Annex XII to Article 56	Chapter V	Free Trade Agreement between the United Mexican States and the States of the European Free Trade Association. (FTA Mexico EFTA)

LOCATION OF DEPENDENCIES AND ENTITIES SUBJECT TO THE COVERAGE OF THE CHAPTERS OR SHARES OF PURCHASES OF THE PUBLIC SECTOR OF THE FREE TRADE TREATIES		
Annexes	Chapter Number or Title	Name of the Treaty
Sections 1 and 2 of Part A of Annex VI to Article 25 of Decision No. 2/2000 of the EC-Mexico Joint Council	Title III	Agreement on Economic Partnership, Political Coordination and Cooperation between the United Mexican States and the European Community and its Member States, and specifically Decision 2/2000 of the EC-Mexico Joint Council. (TLCUE)
Sections 1 and 2 of Part B of Annex 11 to Article 119	Chapter 11	Agreement for the Strengthening of the Economic Partnership between the United Mexican States and Japan (Mexico- Japan FTA)
Annex 15 bis-01, Section B-Mexico List	Chapter 15 bis	Free Trade Agreement between the United Mexican States and the Republic of Chile (FTA Mexico Chile)
Annex 8.2, Section H, called Thresholds, last paragraph	Chapter 8	Additional Protocol to the Pacific Alliance Framework Agreement. (Pacific Alliance)

Taking into consideration that, Circular Letter UNCP / 309 / TU / 726/2015 dated 23 December 2015, was published in the Official Federal Gazette , through which, based on the information provided by the Secretariat The updated values of the thresholds established in those chapters for their scope of application from 1 January 2016 to 31 December 2017, the conversion into national currency of the reference Second half of 2017, in accordance with the following:

1. The articles indicated in the above table stipulate that its scope, among other elements to be considered, will be determined by the estimated value of the contract in relation to the thresholds expressed in US dollars.
2. In accordance with paragraph 1, subsection (c) of NAFTA Chapter X, Annex 1001.1c, the eleventh inflation adjustment to the thresholds took effect for the biennial period from January 1, 2016 through December 31, December 2017, in accordance with the amounts established in Circular Letter No. UNCP / 309 / TU / 726/2015.
3. In accordance with NAFTA Chapter X, paragraph 4, Annex 1001.1c, the conversion of thresholds into national currency shall be made for half-yearly periods of 1 December and 1 June of each year or the first subsequent business day, Using for that purpose the value of the Mexican peso in relation to the United States dollar.

In accordance with the provisions of the preceding paragraph, for the second half of 2017, the exchange rate for the conversion of thresholds for the public sector procurement chapter of these treaties shall be that determined by the Bank of Mexico on June 1, 2017, it published in the Official Journal of the Federation on 02 of the same month and year, this one of \$ 18.5941 MN being (Eighteen pesos with five thousand nine hundred forty-one ten thousandths of national currency) for a US dollar.

4. Also, in accordance with Annex V, to Chapter VI; Annex XVI, to Chapter V; Annex X of Title III; Annex 15, to Chapter 11; Annex 15 bis-05, to Chapter 15 bis and, Annex 8.2 Section H, to chapter 8 of the Mexico-Israel FTA; Mexico-EFTA FTA; TLCUE; Mexico-Japan FTA; Mexico-Chile FTA and Alianza del Pacífico, respectively, establishes that, in order to grant equivalence to the present value of the thresholds applied in the context of NAFTA, the updated value of NAFTA thresholds will be applied.

5. In accordance with points 3 and 4 above, the values in national currency of the thresholds applicable to the procurement chapters of the public sector of the Free Trade Agreements in question, for the period from July 1 to 31 Of December 2017, are as follows:

DEPENDENCIES OF THE FEDERAL PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION LISTED IN PUBLIC SECTOR CHAPTERS OR PURCHASING TITLES	
TYPE OF CONTRACT	AMOUNT OF THRESHOLD NATIONAL CURRENCY BY TREATY
	NAFTA, Mexico - Israel FTA, FTA Mexico – EFTA - TLCUE, FTA Mexico Japan, FTA - Mexico Chile and Pacific Alliance
Contracts for acquisitions, leases of movables and services, including those related to public works	\$ 1 ' 441,656.00 (One million four hundred forty-one thousand six hundred fifty-six pesos 00/100 MN)
Public works contracts	\$ 187 ' 416,721.00 (One hundred eighty seven million four hundred sixteen thousand seven hundred and twenty one pesos 00/100 MN)
PARENTAL ENTITIES OF THE FEDERAL PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION LISTED IN PUBLIC SECTOR CHAPTERS OR PURCHASING TITLES	
TYPE OF CONTRACT	AMOUNT OF THRESHOLD NATIONAL CURRENCY BY TREATY
	NAFTA, Mexico - Israel FTA, FTA Mexico - EFTA, TLCUE, FTA Mexico Japan, FTA Mexico Chile and Pacific Alliance
Contracts for acquisitions, leases of movables and services, including those related to public works	\$ 7 ' 208,319.00 (Seven million two hundred and eight thousand three hundred and nineteen pesos 00/100 MN)
Public works contracts	\$ 230 ' 677,512.00 (Two hundred and thirty million six hundred seventy-seven thousand five hundred and twelve pesos 00/100 MN)

SAT promotes the competitiveness of exporting companies with clearance at their business premises

On June 18, 2017, the Tax Administration Service (SAT) [announced](#) that it is implementing the customs clearance of goods in a companies' own premises, which streamlines the export process and goes one step further towards The Customs for the 21st Century (*Aduana del Siglo 21*). The announcement said:

The Home Office model began in April 2016 with 17 companies and by December of that year there were 64 companies, which made 14,181 operations with the benefits of this office.

To date, 93 companies operate under this model, which have carried out 8,066 operations in the first five months of 2017. In addition, there are another 42 companies, mainly in Torreón, Coahuila that are in the process of authorization to take advantage of the benefits of this clearance.

The model of Home Clearance (*Despacho a Domicilio*), provided for in the Customs Law, consists in granting administrative facilities to companies, previously certified, to carry out the dispatch of their export goods and close the operation at the company's premises through an interface created by the SAT.

The companies that operate with this model, obtain benefits like reduction of times and costs, mainly in transport and storage, and an improvement in its logistic chain, with which they increase its competitiveness in the market.

With the Home Office, the SAT goes one step further in the construction of a competitive customs, an essential element of Customs of the 21st Century.

Cash payments to Customs eliminated for passengers

On June 13, 2017, the Tax Administration Service (SAT) [announced](#) that as part of its Aduana del Siglo 21 (Customs for the 21st Century) program, it has eliminated cash payments to Customs by those passengers exceeding their duty-free

allowance. In the future, passengers exceeding their US\$500 allowance will now pay electronically through debit or credit cards or electronic deposit in banks.

Mexico and US reach agreement on sugar

On June 6, 2017, U.S. Secretary of Commerce Wilbur Ross and Mexican Secretary of Economy Ildefonso Guajardo [announced](#) new agreement in principal to suspend antidumping and countervailing duties against Mexican sugar imports into the United States.

The U.S. Commerce Department said that the new agreements between the United States and Mexican Governments, as well as the Mexican sugar industry, prevent dumping of Mexican sugar and corrects for subsidies the Mexican sugar industry receives. Although the U.S. Commerce Department said that the agreement addresses the concerns of the U.S. sugar industry and prevents harm to other U.S. industries, including confectioners, beverage producers, and corn growers, that might have resulted if no agreement were reached, the American Sugar Alliance initially said it was unable to support the agreements at this time because of what it considers to be loopholes. However on June 15, 2017, the American Sugar Alliance [announced](#) its support for the agreement.

The revised suspension agreement has five major elements:

1. **Price** – The agreement increases the price at which raw sugar must be sold at the mill in Mexico from 22.25 cents per pound to 23 cents per pound. For refined sugar, the price at the mill must increase from 26 cents per pound to 28 cents per pound. These prices exclude packaging and transportation. This is intended to protect the U.S. sugar industry from harm caused by Mexico “dumping” sugar in the United States.
2. **Raw vs. Refined Split** – The new agreement also reduces the percentage of refined sugar that may be imported from 53% to 30%. This results in a significant increase in the amount of raw sugar available to U.S. sugar refiners while ensuring that subsidized refined Mexican sugar imports do not injure U.S. refiners.
3. **Purity/Polarity** – The dividing line between refined and raw sugar was reduced from 99.5 to 99.2 purity, referred to in the industry as “polarity.” This means that “estandar,” a very common variety of sugar from Mexico, will count against the 30% limit on refined sugar. This is intended to further protect against unfair competition from subsidized refined Mexican sugar imports.
4. **Enforcement** – Mexico agreed to increased enforcement measures and to accept significant penalties for violations, including a reduction in the amount of sugar allowed to be imported equal to twice the amount of any sugar found to be in violation of the modified agreements. In addition, Commerce can increase this reduction to three times the amount if necessary to deter further wrongdoing.
5. **Additional U.S. Needs** – Mexico accepted the above significant modifications on the condition that Mexico be granted a right of first refusal to supply 100% of any “additional need” for sugar identified by USDA after April 1 of each year. Additional need is defined as demand for sugar in excess of the demand USDA had predicted for that crop year. USDA will specify whether the additional need sugar is raw or refined without regard to the 70/30 split. The dividing line between raw and refined additional need sugar is 99.5 polarity, but raw sugar must be shipped in bulk in an ocean-going vessel, increasing the likelihood it will enter a U.S. refinery for further processing. Importantly, when the Export Limit is increased pursuant to a request by USDA *prior to April 1*, such sugar shall be subject to the pre-April 1 70/30 split and the 99.2 polarity divide, an added protection for U.S. domestic refiners. Further, USDA retains the flexibility to specify the polarity of *post-April 1* additional needs sugar specifically needed to rectify certain extraordinary and unforeseen circumstances that seriously threaten the economic viability of the U.S. sugar refining industry.

Click [here](#) for a fact sheet on the amended suspension agreements.

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
06-01-17	Economy: Acuerdo publishing Decision No. 88 of the Administrative Committee of the Free Trade Agreement between the United Mexican States and the Republic of Colombia, adopted on 16 May 2017
06-20-17	Foreign Relations: Decree approving the Agreement between the United Mexican States and the Federative Republic of Brazil for the Mutual Recognition of Tequila and Cachaça as Geographical Indications and Distinctive Products of Mexico and Brazil, respectively, signed in Mexico City, 25 July 2016.
	Foreign Relations: Decree approving the Second Modifying Protocol to the Agreement between the Government of the United Mexican States and the Government of the United States of America on the Establishment of the Border Environment Cooperation Commission and the North American Development Bank , in Washington, DC, and in Mexico City on 17 January and 18 April 2017 respectively
06-26-17	Hacienda and Nat. Banking & Securities Comm.: Resolution that modifies the Convocation for the certification in the matter of prevention of operations with resources of illicit origin and financing to the terrorism.
	Public Function: Office Circular that discloses to the decentralized agencies, entities and administrative organs of the Federal Public Administration, as well as to the Attorney General's Office, subject to the coverage of the Free Trade Agreements, the conversion to national currency for the second half of 2017, effective from July 1 to December 31, 2017, according to the respective purchasing chapters .
06-30-17	Economy: Notice announcing the names of the holders and numbers of programs of the suspended manufacturing industry , maquiladora and export services.

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; DED= DELAYED EFFECTIVE DATE. *PLEASE NOTE:* MEETINGS WHICH HAVE ALREADY TAKEN PLACE ARE GENERALLY NOT LISTED.]

Presidential documents

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

Date	Subject
06-15-17	Notice of June 13, 2017 - Continuation of the National Emergency With Re-

Date	Subject
	spect to the Actions and Policies of Certain Members of the Government of Belarus and Other Persons to Undermine Democratic Processes or Institutions of Belarus
	Presidential Determination No. 2017-08 of June 13, 2017 - Presidential Determination Pursuant to Section 4533(a)(5) of the Defense Production Act of 1950 [Determination that critical technology items affecting aerospace structures and fibers, radiation-hardened microelectronics, radiation test and qualification facilities, and satellite components and assemblies are critical to national defense.]
	Presidential Determination No. 2017-09 of June 13, 2017 - Presidential Determination Pursuant to Section 4533(a)(5) of the Defense Production Act of 1950 [Determination that critical technology item shortfalls affecting adenovirus vaccine production capability; high strength, inherently fire and ballistic resistant, co-polymer aramid fibers industrial capability; secure hybrid composite shipping container industrial capability; and three-dimensional ultra-high density microelectronics for information protection industrial capability are critical to national defense.]
Not published	Presidential Memorandum of June 16, 2017 - National Security Presidential Memorandum on Strengthening the Policy of the United States Toward Cuba
06-19-17	Memorandum of June 14, 2017- Effective Date in Executive Order 13780 ["Protecting the Nation from Foreign Terrorist Entry into the United States" is delayed or tolled until injunctions are lifted or stayed]
06-22-17	Presidential Determination No. 2017-06 of May 17, 2017 - Presidential Determination Pursuant to Section 1245(d)(4)(B) and (C) of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2012
06-23-17	Notice of June 21, 2017 - Continuation of the National Emergency With Respect to North Korea
	Notice of June 21, 2017 - Continuation of the National Emergency With Respect to the Western Balkans
06-26-17	Memorandum of June 21, 2017 - Delegation of Authority Under the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2017 - Memorandum for the Secretary of Defense [Section 10005 of the Act]
	Executive Order 13802 of June 21, 2017 - Amending Executive Order 13597 [Establishing Visa and Foreign Visitor Processing Goals and the Task Force on Travel and Competitiveness]
06-30-17	Proclamation 9625 of June 29, 2017 - To Modify Duty-Free Treatment Under the Generalized System of Preferences and for Other Purposes

President proclaims changes to HTS for GSP, ITA, §1205

On June 30, 2017, the *Federal Register* published Presidential [Proclamation 9625 of June 29, 2017 - To Modify Duty-Free Treatment Under the Generalized System of Preferences and for Other Purposes](#). The Proclamation makes the following changes to the *Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States* (HTS):

(1) Modifies the Rates of Duty 1—Special subcolumn for the corresponding HTS subheadings as set forth in section A of Annex I to the proclamation in order to designate certain articles as eligible articles when imported from a beneficiary developing country for purposes of the GSP. These modifications are effective with respect to articles entered, or withdrawn from warehouse for consumption, on or after July 1, 2017.

(2) Modifies the Rates of Duty 1—Special subcolumn for the corresponding HTS subheadings and general note 4(d) to the HTS as set forth in sections B, C, and D of Annex I to the proclamation in order to provide that one or more countries should no longer be treated as beneficiary developing countries with respect to one or more eligible articles for purposes of the GSP. These modifications are effective with respect to articles entered, or withdrawn from warehouse for consumption, on or after July 1, 2017.

(3) Disregards the competitive need limitation provided in section 503(c)(2)(A)(i)(II) of the *Trade Act of 1974*, as amended (the "1974 Act") with respect to the eligible

articles in the HTS subheadings and to the beneficiary developing countries listed in Annex II to the proclamation, effective July 1, 2017.

(4) Waives the application of section 503(c)(2) of the 1974 Act to the article in the HTS subheading (4409.10.05) and to the beneficiary developing country (Brazil) set forth in Annex III to this proclamation, effective July 1, 2017.

(5) Modifies the HTS as set forth in Annex IV to the proclamation to make technical corrections necessary to reflect the suspension of benefits under the GSP with respect to Bangladesh and the termination of benefits under the GSP with respect to Venezuela. The modifications with respect to Bangladesh are effective with respect to articles entered, or withdrawn from warehouse for consumption, on or after September 3, 2013. The modifications with respect to Venezuela are effective with respect to articles entered, or withdrawn from warehouse for consumption, on or after January 1, 2017.

(6) Modifies the HTS as set forth in Annex V in order to make technical corrections necessary to provide the intended tariff treatment to goods covered by the Declaration in accordance with Presidential Proclamation 9466 of June 30, 2016, and to certain goods as recommended in Publications 3898 and 4653 of the International Trade Commission (ITC).

The modifications to the HTS set forth in Section B to Annex IV, and Annex V to the proclamation shall be effective with respect to articles entered, or withdrawn from warehouse for consumption, on or after the dates set forth in the relevant sections of Annexes IV, and V.

Any provisions of previous proclamations and Executive Orders that are inconsistent with the actions taken in the proclamation are superseded to the extent of such inconsistency.

National emergency with respect to North Korea extended

On June 23, 2017, the *Federal Register* published Presidential [Notice of June 21, 2017 - Continuation of the National Emergency With Respect to North Korea](#), which extends for an additional year the national emergency first declared in Executive Order (EO) 13466 on June 26, 2008 to deal with the unusual and extraordinary threat to the national security and foreign policy of the United States constituted by the existence and risk of proliferation of weapons-usable fissile material on the Korean Peninsula.

The national emergency was extended and expanded in EO 13551 (August 30, 2010), EO 13570 (April 18, 2011), EO 13687 (January 2, 2015) and EO 13722 (March 15, 2016). The national emergency is being extended for an additional year because the existence and risk of proliferation of weapons-usable fissile material on the Korean Peninsula and the actions and policies of the Government of North Korea continue to pose an unusual and extraordinary threat to the national security, foreign policy, and economy of the United States.

National emergency with respect to the Western Balkans

On June 23, 2017, the *Federal Register* published Presidential [Notice of June 21, 2017 - Continuation of the National Emergency With Respect to the Western Balkans](#), which extends for an additional year the national emergency first declared in Executive Order (EO) 13219 on June 26, 2001 to deal with the unusual and extraordinary threat to the national security and foreign policy of the United States constituted by the actions of persons engaged in, or assisting, sponsoring, or supporting (i) extremist violence in the Republic of Macedonia and elsewhere in the Western Balkans region, or (ii) acts obstructing implementation of the Dayton Accords in Bosnia or United Nations Security Council Resolution 1244 of

June 10, 1999, in Kosovo. The President subsequently amended that order in EO 13304 of May 28, 2003, to take additional steps with respect to acts obstructing implementation of the Ohrid Framework Agreement of 2001 relating to Macedonia.

The national emergency is being extended because the actions of persons threatening the peace and international stabilization efforts in the Western Balkans, including acts of extremist violence and obstructionist activity, continue to pose an unusual and extraordinary threat to the national security and foreign policy of the United States

President Trump begins process of reversing some Obama-Era changes to U.S. embargo on Cuba

Ending several weeks of speculation about a shift in U.S. policy towards Cuba, on June 16, 2017, President Trump announced changes reversing some of the steps undertaken by the Obama administration to ease the decades-long U.S. embargo of that country. He has directed U.S. government agencies, including the Treasury Department's Office of Foreign Assets Control ("OFAC"), which is responsible for the administration of the U.S. sanctions against Cuba, to "initiate a process to adjust" their respective regulations within 30 days to implement the changes. Importantly, [FAQs issued by OFAC](#) clarify that the 30-day deadline is only to begin the process of amending the regulations and that the announced changes will not take effect until new or amended regulations are issued. Otherwise, no deadline for when the regulations must be amended is specified and OFAC states only that it "expects to issue its regulatory amendments in the coming months."

The primary effects of these changes will be to: (i) curtail self-directed individual travel to Cuba by persons subject to U.S. jurisdiction for purposes of people-to-people educational activities intended to enhance contact with the Cuban people, which is currently authorized pursuant to a general license in OFAC's Cuban Assets Control Regulations ("CACR") as described in our prior post [here](#); and (ii) to prohibit certain transactions with entities controlled by the Cuban military that operate large portions of the Cuban tourist economy. Travel and business transactions commenced before the CACR are amended, however, will be permitted and White House officials have stated that exceptions for airports and seaports will allow airlines and cruise lines to continue to operate in Cuba.

Group people-to-people educational travel authorizations for travel under the auspices of a sponsoring organization will remain unaffected, as will individual travel authorizations for, amongst other things, professional research and meetings, family visits, and humanitarian projects. Existing specific licenses issued by OFAC prior to the amendment of the CACR will also not be affected. Also unaffected are the agricultural commodities and medicine/medical device (or "Ag/Med") licensing provisions permitting the export of such products to Cuba and associated transactions consistent with the *Trade Sanctions Reform and Export Enhancement Act of 2000* ("TSRA") and the *Cuban Democracy Act of 2002*.

While the CACR already require authorized travelers to Cuba to maintain records for five years showing that their travel conforms to the regulations, the President also directed OFAC to implement regular auditing of those records, meaning that travelers will need to be diligent in maintaining documents that show that their

travel to Cuba included a full-time schedule of activities that conform to the particular CACR general authorization under which they are traveling.

In addition to the amendment of the CACR by OFAC, the State Department will publish a list of entities and sub-entities that it deems to be under the control of, or act for or on behalf of, the Cuban military, intelligence, or security services or personnel (such as Grupo de Administracion Empresarial S.A. ("GAESA"), its affiliates, subsidiaries, and successors) with which transactions by persons subject to U.S. jurisdiction will generally be prohibited. GAESA is heavily involved in the tourism sector in Cuba and the amended regulations are expected to prohibit new business with it and other prohibited entities going forward.

Because the amended regulations have not yet been issued, the exact nature of the new restrictions and which Cuban entities will be blocked remain unknown. However, the OFAC FAQs make clear that the changes are limited in scope and, as noted above, will not affect business or travel-related transactions commenced prior to the issuance of the new regulations. The FAQs also state that OFAC will issue additional guidance at the time the regulatory changes are issued regarding travel by cruise ship or passenger vessel and how to identify whether a Cuban party is affiliated with a prohibited entity or sub-entity.

Additional action to effectuate the new policies may also be taken by the U.S. Commerce Department's Bureau of Industry and Security ("BIS"), which administers regulations governing the export of goods, software, and technology subject to U.S. jurisdiction to Cuba, including the travel to Cuba of U.S.-origin airplanes and vessels. As noted above, the President's actions only direct the relevant agencies to begin the process of reviewing and issuing new or amended regulations and the agencies expect that this will take some months. Beyond this it is unclear when these amended regulations will actually be issued. Baker McKenzie will continue to closely monitor the situation and provide updates, and encourages companies with questions to contact us to determine if they will be affected by these changes.

For additional information, please contact [Lloyd Grove](#), [Kathryn J. Anderson](#), [Nicholas F. Coward](#) or any member of our Outbound Trade group with whom you normally work. Check our [Sanctions and Export Controls Update blog](#) for further developments.

President continues national emergency with respect to Belarus

On June 15, 2017, the *Federal Register* published Presidential [Notice of June 13, 2017 - Continuation of the National Emergency With Respect to the Actions and Policies of Certain Members of the Government of Belarus and Other Persons to Undermine Democratic Processes or Institutions of Belarus](#), first declared on June 16, 2006 by Executive Order 13405.

The national emergency was declared to deal with the unusual and extraordinary threat to the national security and foreign policy of the United States constituted by the actions and policies of certain members of the Government of Belarus and other persons to undermine democratic processes or institutions of Belarus, manifested in the fundamentally undemocratic March 2006 elections; to commit human rights abuses related to political repression, including detentions and disappearances; and to engage in public corruption, including by diverting or misusing Belarusian public assets or by misusing public authority.

The national emergency is being extended because the actions and policies of certain members of the Government of Belarus and other persons continue to pose an unusual and extraordinary threat to the national security and foreign policy of the United States.

USTR seeks comments re: Administration's reviews and report to the President on trade agreement violations and abuses

On June 29, 2017, the Office of the U.S. Trade Representative (USTR), in conjunction with the Department of Commerce (DoC), published in the *Federal Register* a [request for comments](#) [Docket No. USTR-2017-0010] that they will consider as part of the comprehensive performance reviews required by Executive Order 13796 of April 29, 2017) of all bilateral, plurilateral, and multilateral trade agreements and investment agreements to which the United States is a party and all trade relations with countries governed by the rules of the World Trade Organization (WTO) with which the United States does not have free trade agreements but with which the United States runs significant trade deficits in goods. The reviews are to be carried out by USTR and DoC in consultation with the Secretary of State, the Secretary of the Treasury, the Attorney General, and the Director of the Office of Trade and Manufacturing Policy, and will be considered in the preparation of the subsequent report to the President.

The performance reviews will apply to the 14 free trade agreements (FTAs) currently in force and the 40 bilateral investment treaties (BITs) in which the United States is a party. Additionally, the WTO trading partners subject to the performance reviews because of a significant trade deficit with the United States are in alphabetical order: China, the European Union, India, Indonesia, Japan, Malaysia, Switzerland, Taiwan, Thailand, and Vietnam.

Written comments are due by 11:59 p.m. (EDT) on July 31, 2017. USTR and DoC strongly prefer electronic submissions made through the [Federal eRulemaking Portal](#) as described in the notice.

USTR seeks comments on out-of-cycle AGOA reviews of Rwanda, Tanzania, and Uganda

On June 20, 2017, the Office of the U.S. Trade Representative (USTR), in consultation with the Trade Policy Staff Committee (TPSC), published in the *Federal Register* a [notice](#) [Docket No. USTR-2017-0008] announcing the initiation of an out-of-cycle review of the eligibility of Rwanda, Tanzania, and Uganda to receive benefits under the *African Growth and Opportunity Act* (AGOA) in response to a petition filed by the Secondary Materials and Recycled Textiles Association (SMART).

The SMART petition asserts that a March 2016 decision by the East African Community (EAC), which includes the three countries and Kenya, to phase in a ban on imports of used clothing and footwear is imposing significant economic hardship on the U.S. used clothing industry, and is in violation of the AGOA statutory eligibility criteria to make continual progress toward establishing a market based economy and eliminating barriers to U.S. trade and investment. With respect to Kenya, USTR has determined that an out-of-cycle review of Kenya's AGOA eligibility is not warranted at this time, due to recent actions Kenya has taken, including reversing tariff increases, effective July 1, 2017, and committing not to ban imports of used clothing through policy measures that are more trade-restrictive than necessary to protect human health. USTR will continue to monitor

Kenya's actions to ensure that Kenya follows through on its commitments. The USTR has consulted with Congress about these determinations.

The AGOA Subcommittee of the TPSC (Subcommittee) will consider written comments, written testimony, and oral testimony in response to this notice to develop recommendations for the President as to whether the three countries are meeting the AGOA eligibility criteria.

The Deadline for filing requests to appear at the July 13, 2017 public hearing, and for filing prehearing briefs, statements, or comments on the AGOA eligibility of the three countries is June 30, 2017.

The AGOA Implementation Subcommittee of the TPSC will convene a public hearing on the AGOA eligibility of the listed countries is July 13, 2017.

Deadline for filing post-hearing briefs, statements, or comments on this matter is July 21, 2017.

NAFTA comment period closes - USTR receives 12,134 comments

USTR's [Requests for Comments: Negotiating Objectives Regarding Modernization of North American Free Trade Agreement with Canada and Mexico](#), which was published in the *Federal Register* on May 23, 2017, closed on June 12, 2017. USTR received 12,134 comments, which are available for review and downloading at the www.regulations.gov website under [Docket No. USTR-2017-0006](#).

US launches safeguard investigation on large residential washers

On June 10, 2017, the United States [notified](#) the WTO's Committee on Safeguards that it initiated on June 5, 2017 a safeguard investigation on large residential washers and certain parts thereof.

In the notification, the United States indicated, among other things, that the point of contact for the investigation is: Michael Szustakowski, Office of Investigations, U.S. International Trade Commission (ITC), 500 E Street, SW, Washington, DC 20436, Tel: (202-205-3169). Persons wishing to participate in the investigation as parties must file an entry of appearance with the Secretary to the ITC not later than 21 days after publication of the notice of institution in the *Federal Register*.

The *Federal Register* notice was [published](#) by the ITC on June 13, 2017 [Investigation No. TA-201-76]. The ITC instituted the investigation under section 202 of the *Trade Act of 1974* following receipt of a petition for import relief, as amended and properly filed on June 5, 2017 to determine whether large residential washers ("LRWs") are being imported into the United States in such increased quantities as to be a substantial cause of serious injury, or the threat thereof, to the domestic industry producing an article like or directly competitive with the imported articles.

The ITC has determined that this investigation is "extraordinarily complicated," and will make its injury determination within 122 days after the petition was filed, or by October 5, 2017. The ITC will submit to the President the report required under section 202(f) of the Act within 180 days after the date on which the petition was deemed filed, or by December 4, 2017.

ITC releases revision to the HTS

On June 30, 2017, the International Trade Commission (ITC) announced the release of [Revision 1 of the 2017 Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States \(HTS\)](#). The changes contained in this revision reflect the staged rate reductions of Presidential Proclamation 9466 of June 30, 2016; GSP Program changes of Presidential Proclamation 9625 of June 29, 2017; and changes approved by the Committee for Statistical Annotation of Tariff Schedules, effective July 1, 2017.

ITC issues summary of practice relating to Administrative Protective Orders

On June 28, 2017, the International Trade Commission (ITC) published in the *Federal Register* a [notice](#) reporting on the status of its practice with respect to violations of its administrative protective orders (“APOs”) under title VII of the *Tariff Act of 1930*, in response to a direction contained in the *Conference Report to the Customs and Trade Act of 1990*, discussions of APO breaches in ITC proceedings other than under title VII and violations of the ITC’s rules including the rule on bracketing business proprietary information (“BPI”) (the “24-hour rule”).

The notice provides a summary of breach investigations (APOB investigations) completed during calendar year 2015. This summary addresses one APOB investigation related to a proceeding under title VII of the *Tariff Act of 1930* and four APOB investigations related to proceedings under section 337 of the *Tariff Act of 1930*, two of which were related to the same proceedings and were combined. The ITC investigated rules violations as part of one of the APOB investigations. The ITC intends that this report inform representatives of parties to ITC proceedings as to some specific types of APO breaches encountered by the ITC and the corresponding types of actions the ITC has taken.

ITC investigations

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

Investigation. No. and title	Requested by:
Inv. No. TA–131–042 and TPA–105–002 North American Free Trade Agreement: Advice on the Probable Economic Effect of Providing Duty-Free Treatment for Currently Dutiable Imports Institution of Investigation and Scheduling of Hearing (I/N/H)	USTR
Inv. No. 332-560 Generalized System of Preferences: Possible Modifications, 2016 Reviews (USITC Pub. 4692, June 2017) (R)	USTR
Inv. No. 332-345 Recent Trends in U.S. Services Trade, 2017 Annual Report (USITC Pub. 4682, May 2017) (R)	On-going series
Inv. No. 332-501 Textile and Apparel Imports from China: Statistical Reports, Annual Compilation 2016 (USITC Pub. 4698) (R)	On-going series

State receives request from Libya under UNESCO Convention for import restrictions

On June 16, 2017, the Department of State published in the *Federal Register* a [notice](#) [Public Notice: 10039] informing the public that Government of Libya has made a request to the Government of the United States under Article 9 of the 1970 UNESCO *Convention on the Means of Prohibiting and Preventing the Illicit*

Import, Export and Transfer of Ownership of Cultural Property. The United States Department of State received this request on May 30, 2017. Libya's request seeks U.S. import restrictions on archaeological and/or ethnological materials representing Libya's cultural patrimony from the prehistoric through Ottoman Era. Pursuant to the authority vested in the Assistant Secretary of State for Educational and Cultural Affairs, and pursuant to 19 U.S.C. 2602(f)(1), notification of the request is hereby published. A public summary of Libya's request and information about U.S. implementation of the 1970 UNESCO Convention can be found at the [Cultural Heritage Center web site](#).

Treasury seeks input on regulations review

On June 14, 2017, the Department of the Treasury (Treasury) published in the *Federal Register* a [document](#) inviting members of the public to submit views and recommendations for Treasury Department regulations that can be eliminated, modified, or streamlined in order to reduce burdens. This effort is in furtherance of Executive Order 13771, signed by the President on January 30, 2017, *Reducing Regulation and Controlling Regulatory Costs*, to direct agencies to eliminate two regulations for each new regulation issued and to limit costs for this fiscal year to zero. On February 24, 2017, the President issued Executive Order 13777, *Enforcing the Regulatory Reform Agenda*, which requires agencies to convene a regulatory reform task force to assist in the implementation of Executive Order 13771.

In particular, Treasury invites comments on regulations, forms, and guidance documents issued or promulgated by the Internal Revenue Service, the Alcohol and Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau, the Bureau of the Fiscal Service, Departmental Offices (Office of the Secretary), the Financial Crimes Enforcement Network, the Community Development Financial Institutions Fund, the Office of Foreign Assets Control, and Treasury regulations and guidance issued under the Department's Customs Revenue Function (19 C.F.R chapter 1).

Comments are due July 31, 2017.

Commerce (BIS) shortens deadlines for sec. 232 aluminum case

On June 2, 2017, the Bureau of Industry and Security (BIS), Commerce, published in the *Federal Register* a [notice](#) changing the comment period for a previously published notice of request for public comments and public hearing.

On May 9, 2017, the BIS, published the [Notice of Request for Public Comments and Public Hearing on Section 232 National Security Investigation of Imports of Aluminum](#). The May 9 notice specified that the Secretary of Commerce initiated an investigation to determine the effects on the national security of imports of aluminum. This investigation has been initiated under section 232 of the *Trade Expansion Act of 1962*, as amended. (See the May 9 notice for additional details on the investigation and the request for public comments.) The May 9 notice also announced that the Department of Commerce will hold a public hearing on the investigation on June 22, 2017 in Washington, DC (See the May 9 notice for additional details on the public hearing.) The deadline for the written comments was June 29, 2017. Today's notice moves the deadline for all written submissions up by six calendar days. Commenters now are encouraged to submit their comments by June 20, 2017, but all written submissions must be received by no later than June 23, 2017 to be considered in the drafting of the final report.

CBP adopts revised customs broker exam regulations

On June 30, 2017, U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) published in the *Federal Register* a [final rule](#) [Docket No. USCBP–2016–0059; CBP Dec. No. 17–05] adopting, with changes, the amendments proposed to CBP regulations concerning the customs broker’s examination provisions. Specifically, this rule transitions the examination to a computer automated customs broker examination, adjusts the dates of the examination to account for the fiscal year transition period and payment schedule requirements, and increases the examination fee (from \$200 to \$390) to cover the cost of delivering the exam. The final rule will be effective July 31, 2017.

CBP delays effective date for modifications to the NCAP tests regarding reconciliation, post-summary corrections, and periodic monthly statements

On June 30, 2017, U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) published in the *Federal Register* a [notice](#) delaying until further notice the effective date for the regarding Reconciliation, Post-Summary Corrections (PSC), and Periodic Monthly Statements (PMS). CBP will publish a notice in the *Federal Register* announcing a new effective date for changes to these NCAP tests.

CBP delays effective date for ACE being sole system for Processing Electronic Drawback and Duty Deferral Entry and Entry Summary Filings

On June 30, 2017, U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) published in the *Federal Register* a notice delaying until further [notice](#) the effective date for the Automated Commercial Environment (ACE) becoming the sole CBP authorized electronic data interchange (EDI) system for processing electronic drawback and duty deferral entry and entry summary filings.

CBP will publish a subsequent notice announcing the date when ACE will become the sole CBP authorized EDI system for processing electronic drawback and duty deferral entry and entry summary filings, and ACS will no longer be a CBP-authorized EDI system for purposes of processing these filings.

CBP sets new date for October brokers’ exam

On June 14, 2017, U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) published in the *Federal Register* a [notice](#) announcing that CBP has changed the date on which the semi-annual examination for an individual broker’s license will be held in October 2017. The customs broker’s license examination scheduled for October 2017 will be held on Wednesday, October 25, 2017, to avoid concerns related to the commencement of the federal government’s 2018 fiscal year.

CBP issues rule on merchandise produced by convict, forced, or indentured labor

On June 8, 2017, CBP published in the *Federal Register* a [final rule](#) [CBP Dec. No. 17-04] that amends the CBP regulations to reflect section 910 of the *Trade Facilitation and Trade Enforcement Act of 2015* (TFTEA) by removing the “consumptive demand” clause from the regulations (19 C.F.R. 12.42-12.45) concerning the prohibition on the importation of merchandise produced by convict, forced, or indentured labor (19 U.S.C. 1307). It also updates the regulations to reflect the correct name of the agency and includes a minor procedural change with regard to the filing of proof of admissibility.

In addition to the above, the final rule makes non-substantive amendments to correct a spelling error, replace outdated references to “Customs” with “CBP”, and make a minor procedural change involving the addition of a person (i.e., the Port Director) to whom an importer may submit proof of admissibility when contending that an article was not mined, produced, or manufactured in any part with the use of a prohibited class of labor. The current regulation (19 C.F.R. 12.43(b)) provides that the importer shall submit this information to the Commissioner. To provide more flexibility, and for consistency with 19 C.F.R. 12.42(b), CBP is amending this provision to allow for the proof of admissibility to be submitted to the Commissioner of CBP or to the Port Director.

CBP found that good cause existed for dispensing with prior notice and public comment as unnecessary because the conforming amendment and technical corrections set forth in the document are required to ensure that 19 C.F.R. reflects both the recent amendments to the underlying statutory authority effected by section 910 of TFTEA and the most up-to-date terminology and because it involves rules of agency organization, procedure, or practice (adding the Port Director).

CBP also found that good cause existed for dispensing with the requirement for a delayed effective date pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 553(d)(3), so it is effective on publication.

ACE to be sole CBP EDI system for processing electronic drawback, duty deferral and entry summary filings

On June 8, 2017, CBP published in the *Federal Register* a [general notice](#) announcing that the effective date will be July 8, 2017 to transition to the Automated Commercial Environment (ACE) as the sole electronic data interchange (EDI) system authorized by the Commissioner of CBP for processing electronic drawback and duty deferral entry and entry summary filings as announced in a *Federal Register* notice published on August 30, 2016. After July 8, the Automated Commercial System (ACS) will no longer be a CBP-authorized EDI system for processing these filings.

CBP announces effective dates for NCAP test modifications regarding Reconciliation, Post-Summary Corrections, and Periodic Monthly Statements

On June 8, 2017, CBP published in the *Federal Register* a [general notice](#) announcing that the effective date for the modifications to the National Customs Automation Program (NCAP) tests regarding Reconciliation, Post-Summary Corrections, and Periodic Monthly Statements will be July 8, 2017. U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) announced these modifications in notices previously published in the *Federal Register*. The effective dates for the modifications had been delayed.

CBP extends import restrictions on archaeological and ethnological materials from Peru

On June 7, 2017, CBP published in the *Federal Register* a [final rule](#) [CBP Dec. 17-03] that amends the CBP regulations to reflect the extension of import restrictions on certain archaeological and ethnological materials from Peru. The restrictions, which were originally imposed by Treasury Decision (T.D.) 97-50 and last extended by CBP Dec. 12-11, are due to expire on June 9, 2017, unless extended. The Acting Assistant Secretary for Educational and Cultural Affairs,

United States Department of State, has determined that conditions continue to warrant the imposition of import restrictions. The Designated List of archaeological and ethnological materials described in T.D. 97–50 is revised in this document to reflect the addition of Colonial period documents and manuscripts. (See: <https://eca.state.gov/cultural-heritage-center/cultural-property-protection/bilateral-agreements/peru>.) Accordingly, the restrictions will remain in effect for an additional 5 years, and the CBP regulations are being amended to indicate this fourth extension. These restrictions are being extended pursuant to determinations of the United States Department of State made under the terms of the *Convention on Cultural Property Implementation Act*, which implements the *1970 United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) Convention on the Means of Prohibiting and Preventing the Illicit Import, Export and Transfer of Ownership of Cultural Property*.

