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## "New Developments in Global Trade for 2015" Webinars

We have launched our 2015 International Trade Compliance Webinar Series entitled, "New Developments in Global Trade for 2015." We expect this year to be an exciting year, with many noteworthy developments in the trade regulation area. We will conduct several webinar sessions that will focus on export control regulation, Customs valuation and transfer pricing, EU and LATAM import developments and FCPA/anti-bribery. Terrie Gleason of our Washington DC office, Chair of the Global Customs Practice, will moderate these webinars.

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

Links are shown below to recordings of the webinars that have already been held. A recording of each future webinar will be posted approximately two weeks after the live webinar is held in case you missed it or want to view it again.

### Webinar Dates and Topics:

Date	Topic
Original date: January 27	<a href="#">US Export Control Reform</a> Speakers: Sylwia Lis (Washington, DC) and Paul Amberg (Chicago)
Original date: February 17	<a href="#">Intercompany Pricing and Customs Valuation (Canada, EU and US)</a> Speakers: Paul Burns (Toronto), William Outman (San Francisco), Holly Files (Washington, DC), and Nicole Looks (Frankfurt)
March 17	<a href="#">Developments in Importing into EU</a> Speakers: Jenny Revis (London) and Vanessa Dersch (Frankfurt)
April 21	<a href="#">Developments in Importing into LATAM</a> Speakers: Adriana Ibarra (Mexico City) and Esteban Roppolo (Buenos Aires)
May 19	<a href="#">FCPA and Antibribery Developments US, Asia and LATAM</a> Speakers: John McKenzie (San Francisco), Mini vandePol (Hong Kong) and Esther Flesch (Sao Paulo)
June 23	<a href="#">Export Control Developments in Asia</a> Speakers: Eugene Lim (Singapore), Daisuke Tatsuno (Tokyo), Meng Yew (Malaysia), and Anne Petterd (Australia)

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## World Trade Organization (WTO)

### Trade Policy Review: Japan

The 12<sup>th</sup> review of the trade policies and practices of Japan took place on 9 and 11 March 2015. The basis for the review was a [report by the WTO Secretariat](#) and a [report by the Government of Japan](#).

### Three regional trade agreements reviewed

The Committee on Regional Trade Agreements, on 30 March 2015, considered and concluded the oral review of three regional trade agreements (RTAs) covering both goods and services.

- **Agreement between the European Union and Colombia and Peru:** Colombia said it viewed this agreement as an economic necessity that would enable it to maintain trade preferences for its products in the EU. Peru said that this agreement is part of its long-term strategy of expanding its exports to more markets. It said the agreement would enhance the efficiency and competitiveness of Peruvian producers. The United States expressed concern that the agreement provided disproportionate protection to agriculture as compared to industrial goods. It also called on the parties to notify regional trade agreements that they have not yet notified.
- **Agreement between Singapore and the Separate Customs Territory of Taiwan, Penghu, Kinmen and Matsu on Economic Partnership:** Chinese Taipei said that this was its first free trade agreement with a member of the Association of South-east Asian Nations (ASEAN). It said that bilateral trade has been increasing since the implementation of the agreement. Singapore said the agreement covered most of their bilateral trade. The US asked why Chinese Taipei had not notified its agreement with China, and Singapore with the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) members. Chinese Taipei said its agreement with China is only a framework one, and that it would notify all agreements once they have been concluded. Singapore said it would notify its agreement with the GCC members very soon.
- **Agreement between the United States and the Kingdom of Bahrain:** Bahrain said that its trade with the US had trebled to \$2 billion since the agreement went into effect in 2005. The US said that its imports from Bahrain had increased by 100% and its exports by 200% since 2005. It said the agreement has substantial coverage of services, including banking, insurance, telecoms, express delivery, health

care, construction, architecture and engineering. The EU noted that the agreement was implemented in 2005, and urged all members to help the Secretariat complete factual reports by submitting information in a timely fashion. Australia asked if Bahrain could provide information on which tariff peaks were reduced as a result of the agreement. Bahrain said it would provide the response in writing as soon as possible.

The Chair, Ambassador Francisco Pirez (Uruguay), noted that some 61 non-notified regional trade agreements had been identified in the WTO Secretariat's factual presentations on RTAs and some WTO members urged the members concerned to notify their agreements as soon as possible. The Chair also said that he had continued to consult with delegations involved in RTAs whose factual reports by the Secretariat had been delayed due to lack of comments or incomplete and missing information from the parties concerned.

## Recent disputes

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

DS. No.	Case Name	Date
<a href="#">DS491</a>	United States – Anti-dumping and Countervailing Measures Applied On Coated Paper From Indonesia (Complainant: Indonesia) Request for Consultations	13-03-15

## DSB activities

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

DS No.	Case Name	Activity	Date
<a href="#">DS482</a>	Canada — Anti-Dumping Measures on Imports of Certain Carbon Steel Welded Pipe from the Separate Customs Territory of Taiwan, Penghu, Kinmen and Matsu (Complainant: Chinese Taipei)	<a href="#">Panels established</a>	10-03-15
<a href="#">DS483</a>	China — Anti-Dumping Measures on Imports of Cellulose Pulp from Canada (Complainant: Canada)		
<a href="#">DS488</a>	United States — Anti-Dumping Measures on Certain Oil Country Tubular Goods from Korea (Complainant: Korea)	<a href="#">Panels deferred</a>	
<a href="#">DS485</a>	Russia — Tariff Treatment of Certain Agricultural and Manufacturing Products (Complainant: EU)		25-03-15
<a href="#">DS457</a>	Peru – Additional Duty on Imports of Certain Agricultural Products (Complainant: Guatemala)	<a href="#">Peru files appeal</a>	
<a href="#">DS486</a>	EU — Countervailing Measures on Certain Polyethylene Terephthalate (PET) from Pakistan (Complainant: Pakistan)		
<a href="#">DS485</a>	Russia — Tariff Treatment of Certain Agricultural and Manufacturing Products (Complainant: EU)	<a href="#">Panels established</a>	
<a href="#">DS488</a>	United States — Anti-Dumping Measures on Certain Oil Country Tubular Goods from Korea (Complainant: S. Korea)		

DS No.	Case Name	Activity	Date
<a href="#">DS452</a>	China — Measures Imposing Anti-Dumping Duties on High-Performance Stainless Steel Seamless Tubes (HP-SSST) from Japan (Complainant: Japan)	<a href="#">Agreement to provide additional time</a>	
<a href="#">DS460</a>	China — Measures Imposing Anti-Dumping Duties on High-Performance Stainless Steel Seamless Tubes (HP-SSST) from the EU (Complainant: EU)		

## World Customs Organization (WCO)

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

Date	Title
03-03-15	<a href="#">Regional workshop on rules of origin for the MENA Region held in Doha, Qatar</a> <a href="#">Global Customs community marks World Wildlife Day 2015</a>
04-03-15	<a href="#">WCO advocates that Customs administrations take a leading role in TFA National Committees</a> <a href="#">Support to the development of the Georgian Customs Canine Centre capacities</a> <a href="#">Opening of the WCO's 65th Fellowship Programme</a>
06-03-15	<a href="#">Sudan Customs, partners and stakeholders approach National Time Release Study in Sudan</a>
09-03-15	<a href="#">Albania hosts a national workshop on the modernization of its customs laboratory</a> <a href="#">Starting with the End in Mind - a key message from the 6th session of the WCO Capacity Building Committee</a> <a href="#">14th Session of the Integrity Sub-Committee</a> <a href="#">World Customs Organization celebrates International Women's Day 2015</a>
10-03-15	<a href="#">WCO delivers Risk Management Workshop in Azerbaijan</a>
11-03-15	<a href="#">The WCO Fellowship Programme : 30-year success !</a> <a href="#">WCO delivers keynote speech at IATA World Cargo Symposium</a>
12-03-15	<a href="#">Dubai Customs seizes 3 million illegal Tramadol pills</a> <a href="#">First WCO Accreditation Workshop on Post-Clearance Audit (PCA)</a>
13-03-15	<a href="#">Joint WTO – WCO Valuation Workshop</a> <a href="#">WCO attends high-level meetings in China</a>
16-03-15	<a href="#">World Customs Organization continues to support EAC countries to meet the challenges of a rapidly changing trading environment through the WCO-EAC CREATE project!</a> <a href="#">WCO Regional Workshop on the Mercator Programme</a>
17-03-15	<a href="#">National Workshop on the Revised Kyoto Convention in Uzbekistan (Tashkent, 24 to 27 February 2015)</a> <a href="#">UNODC-WCO Container Control Programme Practical Training successfully completed by Thai Customs officers</a> <a href="#">The nCEN application makes its debut in Europe</a>
18-03-15	<a href="#">Indonesia launches AEO programme</a>
19-03-15	<a href="#">Customs officers intercept a large quantity of drugs together with weapons, currency, diamonds, cigarettes and CITES products during a global enforcement operation</a>
20-03-15	<a href="#">WCO Enforcement Committee Set to Commence</a>
23-03-15	<a href="#">National workshop on rules of origin for Kenya</a> <a href="#">55th Session Harmonized System Committee Concludes</a>
24-03-15	<a href="#">National Workshop on the Revised Kyoto Convention in Tonga (Nuku'alofa, 9 – 13 March 2015)</a> <a href="#">WCO Capacity Building support provided to Viet Nam</a>
25-03-15	<a href="#">Global Customs Community Strengthens Security Measures</a> <a href="#">WCO continue support to Tanzania Revenue Authority on valuation under NORAD programme</a>
26-03-15	<a href="#">WCO Enforcement Committee Endorses New Initiatives</a>

Date	Title
30-03-15	<a href="#">WCO Participates in Kasane Conference on the Illegal Wildlife Trade</a>
	<a href="#">Workshop on the implementation of the Customs Laboratory in Cambodia</a>
31-03-15	<a href="#">New rules for the Temporary Importation of means of transport into the EU</a>
	<a href="#">National SAFE/AEO Workshop in Saudi Arabia</a>
	<a href="#">WCO participates in the launch of Bolivia's AEO programme</a>

## Other International Matters

### United Nations

#### UN Security Council approves system to impose targeted sanctions in South Sudan

On 3 March 2015, the United Nations Security Council (UNSC) unanimously adopted [Resolution 2206 \(2015\)](#) which creates a system that permits the imposition of sanctions recommended by a Sanctions Committee against individuals and entities responsible for or complicit in, or having engaged in, directly or indirectly, actions or policies that threaten the peace, security or stability of South Sudan. The Resolution permits the imposition of a travel ban and an asset freeze. The UN announcement stated:

While no listings were made, the resolution sets out a series of listing criteria. The sanctions are expected to apply to those responsible for, complicit in, or engaged directly or indirectly in actions or policies threatening the peace, security or stability of South Sudan.

These actions or policies apply but are not limited to those expanding or extending the conflict or obstructing reconciliation and peace talks or processes, threatening transitional agreements or undermining the political process and planning, directing or committing acts that violate applicable international humanitarian and human rights law and human rights abuses.

The resolution, drafted by the United States, also applies to those targeting civilians or attacking hospitals, religious sites, schools or locations where civilians seek refuge and recruiting or using children by armed forces or groups. In addition, those obstructing the work of international peacekeeping, diplomatic or humanitarian missions or hindering the delivery and distribution of humanitarian aid or access to such aid also apply.

Furthermore, the Council decided that it could impose a travel ban and an assets freeze for an initial period of one year on individuals and entities designated by a sanctions committee to be established through the resolution. The travel ban would apply to individuals, while the assets freeze would apply to individuals as well as entities such as government, opposition or militia groups.

To assist the relevant Sanctions Committee in its work, the Council requested the Secretary-General to set up a five-member panel of experts to provide information relevant to the potential designation of individuals and entities. Renewal of the panel's mandate would be considered no later than 2 March 2016. Among other responsibilities, the panel will collect and analyse information regarding the flow of arms and related military assistance to those undermining the peace process and committing violations of international humanitarian and human rights law.

The security situation in South Sudan has deteriorated steadily over the past year since political in-fighting between South Sudan's President and his former Vice-President and their respective factions erupted in December 2013. The hostilities subsequently turned into a full-fledged conflict that has sent nearly 100,000 civilians fleeing to bases around the country managed by the UN Missions (UNMISS).

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## Security Council Resolutions

S.C. Res. №	Date	Subject
<a href="#">S/RES/2206 (2015)</a>	03-03-15	Reports of the Secretary-General on the Sudan and South Sudan
<a href="#">S/RES/2207 (2015)</a>	04-03-15	Non-proliferation/Democratic People's Republic of Korea
<a href="#">S/RES/2208 (2015)</a>	05-03-15	Libya
<a href="#">S/RES/2209 (2015)</a>	06-03-15	Middle East (Syria)
<a href="#">S/RES/2210 (2015)</a>	16-03-15	Afghanistan
<a href="#">S/RES/2211 (2015)</a>	26-03-15	Democratic Republic of the Congo
<a href="#">S/RES/2212 (2015)</a>		Central African Republic
<a href="#">S/RES/2213 (2015)</a>	27-03-15	Libya

## 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
09-03-15	<a href="#">2015/011 - China – Stricter domestic measures regarding import of African elephant ivory</a>
19-03-15	<a href="#">2015/012 - Democratic Republic of the Congo – Recommendation to suspend trade</a>
	<a href="#">2015/013 - Lao People's Democratic Republic – Recommendation to suspend trade</a>
	<a href="#">2015/014 - Nigeria – Recommendation to suspend trade</a>
	<a href="#">2015/015 - Australia – Stricter domestic measures regarding import and export of African lion specimens and other species</a>
	<a href="#">2015/016 - Checklists or guides for the inspection of captive-breeding or ranching facilities and review of permit applications for captive-bred and ranched specimens</a>
23-03-15	<a href="#">2015/017 - Synergy in implementing the global biodiversity-related conventions – document for review and comment</a>
25-03-15	<a href="#">2015/018 - Implementation of Umoja by the Secretariat</a>

## The Americas - Central America

### Costa Rica

#### Customs Resolutions

Date	Series and №	Subject
26-03-15	<a href="#">DGH-009-2015</a> <a href="#">SUB-DGA-055-2015</a>	Sets the interest rate at 14% for unpaid duties and fines - effective from May 1, 2015

### Nicaragua

#### Nicaraguan Classification Resolutions (Customs Rulings)

The Dirección General de Servicios Aduaneros (Nicaraguan Customs Service) has made the full text of tariff classification resolutions issued from 2004 to the

present available on its [website](#). The tariff classification resolutions are based on the common Central American tariff known as [Sistema Arancelario Centroamericano](#).