CBP seeks applicants for COAC

On June 7, 2017, CBP published in the *Federal Register* a [document](#) requesting that individuals who are interested in serving on the Commercial Customs Operations Advisory Committee (COAC) apply for appointment. COAC provides advice and makes recommendations to the Secretaries of the Department of the Treasury (Treasury) and Department of Homeland Security (DHS) on all matters involving the commercial operations of CBP and related functions. The COAC meets at least once each quarter, although additional meetings may be scheduled. Generally, every other meeting of the COAC may be held outside of Washington, DC, usually at a CBP port of entry. The members are not reimbursed for travel or per diem.

The *Trade Facilitation and Trade Enforcement Act of 2015* (TFTEA) re-established the COAC. The COAC is an advisory committee established in accordance with the provisions of the *Federal Advisory Committee Act*, 5 U.S.C. Appendix. The COAC shall advise the Secretaries of the Treasury and DHS on the commercial operations of CBP and related Treasury and DHS functions. In accordance with Section 109 of the TFTEA, the COAC shall:

- (1) Advise the Secretaries of the Treasury and DHS on all matters involving the commercial operations of CBP, including advising with respect to significant changes that are proposed with respect to regulations, policies, or practices of CBP;
- (2) provide recommendations to the Secretaries of the Treasury and DHS on improvements to the commercial operations of CBP;
- (3) collaborate in developing the agenda for COAC meetings; and
- (4) perform such other functions relating to the commercial operations of CBP as prescribed by law or as the Secretaries of the Treasury and DHS jointly direct.

Applications for membership should be submitted to CBP at the address given in the *Federal Register* document on or before July 24, 2017.

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
06-22-17	Agency Information Collection Activities: Declaration of Person Who Performed Repairs [OMB No: 1651–0048] (N).

F.R. Date	Subject
	Agency Information Collection Activities: Automated Clearinghouse [OMB No. 1651-0078] (N)
	Agency Information Collection Activities: Entry Summary [OMB No. 1651-0022] (N) [CBP Forms 7501, 7501A]
	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]
	Agency Information Collection Activities: Bonded Warehouse Regulations [OMB No. 1651-0041] (N)
	Approval of Altol Petroleum Products Services, Inc., as a Commercial Gauger [Ponce, PR] (N)
	Accreditation and Approval of Intertek USA, Inc., as a Commercial Gauger and Laboratory [Essington, PA]
	Accreditation and Approval of Camin Cargo Control, Inc., as a Commercial Gauger and Laboratory [Fife, WA] (N)
	Accreditation and Approval of Camin Cargo Control, Inc., as a Commercial Gauger and Laboratory [Sulphur, LA] (N)
	Accreditation and Approval of Camin Cargo Control, Inc., as a Commercial Gauger and Laboratory [Bellingham, WA] (N)
	Accreditation of SGS North America, Inc., as a Commercial Laboratory [Deer Park, TX] (N)
	Accreditation and Approval of SGS North America, Inc., as a Commercial Gauger and Laboratory [Beaumont, TX]
	Approval of SGS North America, Inc., as a Commercial Gauger [Deer Park, TX] (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
06-07-17	HQ H284665 (May 31, 2017) Surgical and Isolation Gowns	Dominican Republic

CBP issues guidance on resubmission of protests for post-importation preference claims rejected as non-protestable

[CSMS# 17-0000333 \(June 8, 2017\)](#) provides guidance on the resubmission of rejected post-importation preference claims rejected as non-protestable. It is reproduced here:

TITLE: Re-submission of Protest for Post Importation Preference Claims Rejected as Non-Protestable

This message provides guidance to trade members of the procedures to re-submit protests that were rejected as non-protestable referenced in CSMS 17-000110.

Pursuant to a decision issued by Court of International Trade (CIT) in *Zojirushi American Corp v. U.S.*, slip Op. 16-78 (August 4, 2016), CBP will permit the use of the protest mechanism set forth in section 19 USC 1514 for those Preference Programs (e.g. Free Trade Agreements (FTA)) and Special Trade Legislation programs (STL) that do not have the statutory post-importation mechanism set forth under 19 USC 1520(d).

In order to assist CBP in processing protests previously rejected as non-protestable, Protestants who wish this matter to be reconsidered are required to resubmit their protests within one hundred eighty days (180) of the issuance of the February 15, 2017 memorandum, i.e. on or about August 14, 2017.

If the original protest submission claiming preferential tariff treatment after importation was rejected as non protestable, Protestants may request re-liquidation of the entry through a new protest or through a letter which should include the following:

- Statement that this is a resubmission of a previous preference claim that was rejected as non-protestable.
- Copy of the original protest showing that it was rejected as non-protestable.
- Certification of origin (or data elements) for the tariff-shift model FTAs that are subject to section 514: Australia FTA (AUFA) and Singapore FTA (SGFTA)
- Affidavit in lieu of a certification of origin for the following Free Trade Agreements: Bahrain FTA (BHFTA), Israel FTA (ILFTA), Jordan FTA (JOFTA), and Morocco FTA (MAFTA)
- Affidavit in lieu of a certification of origin for the following Special Trade Legislation programs: African Growth Opportunity Act (AGOA), Caribbean Basin Economic Recovery Act (CBERA), Caribbean Basin Trade Partnership Act (CBTPA), Civil Aircraft Agreement (CAA), Generalized System of Preferences (GSP), Insular Possessions, Intermediate Chemicals for Dyes (Intermediate Chemicals), Agreement on Trade in Pharmaceutical Products (Pharma), etc.

Re-submission may be electronically through the ACE Protest Module via the ACE Portal or paper to the CBP Port of Entry.

Unliquidated entries under the aforementioned programs may be processed in accordance with current Post Entry Amendment (PEA) and Post Summary Correction (PSC) procedures.

The Preference Programs (i.e. Free Trade Agreements (FTAs) and Special Trade Legislation programs (STLs) that are subject to 19 USC 1514 and do not have the statutory post-importation mechanism under 19 USC 1520(d) are: African Growth and Opportunity Act (AGOA), Australia FTA (AUFTA), Bahrain FTA (BHFTA), Caribbean Basin Economic Recovery Act (CEBRA), Caribbean Basin Trade Partnership Act (CBTPA), Civil Aircraft Agreement (CAA), Generalized System of Preferences (GSP), Insular Possessions, Israel FTA (ILFTA), Intermediate Chemicals on Trade in Pharmaceutical Products (Pharma), and Singapore FTA (SGFTA).

For preference programs that by law have a post-importation provision (i.e., Dominican Republic-Central America FTA (CAFTA-DR), Chile FTA (CLFTA), Colombia TPA (COTPA), Korea TPA (UKFTA), North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA), Oman FTA (OMFTA), Panama TPA (PATPA), Peru TPA (PETPA)), a 520(d) post-importation claim remains the only appropriate mechanism to seek preference when not claimed at the time of importation.

Questions regarding this memorandum should be directed to OT-Protest@cbp.dhs.gov or Ms. Tracy Roy, Branch Chief, Trade Process Branch at Tracy.D.Roy@cbp.dhs.gov.

CBP publications and fact sheets

During the period of coverage of this *Update*, CBP issued the following new or revised publications and fact sheets:

- [ACE FTZ CATAIR Chapter \(Draft\)](#)
- [AESTIR Appendix F License and License Exemption Type Codes and Reporting Guidelines](#)
- [ACE Tips for Filing EPA Pesticides](#)

- [ACE Agency Tariff Code Reference](#)
- [AES Commodity Filing Response Messages – Appendix A](#)
- [Appendix A in the Drawback CATAIR](#)
- [Business Rules and Process Document \(Trade – External\) ACE Entry Summary \(Version 8.0\) June 2017](#)
- [PGA Entry Type Codes](#) (June 19, 2017)
- [Centers of Excellence and Expertise Trade Process Document - Responsibilities and Procedures for Importers, Brokers, Agents, or Filers](#)

CBP releases CEE Trade Process Document

On June 26, 2017, CBP released the [Centers of Excellence and Expertise Trade Process Document - Responsibilities and Procedures for Importers, Brokers, Agents, or Filers](#)

CBP delays deployment of last ACE core trade processes

[CSMS# 17-000375 \(June 27, 2017\)](#) announced that CBP is rescheduling the last primary deployment of core trade processing capabilities in ACE which had been scheduled for July 8, 2017. This deployment includes liquidation (with the exception of the previously deployed electronic posting of the Notices of Liquidation on CBP.gov), reconciliation, drawback, duty deferral, collections and the Automated Surety Interface (ASI).

CBP has been conducting ongoing, rigorous testing to ensure these capabilities will operate successfully. CBP's latest efforts have revealed areas specific to collections that are in need of further testing before these capabilities can be deployed. Consequently, CBP is postponing the July 8, 2017 deployment, and are in the process of re-planning. CBP will communicate further information as soon as possible.

The rescheduled deployment date will be published in a *Federal Register* Notice at least 30 days in advance of the actual deployment/mandatory transition.

CBP: FTZ operator responsible for proving merchandise status

On April 3, 2017, U.S. Customs and Border Protection issued an internal advice, [HQ H253748](#) to the Director, Petroleum Natural Gas and Minerals CEE, Houston Field Office that held a Foreign Trade Zone (FTZ) operator rather than the users, responsible for proving the status of oil which is commingled in storage in the FTZ. In this matter, zone users ship the crude oil stored by Louisiana Offshore Oil Port ("LOOP"), the operator of FTZ Subzone 124D, from Canada to the Gulf Coast, by pipeline, rail, and barge. LOOP conducts tracking and accounting for the crude oil stored at FTZ 124D through an inventory control recordkeeping system. LOOP indicated that it is difficult to obtain documentation due to the multiple shipment and sales transactions that occur before the crude oil reaches the zone.

CBP said that a zone user can be authorized by a zone operator to maintain an individual recordkeeping system accounting for merchandise the zone user admits, but the zone operator remains primarily "responsible to [CBP] and liable under its bond for supervision, defects in, or failures of a [zone user's record-keeping] system." Furthermore, domestic status merchandise that is mixed, combined, or otherwise manipulated after admission into a FTZ does not lose its domestic status. To prove the domestic status of crude oil commingled during

storage in a FTZ, a zone operator must maintain an inventory control and accounting procedure sufficient to clearly identify the source and quantity of each type of crude oil within a storage tank.

Due to the variety of documents CBP has accepted to accurately identify and track merchandise admitted into a FTZ in lieu of official CBP forms, CBP found that the Houston office properly advised LOOP that documents such as sales contracts and affidavits regarding the status of the crude oil in a transaction may be used to prove its domestic status in combination with the other documents referenced above, such as bills of lading and pipeline transit receipts.

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
06-01-17	17-000317	FDA End-Dating CFSAN Product Classes under Industry 50
	17-000318	Updated ACE PGA Document Posted on CBP.gov
06-02-17	17-000321	Correct Use of Disclaim Codes for Pesticides under EPA PGA Message Set
	17-000322	Updated ACE AESTIR Appendix F Posted on CBP.gov
06-05-17	17-000326	Comments on Negotiating Objectives Regarding Modernization of the NAFTA
	17-000327	Extension of FCC Form 740 Waiver
	17-000328	Update: ACE FTZ CATAIR
06-06-17	17-000329	Light-Emitting Diode (LED) Reporting To FDA
	17-000330	
06-07-17	17-000332	ACE CERTIFICATION CQ Deployment Thursday morning, June 8, 2017 at 0700ET
06-08-17	17-000333	Resubmission of Protest for Post Importation Preference Claims Rejected as NonProtestable
	17-000334	ACE Post Release Deployment on July 8, 2017
	17-000335	ACE PRODUCTION Cargo Release Deployment, Friday June 9, 2017 @0800 ET
	17-000336	Foreign Currency Exchange Rate information
	17-000337	EDI Manifest filings using Non-ISO Compliant Mexican Province Codes
06-09-17	17-000338	PSC requirements for TIB (Entry Type 23)
	17-000340	Update on the ACE FTZ CATAIR Chapter
06-12-17	17-000341	ACE PRODUCTION PGA and ES Deploy, Tues June 12, 2017 @0500ET, impact CargoRel & EntrySummary
06-14-17	17-000343	Deactivated Port Codes
	17-000344	Power Outage at Port of St. Louis (4503)
06-15-17	17-000345	Power Outage at Port of St. Louis (4503) Continues today, June 15, 2017
	17-000346	EDI Manifest and Entry Summary filings using 4-digit Foreign Port codes
	17-000347	Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA) Webinar on Mandatory Filing (June 20, 2017)
	17-000349	FDA Stakeholder Conference Call, June 29, 2017
06-19-17	17-000354	Issues Connecting to CBP/ACE, Monday morning, June 19, 2017
	17-000355	Issues Connecting to CBP/ACE this morning, Monday, June 19,

Date	CSMS#	Title
		2017
	17-000356	UPDATE: Issues Connecting to CBP/ACE, Monday, June 19, 2017
	17-000357	Permission to Load overseas, relating to the CBP/ACE delayed EDI responses
	17-000358	PRODUCTION ACE Protest Deployment, Tuesday June 20, 2017 @0500ET
	17-000360	July 8, 2017 Deployment Support + Statements Cutover Plan
06-20-17	17-000363	ACE Production HTS Query Deployment Tuesday, June 20, 2017
	17-000364	ACE Statements CERTIFICATION deployment, this morning, June 20, 2017
	17-000365	AD/CVD website to be updated by tomorrow morning, Wed. June 21, 2017
06-21-17	17-000366	TTB HTS Flags in ACE
	17-000367	PRODUCTION ACE Statements Deployment, Thurs June 22, 2017 @0500 ET
	17-000368	ACE Statements Pilot testing in CERT Only
	17-000369	ACE PRODUCTION PGA Deployment, Thurs June 22, 2017 @0500ET, impact ACE CargoRel & EntrySumm
06-22-17	17-000370	Guide: Amended Entry Types by PGA
	17-000371	AMS Tariff Flagged Entries Incorrectly Rejecting
	17-000372	NMFS, AMS Tariff flagged entries, no longer rejecting
06-23-17	17-000374	Updated Draft Daily Statements CATAIR Chapter Posted to CBP.gov
06-27-17	17-000375	Update: July 8, 2017 ACE Deployment Postponed
06-28-17	17-000376	Reminder: FDA Stakeholder Conference Call, June 29, 2017
	17-000377	Updated Centers of Excellence and Expertise Trade Process Document
	17-000379	HTS Query Disabled in ACE Production
06-29-17	17-000381	Harmonized System Update (HSU) 1704 created on June 28, 2017
	17-000382	FDA End-Dating Product Codes for CFSAN Products
06-30-17	17-000383	Attachment Publication of Two FRNs Concerning Drawback, Duty Deferral, Reconciliation, PSC and PMS
	17-000385	Updated ACE and PGA Documentation Available on CBP.gov
	17-000386	Update: ABI Foreign Currency Rate Query available until further notice

Foreign Trade Zones

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

F.R. Date	Document
06-01-17	Foreign-Trade Zone (FTZ) 144-Brunswick, Georgia; Notification of Proposed Production Activity; Mercedes Benz USA, LLC, (Accessorizing Passenger Motor Vehicles); Brunswick, Georgia [B-35-2017]
	Foreign-Trade Zone (FTZ) 50-Long Beach, California; Notification of Proposed Production Activity; Mercedes Benz USA, LLC, (Accessorizing Passenger Motor Vehicles); Long Beach, California [B-33-2017]
	Foreign-Trade Zone (FTZ) 74-Baltimore, Maryland; Notification of Proposed Production Activity; Mercedes Benz USA, LLC (Accessorizing Passenger Motor Vehicles); Baltimore, Maryland [B-34-2017]
	Foreign-Trade Zone 124-Gramercy, Louisiana; Application for Expansion of Subzone 124D, LOOP LLC, Lafourche and St. James Parishes, Louisiana
	Foreign-Trade Zone 75-Phoenix, Arizona; Application for Subzone Expansion; Conair Corporation; Glendale, Arizona [S-77-2017]
	Foreign-Trade Zone 12-McAllen, Texas; Application for Subzone; Universal

F.R. Date	Document
	Metal Products, Inc.; Pharr, Texas [S-75-2017]
06-02-17	Foreign-Trade Zone (FTZ) 64-Jacksonville, Florida; Notification of Proposed Production Activity; Hans-Mill Corporation; Subzone 64D; (Household Trash Cans and Plastic Storage Totes); Jacksonville, Florida [B-36-2017]
	Foreign-Trade Zone (FTZ) 114-Peoria, Illinois; Notification of Proposed Production Activity; Bell Sports, Inc.; Subzone 114F; (Sports Equipment); Rantoul, Illinois [B-37-2017]
06-07-17	Foreign-Trade Zone (FTZ) 39-Dallas-Fort Worth, Texas, Notification of Proposed Production Activity, Valeo North America, Inc., d/b/a Valeo Compressor North America, (Motor Vehicle Air-Conditioner Compressors), Dallas, Texas [B-25-2017]
	Foreign-Trade Zone 19-Omaha, Nebraska, Application for Reorganization Under Alternative Site Framework [B-31-2017]
	Foreign-Trade Zone 186-Waterville, Maine Application for Production Authority, Flemish Master Weavers, Subzone 186A, (Machine-Made Woven Area Rugs), Sanford, Maine [B-28-2017]
	Foreign-Trade Zone (FTZ) 80-San Antonio, Texas, Notification of Proposed Production Activity, DPT Laboratories, Ltd., (Pharmaceutical Products), San Antonio, Texas [B-26-2017]
	Foreign-Trade Zone (FTZ) 43-Battle Creek, Michigan, Notification of Proposed Production Activity, Pfizer, Inc., (Pharmaceutical Products), Kalamazoo, Michigan [B-27-2017]
06-08-17	Foreign-Trade Zone (FTZ) 86 – Tacoma, Washington - Notification of Proposed Production Activity - McFarland Cascade Holdings, Inc./Stella-Jones Corporation (Treated Canadian Softwood Lumber, Plywood, Agriculture Posts, and Landscape Timbers) Tacoma, Washington [B-32-2017]
	Foreign-Trade Zone (FTZ) 214 – Lenoir County, North Carolina - Notification of Proposed Production Activity - Nutkao USA, Inc.(Hazelnut Cocoa Spread) Battleboro, North Carolina [B-39-2017]
06-09-17	Foreign-Trade Zone 281—Miami, Florida; Application for Expansion (New Magnet Site); Under Alternative Site Framework [B-29-2017]
06-13-17	Foreign-Trade Zone 119 – Minneapolis-St. Paul, Minnesota, Application for Additional Production Authority, The Coleman Company, Inc. Subzone 119I Invitation for Public Comment on Preliminary Recommendation [B-53-2015]
06-15-17	Foreign-Trade Zone (FTZ) 29 – Louisville, Kentucky - Authorization of Production Activity: Amcor Flexibles L.L.C. (Flexible Packaging Production) Shelbyville, Kentucky [B-07-2017]
	Foreign-Trade Zone (FTZ) 221 – Mesa, Arizona - Authorization of Production Activity: Apple Inc. (Data Server Cabinets) Mesa, Arizona [B-1-2017]
	Foreign-Trade Zone (FTZ) 277 – Western Maricopa County, Arizona: Authorization of Production Activity; IRIS USA, Inc. (Plastic Household Storage/Organizational Containers), Surprise, Arizona [B-04-2017]
	Foreign-Trade Zone (FTZ) 80 – San Antonio, Texas; Authorization of Production Activity: CGT U.S., Ltd.; Subzone 80E (Polyvinyl Chloride (PVC) Coated Upholstery Fabric Cover Stock), New Braunfels, Texas [B-72-2016]
	Foreign-Trade Zone (FTZ) 76 – Danbury, Connecticut - Authorization of Production Activity: MannKind Corporation (Fumaryl Diketopiperazine (FDKP) Carrier/Receptor Powder) Danbury, Connecticut [B-85-2016]
	Foreign-Trade Zone (FTZ) 20 – Norfolk, Virginia - Authorization of Production Activity: STIHL Incorporated (Outdoor Power Products Manufacturing) Virginia Beach, Virginia [B-6-2017]
	Foreign-Trade Zone (FTZ) 122 – Corpus Christi, Texas - Authorization of Production Activity: Superior Weighting Products LLC (Barite/Calcium Carbonate/Bentonite) Corpus Christi, Texas [B-03-2017]
	Foreign-Trade Zone (FTZ) 122-Corpus Christi, Texas, Authorization of Production Activity, Voestalpine Texas, LLC (Hot Briquetted Iron By-Products), Portland, Texas [B-75-2016]
	Approval of Subzone 43B Expansion - Mead Johnson & Company, LLC Zeeland, Michigan [S-35-2017]
	Approval of Subzone Status - Caribe Rx Services, Inc. Caguas, Puerto Rico [S-

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	Approval of Subzone Status - Destilería Serrallés, Inc. Ponce, Puerto Rico [S-30-2017]
	Approval of Subzone Status - R. Ortiz Auto Distributors, Inc. Caguas, Puerto Rico [S-29-2017]
06-16-17	Approval of Subzone Status: Scott USA, Inc. Ogden, Utah [Order No. 2033]
06-19-17	Foreign-Trade Zone (FTZ) 283-West Tennessee Area; Notification of Proposed Production Activity: MTD Consumer Group Inc. (Landscaping Equipment and Off-Road Utility Vehicles); Martin, Tennessee [B-41-2017]
	Foreign-Trade Zone (FTZ) 7-Mayaguez, Puerto Rico; Authorization of Production Activity; Romark Global Pharma, LLC; (Pharmaceuticals); Manatí, Puerto Rico [B-13-2017]
	Foreign-Trade Zone (FTZ) 29-Louisville, Kentucky Authorization of Production Activity; Hitachi Automotive Systems Americas, Inc., (Automotive Fuel Injection Assemblies); Harrodsburg, Kentucky [B-12-2017]
	Foreign-Trade Zone (FTZ) 8-Toledo, OH, Authorization of Production Activity, Whirlpool Corporation (Washing Machines), Clyde and Green Springs, OH [B-9-2017]
	Foreign-Trade Zone (FTZ) 68-El Paso, Texas; Notification of Proposed Production Activity; PGTEX USA, Inc.; (Fiber Glass Fabrics); El Paso, Texas [B-38-2017]
	Foreign-Trade Zone (FTZ) 177-Evansville, Indiana; Authorization of Production Activity; Toyota Motor Manufacturing Indiana, Inc.; (Automotive Vehicles and Sub-Assemblies Production); Princeton, Indiana [B-010-2017]
	Approval of Subzone Status; Expeditors International of Washington, Inc.; Inwood, New York [S-51-2017]
06-23-17	Foreign-Trade Zone 57-Mecklenburg County, North Carolina; Application for Production Authority; Gildan Yarns, LLC (Cotton and Cotton/Polyester Yarns); Salisbury, North Carolina [B-43-2017]
	Foreign-Trade Zone (FTZ) 57-Charlotte, North Carolina, Notification of Proposed Production Activity, DNP Imagingcomm America Corporation (Coatings and Lamination on Semi-Completed Coated Paper), Concord, North Carolina
	Foreign-Trade Zone 143-Sacramento, California Application for Subzone Expansion; Mitsubishi Chemical Carbon Fiber and Composites, Inc. Sacramento, California [S-83-2017]
06-26-17	Reorganization of Foreign-Trade Zone 229 Under Alternative Site Framework; Charleston, West Virginia [Order No. 2034]

US Government designates additional parties under US Sanctions targeting Russia and Crimea

On June 20, 2017, the Office of Foreign Assets Control (OFAC) [announced](#) that it had added 38 individuals and entities to the [Specially Designated Nationals and Blocked Persons List](#) (SDN List) and 20 entities to the [Sectoral Sanctions Identification List](#) (SSI List) under US sanctions targeting Russia and Crimea. On June 21, 2017, the US Bureau of Industry and Security (BIS) also announced that it would add some of these SDN entities to the Entity List.

These announcements represent the first designations by the Trump Administration under US sanctions targeting Russia and Crimea. In a [press release](#), OFAC stated that these designations and identifications are part of the US Government's ongoing efforts to resolve the crisis in Ukraine and to assist the private sector with sanctions compliance. OFAC's announcement was made on the same day that the Ukrainian President [visited the White House](#).

SDN List

The individuals and entities added to the SDN List were targeted pursuant to Executive Orders 13660, 13661, and 13685. In particular, several individuals were added to the SDN List for their separatist actions and official positions within the so-called Donetsk People's Republic in Ukraine. US Persons are generally prohibited from dealing, directly or indirectly, with parties on the SDN List, entities 50% or more owned by one or more SDNs, or their property.

Entity List

In a coordinated action, BIS announced that it will add the non-bank entities designated as SDNs on June 20 to the Entity List under the *Export Administration Regulations* (EAR). These Entity List designations took effect when BIS's final rule was published in the [Federal Register on June 22, 2017](#). As a result, an EAR license requirement will apply for exports, reexports, or transfers (in-country) of all items subject to the EAR to these entities, subject to a license review policy of presumption of denial. No license exceptions are available for exports, reexports, or transfers (in-country) to these entities.

SSI List

In addition to the SDN designations, OFAC identified several subsidiaries owned 50% or more by Joint Stock Company Transneft (Transneft), a Russian state-owned entity that is the largest oil pipeline company in the world. Transneft was originally added to the SSI List on September 12, 2014, pursuant to Executive Order 13662. Transneft and its 50%-or-more owned subsidiaries are subject to Directive 2, which prohibits US Persons from dealing in "new debt" (e.g., extensions of credit, payment terms) of greater than 90 days' maturity for Directive 2 entities. Although such subsidiaries were already subject to Directive 2 because of their ownership by Transneft, OFAC stated that these specific identifications should enable the private sector to more effectively comply with sanctions targeting Transneft. The BIS notice will not add the Transneft subsidiaries to the Entity List, which is consistent with BIS's past practices for entities on the SSI List.

OFAC's announcement came one day after the European Council announced that EU sanctions issued in response to Russia's annexation of Crimea and Sevastopol have been extended until June 23, 2018 (see our recent blog post [here](#)), and just a few days after the US Senate advanced legislation that would, among other things, expand and codify existing US sanctions targeting Russia and restrict the President's authority to unilaterally terminate such sanctions (see our recent blog post [here](#)). These designations by OFAC and BIS may represent an effort by the Trump Administration to demonstrate its commitment to US sanctions targeting Russia in order to head off such congressional efforts to expand and codify existing US sanctions.

For additional information, please contact [Bart M. McMillan](#), [Alexandre \(Alex\) Lamy](#), [Olivia Colvill](#), or any member of our Outbound Trade group with whom you normally work. Check our [Sanctions and Export Controls Update blog](#) for further developments.

OFAC removes Burmese Sanctions Regulations

On June 16, 2017, the Office of Foreign Assets Control (OFAC) published in the *Federal Register* a [final rule](#) removing from the Code of Federal Regulations the

Burmese Sanctions Regulations [31 C.F.R. Part 357] as a result of the termination [in Executive Order (E.O.) 13742] of the national emergency on which the regulations were based [and revocation of E.O. 13047 and E.O. 13310, E.O. 13448, E.O. 13464, E.O. 13619, and E.O. 13651].

BIS corrects C.F.R.

On June 30, 2017, the Bureau of Industry and Security (BIS), Commerce, published in the *Federal Register* a [correction](#) to title 15 C.F.R. Parts 300-799 (revised as of January 1, 2017). On page 498, in supplement number 4 to part 744, under United Arab Emirates, the entry should be removed for “Indira Mirchandani”.

BIS issues EAR corrections to EAR related to 2015 Wassenaar agreements

On June 14, 2017, the Bureau of Industry and Security (BIS), Commerce, published in the *Federal Register* a [final rule](#) [Docket No. 160217120–7396–02] that corrects citations, replaces text that was inadvertently removed, and corrects other errors associated with the amendments to the *Export Administration Regulations* (EAR) made by the “Wassenaar Arrangement 2015 Plenary Agreements Implementation, Removal of Foreign National Review Requirements, and Information Security Updates” final rule published on September 20, 2016 (81 Fed. Reg. 64656–64692)(WA15 rule).

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
06-02-17	State: In the Matter of the Designation of Abu Nidal Organization, Also Known as ANO, aka Black September, aka the Fatah Revolutionary Council, aka the Arab Revolutionary Council, aka the Arab Revolutionary Brigades, aka the Revolutionary Organization of Socialist Muslims Pursuant to Section 219 of the Immigration and Nationality Act, as Amended [Public Notice: 10017] (N) Designation revoked
	State: In the Matter of the Designation of Abu Nidal Organization, Also Known as ANO, aka Black September, aka the Fatah Revolutionary Council, aka the Arab Revolutionary Council, aka the Arab Revolutionary Brigades, aka the Revolutionary Organization of Socialist Muslims as a Specially Designated Global Terrorist Pursuant Section 1(b) of Executive Order 13224, as Amended [Public Notice: 10018] (N) Designation revoked
06-06-17	OFAC: Sanctions Actions Pursuant to an Executive Order Issued on January 23, 1995, Titled “Prohibiting Transactions With Terrorists Who Threaten To Disrupt the Middle East Peace Process” (N) [Removal of 1 individual and 1 entity]
	OFAC: Sanctions Actions Pursuant to the Foreign Narcotics Kingpin Designation Act (N) [4 individuals and 5 entities]
	OFAC: Sanctions Actions Pursuant to Executive Order of October 27, 2006, “Blocking Property of Certain Persons Contributing to the Conflict in the Democratic Republic of the Congo” (N) [1 individual and 1 entity]
06-09-17	OFAC: Sanctions Actions Pursuant to Executive Orders 13722, 13382, and 13687 (N) [3 individuals and 9 entities]
06-16-17	OFAC: Sanctions Action Pursuant to an Executive Order issued on September 23, 2001, titled “Blocking Property And Prohibiting Transactions With Persons

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	Who Commit, Threaten To Commit, Or Support Terrorism" (N) [1 individual] State: E.O. 13224 Designation of Majelis Mujahidin Indonesia, aka MMI, aka Indonesian Mujahideen Council, aka Indonesian Mujahidin Council, aka Indonesian Mujahideen Council, aka Indonesian Islamic Warriors' Council, aka Majilis Mujahidin Indonesia, aka Indonesia (MMI), aka Majelis Mujahidin Council, aka Laskar Mujahidin, aka Laskar Mujahidin Indonesia, aka LMI, aka Laskar Mujahidin Majelis Mujahidin, aka LM3, aka An Nisa, aka Righteous Decision-Makers as a Specially Designated Global Terrorist [Public Notice 10034] State: E.O. 13224 Designation of Marwan Ibrahim Hussayn Tah al-Azawi, aka Murtada Ibrahim Taha Muhammad al-'Isawi, aka Abu Anas, aka Abu Anas al-Shami, aka Al-Samara'i as a Specially Designated Global Terrorist [Public Notice 10035] State: E.O. 13224 Designation of Mohammad Shafi Armar, aka Shafi Armar, aka Mohammed Shafi Armar, aka Safi Armar, aka Yusuf al-Hindi, aka Yousuf-Al Hindi, aka Yousouf al-Hindi, aka Farooque, aka Anjan Bhai, aka Chote Maula, aka Gumnam, as a Specially Designated Global Terrorist [Public Notice 10036] State: E.O. 13224 Designation of Mohammed Isa Yousif Sagar Al Binali, aka Mohammed Isa al-Binali, aka Mohamed Isa al-Binali, aka Mohammed Al-Binali, aka Mohammad Isa Albinali, aka Abu Isa Al Salmi, aka Abu Issa Al-Selmy, aka Abu Al Silmi, as a Specially Designated Global Terrorist [Public Notice 10038] State: E.O. 13224 Designation of Oussama Ahmad Atar, aka Oussama Atar, aka Usama Attar, aka Usama Atar, aka Abu Ahmad, aka Abou Ahmad, aka Abou Amahad, as a Specially Designated Global Terrorist [Public Notice 10037]
06-20-17	OFAC: Sanctions Actions Pursuant to the Foreign Narcotics Kingpin Designation Act or Executive Order 12978 (N) [New: 5 individuals, 14 individuals; Updated: one individual and one entity] OFAC: Sanctions Action Pursuant to an Executive Order Issued on September 23, 2001, Titled "Blocking Property and Prohibiting Transactions With Persons Who Commit, Threaten To Commit, or Support Terrorism" (N) [one individual and one entity]
06-22-17	BIS: Russian Sanctions: Addition of Certain Entities to the Entity List [Docket No. 170411380-7380-01] (FR) OFAC: Sanctions Action Pursuant to an Executive Order Issued on September 23, 2001, Titled "Blocking Property and Prohibiting Transactions With Persons Who Commit, Threaten To Commit, or Support Terrorism" (N) [1 individual]
06-23-17	State: In the Matter of the Amendment of the Designation of Hizballah (and Other Aliases) as a Foreign Terrorist Organization Pursuant to Section 219 of the Immigration and Nationality Act, as Amended [Public Notice: 10043] (N) State: In the Matter of the Amendment of the Designation of Hizballah (and Other Aliases) as a Specially Designated Global Terrorist [Public Notice: 10044] (N) State: In the Matter of the Amendment of the Designation of al-Qa'ida in the Arabian Peninsula (and Other Aliases) as a Foreign Terrorist Organization Pursuant to Section 219 of the Immigration and Nationality Act [Public Notice: 10046] (N) State: In the Matter of the Amendment of the Designation of al-Qa'ida in the Arabian Peninsula and Other Aliases as a Specially Designated Global Terrorist Entity Pursuant to Executive Order 13224 [Public Notice: 10045] (N)
06-26-17	OFAC: Sanctions Actions Pursuant to an Executive Order Issued on September 23, 2001, Titled "Blocking Property and Prohibiting Transactions With Persons Who Commit, Threaten To Commit, or Support Terrorism" (N) [removal of 1 name] OFAC: Supplemental Identification Information for One Individual Designated Pursuant to Executive Order 13224 (N)
06-30-17	OFAC: Sanctions Actions Pursuant to Executive Orders (N) State: E.O. 13224 Designation of Mohammad Yusuf Shah, aka Mohd Yusuf Shah, aka Mohammad Yousuf Shah, aka Mohd Yousuf Shah, aka Mohd Yusuf Shah, aka Mohammed Yusaf Shah, aka Syed Mohammed Yusuf Shah, aka Syed Salahuddin, aka Syed Salahudin, aka Sayeed Salahudeen, aka Peer Sahib, aka Salauddin as a Specially Designated Global Terrorist [Public Notice 10051] (N)

Order denying export privileges

During the past month, the following order was published:

F.R. Date	Subject
06-22-17	BIS: In the Matter of Ali Reza Parsa (10 years from conviction)

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.]

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06-06-17	State: Issuance of Presidential Permit to the Otay Water District To Construct, Connect, Operate, and Maintain Cross-Border Water Pipeline Facilities for the Importation of Desalinated Seawater at the International Boundary Between the United States and Mexico in San Diego County, California [Public Notice: 10020] (N)
06-09-17	BIS: Reminder of Offsets Reporting Requirements for Calendar Year 2016 [Docket No. 170321295–7295–01] (N)
06-14-17	ITA: EU-U.S. Privacy Shield; Invitation for Applications for Inclusion on the List of Arbitrators (N) ITA: District Export Council Nomination Opportunity (N)
06-15-17	State: Issuance of Presidential permit to the State of Texas authorizing it to construct, operate, and maintain the Presidio-Ojinaga International Bridge at the international boundary between the United States and Mexico, including a new two lane bridge span [Public Notice: 10026] (N)
06-16-17	BIS: Proposed Information Collection; Comment Request; Import, End-User, and Delivery Verification Certificates [OMB Control Number: 0694–0093] (N) BIS: Proposed Information Collection; Comment Request; Competitive Enhancement Needs Assessment Survey Program [OMB Control Number: 0694–0083] (N) BIS: Proposed Information Collection; Comment Request; Procedures for Acceptance or Rejection of a Rated Order [OMB Control Number: 0694–0092] (N) BIS: Proposed Information Collection; Comment Request; Additional Protocol to the U.S.-IAEA Safeguards Agreement Report Forms [OMB Control Number: 0694–0135] (N)
06-20-17	ITA: Environmental Technologies Trade Advisory Committee (ETTAC) Public Meeting (N/H) [June 18, 2017] State: Global Magnitsky Human Rights Accountability Act Report [Public Notice: 10040] (N)
06-22-17	ITA: Notice of 10th Annual U.S. Industry Program at the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) General Conference [September 18–19, 2017, Vienna, Austria] (N)
06-26-17	ITA: 2017 Fee Schedule for National Travel and Tourism Office for the Advance Passenger Information System (APIS)/ I-92 Program, I-94 International Arrivals Program, and Survey of International Air Travelers Program [Docket No.: 170413395–7395–01] (N/RFC)
06-27-17	ITA: Meeting of the Civil Nuclear Trade Advisory Committee (CINTAC) (N) [July 13, 2017]
06-28-17	DHS: The President's National Security Telecommunications Advisory Committee [Docket No. DHS–2017–0035] (N/H) [July 14, 2017]

FTC and foreign consumer protection agencies launch updated website for international consumer protection

On June 30, 2017, the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) and consumer protection agencies in more than 60 other countries that are part of the International Consumer Protection and Enforcement Network (ICPEN) unveiled an update of ICPEN's website – <https://www.icpen.org/> – to help members identify and respond to consumer challenges that cross international borders. The announcement said:

ICPEN is an international network of consumer protection authorities that aims to protect consumers from fraudulent, deceptive, and unfair commercial practices around the world by sharing information about cross-border issues and encouraging global cooperation among law enforcement agencies. ICPEN's updated website, which includes a mobile-friendly version, provides consumers with information on how to avoid scams and shop safely online. The site also includes information about how consumers can find help and file a complaint in cross-border disputes.

Consumers who believe they have been a victim of an international scam can file a complaint at <https://www.econsumer.gov/#crnt>, ICPEN's online complaint site. The [econsumer.gov](https://www.econsumer.gov/) website is available in eight languages: English, French, German, Japanese, Korean, Polish, Spanish, and Turkish.

ICPEN's updated website also provides new tools for members to share intelligence securely on emerging fraudulent, deceptive and unfair commercial practices.

The Australian Competition and Consumer Commission led ICPEN's website update project under the presidency term held by the German Federal Ministry for Justice and Consumer Protection (2016-17). The incoming president, the Turkish Ministry of Customs, will introduce additional improvements during its term, which begins on July 1.

FTC revises Energy Labeling Rule

On June 28, 2017 the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) published in the *Federal Register* a [final rule](#) that amends the Energy Labeling Rule to eliminate certain marking requirements for plumbing products and to exempt certain ceiling fans from labeling requirements. Additionally, the amendments update the Rule to include labeling requirements for electric instantaneous water heaters. The final rule also makes non-substantive, conforming changes to the testing provisions for LED covered lamps and minor corrections to other provisions.

The rule is effective on December 26, 2017, except for the amendments to § 305.13, which are effective on September 17, 2018, and the amendments to § 305.16, which are effective on July 28, 2017.