## Panama

### Official Gazette

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

Publication Date	Title
13-03-15	Health: <a href="#">Resolution No. 106 of 6 March 2015 Drugs which are included in the lists of health hazard.</a>
27-03-15	Health: <a href="#">Resolution No. 119 of 13 March 2015 by which are promulgated new safety rules for establishing the marketing of products containing the active trimethoprim / sulfamethoxazole</a>
	National Assembly: <a href="#">Act No. 7 of 20 March 2015 approving the Partial Trade Agreement Between the Republic of Panama and the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago.</a>

## The Americas - North America

### Canada

#### Canada issues CKFTA Uniform Regulations

On March 27, 2015, the Canada Border services Agency (CBSA) issued [Memorandum D11-4-31, Uniform Regulations – Chapter Four of the Canada-Korea Free Trade Agreement \(CKFTA\)](#). The memorandum contains the Memorandum of Understanding between Canada and the Republic of Korea concerning Uniform Regulations of Chapter Four of the [Canada-Korea Free Trade Agreement \(CKFTA\)](#). The Uniform Regulations elaborate in detail how CKFTA Parties will interpret, apply and administer the obligations regarding customs procedures under Chapter Four. They are designed to ensure consistent and uniform treatment of, and greater certainty for, importers, exporters and producers in Canada and Korea.

The Uniform Regulations address the following issues:

- Certificate of Origin;
- Importations (corrections, penalties, transit and transhipment);
- Waiver of Certificate of Origin;
- Exportations;
- Record keeping requirements;
- Origin verifications;
- Advance rulings;
- Review and appeal;
- Miscellaneous; and
- Entry into effect, modification, termination

## Canada restores GPT and LDCT to Burma

On March 25, 2015, the *Canada Gazette* published the [Order Amending Schedule to the Customs Tariff \(Extension of General Preferential Tariff to Burma\)](#) (SOR/2015/62, March 13, 2015) and the [Order Amending Schedule to the Customs Tariff \(Extension of Least Developed Country Tariff to Burma\)](#) (SOR/2015/63, March 13, 2015), which extend entitlement to the General Preferential Tariff (GPT) and Least Developed Country Tariff (LDCT) tariff treatments to imports originating from Burma.

Canada extends unilateral preferential tariff rates to imports from developing and least developed countries through two tariff treatments:

- the GPT offers tariff rates that are lower than Most-Favoured-Nation (MFN) Tariff rates to goods imported from developing countries identified in the Schedule to the Customs Tariff; and
- the LDCT offers duty-free access on the importation into Canada of all products (with the exception of supply-managed agricultural goods) from least developed countries, as identified by the United Nations and listed in the Schedule to the Customs Tariff.

Burma's eligibility for the GPT and the LDCT was removed in 1997 as part of a global concerted response to the human rights situation in that country (see SOR/97-398). In recent years, there have been positive developments in Burma, notably elections in 2010 that led to a transition to civilian rule, the release of political prisoners, economic reforms, and the introduction of new laws to protect freedom of association and assembly.

In light of these positive developments, countries are gradually easing sanctions and normalizing trade relations with Burma. In that regard, Canada has already taken a number of actions towards normalizing relations with Burma. On April 24, 2012, Canada eased economic sanctions taken against Burma. Canada has also opened an embassy in Yangon and appointed its first-ever resident ambassador to Burma. Reinstating GPT and LDCT eligibility for Burma is consistent with these actions.

## CFIA restricts certain imports from six U.S. states due to avian flu

On March 10, 2015, the [Canadian Food Inspection Agency](#) (CFIA) added Missouri to the list of states from which all raw poultry and all poultry products and by-products that are not fully cooked, including eggs and raw pet foods, or that are sourced, processed, or packaged may be brought by travellers into Canada. The other states are Minnesota, California, Idaho, Oregon and Washington.

CFIA states that these measures are a normal part of Canada's animal disease control efforts and are consistent with international guidelines on trade.

Examples of restricted items include:

- live birds and hatching eggs
- eggs, yolks, egg whites (albumen)
- poultry meat (other than fully cooked, canned, commercially sterile meat products)
- raw pet foods containing poultry products
- feathers

- poultry manure and litter
- laboratory material containing poultry products/by-products

Live pet birds may be brought into Canada with official certification from the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) [Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service \(APHIS\)](#).

Commercial imports of live poultry, birds and raw or untreated avian products are restricted from the specific quarantine zones within the states of Missouri, Minnesota, California, Idaho, Oregon and Washington until further notice. Commercial importers should refer to the CFIA's [Automated Import Reference System \(AIRS\)](#) for more information on restricted products.

There is no food safety risk associated with these products. These measures are being taken to prevent the introduction of avian influenza into other parts of Canada.

## Miscellaneous regulations and proposals

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

Publication Date	Title
03-07-15	Environment: <a href="#">Order 2015-87-01-02 Amending the Non-domestic Substances List pursuant to the Canadian Environmental Protection Act, 1999</a> (O)
	Environment/Health: <a href="#">Publication after screening assessment of three petroleum and wax substances — Petrolatum, CAS RN11 8009-03-8; Slack wax (petroleum), CAS RN 64742-61-6; and Petrolatum (petroleum), oxidized, CAS RN 64743-01-7 — specified on the Domestic Substances List (subsection 77(1) of the Canadian Environmental Protection Act, 1999)</a> (N)
	Health: <a href="#">Proposed Order Amending the Schedule to the Tobacco Act pursuant to the Tobacco Act</a> (PR)
03-11-15	Agriculture: <a href="#">Regulations Amending Certain Canadian Food Inspection Agency Regulations (Miscellaneous Program) (SOR/2015-55, Feb. 27, 2015) pursuant to the Fertilizers Act, Health of Animals Act and the Seeds Act</a>
	Environment: <a href="#">Order 2015-66-01-01 Amending the Domestic Substances List (SOR/2015-48, Feb. 23, 2015) pursuant to the Canadian Environmental Protection Act, 1999</a>
	Environment: <a href="#">Order 2015-87-01-01 Amending the Domestic Substances List (SOR/2015-47, Feb. 23, 2015) pursuant to the Canadian Environmental Protection Act, 1999</a>
	Health: <a href="#">Regulations Repealing the Human Pathogens Importation Regulations (SOR/2015-43, Feb. 20, 2015) pursuant to the Department of Health Act</a>
	Health: <a href="#">Human Pathogens and Toxins Regulations (SOR/2015-44, Feb. 20, 2015) pursuant to the Human Pathogens and Toxins Act</a>
	Health: <a href="#">Order Fixing December 1, 2015 as the Day on which Certain Provisions of the Act Come into Force (SI/2015-14, March 11, 2015) (Human Pathogens and Toxins Act)</a>
03-14-15	Environment: <a href="#">Significant New Activity Notice No. 17909 pursuant to the Canadian Environmental Protection Act, 1999</a>
03-21-15	Environment: <a href="#">Order 2015-87-02-02 Amending the Non-domestic Substances List pursuant to the Canadian Environmental Protection Act, 1999</a>
	Environment/Health: <a href="#">Proposed Ozone-depleting Substances and Halocarbon Alternatives Regulations pursuant to the Canadian Environmental Protection Act, 1999</a> (PR)
	Environmental: <a href="#">Regulatory Provisions for Purposes of Enforcement (Canadian Environmental Protection Act, 1999)</a>
03-25-15	Environment: <a href="#">Order 2015-87-02-01 Amending Domestic Substances List pursuant to the Canadian Environmental Protection Act, 1999 Act (SOR/59, March</a>

Publication Date	Title
	<a href="#">12, 2015</a> ) (O)
	Finance: <a href="#">Order Amending Schedule to the Customs Tariff (Extension of General Preferential Tariff to Burma)</a> (SOR/2015/62, March 13, 2015) pursuant to the <a href="#">Customs Tariff</a>
	Finance: <a href="#">Order Amending Schedule to the Customs Tariff (Extension of Least Developed Country Tariff to Burma)</a> (SOR/2015/63, March 13, 2015) pursuant to the <a href="#">Customs Tariff</a>
	Finance: <a href="#">Regulations Amending Refund of Duties Regulations</a> (SOR/2015-66, March 13, 2015) pursuant to the <a href="#">Customs Act</a>
03-28-15	Environment/Health: <a href="#">Publication of final decision after screening assessment of a substance — Trisiloxane, octamethyl- (MDM), CAS RN11 107-51-7 — specified on the Domestic Substances List (subsection 77(6) of the Canadian Environmental Protection Act, 1999)</a>
	Environment/Health: <a href="#">Publication of final decision after screening assessment of a substance — Trisiloxane, 1,1,1,5,5,5-hexamethyl-3,3-bis(trimethylsilyl)oxy]- (M4Q), CAS RN31 3555-47-3 — specified on the Domestic Substances List (subsection 77(6) of the Canadian Environmental Protection Act, 1999)</a>

### Restrictive measures

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

Publication Date	Title
03-11-15	<a href="#">Regulations Amending the Special Economic Measures (Russia) Regulations</a> (SOR/2015-39, Feb. 17, 2015) pursuant to the <a href="#">Special Economic Measures Act</a>
	<a href="#">Regulations Amending the Special Economic Measures (Ukraine) Regulations</a> (SOR/2015-40, Feb. 17, 2015) pursuant to the <a href="#">Special Economic Measures Act</a>
03-25-15	<a href="#">Recommendation of the Minister of Public Safety and Emergency Order Accepting Preparedness Concerning the Two-Year Review of the List set out in the Regulations Establishing a List of Entities</a> (SI/2015-24, March 25, 2015) pursuant to the <a href="#">Criminal Code</a>

### 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	Action	Title
03-04-15	<a href="#">CN 15-004</a>	New	Public Works and Government Services Canada's Cheque Standardization Initiative
03-09-15	<a href="#">D11-5-12</a>	New	Canada–Korea Free Trade Agreement (CKFTA) Rules of Origin
	<a href="#">D11-4-4</a>	Revised	Rules of Origin Respecting the General Preferential Tariff and Least Developed Country Tariff
03-12-15	<a href="#">D10-14-64</a>	New	Tariff Classification of Goods Using Bluetooth® Technology
03-16-15	<a href="#">D8-2-19</a>	Revised	Application of the Investigation Drugs, Placebos and Emergency Drugs Remission Order
	<a href="#">D11-4-20</a>	Revised	Procedures for Verifications of Origin Under a Free Trade Agreement

Date	Reference	Action	Title
	<a href="#">D7-2-3</a>	Revised	Obsolete or Surplus Goods
	<a href="#">D7-4-1</a>	Revised	Duties Relief Program
03-18-15	<a href="#">CN 15-005</a>	New	Highway Sufferance Warehouse Closure (Prince Rupert, British Columbia)
	<a href="#">D2-5-2</a>	Revised	Facilities for Passengers Transiting at Canadian International Airports
03-20-15	<a href="#">D8-2-25</a>	Revised	Canadian Vessels Repaired or Altered in the United States, Mexico, Chile, Israel or Another CIFTA Beneficiary, Colombia, Costa Rica, Peru, Jordan, Panama, Iceland, Liechtenstein, Switzerland or Norway
03-27-15	<a href="#">D11-4-31</a>	New	Uniform Regulations – Chapter Four of the Canada-Korea Free Trade Agreement (CKFTA)
	<a href="#">D6-2-6</a>	Revised	Refund of Duties and Taxes on Non-commercial Imports
03-31-15			<a href="#">Report on Plans and Priorities</a>

## Antidumping and countervailing duty cases

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

## Mexico

### Economy publishes an Emergency Mexican Official Standard applicable to terminal equipment connected through a wired access

On March 10, 2015, the Ministry of Economy published in the *Federal Official Gazette* (FOG) an [Emergency Mexican Official Standard named NOM-EM-015-SCFI-2015, Products. Terminal Equipment that is connected or interconnected through a wired access to the public telecommunications network](#).

Pursuant to the provisions of the *Federal Law on Metrology and Standardization*, Mexican Official Standards (NOMs) must be reviewed every five years and the results of such review must be notified to the National Commission of Standardization. When such notification is not given within 60 calendar days after the corresponding 5-year period has expired, the NOM in question will no longer be valid.

On September 20, 1999, NOM-151-SCT1-1999 “*Interface to public networks for terminal equipment*” was published in the FOG. Since it was not renewed in accordance with the *Federal Law on Metrology and Standardization*, NOM-151-SCT-199 is not in force as of January 19, 2015.

As a result of the above, and since there is no other NOM that sets forth the specification that must be met by the products formerly covered by NOM-151-SCT1-1999, the Ministry of Economy published NOM-EM-015-SCFI-2015. This NOM sets forth that terminal equipment that is connected or interconnected through a wired access to the public telecommunications network must comply with the mechanical and electric conditions and with the proof methods of the minimum necessary technical parameters of Technical Provision IFT-004-2014 issued by the Federal Telecommunications Institute, published in the FOG on January 7, 2015 (the full text in Spanish of the technical provision can be [found here](#)).

NOM-EM-015-SCFI-2015 will become effective as of March 11, 2015 and will be in force for six months after that date, term which may be extended, only once, for another six months. By that time, in principle, a NOM setting forth the characteris-

tics and specifications that the corresponding products must meet should be published.