FTC proposes changes to Textile Rules

On June 28, 2017 the FTC published in the *Federal Register* a [notice of proposed rulemaking](#) [Project No. P948404] to amend the Textile Rules (“*Rules and Regulations under the Textile Fiber Products Identification Act*”) to delete the requirement that an owner of a registered word trademark furnish the FTC with a copy of the mark's registration with the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) before using the mark on labels, and to no longer restrict the use of such trademarks to only those also employed as house marks. Eliminating these requirements is expected to reduce compliance costs while increasing firms' flexibility. Written comments must be received on or before July 31, 2017.

Regulation concerning deceptive advertising as to sizes of viewable pictures shown by TV sets

On June 28, 2017 the FTC published in the *Federal Register* an [advance notice of proposed rulemaking](#) [File No. P174200] requesting comment on the overall costs, benefits, necessity, and regulatory and economic impact of the FTC's Trade Regulation Rule concerning Deceptive Advertising as to Sizes of Viewable Pictures Shown by Television Receiving Sets ("Rule" or "Picture Tube Rule"). The request is a part of its systematic review of all current FTC rules and guides. Comments must be received on or before August 31, 2017.

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
06-05-17	CPSC: Kawasaki Heavy Industries, Ltd.; Kawasaki Motors Corp., U.S.A.; and Kawasaki Motors Manufacturing Corp., U.S.A., Provisional Acceptance of a Settlement Agreement and Order [CPSC Docket No. 17-C0004] Civil Penalty of \$5.2 million.
06-16-17	CPSC: Request for Information on Potentially Reducing Regulatory Burdens Without Harming Consumers [Docket No. CPSC-2017-0029] (RFI)
06-28-17	FTC: Rules and Regulations Under the Textile Fiber Products Identification Act [Project No. P948404] (PR)
	FTC: Trade Regulation Rule Concerning Deceptive Advertising as to Sizes of Viewable Pictures Shown by Television Receiving Sets [File No. P174200] (APR)
	FTC: CAN-SPAM Rule [Project No. R711010] (Rule review/RFC)
	FTC: Regulatory Review Schedule (Intent to request public comment)
	FTC: Energy Labeling Rule (FR)

FDA launches Accredited Third Party Certification site

On June 21, 2017, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) [announced](#) that it was launching a website where organizations can apply to be recognized as a Third-Party accreditation body. The launch of this website will implement the [Accredited Third-Party Certification program](#), a voluntary program established by the *FDA Food Safety Modernization Act* (FSMA) to expand FDA's oversight of imported foods. The announcement said:

Accreditation bodies recognized by FDA will have the ability to accredit third-party certification bodies, also known as third-party auditors. These accredited certification bodies will conduct food safety audits of foreign food entities and, based on their audit findings, may issue certifications of those entities and the foods for humans and animals that they produce. Such certifications may be used to help establish eligibility for participation in the Voluntary Qualified Importer Program (VQIP), which was also established by FSMA. VQIP offers expedited review and entry of food for eligible participants. In addition, FDA can require that an imported product be certified in specific circumstances to prevent a potentially harmful food from entering the U.S.

Foreign governments and agencies or private third-parties may apply to be recognized as an accreditation body. The process includes a web-based application and a user fee.

For Additional Information:

- [Apply to become an Accreditation Body](#)

- o Select “Create New Account” and then select the appropriate box under FSMA
- [Accredited Third-Party Certification Program](#)
- [Key Facts About the Accredited Third-Party Certification Program](#)
- [Accredited Third-Party Certification Rule](#)

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
06-15-17	Modified Risk Tobacco Product Applications: Applications for IQOS System with Marlboro Heatsticks, IQOS System with Marlboro Smooth Menthol Heatsticks, and IQOS System with Marlboro Fresh Menthol Heatsticks Submitted by Philip Morris Products S.A.; Availability [Docket No. FDA-2017-D-3001] (N)

APHIS seeks comments on Offshore Greenhouse Certification Program Pilot framework

On June 26, 2017 the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) [announced](#) that each year, the United States imports more than 1 billion plant cuttings, and nearly half of all plants sold in U.S. retail stores start from cuttings produced offshore. Given the high volume of these imports and their associated pest risks, APHIS has been working with the U.S. nursery industry to develop an offshore greenhouse certification program to mitigate potential pest risks before they reach our shores.

Beginning in October 2017, APHIS will conduct a 6-month greenhouse certification pilot. The pilot will include greenhouse facilities in Mexico, Guatemala, Nicaragua, El Salvador, Costa Rica, and Colombia that produce generally admissible, unrooted vegetative cuttings for import into the United States. The purpose of the pilot is to determine whether greenhouse certification could effectively mitigate pest and disease risks associated with plant cuttings produced in offshore facilities.

APHIS will inspect and certify participating facilities this summer. For the duration of the pilot, facilities must adhere to the requirements outlined in the pilot framework. The pilot framework includes standard plant pest exclusion procedures, sanitation and traceability protocols, a summary of the greenhouse certification process, an explanation of how shipments will be handled at U.S. ports of entry, and next steps after the pilot's conclusion in March 2018.

View the [Offshore Greenhouse Certification Program Pilot Framework](#).

APHIS is sharing this document to determine whether stakeholders have information that might lead us to revise the framework before we start the pilot. The document will be available for review and comment for 30 days. To submit comments or obtain additional information, please send an email to [Kelsey Branch, APHIS Foreign Inspection and Certification Coordinator](#).

USDA establishes FY 2018 WTO TRQs for raw cane sugar and certain sugars, syrups and molasses

On June 30, 2017, the Office of the Secretary of the Department of Agriculture published in the *Federal Register* a [notice](#) announcing the establishment of the

Fiscal Year (FY) 2018 (October 1, 2017–September 30, 2018) tariff rate quotas (TRQs) for raw cane sugar and certain sugars, syrups and molasses. In FY 2018, the in-quota aggregate quantity of raw cane sugar has been set at 1,117,195 metric tons raw value (MTRV), and the FY 2018 in-quota aggregate quantity of certain sugars, syrups, and molasses (also referred to as refined sugar) has been set at 182,000 MTRV.

FAS publishes WTO agricultural quantity-based safeguard trigger levels:

On June 19, 2017, the Foreign Agricultural Service (FAS), published in the *Federal Register* a [notice](#) containing an updated list of quantity-based trigger levels for products which may be subject to additional import duties under the safeguard provisions of the WTO Agreement on Agriculture. This notice also includes the relevant period applicable for the trigger levels on each of the listed products. Article 5 of the *WTO Agreement on Agriculture* provides that additional import duties may be imposed on imports of products subject to tariffication as a result of the Uruguay Round, if certain conditions are met. The agreement permits additional duties to be charged if the price of an individual shipment of imported products falls below the average price for similar goods imported during the years 1986–88 by a specified percentage. It also permits additional duties to be imposed if the volume of imports of an article exceeds the average of the most recent 3 years for which data are available by 5, 10, or 25 percent, depending on the article. These additional duties may not be imposed on quantities for which minimum or current access commitments were made during the Uruguay Round negotiations, and only one type of safeguard, price or quantity, may be applied at any given time to an article. See the *Federal Register* [notice](#) for trigger levels.

FSIS to hold educational meetings on the mandatory inspection of fish in the order Siluriformes

On June 15, 2017, the Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS) published in the *Federal Register* a [notice](#) [Docket No. FSIS-2017-0023] announcing two educational meetings to discuss the enforcement and implementation of the Final Rule, “Mandatory Inspection of Fish of the Order Siluriformes and Products Derived from Such Fish.” Fish of the order Siluriformes include fish of several families, including catfish (fish of the family Ictaluridae), basa, tra, and swai (fish of the family Pangasiidae), and clarias (fish of the Clariidae family). FSIS will present information on the upcoming full implementation of the regulatory requirements at official domestic establishments that process Siluriformes fish and fish products, as well as information on entry procedures and reinspection at official import inspection establishments. FSIS is particularly interested in soliciting participation from representatives from domestic wild-caught operations that process Siluriformes fish and fish products.

The primary objectives of the meetings are to provide updated information to stakeholders and to encourage dialogue between FSIS and the Siluriformes fish industry. Affected industry and interested individuals, organizations, and other stakeholders are invited to participate in the meetings.

The meetings are scheduled as follows:

- The first meeting will be held in Richmond, VA, on Tuesday, June 27, 2017; 9 a.m.–3 p.m. ET, at the Hilton Richmond Downtown, 501 East Broad Street, Richmond, VA 23129. For directions and parking instructions, please visit [the hotel's website](#).

- The second meeting will be held in Baltimore, MD, on Thursday, July 20, 2017; 9 a.m.–3 p.m. ET, at the Sheraton Baltimore Washington International Hotel, 1100 Old Elkridge Landing Road, Linthicum Heights, MD 21090. For directions and parking instructions, please visit [the hotel's website](#).

Further information on these meetings will be posted on [FSIS Web site here](#), and through the FSIS Constituent Update. The final rule may be accessed from the [FSIS Web site here](#). Questions regarding the mandatory inspection of fish of the order Siluriformes and products derived from such fish may be directed to Ask-Fish@fsis.usda.gov.

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 which may be of interest to international traders.

[USDA=Office of the Secretary, FAS=Foreign Agricultural Service, AMS=Agricultural Marketing Service, FSIS=Food Safety and Inspection Service; GIPSA=Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration]:

F.R. Date	Subject
06-08-17	APHIS: Notice of Determination of the Classical Swine Fever, Foot-and-Mouth Disease, Rinderpest, and Swine Vesicular Disease Status of Cyprus [Docket No. APHIS-2016-0044] (N)
06-12-17	GIPSA: Suspension of Supervision Fee Assessment Under the United States Grain Standards Act (N)
06-15-17	FSIS: Educational Meetings on the Mandatory Inspection of Fish of the Order Siluriformes and Products Derived From Such Fish Final Rule Implementation [Docket No. FSIS-2017-0023] (N/H)
06-16-17	AMS: Beef Promotion and Research; Reapportionment [Doc. No. AMS-LPS-16-0071] (FR)
	FSIS: Eligibility of the People's Republic of China (PRC) to Export to the United States Poultry Products from Birds Slaughtered in the PRC [Docket No. FSIS-2016-0002] (PR)
	FSIS: Changes to the Inspection Coverage in Official Establishments that Slaughter Fish of the Order Siluriformes [Docket No. FSIS-2017-0003] (N/RFC/E)
06-19-17	AMS: United States Standards for Grades of Carcass Beef [Doc. No. AMS-LPS-16-0060-0001] (N/RFC)
	FAS: WTO Agricultural Quantity-Based Safeguard Trigger Levels (N)
	APHIS: Plants for Planting Whose Importation Is Not Authorized Pending Pest Risk Analysis; Notice of Addition of Taxa of Plants for Planting to List of Taxa Whose Importation Is Not Authorized Pending Pest Risk Analysis [Docket No. APHIS-2012-0076] (N)
06-20-17	APHIS: Importation of Campanula Spp. Plants for Planting in Approved Growing Media From Denmark to the United States [Docket No. APHIS-2016-0051] (PR)
	APHIS: Importation of Fresh Pitahaya Fruit From Ecuador Into the Continental United States [Docket No. APHIS-2015-0004] (FR)
06-21-17	APHIS: Importation of Tree Tomatoes From Ecuador Into the Continental United States [Docket No. APHIS-2015-0072] (PR)
	APHIS: Importation of Fresh Pomegranate Fruit From Turkey Into the Continental United States [Docket No. APHIS-2013-0091] (PR)
06-23-17	AMS: Grapes Grown in a Designated Area of Southeastern California and Imported Table Grapes; Removing Varietal Exemptions [Doc. No. AMS-SC-16-0009, SC16-925-2 PR] (PR)
06-30-17	USDA: Determination of Total Amounts of Fiscal Year 2018 WTO Tariff-Rate Quotas for Raw Cane Sugar and Certain Sugars, Syrups and Molasses (N)
	APHIS: Notice of Availability of an Evaluation of the Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza and Newcastle Disease Status of Japan [Docket No. APHIS-2016-

F.R. Date	Subject
	0053] (N)

FAS GAIN reports

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

- Canada - [The CFIA opens 30-day comment period on changes to wine labels](#)
- China - [China Raises Tariffs on Imported Sugar](#)
- Colombia - [Colombia Removes Tilletia Horrida from Quarantine Pest List](#)
- EU - [Progress of the EU MRL Review process – Article 12](#)
- India - [Amendments in Food Import Regulations](#)
- India - [FSSAI Notifies Compliance Directions for Caffeinated Beverages](#)
- India - [FSSAI Publishes Draft Amendment in Food Additive Regulation](#)
- India - [FSSAI Standards of Table Olives Now in Effect](#)
- Korea - [Update to Korea's New Biotech Labeling Requirements](#)
- Philippines - [FDA to Regulate Processed Food Products](#)
- Philippines - [New Philippine Tariff Code 2017-2020](#)
- Qatar - [Qatar Implementation of GSO Regulation on Nutritional Labeling](#)
- South Africa - [Draft Regulations governing the maximum limits for pesticide residue](#)
- South Africa - [Draft Regulations relating to maximum levels of metals in foodstuffs](#)
- Spain – [FAIRS - Certification](#)
- Turkey - [Turkey Will Establish a Halal Accreditation Authority](#)
- Vietnam - [GVN revised Decree on Goods Labeling](#)
- Vietnam - [MOH revises MRLs for Pesticides in Foods](#)

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
06-02-17	Drug Enforcement Adm. (DEA): Schedules of Controlled Substances: Temporary Placement of Acryl Fentanyl Into Schedule I [Docket No. DEA-460] (N)
	Environmental Protection Agency (EPA): Receipt of Information Under the Toxic Substances Control Act [EPA-HQ-OPPT-2013-0677; FRL-9961-06] (N)
	EPA: Notification of Submission to the Secretaries of Agriculture and Health and Human Services; Pesticides; Technical Amendment to Data Requirements for Antimicrobial Pesticides [EPA-HQ-OPP-2015-0683; FRL-9962-67] (N)
	EPA: Bifenthrin; Pesticide Tolerances for Emergency Exemptions [EPA-HQ-OPP-2016-0236; FRL-9954-47] (N/CO)
06-07-17	DEA: Schedules of Controlled Substances: Placement of Acetyl Fentanyl Into Schedule I [Docket No. DEA-413] (Final Order)
	National Highway Transportation Safety Administration (NHTSA): Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards; Minimum Sound Requirements for Hybrid and Electric Vehicles [Docket No. NHTSA-2016-0125] (FR/DED)
06-08-17	EPA: Triclopyr; Pesticide Tolerances for Emergency Exemptions [EPA-HQ-OPP-2017-0036; FRL-9961-29] (FR)
	EPA: Receipt of Several Pesticide Petitions Filed for Residues of Pesticide Chemicals in or on Various Commodities [EPA-HQ-OPP-2017-0006; FRL-

F.R. Date	Subject
	9961-14] (N) EPA: Receipt of Two Pesticide Petitions Filed for Residues of Pesticide Chemicals in or on Various Commodities [EPA-HQ-OPP-2015-0032; FRL-9961-90] (N) EPA: Significant New Use Rule on Certain Chemical Substances [EPA-HQ-OPPT-2016-0207; FRL-9959-37] (PR) EPA: Certain New Chemicals: Receipt and Status Information for March 2017 [EPA-HQ-OPPT-2016-0700; FRL-9961-71] (N) EPA: Pesticide Product Registration: Receipt of Application for New Active Ingredient [EPA-HQ-OPP-2017-0007; FRL-9961-13] (N) EPA: Pesticide Product Registration: Receipt of Applications for New Uses [EPA-HQ-OPP-2017-0008; FRL-9961-15] (N)
06-12-17	DEA: Exempt Chemical Preparations Under the Controlled Substances Act [Docket No. DEA-372] (Order/RFC)
06-13-17	EPA: Cumene Sulfonic Acid and its Ammonium, Calcium, Magnesium, Potassium, Sodium and Zinc salts; Exemption from the Requirement of a Tolerance [EPA-HQ-OPP-2013-0467; FRL-9961-68] (FR)
06-14-17	EPA: Spirotetramat; Pesticide Tolerances [EPA-HQ-OPP-2016-0255; FRL-9961-95] (FR)
06-20-17	National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA): Endangered and Threatened Species; Initiation of 5-Year Review for the Endangered Gulf of Maine Distinct Population Segment of Atlantic Salmon (N/RFI) Defense (DoD): Notice of Three-Year Extension of Defense Health Agency Evaluation of Non-United States Food and Drug Administration Approved Laboratory Developed Tests Demonstration Project (N)
06-21-17	NMFS/NOAA: Endangered and Threatened Species; Initiation of 5-Year Reviews for the Endangered Baiji/Chinese River Dolphin/Yangtze River Dolphin and Endangered Saimaa Subspecies of Ringed Seal (N)
06-22-17	NMFS/NOAA: Taking and Importing of Marine Mammals (N) [five-year affirmative finding for Peru under the Marine Mammal Protection Act] NMFS/NOAA: Taking and Importing of Marine Mammals (N) [affirmative finding annual renewals for Ecuador, El Salvador, Guatemala, Mexico, and Spain]
06-23-17	US Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS): Removal of the Hualapai Mexican Vole From the Federal List of Endangered and Threatened Wildlife [Docket No. FWS-R2-ES-2015-0028; FXES11130900000-178-FF09E42000] (FR)
06-27-17	National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA): Civil Penalties [Docket No. NHTSA-2016-0136] (FR/DED)
06-28-17	Justice: Enforcing the Regulatory Reform Agenda; Department of Justice Task Force on Regulatory Reform Under E.O. 13777 [Docket No. OLP 164] (RFC)
06-30-17	NMFS/NOAA: Endangered and Threatened Species; Listing and Recovery Priority Guidelines (N/E) NMFS/NOAA: Endangered and Threatened Species; Initiation of 5-Year Review for the North Pacific Right Whale (N/RFI) Energy: Energy Conservation Program: Test Procedures for Consumer Refrigerators, Refrigerator-Freezers, and Freezers [EERE-2017-BT-TP-0004] (N/RFI) NHTSA: Greenhouse Gas Emissions and Fuel Efficiency Standards for Medium- and Heavy-Duty Engines and Vehicles—Phase 2 [EPA-HQ-OAR-2014-0827; NHTSA-2014-0132; FRL-9950-25-OAR] Correction

Commerce publishes list of scope rulings and anticircumvention determinations

On June 7, 2017, Enforcement and Compliance, International Trade Administration, Department of Commerce published in the *Federal Register* a [list of scope rulings and anticircumvention determinations](#) made between April 1, 2016, and June 30, 2016, inclusive. The rulings and determinations involved the following cases:

- A-570-967 and C-570-968: Aluminum Extrusions From China
- A-570-018 and C-570-019: Boltless Steel Shelving Units Prepackaged for Sale From China
- A-570-016 and C-570-017: Certain Passenger Vehicle and Light Truck Tires From China
- A-570-979 and C-570-980: Crystalline Silicon Photovoltaic Cells, Whether or not Assembled Into Modules From China
- A-570-970 and C-570-971: Multilayered Wood Flooring From China

Commerce intends to publish future lists after the close of the next calendar quarter.

Antidumping and countervailing duty cases

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

The Americas - South America

Argentina

Mercosur tariff classifications

The Argentine Federal Administration of Public Revenue (AFIP) has approved and adopted the following MERCOSUR tariff classifications:

NCM Tariff Position	Description of the Merchandise	Classification Criteria №	SIGEA Action № / Record №
8517.62.72	Battery-powered handheld device, designed to be used on the wrist, provided with: transmitter with built-in digital receiver, 2.4 GHz working frequency and 25 Mbits / s maximum transmission rate, for connection via Bluetooth connection "With cell phones; 1.9 Megapixel digital still camera; Super AMOLED technology touch screen with 41.4 mm ² area and resolution equal to (320 x 320) pixels; Motion sensor and watch, of the types commonly known as "smart watch", together with: AC / DC converter with micro USB connector, plastic adapter bracket that links the static converter to the device and user manuals.	07/17	13289-41396-2013
8544.20.00	Electrical conductor, coaxial type, devoid of connecting parts, consisting of: ONE (1) center conductor of 0.97 mm in diameter (20 AWG) consisting of seven (7) twisted copper wires, surrounded by a plastic dielectric, And TWO (2) concentric reinforcements on its periphery, one inside and one outside, constructed by TWELVE (12) and FIFTEEN (15) galvanized steel wires, respectively, coiled in a spiral along their entire length; Presented in roll, of the types used for the transmission of electrical signals, in addition to bearing the weight of different tools, in the oil well profiling.	08/17	13289-6934-2014
9018.39.99	Plastic tube closed at one end, provided with a sterile safety cap for collection, storage and transport of blood, containing Tetradecyldimethylamine to reduce RNA degradation (in vitro) and to eliminate gene induction, and a predefined vacuum to accommodate a volume Of 2.5 ml	09/17	13289-12789-2015

NCM Tariff Position	Description of the Merchandise	Classification Criteria №	SIGEA Action № / Record №
	blood, of the types used in extraction phlebotomy procedures.		
3214.10.10	Two-component mastic, to be applied in a thick layer, presented in a plastic cartridge with two compartments, which independently housed a composite based on polyester resin with 74.4% inorganic filler and a viscous liquid-based compound Polyester resin and water, which, when mixed, give adhering and sealing properties; Of the types used in the mining industry for the fixing of anchor bolts.	10/17	13289-16457-2015
2106.90.90	Autosole of yeasts (<i>Saccharomyces cerevisiae</i>) powder, of a kind used for incorporation in feed-ingstuffs.	11/17	1-255301-2015
8421.39.90	Combination of machines for the filtration of gases and recovery of hydrocarbons, consisting of: two gas compressors, screw; Two scrubbers; heat exchanger; Shell, steel; bomb; Valves; Pipes and fittings; Measuring and control instruments and electronic control and command board, all mounted on a metal support structure ("skid").	13/17	13289-7325-2016

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 Republica Argentina* (Official Gazette) or the *Customs Bulletin* during the period covered by this Update [Unofficial translation].

BO Date	Subject
31-05-17	Law 27361 Approving the Free Trade Agreement between MERCOSUR and the Arab Republic of Egypt.
01-06-17	Federal Administration of Public Revenue (AFIP): Directorate General of Customs Resolution № 35-E/2017 – Renewal of authorization for a fiscal warehouse.
02-06-17	National Adm. of Medicines, Food and Medical Technology (ANMAT): Disp. 5706/2017 (30-06-17) Registration of medical devices ANMAT: Disp. 5702/2017 (30-05-17) Registration of Domisanitary products
06-06-17	ANMAT: Disp. 5896/2017 (02-06-17) Prohibition on the use and distribution of certain medical products
07-06-17	ANMAT: Disp. 6022/2017 (05-06-17) Prohibition on use and distribution of medical products
08-06-17	Decree 404 /2017 (08-06-17) Exemption from payment of import duties and other charges on products originating in and coming from the countries participating in the event "FITHEP 2017 - International Fair of Technology and Raw Materials for Ice Cream, Bakery, Confectionery, Chocolates, Pastas, Pizzas, Empanadas, Restaurants , Hospitality and Catering"
12-06-17	AFIP: General Res. № 4068-E/2017 (07-06-17) Mercosur Common Nomenclature (NCM). Tariff classification of goods in the abovementioned nomenclature, according to the procedure established in General Resolution № 1.618.
	AFIP: Gen. Res. № 4071-E/2017 ((07-06-17) Export Destinations. General Resolution No. 1,921, as amended and supplemented. Modifying standard
	AFIP: Gen. Res.№ 4073-E/2017 (07/06/17) Export of goods with revisable price. Resolution No. 2,780 / 92 (ANA). Its replacement.
	AFIP: Gen. Res. № 4074-E/2017 (07/06/17) Import. Values criterion of preventive character. General Resolution No. 2,730 and its amendment. Supplementary rule.

BO Date	Subject
13-06-17	Production: Decree 416/2017 (12-06-17) Argentine Foreign Trade Single Window Regime. Creation of Executing Unit. AFIP: General Resolution 4076-E (08-06-17) Removed. General Resolution No. 1,229, its amendments and its complementary ones. Modifying and complementary standard. Resolution N ° 1,649 (ANA) and its amendment. Its replacement.
15-06-17	Regime of Single Window of Argentine Exterior Trade: Administrative Decision 376/2017 (14-06-17) -Assignment of charges
23-06-17	AFIP: Disp. Nº 149-E/2017 (19-06-17) procedures established for the prosecution of infractions in which the Denunciation, surrender or acquittal, provided that the customs value of the merchandise involved in the case exceeds the sum of Pesos Five Thousand (\$ 5,000), as well as when the penalty is mitigated under Article 916 of the aforementioned law are delegated to the General Sub-Directorate General Technical Legal Customs
26-06-17	AFIP: Gen. Res. Nº 4082-E (22-06-1) setting interest rates. Article 791 of the Customs Code. Its regulation
27-06-17	Security/Secretariat of Borders: Resolution Nº 12-E/2017 establishing delegates responsible for the National Security Zones
30-06-17	Hacienda: Decree 461-2017 (29-06-17) relating to Argentina's Presidency of the G20 beginning in 1 December.
	AFIP: Disp. 159-E/2017 (29-06-17) Modification of regime for temporarily replacing customs officials.
	AFIP: Disp. 161-E/2017 (29-06-17) assignment of customs officials
	AFIP: Disp. 162-E/2017 (29-06-17) assignment of customs officials
	AFIP: Disp. 163-E/2017 (29-06-17) assignment of customs officials

Antidumping and countervailing duty cases

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

Brazil

Diário Oficial da União publications

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

DOU Date	Subject
25-04-17	SECEX Ordinance Nº 15, of 24-04-2017 - Establishes criteria for the allocation of quotas for imports, determined by CAMEX Resolution No. 30, of April 20, 2017
09-05-17	SECEX Ordinance Nº 16, of 08-05-2017 Establishes criteria for the allocation of import quotas, determined by CAMEX Resolution No. 34, dated May 5, 2017.
10-05-17	SECEX Ordinance Nº 17 of 09-05-2017 It lists the list of entities authorized to issue Digital Origin Certificates (COD) in trade with Argentina, under the Economic Complementation Agreements (ACE) Nos. 14 and 18
12-05-17	SECEX Ordinance Nº 18 of 11-05-2017 Changes the Portaria SECEX nº 23, of July 14, 2011, to give new wording to the art. 238, art. 241, art. 242 and Annex XXIII, art. 1st, inc. II; Include art. 238-A, art. 242-A, 242-B and Annex XXX; And revoke art. 239, §§ 1 to 4.
15-05-17	SECEX Ordinance Nº 19 of 12-05-2017 Establishes criteria for the allocation of import quotas, determined by CAMEX Resolution No. 39, dated May 10, 2017.
01-06-17	SECEX Ordinance Nº 20 of 30-05-2017 Redistribution of quota for importation, established by Economic Complementation Agreement No. 55, internalized by Decree No. 4,458, of November 5, 2002.
16-06-17	SECEX Cir. Nº 36 (14-06-17) Publicizes the proposals for the modification of the Common Nomenclature of MERCOSUR - NCM and the Common External

DOU Date	Subject
	Tariff under analysis by the Department of International Negotiations (DEINT), with the purpose of gathering subsidies for the definition of position within the Technical Committee No. 1 of Tariffs, Mercosur Nomenclature and Classification of Goods (CT-1).

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
06-06-17	Public Works: Decree No 263/2017 - Modifies and fixes consolidated text of Decree No. 1,141, of 2006, which approves a new regulation on the acquisition of national movable goods and on importation and contracting of services, as amended by Decree No. 412, of 2007
	Economy, Promotion and Tourism: Resolution number 17, of 2017.- Appoints representatives of the Ministry of Economy, Development and Tourism in the national commission charged with investigating the existence of distortions in the price of imported merchandise
07-06-17	Foreign Affairs: Decree No. 3 of 2017.- Promulgates the Agreement on Mutual Administrative Assistance for the Prevention, Investigation and Repression of Customs Offenses between the Government of the Republic of Chile and the Government of the Italian Republic
08-06-17	Agriculture: Exempt Resolution No 3,215, of 2017.- Modifies resolution No. 1,012 of 2004, which establishes phytosanitary entry requirements for cereal seeds
	Agriculture: Exempt Resolution No 3,159, of 2017.- Establishes phytosanitary import requirements for microbubbles seminal Liliun spp. Intended for propagation, from Member States of the European Community
	Agriculture: Exempt Resolution No 3,071, dated 2017.- Establishes phytosanitary import requirements for seedlings of Ranunculus asiaticus from Member States of the European Community
09-06-17	Energy: Exempt Resolution No 37, of 2017.- Approves a new format for the preparation and specifications for the display of the energy consumption label for motor vehicles which indicates, under the provisions of Decree No. 61, of 2012, and leaves without effect Resolution No. 77 exempt, 2012
15-06-17	Hacienda: Exempt Decree No 234, of 2017.- Applies reductions of customs duties for the import of wheat and wheat flour or morcajo (tranquillón)
16-06-17	Economy, Promotion and Tourism: Decree No 47, of 2017.- Fixed list of goods excluded from the refund to exports of Law No. 18,480 and indicates values of the maximum amounts exported for the year 2016
22-06-17	Hacienda: Exempt Resolution No 3,530, of 2017.- Modifies Compendium of Customs Norms
	Hacienda: Exempt Resolution No 3,529, of 2017.- Modifies Compendium of Customs Norms
	Hacienda: Exempt Resolution No 3,263, of 2017.- Produces joint work plans between the National Customs Service and port terminals indicating
	Hacienda: Exempt Resolution No 12, of 2017.- Repeals resolutions No. 3,995, of 2013, and No. 8,188, of 2016, and modifies Compendium of Customs Norms

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.

Peru

Tariff Classification database

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

SUNAT and *El Peruano* publications

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

Date	Subject
07-06-17	Health: Supreme Decree Nº 016-2017-SA Modify Regulation for the registration control and sanitary surveillance of pharmaceutical products medical devices and medical devices
10-06-17	Economy and Finance: Resolution Vice Ministerial Nº 006-2017-EF / 15.01 Reference prices and additional variable duties referred to in DS N° 115-2001-EF applicable to imports of maize sugar rice and whole milk powder
12-06-17	National Institute of Defense of Competition and Protection of Intellectual Property (INDECOPi): Resolution No. 136-2017 / CDB-INDECOPi They maintain for a period of 5 years the validity of the anti-dumping duties imposed by Res. No. 004-2002 / CDS-INDECOPi extended by Resolution No. 082-2011 / CFD-INDECOPi on imports of stainless steel cutlery of a thickness Not exceeding 1.25 mm originating in the People's Republic of China

Venezuela

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New VAT and customs duties exonerations for cars and motorcycles produced or assembled in Venezuela

On 27 March 2017, the President of Venezuela created a plan referred to as the Plan to Bolster the Automotive Industry: Venezuela in Movement (Plan de Reimpulso de la Industria Automotriz “Venezuela en Movimiento”) and established VAT and import taxes exemptions (Presidential Decree No. 2.78, *Official Gazette* No. 41.122 of 27 March 2017). The plan became effective on 27 March 2017, and will have a maximum duration of three years.

The plan strengthens the Venezuelan automotive industry through internal sales of vehicles and motorcycles and imports of the components defined for their production and is referred to as the Regime of Imported Assembly Material for Vehicles (Régimen de Material de Ensamblaje Importado para Vehículos, or MEIV), with the own resources of dealers or individuals, or another regime for imports of imported assembly material.

The plan includes the following programs:

1. Vehicle of Individual Use , meaning vehicles produced or assembled in Venezuela of 2,000 cc or less).
2. Vehicle for the load of freight, meaning pickup trucks, articulated trucks and light, medium and heavy trucks.
3. Production Motorcycle, meaning motorcycles produced or assembled in Venezuela of 250 cc or less.

Participation in the plan

Car and motorcycle manufacturing companies that participate in the plan shall, within 60 continuous days as of 27 March 2017, sign affiliation agreements for each program with the Republic of Venezuela, through the Ministry of the People's Power for Economy and Finance, to assemble and sell the vehicles and motorcycles in Venezuela.

Tax benefits

VAT and Import Taxes exemption

Transactions carried out within the respective programs mentioned above, are exempt from payment of VAT and customs duties, according to these terms:

1. Imports of parts, pieces, and components for the assembly of vehicles and motorcycles, referring to MEIV regime, carried out by the manufacturing company with its own resources.
2. Domestic sales of vehicles, made by manufacturing companies, which have signed the affiliation agreement.
3. Sales of vehicles and motorcycles made by concessionary companies authorized by the manufacturing company to individuals and entities that comply with the Decree.

Exemption operations shall be carried out by manufacturing companies that have subscribed to the corresponding affiliation agreement and the concessionary companies that have been authorized by the manufacturing company for the sales of vehicles and motorcycles within the determined programs.

Exemption of the 15% luxury consumption tax

The Plan also exempted the sales of vehicles assembled in Venezuela from the payment of the additional 15% VAT rate. It is not clear whether the exoneration also applies to the sales of motorcycles. [Note: *The 15% rate is in addition to the general VAT 12% rate and applies to (i) the import of vehicles with a value equal to or greater than USD 40,000 or sale of vehicles manufactured in Venezuela with more than 6,000 tax units (approximately USD 2.571) factory price; and (ii) the import of motorcycles with a value equal to or greater than USD 20,000 or sale of motorcycles manufactured in Venezuela with a top price of 2,500 tax units (approximately USD 1.071), among other considered luxury goods.*]

Additional regulations established by the Revenue Service

The National Integrated Service of Customs and Tax Administration (Revenue Service) shall establish through Administrative Guidelines, the formalities, docu-

ments, time periods and corresponding mechanisms for implementing the above exonerations.

1. Import License

The manufacturing companies ascribed to the plan may exceptionally obtain import licenses, in the following cases:

- i. Vehicles or motorcycles of their own brand, or the brand of the companies with verifiable legal relationship established internationally.
- ii. Models not assembled in the country, up to an amount that does not exceed 30% of the total number of vehicles and motorcycles. For distributing licenses during 2017, the production of 2015 will be reviewed, and, in the later years, the projection of production of the same year the license is requested will be reviewed.

The assembly companies that participate in the Programs and work under the own resources framework, of concessionaries or individuals, should assign 10% of total collected revenue of the portion paid in foreign currency for vehicles produced and imported under this framework for acquiring imported raw materials (MEIV and local parts production) needed for the production of units to be sold entirely in Bolívars

2. Acquisition of vehicles and motorcycles

Individuals and entities may acquire vehicles and motorcycles produced within the framework of the Bolster Plan, although individuals and the company Venezuela Productiva C.A. will have priority. [Venezuela Productiva, C.A. is a joint venture company between the Government of Venezuela and Chery (<http://www.venezuelaproductivaautomotriz.com/>).] Other entities may purchase vehicles and motorcycles in these cases.

- i. For private productive use.
- ii. For selling, when the entity is a concessionary company or a national public administration entity authorized by the national assembly company.
- iii. To allow an insurance company to comply with the insurance beneficiary in a substitutive indemnity in kind in agreement within an insurance contract, in the cases of total vehicle loss for accident, unforeseeable circumstances, or events of force majeure.***

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Asia-Pacific

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

Australia

Duty rate and tariff changes

The second phase down of customs duty rates under the [Expanded Information Technology Agreement](#) will occur on 1 July 2017. The customs duty rate for nine tariff subheadings will be reduced. Further details can be found at Attachment A to Department of Immigration and Border Protection (DIBP) [Notice № 2017/18](#).

The date of Proclamation for the [Customs Tariff Amendment Act 2017](#) is 1 July 2017. The following amendments commence on this date:

- Schedule 1 of the [Customs Tariff Act 1995](#) (the Tariff Act) is repealed, and simultaneously re-enacted in the *Customs Tariff Regulation 2004*.

- Section 16A of the Tariff Act is repealed, removing agriculture safeguard provisions relating to the [Thailand-Australia Free Trade Agreement](#), which expired on 31 December 2008.
- Additional Notes to Chapter 7, 8 and 19 of the Tariff Act which clarify the tariff classification of certain fruits, vegetables and pastas. The text of the new Additional Notes can be found at Attachment B to [DIBP Notice № 2017/18](#).
- An end date of 31 December 2017 is inserted for the Enhanced Project By-law Scheme, implemented under Item 44 to Schedule 4 of the Tariff Act. Importers who currently have a valid determination will continue to be able to access the Scheme until the end date of the determination. This measure was announced in the 2016-17 Budget.

The [Customs Tariff Amendment Regulations 2017](#) re-enacts Schedule 1 of the Tariff Act in the [Customs Tariff Regulation 2004](#). The lists of countries and places entitled to preferential customs duty rates will be re-enacted as they were previously legislated, except the Forum Island Countries, which will be added to the Developing Countries preference list.

The [Customs By-law No. 1700053](#) provides for accompanied personal effects and reduces the duty free tobacco allowance imported by passengers or members of the crew of ships or aircraft from 50 cigarettes or equivalent, to 25 cigarettes or equivalent. This measure was announced in the 2016-17 Budget. This By-law replaces [Customs By-law No. 1300953](#), which is revoked as of 30 June 2017.

DIBP issues export reporting reminder

On 15 June 2017, Department of Immigration and Border Protection (DIBP) [Notice 2017/17](#) was issued reminding the trade about export reporting obligations. An export declaration is a statement made by the exporter, or their agent, to DIBP providing information about the goods and the export transaction. Exporters must accurately complete all fields on an export declaration.

Generally, goods intended to be exported from Australia must be declared to the Department on an export declaration if they:

- Require an export permit, regardless of their value
- Have a value greater than AUD 2000, except exempt goods

Export declarations are also required for goods on which a drawback is to be claimed, or customable and excisable goods on which duty/excise has not been paid.

There are certain goods that are excluded from the requirement to report to the DIBP using an export declaration. These exempt goods are instead required to be quoted on export manifests and sub-manifests using the appropriate exemption code. Exporters must accurately complete all mandatory fields in the Integrated Cargo System (ICS) for exempt goods.

Generally, goods that are exempt from requiring an export declaration include:

- Personal or household effects
- Pets
- Certain consignments with a value of less than AUD 2000
- Goods covered by carnets under section 162A of the *Customs Act*

- Australia Post or diplomatic bags
- Australian domestic cargo
- Containers for the international carriage of cargo
- Ship or aircraft stores
- Military goods that are being exported for the Australian Defence Force on a military ship or aircraft

In-transit and transshipment cargo must be reported electronically to the DIBP in the ICS.

The Australian Harmonised Export Commodity Classification (AHECC) is an eight digit code used to classify goods for export on an export declaration. The AHECC is maintained by the Australian Bureau of Statistics and can be accessed from the Australian Bureau of Statistics website.

Many types of goods require a permit to be exported. A permit issuing authority may specify AHECC codes for which a permit is mandatory, or may be required.

If an AHECC has:

- A 'yes' requirement for a permit, then the export declaration will only be validated as CLEAR if a valid permit number is included in the declaration
- A 'maybe' requirement for a permit, then the export declaration will be validated as CLEAR without a permit number, but a warning message will be generated
- No requirement for a permit, then the export declaration will accept a valid permit number but will not require it.

The Notice contains additional information and links to various export resources.