It is important to mention that the certificates of NOM compliance issued pursuant to NOM-151-SCT1-1999 will remain valid for up to one year as of the effective date of NOM-EM-015-SCFI-2015 and will demonstrate compliance with technical provision IFT-004-2014 and NOM-EM-015-SCFI-2015.

If you have any question or comment with respect to the provisions and obligations that result from this publication, please do not hesitate to contact [Adriana Ibarra-Fernández](#) or [José Hoyos-Robles](#) of our Mexico City office.

## Diario Oficial

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

Publication Date	Title
03-02-15	Health: <a href="#">Acuerdo setting forth the number of legends, pictures, pictograms, health messages and information to be included in all packages of tobacco products and packaging and labeling external thereof from March 24, 2015 until March 23, 2016.</a>
	Health: <a href="#">Response to comments received about the Proposed Official Mexican Standard NOM-142- SSA1 / SCFI-2014, Alcoholic Beverages. Sanitary specifications. Labeling health and trade, published on 8 March 2013</a>
03-04-15	Communications and Transport: <a href="#">Regulation on the Law of Navigation and Maritime Commerce</a>
03-10-15	Economy: <a href="#">Emergency Official Mexican Norm NOM-EM-015-SCFI-2015 products. Terminal equipment to connect or interconnect via a wired access to a public telecommunications network.</a>
03-13-15	Hacienda: <a href="#">Resolution amending the general provisions for certification of external auditors and independent compliance officers other professionals in the prevention of operations with illegal proceeds and terrorist financing.</a>
	Economy: <a href="#">Notice on the redistribution of quota for export of new light vehicles to Brazil under the Agreement establishing the balance and allocation of the quota for the period from 19 March 2012 to 18 March 2013 are set and the quota and the amounts allocated to the periods between the March 19, 2013 to March 18, 2014 and March 19, 2014 to March 18, 2015, for export of new light vehicles to Brazil in accordance with Appendix II Trade in the Automotive Sector between Brazil and Mexico pursuant to the Economic Complementa-tion Agreement No. 55 held between Mercosur and the United States of Mexi-co, published on April 30, 2012 and its amendments</a>
03-23-15	Economy: <a href="#">Acuerdo by which it is disclosed and the quota allocation mechanism to import toys and baby products.</a>
03-30-15	Economy: <a href="#">Notice which sets the maximum quota to export sugar to the United States of America, published on February 11, 2015.</a>

## Antidumping and countervailing duty cases

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## United States

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

### Presidential documents

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

Date	Subject
03-03-15	<a href="#">Memorandum of February 25, 2015 - Establishment of the Cyber Threat Intelligence Integration Center</a>
03-05-15	<a href="#">Notice of March 3, 2015 - Continuation of the National Emergency with Respect to Ukraine</a>
	<a href="#">Notice of March 3, 2015 - Continuation of the National Emergency with Respect to Zimbabwe</a>
03-06-15	<a href="#">Delegation of Authority Under the Ukraine Freedom Support Act of 2014</a>
03-09-15	<a href="#">Executive Order 13692 of March 9, 2015 - Blocking Property and Suspending Entry of Certain Persons Contributing to the Situation In Venezuela</a>
03-13-15	<a href="#">Notice of March 11, 2015 - Continuation of the National Emergency With Respect to Iran</a>

### President continues national emergency with respect to Iran

On March 11, 2015, President Obama signed a Presidential Notice entitled [Continuation of the National Emergency with Respect to Iran](#) (published in the *Federal Register* on March 13, 2015), which extends for an additional year the national emergency with respect to Iran first declared in Executive Order (EO) 12957 (March 15, 1995). This was followed on May 6, 1995, by EO 12959, imposing comprehensive sanctions on Iran to further respond to this threat. On August 19, 1997, the President issued EO 13059, consolidating and clarifying the previous orders. Additional steps were taken in EO 13553 of September 28, 2010, EO 13574 of May 23, 2011, EO 13590 of November 20, 2011, EO 13599 of February 5, 2012, EO 13606 of April 22, 2012, EO 13608 of May 1, 2012, EO 13622 of July 30, 2012, EO 13628 of October 9, 2012, and EO 13645 of June 3, 2013.

While the Joint Plan of Action (JPOA) between the P5+1 and Iran that went into effect on January 20, 2014, and was renewed by mutual consent of the P5+1 and Iran on July 19, 2014, and November 24, 2014, marks the first time in a decade that Iran has agreed to and taken specific actions that stop the advance and roll back key elements of its nuclear program, the national emergency is being continued because certain actions and policies of the Government of Iran continue to pose an unusual and extraordinary threat to the national security, foreign policy, and economy of the United States.

The emergency declared in EO 12957 constitutes an emergency separate from that declared on November 14, 1979, by EO 12170. This renewal, therefore, is distinct from the emergency renewal of November 2014.

## President issues new E.O. declaring national emergency with respect to Venezuela situation

On 9 March 2015, US President Barack Obama issued [Executive Order 13692 - Blocking Property and Suspending Entry of Certain Persons Contributing to the Situation In Venezuela](#) (Order) authorizing the imposition of sanctions targeting Venezuela in response to the Venezuelan Government's erosion of human rights guarantees; persecution of political opponents; curtailment of press freedoms; use of violence and human rights violations and abuses in response to antigovernment protests; arbitrary arrest and detention of antigovernment protestors; and the exacerbating presence of significant public corruption in the country. According to Treasury Secretary Jack Lew, the Order "will be used to protect the US financial system from the illicit financial flows from public corruption in Venezuela" ([statement](#) of Secretary Lew on the Order). The Order was issued pursuant to various legal authorities, including the [Venezuela Defense of Human Rights and Civil Society Act of 2014](#) (described in our Sanctions blog posts of [December 16](#) and [December 19](#), 2014). The White House has published a [Fact Sheet](#) about the Order.

The Order (1) designates seven individuals as Specially Designated Nationals (SDNs), (2) provides authorization for the designation of additional parties as SDNs who are engaged in targeted activities, and (3) suspends entry into the United States of persons designated under the Order. The Order does not "block" or freeze the assets of the Venezuelan Government generally or impose other broad sanctions targeting Venezuela.

**1. Order** - The Order authorizes the US Treasury Department's Office of Foreign Assets Control ("OFAC") to designate as SDNs any of the following parties:

- Parties determined to be responsible for or complicit in, or responsible for ordering, controlling, or otherwise directing, or to have participated in, directly or indirectly, any of the following in or in relation to Venezuela (collectively, the "Targeted Activities"):
  - actions or policies that undermine democratic processes or institutions;
  - significant acts of violence or conduct that constitutes a serious abuse or violation of human rights, including against persons involved in antigovernment protests in Venezuela in or since February 2014;
  - actions that prohibit, limit, or penalize the exercise of freedom of expression or peaceful assembly; or
  - public corruption by senior officials within the Venezuelan Government;
- Parties determined to be a current or former leader of an entity:
  - that has, or whose members have, engaged in a Targeted Activity; or
  - whose property and interests in property are blocked pursuant to the Order;
- Current or former officials of the Venezuela Government;
- Parties determined to have materially assisted, sponsored, or provided financial, material, or technological support for, or goods or services to or in support of:
  - a person whose property and interests in property are blocked pursuant to this Order or
  - a Targeted Activity; and
- Parties determined to be owned or controlled by, or to have acted or purported to act for or on behalf of, directly or indirectly, any person whose property and interests in property are blocked pursuant to the Order.

Parties designated under the Order will be tagged with the [VENEZUELA] tag on OFAC's List of Specially Designated Nationals and Blocked Persons (SDN List). US Persons are prohibited from dealing, directly or indirectly, with parties designated as SDNs or with any entities in which one or more SDNs own a 50% or greater interest, even if not themselves listed. For purposes of the Order, "US Persons" include (i) entities organized under US laws and their non-US branches, (ii) individuals or entities in the United States, and (iii) US citizens or permanent resident aliens ("Green Card" holders) wherever located or employed. While non-US persons, including separately incorporated foreign subsidiaries of US companies, are generally not subject to the Order, non-US persons may trigger US sanctions prohibitions if they cause any SDN-related transactions to occur in whole or in part in the United States or elsewhere by US Persons.

**2. Immigration Ban** - The Order also generally suspends entry into the United States, as immigrants or nonimmigrants, of non-US persons blocked pursuant to the Order, except where the Secretary of State determines that the person's entry is in the national interest of the United States or when necessary for the United States to comply with its international obligations, including the Agreement Regarding the Headquarters of the United Nations.

**3. New SDN Designations** - As noted above, the Order designates seven (7) individuals as SDNs, which OFAC has added to the SDN List. These seven (7) individuals are the Director of the National Police; the Inspector General of the National Armed Forces; the Director General of the National Intelligence Service and President of the Strategic Center of Security and Protection of the Homeland; the Commander of the Central Integral Strategic Defense Region of the National Armed Forces; the National Level Prosecutor of the 20<sup>th</sup> District Office of the Public Ministry; the Chief of the 31<sup>st</sup> Armored Brigade of Caracas; and the President of the Venezuelan Corporation of Guayana (CVG).

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## President continues national emergency with respect to Ukraine

On March 5, 2015, the *Federal Register* published Presidential [Notice of March 3, 2015 - Continuation of the National Emergency with Respect to Ukraine](#) which extends for an additional year the national emergency first declared on March 6, 2014, by Executive Order (E.O.) 13660, to deal with the unusual and extraordinary threat to the national security and foreign policy of the United States constituted by the actions and policies of persons that undermine democratic processes and institutions in Ukraine; threaten its peace, security, stability, sovereignty, and territorial integrity; and contribute to the misappropriation of its assets.

The scope of the national emergency was expanded by E.O. 13661 on March 16, 2014, which found that the actions and policies of the Government of the Russian Federation with respect to Ukraine undermine democratic processes and institutions in Ukraine; threaten its peace, security, stability, sovereignty, and territorial integrity; and contribute to the misappropriation of its assets.

The scope was further expanded by E.O. 13662 on March 20, 2014, which found that the actions and policies of the Government of the Russian Federation, including its purported annexation of Crimea and its use of force in Ukraine, continue to undermine democratic processes and institutions in Ukraine; threaten its peace, security, stability, sovereignty, and territorial integrity; and contribute to the mis-

appropriation of its assets. E.O. 13685 of December 19, 2014, was issued to take additional steps to address the Russian occupation of the Crimea region of Ukraine. The national emergency is being extended for an additional year because

The actions and policies addressed in these Executive Orders continue to pose an unusual and extraordinary threat to the national security and foreign policy of the United States.

### President continues national emergency with respect to Zimbabwe

On March 5, 2015, the *Federal Register* published Presidential [Notice of March 3, 2015 - Continuation of the National Emergency with Respect to Zimbabwe](#) which extends for an additional year the national emergency first declared on March 6, 2003, by Executive Order (E.O.) 13288. E.O. 13288 blocked the property of certain persons, pursuant to the *International Emergency Economic Powers Act* (50 U.S.C. 1701–1706), to deal with the unusual and extraordinary threat to the foreign policy of the United States constituted by the actions and policies of certain members of the Government of Zimbabwe and other persons to undermine Zimbabwe's democratic processes or institutions. These actions and policies had contributed to the deliberate breakdown in the rule of law in Zimbabwe, to politically motivated violence and intimidation in that country, and to political and economic instability in the southern African region.

Additional steps were taken on November 22, 2005, in E.O. 13391. The scope of the national emergency was further expanded by E.O. 13469 on July 25, 2008.

The national emergency is being continued because the actions and policies of these persons continue to pose an unusual and extraordinary threat to the foreign policy of the United States

### CAFC upholds CVD on non-market economies

On March 13, 2015, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit (CAFC) held the Department of Commerce's (Commerce) imposition of both antidumping (AD) and countervailing duties (CVD) pursuant to a 2012 law that overruled the CAFC's decision in *GPX International Tire Corp. v. United States*, 666 F.3d 732 (Fed. Cir. 2011) ("*GPX I*"), *reh'g granted*, 678 F.3d 1308 (Fed. Cir. 2012) ("*GPX II*"), and permitted Commerce to impose countervailing duties with respect to non-market economy ("NME") countries retroactively to proceedings initiated on or after November 20, 2006 does not violate the Ex Post Facto Clause of Article I, Section 9 of the U.S. Constitution or the Due Process Clause of the Fifth Amendment to the U.S. Constitution.

In *GPX I*, the CAFC had found that Congress had ratified Commerce's prior position (which did not permit the imposition of CVD on NME countries) by re-enacting the CVD law in 1988 and 1994. However, on March 13, 2012, less than three months after the release of the decision in *GPX I*, Congress enacted new legislation overruling that decision. The CAFC granted a rehearing (*GPX II*) and then remanded the case to the Court of International Trade (CIT) "for a determination of the constitutionality of the new legislation. On remand, the CIT rejected challenges to the new law under, *inter alia*, the Ex Post Facto Clause and the Due Process Clause of the U.S. Constitution. In the March 13 opinion, the CAFC affirmed the CIT's determinations. [GPX International Tire Corp. v. United States](#), (Case No. 2014-1188, 2014-1248, Fed. Cir. March 13, 2015).

## U.S.- Brazil Commercial Dialogue meeting

On March 19, 2015, Kenneth Hyatt, Deputy Under Secretary for International Trade, U.S. Department of Commerce (Commerce), and Daniel Godinho, Secretary of Foreign Trade, Ministry of Development, Industry and Foreign Trade (MDIC), [released a joint statement](#), which outlines the results of the March 18-19, 2015, meeting of the U.S.-Brazil Commercial Dialogue in Washington, D.C. The Joint Statement covered the following topics:

- Standards and Regulatory Engagement
- Trade Facilitation
- Trade Statistics
- Intellectual Property Cooperation
- Industry and Investment
- Standards and Metrology
- Services and Supply Chains

Read about the details for each topic [in the Joint Statement](#).

## USTR releases Notorious Markets List

On March 5, 2015, the U.S. Trade Representative (USTR) [released](#) the [Special 301 Out-of-Cycle Review of Notorious Markets for 2014](#), which highlights certain physical and online markets around the world that are reported to engage in and facilitate substantial copyright piracy and trademark counterfeiting that harms American businesses and undermines U.S. workers. The publication of the Notorious Markets report helps the United States and foreign governments to prioritize intellectual property rights (IPR) enforcement that protects job-supporting innovation and creativity in the United States and around the world.

The *Out-of-Cycle Review of Notorious Markets* identifies particularly infamous markets, and does not constitute an exhaustive list of all markets reported to deal in pirated or counterfeit goods around the world. Nor does it reflect the U.S. Government's analysis of the general IPR protection and enforcement climate in the country concerned; such analysis is contained in the annual Special 301 Report issued at the end of April. However, the United States urges the responsible authorities to intensify efforts to combat piracy and counterfeiting, and to use the information contained in the Notorious Markets List to pursue legal actions where appropriate.

## USTR releases 2015 President's Trade Agenda

On March 4, 2015, the U.S. Trade Representative (USTR) released the 49 page [President's Trade Agenda - 2015 Trade Policy Agenda](#). The 2015 efforts will build on the 2014 initiatives. Last year, the United States made substantial progress toward concluding the *Trans-Pacific Partnership* (TPP). With the European Union, the U.S. made a fresh start in negotiations for the *Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership* (T-TIP). The U.S. also played a critical role in realizing the first fully multilateral trade agreement in the history of the World Trade Organization (WTO), the *Trade Facilitation Agreement* (TFA), and made significant progress in negotiations to expand the scope of goods covered by the *WTO Information Technology Agreement* (ITA). Additionally, along with 13 other partners, we launched negotiations on the *Environmental Goods Agreement* (EGA) in Geneva.

In 2015, the U.S. hopes to conclude negotiations with TPP countries and make significant progress with the EU toward a T-TIP agreement to further strengthen the world's largest trade relationship. The U.S. will advance negotiations on the *Trade in Services Agreement (TiSA)*. USTR will work with Congress to update and renew the *African Growth and Opportunities Act (AGOA)* for the longest term possible. USTR says that it will continue fighting for America's trade rights, strengthening the multilateral trading system at the WTO, expanding the ITA, and continuing negotiations on an EGA.

Also available is a copy of the 354 page [2015 Trade Policy Agenda and 2014 Annual Report of the President of the United States on the Trade Agreements Program](#).

### USTR seeks comments on WTO disputes

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

F.R. Date	Matter	Comments Due
03-27-15	<a href="#">Certain Measures Providing Export-Contingent Subsidies to Enterprises in Several Industrial Sectors in China</a> [Dispute No. WT/DS489]	04-15-15

### USITC announces pilot program for advisory opinions and modifications for new and redesigned products

The U.S. International Trade Commission (USITC) has [announced](#) the launch of a pilot program to test the use of expedited procedures for the Commission to evaluate and rule on new and redesigned products in modification and advisory opinion proceedings.

U.S. importers, would-be importers, and intellectual property rights holders have expressed concern in recent years about how to obtain timely, transparent, and binding decisions on whether new and redesigned products are covered by remedial orders issued by the USITC following a violation of section 337 of the Tariff Act of 1930.

While these proceedings have been available for years, the Commission is seeking to improve and expedite them to better meet the needs of those affected by remedial orders.

**Background:** U.S. Customs and Border Protection (Customs) has the primary role in enforcing Commission exclusion orders (but not consent or cease and desist orders) at U.S. ports of entry.

The USITC also provides post-order procedures to help ensure proper enforcement of its exclusion, consent, and cease and desist orders. These procedures include modification proceedings and advisory opinion proceedings. (Enforcement proceedings are also available, but are not a subject of this pilot program.)

**Modification proceedings:** Modification proceedings are instituted to determine whether the scope of an existing remedial order should be modified based on changed circumstances of fact or law. The Commission can determine whether a redesigned or new product is covered by an existing exclusion, consent, or cease and desist order and whether the order should provide a "carve-out" for the redesigned or new product.

Modification proceedings are transparent, allow participation by all parties involved in the underlying investigation, and result in an evidence-based determination based on a record. Modification proceeding decisions are appealable to the Federal Circuit.

**Advisory opinions:** Advisory opinion proceedings result in an advisory opinion from the Commission as to whether importation of a redesigned or new product will violate an existing exclusion, consent, or cease and desist order. Any would-be importer can seek an advisory opinion. As with modifications, these proceedings are transparent, involve all parties involved in the underlying investigation, and result in an evidence-based determination based on a record. However, advisory opinions are not appealable.

Under the pilot program, which will test an expedited administrative process in these proceedings, a modification proceeding may be commenced by filing a petition with the Commission alleging facts concerning whether a redesigned or new product is covered by an existing exclusion, consent, or cease and desist order and addressing whether the order should provide a “carve-out” for the redesigned or new product.

The Commission will evaluate the petition and, if appropriate, institute an investigation to determine whether to modify the order. The Commission notes that would-be importers concerned about whether their products may be covered by a general exclusion order also can take advantage of the modification proceedings.

Any person may seek an advisory opinion from the Commission as to whether importation of a redesigned or new product will violate an existing exclusion, consent, or cease and desist order.

For modification proceedings or advisory opinions involving a *pure question of law*, the Commission’s Office of General Counsel will conduct the proceeding, with the Commission’s final decision normally issued within 60-90 days from the date that the Commission’s notice to conduct the proceeding is published in the Federal Register.

For modification proceedings or advisory opinions involving *minimal factfinding*, the Commission’s Office of Unfair Import Investigations will conduct the proceeding, with the Commission’s final decision normally issued within 90-180 days from the date that the Commission’s notice to conduct the proceeding is published in the Federal Register.

For modification proceedings or advisory opinions that require *extensive factfinding*, the Commission will refer the matter to an Administrative Law Judge for appropriate proceedings and issuance of an initial ruling. The Commission final decision will issue within 6-9 months from the date that the Commission’s notice to conduct the proceeding is published in the Federal Register.

For more details on the pilot program, see this [fact sheet](#).

## ITC investigations

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

Investigation. No. and title	Requested by:
<a href="#">Inv. No. 332–552 - Overview of Cuban Imports of Goods and Services and Effects of U.S. Restrictions</a> (H/Rescheduled)	

## Canada, U.S. sign preclearance agreement

On March 16, 2015, the Government of Canada [announced](#) that Canadian Minister of Public Safety and Emergency Preparedness Hon. Steven Blaney and U.S. Secretary of Homeland Security Jeh Johnson signed the *Agreement on Land, Rail, Marine and Air Transport Preclearance between the Government of Canada and the Government of the United States of America*. The Agreement is a major commitment of the Beyond the Border Action Plan issued by Prime Minister Harper and President Obama in December 2011. The Agreement was signed in Washington following a meeting to discuss border security.

When it takes effect, the new Agreement will provide a legal framework that will enable the establishment of new preclearance operations in any of the four modes of transportation. It will allow the market to propose operations when and where it makes sense – facilitating trade and travel, and creating economic benefits for Canadians.

### Quick Facts:

- Preclearance operations were implemented in Canada for the first time in 1952, when U.S. preclearance officers began screening travellers for U.S.-bound planes at the Toronto International Airport. A formal preclearance agreement with the U.S. did not exist at that time; Canada and the U.S. reached their first air transport preclearance agreement in 1974.
- Each year, roughly 11 million passengers are pre-cleared for flights to the U.S. at eight Canadian airports under the current bilateral air preclearance framework – reducing wait times for these passengers and often reducing the number of connections they required.
- This historic new comprehensive Agreement covers all modes of travel, including air. When it enters into force, it would replace the existing air transport Agreement, which was signed in 2001. This single Agreement would ensure a consistent approach to all preclearance activities, regardless of the mode of transportation, making it easier to implement and govern preclearance activities in both countries.
- In the Beyond the Border Action Plan, in addition to negotiating a comprehensive approach to preclearance in the land, rail, marine and air modes, Canada and the U.S. committed to implementing a truck cargo pre-inspection pilot in Canada. Phase I of the pilot was implemented at the Pacific Highway crossing between British Columbia and Washington, from June to December 2013. Phase II was implemented at the Peace Bridge, between Ontario and New York, from February 2014 to January 2015. An evaluation of the pilot will be completed by July 31, 2015.

## CBP announces ACE cargo release modifications

On March 27, 2015, U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) published in the *Federal Register* a [general notice](#) announcing CBP's plan to modify the National Customs Automation Program (NCAP) test concerning Automated Commercial Environment (ACE) cargo release to allow importers and customs brokers to file type 03 entries (cargo subject to an antidumping or countervailing duty proceeding) for all modes of transportation and to file, for cargo transported in the truck mode, entries for split shipments or partial shipments and entry on cargo which has been moved in-bond from the first U.S. port of unloading.

The ACE Cargo Release Test modifications became effective on March 1, 2015. The ACE Cargo Release Test will continue until CBP publishes in the Federal Register an announcement of its conclusion.

## Import restrictions extended on certain categories of archaeological material from El Salvador

On March 6, 2015, U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) in the Department of Homeland Security and the Department of the Treasury published in the *Federal Register* a [final rule](#) [CBP Dec. 15-05] amending the CBP regulations to reflect the extension of import restrictions on certain categories of archaeological material from the Pre-Hispanic cultures of the Republic of El Salvador (El Salvador). The restrictions, which were originally imposed by Treasury Decision (T.D.) 95-20 and previously extended by T.D. 00-16, CBP Decision (CBP Dec.) 05-10 and CBP Dec. 10-01, are due to expire on March 8, 2015, unless extended. The Assistant Secretary for Educational and Cultural Affairs, U.S. Department of State (State), has determined that conditions continue to warrant the imposition of import restrictions. Accordingly, these import restrictions will remain in effect for an additional five years, and the CBP regulations are being amended to reflect this extension until March 8, 2020.

These restrictions are being extended pursuant to determinations of the U.S. Department of State made under the terms of the *Convention on Cultural Property Implementation Act* in accordance with 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*. T.D. 95-20 contains the Designated List of archaeological material representing Pre-Hispanic cultures of El Salvador, and describes the articles to which the restrictions apply. The effective date of the final rule is March 8, 2015.

## Miscellaneous CBP Federal Register documents

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

F.R. Date	Subject
03-09-15	<a href="#">Agency Information Collection Activities: Customs-Trade Partnership against Terrorism (C-TPAT) and the Trusted Trader Program (N)</a>
03-11-15	<a href="#">Agency Information Collection Activities: Entry and Manifest of Merchandise Free of Duty, Carrier's Certificate and Release (N)</a>
	<a href="#">Agency Information Collection Activities: Free Trade Agreements (N)</a>
	<a href="#">Agency Information Collection Activities: Guarantee of Payment (N)</a>
	<a href="#">Agency Information Collection Activities: Vessel Entrance or Clearance Statement (N)</a>
03-13-15	<a href="#">Agency Information Collection Activities: Petition for Remission or Mitigation of Forfeitures and Penalties Incurred (N)</a>
03-16-15	<a href="#">Agency Information Collection Activities: Application for Allowance in Duties (N) CBP Form 4315</a>
	<a href="#">Agency Information Collection Activities: Foreign Assembler's Declaration (N)</a>
03-17-15	<a href="#">Accreditation and Approval of Inspectorate America Corporation, as a Commercial Gauger and Laboratory (N) [Linden, NJ]</a>
	<a href="#">Accreditation and Approval of Intertek USA, Inc., as a Commercial Gauger and Laboratory (N) [Marion, AR]</a>
	<a href="#">Accreditation and Approval of NMC Global Corporation, as a Commercial Gauger and Laboratory(N) [Pasadena, TX]</a>
	<a href="#">Accreditation and Approval of NMC Global Corporation, as a Commercial Gauger and Laboratory (N) [Kenner, LA]</a>
03-20-15	<a href="#">Agency Information Collection Activities: Small Vessel Reporting System (N)</a>
	<a href="#">Accreditation and Approval of AmSpec Services, LLC, as a Commercial Gauger and Laboratory (N) [Ferndale, WA]</a>
	<a href="#">Accreditation and Approval of Amspec Services, LLC, as a Commercial Gauger</a>

F.R. Date	Subject
	<a href="#">and Laboratory (N) [Concord, CA]</a>
	<a href="#">Accreditation and Approval of Intertek USA, Inc., as a Commercial Gauger and Laboratory (N) [Jacksonville, FL]</a>
	<a href="#">Approval of Saybolt, LP, as a Commercial Gauger (N) [Sulphur, LA]</a>
03-27-15	<a href="#">Agency Information Collection Activities: Customs Declaration (N)</a>
	<a href="#">Agency Information Collection Activities: Application for Foreign- Trade Zone Admission and/or Status Designation, and Application for Foreign-Trade Zone Activity Permit (N)</a>
03-30-15	<a href="#">Agency Information Collection Activities: Entry/Immediate Delivery Application and ACE Cargo Release (N)</a>
03-31-15	<a href="#">Agency Information Collection Activities: Cargo Manifest/Declaration, Stow Plan, Container Status Messages and Importer Security Filing (N)</a>

### CBP expands 3 CEEs authority over post-release activities

[CSMS# 15-000195 dated March 31, 2015](#) announced that on April 6, 2015, the Center Directors for the Electronics; Petroleum, Natural Gas & Minerals (PNGM); and Pharmaceuticals, Health & Chemicals (PHC) Centers of Excellence and Expertise (Centers) will assume trade authority for post-release trade processes of entry summaries for the respective industry tariff lines filed in certain Ports of Entry. Details on locations and additional guidance are indicated below and in documents attached to the CSMS.