Export control forms revised

[Defence Export Controls](#) (DEC) is responsible to the Minister for Defence for regulating the export of defence and strategic goods and technologies. On 20 June 2017, the DEC updated various export application [forms](#). The updated forms are:

- [Client Registration form - version 3.6.0b](#)
- [Application for DSGL Assessment - version 3.7.0b](#)
- [Application to Export Controlled Goods and Technology - version 3.7.3](#)
- [Application for an Australian General Export Licence \(AUSGEL\) - version 3.7.3](#)
- [Application for an International Import Certificate - version 3.6.0b](#)
- [Application for a Delivery Verification Certificate - version 3.6.0b](#)
- [Application for a Non-Transfer and End-Use Certificate - version 3.6.0b](#)
- [Application to Register as a Broker - version 3.6.0b](#)
- [Application to Make a Brokering Arrangement - version 3.6.1b](#)

Nuclear Cooperation Agreement with Ukraine enters into force

On 15 June 2017, the Australian Minister for Foreign Affairs, the Hon. Julie Bishop, [announced](#) that Australia's *Nuclear Cooperation Agreement* with Ukraine has

come into force, following the completion of both governments' respective treaty processes. The announcement stated:

The Nuclear Cooperation Agreement enables Australia to export uranium to Ukraine, one of the world's top ten generators of nuclear power.

All exports of Australian uranium will be subject to internationally agreed security standards, and ongoing security risk assessment and contingency planning. Exports will also be controlled to ensure Australian nuclear material is only used for peaceful purposes.

Under the Agreement, the use of Australian nuclear material for the development of weapons or explosive devices is strictly prohibited.

The Agreement will also enhance cooperation between Australia and Ukraine on nuclear-related activities, including nuclear safeguards, security, safety and science.

Australia recognises the importance of security of supply of nuclear power to Ukraine to maintain standards of living. This Agreement provides Ukraine with the opportunity to diversify its energy supply and provide a reliable alternative to Russian sourced uranium.

Australia signs Pacific Trade and Development Agreement

On 14 June 2017, the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT) [announced](#) that Assistant Minister for Trade, Tourism and Investment, Keith Pitt, signed the *Pacific Agreement on Closer Economic Relations* (PACER Plus) at the ceremony in Nuku'alofa, Tonga. The signing comes after negotiations concluded in Brisbane in April.

PACER Plus is a comprehensive Free Trade Agreement (FTA) covering goods, services and investment. The 14 June signing included Australia, New Zealand and eight Pacific island countries – Cook Islands, Kiribati, Nauru, Niue, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Tonga, and Tuvalu.

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
01-06-17	DIBP № 2017/14	Important reminder about supply chain legislative requirements
15-06-17	DIBP № 2017/15	Luxury Car Tax Threshold and Fuel Efficient Vehicle Limit–Changes
	DIBP № 2017/17	Important reminder about export reporting obligations
21-06-17	DIBP № 2017/18	Statistical Code, Duty Rate and Other Changes for 1 July 2017

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
07-06-17	TC17-25 7 June 2017
14-06-17	TC17-26 14 June 2017
21-06-17	TC17-27 21 June 2017
27-06-17	Export Market Development Grants Determination of the Payout Factor for

Date	Matter
	Grant Year 2015-16
28-06-17	TC17-28 28 June 2017

Australian Tariff Precedents

The existing Tariff Precedent system is being changed. The new system, the Public Advice Products System, retains Tariff Precedents, but also introduces a new product, Tariff Classification Guides. The Practice Statement which outlines the policy for this new service is currently in the consultative stage.

See [List of Current Precedents](#) for all current precedents (through 13 April 2017).

New precedent 21820600 for the classification of chemically impregnated dog collars restates our opinion, previously outlined in some of the below precedents, that such goods should be classified under heading 3808.

The following precedents have been revoked due to legislative amendments to the *Customs Tariff Act 1995*, resulting from changes to the Harmonized Commodity Description and Coding System (HS), which came into effect on 1 January 2017. These precedents have not been replaced, except in one instance, because the changes have clarified the classification of the goods or clarification is no longer needed. Revoked precedents cannot be used as exemplars after either the date of relevant legislative change or the date of revocation (whichever occurs earliest). If there is doubt as to the classification of any goods previously covered by a precedent, the option of seeking an advance ruling is open.

Precedents revoked and related heading:

- Heading 0302 (fish): 21064500, 21064700, 21064900, 21065000
- Heading 1211 (plant material): 19571300, 21103900, 19571200, 19571400, 19571100
- Heading 2933 (trimethylol melamine): 19573400
- Heading 3002 (HIV diagnostic kit): 20351500
- Heading 3808 (insecticides etc.): 19574400, 19574500, 19574600, 19574700, 19574800, 19574900, 19575000, 19575100, 19575500, 19575600, 20399400.

Tariff classification guides

The guides below provide advice on more complex issues or on issues that span many classifications.

- [Applying tolerances in Tariff Concession Orders](#)
- [Classifying cases and covers for portable electronic devices](#)
- [Classifying functional units](#)
- [Classifying incomplete vehicles](#)
- [The meaning of 'household' and 'domestic' when classifying goods](#)
- [Identifying and classifying tractors of heading 8701.](#)

Antidumping and countervailing duty cases

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

China (including Hong Kong SAR)

Hong Kong Strategic Commodities Regulations Amendment commences 3 July

On 26 May 2017, the Hong Kong Trade and Industry Department (TID) [announced](#) that 3 July 2017 would be the commencement date of the *Import and Export (Strategic Commodities) Regulations (Amendment of Schedule 1) Order 2017* (“the Order”).

The Order amends Schedule 1 to the *Import and Export (Strategic Commodities) Regulations* (“the Regulations”) to reflect the changes to the control lists of strategic commodities adopted by international non-proliferation regimes which have come into effect after the last amendment of Schedule 1 in 2015. For details of the amendments, please refer to the Order by visiting the [website of the Strategic Commodities Control System](#) or the [Gazette online \[Legal Supplement No. 2 of the Gazette published on 24 March 2017 \(No. 12, Vol. 21\)\]](#).

Section 6A of the *Import and Export Ordinance* stipulates that no person shall import or export any article specified in the Schedules to the Regulations except under and in accordance with a licence issued by the Director-General of Trade and Industry. Any person who contravenes the provision commits an offence and is liable:

- (a) on summary conviction to a fine of HK\$500,000 and to imprisonment for two years; and
- (b) on conviction on indictment to an unlimited fine and to imprisonment for seven years.

In addition to prosecution, the TID may impose administrative actions against these persons. Such administrative actions may involve, but shall not necessarily be confined to, suspension of a licence, refusal to issue a licence, debarment of all licensing facilities, etc.

- [PowerPoint presentation on the Order](#)

State Council lifts some restrictions on foreign investment activities in the free trade zones

On June 16, 2017, the State Council released [SCS 51 \[2017\] State Council on the issuance of special measures to control foreign investment in free trade zones admission test \(negative list\) \(2017 edition\)](#) [国务院办公厅关于印发自由贸易试验区外商投资准入特别管理措施（负面清单）（2017年版）的通知] 国办发〔2017〕51号], which further relaxes foreign investment activities in the free trade areas. The new guidance is effective on July 10, 2017 and repeals the 2015 guidance. The relaxed rules apply only to foreign companies' operations in the free trade zones. It is unclear how these openings will also be reflected in the final revised Catalogue Guiding Foreign Investment (CGFI), which would apply to foreign company operations nationwide and are expected to be released shortly.

The U.S. China Business Council has summarized the relaxation as follows:

- Mining - Restrictions were removed on precious metals exploration and mining, lithium mining and mineral processing.

Manufacturing

- Aviation - The Chinese controlling ownership requirement has been removed for the manufacture of helicopters over three tons; restrictions to JV and cooperative investments have been lifted for the design, manufacture and maintenance of general aviation aircraft below six tons and with nine seats or fewer.
- Shipping - The Chinese controlling ownership requirement has been removed for low- and medium-speed diesel engine manufacturing; Chinese controlling ownership has been removed for marine engineering equipment manufacturing and repair.
- Automotive - Certain restrictions related to foreign investment in production of fully electric (i.e. non-hybrid) vehicles appear to have been lifted. Liberalizations relate to how these vehicles must be branded, and the requirements surrounding the intellectual property rights and patents involved.
- Rail - Manufacturing of railway transportation equipment is no longer limited to joint ventures, and there is no longer a requirement that urban rail transit projects use at least 70 percent domestically made equipment.
- Telecom - The Chinese controlling ownership requirement was removed for civil satellite design and manufacturing, and civilian satellite payload manufacturing.
- Rare metal processing - Restriction on processing molybdenum, tin, antimony, and other rare metals were lifted.
- Transportation - Restrictions on investment in road passenger transport and restrictions limiting investment in foreign freight shipping to joint ventures and cooperative arrangements were removed.
- Internet - Though other licensing requirements remain in place that will continue to limit the ability of foreign companies to operate in this sector, restrictions on foreign companies investing in "internet service business premises" were removed.

Financial services

- Banking - Prohibitions on issuance and underwriting of government bonds were lifted. The bond underwriting liberalization was among the initial 100-day outcomes between the United States and China announced in May. Requirements for a minimum operation time tied to foreign banks being allowed to offer certain RMB services were also lifted, but other RMB service-related restrictions remain. Total asset requirements for foreign financial asset management companies were also lifted.
- Insurance - Restrictions on foreign insurance companies engaging in reinsurance with affiliated enterprises were also lifted.

Professional services

- Auditing - Requirements that the chief partner of a firm be a Chinese national were removed.
- Analytics and Investigations - Removed restrictions on foreign investment in institutions that produce statistical analysis of social programs, and conduct domestic surveys.
- Ratings - Lifted restrictions on foreign ownership of credit ratings agencies. As noted above, this liberalization was included in the draft revised CGFI and in the initial 100-day outcomes of the recent US-China negotiations.
- Other - Regulations restricting foreign nationals from serving as the legal representative of immigration agencies were repealed.

Education

- Publishing - Restrictions on importation of cultural products such as art and digital journals and databases no longer apply.

MOFCOM and GAC notices

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

Date	Series and №	Subject
06-09-17	GAC № 21, 2017	Announcement on Publication of Administrative Arrangements (I) of 2017
06-12-17	GAC № 22, 2017	Notice on Announcement of the Standard of Origin and Related Matters for the Implementation of Zero Tariff Goods in Hong Kong and Macao from July 1, 2017
06-16-17	SCS 51 [2017]	State Council on the issuance of special measures to control foreign investment in free trade zones admission test (negative list) (2017 edition) 06-05-17
06-19-17	Trade lot 460 [2017]	Issuance of 2017 annual licorice and its products export quota, etc.
06-20-17	GAC № 23, 2017	Notice on the Implementation of Mutual Recognition of Certified Operator (AEO) of China-New Zealand Customs
06-21-17	GAC № 24, 2017	Notice on the Release of Customs and Excise Industry Standards: GAC approved the “surfactant nonylphenol polyoxyethylene ether identification method”, “synthetic magnesium hydroxide and natural Bismuth and stone identification method “and other six customs industry standards, is to be published (standard number name see annex), August 1, 2017
28-06-17	GAC № 25, 2017	Notice on Promoting the Reform of Customs Clearance across the Customs and Excise Department

Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Cases

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

India

India introduces GST from 1 July – Customs to collect IGST

The new Goods and Services Tax (GST) enters into effect on 1 July 2017. It was made possible by an amendment to the Indian Constitution in 2016. An Integrated Goods and Services Tax (IGST) will be collected on interstate shipments. Foreign shipments will be treated in the same manner as interstate shipments and the IGST will be collected by Customs at the same time as customs duties and will be based on the customs value.

On the imports side there would be no impact on levy of Basic Customs duty, Education Cess, Anti-dumping duty, Safeguard duty and the like. However, the Additional duties of Customs, which are in common parlance referred to as Countervailing Duty (CVD) and Special Additional duty of Customs (SAD), would be replaced with the levy of IGST, barring a few exceptions. On the exports side, export would be treated as zero-rated supply. Under zero-rated supply IGST paid on export goods or the input tax credit proportionate to the goods and services consumed in goods exported under bond/letter of undertaking (LUT) would be refunded.

In the GST regime, IGST and GST Compensation cess (a type of tax or levy) will be levied on imports by virtue of sub-sections (7) &(9) of Section 3 of the *Customs Tariff Act, 1975*. Barring a few commodities such as pan masala, certain petroleum products which attract levy of CVD, the majority of imports would attract levy of IGST. Further, a few products such as aerated waters, tobacco products, motor vehicles etc.,

would also attract levy of GST Compensation Cess, over and above IGST. IGST and GST Compensation cess, wherever applicable, would be levied on cargo that would arrive on or after 1st July, 2017. It may also be noted that IGST would also be levied on cargo which has arrived prior to 1st July but a bill of entry is filed on or after 1st July 2017. Similarly ex-bond bill of entry filed on or after 1st July 2017 would attract IGST and GST Compensation cess, as applicable. In the case where cargo arrival is after 1st July and an advance bill of entry was filed before 1st July along with the payment of duty, the bill of entry may be recalled and reassessed by the proper officer for levy of IGST and GST compensation Cess, as applicable.

There are seven rates prescribed for IGST- Nil, 0.25%, 3% 5%, 12%, 18% and 28%. The actual rate applicable to an item would depend on its classification and would be specified in Schedules notified under section 5 of the *IGST Act, 2017*. The rates applicable to goods of Chapter 98 are as under:

- 9801- Project Imports- 18%
- 9802- Laboratory Chemicals- 18%
- 9803- Passenger baggage – Nil Rate
- 9804- Specified Drugs and medicines for personal use- 5%
- 9804- Other drugs and medicines for personal use- 12%
- 9804- All other dutiable goods for personal use- 28%

A summary of the changes that would impact importers and exporters upon GST roll out was prepared by the Central Board of Excise and Customs (CBEC) and may be [downloaded here](#).

Other CBEC and DGFT notifications, circulars and instructions

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

Date	Series and No	Subject
CBEC		
23-06-17	24/2017-Cus (T)	Project Imports (Amendment) Regulations, 2017: Amends Notification No. 230/1986-Customs dated 03.04.1986 so as to notify 11 concerned Metro/Mono Railway Administration as sponsoring authority for respective Metro/Mono Rail project
28-06-17	25/2017-Cus (T)	Appoints the 1st day of July, 2017 as the date on which all the provisions of the Taxation Laws (Amendment) Act, 2017 shall come into force.
	26/2017-Cus (T)	Amends Customs Exemption notifications for various export promotion schemes
30-06-17	29/2017-Cus (T)	Grants exemption to specimen, models, wall pictures and diagrams received as gifts
	30/2017-Cus (T)	Grants exemption to motion pictures, music, gaming software
	31/2017-Cus (T)	Grants exemption to re-import of unclaimed postal articles
	32/2017-Cus (T)	Grants exemption to works of Art and books, being antiques of an age exceeding one hundred years
	33/2017-Cus (T)	Grants exemption to re-import of challenge cup and trophies, won by Defence units
	34/2017-Cus (T)	Grants exemption to Tags and labels, or printed bags of foreign origin imported for repairs and return

Date	Series and №	Subject
	35/2017-Cus (T)	Grants exemption to Aviation Turbine Fuel in tanks of aircrafts by Indian Airlines, United Arab Airlines and Indian Air Force
	36/2017-Cus (T)	Grants exemption to imports by Vice-President
	* Notifications granting additional exemptions will appear in future editions of the update.	
15-06-17	54/2017-Cus (NT)	Tariff Notification in respect of Fixation of Tariff Value of Edible Oils, Brass Scrap, Poppy Seeds, Areca Nut, Gold and Silver
21-06-17	55/2017-Cus (NT)	India - Malaysia Comprehensive Economic Cooperation Agreement (Bilateral Safeguard Measures) Rules, 2017
29-06-17	57/2017-Cus (NT)	Regarding amendment in Re-export of Imported Goods (Drawback of Customs Duties) Rules, 1995
	58/2017-Cus (NT)	Amendment in the Customs, Central Excise Duties and Service Tax Drawback Rules, 1995
	59/2017-Cus (NT)	Regarding amendment in Notification no. 131/2016-Customs (N.T.) dated 31.10.2016 relating to AIRs of duty drawback
	60/2017-Cus (NT)	Shipping Bill & Bill of Export(Forms) Regulations, 2017
	61/2017-Cus (NT)	Shipping Bill (Electronic Declaration)(Amendment) Regulations, 2017.
30-06-17	62/2017-Cus (NT)	Tariff Notification in respect of Fixation of Tariff Value of Edible Oils, Brass Scrap, Poppy Seeds, Areca Nut, Gold and Silver- Reg
	63/2017-Cus (NT)	Amendment to notification No.93/2016-Customs(NT) dated 1st July, 2016
	64/2017-Cus (NT)	Further amendment to Principal Notification No. 12/97-Cus (N.T.)
	65/2017-Cus (NT)	Bill of entry(Forms)(Amendment) Regulations, 2017
	66/2017-Cus (NT)	Related to the Courier Imports and Exports(Clearance)(Amendment) Regulations
	67/2017-Cus (NT)	Courier Imports and Exports(Electronic Declaration and Processing)(Amendment) Regulations, 2017
	68/2017-Cus (NT)	Customs(Import of Goods at concessional Rate of Duty) Rules, 2017

Antidumping and countervailing duty cases

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

New Zealand

New home for tariff concession notices

From the 1st July 2017, New Zealand Customs will no longer advertise tariff concession applications, approvals and declines in the *New Zealand Gazette*.

Only concession amendments and withdrawals will still be advertised in the Gazette as per the requirements of section 8 of the *Tariff Act 1988*. From this date, all tariff concession notices will be posted on the Customs website and in the weekly Customs release.

The new tariff concession notices webpage can be found on the [Tariff Concession Notices page](#) under 'news and resources' or accessed through the "Tariff Concession Notices" link under "Featured Topics" on the Customs website homepage.

Food importers must register before 30 June

Persons wishing to import food for sale in New Zealand, must meet the Ministry for Primary Industries' (MPI's) [food importing and safety requirements](#). These requirements include registering with MPI as a food importer (or using a registered importer), safely sourcing and handling food before export, and meeting specific requirements for foods identified as presenting a higher risk to consumers.

Food must be imported through a registered importer. Registered importers must:

- pay a fee to register
- renew the registration each year
- keep or have access to records to show where food has come from and that it's safe
- get food safety clearance for foods of high regulatory interest.

A person can become a registered importer or use an agent who is a registered importer.

Registration for food importers began 1 March 2016 and all food importers must be registered by 30 June 2017. Registered importers will be recorded in a public database. Prior to 1 March 2016, importers were listed with MPI but could not be searched by the public.

Applications to be a registered food importer must use one of the forms listed below. Applicants should choose the form and follow the instructions that match their situation. Note that these applications are made through the New Zealand Customs Service (NZ Customs), using their process for assigning client codes and registering to use the Trade Single Window.

- New food importers that weren't previously listed with MPI and who don't have a customs client code should apply using the [customs form 224](#) – ticking the 'Yes' box for Food Importer.
- Food importers that weren't previously listed with MPI and who don't have a customs client code should apply using the [customs form 224](#) – ticking the 'Yes' box for Food Importer.
- Food importers that weren't previously listed with MPI but who have a customs client code should update their information using [customs form 225](#) – ticking the 'Yes' box for Food Importer.
- Food importers who are listed with MPI and have a client code, but who haven't registered for Trade Single Window need to re-apply using [customs form 225](#).

Note, that NZ Customs will notify MPI when they receive an application. The applicant will then be contacted by MPI to request payment of the fee (NZ\$133.69 including GST for new applications).

New Health Promotion Agency (HPA) levy rates for alcohol

The annual adjustment to the levy rates on alcoholic beverages will take place on 1 July 2017. The new rates are contained in the [New Zealand Public Health and Disability \(Health Promotion Agency Levy\) Order 2017](#). The HPA is paid in addition to any duties, taxes and other fees.

The new HPA rates are:

Class	Current HPA rates to 30 June 2017	New HPA rates from 1 July 2017
A – 1.15–2.5 % alcohol	0.5707 cents per litre	0.5409 cents per litre
B – 2.5–6 % alcohol	1.6945 cents per litre	1.6152 cents per litre
C – 6–9% alcohol	3.0435 cents per litre	2.8847 cents per litre
D – 9–14% alcohol	3.8043 cents per litre	3.6059 cents per litre
E – 13–23% alcohol	6.8014 cents per litre	6.4281 cents per litre
F – more than 23% alcohol	14.5799 cents per litre	12.4064 cents per litre

Alcoholic beverages removed from a licensed manufacturing area or imported after midnight on 30 June 2017 will be subject to the new rates.

New excise duty rates for alcohol from 1 July

The New Zealand Customs Service has [announced](#) that the annual adjustment to the excise and excise-equivalent duty rates on alcoholic beverages will take place on 1 July 2017. The annual adjustment is based on movements in the Consumer Price Index over the 12-month period prior to 31 March 2017.

The new rates are those set out in the [Excise and Excise-equivalent Duties Table \(Alcoholic Beverages Indexation\) Amendment Order 2017](#).

The rates are summarised as:

Current excise rate to 30 June 2017	New excise rate (GST excl.) from 1 July 2017
42.650 cents per litre of beverage	43.573 cents per litre of beverage
\$28.438 per litre of alcohol	\$29.054 per litre of alcohol
\$2.2750 per litre of beverage	\$2.3243 per litre of beverage
\$2.8438 per litre of beverage	\$2.9054 per litre of beverage
\$51.795 per litre of alcohol	\$52.916 per litre of alcohol

Alcohol products removed from a licensed manufacturing area or imported after midnight on 30 June 2017 will be subject to the new rates.

ACC Levy on motor spirits

The New Zealand Customs Service has [announced](#) that the ACC levy on motor spirits will be 6 cents per litre from 1 July 2017. The levy does not apply to diesel.

The levy is set in the [Accident Compensation \(Motor Vehicle Account Levies\) Regulations 2017](#), and Customs collects the levy for ACC.

The ACC levy on motor spirits helps to pay the costs of motor vehicle injuries on public roads. The levy only partly meets the costs of motor vehicle accidents, the rest is paid through the vehicle licensing fee (rego). A person who is injured in a motor vehicle accident can claim entitlements such as medical treatment, weekly compensation if they are unable to work, and other assistance such as home help and childcare.

Further information is available on the ACC (Accident Compensation Corporation) website: <http://www.acc.co.nz/for-individuals/other-motorists/index.htm>.

Philippines

New Philippine Tariff Code 2017-2020

Executive Order No. 20 (EO 20) outlines the Most Favored Nation tariff schedule for 2017 to 2020 for all products, including food and agriculture (Chapters 1-24), effective June 17, 2017. EO 20 is available here:

<http://tariffcommission.gov.ph/executive-order-20> and here:

<http://www.officialgazette.gov.ph/downloads/2017/04apr/20170427-EO-20-RRD.pdf>

Executive Order No. 23 (EO 23) extends the tariff rates for the following products from July 1, 2017 until December 31, 2020 (or until an amendment to the Agricultural Tariffication Act is passed by Congress): rice (in-quota) to 35 percent from 40 percent; butter to 5 percent from 7 percent; buttermilk to 1 percent from 3 percent; grated cheese to 1 percent from 3 percent; frozen french fries to 0 percent from 10 percent; rapeseed meal to 1 percent from 3 percent; and mechanically deboned or separated meat to 5 percent from 40 percent. The complete text of EO 23 is available here:

<http://www.officialgazette.gov.ph/downloads/2017/04apr/20170427-EO-23-RRD.pdf>

Singapore

New End-User Statement format for Strategic Goods Permits

Pursuant to [Circular No. 06/2017](#) issued on 14 June 2017, Singapore Customs revised the End-User Statement (“EUS”) format for strategic goods permits in Singapore. While a single EUS format had been used previously for all permits under the Strategic Trade Scheme (“STS”), Singapore Customs has now introduced two different EUS formats for STS Bulk Permits and STS Individual Permits respectively, in light of the diverse nature of business operations and business needs involved in strategic goods.

We discuss the changes in further detail below.

1. Overview of changes to the EUS formats

Changes applicable to the EUS format for both STS permits

Under the previous EUS format, the end-user would have to indicate the value of the strategic goods exported. This requirement is now removed for the revised EUS formats for both STS permits.

The new format further clarifies that the EUS applies to all exports of strategic goods, regardless of whether such goods were loaned, gifted, purchased, received, whether directly or indirectly, from the exporter. This change is in line with the Singapore government's strict stance in deterring and pre-empting increasingly sophisticated and indirect means of illicitly transferring strategic goods.

Changes applicable to the EUS format for STS Bulk Permits

The new format states that the new EUS for STS Bulk Permits will be valid for a period of three years from the date it has been signed, or up till the validity period of the relevant STS Bulk Permit. Further, the previous requirement to indicate the quantity of the strategic goods exported has now been removed. The new EUS would also have to be signed by an authorised signatory who is at least of a managerial level, as compared to the previous EUS format which required an authorised signature accompanied with the company stamp.

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The new EUS format for STS Bulk Permit will be implemented with immediate effect. For existing STS Bulk Permit holders, the EUS format will apply in the following cases:

- (a) where the existing STS Bulk Permit holder has a new end-user; and
- (b) in relation to an existing end-user, where there are changes to the EUS or where the existing STS Bulk Permit holder renews his STS Bulk Permit, whichever is earlier.

Singapore Customs has also announced that the new EUS format for STS Bulk Permits will supersede any EUS facilitations granted before 1 January 2015.

Changes applicable to EUS format for STS Individual Permits

The new EUS format for STS Individual Permits will be implemented with effect from 1 July 2017. Apart from the changes mentioned above, the new EUS format for STS Individual Permits is broadly similar to the previous EUS format issued by Singapore Customs.

2. How these changes may affect you

While we understand that it was previously not compulsory to use the EUS format provided by the Singapore Customs, although such use was generally encouraged, the new EUS formats appear to be mandatory. In other words, all new EUS would likely have to comply with the applicable EUS formats.

The changes would also affect existing STS Bulk Permit holders who have entered into EUS facilitations and arrangements with the Singapore Customs before 1 January 2015. In particular, all concessionary arrangements reached before this date in relation to EUS would now be superseded by the requirement to submit EUS in accordance with the revised format for STS Bulk Permits.

Traders dealing with strategic goods should immediately evaluate the impact of the rollout of these new EUS formats and requirements, and review the form of EUS it currently utilizes. Traders should be prepared to use the revised formats where necessary.

In particular, traders which have set up supply chain or export control internal processes relying on Singapore Customs' EUS facilitations granted earlier should immediately evaluate whether and how the removal of such EUS facilitation may affect its supply chain and export control processes. The new EUS formats can be downloaded from [here](#).

Please feel free to contact [Eugene Lim](#), [Ken Chia](#), [Seng Yi Lin](#) or [Thuy Nguyen](#) if you wish to discuss the impact of these changes to your business.

MOF and Singapore Customs invited public feedback on the proposed amendments to the Customs Act

The Ministry of Finance (MOF) and Singapore Customs [invited the public](#) to provide feedback on the proposed amendments to the Customs Act. This public consultation took place between 9 May 2017, and 5 June 2017. The proposed amendments seek to support recent policy changes, provide legal clarity on current policies, and improve Singapore Customs' operational efficiency. A summary of the proposed amendments is appended in [Annex A](#) to the announcement. The public can access the consultation documents on MOF's website (www.mof.gov.sg), and the REACH consultation portal (www.reach.gov.sg).

Notices, circulars, etc.

Date	Reference	Matter
14-06-17	Cir. 06/2017	New End-User Statement (EUS) Formats for Strategic Trade Scheme (STS) Bulk Permit and Individual Permit

Europe, Middle East and North Africa

European Union and EFTA

Announcements and news releases [dd-mm-yy]

Date	Title
02-06-17	EFTA and India hold 16th round of free trade negotiations
07-06-17	Social partners adopt resolutions on the European Pillar of Social Rights and on digitalisation
08-06-17	EEA Consolidated Versions of the first package of EU Financial Services legislation now available
13-06-17	EFTA and Mexico hold fourth round of negotiations on a review of the EFTA-Mexico Free Trade Agreement
	EEA Joint Committee adopts "Roam like at Home" Regulation [14 decisions were adopted incorporating 30 legal acts into the EEA Agreement.]
15-06-17	EFTA Council prepares for Ministerial meeting in Longyearbyen
19-06-17	EFTA and MERCOSUR hold first round of negotiations
22-06-17	EFTA Ministerial meeting - Communiqué

EU extends economic sanctions against Russia by six months

The European Council has unanimously agreed to extend economic sanctions targeting the Russian economy by 6 months, until 31 January 2018. The extension is a result of the failure to fully implement the Minsk Agreements. The sanctions, originally introduced in July 2014 in response to Russia's actions in Ukraine, focus on the financial, energy and defence sectors, as well as dual-use goods.

[The Decision](#) was published in the Official Journal on Thursday, 29 June 2017.

For additional information contact [Ross L. Denton](#), of our London office.

EU issues trade barriers report

On 26 June 2017, the European Commission [announced](#) the issuance of a [Report From the Commission to the European Parliament and the Council on Trade and Investment Barriers](#) for Calendar year 2016. European exporters reported a 10% increase in the number of trade barriers they encountered in 2016 alone. 372 such barriers were in place at the end of last year in over 50 trade destinations across the world. The 36 obstacles created in 2016 could affect EU exports that are currently worth around €27 billion. G20 members figure prominently among countries having created the highest number of import obstacles. Russia, Brazil, China and India top the list. Most of the new protectionist measures reported in 2016 appeared also in Russia and India, followed by Switzerland, China, Algeria and Egypt. The Commission strongly defends European businesses against rising protectionist tendencies. Its efforts brought tangible results in 2016. The Commission managed to restore normal trading conditions in 20 various cases affecting EU exports worth €4.2 billion. South Korea, China, Israel and Ukraine top the list of countries where the EU succeeded in tackling barriers.

Council revises the list of products for which duties are suspended

On 27 June 2016, the *Official Journal* published [Council Regulation \(EU\) 2017/1134 of 20 June 2017 amending Regulation \(EU\) No 1387/2013 suspending the autonomous Common Customs Tariff duties on certain agricultural and industrial products](#). The Regulation suspends the duties on 69 agricultural and

industrial products that are not produced in the EU or for which EU production is inadequate and adds their CN codes to the Annex to Council Regulation (EU) No 1387/2013. The Regulation also modifies the conditions for 71 suspensions currently listed to take into account technical product developments and economic trends on the market, or to allow the industry to fully benefit from the suspensions in force. Finally, the Regulation deletes certain CN codes from the Annex where it is no longer in the interest of the EU to maintain the suspension of autonomous duties. The revisions apply from 1 July 2017.

Council extends Crimea and Sevastopol restrictive measures until 23 June 2017

On 20 June 2017, the *Official Journal* published [Council Decision \(CFSP\) 2017/1087 of 19 June 2017 amending Decision 2014/386/CFSP concerning restrictive measures in response to the illegal annexation of Crimea and Sevastopol](#) which states that the Council does not recognise and continues to condemn the illegal annexation of Crimea and Sevastopol by the Russian Federation and will remain committed to fully implement its non-recognition policy. The Decision extends the restrictive measures until 23 June 2018.

Commission approves duty-free imports of goods for distribution to Italian earthquake victims

On 15 June 2017, the *Official Journal* published [Commission Decision \(EU\) 2017/1003 of 13 June 2017 on the duty-free importation of goods intended to be distributed or made available free of charge to victims of the earthquake which occurred in Italy in August and October 2016 \(notified under document C\(2017\) 3865\)](#). The Decision permits the duty-free admission of goods imported for release for free circulation by State bodies or by organizations approved by competent Italian authorities where the goods are intended for distribution free of charge to the victims of the earthquake which occurred in Italy in 2016 when they are, or the goods made available to those victims free of charge while the goods remain the property of the organisations in question. The goods must satisfy the requirements laid down in Articles 75, 78 and 79 of Regulation (EC) No 1186/2009

Goods shall also be admitted duty-free within the meaning of Article 2(1)(a) of Regulation (EC) No 1186/2009 where they are imported for release for free circulation by disaster relief agencies in order to meet their needs during the period of providing disaster relief to the victims of the earthquakes which occurred in Italy in 2016.

The provisions shall apply to importations made from 24 August 2016 to 30 June 2017.

Commission publishes revisions to the Union Custom Code detailed implementation rules

On 13 June 2017, the *Official Journal* published [Commission Implementing Regulation \(EU\) 2017/989 of 8 June 2017 correcting and amending Implementing Regulation \(EU\) 2015/2447 laying down detailed rules for implementing certain provisions of Regulation \(EU\) No 952/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council laying down the Union Customs Code](#).

The most important changes can be summarised as follows:

- Clarification and simplification of the rules for issuing a **long-term supplier's declaration** (for instance, re-introduction of the possibility of issuing at any point in the year a single declaration covering the full calendar year – Article 62);
- **More time is given to exporters to get a Registered Exporter (REX) number** for the purposes of the Trade Facilitation Agreements, particularly for the EU-Canada agreement (CETA) [Article 68];
- **International Road Transport is better secured** in financial terms because the limit up to which any guaranteeing association may become liable in relation to a particular international road transport (TIR) operation has increased from EUR 60 000 to EUR 100 000 [Article 163];
- The rules for designating the customs office of exit in cases of **export followed by transit of excise goods** have been clarified [Article 329(8)].

Council extends EU sanctions against Syrian regime by one year

The EU has extended its sanctions against the Syrian regime by one year, until 1 June 2018. [Decision \(CFSP\) 2017/917](#), taken by the European Council on 29 May 2017, is in line with the EU approach of maintaining sanctions against the Syrian regime and its supporters as long as the repression of civilians continues.

The EU currently imposes a broad range of sanctions against Syria, which includes, amongst others:

- an arms embargo;
- an oil embargo;
- restrictions on certain investments;
- a freeze on the assets of certain individuals and entities; and
- export restrictions on certain equipment and technology that might be used for internal repression, or for monitoring or interception of internet or telephone communications.

The European Council also imposed sanctions against three ministers of the Syrian government and updated certain existing entries.

The Decision and [Council Implementing Regulation \(EU\) 2017/907](#) were published in the [Official Journal](#) on 30 May 2017.

For additional information contact [Ross L. Denton](#), of our London office

Correction to Combined Nomenclature

On 14 June 2017, the *Official Journal* published [Corrigendum to Commission Implementing Regulation \(EU\) 2016/1821 of 6 October 2016 amending Annex I to Council Regulation \(EEC\) No 2658/87 on the tariff and statistical nomenclature and on the Common Customs Tariff](#) (the Combined Nomenclature). The corrections are as follows:

On page 207, in the Annex, in the text replacing Annex I to Council Regulation (EEC) No 2658/87, in Part Two, in Section V, in Chapter 27, in the third paragraph of additional note 2(f):

for:

'The term "diluted colour C" means the colour of a product, as determined by the ISO 2049 method (equivalent to the ASTM D 1500 method), after one part of such product has been mixed with 100 parts by volume of xylene, toluene or another suitable solvent. The colour must be determined immediately after dilution.'

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'The term "diluted colour C" means the colour of a product, as determined by the ISO 2049 method (equivalent to the ASTM D 1500 method), after one part of the product has been made up to 100 parts by volume with xylene, toluene or another suitable solvent. The colour must be determined immediately after dilution.'

Commission issues tariff classification regulations

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

Amendments to the CN Explanatory Notes

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

Binding Tariff Information

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

Binding Tariff Information is issued on request to economic operators by the customs authorities of the Member States. It is valid throughout the Community, regardless of the Member State which issued it. For information about an existing BTI, you may want to contact the [customs administration of the Member State](#) which issued it. However, remember that, according to the provisions for data protection, there are limitations as to the information an administration can provide. You can search and consult existing BTIs on the [EBTI-database](#).