<b>Electronics</b>	New Orleans	New Orleans
Atlanta	New York	Seattle
Baltimore	San Diego	Laredo* (*Will transition to the PHC Center on May 4, 2015)
Boston	San Juan	
Buffalo	Tampa	<b>PNGM</b>
Detroit	Tucson	Chicago
El Paso	<b>PHC</b>	Detroit
Laredo	Buffalo	Houston
Miami	Los Angeles	Laredo

[Delegation Order, Number 14-004](#), effective on September 11, 2014, delegates all authorities provided for in 19 C.F.R. that are vested in Port Directors, to the Center Directors. The Delegation Order does not remove any authority from the Port Directors but serves to share trade authority until full regulatory changes are completed.

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

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

### CBP posts ACE instructions for other government agencies

CBP has posted ACE message sets and filing instructions for the following:

- [APHIS \(Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service\) PGA Message Set Adapted Data Element Record Layout Master Document](#)
- [ACE Filing Instructions for TTB- \(Tobacco, Tax and Trade Bureau\) Related Commodities](#)
- [NMFS \(National Marine Fisheries Service\) 370 Program ITDS Requirements](#)
- [NMFS \(National Marine Fisheries Service\) AMR \(Antarctic Marine Living Resources\) Program Business Rules](#)
- [NMFS \(National Marine Fisheries Service\) HMS \(High Migratory Species\) Program Business Rules](#)

## CBP issues final determinations in procurement cases

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

F.R. Date	Ruling Reference (Date Issued) and Product	Country of Origin
03-16-15	<a href="#">HQ H240199 (March 10, 2015) HP Elite Notebook Computers [4 scenarios]</a>	Country A (non-TAA)
03-20-15	<a href="#">HQ H253443 (March 13, 2015) PREPOPIK® Oral Solution for Colon Cleansing</a>	China

## Directed Audits for ISA Members?

[Ted Murphy](#) of our Washington D.C. office posted the following article on [his Customs Compliance blog](#) on March 11, 2015. Because it may be of interest to all importers, we are reproducing the entire article below:

Dear Friends,

I thought you might be interested in a recent development involving the U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) Importer Self-Assessment (ISA) Program.

As you know, ISA is a voluntary program that provides U.S. importers willing to invest significant resources in their internal controls with the opportunity to assume responsibility for monitoring their own compliance. Importers that implement robust internal controls over customs matters, test those controls periodically to ensure that they are working effectively, and make any necessary changes to those controls (as well as file appropriate disclosures with CBP) are subject to less scrutiny. More specifically, importers that participate in the ISA program are removed from CBP's regulatory audit pool for Focused Assessments (i.e., customs compliance audits). Such importers are, however, still subject to periodic review and re-certification by CBP.

The development of interest involves a letter CBP HQ recently sent to at least certain ISA members about the antidumping duty order on wooden bedroom furniture from China. CBP's letter advises ISA members that the U.S. Department of Commerce determined in May 2014 that 4 different styles of wooden chests imported by a prominent furniture company are within the scope of the order. Given that this was a fairly surprising result (the petitioners had agreed with the furniture co. that these chests were outside the scope of the order), CBP believes that a fair number of importers may not have tendered antidumping duties when importing similar chests. CBP's letter requires the ISA members to conduct a self-assessment "to determine if you imported wooden chests from China under HTSUS subheadings 9403.50 and 9403.60, to determine whether the chests fall under the scope of the order." If the self-assessment reveals that within-scope-merchandise was imported, but ADD were not tendered upon importation, then CBP asks that the ISA member file a prior disclosure or post-entry amendment. The letter provides the ISA members who received it five weeks to re-

spond with the results of their self-assessment and proposed corrective action. [It is also worth noting that CBP's letter fails to mention that the scope ruling at issue has been challenged at the U.S. Court of International Trade and that action is currently pending.]

The interesting part here is whether CBP has the authority to require ISA members to conduct self-assessments. There is no question that CBP could conduct its own assessment, but it is choosing not to do so. Instead, CBP is asking ISA members to do so, requiring them to share the results with CBP and requiring them to take certain corrective actions (e.g., requiring them to file a prior disclosure). CBP is trying to use the companies participation in a voluntary program (which is not governed by statute or regulation) to do something it could not otherwise do.

This is dangerous precedent that all ISA members (whether they received this letter or not), and all companies considering joining ISA, should be mindful of. There would seem to be nothing stopping CBP from issuing similar generic letters requiring all ISA members to conduct a self-assessment on any number of issues (e.g., assists, transfer price adjustments, royalties, NAFTA claims, etc.) and file a prior disclosure or post-entry amendment if errors are found.

We hope you find this helpful. If you have any questions, please let us know.

Best regards,

Ted

If you have any questions, please [contact Ted](#). Check [Ted's Customs Compliance blog](#) regularly for useful information and his thoughts on trade issues.

## CBP ICPs, FTA summaries and other publications and fact sheets

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

- [NAFTA Summary](#)
- [Jordan FTA Summary](#)
- [Panama TPA Summary](#)
- [Morocco FTA Summary](#)
- [Peru TPA Summary](#)
- [Marking of Country of Origin on U.S. Imports - Acceptable Terminology and Methods for Marking](#)

## 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:

Date	CSMS#	Title
03-02-15	<a href="#">15-000137</a>	ACS Modified to Accept the Transmission of the Mexican Sugar Export License
	<a href="#">15-000138</a>	Ocean and Rail EDI messages Today, March 2, 2015
03-03-15	<a href="#">15-000139</a>	Important Notice: ACE Software Developer Webinar - March 4, 2015 12:00 P.M.
	<a href="#">15-000140</a>	Scheduled Weekly ACE Certification Outage for March 4, 2015
03-03-15	<a href="#">15-000141</a>	Deactivation of Air AMS ACS Certification

Date	CSMS#	Title
03-04-15	<a href="#">15-000142</a>	Reminder: ACE Software Developer Webinar - March 4, 2015 12:00 P.M. ET
	<a href="#">15-000143</a>	Reminder: ACE Software Developer Webinar - March 4, 2015 12:00 P.M. ET
	<a href="#">15-000144</a>	ACE Certification Environment Now Available!
03-05-15	<a href="#">15-000145</a>	Webinar Postponed: ACE Air Import Manifest Webinar Rescheduled for Monday, March 9, 2015
	<a href="#">15-000146</a>	Local Closure - Port Of Baltimore, MD on March 5, 2015
	<a href="#">15-000147</a>	Port of Memphis, TN - Closed on Thursday, March 5, 2015
03-06-15	<a href="#">15-000148</a>	Port of Houston Drawback Seminar Tuesday, May 19, 2015
	<a href="#">15-000149</a>	ACS Outage Saturday, March 7, 2015
	<a href="#">15-000150</a>	ACE Reports will be unavailable starting Friday 3/6/2015
	<a href="#">15-000151</a>	Weekly ACE Production Outage beginning Saturday 3/7/2015
03-09-15	<a href="#">15-000152</a>	Title: Relocation of the Minneapolis Area Service Port Office
	<a href="#">15-000153</a>	Relocation of the Minneapolis Area Service Port Office
	<a href="#">15-000154</a>	Actualización Mensual de enero 2015 Para el Dueño de Cuenta Comercial (TAO)
	<a href="#">15-000155</a>	Actualización Mensual de enero 2015 Para el Dueño de Cuenta Comercial (TAO)
	<a href="#">15-000156</a>	Certification Outage March 10, 2015
03-10-15	<a href="#">15-000157</a>	ACE Certification Environment Now Available!
	<a href="#">15-000158</a>	Registration Information: March 27, 2015 PGA Software Developer Session
	<a href="#">15-000159</a>	Relocation of the Minneapolis Area Service Port Office (Revision)
	<a href="#">15-000160</a>	Reports Data Not Updated
	<a href="#">15-000161</a>	Scheduled Weekly ACE Certification Outage for March 11, 2015
	<a href="#">15-000162</a>	Correction: March 27, 2015 PGA Software Developer Session Registration Information
03-11-15	<a href="#">15-000163</a>	ACE ABI CATAIR Documents Now Posted to CBP.GOV
	<a href="#">15-000164</a>	ACE Certification Environment is now Available
	<a href="#">15-000165</a>	FDA's ITACS Document Repository Maintenance starting at 9 p.m. Eastern Time 03/13/15
03-13-15	<a href="#">15-000166</a>	ACE REPORTS will be unavailable starting Saturday 03/14/2015
	<a href="#">15-000167</a>	Weekly ACE Production Outage beginning Saturday 3/14/2015
	<a href="#">15-000168</a>	FTZ E214 System Errors
03-16-15	<a href="#">15-000169</a>	Update: Changes to Business Objects Preferences Settings in ACE Reports
03-17-15	<a href="#">15-000170</a>	CBP's Port of Del Rio, Texas Trade ACE Outreach Event – March 19, 2015
	<a href="#">15-000171</a>	UPDATED ABI Software Vendor list has been posted to CBP.gov
	<a href="#">15-000172</a>	Evento Comercial de ACE del Puerto de Del Rio, TX - 19 de Marzo del 2015
	<a href="#">15-000173</a>	Updated Supporting Documentation for PGA Message Set
	<a href="#">15-000174</a>	FDA - Resolved: ITACS Document Upload Problems
	<a href="#">15-000175</a>	Scheduled Weekly ACE Certification Outage for March 18, 2015
03-18-15	<a href="#">15-000176</a>	REPORTS outage tonight 8:00PM ET - 9:00PM ET
03-19-15	<a href="#">15-000177</a>	Reminder: Registration Information for the PGA Software Developer Session – March 27, 2015
	<a href="#">15-000178</a>	Reminder: Registration Information for the PGA Software Developer Session – March 27, 2015
03-20-15	<a href="#">15-000179</a>	FDA'S ITACS Downtime Saturday, March 21, 2015
	<a href="#">15-000180</a>	FDA Webinar on Single Window Progress
	<a href="#">15-000181</a>	Scheduled PNSI Downtime on March 21, 2015
	<a href="#">15-000182</a>	Weekly ACE Production Outage beginning Saturday 3/21/2015
03-24-15	<a href="#">15-000183</a>	New FZ11 Record
	<a href="#">15-000184</a>	New FZ11 Record
	<a href="#">15-000185</a>	New FZ11 Record
	<a href="#">15-000186</a>	Scheduled Weekly ACE Certification Outage, March 25, 2015
03-27-15	<a href="#">15-000187</a>	Updated ACE ABI CATAIR Document Posted to CBP.GOV
	<a href="#">15-000188</a>	Corrected FTZ CATAIR Chapter

Date	CSMS#	Title
	<a href="#">15-000189</a>	Corrected FTZ CATAIR Chapter
	<a href="#">15-000190</a>	Resolved: ITACS Submission of Examination Availability Problems
	<a href="#">15-000191</a>	Weekly ACE Production Outage beginning Saturday 3/28/2015
03-30-15	<a href="#">15-000192</a>	Request for Participants: Directorate of Defense Trade Controls Trade/PGA Working Group
	<a href="#">15-000193</a>	Correction: Request for Participants - DDTC Trade/PGA Working Group
03-31-15	<a href="#">15-000194</a>	Centers of Excellence and Expertise Phase II Expansion
	<a href="#">15-000195</a>	Centers of Excellence and Expertise Phase II Expansion
	<a href="#">15-000196</a>	Scheduled Weekly ACE Certification Outage, April 1, 2015
	<a href="#">15-000197</a>	FDA ITACS System Document Uploads Failing Since March 29, 2015
	<a href="#">15-000198</a>	ACE Cargo Release Status Update

### FinCEN finds Banca Privada d'Andorra is a financial institution of primary money laundering concern and proposes special measure

On March 13, 2015, the Financial Crimes Enforcement Network (FinCEN), Treasury, published in the *Federal Register* a [notice of finding](#) that, pursuant to the authority contained in the *USA PATRIOT Act*, the Director of FinCEN found on March 6, 2015 that reasonable grounds exist for concluding that Banca Privada d'Andorra (BPA) is a financial institution operating outside of the United States of primary money laundering concern. The finding referred to in this notice was effective as March 6, 2015.

In a separate [notice of proposed rulemaking](#) also published on March 13, 2015, FinCEN proposed imposing a special measure authorized by 31 U.S.C. § 5318A(b)(5) against BPA. Written comments are due on or before May 12, 2015.

### DOE regulations on nuclear assistance to go into effect

On March 25, 2015, a reissued version of the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) regulations on "Assistance to Foreign Atomic Energy Activities," 10 C.F.R. Part 810 (Part 810 or the DOE Regulations), went into effect. The DOE Regulations control the provision outside the United States of technology and other assistance related to nuclear projects, including civil nuclear power projects. The [rule](#) issued on February 23, 2015 (Final Rule) finalizes amendments that have been under consideration since 2011. The changes to the DOE Regulations affect, in particular, the authorization and reporting requirements that apply to parties engaging in activities within the scope of Part 810. Most importantly, certain activities previously eligible for a general authorization now require specific approval from DOE. Parties engaging in activities affected by this change are required to request specific authorization by August 24, 2015.

#### Background

Several different sets of U.S. regulations control the exportation of nuclear-related items or activities, as follows:

- The *International Traffic in Arms Regulations*, 22 C.F.R. Part 120 *et seq.*, enforced by the U.S. Department of State, which control the export/reexport of nuclear weapons and related technical data;
- The regulations at 10 C.F.R. Part 110 (Part 110 or the NRC Regulations), enforced by the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, which control the export/retransfer of nuclear material and equipment;

- Part 810, enforced by DOE, which controls the provision abroad of nuclear-related technology or assistance; and
- The *Export Administration Regulations*, 15 C.F.R. Part 730 *et seq.* (EAR), enforced by the U.S. Department of Commerce, which control the export/reexport of “dual use” goods, software, and technology.

Part 810 applies to “persons subject to U.S. jurisdiction,” which includes not only U.S. citizens/permanent residents and U.S. companies but also licensees, contractors, or subsidiaries under their direction, supervision, responsibility, or control. Activities within the scope of the DOE Regulations may only proceed pursuant to general or specific authorizations. Activities that are eligible for general authorizations are subject to post-transaction reporting obligations requiring that a report be submitted to DOE within 30 calendar days of beginning the activity. Generally authorized activities do not, however, require pre-transaction approval from DOE. Activities not eligible for a general authorization require specific authorization from DOE before the activities may permissibly proceed.

Prior to the publication of the Final Rule, the DOE Regulations had not been comprehensively updated since 1986. DOE first published a [proposed rule](#) to update Part 810 in September 2011. Based on the numerous comments that DOE received from the public in response to that proposed rule, DOE published a [supplemental proposed rule](#) in August 2013. The Final Rule, published on February 23, 2015, notes that the extensive revisions to Part 810 are designed to ensure that the regulations remain “effective and efficient” in light of increasing commercial nuclear activities.

### Key Changes

The Final Rule includes changes to virtually every section of the DOE Regulations. Some of these changes merely update the DOE Regulations to reflect longstanding interpretations applied by DOE but not explicitly reflected in the regulations. Others have a more substantive effect on the regulatory requirements that apply to parties engaging in Part 810-regulated activities. In some cases, these changes create new specific authorization requirements for activities that were previously generally authorized. Parties engaging in activities that were previously eligible for a general authorization but are now subject to a specific authorization requirement submit a specific authorization request to DOE by August 24, 2015. Provided such an authorization request is submitted by that date, parties may continue to engage in these activities until DOE acts on the specific authorization request.

Below we list some of the key changes to the DOE Regulations presented in the Final Rule.

#### 1. *Clarifying the Scope of the DOE Regulations*

Historically, parties have often struggled with the threshold question of whether their activities are subject to the DOE Regulations. The provision describing the scope of the prior DOE Regulations stated only that general or specific authorization was required to engage in the production outside the United States of Special Nuclear Material (i.e., plutonium, uranium-233, or uranium enriched above 0.711 percent by weight in the isotope uranium-235). While Part 810 previously listed certain activities deemed to be within their scope, the list was high-level and did not indicate which aspects of a particular activity would be controlled.

The revised DOE Regulations provide further clarity on this issue. For example, DOE has historically interpreted certain activities involving civilian nuclear reactors to be within the scope of Part 810 because Special Nuclear Material is a by-product of the nuclear reaction used to generate power. This was not expressly stated anywhere in the prior version of the DOE Regulations. The revisions to these regulations, however, clarify where DOE draws the line today and formalizes what had already become a *de facto* basis for analysis for many companies. The new language is similar to language that the NRC uses to describe which nuclear equipment is subject to Part 110. Specifically with regard to civil nuclear reactors, the revisions add language to Part 810 stating that activities for the development, production, or use of the following are within the scope of Part 810:

- components within or attached directly to the reactor vessel,
- the equipment that controls the level of power in the core, and
- the equipment or components that normally contain or come in direct contact with or control the primary coolant of the reactor core.

Furthermore, although it is not included in the text of Part 810, DOE clarified in its commentary in the Final Rule that activities related to the steam turbine generator portion of a boiling water reactor are not subject to Part 810 and are controlled under the EAR.

## 2. *Revising the Countries Eligible for Country-Based General Authorization*

Arguably the most significant changes to the DOE Regulations are the revisions to the scope of a general authorization for assistance to certain countries. Previously, Part 810 included a list of countries that were not eligible for the country-based general authorization provided at § 810.7(h) (Excluded Country List). So long as a nuclear-related activity did not involve one of those excluded countries (or certain highly-restricted technologies or activities), the activity was eligible for a general authorization and did not require specific authorization from DOE.

Under the revised DOE Regulations, this approach is reversed. Now, the country-based general authorization found in § 810.6(a) is available only for countries that appear on a list provided in an Appendix to the Regulations (Eligible Country List). In other words, the reissued DOE Regulations contain a positive list of countries eligible for the general license, rather than a negative list of countries not eligible.

In some cases (e.g., Croatia (as part of the former Yugoslavia), Kazakhstan, the United Arab Emirates, Vietnam), countries previously on the Excluded Country List and subject to a specific authorization requirement for Part 810-controlled activities are now eligible for the country-based general authorization under the revised DOE Regulations. On the other hand, numerous countries (e.g., Jordan, Malaysia, New Zealand, Singapore) that were previously eligible for the country-based general authorization are now subject to a specific authorization requirement. In its commentary in the Final Rule, DOE advised that these changes reflect an updated assessment of the nuclear proliferation risks that exist around the world. Finally, although Mexico and Chile were not previously identified on the Excluded Country List, under the new DOE Regulations the eligibility of these countries for the country-based general authorization is limited to activities related to specific International Atomic Energy Agency agreements.

## 3. *Creating Ukraine Reporting Requirements*

In the previous version of the DOE Regulations, Ukraine was identified on the Excluded Country List and was not eligible for the country-based general authorization. In light of actions taken by Ukraine to prevent nuclear proliferation (as well as the U.S. Government's concern about Ukraine's ability to sustain its nuclear program without support from the Russian Federation during the ongoing dispute between those two countries), DOE included Ukraine in the new Eligible Country List. Thus, many nuclear-related activities involving Ukraine no longer require specific authorization from DOE.

Nevertheless, DOE expressed concerns in its commentary in the Final Rule about tensions between Russia and Ukraine and, particularly, the Government of Ukraine's lack of control over certain territories. To address these risks, the revised DOE Regulations include new requirements for (i) pre-activity notifications to be submitted to DOE 10 days before engaging in a generally authorized activity involving Ukraine, and (ii) post-activity reports to be submitted to DOE within 10 days of transferring any nuclear technology to Ukraine. DOE made clear in the Final Rule that the pre-activity notification requirement is designed to provide DOE with information necessary to assess whether the activity raises proliferation concerns. If DOE has concerns, it can bar the activity from occurring under the general authorization and impose a specific authorization requirement. The requirement to submit post-activity reports within 10 days is shorter than the 30 day requirement that applies to generally authorized activities involving other countries.

#### 4. *Formalizing the Deemed Export Rule*

The previous version of the DOE Regulations did not explicitly address the release of technology to non-U.S. nationals (so-called "deemed exports"). Nevertheless, DOE has long maintained that such releases (whether within or outside of the United States) were subject to the DOE Regulations. Pursuant to DOE practice, if the recipient of Part 810-controlled technology or assistance was a national of a country not eligible for the general authorization, then the release of technology or assistance to that recipient would require specific authorization from DOE. For dual-nationals, DOE traditionally considered whether *either* nationality would trigger a specific authorization requirement.

DOE's revisions to Part 810 explicitly confirm DOE's pre-existing position on deemed exports. For non-U.S. nationals who are nationals of a country not listed on the Eligible Country List, a specific authorization request before the transfer may proceed. In its commentary in the Final Rule, DOE explicitly affirmed its approach of considering "all countries of an individual's allegiance" (e.g., both nationalities of dual-nationals) when making determinations of whether specific authorizations are required. Thus, if an individual is a national of two countries, one of which is not on the Eligible Country List, then specific authorization from DOE is required before Part 810-controlled technology is released to that individual.

The revised DOE Regulations also provide instructions for requesting specific authorization for deemed exports. Under the new regulations, an application for specific authorization to transfer Part 810-controlled technology to a non-U.S. national must include a description of the technology to be transferred, the purpose of the transfer, background information about the foreign national, a copy of any confidentiality agreement safeguarding nuclear technology, and a signed statement from the non-U.S. national certifying that he or she will comply with Part 810's requirements.

### 5. *Creating a General Authorization for Deemed Exports to Certain Employees of NRC Facilities*

The revised DOE Regulations include a new general authorization authorizing the transfer of nuclear technology to non-U.S. nationals of countries not on the Eligible Country List who work at an NRC-licensed facility. To qualify for this general authorization, the non-U.S. national must have been granted unescorted access at an NRC-licensed facility in accordance with NRC regulations.

#### Recommended Actions

Parties that engage in any activities subject to Part 810 (including activities that occur within the United States but involve non-U.S. national employees or contractors) should carefully review the revised DOE Regulations to determine whether their activities are subject to new specific authorization requirements or are eligible for new general authorizations. If any ongoing activities are now subject to a specific authorization requirement because of the changes to Part 810, a request for specific authorization must be submitted to DOE by August 24, 2015.

For additional information, please contact [Joseph A. School](#), [Kerry Contini](#), [Nicholas Coward](#), [Edward Dyson](#), or any member of our Outbound practice with whom you normally work.

Please check our sister blog [www.bakermckenzie.com/sanctionsnews](http://www.bakermckenzie.com/sanctionsnews) for updates.

#### State releases Fact Sheet on U.S. export policy for military unmanned aerial systems

On February 17, 2015, the State Department released a [Fact Sheet, U.S. Export Policy for Military Unmanned Aerial Systems](#) which is reproduced below:

The United States is the world's technological leader in the development and deployment of military Unmanned Aerial Systems (UAS). As other nations begin to employ military UAS more regularly and as the nascent commercial UAS market emerges, the United States has a responsibility to ensure that sales, transfers, and subsequent use of all U.S.-origin UAS are responsible and consistent with U.S. national security and foreign policy interests, including economic security, as well as with U.S. values and international standards.

As a result, the United States has established a new policy designed specifically for U.S.-origin military and commercial UAS. This new policy, governing the international sale, transfer and subsequent use of U.S.-origin military UAS, supplements and builds upon the U.S. Conventional Arms Transfer Policy and is consistent with the requirements of the Arms Export Control Act and the Foreign Assistance Act which govern all U.S. military transfers. The new policy also governs the international sale, transfer and subsequent use of U.S.-origin commercial UAS, supplementing and building upon the Export Administration Regulations which govern all U.S. commercial transfers.

The new export policy is part of a broader United States UAS policy review which includes plans to work with other countries to shape international standards for the sale, transfer, and subsequent use of military UAS.

#### Enhanced Controls on the Export of U.S.-Origin Military UASs

The United States is committed to stringent standards for the sale, transfer, and subsequent use of U.S.-origin military UAS. The United States' new UAS export policy establishes the standards by which the United States will assess, on a case-by-case basis under the U.S. Conventional Arms Transfer Policy, potential exports of military UASs, including armed systems. The new export policy puts in place stringent conditions on the sale or transfer of military UAS, including potential requirements for:

- Sales and transfers of sensitive systems to be made through the government-to-government Foreign Military Sales program;
- Review of potential transfers to be made through the Department of Defense Technology Security and Foreign Disclosure processes;
- Each recipient nation to be required to agree to end-use assurances as a condition of sale or transfer;
- End-use monitoring and potential additional security conditions to be required; and
- All sales and transfers to include agreement to principles for proper use.

The new policy also maintains the United States' long-standing commitments under the Missile Technology Control Regime (MTCR), which subjects transfers of military and commercial systems that cross the threshold of MTCR Category I (i.e., UAS that are capable of a range of at least 300 kilometers and are capable of carrying a payload of at least 500 kilograms) to a "strong presumption of denial" for export but also permits such exports on "rare occasions" that are well justified in terms of the nonproliferation and export control factors specified in the MTCR Guidelines.

#### Principles for Proper Use of U.S.-Origin Military UAS

As the most active user of military UAS, and as an increasing number of nations are acquiring and employing UASs to support a range of missions, the United States has an interest in ensuring that these systems are used lawfully and responsibly. Accordingly, under the new UAS export policy, the United States will require recipients of U.S.-origin military UAS to agree to the following principles guiding proper use before the United States will authorize any sales or transfers of military UASs:

- Recipients are to use these systems in accordance with international law, including international humanitarian law and international human rights law, as applicable;
- Armed and other advanced UAS are to be used in operations involving the use of force only when there is a lawful basis for use of force under international law, such as national self-defense;
- Recipients are not to use military UAS to conduct unlawful surveillance or use unlawful force against their domestic populations; and
- As appropriate, recipients shall provide UAS operators technical and doctrinal training on the use of these systems to reduce the risk of unintended injury or damage.

#### Enhanced Controls on the Export of U.S.-Origin Commercial UAS

The United States is equally committed to stringent standards for the sale, transfer, and subsequent use of U.S.-origin commercial UAS, to include future commercial MTCR Category I systems. All commercial UAS will be reviewed under the requirements and licensing policies described in the Export Administration Regulations.

#### Implications of the New Policy

The new U.S. UAS export policy provides a disciplined and rigorous framework within which the United States will exercise restraint in sales and transfers and advance its national security and foreign policy interests, which includes enhancing the operational capabilities and capacity of trusted partner nations, increasing U.S. interoperability with these partners for coalition operations, ensuring responsible use of these systems, and easing the stress on U.S. force structure for these capabilities. It also ensures appropriate participation for U.S. industry in the emerging commercial UAS market, which will contribute to the health of the U.S. industrial base, and thus to U.S. national security which includes economic security.

The United States is committed to working with other countries to adopt similar standards for the sale, transfer, and subsequent use for military UAS.

## BIS revises support documentation requirements for EAR license applications

On March 13, 2015, the Bureau of Industry and Security (BIS) published in the *Federal Register* a [final rule](#) [Docket No. 131018874-5199-02] that revises the support document requirements for license applications submitted to the BIS and is part of BIS's retrospective regulatory review under Executive Order 13563. In addition to clarifying and streamlining the support document requirements for license applications in part 748 of the *Export Administration Regulations* (EAR), the final rule removes the requirement to obtain an International Import Certificate or Delivery Verification in connection with a license application and limits the requirement to obtain a Statement by Ultimate Consignee and Purchaser to exports, reexports, and transfers (in-country) of 600 Series Major Defense Equipment. Revisions to the EAR affecting BIS's participation in issuing documents for the Import Certificate and Delivery Verification system for imports into the United States will be addressed in a future final rule, as will potential substantive changes to information collections under the *Paperwork Reduction Act*.

## BIS amends VEU authorization in China

On March 5, 2015, the Bureau of Industry and Security (BIS) published in the *Federal Register* a [final rule](#) [Docket No. 150206120-5120-01] amending the *Export Administration Regulations* (EAR) to revise the existing authorization for Validated End User Samsung China Semiconductor Co. Ltd. (Samsung China) in the People's Republic of China (PRC). Specifically, BIS amends Supplement No. 7 to Part 748 of the EAR to add two items to Samsung China's eligible items that may be exported, reexported or transferred (in country) to the company's eligible facilities (also known as "eligible destinations") in the PRC.