Official Journal documents

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

OJ Date	Subject
01-06-17	Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2017/930 of 31 May 2017 concerning the authorisation of a preparation of a microorganism strain DSM 11798 of the <i>Coriobacteriaceae</i> family as a feed additive for all avian species and amending Implementing Regulation (EU) No 1016/2013
	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 174/05]
02-06-17	Council Decision (EU) 2017/938 of 23 September 2013 on the signing, on behalf of the European Union, of the Minamata Convention on Mercury
	Council Decision (EU) 2017/939 of 11 May 2017 on the conclusion on behalf of

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	the European Union of the Minamata Convention on Mercury Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2017/940 of 1 June 2017 concerning the authorisation of formic acid as a feed additive for all animal species Commission Recommendation (EU) 2017/948 of 31 May 2017 on the use of fuel consumption and CO2 emission values type-approved and measured in accordance with the World Harmonised Light Vehicles Test Procedure when making information available for consumers pursuant to Directive 1999/94/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council (notified under document C(2017) 3525)
03-06-17	Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2017/949 of 2 June 2017 laying down rules for the application of Regulation (EC) No 1760/2000 of the European Parliament and of the Council with regard to the configuration of the identification code for bovine animals and amending Commission Regulation (EC) No 911/2004 Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2017/950 of 2 June 2017 amending Implementing Regulation (EU) No 1068/2011 as regards the minimum content of the preparation of endo-1,4-beta-xylanase produced by <i>Aspergillus niger</i> (CBS 109.713) and endo-1,4-beta-glucanase produced by <i>Aspergillus niger</i> (DSM 18404) as a feed additive for chickens reared for laying and all avian species for laying (holder of authorisation BASF SE) Information Notice — Public Consultation — Geographical indications from the People's Republic of China [2017/C 177/05]
07-06-17	Decision No 2/2015 of the EU-Chile Association Committee of 30 November 2015 replacing Article 12 of Title III of Annex III to the Agreement establishing an association between the European Community and its Member States, of the one part, and the Republic of Chile, of the other part concerning direct transport [2017/958] 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 179/06]
08-06-17	Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2017/959 of 24 February 2017 on the classification of horizontal settlement and short-term water absorption performance for <i>in situ</i> formed loose fill cellulose (LFCI) thermal insulation products under EN 15101-1 pursuant to Regulation (EU) No 305/2011 of the European Parliament and of the Council Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2017/961 of 7 June 2017 concerning the authorisation of a preparation of <i>Enterococcus faecium</i> CECT 4515 as a feed additive for weaned piglets, and a new use in water for drinking for weaned piglets and chickens for fattening, and amending Regulation (EC) No 2036/2005 and Regulation (EU) No 887/2011 (holder of authorisation Evonik Nutrition & Care GmbH) Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2017/962 of 7 June 2017 suspending the authorisation of ethoxyquin as a feed additive for all animal species and categories Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2017/963 of 7 June 2017 concerning the authorisation of the 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), endo-1,4-beta-xylanase produced by <i>Trichoderma viride</i> (NIBH FERM BP4842) and bacillolysin produced by <i>Bacillus amyloliquefaciens</i> (DSM 9554) as a feed additive for all avian species and weaned piglets and amending Regulations (EC) No 358/2005 and (EU) No 1270/2009 (holder of the authorisation Kemin Europa NV) Commission communication in the framework of the implementation of Directive 1999/5/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council on radio equipment and telecommunications terminal equipment and the mutual recognition of their conformity and Directive 2014/53/EU of the European Parliament and of the

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	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 180/04]
09-06-17	Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2017/967 of 8 June 2017 granting Cape Verde a temporary derogation from the rules on preferential origin laid down in Delegated Regulation (EU) 2015/2446, in respect of prepared or preserved fillets of tuna
	Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2017/968 of 8 June 2017 granting Cape Verde a temporary derogation from the rules on preferential origin laid down in Delegated Regulation (EU) 2015/2446, in respect of prepared or preserved mackerel fillets and prepared or preserved frigate tuna or frigate mackerel fillets
	Commission communication in the framework of the implementation of Directive 2014/34/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council on the harmonisation of the laws of the Member States relating to equipment and protective systems intended for use in potentially explosive atmospheres (Publication of titles and references of harmonised standards under Union harmonisation legislation) [2017/C 183/01]
	Commission communication in the framework of the implementation of Directive 2006/42/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council on machinery, and amending Directive 95/16/EC (Publication of titles and references of harmonised standards under Union harmonisation legislation) [2017/C 183/02]
	Commission communication in the framework of the implementation of Regulation (EU) No 305/2011 of the European Parliament and of the Council laying down harmonised conditions for the marketing of construction products and repealing Council Directive 89/106/EEC (Publication of references of European Assessment Documents in accordance with Article 22 of Regulation (EU) No 305/2011) [2017/C 183/03]
10-06-17	Commission Regulation (EU) 2017/983 of 9 June 2017 amending Annexes III and V to Regulation (EC) No 396/2005 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards maximum residue levels for tricyclazole in or on certain products
13-06-17	Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2017/989 of 8 June 2017 correcting and amending Implementing Regulation (EU) 2015/2447 laying down detailed rules for implementing certain provisions of Regulation (EU) No 952/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council laying down the Union Customs Code
	Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2017/991 of 12 June 2017 amending Council Regulation (EC) No 747/2001 as regards the volume of the Union tariff quota for fresh strawberries originating in Egypt
14-06-17	Council Regulation (EU) 2017/997 of 8 June 2017 amending Annex III to Directive 2008/98/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards the hazardous property HP 14 'Ecotoxic'
	Commission Regulation (EU) 2017/999 of 13 June 2017 amending 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) (1)
	Commission Regulation (EU) 2017/1000 of 13 June 2017 amending Annex XVII to Regulation (EC) No 1907/2006 of the European Parliament and of the Council concerning the Registration, Evaluation, Authorisation and Restriction of Chemicals (REACH) as regards perfluorooctanoic acid (PFOA), its salts and PFOA-related substances
	Corrigendum to Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2016/1821 of 6 October 2016 amending Annex I to Council Regulation (EEC) No 2658/87 on the tariff and statistical nomenclature and on the Common Customs Tariff (OJ L 294, 28.10.2016)
	Commission Regulation (EU) 2017/978 of 9 June 2017 amending Annexes II, III and V to Regulation (EC) No 396/2005 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards maximum residue levels for fluopyram; hexachlorocyclohexane (HCH), alpha-isomer; hexachlorocyclohexane (HCH), beta-isomer; hexachlorocyclohexane (HCH), sum of isomers, except the gamma isomer; lindane

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	(hexachlorocyclohexane (HCH), gamma-isomer); nicotine and profenofos in or on certain products
15-06-17	Commission Decision (EU) 2017/1003 of 13 June 2017 on the duty-free importation of goods intended to be distributed or made available free of charge to victims of the earthquake which occurred in Italy in August and October 2016 (notified under document C(2017) 3865)
16-06-17	Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2017/1006 of 15 June 2017 amending Implementing Regulation (EU) No 1206/2012 as regards the change of the production strain of the preparation of endo-1,4-beta-xylanase, produced by <i>Aspergillus oryzae</i> (DSM 10287) as feed additive for poultry for fattening, weaned piglets and pigs for fattening (holder of authorisation DSM Nutritional Products Ltd)
	Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2017/1007 of 15 June 2017 concerning the authorisation of a preparation of lecithins as feed additive for all animal species
	Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2017/1008 of 15 June 2017 concerning the authorisation of the preparation of <i>Lactococcus lactis</i> PCM B/00039, <i>Carnobacterium divergens</i> PCM KKP 2012p, <i>Lactobacillus casei</i> PCM B/00080, <i>Lactobacillus plantarum</i> PCM B/00081 and <i>Saccharomyces cerevisiae</i> PCM KKP 2059p as a feed additive for chickens for fattening (holder of authorisation JHJ Ltd)
	Commission Delegated Directive (EU) 2017/1009 of 13 March 2017 amending, for the purposes of adapting to technical progress, Annex III to Directive 2011/65/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards an exemption for cadmium and lead in filter glasses and glasses used for reflectance standards
	Commission Delegated Directive (EU) 2017/1010 of 13 March 2017 amending, for the purposes of adapting to technical progress, Annex III to Directive 2011/65/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards an exemption for lead in bearing shells and bushes for certain refrigerant-containing compressors
	Commission Delegated Directive (EU) 2017/1011 of 15 March 2017 amending, for the purposes of adapting to technical progress, Annex III to Directive 2011/65/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards an exemption for lead in white glasses used for optical applications
	Commission Implementing Decision (EU) 2017/1014 of 15 June 2017 on the publication of the references of the European standards EN 13869:2016 on child safety requirements for lighters and EN 13209-2:2015 on baby carriers in the Official Journal of the European Union pursuant to Directive 2001/95/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council
	Regulation (EU) 2017/1001 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 14 June 2017 on the European Union trade mark
20-06-17	Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2017/1085 of 19 June 2017 amending Regulation (EC) No 891/2009 opening and providing for the administration of certain Community tariff quotas in the sugar sector
	Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2017/1086 of 19 June 2017 amending Regulation (EC) No 634/2007 as regards the characterisation of selenomethionine produced by <i>Saccharomyces cerevisiae</i> NCYC R397
	Corrigendum to Regulation (EU) 2016/2134 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 23 November 2016 amending Council Regulation (EC) No 1236/2005 concerning trade in certain goods which could be used for capital punishment, torture or other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment (OJ L 338, 13.12.2016)
	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 196/03]
21-06-17	Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2017/1091 of 10 April 2017 amending the Annex to Regulation (EU) No 609/2013 of the European Parliament and of

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	the Council as regards the list of substances that may be added to processed cereal-based food and baby food and to food for special medical purposes Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2017/1092 of 20 June 2017 amending Implementing Regulation (EU) 2016/670 introducing prior Union surveillance of imports of certain iron and steel products originating in certain third countries Commission Implementing Decision (EU) 2017/1104 of 20 June 2017 determining that a temporary suspension of the preferential customs duty pursuant to Article 15 of Regulation (EU) No 20/2013 is not appropriate for imports of bananas originating in Nicaragua Corrigendum to Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) No 901/2014 of 18 July 2014 implementing Regulation (EU) No 168/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council with regard to the administrative requirements for the approval and market surveillance of two- or three-wheel vehicles and quadricycles (OJ L 249, 22.8.2014) Commission Regulation (EU) 2017/1016 of 14 June 2017 amending Annexes II, III and IV to Regulation (EC) No 396/2005 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards maximum residue levels for benzovindiflupyr, chlorantraniliprole, deltamethrin, ethofumesate, haloxyfop, Mild Pepino Mosaic Virus isolate VC1, Mild Pepino Mosaic Virus isolate VX1, oxathiapiprolin, penthiopyrad, pyraclostrobin, spirotetramat, sunflower oil, tolclofos-methyl and trinexapac in or on certain products Commission Regulation (EU) 2017/1017 of 15 June 2017 amending Regulation (EU) No 68/2013 on the Catalogue of feed materials
22-06-17	Council Decision (EU) 2017/1107 of 8 June 2017 as regards the extension of the period of entitlement to audiovisual co-productions as provided for in Article 5 of the Protocol on Cultural Cooperation to the Free Trade Agreement between the European Union and its Member States, of the one part, and the Republic of Korea, of the other part Decisions of the EEA Joint Committee Nos. 233/2015 – 294/2015
23-06-17	Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2017/1109 of 21 June 2017 lifting the suspension of submission of applications for import licences under the tariff quotas opened by Regulation (EC) No 891/2009 in the sugar sector Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2017/1112 of 22 June 2017 amending Regulation (EC) No 3199/93 on the mutual recognition of procedures for the complete denaturing of alcohol for the purposes of exemption from excise duty Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2017/1113 of 22 June 2017 renewing the approval of the active substance benzoic acid 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) 2017/1114 of 22 June 2017 renewing the approval of the active substance pendimethalin, 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 Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2017/1115 of 22 June 2017 renewing the approval of the active substance propoxycarbazone 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) 2017/1117 of 22 June 2017 determining the quantities to be added to the quantity fixed for the subperiod from 1 October to 31 December 2017 under the tariff quotas opened by Implementing Regulation (EU) 2015/2077 for eggs, egg products and egg albumin originating in Ukraine Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2017/1118 of 22 June 2017 establishing the allocation coefficient to be applied to the quantities covered by the applications for import rights lodged from 1 to 7 June 2017 under the tariff quotas opened by Implementing Regulation (EU) 2015/2078 for poultrymeat originating in Ukraine

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	<u>Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2017/1119 of 22 June 2017 fixing the allocation coefficient to be applied to the quantities covered by the applications for import licences lodged from 1 June 2017 to 10 June 2017 and determining the quantities to be added to the quantity fixed for the subperiod from 1 January 2018 to 30 June 2018 under the tariff quotas opened by Regulation (EC) No 2535/2001 in the milk and milk products sector</u>
24-06-17	<u>Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2017/1125 of 22 June 2017 withdrawing the approval of the active substance repellents by smell of animal or plant origin/tall oil pitch, in accordance with Regulation (EC) No 1107/2009 of the European Parliament and of the Council concerning the placing of plant protection products on the market, and amending Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) No 540/2011</u>
	<u>Corrigendum to the list of national authorities designed according to the provision in Article 29(2) of Council Regulation (EC) No 515/97 on mutual assistance between the administrative authorities of the Member States and cooperation between the latter and the Commission to ensure the correct application of the law on customs and agricultural matters (OJ C 366, 14.12.2013) [2017/C 201/06]</u>
	<u>Corrigendum to the List of national authorities designed according to the provision in Article 30(3) of Council Regulation (EC) No 515/97 on mutual assistance between the administrative authorities of the Member States and cooperation between the latter and the Commission to ensure the correct application of the law on customs and agricultural matters (OJ C 366, 14.12.2013) [2017/C 201/07]</u>
27-06-17	<u>Council Regulation (EU) 2017/1133 of 20 June 2017 amending Regulation (EU) No 1388/2013 opening and providing for the management of autonomous tariff quotas of the Union for certain agricultural and industrial products</u>
	<u>Council Regulation (EU) 2017/1134 of 20 June 2017 amending Regulation (EU) No 1387/2013 suspending the autonomous Common Customs Tariff duties on certain agricultural and industrial products</u>
	<u>Commission Regulation (EU) 2017/1135 of 23 June 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 dimethoate and omethoate in or on certain products</u>
	<u>Council Decision (EU) 2017/1138 of 19 June 2017 on the position to be taken on behalf of the European Union at the first meeting of the Conference of the Parties of the Minamata Convention on Mercury as regards the adoption of the required content of the certification referred to in Article 3(12) of the Convention and of the guidance referred to in Article 8(8) and (9) of the Convention</u>
	<u>Commission Implementing Decision (EU) 2017/1139 of 23 June 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) 4450)</u>
	<u>Commission Recommendation (EU) 2017/1140 of 23 June 2017 on personal data that may be exchanged through the Early Warning and Response System (EWRS) established pursuant to Decision No 1082/2013/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council for the purposes of the coordination of contact tracing measures in relation to serious cross-border threats to health (notified under document C(2017) 4197)</u>
	<u>Notice concerning the entry into force of the Agreement in the form of an Exchange of Letters between the European Union and the Federative Republic of Brazil pursuant to Article XXIV:6 and Article XXVIII of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT) 1994 relating to the modification of concessions in the schedule of the Republic of Croatia in the course of its accession to the European Union</u>
28-06-17	<u>Notice concerning the entry into force of the 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</u>

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	Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2017/1142 of 27 June 2017 amending Annex I to Regulation (EC) No 669/2009 as regards the list of feed and food of non-animal origin subject to an increased level of official controls on imports
	Commission Notice on the date of receipt of the opinion proposing harmonised classification and labelling at EU level of glyphosate of the Committee for Risk Assessment of the European Chemicals Agency [2017/C 204/05]
29-06-17	Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2017/1145 of 8 June 2017 on the withdrawal from the market of certain feed additives authorised pursuant to Council Directives 70/524/EEC and 82/471/EEC and repealing the obsolete provisions authorising those feed additives
30-06-17	Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2017/1156 of 27 June 2017 amending Regulation (EC) No 1385/2007 laying down detailed rules for the application of Council Regulation (EC) No 774/94 as regards opening and providing for the administration of certain Community tariff quotas for poultrymeat
	Commission Implementing Decision (EU) 2017/1162 of 28 June 2017 concerning certain interim protective measures relating to African swine fever in the Czech Republic (notified under document C(2017) 4597)
	Summary of European Union decisions on marketing authorisations in respect of medicinal products from 1 May 2017 to 31 May 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 208/01]
	Summary of European Union decisions on marketing authorisations in respect of medicinal products from 1 May 2017 to 31 May 2017 (Decisions taken pursuant to Article 34 of Directive 2001/83/EC or Article 38 of Directive 2001/82/EC) [2017/C 208/02]

Restrictive measures established, amended, corrected

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

OJ Date	Restrictive Measure
09-06-17	Council Regulation (EU) 2017/964 of 8 June 2017 amending Regulation (EU) No 267/2012 concerning restrictive measures against Iran
	Council Implementing Regulation (EU) 2017/965 of 8 June 2017 implementing Article 2(3) of Regulation (EC) No 2580/2001 on specific restrictive measures directed against certain persons and entities with a view to combating terrorism and amending Implementing Regulation (EU) 2017/150
	Council Decision (CFSP) 2017/972 of 8 June 2017 updating and amending the list of persons, groups and entities subject to Articles 2, 3 and 4 of Common Position 2001/931/CFSP on the application of specific measures to combat terrorism, and amending Decision (CFSP) 2017/154
	Council Implementing Decision (CFSP) 2017/975 of 8 June 2017 implementing Decision (CFSP) 2016/849 concerning restrictive measures against the Democratic People's Republic of Korea
	Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2017/970 of 8 June 2017 amending Council Regulation (EC) No 329/2007 concerning restrictive measures against the Democratic People's Republic of Korea
	Corrigendum to Council Decision (CFSP) 2017/917 of 29 May 2017 amending Decision 2013/255/CFSP concerning restrictive measures against Syria (OJ L 139, 30.5.2017)
	Corrigendum to Council Implementing Regulation (EU) 2017/907 of 29 May 2017 implementing Regulation (EU) No 36/2012 concerning restrictive measures in view of the situation in Syria (OJ L 139, 30.5.2017)
	Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2017/992 of 12 June 2017 amending Implementing Regulation (EU) 2016/2148 as regards the deletion of references to the Republic of Belarus
13-06-17	Council Decision (CFSP) 2017/994 of 12 June 2017 amending Decision (CFSP) 2016/849 concerning restrictive measures against the Democratic People's Re-

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	public of Korea Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2017/993 of 12 June 2017 amending Council Regulation (EC) No 329/2007 concerning restrictive measures against the Democratic People's Republic of Korea
14-06-17	Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2017/998 of 12 June 2017 amending for the 268th 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 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 188/03] 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 188/04] 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 188/05] 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 188/06] 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 188/07] 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 188/08]
20-06-17	Council Decision (CFSP) 2017/1087 of 19 June 2017 amending Decision 2014/386/CFSP concerning restrictive measures in response to the illegal annexation of Crimea and Sevastopol
21-06-17	Council Implementing Decision (CFSP) 2017/1103 of 20 June 2017 implementing Decision 2013/798/CFSP concerning restrictive measures against the Central African Republic Council Implementing Regulation (EU) 2017/1090 of 20 June 2017 implementing Article 17(1) of Regulation (EU) No 224/2014 concerning restrictive measures in view of the situation in the Central African Republic Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2017/1094 of 20 June 2017 amending for the 269th 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-Qaeda organisations
24-06-17	Council Implementing Regulation (EU) 2017/1124 of 23 June 2017 implementing Regulation (EU) No 267/2012 concerning restrictive measures against Iran Council Implementing Decision (CFSP) 2017/1127 of 23 June 2017 implementing Decision 2010/413/CFSP concerning restrictive measures against Iran

OJ Date	Restrictive Measure
29-06-17	Council Decision (CFSP) 2017/1148 of 28 June 2017 amending Decision 2014/512/CFSP concerning restrictive measures in view of Russia's actions destabilising the situation in Ukraine

Antidumping and countervailing duty cases

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

Individual Countries

France

Official Gazette (*Journal officiel*)

Date	Measure
10-06-17	Agriculture and Food: 31. Decree No. 2017-1093 of 9 June 2017 on the labeling of seed packaging
	Agriculture and Food: 32. Order of 9 June 2017 specifying the characteristics of the serial number assigned to seed packaging labels
15-06-17	Prime Minister: 1. Decree No. 2017-1095 of 14 June 2017 on the National Coordinator for Intelligence and the Fight against Terrorism, the National Coordination of Intelligence and the Fight against Terrorism and the National Counter-Terrorism Center
	Prime Minister: 2. Decree No. 2017-1096 of 14 June 2017 on the administrative and financial management of the national coordination of intelligence and the fight against terrorism
	Health: 15. Order of 22 May 2017 amending the Order of 22 February 1990 fixing the list of substances classified as narcotic drugs
20-06-17	Public Service: 29. Order of 1 June 2017 amending the Order of 30 April 2002 organizing in offices the sub-directorates of the central administration of the Directorate-General for Customs and Excise
	Economy: 120. Opinion on the application of Directive 2001/95 / EC on general product safety

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
06-06-17	2017/23 - Notice to importers of certain seamless pipes and tubes of iron or steel, originating in the People's Republic of China
07-06-17	2017/24 - Notice to importers of goods originating in Sri Lanka
	2017/25 - Notice to importers of wine originating in Bosnia and Herzegovina
09-06-17	2017/26 - Notice to importers of prepared and preserved tuna, originating in Namibia
	2017/27 - Notice to importers of crystalline silicon photovoltaic modules and their essential components (cells) originating in or coming from the People's Republic of China
13-06-17	2017/28 - Notice to importers of preparations and preserves of tuna fillets originating in Cape Verde
	2017/29 - Notice to importers of prepared and preserved mackerel fillets and nets of nets originating in Cape Verde
16-06-17	2017/30 - Notice to importers of certain hot-rolled flat products of iron, non-alloy

Release Date	Ref. No. and Subject
	steel or other alloy steel originating in the People's Republic of China
20-06-17	2017/31- Notice to importers of textile products originating in the Republic of Belarus
22-06-17	2017/32 - Notice to importers of certain cold-rolled steel products originating in the People's Republic of China
27-06-17	DA 17-030 (BOD 7193) Fees and taxes applicable to energy products effective July 1, 2017
28-06-17	2017/33 - Notice to importers of certain agricultural and industrial products originating in any third country

Switzerland

Consultation on administrative assistance agreement in customs area with US

On 21 June 2017, the Federal Government [announced](#) that during its meeting on 21 June 2017, the Federal Council launched a consultation on a [draft administrative assistance agreement in the customs area](#) with the United States. The agreement is in the interests of the Swiss economy not least because it is a prerequisite for the conclusion of a possible agreement on the mutual recognition of customs security measures. The announcement stated:

The administrative assistance agreement in the customs area with the United States makes provision for bilateral cooperation as well as the exchange of information to prevent, investigate and detect customs violations. Because of the high volume of bilateral trade, these violations are prejudicial to Swiss and US economic interests. The draft agreement governs the procedure for submitting and executing administrative assistance requests and contains provisions on confidentiality and the use of information.

Security in the supply chain

Security in the international supply chain has been the top priority for customs authorities around the globe since the terrorist attacks of 11 September 2001 in the United States. The United States introduced the Customs-Trade Partnership Against Terrorism (C-TPAT) programme to ensure supply chain security. The European Union and Switzerland, for their part, established the Authorised Economic Operator (AEO) status for the same purpose. AEO status is granted to persons considered reliable in terms of international supply chain security. AEOs are granted facilitations concerning prior notifications and security-related checks of goods.

Simplification of customs clearance

There can be significant disadvantages and delays when importing goods into the United States if the goods in question do not come from a supply chain that is recognised as secure. With the mutual recognition of customs security measures (AEO/C-TPAT), Swiss AEOs could benefit from simplified customs clearance when goods are imported into the United States, or could avoid more complicated customs clearance depending on future developments. The United States is generally willing to negotiate an agreement on the mutual recognition of customs security measures with Switzerland. But that is conditional on an administrative assistance agreement. The Swiss economy was critical of an administrative assistance agreement in 2013.

However, the Federal Council believes that the conclusion of an administrative assistance agreement is in the interests of the Swiss economy in order to be able to commence negotiations on an agreement regarding the mutual recognition of customs security measures as quickly as possible.

Federal Council decides revised Value Added Tax Act will enter into force on 1 January

The Federal Council [announced](#) that during its meeting on 2 June 2017, it decided that the partial revision of the *Value Added Tax Act* adopted by Parliament would come into force on 1 January 2018. The revised Act will make a significant contribution to the removal of VAT-related competitive disadvantages for domestic companies. The mail-order regulations will come into force a year later.

A company's global turnover will now be decisive for mandatory tax liability, and no longer just its turnover in Switzerland. Companies whose global turnover is at least CHF 100,000 will be liable to VAT from the first franc of turnover in Switzerland. Previously, foreign companies could provide their services in Switzerland without VAT up to a turnover level of CHF 100,000, which led to competitive disadvantages for Swiss businesses, especially in the border regions.

There will be a delay of a year for the mail-order regulations. These will not come into force until 1 January 2019, as Swiss Post needs more time for the implementation of the statutory provisions for technical reasons. Consequently, mail-order companies will be liable to tax from 2019 if their annual turnover from small consignments that are import-tax-free is at least CHF 100,000. Such mail-order companies will themselves bill customers for VAT. In return, the customers will no longer have to pay the taxes and fees levied by Customs upon importation. The VAT-related competitive disadvantages for domestic companies will be reduced as a result.

The remaining changes – reduced VAT rate for electronic newspapers, magazines and books, margin taxation for collectors' items and others – will all enter into force on 1 January 2018.

Legislation (*Recueil officiel*)

Date	Measure
07-06-17	Ordinance of the Swiss Agency for Therapeutic Products concerning the enactment of the Pharmacopoeia and the recognition of other pharmacopoeias (RS 812.214.11)
	Protocol supplementing and amending the Agreement between the Swiss Federal Council and the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine on international road transport of persons and goods and the Protocol to the Agreement concluded on 30 October 2000 (RS 0.741.619.767)
	Ordinance of the DFI concerning information on foodstuffs (OIDAI) (RS 817.022.16)
13-06-17	Federal Decree approving the agreement between Switzerland and Norway on customs security measures (RS 0.632.315.982)
14-06-17	Ordinance of the OSAV establishing measures to prevent the introduction of avian influenza in certain Member States of the European Union (RS 916.443.102.1)
20-06-17	Ordinance of the DEFR on the use of Swiss indications of source for foodstuffs (OIPSD-DEFR) (RS 232.112.11)
	Ordinance on the International Transfer of Cultural Property (Ordinance on the Transfer of Cultural Property, OTBC) (RS 444.11)
	Ordinance on the Importation of Agricultural Products (Ordinance on Agricultural Imports, OIAgr) (RS 916.01)
	Ordinance on the Release of Plant Protection Products (Ordinance on Plant Protection Products, OPPh) (RS 916.161)
	FOAG Ordinance on Temporary Phytosanitary Measures (WIPO) (RS 916.202.1)
	Exchange of notes of 7 June 2017 between Switzerland and the European Union on the resumption of Regulation (EU) 2017/850 amending Regulation (EC) No 539/2001 listing the third countries whose nationals are covered by the Regulation Visa requirement for crossing external borders (Development of the Schengen acquis) (RS 0.362.380.073)

Date	Measure
	Ordinance on the Reduction of Risks from the Use of Particularly Hazardous Substances, Preparations and Articles (Ordinance on Risk Reduction in Chemicals, ORRChim) (RS 814.81)
27-06-17	Order of the FDF on goods benefiting from customs relief according to their use (Ordinance on customs relief, OADou) (RS 631.012)
	Ordinance on the Importation of Agricultural Products (Ordinance on Agricultural Imports, OIAgr) (RS 916.01)
Date	Restrictive Measure
01-06-17	Order imposing measures against the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (Amendment of 1 June 2017) (RS 946.231.127.6) [Entry into force: 02-06-17]
02-06-17	Amendment to the Ordinance of 18 May 2016 imposing measures against the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (RS 946.231.127.6) [Entry into force: 01-06-17]
06-06-17	Ordinance imposing measures against the Democratic People's Republic of Korea – Amendment of 06-06-17 (RS 946.231.127.6) [Entry into force: 05-06-17]
15-06-17	Amendment to the Ordinance of 8 June 2012 imposing measures against Syria (RS 946.231.172.7) [Entry into force 16-06-17]
16-06-17	Amendment to the Ordinance of 15 June 2012 imposing measures against Syria (RS 946.231.172.7) [Entry into force 17-06-17]
19-06-17	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 16-06-17]
21-06-17	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 20-06-17]

United Kingdom

The Queen's Speech lays out the Government's Brexit agenda

[The Queen's Speech](#) (the "Speech"), given on 21 June 2017, appears to realign the Government's Brexit negotiation priorities with the agenda set out by Theresa May in her Lancaster House speech (from 17 January 2017) as was recently indicated by Philip Hammond during a speech at Mansion House (from 20 June 2017).

The Speech announced 24 Bills, eight of which are specifically focused on "Delivering Brexit".

BREXIT BILLS

At the heart of the Brexit Bills was the long-awaited announcement of the so-called "Great Repeal Bill" which will repeal the European Communities Act 1972, convert EU law into UK law and empower Parliament to correct any laws which do not work in the absence of the EU framework. This is an enormous task which should not be underestimated, as there are around 40,000 pieces of legislation which will consequently need to be unpicked and amended. The wording of the Bill will shed more light on how the process will be carried out (for example, whether any agencies will be set up to supervise different aspects of the process). The Speech also listed seven further pieces of legislation which will end the jurisdiction of the EU and will introduce national policies in a number of key areas, including:

Trade, Customs and Sanctions

- One area we now have further clarity on is Customs: the government's intention is that we will be leaving the Customs Union and the Government will introduce a Customs Bill to provide standalone customs, VAT and excise regimes following Brexit. UK customs legislation will be mostly based on existing EU law, which will provide continuity for businesses. The Bill will provide the UK with the ability to charge customs duties on imported goods, adjust duty rates, accommodate potential negotiated arrangements with the EU and negotiate new trade agreements with third countries. The contents of the Speech reinforced the notion that the objective for the UK is to negotiate a Free Trade Agreement with the EU. However, as a result of this, UK businesses would face greater barriers to trade with the EU-27 member states than if the UK were to remain part of the Customs Union or the Single Market.
- The Government will also introduce a Trade Bill, which is intended to "cement" the UK's status as a leading trading nation and lay the blueprint for an independent trade policy to protect UK business from unfair trading practices (presumably anti-dumping, subsidies and surges in imports to be dealt with by safeguard measures). At this stage, the Government has provided little clarity on what this means in practice, since the nature of the UK's trade policy, and how independent it will ultimately prove to be, are subject to the outcome of the Brexit negotiations.
- The Government also intends to introduce an International Sanctions Bill to enable the UK to comply with UN sanctions and establish decision-making powers to introduce its own sanctions and pursue its own trade policy beyond this. Previously, sanctions have been implemented through the adoption of EU Regulations under the European Communities Act 1972. After Brexit, the UK will need to significantly increase its oversight in all aspects of legislation and enforcement to ensure it complies with its obligations under international law.

Immigration

- The Government has announced an end to free movement whilst allowing the country to attract "the brightest and the best", which provides little in the way of much-needed clarity for employers and EU-27 nationals. This area must be made a priority to avoid a potentially huge skills shortage. We have seen from our own recent research that a significant number of skilled EU nationals are likely to leave the UK regardless of the Brexit deal which is ultimately agreed and this announcement seems unlikely to change their minds.

Nuclear

- The Government plans to introduce a Nuclear Safeguards Bill, supplemented by new policies in this area. The purpose of this is to provide for the UK's own safeguards regime in place of the EU one (which will likely be lost as a result of exit from the EU and Euratom). This is necessary in order for the UK to meet its international obligations on safeguards and to enable the UK to enter into co-operation agreements in future with third countries (and, depending on negotiations, with the EU itself). This in and of itself though does not enable the UK to automatically draw the benefit of the cooperation agreements with third countries it currently enjoys as part Euratom membership. These agreements shall still likely have to be negotiated (or the existing ones amended). This is of critical importance to UK businesses currently engaged in nuclear projects in conjunction with overseas suppliers, operators, partners or other third parties.
- Part of the Bill and supporting policy framework anticipates providing for the UK Office for Nuclear Regulation (the "ONR") to regulate safeguards further. This is something currently undertaken in large part by the European Commission. The

transfer of these responsibilities is likely to be a significant undertaking, and may result in certain additional administrative burdens for businesses in the UK.

Above all, it is important to recognise that any Brexit agenda outlined by the Government at this stage is entirely contingent on the outcome of two years of negotiation with the EU. Theresa May's Government has published a Queen's Speech which appears to refute recent speculation that she would pursue a "softer" Brexit, however there is no guarantee that this will be the final word on the issue.

OTHER BILLS

Data Protection

- The Government has announced proposals for a new Data Protection Bill which aims to ensure that the UK retains a robust regime for the protection of personal data, including proposals for a new digital charter to make the UK "the safest place to be online". In a document further detailing its plans, the Government stated its intention to give individuals more control over their personal information (including a "right to be forgotten" where individuals no longer wish their information to be processed); establish a new data protection regime for data processing not related to law enforcement; and modernise and update the regime for data processing by law enforcement agencies. The Government also said that it would implement the new EU General Data Protection Regulation, which is due to come into force in 2018, confirming a long held understanding that the UK data protection regime will remain closely aligned to the EU regime in the short to medium term notwithstanding Brexit.

Competition

- The Government will be introducing the EU (Approvals) Bill, which will implement changes to international agreements between the EU and non-EU countries. This will allow the UK to continue to fulfil its EU obligations whilst the UK is still a member of the EU. This Bill will allow the EU to agree greater cooperation between the competition authorities of the EU and Canada. This will allow competition authorities to share evidence collected during competition investigations to help prevent anti-competitive practices.

M&A

- The Government has announced new proposals to intervene in acquisitions by foreign companies that could raise national security concerns in the UK. The proposals will ensure that the Government has the information it needs to assess threats to national security and the powers to act on them. There are no details on how the assessment will be carried out and by which body, but it appears that the Government is intent on introducing a new regulatory regime for deals that impact on national security.

Other

- A key theme of the speech was an agenda based on innovation. This includes a Space Industry Bill that will license a wide range of new commercial spaceflight and create a regulatory framework to manage risk, as well as a Bill to put the UK at the forefront of developing new technology in electric and automated road vehicles. The Government clearly wants to set out a positive and technically advanced vision of the UK's post Brexit economy.

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Legislation (legislation.gov.uk)

Date	Measure
01-06-17	SSI 2017/177 - The Marketing of Fruit Plant and Propagating Material (Scotland) Regulations 2017
23-06-17	SI 2017/697 - The Export Control (Amendment) (No. 3) Order 2017
Date	Restrictive Measure
22-06-17	SI 2017/692 - The Money Laundering, Terrorist Financing and Transfer of Funds (Information on the Payer) 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	
12-06-17	Customs Information Paper 10 (2013): C1603 retrospective export arrival requests
30-06-17	Customs Information Paper 10 (2017): trading between the EU and Canada
Tariff and Anti-Dumping Notices	
01-06-17	Notice 3001: customs special procedures for the Union Customs Code
07-06-17	Tariff Notice 19 (2017): coconut products
	Anti-Dumping Duty measure AD2200
15-06-17	UK Trade Tariff: document status codes for harmonised declarations
16-06-17	UK Trade Tariff: document, certificate and authorisation codes for harmonised declarations
	UK Trade Tariff: customs procedure codes
	UK Trade Tariff: CHIEF clearance status codes
18-06-17	Tariff Stop Press Notice 18 (2017): new commodity codes for the Canada preference agreement
19-06-17	Tariff Stop Press Notice 17 (2017): amendments to commodity codes in chapter 16 for Albacore tuna
20-06-17	Tariff Quota Notice 63 (2017): new tariff quotas for certain products from Ecuador
21-06-17	Tariff Quota Notice 82 (2017): tariff quota for certain products from Namibia
27-06-17	Anti-Dumping Duty measure AD2201
30-06-17	UK Trade Tariff: preferential trade arrangements for countries outside the EU
Other Documents and Notices	
12-06-17	Import and export: apply for a Customs Comprehensive Guarantee
	Import and export: application for approved exporter status (C1454)
	Notice 100: customs Flexible Accounting System
20-06-17	CFSP Information Paper 1 (2017): importation of goods from North Korea
	Import and export: private motor vehicle application for release from conditions of relief (C&E109)
26-06-17	Import and export: apply for a Customs Comprehensive Guarantee
	Money laundering supervision: guidance for money service businesses
	Money laundering supervision: guidance for high value dealers
	Money laundering supervision: guidance for trust or company service providers

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
29-06-17	Notice to exporters 2017/11: more export control training courses added

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	
20-06-17	Eighteenth regulation amending Annexes to the Narcotics Act (16-06-17) From No. 38 of June 20, 2017, p. 1670
Ireland (Eire)	
02-06-17	S.I. No. 230 of 2017 European Union (Equipment and Protective Systems Intended for Use in Potentially Explosive Atmospheres) Regulations 2017
	S.I. No. 232 of 2017 European Union (Lifts and Safety Components for Lifts) Regulations 2017
	S.I. No. 233 of 2017 European Union (Pressure Equipment) Regulations 2017
06-06-17	S.I. No. 247 of 2017 European Communities (Pesticide Residues) (Amendment) Regulations 2017
09-06-17	S.I. No. 248 of 2017 European Union (Radio Equipment) Regulations 2017
16-06-17	S.I. No. 251 of 2017 European Union (Special Conditions Governing the Import of Certain Food from Certain Third Countries Due to Contamination Risk by Aflatoxins) (Amendment) Regulations 2017
	S.I. No. 252 of 2017 European Union (Manufacture, Presentation and Sale of Tobacco and Related Products) (Amendment) Regulations 2017
20-06-17	S.I. No. 268 of 2017 European Communities (Intra-Community Transfers of Defence Related Products) (Amendment) Regulations 2017
Liechtenstein	
02-06-17	LGBI № 2017.134 Regulation of 30 May 2017 on the amendment of the Food Inspection Regulation (LR № 817.011)
	LGBI № 2017.138 Regulation of 30 May 2017 on the amendment of the regulation on the levying of fees under the legislation on food and animal feed (LR № 916.411.5)
13-06-17	LGBI № 2017.145 Exchange of letters between the Principality of Liechtenstein and the European Union concerning the adoption of Regulation (EU) No 2019/850 amending Regulation (EC) No 539/2001 drawing up the list of third countries whose nationals are in possession of visas when crossing the external borders As well as the list of third countries whose nationals are exempt from this visa requirement (Ukraine) (further development of the Schengen acquis) (LR № 0.362.380.77)
15-06-17	LGBI № 2017.149 Notice of 13 June 2017 of Decision No 89/2016 of the EEA Joint Committee (LR № 0.110.038.87)
	LGBI № 2017.150 Notice of 13 June 2017 of Decision No 206/2016 of the EEA Joint Committee (LR № 0.110.038.88)
	LGBI № 2017.151 Notice of 13 June 2017 of Decision No 35/2017 of the EEA Joint Committee (LR № 0.110.038.89)
22-06-17	LGBI № 2017.158 Minamata Convention on Mercury (LR № 0.814.081)
Luxembourg	
02-06-17	Mem A № 502: Law of 17 May 2017 implementing Regulation (EU) No 655/2014 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 15 May 2014 establishing a European order for the seizure of bank accounts, To facilitate the cross-border collection of claims in civil and commercial matters, amending the New Code of Civil Procedure and the amended Law of 23 December 1998 establishing a Fi-

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	Financial Sector Supervisory Commission.
14-06-17	Mem. A № 560: Law of 13 June 2017 transposing Directive 2014/40 / EU of the European Parliament and of the Council of 3 April 2014 on the approximation of the laws, regulations and administrative provisions of the Member States relating to the manufacture, presentation and sale of products Tobacco and related products; Repealing Directive 2001/37 / EC; Amending the amended law of 11 August 2006 on tobacco control.
	Mem. A № 564: Notice of publication in accordance with article 40 of the amended law of 15 December 2010 on the safety of toys.
19-06-17	Mem. A № 572: Act of 7 June 2017 amending 1. the amended law of 4 August 1975 on the manufacture and import of medicinal products and 2. the amended law of 25 November 1975 on the dispensing of medicinal products to the public.
	Mem. A № 573: Implementation of new European non-electrical standards applicable in the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg.
	Mem. A № 574: Implementation of new European electrotechnical standards applicable in the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg.
	Mem. A № 575: Implementation of new European telecommunications standards applicable in the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg.
28-06-17	Mem. A № 597: Grand-Ducal Regulation of 20 June 2017 on: - the labeling and packaging of tobacco products, plant-based smoking products other than tobacco, and non-smoking products; - methods for analyzing cigarette emissions; - the labeling, packaging and filling mechanism of electronic cigarettes and refill vials.
Norway	
01-06-17	FOR-2017-05-30-671 Health and Care Services Regulation amending the Regulation on food supplements
02-06-17	FOR-2017-05-24-676 Agriculture and Food Amendments to the regulation on the identification of equidae
07-06-17	FOR-2017-06-02-693 Climate and Environment Ministry Regulation amending the Regulation on 15 December 2000 no. 1268 concerning the prohibition on sales in Norway of certain genetically modified products
12-06-17	FOR-2017-06-02-715 Agriculture and Food Regulation amending the Regulation on additives for use in animal nutrition
15-06-17	FOR-2017-06-06-740 Foreign Affairs Regulation amending the Regulation on the export of defense equipment, multi-purpose products, technologies and services
16-06-17	FOR-2017-06-16-770 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-2017-06-16-771 Health and Care Services Regulation on amendments to the Regulations on 15 December 1995 no. 989 on the prohibition of tobacco advertising, etc.
20-06-19	FOR-2017-06-16-819 Health and Care Services Regulation amending the Regulation on drugs
21-06-17	LAW-2017-06-21-81 Ministry of Finance Law on amendments to the Act 17 June 2005 no. 67 on the payment and collection of taxes and duties (Tax Payment Act)
	LAW-2017-06-21-82 Ministry of Finance Law on amendments to the Law 21 December 2007 no. 119 on customs and movement of goods (Customs Act)
	LAW-2017-06-21-89 Health and Care Services Law amending the Tobacco Control Act, the Radiation Protection Act and Health Preparedness Act (registration and oversight system for the sale of tobacco products, etc.)
22-06-17	FOR-2017-06-15-844 Ministry of Justice Regulations concerning civil handling of hazardous substances (explosive Regulations)
23-06-17	FOR-2017-06-21-908 Health and Care Services Shared endorsement of the Act of 21 June 2017 No.. 89 on changes to the Tobacco Act, Radiation Protection Act and Health Preparedness Act (registration and oversight system for the sale

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	of tobacco products, etc.)
	FOR-2017-06-21-909 Health and Care Services Regulation on transitional provisions to the Act of 21 June 2017 No. 89 on changes to the Tobacco Act, Radiation Protection Act and Health Preparedness Act (registration and oversight system for the sale of tobacco products, etc.)
26-06-17	FOR-2017-06-22-942 Health and Care Services Amendments to the Regulations on content and labeling of tobacco products
	FOR-2017-06-26-945 Ministry Regulation amending the Regulation on the approval of moped and motorcycle (fee rates as from 1 July 2017)
27-06-17	FOR-2017-06-26-979 Ministry Regulation amending the Regulation on the approval of car and trailer for car
28-06-17	FOR-2017-06-26-987 Health and Care Services Regulation amending the Regulation on from the third countries may be imported clams and fishery products
29-06-17	FOR-2017-06-26-998 Agriculture and Food Regulation amending the Regulation on betting in the price compensation for milk and tariffs for manufacturing cream and production value of butter
	FOR-2017-06-27-999 Ministry of Finance Regulations amending the regulations to the law on customs and movement of goods (Customs Regulations)
Poland	
05-06-17	№ 1082 Council of Ministers of 24 May 2017. Amending Regulation of the Suwalki Special Economic Zone
	№ 1086 The Act of 25 May 2017. On the restitution of national treasures
07-06-17	№ 1103 Regulation of the Minister of Finance and Development of 30 May 2017. Amending Regulation on detailed requirements for aerosols
	№ 1106 Regulation of the Minister of Finance and Development of 24 May 2017. On conducting specialized training for appointment as the first step in the body of aspirants Customs and Tax Service and in the body of the younger officers, Customs and Service Tax
14-06-17	№ 1146 Notice of the Ministry of Internal Affairs and Administration of 29 May 2017. On the uniform text of the Regulation of the Minister of Internal Affairs and Administration on the design tables placed in the lane border and how to hold them by the relevant local commanders of the Border Guard divisions
20-06-17	№ 1167 Council of Ministers of 1 June 2017. Amending the regulation on the Starachowice Special Economic Zone
	№ 1168 Proclamation of the Marshal of the Polish Sejm on 26 May 2017. On the uniform text of the Act on the registration and protection of names and designations of agricultural products and foodstuffs and on traditional products
21-06-17	№ 1174 Council of Ministers of 14 June 2017. Amending the regulation on the implementation of the Agricultural Market Agency tasks related to the establishment of further temporary extraordinary support measures for producers of certain fruits and vegetables in connection with the continuation of the ban on imports from the European Union to the Russian Federation
	№ 1181 Proclamation of the Marshal of the Polish Sejm on 26 May 2017. On the uniform text of the law on the financing of the common agricultural policy
	№ 1182 Regulation of the Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development of 14 June 2017. On the amount of fines for infringements of animal products
23-06-17	№ 1203 Council of Ministers of 9 June 2017. Amending the regulation on social customs officers and members of their families
	№ 1211 Regulation of the Minister of Finance and Development of 6 June 2017. Repealing the regulation on import licenses from a third country or export to a third country of certain goods which could be used for punishment or torture
	№ 1212 Regulation of the Minister of Finance and Development of 6 June 2017. Repealing the regulation on licenses for providing or receiving technical assistance related to certain goods which could be used for punishment or torture
24-06-17	№ 1218 Proclamation of the Marshal of the Polish Sejm of the Republic of 9 June 2017. On the uniform text of the Law on Chambers of Commerce
26-06-17	№ 1227 Government statement of 16 May 2017. On the loss of binding force of the Convention sanitary-veterinary and end with the Protocol between the Republic and the Polish People's Republic of Bulgaria, signed in Warsaw on 26 September 1949.