## BIS and State seek comments on controls for military aircraft and military gas turbine engines on the CCL

On March 2, 2015, the Bureau of Industry and Security (BIS) published in the *Federal Register* a [notice of inquiry](#) [Docket No. 150210135-5182-01] regarding certain military aircraft, military gas turbine engines, and related items.

The BIS maintains the *Export Administration Regulations* (EAR), including the Commerce Control List (CCL). The Export Control Reform Initiative, a fundamental reform of the U.S. export control system, has resulted in transfer to the CCL of items that the President has determined do not warrant control on the United States Munitions List (USML), including certain military aircraft, military gas turbine engines, and related items. The USML is part of the *International Traffic in Arms Regulations* maintained by the Department of State. BIS is seeking public comments to perform a complementary review of military aircraft, military gas turbine engines, and related items on the CCL concurrent with the Department of State's review of the controls implemented in its recent revisions to Categories VIII and XIX of the USML, which control military aircraft and military gas turbine engines, to ensure that they are clear, do not inadvertently control items in normal commercial use, account for technological developments, and properly implement the national security and foreign policy objectives of the reform effort. The notice also furthers the retrospective regulatory review directed by the President in Executive Order 13563. Comments must be received by BIS no later than May 1, 2015.

On March 2, 2015, the Department of State (State) also published in the *Federal Register* a [notice of inquiry](#) [Public Notice 9050] requesting comments from the

public to inform its review of the controls implemented in recent revisions to Categories VIII and XIX of the United States Munitions List (USML). In light of the ongoing transition of the USML to a more “positive list” pursuant to the President’s Export Control Reform (ECR) initiative, State intends to periodically review the revised USML categories to ensure that they are clear, do not inadvertently control items in normal commercial use, account for technological developments, and properly implement the national security and foreign policy objectives of the reform effort. This review will also consider any technical issues related to the USML categories under review. State will accept comments from the public until May 1, 2015.

### Restrictive measures and additions to OFAC, State BIS blocking orders, designations, sanctions and entity lists

During the past month, the following notices adding, removing or continuing persons (including entities) to/from restrictive measures lists were published in the *Federal Register* by the Office of Foreign Assets Control (OFAC) or by the State Department (State) or the Bureau of Industry and Security (BIS):

F.R. Date	Applicable orders
03-03-15	OFAC: <a href="#">Additional Designations, Foreign Narcotics Kingpin Designation Act</a> (N) [Five individuals, 14 entities]
	OFAC: <a href="#">Additional Designations, Foreign Narcotics Kingpin Designation Act</a> (N) [One individual and one entity]
03-04-15	OFAC: <a href="#">Unblocking of Specially Designated Nationals and Blocked Persons Pursuant to the Foreign Narcotics Kingpin Designation Act</a> (N)
03-09-15	OFAC: <a href="#">Sanctions Actions pursuant to Executive Orders 13382, 13572, 13573, 13582, and 13608</a> (N) [37 persons pursuant to E.O. 13382, E.O. 13572, E.O. 13573, and E.O. 13582, plus 6 persons under EO 13608]
	State: <a href="#">Removal of Sanctions on Person on Whom Sanctions Have Been Imposed under the Iran Sanctions Act of 1996, as amended</a> [Public Notice 9061] (N)
03-13-15	OFAC: <a href="#">Sanctions Actions Pursuant to Executive Order 13224</a> (N) [removal of 1 individual and 8 entities]
	OFAC: <a href="#">Sanctions Actions Pursuant to Executive Order 13224</a> (N) [individuals and 3 entities]
03-16-15	OFAC: <a href="#">Imposition of sanctions pursuant to Executive Order 13687 [North Korea] on January 2, 2015</a> (N) [10 individuals and 3 entities]
	OFAC: <a href="#">Additional Identifying Information Associated With Persons Whose Property and Interests in Property Are Blocked Pursuant to the Executive Order of March 9, 2015, “Blocking Property and Suspending Entry of Certain Persons Contributing to the Situation in Venezuela”</a> (N) [7 individuals]
03-17-15	OFAC: <a href="#">Sanctions Actions Pursuant to Executive Orders 13660 and 13685 [Ukraine]</a> (N) [14 individuals, 1 entity]
03-24-15	OFAC: <a href="#">Additional Designations, Foreign Narcotics Kingpin Designation Act</a> (N) [3 individuals]
03-27-15	State: <a href="#">In the Matter of the Designation of Aliaskhab Kebekov, Also Known as (aka) Aliaskhab Alibulatovich Kebekov, aka Sheikh Ali Abu Muhammad ad-Dagestani, aka Sheikh Abu Muhammad, aka Abu Muhammad Ali ad-Dagestani, aka Abu Mukhammad Aliaskhab, aka Magomed Kebekov, aka Ali Abu Muhammad al Dagestani, aka Ali Abu Muhammed al-Dagestani, aka Ali Abu-Mukhammad, aka Ali Abu Mukhammad, aka Ali Abu Muhammad, aka Abu-Muhammad al-Qawqazi, aka Abu Mukhammad Kebekov; as a Specially Designated Global Terrorist Pursuant to Section 1(b) of Executive Order 13224, as Amended</a> [Public Notice 9072] (N)
03-31-15	OFAC: <a href="#">Unblocking of Specially Designated Nationals and Blocked Persons Pursuant to the Cuban Assets Control Regulations</a> (N) [six individuals, 28 entities, and 11 vessels]

## FTC and CPSC Federal Register documents

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

F.R. Date	Subject
03-02-15	CPSC: <a href="#">Safety Standard for Frame Child Carriers</a> [Docket No. CPSC-2014-0011] (FR)
03-20-15	CPSC: <a href="#">Prohibition of Children's Toys and Child Care Articles Containing Specified Phthalates: Notice of Extension of Comment Period</a> [Docket No. CPSC-2014-0033] (N/E)
03-23-15	CPSC: <a href="#">Corded Window Coverings: Notice of Extension of Comment Period</a> [CPSC Docket No. CPSC-2013-0028] (ANPR/E)
03-27-15	FTC: <a href="#">EnergyGuide Labels on Televisions</a> (FR)
03-31-15	CPSC: <a href="#">Children's Gasoline Burn Prevention Act Regulation</a> [Docket No. CPSC-2015-0006] (FR)

## FDA Federal Register documents

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

F.R. Date	Subject
03-05-15	<a href="#">Demonstrating the Substantial Equivalence of a New Tobacco Product -- Responses to Frequently Asked Questions</a> [Docket No. FDA-2011-D-0147] (N)
03-20-15	<a href="#">Listing of Color Additives Exempt from Certification; Synthetic Iron Oxide</a> [Docket No. FDA-2013-C-1008] (FR)

## Agriculture issues rules for Pima cotton and wool apparel manufacturers trust funds including TRQ monetary equivalent

On March 9, 2015, the Foreign Agricultural Service (FAS) and the Commodity Credit Corporation (CCC), both of the Department of Agriculture, published in the *Federal Register* a [final rule](#) (with a request for comments) that implements the Pima Agriculture Cotton Trust Fund (Agriculture Pima Trust) and the Agriculture Wool Apparel Manufacturers Trust Fund (Agriculture Wool Trust) Fund established in the *Agricultural Act of 2014* (Farm Bill).

The Agriculture Pima Trust provides annually for one payment, called the Pima Cotton Payments. The Agriculture Wool Trust provides annually for four payments. The first payment under the Agriculture Wool Trust is currently administered by the Department of Commerce's Office of Textiles and Apparel (OTEXA), and is called the Grants to Manufacturers of Certain Worsted Wool Fabrics. This program is being transferred from OTEXA to the Secretary of Agriculture, who will administer the payment for the 2015–2019 calendar years, and will be called Payments to Manufacturers of Certain Worsted Wool Fabrics. The second payment is called Monetization of the Wool TRQ. The Farm Bill requires the Secretary of Agriculture to determine a monetary amount equivalent to what a person would have saved if OTEXA's Wool Tariff Rate Quota program (Wool TRQ) were still in effect. This payment will be based on OTEXA's Wool Tariff Rate Quota program, which terminated at the end of calendar year 2014. The Monetization of the Wool TRQ will be administered by the Secretary for the 2015–2019 calendar years.

The third payment is called the Wool Yarn, Wool Fiber, and Wool Top Duty Compensation Payment. Payments are made to processors of wool yarn, wool fiber, and wool top to compensate them for termination of the suspension of import duties on such wool. This payment will be administered by the Secretary for the 2015–2019 calendar years. The fourth payment is called the Refund of Duties Paid on Imports of Certain Wool Products. This program is currently administered by the Department of Homeland Security’s Customs and Border Protection (CBP) through calendar year 2015. The program will be transferred in calendar year 2016 to the Secretary of Agriculture, who will administer the program for the 2016– 2019 calendar years. Regulations for the fourth payment will be published at a later date.

The final rule is effective March 9, 2015. Comments concerning this final rule must be received by April 8, 2015, to be assured consideration. We are issuing this final rule without prior notice and opportunity for comment.

### APHIS and other USDA notices issued

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

F.R. Date	Subject
03-03-15	AMS: <a href="#">Grapes Grown in a Designated Area of Southeastern California and Imported Table Grapes: Relaxation of Handling Requirements</a> [Doc. No. AMS–FV–14–0031; FV14–925–2 PR] (PR/RFC)
03-04-15	APHIS: <a href="#">Importation, Interstate Movement, and Release Into the Environment of Certain Genetically Engineered Organisms</a> [Docket No. APHIS–2008–0023] (PR/W)
03-05-15	APHIS: <a href="#">Importation of Tomato Plantlets in Approved Growing Media from Mexico</a> [Docket No. APHIS-2014-0099] (PR)
03-09-15	FAS/CCC: <a href="#">Pima Agriculture Cotton Trust Fund and Agriculture Wool Apparel Manufacturers Trust Fund</a> (FR/RFC)
03-12-15	APHIS: <a href="#">Importation of Orchids in Growing Media From Taiwan</a> [Docket No. APHIS–2014–0041] (PR/RO)
	APHIS: <a href="#">Notice of Availability of a Pest Risk Analysis for the Importation of Fresh Cranberries From Chile Into the Continental United States</a> [Docket No. APHIS–2015–0001] (N)
	FSIS: <a href="#">Effective Date for Foreign Inspection Certificate Requirements</a> [Docket Number FSIS–2015–0006] (N)
03-13-15	APHIS: <a href="#">Notice of Availability of a Treatment Evaluation Document: Methyl Bromide Fumigation of Figs</a> [Docket No. APHIS–2015–0007] (C)
03-25-15	AMS: <a href="#">Fruit, Vegetable, and Specialty Crops – Import Regulations: Changes to Reporting Requirements to Add Electronic Form Filing Option</a> [Doc. No. AMS-FV-14-0093; FV15-944/980/999-1 IR] (IR/RFC)
03-30-15	APHIS: <a href="#">Notice of Determination of the African Horse Sickness Status of Saudi Arabia</a> [Docket No. APHIS-2014-0013] (N)
	APHIS: <a href="#">Notice of Decision to Authorize the Importation of Fresh Figs From Mexico Into the Continental United States</a> [Docket No. APHIS-2014-0008] (N)
	APHIS: <a href="#">Notice of Decision to Authorize the Importation of Fresh Tejocote Fruit From Mexico Into the Continental United States</a> [Docket No. APHIS-2011-0077] (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](#).

- [Ecuador Announces Unilateral Safeguards on Food and Agricultural Pro](#)
- [India - Deadline for Comment - Draft Certificate for Pork and Pork Products](#)
- [India - Draft Amendment on Gluten and Gluten Free Foods](#)
- [India - Draft Amendments on Standards and Labeling Regulations](#)
- [India - GOI Notifies WTO on Draft Amendments for Gluten and Non-Gluten Foods](#)
- [India - New Deadline for Comment- Draft Order on Meat and Poultry Products](#)
- [India - WTO Notified- Draft Amendments on Standards and Labeling Regulations](#)
- [Indonesia - Quarantine Sets Protocol for Fresh Food of Plant Origin \(Apple\)](#)
- [Jordan - Exporter Guide](#)
- [Livestock and Products Semi-annual](#)
- [Pakistan - Customs Valuations for Condiments](#)
- [Russia Tightens Restrictions on Polish Exports of Food Products](#)
- [Turkey Notifies Draft Regulation on Transshipment of Animal Product](#)
- [Vietnam - Exporter Guide](#)

## Commerce, Interior allocate 2015 duty exemptions for insular watch assembly producers

On March 11, 2015, Enforcement and Compliance, International Trade Administration, Department of Commerce and the Office of Insular Affairs, Department of the Interior published in the *Federal Register* a [notice allocating calendar year 2015 duty exemptions](#) for watch assembly producers (program producers) located in the United States Virgin Islands (USVI) pursuant to Pub. L. 97-446, as amended by Pub. L. 103-465, Pub. L. 106-36 and Pub. L. 108-429. In accordance with Section 303.3(a) of the regulations (15 C.F.R. 303.3(a)), the total quantity of duty-free insular watches and watch movements for calendar year 2013 is 1,866,000 units for the USVI. This amount was established in *Changes in Watch, Watch Movement and Jewelry Program for the U.S. Insular Possessions*, 65 Fed. Reg. 8048 (February 17, 2000). There are currently no watch assembly producers in Guam, American Samoa or the Northern Mariana Islands.