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	№ 1228 Government statement of 16 May 2017. On the loss of binding force of the Agreement between the Government of the Polish People's Republic and the Government of the Czechoslovak Socialist Republic on the conditions of veterinary-sanitary governing the importation, exportation and transit of animals, raw materials and products of animal origin, signed in Prague on November 14, 1960 r.
	№ 1229 Government statement of 16 May 2017. On the loss of binding force of the Convention between the Government of the Polish People's Republic and the Government of the People's Republic of Bulgaria on cooperation in the field of plant protection and quarantine, signed in Sofia on 6 December 1968.
	№ 1230 Government statement of 16 May 2017. On the loss of binding force of the Agreement between the Government of the Polish People's Republic and the Government of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics on mutual visa-free travel of citizens of both countries, signed in Warsaw on 13 December 1979.
	№ 1231 Government statement of 16 May 2017. On the loss of binding force of the Agreement between the Minister of Foreign Economic Relations of the Republic of Polish and the Ministry of Finance of the Czech Republic on the exemption from customs duties on goods carried by persons crossing the border between the two countries in border traffic, signed in Prague on 12 January 1996.
	№ 1232 Government statement of 22 May 2017. On the loss of binding force of the Convention and the commercial navigation between the Polish and Romania, signed in Warsaw on 23 June 1930.
	№ 1236 Regulation of the Minister of Culture and National Heritage of 21 June 2017. On permits for permanent export abroad is not a cultural monument
27-06-17	№ 1258 Notice of the Ministry of Internal Affairs and Administration of 2 June 2017. On the uniform text of the Regulation of the Minister of Internal Affairs and Administration on the establishment of additional airport border checkpoints
28-06-17	№ 1264 Regulation of the Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development of 21 June 2017. Amending the regulation on detailed method of labeling, sealing and packaging material and nursery plants of vine
29-06-17	№ 1275 Council of Ministers of 20 June 2017. Amending the regulation on the Lodz special economic zone
Spain	
01-06-17	Economy, Industry and Competitiveness (EI&C): Circular dated May 26, 2017, issued by the General Directorate of International Trade and Investment, relating to the procedure and processing of exports and shipments of goods and their trade regimes. (BOE-A-2017-6069)
10-06-17	Foreign Affairs: Provisional application of the Protocol to the Euro-Mediterranean Agreement establishing an Association between the European Communities and their Member States, of the one part, and the Arab Republic of Egypt, of the other part, to take account of the accession of the Republic of Croatia to the European Union, done in Brussels on 10 April 2017. (BOE-A-2017-6583)
	Ministry of the Presidency: Royal Decree 579/2017 of 9 June, which regulates certain aspects related to the manufacture, presentation and commercialization of tobacco products and related products. (BOE-A-2017-6585)
19-06-17	Presidency: Royal Decree 578/2017 of 12 June, amending Royal Decree 9/2015 of 16 January, which regulates the conditions of application of Community legislation on hygiene in primary agricultural production, Royal Decree 379/2014 of 30 May regulating the conditions for the application of Community legislation on the authorization of establishments, hygiene and traceability in the field of shoots and seeds intended for Production of outbreaks and Royal Decree 280/1994 of 18 February establishing maximum residue limits for pesticides and their control in certain products of plant origin. (BOE-A-2017-6948)
24-06-17	Foreign Affairs: Corrigendum to Amendments to Annexes A and B to the European Agreement on the International Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Road (ADR 2017) as amended, adopted in Geneva on 1 October 2016. (BOE-A-2017-7234)
26-06-17	Foreign Affairs: Corrigendum to Multilateral Agreement M 304 pursuant to sec-

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	tion 1.5.1 of the European Agreement on the International Transport of Dangerous Goods by Road (ADR), relating to the number of trailers in a dangerous goods transport unit, done in Madrid on 30 of January 2017. (BOE-A-2017-7309)
28-06-17	Economy, etc.: Correction of errors of the Circular of May 26, 2017, of the General Directorate of International Trade and Investments, concerning the procedure and processing of exports and shipments of goods and their trade regimes.(BOE-A-2017-7390)
United Kingdom	
14-06-17	SI 2017/655 - Correction Slip - These Regulations amend the Common Agricultural Policy (Control and Enforcement, Cross-Compliance, Scrutiny of Transactions and Appeals) Regulations 2014 (S.I. 2014/3263) ("the Control Regulations")
16-06-17	SI 2017/691 - The Marketing of Fruit Plant and Propagating Material (Wales) Regulations 2017 / Rheoliadau Marchnata Planhigion Ffrwythau a Deunyddiau Lluosogi (Cymru) 2017

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)	
16-06-17	S.I. No. 253 of 2017 European Union (Restrictive Measures concerning Syria)(No. 2) Regulations 2017
	S.I. No. 254 of 2017 European Union (Restrictive Measures concerning Central African Republic)(No. 2) Regulations 2017
	S.I. No. 255 of 2017 European Union (Restrictive Measures concerning Iran)(No. 2) Regulations 2017
	S.I. No. 256 of 2017 European Union (Restrictive Measures concerning the Democratic People's Republic of Korea)(No. 2) Regulations 2017
	S.I. No. 257 of 2017 European Union (Restrictive Measures concerning the Republic of Guinea-Bissau) Regulations 2017
	S.I. No. 258 of 2017 European Union (Restrictive Measures concerning Tunisia) Regulations 2017
	S.I. No. 259 of 2017 European Union (Restrictive Measures concerning South Sudan) Regulations 2017
	S.I. No. 260 of 2017 European Union (Restrictive Measures concerning Sudan) Regulations 2017
	S.I. No. 261 of 2017 European Union (Restrictive Measures concerning Iran)(No. 3) Regulations 2017
	S.I. No. 262 of 2017 European Union (Restrictive Measures concerning the Democratic Republic of the Congo) (No. 2) Regulations 2017
	S.I. No. 263 of 2017 European Union (Restrictive Measures concerning Zimbabwe) Regulations 2017
Liechtenstein	
08-06-17	LGBI № 2017.139 Regulation of 6 June 2017 on the amendment of the Regulation on measures against the Democratic Republic of the Congo (LR № 946.222.5)
	LGBI № 2017.140 Regulation of 6 June 2017 on the amendment of the Regulation on measures against the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (LR № 946.223.1)
	LGBI № 2017.141 Regulation of 6 June 2017 on the amendment of the Regulation on measures against Syria (LR № 946.223.8)

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15-06-17	LGBI № 2017.147 Regulation of 13 June 2017 on the amendment of the regulation on measures against persons and organizations with links to the grouping "Al-Qaeda" (LR № 946.222.22)
	LGBI № 2017.148 Regulation of 13 June 2017 on the amendment of the Regulation on measures against the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (LR № 946.223.12)
22-06-17	LGBI № 2017.153 Regulation of 20 June 2017 on the amendment of the Regulation on measures against persons and organizations with links to the grouping "Al-Qaeda" (LR № 946.222.22)
	LGBI № 2017.154 Regulation of 20 June 2017 on the amendment of the Regulation on measures against the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (LR № 946.223.1)
30-06-17	LGBI № 2017.174 Regulation of 27 June 2017 on the amendment of the Regulation on measures against persons and organizations with links to the grouping "Al-Qaeda" (LR № 946.222.22)
Luxembourg	
19-06-17	Mem. A. No. 567: Ministerial regulation of 19 June 2017 amending Annex IC of the Grand-Ducal Regulation of 29 October 2010 implementing the Law of 27 October 2010 on the implementation of United Nations Security Council resolutions and acts Adopted by the European Union containing prohibitions and restrictive financial measures against certain persons, entities and groups in the context of the fight against the financing of terrorism.
Norway	
06-06-17	FOR-2017-06-02-689 Foreign Affairs Regulation amending the Regulation on sanctions against certain persons and actors in Yemen
08-06-17	FOR-2017-06-07-707 Foreign Affairs Regulation amending the Regulation on restrictive measures against the Republic of Zimbabwe
	FOR-2017-06-07-707 Foreign Affairs Regulation amending the Regulation on restrictive measures against the Republic of Zimbabwe

Non EU-EFTA European Countries

Turkey

Legislation (laws, resolutions, orders, etc.)

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

Date	Subject
01-06-17	2017/10219 Decision of Council of Ministers Decree No. 2013/5428 of 30/9/2013 on the Freezing of the Property of the Persons, Organizations or Organizations Saved by the Decisions of the United Nations Security Council of 1267 (1999), 1988 (2011) and 1989 (2011) 1) Decision on Amendment in the Numbered List
	2017/10224 Announcement of Council of Ministers Decision dated 30/9/2013 and numbered 2013/5428 of the United Nations Security Council on the Freezing of the assets of persons, organizations or organizations listed in the resolutions of 1267 (1999), 1988 (2011) and 1989 (2011) 1) Decision on Amendment in the Numbered List
	2017/10310 Annex to the Decision on Import Regime Communiqué on the Amendment of the Communiqué on the Branding of Turkish Products Abroad, the Placement of the Turkish Commodity Image and the Support of TURQUALITY® (Communiqué No: 2006/4) (No: 2017/2)
02-06-17	2017/10212 Decision on Cooperation on Cooperation in Cooperation in the Exchange of Financial Intelligence between the Republic of Turkey, Ministry of Finance, Financial Crimes Investigation Board (MASAK) and Qatar National Financial Information Unit (QFIU) on Money Laundering, Related Precedent Crimes and Terrorism Financing
	2017/10213 Resolution of the Ministry of Finance of the Republic of Turkey on

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	the Cooperation of the Financial Crimes Investigation Board (MASAK) and the Government of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan on Cooperation in Financial Intelligence Exchange on Money Laundering, Related Precedent Crimes and Terrorism Financing Between the Financial Supervision Unit
	2017/10238 Decision on Making Amendments to Additional Decisions Additional to the Import Regime Decision
03-06-17	- Communiqué Pertaining to the Restructuring of Customs Receivables within the Scope of Law No. 7020
	2017/10308 Decision No 2/2016 amending Annex I on the definition of the concept of 'commodity products' and the methods of administrative cooperation of the Joint Committee established between the Republic of Turkey and the Republic of Moldova and the Joint Committee established between the Republic of Turkey and the Republic of Moldova Decision on Approval
	- Communiqué on Customs Exemption (Series No: 2)
06-06-17	2017/10186 Resolution on the Approval of the Agreement between the Republic of Turkey and the Central American Integration System on the Participation of the Republic of Turkey as a Non-regional Observer in the Central American Integration System
	Decision on the Approval of the Annexes 2, 6 and 7 of the Customs Convention for the International Carriage of Goods at the TIR Car Hire of 2017/10188 to be Valid on 1 January 2017 of the Annexed Amendments Adopted on 10-11 February 2016
	Decisions on Appointment of Family and Social Policies, Science, Industry and Technology and Customs and Trade Ministries
	2017/10257 Resolution between the Government of the Republic of Turkey and the Government of the Islamic Republic of Iran on the Approval of the Memorandum of Understanding on the Opening of New Land Border Borders in Turkey-Iran Hudu
	2017/10140 Decision on the Approval of the Protocol Amending the Memorandum of Understanding between the Government of the Republic of Turkey and the Government of the Islamic Republic of Iran for the Joint Use of the Kapıköy and Razi Land Border Dwellings of 14 February 2011
07-06-17	2017/10317 Resolution between the Government of the Republic of Turkey and the Government of the United States of America on the Approval of the Agreement on Cooperation in the Field of Combating Illegal International Trade in Drugs and Psychotropic Items
	2017/10322 Resolution between the Government of the Republic of Turkey and the Islamic Development Bank Group on the Confirmation of the Memorandum of Understanding on Cooperation for the Promotion of Trade and Investment between Turkey and the Member States of the IDB
10-06-17	Regulation on the Amendment of the Regulation Pertaining to the Operations to be Applied in the Import and Export of Measuring and Measuring Instruments
	Communiqué Regarding the Amendment of the "Processing Regime on the Inward Processing (Export: 2006/12)" (Export: 2017/6)
15-06-17	List (H) of Permission for Processing of Outward Processing for the Month of May 2017
	List of Processing Permission Documents Abolished Upon Request of the Company
17-06-17	Communiqué on the Amendment of the Import Control of the Wastes under the Control of the Protection of the Environment (Product Safety and Control: 2017/3) (Product Safety and Control: 2017/26)
	Communiqué Pertaining to Safeguard Measures in Import (No: 2017/6) [3907.61.00.00.00]
21-06-17	2017/10264 Decision between the Government of the Republic of Turkey and the Government of the Republic of Burundi on the Approval of the Agreement on Commercial and Economic Cooperation
	Regulation on the Principles and Procedures to be Applied in the Purchase of Goods and Services According to Article 3 / G of the Public Procurement Law No. 4734 of the General Directorate of the TCDD Transportation Corporation

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22-06-17	Communiqué Pertaining to the Amendment of the Communiqué Pertaining to the Application of Tariff Quantity in the Importation of Certain Agricultural Products Originated from Republic of Albania
	Communiqué on the Amendment of the Communiqué Pertaining to the Application of Tariff Coordinator in the Import of Certain Processed Agricultural Products Released from the European Union
	Communiqué on the Amendment of the Communiqué Pertaining to the Application of Tariff Coordinator in the Importation of Some Agricultural and Processed Agricultural Products Originating in Bosnia and Herzegovina
	Communiqué Pertaining to the Amendment of the Communiqué Pertaining to the Application of Tariff Concentration in the Importation of Certain Agricultural Products Originating in the Kingdom of Morocco
	Communiqué Pertaining to the Amendment of the Communiqué Pertaining to the Application of Tariff Concentration in the Importation of Certain Agricultural and Processed Agricultural Products Originated from Georgia
	Communiqué Pertaining to the Amendment of the Communiqué Pertaining to the Application of Tariff Concentration in the Importation of Certain Agricultural Products Originated from Islamic Republic of Iran
	Communiqué Pertaining to the Amendment of the Communiqué Pertaining to the Implementation of Tariff Procurement for the Importation of Certain Agricultural Products Originating in the Republic of Macedonia
	Communiqué Pertaining to the Amendment of the Communiqué Pertaining to the Application of Tariff Concentration in the Import of Certain Agricultural Products Originated from the Republic of Moldova
	Communiqué on the Amendment of the Communiqué Pertaining to the Application of Tariff Coordinator in the Importation of Some Agricultural and Processed Agricultural Products Originated from Republic of Mauritius
	Communiqué on the Amendment of the Communiqué Pertaining to the Implementation of Tariff Procurement for the Importation of Certain Agricultural and Processed Agricultural Products Originated from the Republic of Serbia
	Communiqué on the Amendment of the Communiqué Pertaining to the Implementation of Tariff Concentration in the Importation of Certain Agricultural and Processed Agricultural Products Originating in the Republic of Chile
	Communiqué on the Amendment of the Communiqué Pertaining to the Application of Tariff Coordinator in the Importation of Certain Agricultural Products Originated from Republic of Tunisia
	Communiqué on the Amendment of the Communiqué Pertaining to the Application of Tariff Coordinator in the Importation of Certain Agricultural and Processed Agricultural Products Originating in Jordan Hashemi Kingdom
	Communiqué on the Implementation of Imports Surveillance (No: 2017/9) [in heading 7013]
23-06-17	Regulation on Registration, Evaluation, Permission and Restriction of Chemicals
24-06-17	Regulation on Making Amendments to the Regulation on Manufacture, Modification and Assembly of Vehicles
	7032 Law on the Approval of the Protocol Between the Government of the Republic of Turkey and the Government of the Republic of Greece for the Determination of the Location of a Second Highway Border Crossing between the Two Countries in the İpsala-Kipi Border Crossing Area and the Determination of the Crossing Boundary Crossing
27-06-17	2017/10440 Annex to Decision on Import Regime

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
Council (Совет) of the Eurasian Economic Commission Решение	
09-06-17	№ 25 (28-04-17) 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"
13-06-17	№ 26 (03-03-17) On Amendments to the Resolution of the Council of the Eurasian Economic Commission dated November 23, 2012 № 97
	№ 27 (03-03-17) On Amendments to the Decision of the Council of the Eurasian Economic Commission dated November 23, 2012 № 98
	№ 28 (03-03-17) On Amendments to the Decision of the Council of the Eurasian Economic Commission dated November 23, 2012 № 99
	№ 29 (03-03-17) On introduction of changes to the application number 1 to the technical regulations of the Customs Union "On requirements to lubricants, oils and special liquids» (TR CU 030/2012)
	№ 30 (17-05-17) On the establishment of import customs duties of the Common Customs Tariff of the Eurasian Economic Union in respect of tannins and preparations for tanning
20-06-17	№ 31 (28-04-17) On amendments to some decisions of the Commission of the Customs Union and the Board of the Eurasian Economic Commission On amendments to some decisions of the Commission of the Customs Union and the Board of the Eurasian Economic Commission
Council Regulations/Orders	
13-06-17	№ 18 (03-03-17) On some issues relating to the Agreement on the protection of confidential information and the responsibility for its disclosure in the implementation of the Eurasian Economic Commission powers to monitor compliance with uniform rules on competition from November 12, 2014
Board (Коллегии) of the Eurasian Economic Commission Решения	
31-05-17	№ 62 (30-05-17) About directory of quarantine objects of the Eurasian Economic Union
13-06-17	№ 63 (08-06-17) On Amendments to the Resolution of the Board of the Eurasian Economic Commission dated August 18, 2015 № 101
	№ 64 (08-06-17) On Amendments to Note 8 to the Single Commodity Nomenclature of Foreign Trade of the Eurasian Economic Union
	№ 65 (08-06-17) On establishing the rates of import customs duties of the Common Customs Tariff of the Eurasian Economic Union in respect of certain types of agricultural products
Board Распоряжение	
13-06-17	№ 60 (08-06-17) Draft decision of the Council of the Eurasian Economic Commission "On the draft order of the Eurasian Intergovernmental Council On the enrollment and distribution of import customs duties between the budgets of states - members of the Eurasian Economic Union in 2016 "

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

Belarus

Preliminary decisions on tariff classification

The State Customs Committee maintains a [searchable database of preliminary decisions on the tariff classification of goods](#) (*База данных товаров, в отношении которых принято предварительное решение о классификации*). The database has been updated through June 2017. It may be searched by tariff code or description (in Russian).

Russian Federation

Preliminary decisions on tariff classification

The Federal Customs Service (FCS) has a [searchable on-line database of preliminary decisions on tariff classification](#). The database has been updated through 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
02-06-17	Order of the Federal Customs Service of 02.05.2017 № 715 “On approval of the formation and publication of a list of organizations for which the period of preparation and holding of the FIFA 2018 Confederations Cup FIFA 2017 do not apply the requirements of the foreign exchange and currency repatriation World Cup the Russian Federation “ (Registered in the Ministry of Justice of Russia 01.06.2017 № 46925))
	Order of the Federal Customs Service of 10.05.2017 № 755 “On the Annulment of the order of the FCS of Russia from 1 March 2013 № 372” On establishing the features of customs transit, in respect of goods transported by sea “ (Registered in the Ministry of Justice of Russia 01.06.2017 № 46924)
06-06-17	Russian Federation Government Resolution dated 31.05.2017 № 671 “On the representation of the President of the Russian Federation proposals on the signing of the Protocol amending the Agreement on the status of the Economic Court of the Commonwealth of Independent States on July 6, 1992”
	Russian Federation Government Resolution dated 30.05.2017 № 667 “On establishing the characteristics of the issuance of visas in the form of an electronic document and entry to the Russian Federation on the basis of visas in the form of an electronic document foreign citizens arriving to the Russian Federation through the checkpoints across the state border of the Russian Federation located on the territory of the free port of Vladivostok, and on amendments to the Regulation on the state system of immigration and registration of, and manufacture, registration and control treatment of identity documents “
14-06-17	Russian Federation Government Resolution dated 12.06.2017 № 698 “On Amendments to the Regulations of the Federal Customs Service.”
16-06-17	Russian Federation Government Resolution dated 14.06.2017 № 706 “On approval of the Rules of the destruction of counterfeit cellular biomedical products, biomedical cell substandard products and counterfeit biomedical cell products.”
19-06-17	Russian Federation Government Resolution dated 14.06.2017 № 705 “On the representation of the President of the Russian Federation to make the ratification of the Council of Europe Convention on Laundering, Search, Sei-

Date of Publication	Subject
	"Sure and Confiscation of the Proceeds from Crime and on the Financing of Terrorism"

Middle East

Egypt

New Amendments to Importers' Registration Requirements

On 7 March 2017 the Egyptian Parliament issued Law No. 7 of 2017 amending Law No. 121 of 1982 establishing the Importers Register. Most of the amendments are related to importers' registration requirements and the sanctions for violating the requirements.

Implications for businesses operating in Egypt

Significant changes have been made according to the new amendments including:

1. Companies no longer need to be wholly owned by Egyptians. The amendments only require that 51% of the shares or quotas of the companies to be owned by Egyptians while the other 49% can be owned by non-Egyptian share/quota holders.
2. To have been established for at least one year prior to the date of submission for registration, where its turnover in the preceding year is at least EGP 5 million.
3. The paid quotas in capital for a limited liability company is no less than EGP 2 million, while it should no be less than EGP 5 million for joint stock companies.
4. The manager responsible for importing must be an Egyptian national.
5. The manager must not have been previously convicted by a final judgment in any felony or any other crime including those crimes committed in violation to the Competition Law, Consumer Law, Antifraud law, tax laws, banking laws and commercial laws unless the crimes have been settled.

All other registration requirements remain the same.

Actions to consider

All businesses engaged in imports for retail (not for production) in Egypt must adjust their ongoing structures and business based on the terms of these amendments. The law has mostly granted a period of six (6) months to undertake those adjustments. This would include, among other things, increasing the shareholding amounts and payment of importation insurance.

Moreover, companies in Egypt can now avoid the nominee shareholding structure and rely on 49% direct investment in their import companies in Egypt.

It is important to note that unless all existing and new companies comply with the said amendments, their import license will be rescinded. Moreover, severe penalties are now in force in order to limit any manipulation in the importation process or violation of any of the applicable laws.

Conclusion

The amendments to the law are a positive development. It is not certain yet whether an importation company can have non-Egyptian managers so long as they are not directly engaged in imports.

In all cases, the amendments seem to be of a positive value and addresses main concerns to businesses in Egypt. Moreover, by raising the threshold for obtaining the imports license, the government is attempting to limit the number of importers and to screen non-genuine importers from engaging in this business.

Finally, the sanctions imposed are expected to be quite deterrent to importers from engaging into any violation of any of the identified laws.

For additional information, please contact [Mohamad Talaat](#) or [Mohamed ElFar](#) of our Cairo office.

New Egyptian Import Regulations: What You Need to Know to Avoid Licence Revocation

New Egyptian import regulations (Law № 7 of 2017 issued on 7 March 2017, amending Law № 121 of 1982 establishing the Importers Register. The Executive Regulations to these amendments were issued by Ministerial Decree № 846 of 2017 on 1 June 2017) mean that import licences may be revoked if the holder violates Egyptian competition law and receives a final judgment from the Court of Appeal. As most multinational companies in Egypt import certain products, this new sanction could cause significant disruption to on-going business.

Any company that applies for a new or renewed import licence must submit an acknowledgement that it has never been convicted by a final judgment of any violation of the Egyptian *Competition Law* (ECL). Such infringements include not only anticompetitive practices, but also non-cooperation with the Egyptian Competition Authority (ECA) and failure to submit a post-merger notification.

Implications for clients

- Companies engaged in import activities and holding an import licence must comply with the new rules, or they risk losing their licence.
- Companies subject to a final criminal judgment (i.e. judgment from the Court of Appeal) for infringement of the ECL will have their import licences revoked.
- If a company loses its import licence because of such a conviction, it will not be entitled to reapply for (or to regain) this licence unless it settles the case with the ECA.
- Companies may choose to defend or to settle their case swiftly in order to avoid conviction by a final criminal judgment.
- Any company considering the acquisition in Egypt of a target company involved in import activities will need to check if the target has engaged in any anticompetitive practice (or contractually protect itself from such an eventuality). An import licence may be revoked after a deal is closed for infringements committed pre-closing.

What the new rules say

A company registering or renewing its registration in the importers' ledger must submit an acknowledgment that it has not been convicted by a final criminal judgment of a breach of the ECL (or of a number of other criminal infringements).

A company convicted by a final judgment of breach of the ECL will lose its import licence. The ECA must notify the General Organization on Exports and Imports Control (i.e. the government entity responsible for issuing and renewing import and export licences) of the judgment so that it can cancel the licence registration of the convicted company.

A convicted company will not be able to obtain a new import licence unless it settles the case. According to the ECL, a case may be settled before a criminal case is opened by the ECA for an amount not exceeding the statutory minimum fine for the infringement. Settlement can also take place after a criminal case is opened by the ECA, and in this case for an amount not less than three times the statutory minimum fine and not more than half the statutory maximum fine.

In addition, changes to the registration requirements for importers mean that non-Egyptians are now permitted to engage in import activities. Previously, such activity was only open to Egyptians. See article above.

Conclusion

Companies that do not comply fully with the ECL risk losing their import licences. Any company implicated in an ECL investigation (and especially if convicted at first instance) is advised to consider settling the case before a final judgment is delivered by the Court of Appeal.

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Qatar

Qatar Diplomatic Crisis

On Monday 5 June 2017, Saudi Arabia, the United Arab Emirates, Bahrain and Egypt cut diplomatic ties with Qatar and moved to close off access to the Gulf country, with an embargo on air, sea or land traffic to and from Qatar. As of today, the number of countries joining Saudi Arabia, the United Arab Emirates, Bahrain and Egypt has expanded to include Senegal, Libya, Yemen, Mauritania, United Nations of Comoros, Maldives and Mauritius. Jordan has also reduced its ties with Qatar and has revoked the license of Doha-based TV channel Al Jazeera.

Please find below two links to client alerts developed by our Gulf offices relating to the boycott:

- [Qatar Diplomatic Crisis - How it may impact you](#)
- [UPDATE: Qatar Diplomatic Crisis - How it may impact you in Saudi Arabia, the UAE and Egypt](#)

At this stage, the situation remains quite fluid and, as far as we are aware, the boycott has not been supported by decrees and/or legislation defining procedures, limitations, thresholds and options. This lack of any regulatory promulgations has created confusion as to the scope of the prohibitions or restrictions. As such, we recommend taking a conservative approach when formulating plans to deal with the current boycott.

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Africa (other than North Africa)

South Africa

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

Date	Publication Details	Subject	Implementation Date
23-06-17	GG.40934 R.600	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 119.02c/kg to 94,72c/kg and 178.53c/kg to 142,18c/kg respectively, in terms of the revised dollar-based domestic reference price and the existing variable tariff formula - ITAC Report 538 • Notice R.600	23-06-17

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

Date of Release	Subject
06-06-17	Chinese businessman sentenced in Chicago to 10 years in federal prison for attempting to provide military equipment to Peruvian terrorist organization (DOJ, ICE, DoD)
06-08-17	American Honda Finance Corporation Settles Potential Liability for Apparent Violations of the Cuban Assets Control Regulations [\$87,255] (OFAC)
06-12-17	Israeli Executive Sentenced to Prison for Defrauding the Foreign Military Financ-

Date of Release	Subject
	ing Program (DOJ, DoD, Israel MOD)
06-16-17	Former U.S. Naval Attaché and Military Advisor to the U.S. Ambassador in the Philippines Sentenced for Taking Bribes in Massive Navy Corruption Scandal (DOJ, DoD)
06-26-17	American International Group, Inc. Settles Potential Liability for Apparent Violations of Multiple Sanctions Programs [\$148,698] (OFAC, voluntary self-disclosure)
06-28-17	Houston woman charged with smuggling into the US and selling counterfeit drugs (DOJ, ICE, FDA, Houston PD)
	Dominican Man Indicted For Federal Tobacco Excise Fraud (DOJ, TTB)

Newsletters, Reports, Articles, Etc.

Baker & McKenzie Global VAT/GST Newsletter

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

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Publications, Alerts, Newsletters

The following Baker & McKenzie publications, client alerts, legal alerts 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 – June 2017 {older issues}
Mexico Client Alert: Ministry of Economy enables website for comments and proposals for NAFTA (Eng.); La Secretaría de Economía habilita un portal para comentarios y propuestas sobre TLCAN (Span.)
International Commercial Client Alert: Qatar Diplomatic Crisis
Australian Client Alert: 2017-18 Australian Federal Budget: A mixed bag
Egypt International Commercial & Trade Client Alert: New Amendments to Importers' Registration Requirements
Client Alert: Qatar Diplomatic Crisis - How it may impact you (7 June 2017)
Client Alert: UPDATE: Qatar Diplomatic Crisis - How it may impact you in Saudi Arabia, the UAE and Egypt (12 June 2017)
Buenos Aires Tax Newsletter - Argentina creates tax benefits regime for manufacturers of auto parts and motor vehicles (Eng.); Argentina crea régimen de incentivos fiscales para los fabricantes de autopartes y vehículos motores (Span.)
Singapore Tax, Trade & Wealth Management Client Alert: New End-User Statement for Strategic Goods Permits in Singapore
Other areas
Kyiv Banking & Finance Client Alert: Escrow Accounts Introduced and Regulation of Bank Account Pledges Improved (Eng.); Введення ескроу-рахунків та вдосконалення регулювання застави банківських рахунків (Ukr.); Введение эскроу-счетов и совершенствования регулирования залога банковских счетов (Russ.)
Kyiv Mergers and Acquisitions Client Alert: Corporate M&A Reform in Ukraine: Takeover Rules and Shareholders' Agreements (Eng.); Корпоративна М&А реформа в Україні: нові правила поглинання компаній та угоди між акціонерами (Ukr.)

Subject

[Vietnam Information Technology & Communications Client Alert: New Regulations on Online Protection for Children](#)

Webinars, Meetings, Seminars, Etc.

2017 Global Trade and Supply Chain Webinar Series

“2017: 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.

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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.

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Webinar Dates and Topics:

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

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

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

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

March 28 [New Era of Protectionism? –](#)

Webinar Start Time:

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11:00 AM (Eastern)

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Speakers: Terrie Gleason and Stu Seidel (Washington DC), Ross Denton and Jessica Mutton (London)		
April 25	<u>Customs Basic: How to Value Your Products</u>	
Speakers: Nicole Looks (Frankfurt), Eugene Lim (Singapore), Paul Burns (Toronto), and Daniel Sanchez-Elizondo (Guadalajara)		
May 23	<u>Impact on Sanctions: Trump Administration's Effects on US, EU, and Russian Sanctions</u>	Pending - We have applied for CES and CCS credit for these webinars to the National Customs Brokers & Forwarders Association of America, Inc.
Speakers: Alexander Bychkov (Moscow), Ben Smith (London), Alex Lamy (Washington, DC) and Alison Stafford Powell (Palo Alto)		
June 27	<u>Customs Basic: Determining the Origin of Your Products</u>	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.
Speakers: Olivia Colville (Chicago), Jessica Mutton (London), and Adriana Ibarra-Fernandez (Mexico City)		
July 25	Major Developments in Data Privacy Laws – US, Canada and EU	We hope you will participate in and enjoy this exciting webinar series!
Speakers: Brian Hengesbaugh (Chicago), Theo Ling (Toronto), Dean Dolan (Toronto), Dyann Heward-Mills (London), Michael Egan (Washington, DC)		
August 22	<u>Customs Basic: Reducing your Duty Liability Through the Use of Customs Procedures</u>	Interested in learning more?
Speakers: Gooike van Slooten (Amsterdam), Paul Amberg (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	<u>Customs Basic: What You Need to Know about Customs in the EU, Russia and China</u>	
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	<u>Customs Basic: What You Need to Know about Customs in the US, Mexico and Brazil</u>	
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 stuart.seidel@bakermckenzie.com who will try to obtain the text. Some notifications are only available in the official language of the country publishing the notification. *Note: All dates are given as mm/dd/yyyy; National flags are not scaled for relative comparison.*

Country	Notification	Date Issued	Final Date for Comments	Merchandise Covered
 Argentina	ARG/197/Rev.1	05/31/2017	Not given	Packaged food, cleaning and personal hygiene products
 Argentina	ARG/222/Rev.1	05/31/2017	Not given	Textiles
 Argentina	ARG/294/Add.4	05/24/2017	Not given	All products subject to certification regimes
 Argentina	ARG/294/Add.5	05/30/2017	Not given	All products subject to certification regimes
 Argentina	ARG/297/Add.10	06/02/2017	Not given	Low-voltage electrical products
 Argentina	ARG/297/Add.8	06/02/2017	Not given	Low-voltage electrical products
 Argentina	ARG/297/Add.9	06/02/2017	Not given	Low-voltage electrical products
 Argentina	ARG/320	05/31/2017	07/30/2017	Milk powder
 Argentina	ARG/321	06/15/2017	07/15/2017	Dimethyl dicarbonate (DMDC) dispensers
 Argentina	ARG/322	06/15/2017	Not given	Methyl alcohol or methanol
 Argentina	ARG/323	06/20/2017	07/20/2017	Domestic sanitary products
 Bahrain, Kingdom of	BHR/478	06/02/2017	08/01/2017	Fruit juices and nectars
 Bahrain, Kingdom of	BHR/479	06/02/2017	08/01/2017	Trans fatty acid
 Belize	BLZ/6	06/02/2017	06/30/2017	Diesel Fuel (High, Low and Ultra-low Sulphur) (HS 27101)
 Belize	BLZ/7	06/02/2017	06/30/2017	Unleaded Gasoline (HS 27101)
 Brazil	BRA/549/Add.2	05/30/2017	Not given	Other breathing appliances and gas masks, excluding protective masks having neither mechanical parts nor replaceable filters (HS 9020)
 Brazil	BRA/549/Add.2/Corr.1	06/15/2017	Not given	Other breathing appliances and gas masks, excluding protective masks having neither mechanical parts nor replaceable filters (HS 9020)
 Brazil	BRA/559/Add.4	06/14/2017	Not given	Parts and accessories of vehicles of headings (HS 8711 to 8713, 8714)
 Brazil	BRA/560/Add.6	06/26/2017	Not given	Transmission apparatus incorporating reception apparatus (HS 8525.20), Television
 Brazil	BRA/701/Add.2	06/09/2017	Not given	Fish, frozen, excluding fish fillets and other fish meat of heading 03.04 (HS: 0303), Fish fillets and other fish meat (whether or not minced), fresh, chilled or frozen. (HS: 0304)
 Brazil	BRA/721	05/29/2017	07/10/2017	Medicinal products
 Brazil	BRA/722	06/27/2017	07/25/2017	Hazardous/Dangerous goods/substances
 Brazil	BRA/723	06/27/2017	07/26/2017	Medicines
 Canada	CAN/427/Rev.1	06/22/2017	Not given	Beer (includes Ale, Stout, Porter and Malt Liquor)
 Canada	CAN/488/Add.1	06/26/2017	Not given	Fuels
 Canada	CAN/491/Add.1	05/29/2017	Not given	Veterinary drugs
 Canada	CAN/501/Add.1	06/26/2017	Not given	Toiletries (HS Chapter 33; Chapter 34)
 Canada	CAN/526	05/29/2017	07/24/2017	Radiocommunications
 Canada	CAN/527	06/08/2017	07/24/2017	Radiocommunications
 Canada	CAN/528	06/20/2017	08/31/2017	Drug Products - Opioids
 Canada	CAN/529	06/27/2017	Not given	Motor vehicle

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 Chile	CHL/403	05/29/2017	07/28/2017	Steel structures
 Chile	CHL/404	05/29/2017	07/28/2017	Electrical products and fuels
 Chile	CHL/405	06/07/2017	08/06/2017	Urban public transport vehicles
 Chile	CHL/406	06/07/2017	07/06/2017	Honey
 Chile	CHL/407	06/07/2017	08/06/2017	Food for human consumption.
 Chile	CHL/408	06/15/2017	08/14/2017	Boilers
 China	CHN/1200	05/29/2017	07/28/2017	Chemical Drugs, Biological products
 China	CHN/1201	05/29/2017	07/28/2017	Fibreboard, particleboard, plywood, blockboard, reconstituted decorative lumber, laminated veneer lumber, glued-laminated timber, surface decorated wood-based panel, wood-based floor, wood-based panel, wood-based door, wood-based window and other various types of wood-based products. Wood sawn or chipped lengthwise, sliced or peeled, whether or not planed, sanded or end-jointed, of a thickness exceeding 6 mm. (HS 4407), Particle board and similar board (for example, oriented strand board and waferboard) of wood or other ligneous materials, whether or not agglomerated with resins or other organic binding substances. (HS 4410), Fibreboard of wood or other ligneous materials, whether or not bonded with resins or other organic substances. (HS 4411), Plywood, veneered panels and similar laminated wood. (HS 4412), Densified wood, in blocks, plates, strips or profile shapes. (HS 4413) . Wood-based panels in general (ICS 79.060.01) .
 China	CHN/1202	06/14/2017	08/13/2017	Reverse Osmosis Drinking Water Treatment Purifiers. Ceramic sinks, wash basins, wash basin pedestals, baths, bidets, water closet pans, flushing cisterns, urinals and similar sanitary fixtures. (HS 6910)
 China	CHN/1203	06/14/2017	08/13/2017	Motorcycles and mopeds (HS 8711)
 China	CHN/1204	06/14/2017	08/13/2017	Completed vehicle and electrical/electronic sub-assembly (HS 87)
 China	CHN/1205	06/14/2017	08/13/2017	Vehicles of category M1 (HS 87)
 China	CHN/1206	06/14/2017	08/13/2017	Special school bus. Tractors (other than tractors of heading 87.09) . (HS 8701), Motor vehicles for the transport of ten or more persons, including the driver. (HS 8702), Motor cars and other motor vehicles principally designed for the transport of persons (other than those of heading 87.02), including station wagons and racing cars. (HS 8703), Motor vehicles for the transport of goods. (HS 8704), Special purpose motor vehicles, other than those principally designed for the transport of persons or goods (for example, breakdown lorries (wreckers), crane lorries (mobile cranes), fire fighting vehicles, concrete mixer lorries (concrete-mixers), road sweeper lorries (road sweepers), spraying lorries (spraying

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				vehicles), mobile workshops, mobile radiological units) . (HS 8705), Chassis fitted with engines, for the motor vehicles of headings 87.01 to 87.05. (HS 8706), Bodies (including cabs), for the motor vehicles of headings 87.01 to 87.05. (HS 8707), Parts and accessories of the motor vehicles of headings 87.01 to 87.05. (HS 8708), Works trucks, self-propelled, not fitted with lifting or handling equipment, of the type used in factories, warehouses, dock areas or airports for short distance transport of goods; tractors of the type used on railway station platforms; parts of the foregoing vehicles. (HS 8709) .
 China	CHN/1207	06/14/2017	08/13/2017	Road vehicles except trams. Tractors (other than tractors of heading 87.09) . (HS 8701), Motor vehicles for the transport of ten or more persons, including the driver. (HS 8702), Motor cars and other motor vehicles principally designed for the transport of persons (other than those of heading 87.02), including station wagons and racing cars. (HS 8703), Motor vehicles for the transport of goods. (HS 8704), Special purpose motor vehicles, other than those principally designed for the transport of persons or goods (for example, breakdown lorries (wreckers), crane lorries (mobile cranes), fire fighting vehicles, concrete mixer lorries (concrete-mixers), road sweeper lorries (road sweepers), spraying lorries (spraying vehicles), mobile workshops, mobile radiological units) . (HS 8705), Chassis fitted with engines, for the motor vehicles of headings 87.01 to 87.05. (HS 8706), Bodies (including cabs), for the motor vehicles of headings 87.01 to 87.05. (HS 8707), Parts and accessories of the motor vehicles of headings 87.01 to 87.05. (HS 8708), Works trucks, self-propelled, not fitted with lifting or handling equipment, of the type used in factories, warehouses, dock areas or airports for short distance transport of goods; tractors of the type used on railway station platforms; parts of the foregoing vehicles. (HS 8709)
 China	CHN/1208	06/14/2017	08/13/2017	Completed vehicle and electrical/electronic sub-assembly. Vehicles other than railway or tramway rolling- stock, and parts and accessories thereof (HS 87)
 China	CHN/1209	06/19/2017	08/18/2017	Food (Contains some of the 0308 HS code products) HS: 02; 0302-0307; 04; 0504; 0507-0511; 0712-0713; 0813; 0902-0910; 1210-1211; 130213; 1501-1503; 1506; 16; 17; 1801; 1803-1806; 19; 2001-2009; 2101-2106; 22 Preparations of meat, of fish or of crustaceans, molluscs or other aquatic invertebrates (HS 16), Sugars and sugar confectionery (HS 17), Hop cones, fresh or dried, whether or not ground, powdered or in the form of pellets; lupulin. (HS 1210), Plants and parts of plants (including seeds and fruits), of a kind used primarily in perfumery, in pharmacy or for insecticidal, fungicidal or similar purposes, fresh or dried, whether or not cut, crushed or powdered. (HS 1211), Pig fat (in-

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				cluding lard) and poultry fat, other than that of heading 02.09 or 15.03. (HS 1501), Fats of bovine animals, sheep or goats, other than those of heading 15.03. (HS 1502), Lard stearin, lard oil, oleostearin, oleo-oil and tallow oil, not emulsified or mixed or otherwise prepared (HS 1503), Other animal fats and oils and their fractions, whether or not refined, but not chemically modified. (HS 1506), Cocoa beans, whole or broken, raw or roasted. (HS 1801), Cocoa paste, whether or not defatted. (HS 1803), Cocoa butter, fat and oil. (HS 1804), Cocoa powder, not containing added sugar or other sweetening matter. (HS 1805), Chocolate and other food preparations containing cocoa. (HS 1806), - Vegetable saps and extracts: (HS 13021), -- Of hops (HS 130213), Meat and edible meat offal (HS 02), Dairy produce; birds' eggs; natural honey; edible products of animal origin, not elsewhere specified or included (HS 04), Fish, fresh or chilled, excluding fish fillets and other fish meat of heading 03.04. (HS 0302), Fish fillets and other fish meat (whether or not minced), fresh, chilled or frozen. (HS 0304), Fish, frozen, excluding fish fillets and other fish meat of heading 03.04. (HS 0303), Fish, dried, salted or in brine; smoked fish, whether or not cooked before or during the smoking process; flours, meals and pellets of fish, fit for human consumption. (HS 0305), Crustaceans, whether in shell or not, live, fresh, chilled, frozen, dried, salted or in brine; crustaceans, in shell, cooked by steaming or by boiling in water, whether or not chilled, frozen, dried, salted or in brine; flours, meals and pellets of crustaceans, fit for human consumption. (HS 0306), Molluscs, whether in shell or not, live, fresh, chilled, frozen, dried, salted or in brine; aquatic invertebrates other than crustaceans and molluscs, live, fresh, chilled, frozen, dried, salted or in brine; flours, meals and pellets of aquatic invertebrates other than crustaceans, fit for human consumption. (HS 0307), Guts, bladders and stomachs of animals (other than fish), whole and pieces thereof, fresh, chilled, frozen, salted, in brine, dried or smoked. (HS 0504), Ivory, tortoise-shell, whalebone and whalebone hair, horns, antlers, hooves, nails, claws and beaks, unworked or simply prepared but not cut to shape; powder and waste of these products. (HS 0507), Coral and similar materials, unworked or simply prepared but not otherwise worked; shells of molluscs, crustaceans or echinoderms and cuttle-bone, unworked or simply prepared but not cut to shape, powder and waste thereof. (HS 0508), Natural sponges of animal origin. (HS 0509), Ambergris, castoreum, civet and musk; cantharides; bile, whether or not dried; glands and other animal products used in the preparation of pharmaceutical products, fresh, chilled, frozen or otherwise provisionally preserved. (HS 0510), Animal products not elsewhere specified or included; dead animals of Chapter 1 or 3, unfit for human consumption. (HS

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				0511), Dried leguminous vegetables, shelled, whether or not skinned or split. (HS 0713), Dried vegetables, whole, cut, sliced, broken or in powder, but not further prepared. (HS 0712), Fruit, dried, other than that of headings 08.01 to 08.06; mixtures of nuts or dried fruits of this Chapter. (HS 0813), Tea, whether or not flavoured. (HS 0902), Pepper of the genus Piper; dried or crushed or ground fruits of the genus Capsicum or of the genus Pimenta. (HS 0904), Maté (HS 0903), Vanilla. (HS 0905), Cinnamon and cinnamon-tree flowers. (HS 0906), Nutmeg, mace and cardamoms. (HS 0908), Cloves (whole fruit, cloves and stems). (HS 0907), Seeds of anise, badian, fennel, coriander, cumin or caraway; juniper berries. (HS 0909), Ginger, saffron, turmeric (curcuma), thyme, bay leaves, curry and other spices. (HS 0910).
 Colombia	COL/224	06/01/2017	Not given	Antivenins
 Costa Rica	CRI/74/Add.1	06/08/2017	Not given	Food safety
 Czech Republic	CZE/204	06/14/2017	08/13/2017	Vibrational gas density flow transducers, vibrational flow densometers
 Ecuador	ECU/7/Add.8	06/06/2017	Not given	Labelling and marking of textiles, articles of apparel, footwear and accessories thereof
 Ecuador	ECU/8/Add.6	06/06/2017	Not given	Lubricating oils (HS 2710)
 Ecuador	ECU/3/Add.5	06/06/2017	Not given	Household refrigerating appliances (HS 8418)
 Ecuador	ECU/99/Add.4	06/14/2017	Not given	Televisions with built-in tuners (HS 8528.72.00.21, 8528.72.00.29, 8528.72.00.31, 8528.72.00.39, 8528.72.00.41, 8528.72.00.49, 8528.72.00.90)
 Egypt	EGY/3/Add.3	06/22/2017	Not given	Chemical, textile and engineering products
 Egypt	EGY/3/Add.4	06/22/2017	Not given	Chemical, textile and engineering products
 Egypt	EGY/68/Add.1	06/22/2017	Not given	Energy efficiency label for air conditioners
 Egypt	EGY/89/Add.1	06/22/2017	Not given	Edible fats and oil
 Egypt	EGY/157/Add.1	06/22/2017	Not given	Household and similar electrical appliances
 Egypt	EGY/164	06/22/2017	08/21/2017	Toys
 Egypt	EGY/165	06/22/2017	08/21/2017	Equipment for children - Child use and care articles
 Egypt	EGY/166	06/22/2017	08/21/2017	Gypsum, Gypsum plasterboards and Gypsum based products
 Egypt	EGY/167	06/22/2017	08/21/2017	Jewellery
 Egypt	EGY/168	06/22/2017	08/21/2017	Ophthalmic equipment
 El Salvador	SLV/118/Add.2	06/01/2017	Not given	Food products
 El Salvador	SLV/195	06/19/2017	08/18/2017	Unripened cheese
 El Salvador	SLV/196	06/19/2017	08/18/2017	Ultra-high temperature (UHT) pasteurized milk
 European Union	EU/488	06/07/2017	08/06/2017	Spirit drinks (CN code 2208 90 71) - Other (HS 220890)

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 Guatemala	GTM/61/Add.2	05/30/2017	Not given	Food safety
 Guatemala	GTM/93	06/13/2017	08/12/2017	Ultra-high temperature (UHT) pasteurized milk
 Guatemala	GTM/94	06/13/2017	08/12/2017	Unripened cheese, including fresh cheese
 Honduras	HND/55/Add.2	06/02/2017	Not given	Food safety
 Honduras	HND/89	06/20/2017	08/19/2017	Unripened cheese, including fresh cheese
 Honduras	HND/90	06/20/2017	08/19/2017	Ultra-high temperature (UHT) pasteurized milk
 Hong Kong, China	HKG/43/Add.1	06/21/2017	Not given	Infant formula, follow-up formula, feeding bottles, teats, pacifiers and food products for infant and young children (0-36 months)
 India	IND/60	05/29/2017	07/28/2017	High carbon steel wire rods
 Israel	ISR/947	05/29/2017	07/28/2017	Bases for preparation of drinks (HS 2009, 3302, 220290)
 Israel	ISR/948	05/29/2017	07/28/2017	Beverage powders having fruity or other flavours (HS 2009, 3302, 220290)
 Israel	ISR/949	05/29/2017	07/28/2017	Food starch (HS 1108, 1901)
 Israel	ISR/709/Add.1	06/07/2017	Not given	Cosmetics (HS Chapter 33)
 Jamaica	JAM/61	05/30/2017	07/15/2017	Fluoridated iodized salt - food grade salt
 Japan	JPN/560	06/23/2017	Not given	Substances with probable effects on the central nervous system
 Kenya	KEN/585	06/13/2017	07/26/2017	Drinking water
 Kenya	KEN/586	06/13/2017	07/26/2017	Drinking water
 Kenya	KEN/587	06/13/2017	07/26/2017	Textile fibres in general
 Kenya	KEN/588	06/13/2017	07/26/2017	Drinking water
 Korea, Republic of	KOR/718	6/9/2017	8/8/2017	Railway vehicles to be operated In Korea
 Korea, Republic of	KOR/719	06/20/2017	08/19/2017	Non-phase-in substance, existing substance subject to registration, substance subject to authorization, restricted and banned substance
 Kuwait	KWT/360	06/02/2017	08/01/2017	Fruit juices and nectars
 Kuwait	KWT/361	06/02/2017	08/01/2017	Trans fatty acid
 Lithuania	LTU/30	06/01/2017	07/31/2017	Other fermented beverages (HS 2206)
 Mexico	MEX/300/Add.8	05/30/2017	Not given	Petroleum products (headings 27.01 to 2901.10)
 Mexico	MEX/318/Add.1	05/30/2017	Not given	Hauled rail units (heading 86)
 Mexico	MEX/319/Add.2	05/30/2017	Not given	Sleepers (cross-ties) of wood (tariff heading 4406)
 Mexico	MEX/332/Add.2	06/14/2017	Not given	Vapour recovery systems
 Mexico	MEX/357	05/22/2017	Not given	Onshore petroleum storage facilities
 Mexico	MEX/358	06/02/2017	08/01/2017	Digital interfaces
 Mexico	MEX/359	06/09/2017	07/31/2017	Products, equipment or devices that can connect to a public telecommunications network or use the radio spectrum (tariff heading 44.10.11)
 Mexico	MEX/360	06/13/2017	08/06/2017	Lamps

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 Mexico	MEX/361	06/13/2017	08/06/2017	Road transport vehicles
 Nicaragua	NIC/89/Add.2	06/02/2017	Not given	Food safety
 Oman	OMN/304	06/02/2017	08/01/2017	Fruit juices and nectars
 Oman	OMN/305	06/02/2017	08/01/2017	Trans fatty acid
 Panama	PAN/93	06/01/2017	07/31/2017	Food
 Panama	PAN/94	06/08/2017	08/07/2017	Induction motors
 Paraguay	PRY/96	06/08/2017	08/07/2017	Reglamento Técnico MERCOSUR de Identidad y Calidad de Leche (Derogación de RES GMC Nº 82/93 y 138/96) (MERCOSUR Technical Regulation on the identity and quality of milk (Repeal of Common Market Group Resolutions Nos. 82/93 and 138/96))
 Paraguay	PRY/94	06/08/2017	08/07/2017	Labelling of textile products (abrogation of Common Market Group Resolution No. 33/07). The notified text covers the products falling under MERCOSUR Common Nomenclature (NCM) Chapters 50 to 63.
 Paraguay	PRY/95	06/08/2017	08/07/2017	Net contents of pre-packaged products (abrogation of Common Market Group Resolution No. 31/07)
 Peru	PER/95	06/09/2017	09/06/2017	1108.12.00.00: Maize (corn) starch. 1201.00.90.00: Soya beans, whether or not broken, other than for sowing. 1205.10.90.00: Low erucic acid rape or colza seeds, other than for sowing. 1205.90.90.00: Rape or colza seeds, whether or not broken, other than for sowing. 1207.20.90.00: Cotton seeds, whether or not broken, other than for sowing. 1208.10.00.00: Flours and meals of soya beans. 1209.10.00.00: Sugar beet seed. 1212.91.00.00: Sugar beet. 1214.90.00.00: Swedes, mangolds, fodder roots, hay, clover, sainfoin, forage kale, lupines, vetches and similar forage products, whether or not in the form of pellets. 1302.19.20.00: Soya-bean extract, whether or not in powder. 1507.10.00.00: Crude soya-bean oil, whether or not degummed. 1507.90.10.00: Refined soya-bean oil, containing added denaturalizing substances not exceeding 1%. 1507.90.90.00: Soya-bean oil, refined, other than containing added denaturalizing substances not exceeding 1%. 1512.21.00.00: Crude cotton-seed oil, whether or not gossypol has been removed. 1512.29.00.00: Other cotton-seed oil, other than crude, whether or not gossypol has been removed. 1514.11.00.00: Low erucic acid rape or colza oil, crude. 1514.19.00.00: Other low erucic acid rape or colza oil, other than crude. 1515.21.00.00: Maize (corn) oil, crude. 1515.29.00.00: Maize (corn) oil, other than crude. 1701.12.00.00: Raw beet sugar not containing added flavouring or colouring matter. 1701.91.00.00: Refined cane or beet sugar and chemically pure sucrose, in solid form, containing added flavouring or colouring matter. 1701.99.90.00: Other cane or beet sugar, in solid form. 2005.80.00.00: Sweet corn (Zea mays var. saccharata) prepared or preserved otherwise than by vinegar or acetic acid, not

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				frozen. 2103.10.00.00: Soya sauce. 2106.10.11.00: Soya protein concentrate, containing 65% to 75% protein on a dry basis. 3203.00.16.00: Colouring matter of purple maize/corn (anthocyanin)
 Philippines	PHL/198	06/21/2017	Not given	Agricultural and fisheries machinery
 Philippines	PHL/197/Add.1	06/19/2017	Not given	Cement
 Qatar	QAT/476	06/02/2017	08/01/2017	Fruit juices and nectars
 Qatar	QAT/477	06/02/2017	08/01/2017	Trans fatty acid
 Rwanda	RWA/56	06/27/2017	08/26/2017	Domestic portable biogas, Biological sources and alternative sources of energy
 Saudi Arabia	SAU/985	06/02/2017	08/01/2017	Fruit juices and nectars
 Saudi Arabia	SAU/986	06/02/2017	08/01/2017	Trans fatty acid
 Saudi Arabia	SAU/984	06/02/2017	08/01/2017	Imported food
 Saudi Arabia	SAU/987	06/12/2017	08/11/2017	Clothes dryers
 Saudi Arabia	SAU/988	06/12/2017	08/11/2017	Clothes washing machines
 Saudi Arabia	SAU/989	06/15/2017	08/14/2017	Water Heaters
 South Africa	ZAF/195/Add.1	06/21/2017	Not given	Pineapples (HS 0804)
 Taiwan Economy	TPKM/260/Add.1	05/29/2017	Not given	Printers and photo-copying machines (HS Chapter 84) (HS: 8443)
 Taiwan Economy	TPKM/266/Add.1	06/07/2017	Not given	Food sold by vending machines
 Taiwan Economy	TPKM/239/Add.1	06/08/2017	Not given	Prepackaged Vinegar
 Taiwan Economy	TPKM/275	6/9/2017	8/8/2017	Strollers and carriages
 Taiwan Economy	TPKM/276	06/16/2017	08/15/2017	Toxic chemical substances
 Taiwan Economy	TPKM/277	06/16/2017	07/28/2017	Set-Top Box of Multimedia Content Distribution Platform.
 Taiwan Economy	TPKM/278	06/20/2017	07/20/2017	Children's bedguards (HS 4421, 392690)
 Taiwan Economy	TPKM/279	06/23/2017	08/22/2017	Exhaust Pipes for Gas Water Heaters
 Thailand	THA/317/Add.1	05/30/2017	Not given	Radiocommunications equipment (HS 8526)
 Thailand	THA/341/Add.1	05/30/2017	Not given	Radiocommunication equipment (HS 8526)
 Thailand	THA/439/Add.1	05/30/2017	Not given	Radiocommunication equipment (HS 8526)
 Thailand	THA/497	06/06/2017	08/05/2017	Radio communication equipment (HS 8526)
 Thailand	THA/42/Rev.1/Add.1	06/20/2017	Not given	Steel (HS 7209)
 Thailand	THA/217/Rev.1/Add.1	06/20/2017	Not given	Flat steel products and semi-products (HS 7208)
 Thailand	THA/498	06/19/2017	08/18/2017	Electrical apparatus for switching or protecting electrical circuits, or for making connections to or in electrical circuits (for example, switches, fuses, lightning arresters, voltage limiters, surge suppressors, plugs, junction boxes), for a voltage exceeding

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				1,000 volts. (HS 8535)
 Thailand	THA/499	06/22/2017	Not given	Tobacco, tobacco products and related equipment
 Turkey	TUR/88	05/31/2017	07/30/2017	Materials and articles that are in contact with food
 Turkey	TUR/89	05/31/2017	07/30/2017	Materials and articles that are in contact with food.
 Turkey	TUR/90	06/15/2017	08/14/2017	Wood Packaging Material
 Turkey	TUR/91	06/16/2017	08/15/2017	Detergents (scope is same with the Regulation (EC) No 648/2004 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 31 March 2004 on detergents)
 Uganda	UGA/686	06/14/2017	08/13/2017	Biomass stoves (HS 7321)
 Uganda	UGA/688	06/16/2017	08/15/2017	Potable water
 Uganda	UGA/689	06/16/2017	08/15/2017	Mineral water (HS 220110)
 Uganda	UGA/690	06/16/2017	08/15/2017	Packaged drinking water
 Uganda	UGA/687	06/15/2017	08/14/2017	Waste management
 Uganda	UGA/691	06/21/2017	08/20/2017	Hair spray
 Uganda	UGA/692	06/23/2017	08/22/2017	Edible Ices, Ice mixes. Ice cream and other edible ice, whether or not containing cocoa. (HS 2105)
 Uganda	UGA/693	06/23/2017	08/22/2017	Flavoured milk, Milk and cream, concentrated or containing added sugar or other sweetening matter. (HS 0402)
 Uganda	UGA/634/Add.1	06/27/2017	Not given	Petroleum oils and oils obtained from bituminous minerals, crude (HS 2709)
 Uganda	UGA/635/Add.1	06/27/2017	Not given	Petroleum oils and oils obtained from bituminous minerals, crude (HS 2709)
 Uganda	UGA/636/Add.1	06/27/2017	Not given	Petroleum oils and oils obtained from bituminous minerals, crude (HS 2709)
 Uganda	UGA/637/Add.1	06/27/2017	Not given	Denatured Ethanol
 Uganda	UGA/638/Add.1	06/27/2017	Not given	Adhesives
 Uganda	UGA/639/Add.1	06/27/2017	Not given	Preparations for the treatment of textile materials, leather, furskins or other materials (HS 340311), Preparations for the treatment of textile materials, leather, furskins or other materials (HS 340391)
 Uganda	UGA/640/Add.1	06/27/2017	Not given	Vegetable-tanned leather; Preparations for the treatment of textile materials, leather, furskins or other materials (HS 340311); Polishes, creams and similar preparations for footwear or leather (HS 340510)
 Uganda	UGA/641/Add.1	06/27/2017	Not given	Petroleum oils and oils obtained from bituminous minerals, crude. (HS 2709)
 Uganda	UGA/644/Add.1	06/27/2017	Not given	Gasoline, volatile crude oil
 Uganda	UGA/645/Add.1	06/27/2017	Not given	Petroleum oils and oils obtained from bituminous minerals, crude (HS 2709)
 Uganda	UGA/646/Add.1	06/27/2017	Not given	Petroleum oils and oils obtained from bituminous minerals, crude (HS 2709)
 Uganda	UGA/647/Add.1	06/27/2017	Not given	Petroleum oils and oils obtained from bituminous

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				minerals, crude (HS 2709)
 Uganda	UGA/648/Add.1	06/27/2017	Not given	Petroleum products in general
 Uganda	UGA/649/Add.1	06/27/2017	Not given	Hydrometers and similar floating instruments, thermometers, pyrometers, barometers, hygrometers and psychrometers, recording or not, and any combination of these instruments (HS 9025)
 Uganda	UGA/650/Add.1	06/27/2017	Not given	Petroleum oils and oils obtained from bituminous minerals, crude (HS 2709)
 Uganda	UGA/652/Add.1	06/27/2017	Not given	Equipment for petroleum and natural gas industries
 Uganda	UGA/653/Add.1	06/27/2017	Not given	Liquid fuels
 Uganda	UGA/654/Add.1	06/27/2017	Not given	Petroleum Products, Lubricants
 Uganda	UGA/655/Add.1	06/27/2017	Not given	Petroleum products in general
 Uganda	UGA/656/Add.1	06/27/2017	Not given	Petroleum products in general
 Uganda	UGA/657/Add.1	06/27/2017	Not given	Spark Ignition Engine Fuels
 Uganda	UGA/658/Add.1	06/27/2017	Not given	Liquified petroleum gas (HS 2711)
 Uganda	UGA/659/Add.1	06/27/2017	Not given	Petroleum oils and oils obtained from bituminous minerals, crude (HS 2709)
 Uganda	UGA/661/Add.1	06/27/2017	Not given	For gas fuel or for both gas and other fuels (HS 732111), For gas fuel or for both gas and other fuels (HS 732181)
 Uganda	UGA/662/Add.1	06/27/2017	Not given	Aviation fuel, Sample Containers
 Uganda	UGA/663/Add.1	06/27/2017	Not given	Motor spirit, gasoline, petrol
 Uganda	UGA/664/Add.1	06/27/2017	Not given	Liquid fuels
 Uganda	UGA/665/Add.1	06/27/2017	Not given	Petroleum products in general
 Uganda	UGA/666/Add.1	06/27/2017	Not given	Petroleum
 Uganda	UGA/667/Add.1	06/27/2017	Not given	Ethanol, Ethanol Blends, denatured ethanol
 Uganda	UGA/668/Add.1	06/27/2017	Not given	Industrial Chemicals (HS 28 & 29)
 Uganda	UGA/669/Add.1	06/27/2017	Not given	Organic Liquids (HS 29)
 Uganda	UGA/670/Add.1	06/27/2017	Not given	Crude oils, lubricating oils (HS 150810)
 Uganda	UGA/671/Add.1	06/27/2017	Not given	Petroleum, Petroleum Products (HS 150810)
Uganda	UGA/672/Add.1	06/27/2017	Not given	Petroleum, Petroleum Products (HS 2709)
Uganda	UGA/428/Add.1	06/28/2017	Not given	Dried fish <i>Rastrineobola Argentea</i>
Uganda	UGA/430/Add.1	06/28/2017	Not given	Dried and salted dried fish
Uganda	UGA/594/Add.1	06/28/2017	Not given	Pillows for domestic use, Synthetic fibre filled pillows for domestic use. Mattress supports; articles of bedding and similar furnishing (for example, mattresses, quilts, eiderdowns, cushions, poufs and pillows) fitted with springs or stuffed or internally fitted with any material or of cellular rubber or plas-

Country	Notification	Date Issued	Final Date for Comments	Merchandise Covered
				tics, whether or not covered (HS 9404)
 Uganda	UGA/595/Add.1	06/28/2017	Not given	Pillows for domestic use, Plumage filled pillows for domestic use. Mattress supports; articles of bedding and similar furnishing (for example, mattresses, quilts, eiderdowns, cushions, poufs and pillows) fitted with springs or stuffed or internally fitted with any material or of cellular rubber or plastics, whether or not covered (HS 9404)
 Uganda	UGA/600/Add.1	06/28/2017	Not given	Men's open shoes (HS 64)
 Uganda	UGA/601/Add.1	06/28/2017	Not given	Men's closed shoes (HS 64)
 Uganda	UGA/602/Add.1	06/28/2017	Not given	Ladies' closed shoes (HS 64)
 Uganda	UGA/603/Add.1	06/28/2017	Not given	Ladies' open shoes (HS 64)
 Uganda	UGA/604/Add.1	06/28/2017	Not given	Children's shoes (HS 64)
 Uganda	UGA/605/Add.1	06/28/2017	Not given	Children's shoes (HS 64)
 Uganda	UGA/607/Add.1	06/28/2017	Not given	Onshore oil and gas production operations. Petroleum gases and other gaseous hydrocarbons. (HS: 2711), -- Natural gas (HS: 271111)
 Uganda	UGA/609/Add.1	06/28/2017	Not given	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/Add.1	06/28/2017	Not given	Inorganic foliar fertilizer (HS 31)
 Uganda	UGA/611/Add.1	06/28/2017	Not given	Magnesium sulphate fertilizer (HS 31)
 Uganda	UGA/614/Add.1	06/28/2017	Not given	Copper rod, bar and wire
 Uganda	UGA/615/Add.1	06/28/2017	Not given	Steel tubes for non-pressure purposes
 Uganda	UGA/617/Add.1	06/28/2017	Not given	Poultry feed premix; Preparations of a kind used in animal feeding (HS 2309)
 Uganda	UGA/618/Add.1	06/28/2017	Not given	Dairy cattle feed premix; Preparations of a kind used in animal feeding (HS 2309)
 Uganda	UGA/619/Add.1	06/28/2017	Not given	Macadamia kernels; Edible fruit and nuts; peel of citrus fruit or melons (HS 08)
 Uganda	UGA/620/Add.1	06/28/2017	Not given	Roasted macadamia
 Uganda	UGA/622/Add.1	06/28/2017	Not given	Roasted cashew kernels.. Coconuts, Brazil nuts and cashew nuts, fresh or dried, whether or not shelled or peeled (HS 0801)
 Uganda	UGA/623/Add.1	06/28/2017	Not given	Pulse flour
 Uganda	UGA/624/Add.1	06/28/2017	Not given	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/Add.1	06/28/2017	Not given	Shoe polish; Polishes, creams and similar preparations for footwear or leather (HS 340510)

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 Uganda	UGA/626/Add.1	06/28/2017	Not given	Disinfectants (HS 380840)
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 Uganda	UGA/628/Add.1	06/28/2017	Not given	Sodium bicarbonate - Sodium hydrogencarbonate (sodium bicarbonate) (HS 283630)
 Uganda	UGA/629/Add.1	06/28/2017	Not given	Dried insect products, animal feeds (HS 2309)
 Uganda	UGA/630/Add.1	06/28/2017	Not given	Volatile Organic Liquids (HS 29)
 Uganda	UGA/631/Add.1	06/28/2017	Not given	Disinfectants (HS 380840)
 Uganda	UGA/660/Add.1	06/28/2017	Not given	All products
 Ukraine	UKR/108/Add.1	06/19/2017	Not given	Vacuum cleaners
 Ukraine	UKR/109/Add.1	06/13/2017	Not given	Air conditioners
 Ukraine	UKR/111/Add.1	06/19/2017	Not given	Simple pressure vessels
 Ukraine	UKR/112/Add.1	06/08/2017	Not given	Radio equipment
 Ukraine	UKR/113/Add.1	06/08/2017	Not given	Televisions
 United Arab Emirates	ARE/364	06/02/2017	08/01/2017	Fruit juices and nectars
 United Arab Emirates	ARE/365	06/02/2017	08/01/2017	Trans fatty acid
 United States	USA/661/Add.7	06/07/2017	Not given	Non-compressor residential refrigeration products (HS 8418)
 United States	USA/827/Rev.1/ Add.1	06/07/2017	Not given	Formaldehyde emissions, composite wood products
 United States	USA/1257/Add.2	06/07/2017	Not given	Air conditioners and heat pumps
 United States	USA/1263/Add.2	06/07/2017	Not given	Dedicated-purpose pool pumps
 United States	USA/1294	06/07/2017	06/27/2017	Volatile organic compounds emissions
 United States	USA/777/Add.6	06/13/2017	Not given	Hybrid and electric vehicles
 United States	USA/1146/Add.2	06/13/2017	Not given	Fireworks and related explosive materials
 United States	USA/1295	06/13/2017	07/10/2017	Chemical substances
 United States	USA/1138/Add.1	06/28/2017	Not given	Cauliflower
 United States	USA/1296	06/28/2017	08/22/2017	Grapes (HS 0806)
 United States	USA/1297	06/28/2017	07/24/2017	New motor vehicle emissions
 United States	USA/1298	06/28/2017	07/03/2017	Hazardous air pollutants
 United States	USA/740/Add.1	06/26/2017	Not given	Bedding and upholstered furniture (HS 9404, Chapter 94)
 Uruguay	URY/14	06/15/2017	08/14/2017	Ready-to-eat packaged foods
 Viet Nam	VNM/95	05/17/2017	07/16/2017	Liquefied Petroleum Gas, Liquefied Natural Gas, Compressed Natural Gas
 Viet Nam	VNM/88/Add.1	06/21/2017	Not given	Products and goods in general
 Viet Nam	VNM/96	06/22/2017	08/21/2017	Linear accelerator in radiotherapy
 Yemen	YEM/80	06/02/2017	08/01/2017	Fruit juices and nectars

Country	Notification	Date Issued	Final Date for Comments	Merchandise Covered
 Yemen	YEM/81	06/02/2017	08/01/2017	Trans fatty acid

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
06-09-16	273409	Halloween Zombie Print Shirt Item #H31284	6110.30.00.92 [GIR 1, 6]
06-09-16	273557	Ladies T-Shirt Style 389290	6109.10.00.29 [GIR 1, 6]
05-24-16	272644	Oster® Versa™ OST, PFB, Tamper 13" Tool (BLSTVB), product number 156662-000-000	3924.10.00.91 [GIR 1; D10-0-1]
06-27-16	275203	Pirit™ Heated Hose	3917.39.90.90 [GIR 1,6; Chap 39 n8; EN]
02-19-16	272516	Placemat Product #2034445	6302.59.90.00 [GIR 1, 6; EN (2) to Chap. 63.02]
02-11-16	272199	Thermo Tech Ladies' Jacket, Style DF7633L	6210.50.90.90 [GIR 1, 6; Chap. 59 LN2]
12-17-15	272803	Titan TE-BXC30 geogrid composite	3926.90.99.90 [GIR 3(b), CR1; EN 39.20, 39.21]
12-17-15	272265	VINTER Decorative Tree Set #50304155	9505.10.00.90 [GIR 1, 6]
12-17-15	272302	VINTER Decorative Goat #90303187	9505.10.00.90 [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 Classifi- cation or Po- sition	New Ruling	New Classification or Position	Comments Due (C) or Effective Date (E)
Proposed Revocations/modifications						
(P) 06-07-17	Tariff classification of Musk 50/DEP/BB/IPM (Chemical Name –1, 3, 4,6,7,8-Hexamethyl-Cyclopenta(G)-2-Benzopyran; CAS 1222–05–5)	NY 818805 (M)	2932.99.7000	HQ H280915	3302.90.1050 [GRI 1, Additional U.S. Note 2(a) to Section Note VI]	(C) 07-07-17
	Tariff classification of electrical cables	HQ W967779 (M) HQ 961830 (R)	8544.20.00	HQ H127136	8544.42.20 [GRI 1,6]	
	Tariff classification of name badge components.	HQ H217623 (R) HQ 562821 (M)	8505.11.00 8505.19.00 as 3(B) retail sets	HQ H269117	4821.90.40; 7616.99.51; 7326.90.86; 3926.90.99; 8505.11.00; 8523.49.40 Separately[GRI 1, 2(b),6]	
	Tariff classification of earthmover tires	NY I86839 (M) NY I85323 (M)	4011.20.10 4011.20.10	HQ H272344	4011.94.40 (Old) 4011.80.20 (2017)	
	Classification of certain textured polyester elas- tomer ic yarn	NY N273725 (M)	5402.31.6000	HQ H284749	5402.33.60	
	Tariff classification of earthmover tires	NY I80181 (M)	4011.20.1025	HQ H272344	4011.80.20	
	Tariff classification of nursing/breast pads.	NY N264127 (R) HQ 965711 (R*) HQ 088425 (M*)	6307.90.9889	HQ H283468	9619.00.64 [GRI 1;6; EN 96.19] * by operation of law (new heading in HTS)	
	Tariff classification of nut setters	NY E84374 (M)	8207.90.60	HQ H280763	8204.20.00 [GRI 1, 3(a)]	
	Tariff classification of nursing/breast pads	NY N245827 (R) NY N213901 (R) NY J84296 (R*) HQ 965723 (R*) HQ 965746 (R*) HQ 965719 (R*) HQ 963488 (R*) NY D82853 (R*) NY C81609 (R*) HQ 953391 (R*) HQ 965035 (M*) NY 854729 (M*)	6307.90.9889	HQ H283476	9619.00.74 [GRI 1;6; EN 96.19] * by operation of law (new heading in HTS)	
	Tariff classification of various foot sleeves.	NY N222103 (R) NY K86082 (M) NY L85061 (M)	6115.96.90	HQ H242873	6307.90.98 [GRI 1, 6]	
	Tariff classification of an Aqua Globe watering system (glass plant wa- tering bulb).	NY N020311 (R)	7020.00.60 9817.00.50	HQ H258963	7013.99 [GRI 1,6,AUSRI 1(a)]	
	Tariff classification of Chelal Fe (CAS 12389–75–2 and CAS 85959–68–8).	NY A88070 (R) NY A87653 (R) NY H86531 (M)	2942.00.50	HQ H265102	2922.49.80 [GRI 1,6]	
Revocations/Modifications/Withdrawals						
(A) 06-07-17	Tariff classification of non-motorized knee scooters designed to provide stable mobility to	NY N246495 (R) NY N182928 (R)	8716.80.50	HQ H280343	9021.10.00 [GRI 1, Chap.90 n.6, Sec.XVII n.2(g)]	Says: (C) 08-07-17 Should be (E) 08-07-17

Published in CBP Bulletin (P) Proposed (A) Action	Product(s) or Issue(s)	Ruling(s) to be Modified (M) or Revoked (R)	Old Classifi- cation or Po- sition	New Ruling	New Classification or Position	Comments Due (C) or Effective Date (E)
	patients recovering from leg injuries.					
	Tariff classification of stainless steel, double-walled beverage bottles	NY N254461 (R) NY N264760 (R)	7323.93.00		Withdrawn as properly classified	(E) 06-07-17
	Tariff classification of non-structural laminated fiber-board ceiling, wall, and flooring panels.	NY N235680 (R) NY N238576 (R)	4411		Withdrawn as properly classified	

European Classification Regulations

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

Commission Implementing Regulation	Description of the goods	Classification (CN code)	Reasons
(EU) 2017/960 of 02-06-17	A product in the form of a brownish, turbid extract of vanilla beans (which contains water and 35 % vol. alcohol as solvents), to which 5 % by weight of sugar has been added. The product has an intense vanilla flavour and a distinctive taste of alcohol and sugar. It is put up for retail sale in 100 ml bottles and is used to improve the taste of dishes.	2103 90 90	Classification is determined by general rules 1 and 6 for the interpretation of the Combined Nomenclature and the wording of CN codes 2103 , 2103 90 and 2103 90 90 . The product cannot be considered as a vegetable extract of heading 1302 as due to the addition of sugar it has the character of a food preparation (see also the Harmonized System Explanatory Notes (HSEN) to heading 1302 , point (A), sixth paragraph). Preparations used to flavour certain dishes and made from various ingredients are to be classified under heading 2103 (see also the HSEN to heading 2103 , point (A), first paragraph). The product is therefore to be classified under CN code 2103 90 90 as a mixed condiment or seasoning.
(EU) 2017/982 of 07-06-17	An article (so-called bathtub step) with measurements of approximately 41 × 31 × 14 cm, consisting of a plastic surface held by four legs made of aluminium. The bottom of each leg is surrounded by a buffer i.e. a non-slip cap made of rubber. The article is presented as a step to assist persons in getting into and out of a bathtub. See image:	9403 20 80	Classification is determined by General Rules 1 and 6 for the interpretation of the Combined Nomenclature, note 2 to Chapter 94, and by the wording of CN codes 9403 , 9403 20 and 9403 20 80 . The article is used for equipping rooms in, for example, private dwellings (see also the Harmonized System Explanatory Notes to Chapter 94, General, second paragraph, (A)). It is therefore a piece of furniture in the sense of heading, 9403 designed for placing on the floor or ground. Classification under heading 7616 as other articles of aluminium is excluded by virtue of note 1(k) to Section XV. The article is therefore to

Commission Implementing Regulation	Description of the goods	Classification (CN code)	Reasons
			be classified under CN code 9403 20 80 as other metal furniture other than beds.

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 180/05	0408 99 80 Pg. 40	Adds text to CN subheading '0408 99 80 Other' relating to products consisting of pasteurised liquid whole birds' eggs (at least 99 % by weight) containing small amounts of added water and citric acid which prevents decolourisation
2017/C 180/06	3504 00 Pg. 169	Inserts new text after the explanatory note to CN subheading '3504 00 10 Concentrated milk proteins specified in additional note 1 to this chapter': '3504 00 90 Other' relating to plant-based products with high protein content.
2017/C 180/07	2309 Pg 106	Replaces the explanatory note to heading '2309 Preparations of a kind used in animal feeding' with a new explanatory note to heading '2309 Preparations of a kind used in animal feeding'
2017/C 205/05	9403 Pg. 379	Add new text and illustrations following first paragraph of 9403 <i>Other furniture and parts thereof</i> including the following: Examples of baskets and bags for laundry which are to be classified according to their constituent material:
		  
		Of willow, inner side lined with cotton, height: 66 cm.
		Of textile, mounted on a wooden construction, height: 69 cm.
		Of stainless steel, no lining, height: 60 cm.
		Heading 4602.
		Heading 6307 (the essential character is provided by the textile bag, which holds the laundry, as the article would not function without the textile bag).
		Heading 7323.
2017/C 205/06	9503 Pg.	Add new text following existing text to '9503 00 10 Tricycles, scooters, pedal cars and similar wheeled toys; dolls' carriages'
2017/C 205/07	4418 Pg. 208	Replace 4418 90 10 and 4418 90 80 with 4418 99 10 and 4418 99 90
	4805 Pg. 215	Delete 4805 91 00, 4805 92 00 and 4805 93 00 and the accompanying texts

Official Journal	CN code or page	Description of Articles
	8529 Pg. 342	Delete 8529 and accompanying text

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
335-TA-565/946	Certain Ink Cartridges and Components Thereof	Institution of an Advisory Opinion Proceeding
337-TA-945	Certain Network Devices, Related Software and Components Thereof (II)	Notice of Correction Concerning; Final Determination of Violation of Section 337; Termination of Investigation; Issuance of Limited Exclusion Order and Cease and Desist Order
337-TA-979	Certain Radio Frequency Identification ("RFID") Products and Components Thereof	Notice of Request for Statements on the Public Interest
337-TA-1001	Certain Digital Video Receivers and Hardware and Software Components Thereof	Notice of Request for Statements on the Public Interest
337-TA-1008	Certain Carbon Spine Board, Cervical Collar, CPR Masks and Various Medical Training Manikin Devices, and Trademarks, Copyrights of Product Catalogues, Product Inserts and Components Thereof	Issuance of a Limited Exclusion Order Against Three Respondents Found in Default; Issuance of a Cease and Desist Order; Termination of the Investigation
337-TA-1022	Certain Sleep-Disordered Breathing Treatment Mask Systems and Components Thereof	Commission Determination Not to Review an Initial Determination Granting Complainants' Unopposed Motion to Terminate the Investigation in its Entirety Based Upon Withdrawal of the Complaint; Termination of Investigation
337-TA-1035	Certain Liquid Crystal Ewriters and Components Thereof	Commission Determination Not To Review an Initial Determination Terminating the Last Remaining Respondent Based on Withdrawal of the Complaint; Request for Written Submissions on Remedy, the Public Interest, and Bonding
337-TA-1042	Certain Hybrid Electric Vehicles and Components Thereof	Commission Decision Not To Review an Initial Determination Granting a Motion for Limited Intervention
337-TA-1046	Certain Non-Volatile Memory Devices and Products Containing Same	Commission Determination Not to Review an Initial Determination Granting an Unopposed Motion to Amend the Complaint and Notice of Investigation
337-TA-1047	Certain Semiconductor Devices and Consumer Audiovisual Products Containing the Same	Commission Determination Not to Review an Initial Determination Granting Steptoe & Johnson LLP's Motion to Intervene for the Limited Purpose of Responding to a Disqualification Motion
337-TA-1058	Certain Magnetic Tape Cartridges and Components Thereof	Institution of Investigation based on a complaint filed on behalf of Sony Corporation; Sony Storage Media Solutions Corporation; Sony Storage Media Manufacturing Corporation; Sony DADC US Inc.; and Sony Latin America Inc. alleging patent infringement
337-TA-1059	Certain Digital Cameras, Software, and Components Thereof	Institution of Investigation based on a complaint filed on behalf of Carl Zeiss AG and ASML Netherlands B.V. alleging patent infringement

Inv. №	Commodity	Action
337-TA-1060	Certain Consumer Electronic Devices, Including Televisions, Gaming Consoles, Mobile Phones and Tablets, and Network-Enabled DVD and Blu-Ray Players	Institution of Investigation based on a complaint filed on behalf of ARRIS Enterprises LLC alleging patent infringement
337-TA-1061	Certain Bar Code Readers, Scan Engines, Products Containing the Same, and Components Thereof	Institution of Investigation based on a complaint filed on behalf of Honeywell International, Inc.; Hand Held Products, Inc. d/b/a Honeywell Scanning & Mobility; and Metrologic Instruments, Inc. d/b/a Honeywell Scanning & Mobility 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 3229	Certain Backpack Chairs	Rio Brands, LLC

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-549-820	Prestressed Concrete Steel Wire Strand From Thailand	Final Results of ADD Administrative Review; 2015
A-489-822	Welded Line Pipe From Turkey	Rescission of ADD Administrative Review; 2015-2016
A-351-838 A-533-840 A-570-893 A-549-822 A-552-802	Certain Frozen Warmwater Shrimp From Brazil, India, China, Thailand, and Vietnam	Continuation of ADD Orders (India, China, Thailand, and Vietnam) and Revocation of ADD Order (Brazil)
C-122-854	Supercalendered Paper From Canada	Amended Final Results of the Countervailing Duty Expedited Review
A-533-869	Certain New Pneumatic Off-the-Road Tires From India	Notice of Correction to ADD Order
A-570-970	Multilayered Wood Flooring From China	Final Results of ADD Administrative Review, Final Determination of No Shipments, and Final Partial Rescission of ADD Administrative Review; 2014-2015
C-570-944	Oil Country Tubular Goods From China	Notice of Court Decision Not in Harmony With the Amended Final Determination of the CVD Investigation
C-475-837 C-489-832	Carbon and Alloy Steel Wire Rod From Italy and Turkey	Postponement of Preliminary Determinations of CVD Investigations


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Case №	Merchandise/Country	Action
A-570-832	Pure Magnesium From China	Final Results of ADD Administrative Review; 2015-2016
C-357-821 C-560-831	Biodiesel From Argentina and Indonesia	Postponement of Preliminary Determinations of CVD Investigations
A-570-970	Multilayered Wood Flooring From China	Final Results and Partial Rescission of ADD New Shipper Reviews; 2014-2015
A-489-815	Light-Walled Rectangular Pipe and Tube From Turkey	Preliminary Results of ADD Administrative Review; 2015-2016
A-588-869	Diffusion-Annealed, Nickel-Plated Flat-Rolled Steel Products From Japan	Preliminary Results of ADD Administrative Review, Preliminary Determination of No Shipments; 2015-2016
A-570-929	Small Diameter Graphite Electrodes From China	Notice of Partial Rescission of ADD Administrative Review; 2016-2017
A-533-813	Certain Preserved Mushrooms From India	Rescission of ADD Administrative Review; 2016-2017
A-552-818	Certain Steel Nails From Vietnam	Preliminary Results and Partial Rescission of the ADD Administrative Review; 2014-2016
C-570-955	Certain Magnesite Carbon Bricks From China	Rescission of CVD Administrative Review; 2015
A-489-501	Welded Carbon Steel Standard Pipe and Tube Products From Turkey	Preliminary Results of ADD Administrative Review, and Preliminary Determination of No Shipments; 2015-2016
A-570-967	Aluminum Extrusions From China	Preliminary Results of ADD Administrative Review and Rescission of Review in Part; 2015-2016
A-583-848	Certain Stilbenic Optical Brightening Agents From Taiwan	Preliminary Results of ADD Administrative Review; 2015-2016
A-570-848	Freshwater Crawfish Tail Meat From China	Preliminary Results of ADD Administrative Review, Rescission of Review in Part, and Preliminary Intent To Rescind New Shipper Review; 2015-2016
C-570-968	Aluminum Extrusions From China	Preliminary Results of CVD Administrative Review and Rescission of Review, in Part; 2015
A-485-805	Certain Small Diameter Carbon and Alloy Seamless Standard, Line and Pressure Pipe From Romania	Preliminary Results of ADD Administrative Review; 2015-2016
A-583-844	Narrow Woven Ribbons with Woven Selvedge from Taiwan	Preliminary Determination of No Shipments and Rescission, in Part, of ADD Administrative Review; 2015-2016
A-549-821	Polyethylene Retail Carrier Bags from Thailand	Preliminary Results and Partial Rescission of the ADD Administrative Review and Preliminary Determination of No Shipments; 2015-2016
A-821-802	Uranium From the Russian Federation	Final Results of the Expedited Fourth Sunset Review of the Suspension Agreement
A-475-818	Certain Pasta From Italy	Notice of Final Results of ADD Changed Circumstances Review
A-602-807 A-351-842 A-570-022 C-570-023 A-560-828 C-560-829 A-471-807	Certain Uncoated Paper From Australia, Brazil, China, Indonesia, and Portugal	Affirmative Preliminary Determination of Circumvention of the AD and CVD Orders
C-201-846	Sugar From Mexico	CVD Suspension Agreement: Rescission of 2014-2015 and 2015-2016 Administrative Reviews
A-201-845	Sugar From Mexico	ADD Suspension Agreement: Rescission of 2014-2015 and 2015-2016 Administrative Reviews
C-489-819	Steel Concrete Reinforcing Bar From the Republic of Turkey	Final Results and Partial Rescission of CVD Administrative Review; 2014
A-580-809	Circular Welded Non-Alloy Steel Pipe From S. Korea	Final Results of ADD Administrative Review; 2014-2015


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A-570-900	Diamond Sawblades and Parts Thereof From China	Final Results of ADD Administrative Review; 2014-2015
A-533-810	Stainless Steel Bar From India	Final Results of ADD Administrative Review; 2015-2016
A-201-805	Certain Circular Welded Non-Alloy Steel Pipe From Mexico	Final Results of ADD Administrative Review and Final Determination of No Shipments; 2014-2015
A-533-840	Certain Frozen Warmwater Shrimp from India	Correction to the Initiation Notice of the 2016-2017 ADD Administrative Review
A-570-912	Certain New Pneumatic Off-the-Road Tires From China	Amended Final Results of ADD Administrative Review; 2014-2015
A-570-937	Citric Acid and Certain Citrate Salts From China	Final Results of ADD Administrative Review and Final Determination of No Shipments; 2015-2016
A-469-815	Finished Carbon Steel Flanges From Spain	ADD Order
A-570-831	Fresh Garlic From China	Final Results and Partial Rescission of the 21st ADD Administrative Review; 2014-2015
A-201-844	Steel Concrete Reinforcing Bar From Mexico	Final Results of ADD Administrative Review; 2014-2015
C-570-991	Chlorinated Isocyanurates From China	Final Results of CVD Administrative Review, and Partial Rescission of CVD Administrative Review; 2014
C-489-819	Steel Concrete Reinforcing Bar From Turkey	Notice of Partial Rescission of CVD Administrative Review, 2015
C-570-982	Utility Scale Wind Towers From China	Rescission of CVD Administrative Review; 2016
A-570-964	Seamless Refined Copper Pipe and Tube From China	Final Results of ADD Administrative Review; 2014 – 2015
A-351-825	Stainless Steel Bar From Brazil	Final Results of ADD Administrative Review; 2015-2016
A-570-970 C-570-971	Multilayered Wood Flooring From China	Final Clarification of the Scope of the AD and CVD Orders
A-570-001	Potassium Permanganate From China	Rescission of the ADD Administrative Review; 2016
A-570-001	Potassium Permanganate From China	Final Results of ADD Administrative Review; 2015
A-533-857	Certain Oil Country Tubular Goods From India	Amendment of ADD Order
C-533-844	Certain Lined Paper Products From India	Amended Final Results of CVD Administrative Review, 2014
A-570-051	Certain Hardwood Plywood Products From China	Preliminary Affirmative Determination of Sales at LTFV, Preliminary Affirmative Determination of Critical Circumstances, in Part
A-570-983	Drawn Stainless Steel Sinks From China	Final Results of ADD Administrative Review and Final Determination of No Shipments; 2015-2016
A-533-808	Certain Stainless Steel Wire Rod From India	Continuation of ADD Order
C-533-874 C-570-059	Certain Cold-Drawn Mechanical Tubing of Carbon and Alloy Steel From India and China	Postponement of Preliminary Determinations of CVD Investigations
A-580-889	Diethyl Terephthalate From S. Korea	Final Determination of Sales at LTFV and Final Negative Determination of Critical Circumstances
C-570-017	Passenger Vehicle and Light Truck Tires From China	Final Rescission of 2014–2016 CVD New Shipper Review
C-552-819	Certain Steel Nails From Vietnam	Preliminary Results of CVD Administrative Review and Intent to Rescind, in Part
A-570-979	Crystalline Silicon Photovoltaic Cells, Whether or Not Assembled into Modules From China	Final Results of ADD Administrative Review and Final Determination of No Shipments; 2014-2015
C-533-876 C-570-061	Fine Denier Polyester Staple Fiber From India and China	Initiation of CVD Investigations
A-570-060 A-533-875 A-580-893 A-583-860 A-552-822	Fine Denier Polyester Staple Fiber From China, India, S. Korea, Taiwan, and Vietnam	Initiation of LTFV Investigations
C-533-872	Finished Carbon Steel Flanges From India	Final Affirmative CVD Determination


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

Case №	Merchandise/Country	Action
A-533-871	Finished Carbon Steel Flanges From India	Final Determination of Sales at LTFV
A-475-835	Finished Carbon Steel Flanges From Italy	Final Determination of Sales at LTFV
A-469-805	Stainless Steel Bar From Spain	Final Results of ADD Administrative Review; 2015-2016
A-570-051	Certain Hardwood Plywood Products From China	Postponement of Final Determination of Sales at LTFV Investigation
A-580-810 A-583-815	Welded ASTM A-312 Stainless Steel Pipe From S. Korea and Taiwan	Continuation of ADD Orders
C-549-834	Citric Acid and Certain Citrate Salts From Thailand	Initiation of CVD Investigation
A-570-863	Honey From China	Notice of Court Decision Not in Harmony With Final Results of Review and Notice of Amended Final Results of Review Pursuant to Court Decision
A-122-857	Certain Softwood Lumber Products From Canada	Preliminary Affirmative Determination of Sales at LTFV
A-423-813 A-301-803 A-549-833	Citric Acid and Certain Citrate Salts From Belgium, Colombia, and Thailand	Initiation of LTFV Investigations


United States International Trade Commission (USITC)

Inv. №	Merchandise/Country	Action
731-TA-865-867	Stainless Steel Butt-Weld Pipe Fittings From Italy, Malaysia, and the Philippines	(Third Review) Institution of Five-Year Reviews
TA-201-75	Crystalline Silicon Photovoltaic Cells' (Whether or Not Partially or Fully Assembled Into Other Products)	Institution and Scheduling of Safeguard Investigation and Determination That the Investigation Is Extraordinarily Complicated
701-TA-253 731-TA-132, 252, 271, 273, 532-534, 536	Certain Circular Welded Pipe and Tube From Brazil, India, Korea, Mexico, Taiwan, Thailand, and Turkey	(Fourth Review) Institution of Five-Year Reviews
701-TA-575 731-TA-1360-1361	Tool Chests and Cabinets From China and Vietnam	(Preliminary) Determinations that there is a reasonable indication that an industry in the US is materially injured by reason of imports that are alleged to be sold in the US at LTFV and to be subsidized by the government of China.
731-TA-669	Cased Pencils From China	(Fourth Review) Public hearing cancelled,
701-TA-579-580 731-TA-1369-1373	Fine Denier Polyester Staple Fiber From China, India, Korea, Taiwan, and Vietnam	(Preliminary) Institution of AD and CVD Investigations and Scheduling of Preliminary Phase Investigations
701-TA-581 731-TA-1374-1376	Citric Acid and Certain Citrate Salts from Belgium, Colombia, and Thailand	(Preliminary) Institution of AD and CVD investigations and Scheduling of Preliminary Phase Investigations
701-TA-576-577 731-TA-1362-1367	Cold-Drawn Mechanical Tubing From China, Germany, India, Italy, Korea, and Switzerland	(Preliminary) Determinations that there is a reasonable indication that an industry in the US is materially injured by reason of imports that are alleged to be sold in the US at LTFV, and by imports alleged to be subsidized by the governments of China and India
731-TA-638	Stainless Steel Wire Rod From India	(Fourth 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-1333	Finished Carbon Steel Flanges from Spain	(Final) Determination that an industry in the United States is materially injured by imports that have been found by



United States International Trade Commission (USITC)

Inv. №	Merchandise/Country	Action
		Commerce to be sold in the US at LTFV
TA-201-76	Large Residential Washers	Institution and Scheduling of Safeguard Investigation and Determination that the Investigation is Extraordinarily Complicated
731-TA-663	Paper Clips From China	(Fourth Review) Cancellation of Hearing for Full Five-Year Review
731-TA-539-C	Uranium From Russia	(Fourth Review) Scheduling of an Expedited Five-Year Review
731-TA-472	Silicon Metal From China	(Fourth Review) Notice of Commission Determination to Conduct a Full Five-Year Review
701-TA-578 731-TA-1368	100- to 150-Seat Large Civil Aircraft From Canada	(Preliminary) Determinations that there is a reasonable indication that an industry in the US is threatened with material injury by reason of imports that are alleged to be sold in the US at LTFV and to be subsidized by the government of Canada.
701-TA-476 731-TA-1179	Multilayered Wood Flooring From China	(Review) Scheduling of Full Five-Year Reviews
701-TA-582 731-TA-1377	Ripe Olives From Spain	(Preliminary) Institution of AD and CVD Investigations and Scheduling of Preliminary Phase Investigations
731-TA-287	Raw In-Shell Pistachios From Iran	(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.



Canadian International Trade Tribunal (CITT)

Ref. Number	Merchandise/Country	Action
LE-2017-001	Certain Liquid Dielectric Transformers originating in or exported from S. Korea	Notice of Expiry of Order on November 20, 2017



Canada Border Services Agency (CBSA)

Ref. Number	Merchandise/Country	Action
LP2 2017 IN	Certain carbon and alloy steel line pipe originating in or exported from S. Korea	Notice of Initiation of Investigations and statement of reasons



NAFTA Panels

Ref. Number	Merchandise/Country	Action
USA-CDA-2015-1904-01	Supercalendered Paper from Canada	Notice of NAFTA Panel Decision – Affirming in part and Remanding in Part Final Affirmative CVD Determination



Mexico - Ministry of Economy

Ref. Number	Merchandise/Country	Action
EA 20/15	Coated flat steel originating in China and Chinese Taipei irrespective of the country of export	Final Resolution of the AD Investigation
Rev. 25/15	Cold rolled sheet originating in the Republic of Korea, irrespective of the country of export	Final Resolution of the review of the undertakings given by exporters Posco and Hyundai Hysco Co. Ltd.
EA 01/17	Metallised plastic balloons originating in China, irrespective of the country of exportation.	Resolution accepting the request of interested party and declaring the initiation of the AD investigation



European Union

Ref. Number	Merchandise/Country	Action
(EU) 2017/941	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 two exporting producers offered in connection with the AD and AS proceedings for the period of application of definitive measures
(EU) 2017/942	Tungsten carbide, fused tungsten carbide and tungsten carbide simply mixed with metallic powder originating in China	Commission Implementing Regulation imposing a definitive ADD following an expiry review
(EU) 2017/957	Purified terephthalic acid and its salts originating in S. Korea	Commission Implementing Decision terminating the AD proceeding
2017/C 180/08	Bioethanol originating in, or exported from, the USA	Notice of the impending expiry of certain AD measures on 23.02.2018
(EU) 2017/969 (EU) 2017/649	Certain hot-rolled flat products of iron, non-alloy or other alloy steel originating in China	Commission Implementing Regulation imposing definitive CVD and amending Commission Implementing Regulation imposing a definitive ADD
2017/C 187/17	Organic coated steel products originating in, or exported from, China	Notice of the impending expiry of certain AD measures on 16.3.2018
2017/C 188/12	Organic coated steel products from China	Notice of the impending expiry of certain AS measures on 16.3.2018
2017/C 188/13	Aluminium foil in small rolls from China	Notice of the impending expiry of certain AD measures on 14.3.2018
(EU) 2017/1019	Certain concrete reinforcement bars and rods originating in Belarus	Commission Implementing Regulation imposing a definitive ADD and collecting definitively the provisional duty imposed
2017/C 196/07	Certain cold rolled flat steel products originating in China and the Russian Federation:	Notice concerning Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2016/1328 imposing a definitive ADD on imports: name change of one company subject to an individual ADD rate
(EU) 2015/776	Bicycles originating in China	Corrigendum to Commission Implementing Regulation extending the definitive ADD to imports of bicycles consigned from Cambodia, Pakistan and the Philippines, whether declared as originating in Cambodia, Pakistan and the Philippines or not
2017/C 200/09	Low Carbon Ferro-Chrome originating in China, Russia and Turkey	Notice of initiation of an AD proceeding
(EU) 2017/1141	Certain stainless steel bars and rods originating in India	Commission Implementing Regulation imposing a definitive CVD following an expiry review
2017/C 204/08	Ceramic tableware and kitchenware originating in China	Notice concerning the anti-dumping measures in force - change of the name of a company subject to the ADD rate for cooperating non-sampled companies
(EU) 2017/1146	Threaded tube or pipe cast fittings, of malleable cast iron, originating in China,	Commission Implementing Regulation re-imposing a definitive ADD



European Union

Ref. Number	Merchandise/Country	Action
	manufactured by Jinan Meide Castings Co., Ltd	
(EU) 2017/1159	High tenacity yarns of polyesters originating in China	Commission Implementing Regulation amending Council and Commission Implementing Regulations as regards the definition of the product scope of the current anti-dumping measures , and providing for the possibility of repayment or remission of duties in certain cases
2017/C 206/15	Certain grain-oriented flat-rolled products of silicon-electrical steel originating, inter alia, in the Russian Federation	Notice concerning the AD measures in force



Australian Anti-Dumping Commission

Ref. №	Merchandise/Country	Action
2017/70	Hollow Structural Sections From China, Korea, Malaysia and Taiwan	Findings of the inquiry regarding the continuation of AD measures
2017/71	Hollow Structural Sections From China, Korea, Malaysia and Taiwan	Findings in relation to a review
2017/72	Aluminium Extrusions From Malaysia and Vietnam	Findings in relation to a dumping investigation
2017/73	Aluminium Extrusions From Malaysia and Vietnam	Findings in relation to a subsidy investigation
2017/75	Aluminium Road Wheels From China	Findings of the Inquiry regarding the Continuation of AD Measures
2017/78	Wind Towers From Vietnam	Initiation of an investigation into alleged dumping
2017/79	Rod in Coil From Indonesia, Korea and Vietnam	Initiation of an investigation into alleged dumping
2017/80	Alloy Round Steel Bar From China	Extension of time to publish Statement of Essential Facts
2017/83	Hollow Structural Sections From Malaysia	Initiation of an Accelerated Review
2017/88	Various	Status report as at 31 May 2017
2017/90	Rod in Coil From China	Initiation of a review of AD Measures
2017/91	Steel Reinforcing Bar From China	Initiation of two reviews of AD Measures
2017/92	Steel Reinforcing Bar From Greece, Indonesia, Spain, Taiwan and Thailand	Initiation of an investigation into alleged dumping



China Ministry of Commerce (MOFCOM)

Ref. №	Merchandise/Country	Action
29, 2017	Phenoxybenzaldehyde originating in India	ADD investigation
31, 2017	Styrene (styrene monomer, phenylethylene) originating in S. Korea, Taiwan and US	ADD investigation
32, 2017	Paraformaldehyde originating in Korea, Thailand and Malaysia	Preliminary ruling



Government of India Ministry of Finance (Department of Revenue)

Notification №	Merchandise/Country	Action
25/2017-Cus (ADD)	Toluene Di-Isocyanate' (TDI) originating in or exported from China PR, Ja-	levies provisional ADD for a period of six months (unless revoked, superseded or amended earlier) from the date of imposition of the


Government of India Ministry of Finance (Department of Revenue)

Notification No	Merchandise/Country	Action
	pan and Korea RP	provisional ADD, that is, 5th June, 2017
26/2017-Cus (ADD)	Plain Gypsum Plaster Boards originating in or exported from China PR, Indonesia, Thailand and UAE	extends the ADD for a period of one year upto and inclusive of 06.06.2018.
27/2017-Cus (ADD)	Ceramic tableware and kitchenware, excluding knives and toilet items, originating in or exported from China PR	imposes provisional ADD for a period not exceeding six months(unless revoked, amended or superseded earlier) from the date of publication of this notification in the Gazette of India.
28/2017-Cus (ADD)	Hydrogen Peroxide originating in or exported from Bangladesh, Taiwan, Korea RP, Pakistan and Thailand	imposes ADD for a period of five years.
29/2017-Cus (ADD)	Soluble Salt Double Charge, GVT and PGVT, Porcelain/ Vitrified Tiles with less than 3% water absorption and All sizes originating in or exported from the China PR	imposes ADD for a period of five years (unless revoked, amended or superseded earlier) from the date of imposition of the provisional ADD, that is, the 29-03-16, imposed vide Notification number 12/2016 dated the 29-03-16
30/2017-Cus (ADD)	Clear Float Glass of nominal thickness ranging from 4mm to 12 mm (both inclusive) originating in or exported from the Pakistan	(a) imposes ADD on products produced and exported by M/s Tariq Glass Industries Ltd, Pakistan, (b) rescinds Notification No. 53/2015-Customs (ADD), dated the 30-10-15
31/2017-Cus (ADD)	Sewing machine needles originating in or exported from China PR	imposes ADD
32/2017-Cus (ADD)	Pentaerythritol originating in or exported from China PR	imposes ADD for a period of five years.
33/2017-Cus (ADD)	Soda Ash originating in or exported from China PR, EU, Kenya, Pakistan, Iran, Ukraine and USA	Extends the applicability of ADD imposed vide Customs notification No. 34/2012- Customs (ADD)


Argentina Ministry of Production Secretary of Commerce

Ref. Number	Merchandise/Country	Action
Res. 235-E / 2017	Certain paper and paperboard, coated on one or both sides originating in China, Austria, Finland and the US	Changed circumstances and expiry review
Res. 247-E / 2017	Agglomerated glass wool products With phenolic resins thermosetting with or without coating, originating in Mexico	Initiation of an expiry review. Maintain the requirement of the certificates of origin.
Res. 461-E / 2017	Certain plates, sheets, sheets and strips of monoaxially oriented polypropylene originating in Peru	Order negative results both in respect of material injury and also in respect of a threat of injury; closure of the Investigation without the application of definitive AD measures
Res. 460-E / 2017	Certain aluminum alloy wheels originating in China	Continue AD investigation without the application of provisional ADD


Brazil Ministry of Industry, Foreign Trade and Services

Reference	Merchandise/Country	Action
SECEX Cir. 29	Frozen Potatoes originating in Belgium and the Netherlands	Announces the update of the price commitment
SECEX Cir. 30	Coarse salt not intended for animal consumption, including human consumption, to be used in the manufacture of the following intermediate or final	Extends the deadline for the conclusion of the end-of-period review of the ADD



Brazil Ministry of Industry, Foreign Trade and Services

Reference	Merchandise/Country	Action
	products: liquid chlorine, Hydrochloric acid, sodium hypochlorite, dichloroethane, caustic soda, sodium chlorate or sodium carbonate (synthetic bark), originating in Chile	
SECEX Cir. 31	Whole or skimmed milk, whether or not in the form of milk powder or granular, originating in New Zealand and the European Union	Announces that the term of ADD applicable shall expire on 6 February 2018
SECEX Cir. 32	Acetic esters (NCM 2915.31.00 and 2915.39.31), originating in the USA and Mexico	Extends the deadline for the conclusion of the investigation of dumping
SECEX Cir. 33	Citric acid and certain citric acid salts, originating in China	Concluded by a preliminary affirmative determination of likelihood of a continuation of dumping
SECEX Cir. 34	Seamless steel tubes originating in China	Extends the deadline for the conclusion of the end-of-period review of ADD
SECEX Cir. 35	Line pipe carbon tubes, with a diameter of up to five inches (NCM 7304.19.00), originating in Romania.	Extends the deadline for the conclusion of the end-of-period review of ADD
CAMEX Res. 40	Frozen potatoes originating in Germany, Belgium, France and the Netherlands	Retroactively revises definitive ADD imposed by the CAMEX Resolution № 6 of February 16, 2017

Opportunity to Request Administrative Review

In a June 7, 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 June anniversary dates:

AD/CVD Proceedings - Country/ Merchandise	Case No.	Period
Antidumping Duty Proceedings		
Japan: Carbon and Alloy Seamless Standard, Line, and Pressure Pipe (Over 4 1/2 Inches)	A-588-850	6/1/16-5/31/17
Carbon and Alloy Seamless Standard, Line and Pressure Pipe (Under 4 1/2 Inches)	A-588-851	6/1/16-5/31/17
Mexico: Prestressed Concrete Steel Rail Tie Wire	A-201-843	6/1/16-5/31/17
Spain: Chlorinated Isocyanurates	A-469-814	6/1/16-5/31/17
Taiwan: Helical Spring Lock Washers	A-583-820	6/1/16-5/31/17
The PR of China: Artist Canvas	A-570-899	6/1/16-5/31/17
Chlorinated Isocyanurates	A-570-898	6/1/16-5/31/17
Furfuryl Alcohol	A-570-835	6/1/16-5/31/17
High Pressure Steel Cylinders	A-570-977	6/1/16-5/31/17
Polyester Staple Fiber	A-570-905	6/1/16-5/31/17
Prestressed Concrete Steel Rail Tie Wire	A-570-990	6/1/16-5/31/17
Prestressed Concrete Steel Wire Strand	A-570-945	6/1/16-5/31/17
Silicon Metal	A-570-806	6/1/15-5/31/17
Tapered Roller Bearings	A-570-601	6/1/15-5/31/17
Countervailing Duty Proceedings		
The PR of China: High Pressure Steel Cylinders	C-570-978	1/1/16-12/31/16
Suspension Agreements		
None		

Opportunity to Request Administrative Review

In a July 3, 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 July anniversary dates:

AD/CVD Proceedings - Country/ Merchandise	Case No.	Period
Antidumping Duty Proceedings		
India: Corrosion-Resistant Steel Products	A-533-863	1/4/16-6/30/17
Polyethylene Terephthalate (Pet) Film	A-533-824	7/1/16-6/30/17
Iran: In-Shell Pistachios	A-507-502	7/1/16-6/30/17
Italy: Certain Pasta	A-475-818	7/1/16-6/30/17
Corrosion-Resistant Steel Products	A-475-832	1/4/16-6/30/17
Japan: Clad Steel Plate	A-588-838	7/1/16-6/30/17
Cold-Rolled Steel Flat Products	A-588-873	3/7/16-6/30/17
Polyvinyl Alcohol	A-588-861	7/1/16-6/30/17
Stainless Steel Sheet and Strip in Coils	A-588-845	7/1/16-6/30/17
Malaysia: Steel Nails	A-557-816	7/1/16-6/30/17
Welded Stainless Steel Pressure Pipe	A-557-815	7/1/16-6/30/17
Oman: Steel Nails	A-523-808	7/1/16-6/30/17
Rep.of Korea: Corrosion-Resistant Steel Products	A-580-878	1/4/16-6/30/17
Stainless Steel Sheet and Strip in Coils	A-580-834	7/1/16-6/30/17
Steel Nails	A-580-874	7/1/16-6/30/17
SR of Vietnam: Steel Nails	A-552-818	7/1/16-6/30/17
Welded Stainless Pressure Pipe	A-522-816	7/1/16-6/30/17
Taiwan: Corrosion-Resistant Steel Products	A-583-856	6/2/16-6/30/17
Polyethylene Terephthalate (Pet) Film	A-583-837	7/1/16-6/30/17
Stainless Steel Sheet and Strip in Coils	A-583-831	7/1/16-6/30/17
Steel Nails	A-583-854	7/1/16-6/30/17
Thailand: Carbon Steel Butt-Weld Pipe Fittings	A-549-807	7/1/16-6/30/17
Weld Stainless Steel Pressure Pipe	A-549-830	7/1/16-6/30/17
The PR of China: Certain Potassium Phosphate Salts	A-570-962	7/1/16-6/30/17
Carbon Steel Butt-Weld Pipe Fittings	A-570-814	7/1/16-6/30/17
Certain Steel Grating	A-570-947	7/1/16-6/30/17
Circular Welded Carbon Quality Steel Pipe	A-570-910	7/1/16-6/30/17
Cold-Rolled Steel Flat Products	A-570-029	3/7/16-6/30/17
Corrosion-Resistant Steel Products	A-570-026	1/4/16-6/30/17
Persulfates	A-570-847	7/1/16-6/30/17
Xanthan Gum	A-570-985	7/1/16-6/30/17
Turkey: Certain Pasta	A-489-805	7/1/16-6/30/17
Countervailing Duty Proceedings		
India: Corrosion-Resistant Steel Products	C-533-864	11/6/15-12/31/16
Polyethylene Terephthalate (Pet) Film	C-533-825	1/1/16-12/31/16
Certain Pasta	C-475-819	1/1/16-12/31/16
Corrosion-Resistant Steel Products	C-475-833	11/6/15-12/31/16
Rep. of Korea: Corrosion-Resistant Steel Products	C-580-879	11/6/15-12/31/16
SR of Vietnam: Steel Nails	C-552-819	1/1/16-12/31/16
The PR of China: Certain Potassium Phosphate Salts	C-570-963	1/1/16-12/31/16
Circular Welded Carbon Quality Steel Pipe	C-570-911	1/1/16-12/31/16
Cold-Rolled Steel Flat Products	C-570-030	12/22/15-12/31/16
Corrosion-Resistant Steel Products	C-570-027	11/6/15-12/31/16
Prestressed Concrete Steel Wire Strand	C-570-946	1/1/16-12/31/16
Steel Grating	C-570-948	1/1/16-12/31/16
Turkey: Certain Pasta	C-489-806	1/1/16-12/31/16
Suspension Agreements		
Ukraine: Oil Country Tubular Goods	A-823-815	7/1/16-6/30/17

Requested Reviews

In a June 7, 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 April anniversary dates. See actual notices for companies requesting review:

AD/CVD Proceedings - Country/ Merchandise	Case No.	Period
Antidumping Duty Proceedings		
Indonesia: Certain Uncoated Paper	A-560-828	8/26/15-2/28/17
The PR of China: Activated Carbon	A-570-904	4/1/16-3/31/17
Certain Steel Threaded Rod	A-570-932	4/1/16-3/31/17
Drawn Stainless Steel Sinks	A-570-983	4/1/16-3/31/17
Magnesium Metal	A-570-896	4/1/16-3/31/17
Non-Malleable Cast Iron Pipe Fittings	A-570-875	4/1/16-3/31/17
SR of Vietnam: Certain Frozen Warmwater Shrimp	A-552-802	2/1/16-1/31/17
Countervailing Duty Proceedings		
Indonesia: Certain Uncoated Paper	C-560-829	6/29/15-12/31/16
The PR of China: Drawn Stainless Steel Sinks	C-570-984	1/1/16-12/31/16
Suspension Agreements		
None		

Initiation of Sunset Reviews

In a June 2, 2017, *Federal Register* [notice](#), and in a June 16, 2017 [correction notice](#), the US Department of Commerce advised that it was automatically initiating a five-year (“Sunset”) review of the antidumping and countervailing duty orders listed below.

AD/CVD DOC Case No.	ITC Case No.	Country	Merchandise
A-351-809	731-TA-532	Brazil	Circular Welded Non-Alloy Steel Pipe (4 th Review)
A-533-502	731-TA-271	India	Welded Carbon Steel Pipe and Tube (4 th Review).
A-475-828	731-TA-865	Italy	Stainless Steel Butt-Weld Pipe Fittings (4 th Review).
A-557-809	731-TA-866	Malaysia	Stainless Steel Butt-Weld Pipe Fittings (3 rd Review).
A-201-805	731-TA-534	Mexico	Circular Welded Non-Alloy Steel Pipe (4 th Review).
A-565-801	731-TA-867	Philippines	Stainless Steel Butt-Weld Pipe Fittings (3 rd Review).
A-580-809	731-TA-533	S. Korea	Circular Welded Non-Alloy Steel Pipe (4 th Review).
A-583-008	731-TA-132	Taiwan	Certain Circular Welded Carbon Steel Pipes and Tubes (4 th Review).
A-549-502	731-TA-252	Thailand	Certain Circular Welded Carbon Steel Pipes and Tubes (4 th Review).
A-489-501	731-TA-273	Turkey	Certain Circular Welded Carbon Steel Pipes and Tubes (4 th Review).
C-489-502	701-TA-253	Turkey	Certain Circular Welded Carbon Steel Pipes and Tubes (4 th Review).
A-583-814	731-TA-536	Taiwan	Circular Welded Non-Alloy Steel Pipe (4 th Review) [added on 6-16-17]



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