## Government procurement - list of domestically nonavailable articles

On March 24, 2015, the Department of Defense (DoD), the General Services Administration (GSA) and the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) published in the *Federal Register* an [advance notice of proposed rule-making](#) [FAR Case 2015-001; Docket No. 2015-0001; Sequence No. 1] indicating that DoD, GSA, and NASA are considering amending the *Federal Acquisition Regulation* (FAR) to update the list of domestically nonavailable articles under the *Buy American Act*. DoD, GSA, and NASA are seeking information that will assist in identifying domestic capabilities and for evaluating whether some articles on the list of domestically nonavailable articles are now mined, produced, or manufactured in the United States in sufficient and reasonably available commercial quantities and of a satisfactory quality.

Interested parties should submit written comments to the Regulatory Secretariat at one of the addressees shown in the *Federal Register* notice on or before May 26, 2015 to be considered in the formulation of a proposed rule.

## Federal Register documents

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

F.R. Date	Subject
03-02-15	National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA): <a href="#">Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards: Seat Belt Assembly Anchorages</a> [Docket No. NHTSA-2012-0036] (SuppPR)
03-03-15	Environmental Protection Agency (EPA): <a href="#">Proposed Significant New Use Rule on Certain Chemical Substances; Extension of Comment Period</a> [EPA-HQ-OPPT-EPA-HQ-OPPT-2014-0760; FRL-9923-25] (PR/E)
	Bureau of Industry and Security (BIS): <a href="#">U.S. Industrial Base Surveys Pursuant to the Defense Production Act of 1950</a> (PR)
	National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA): <a href="#">Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Proposed Rule To List the Tanzanian DPS of African Coelacanth as Threatened Under the Endangered Species Act</a> [Docket No. 141219999-5133-01] (PR)
03-04-15	NMFS/NOAA: <a href="#">Endangered and Threatened Wildlife; 90-Day Finding on a Petition To List the Common Thresher Shark as Threatened or Endangered Under the Endangered Species Act</a> [Docket No. 141219999-5132-01] (90 day petition/RFI)
	EPA: <a href="#">Metaldehyde; Pesticide Tolerances</a> [EPA-HQ-OPP-2014-0110; FRL-9921-85] (FR)
	EPA: <a href="#">9-Octadecenoic Acid (9Z)-, Sulfonated, Oxidized and its Potassium and Sodium Salts; Exemption From the Requirement of a Tolerance</a> [EPA-HQ-OPP-2013-0601; FRL-9922-29] (FR)
	EPA: <a href="#">Receipt of Several Pesticide Petitions Filed for Residues of Pesticide Chemicals in or on Various Commodities</a> [EPA-HQ-OPP-2015-0032; FRL-9922-68] (N)
	EPA: <a href="#">Notice of Intent To Suspend Certain Pesticide Registrations</a> [EPA-HQ-OPP-2015-0062; FRL-9923-41] (N)
03-05-15	Energy: <a href="#">Certain Industrial Equipment -- Energy Conservation Standards and Test Procedures for Commercial Heating, Air-Conditioning, and Water-Heating Equipment; Correction</a> [Docket No. EERE-2011-BT-STD-0029] (FR/C)
03-06-15	Energy: <a href="#">Energy Conservation Program: Energy Conservation Standards for Walk-in Coolers and Freezers; Correction</a> [Docket Number EERE-2008-BT-STD-0015] (FR/C)
	EPA: <a href="#">Significant New Use Rule for Pentane, 1,1,1,2,3,3-hexafluoro-4-(1,1,2,3,3,3-hexafluoropropoxy)-</a> . [EPA-HQ-OPPT-2011-0941; FRL-9922-30] (FR)
	EPA: <a href="#">Implementation of a New Label for the Design for the Environment (DfE) Safer Product Labeling Program and Supporting Modifications to the DfE Standard for Safer Products; Notice of Availability</a> [EPA-HQ-OPPT-2015-0047; FRL-9922-69] (N)
03-09-15	BIS: <a href="#">U.S. Industrial Base Surveys Pursuant to the Defense Production Act of 1950; Correction</a> (PR/C)
	Labor: <a href="#">Bureau of International Labor Affairs National Advisory Committee for Labor Provisions of U.S. Free Trade Agreements</a> (N of Charter Renewal)
03-10-15	US Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS): <a href="#">Injurious Wildlife Species; Listing Three Anaconda Species and One Python Species as Injurious Reptiles</a> [Docket No. FWS-R9-FHC-2008-0015; FXFR13360900000-145-FF09F14000] (FR)
03-11-15	EPA: <a href="#">Petition To Add n-Propyl Bromide to the List of Hazardous Air Pollutants; Extension of Comment Period</a> [EPA-HQ-OAR-2014-0471; FRL-9924-36-OAR] (E)
	Energy: <a href="#">Energy Conservation Program for Consumer Products: Test Procedures for Residential Furnaces and Boilers</a> [Docket No. EERE-2012-BT-TP-

F.R. Date	Subject
	0024] (PR/H)
03-12-15	Energy: <a href="#">Energy Conservation Program for Consumer Products: Energy Conservation Standards for Residential Furnaces</a> [Docket Number EERE-2014-BT-STD-0031] (PR/H)
	EPA: <a href="#">Notice of Receipt of Requests To Voluntarily Cancel Certain Pesticide Registrations</a> [EPA-HQ-OPP-2009-1017; FRL-9923-27] (N)
03-16-15	EPA: <a href="#">Standards of Performance for New Residential Wood Heaters, New Residential Hydronic Heaters and Forced-Air Furnaces</a> [EPA-HQ-OAR-2009-0734; FRL-9920-50-OAR] (FR)
03-17-15	Energy: <a href="#">Energy Conservation Program: Data Collection and Comparison with Forecasted Unit Sales of Five Lamp Types</a> [Docket No. EERE-2011-BT-NOA-0013] (N)
	EPA: <a href="#">Product Cancellation Order for Certain Pesticide Registrations</a> [EPA-HQ-OPP-2014-0440; FRL-9923-29] (N)
03-18-15	EPA: <a href="#">2-Propenoic acid, polymer with ethenyl acetate, ethenylbenzene, 2-ethylhexyl 2-propenoate and ethyl 2-propenoate; Tolerance Exemption</a> [EPA-HQ-OPP-2014-0847; FRL-9923-63] (FR)
	EPA: <a href="#">Boscalid; Pesticide Tolerances</a> [EPA-HQ-OPP-2013-0797; FRL-9921-01] (FR)
	EPA: <a href="#">Dimethomorph; Pesticide Tolerance</a> [EPA-HQ-OPP-2014-0483; FRL-9923-59] (FR)
03-19-15	EPA: <a href="#">Sodium L-lactate and Sodium DL-lactate; Exemption from the Requirement of a Tolerance</a> [EPA-HQ-OPP-2014-0326; FRL-9924-24] (FR)
	EPA: <a href="#">Certain New Chemicals; Receipt and Status Information</a> [EPA-HQ-OPPT-2015-0176; FRL-9924-61] (N)
03-20-15	Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA): <a href="#">Substances Temporarily Controlled under Schedule I of the Controlled Substances Act</a> [Docket No. DEA-406] (FR)
	DEA: <a href="#">Controlled Substances: 2015 Proposed Aggregate Production Quotas for Three Temporarily Controlled Synthetic Cannabinoids</a> [Docket No. DEA-410] (N)
03-23-15	FWS/NMFS,NOAA: <a href="#">Endangered and Threatened Species: Identification and Proposed Listing of Eleven Distinct Population Segments of Green Sea Turtles (Chelonia mydas) as Endangered or Threatened and Revision of Current Listings</a> [Docket No. 120425024-5022-02]A
03-24-15	EPA: <a href="#">Revocation of Significant New Uses of Metal Salts of Complex Inorganic Oxyacids</a> [EPA-HQ-OPPT-2014-0702; FRL-9924-09] (FR)
03-25-15	U.S. Coast Guard (USCG): <a href="#">Imposition of Conditions of Entry for Certain Vessels Arriving to the United States from Yemen – Additional Ports</a> [Docket No. USCG-2014-1074] (N)
	EPA: <a href="#">2-Propenoic acid, 2-methyl-, 2-methylpropyl ester, homopolymer; Tolerance Exemption</a> [EPA-HQ-OPP-2014-0677; FRL-9924-33] (FR)
	EPA: <a href="#">Receipt of Test Data under the Toxic Substances Control Act</a> [EPA-HQ-OPPT-2013-0677; FRL-9924-68] (N)
	EPA: <a href="#">Registration Review Proposed Interim Decisions; Notice of Availability</a> [EPA-HQ-OPP-2015-0059; FRL-9923-76] (N) [pesticides]
03-26-15	Energy: <a href="#">Energy Conservation Program for Consumer Products: Energy Conservation Standards for Direct Heating Equipment and Pool Heaters</a> [Docket Number EERE-2015-BT-STD-0003]
03-27-15	Energy: <a href="#">Energy Conservation Program: Energy Conservation Standards for Residential Clothes Dryers</a> [Docket Number EERE-2014-BT-STD-0058] (RFI)
	EPA: <a href="#">Registration Review Interim Decisions; Notice of Availability</a> [EPA-HQ-OPP-2015-0060; FRL-9923-74] (N)
	EPA: <a href="#">Deltamethrin; Pesticide Tolerances</a> [EPA-HQ-OPP-2014-0209; FRL-9924-60] (FR)
	EPA: <a href="#">Thiram; Pesticide Tolerance</a> [EPA-HQ-OPP-2014-0632; FRL-9924-86] (FR)
03-30-15	EPA: <a href="#">Pesticide Product Registration; Receipt of Applications for New Uses</a> [EPA-HQ-OPP-2015-0022; FRL-9924-21] (N)
	EPA: <a href="#">Registration Review; Pesticide Dockets Opened for Review and Com-</a>

F.R. Date	Subject
	<a href="#">ment</a> [EPA-HQ-OPP-2015-0057; FRL-9922-79] (N)
	NHTSA: <a href="#">Model Specifications for Breath Alcohol Ignition Interlock Devices (BAIIDs)</a> [Docket No. NHTSA-2013-0058] (Tech. Corr./PR/RFC)
	Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA): <a href="#">Hazardous Materials: Spare Fuel Cell Cartridges Containing Flammable Gas Transported by Aircraft in Passenger and Crew Member Checked Baggage</a> [Docket No. PHMSA-2009-0126, Notice No. 15-3] (N)
03-31-15	Energy: <a href="#">Energy Conservation Program: Energy Conservation Standards for Residential Boilers</a> [Docket Number EERE-2012-BT-STD-0047] (PR/H)

## Antidumping and countervailing duty cases

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

## The Americas - South America

### Argentina

#### Boletin Oficial publications

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

BO Date	Subject
04-03-15	National Administration of Medicine, Food and Medical Technology (ANMATM): <a href="#">Disp. Nº 1859/2015 (2 March 2015) Ban on commercialization of certain chemical products</a>
09-03-15	ANMATM: <a href="#">Disp. Nº 1918/2015 (4 March 2015) Ban on commercialization of certain cosmetic products</a>
16-03-15	Federal Administration of Public revenue (AFIP): <a href="#">Gen. Res. Nº 3750 (13 March 2015) Value criterion of a preventive character. Gen. Res. Nº 2730 and its amendments. Additional standard.</a>
	AFIP: <a href="#">Gen. Res. Nº 3751 (13 March 2015) Value criterion of a preventive character. Gen. Res. Nº 2730 and its amendments. Additional standard.</a> ANMATM: <a href="#">Disp. Nº 2027/2015 (10 March 2015) Ban on commercialization of certain medical products</a>
19-03-15	AFIP: <a href="#">Gen. Res. Nº 3752 (17 Mar. 2015) Value criterion of a preventive character. Gen. Res. Nº 2730 and its amendments. Additional standard</a>
	AFIP: <a href="#">Gen. Res. Nº 3753 (17 Mar. 2015) Value criterion of a preventive character. Gen. Res. Nº 2730 and its amendments. Additional standard</a>
20-03-15	AFIP: <a href="#">Gen. Res. Nº 3754 (19 Mar. 2015) "SITA" Customs Information System</a>
26-03-15	AFIP: <a href="#">Gen. Res. Nº 3755 (20 Mar. 2015) Transit Import under the ATIT. Guarantees Regime. Its implementation.</a>

## Antidumping and countervailing duty cases

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

## Brazil

### Diário Oficial da União publications

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

DOU Date	Subject
06-03-15	<a href="#">CAMEX Res. № 11 of 5 March 2015 Changes to 2% (two percent) the rates of import duty levied on Informatics and Telecommunications Goods, the ex-tariff condition</a>
	<a href="#">CAMEX Res. № 12 of 5 March 2015 Changes to 2% (two percent) the rates of import duty levied on capital goods, the ex-tariff condition</a>
	<a href="#">CAMEX Res. № 13 of 5 March 2015 Changes the Brazilian Exceptions list the Common External Tariff of Mercosur</a>
09-03-15	<a href="#">SECEX Ordinance No. 12, of 06 March 2015</a> -. Changes SECEX Ordinance No. 47 of December 11, 2014, to amend the wording of the transitional provisions, as the standard for concessional acts drawback exemption which the documents have been protocol object in the Bank of Brazil or have been issued by him until the day December 31, 2014.
16-03-15	<a href="#">SECEX Ordinance No. 13 of 13 March 2015</a> -. Establishes criteria for quota allocation for imports, determined by CAMEX Resolution 13, of March 5, 2015 (Methanol).
25-03-15	<a href="#">SECEX Circular No. 20, of 24 March 2015</a> - Announces the update of the Price Commitment in exports to Brazil of semi-rigid cardboard boxes, coated, duplex and triplex types, of equal weight or more than 200 g / m2 (NCM 4810.13.89, 4810.19.89 and 4810.92.90), made by the Chilean company CMPC SA Cartulinas
27-03-15	<a href="#">SECEX Ordinance No. 14, of 26 March 2015</a> - Closed the special procedure of non-preferential origin verification with disqualification Malaysian origin for porcelain objects product to the table, regardless of their level porosity (NCM 6911.10.10, 6911.10.90, 6911.90.00 and 6912.00.00), declared as produced by the company <i>T &amp; T Ceramic Manufacturer</i> .
	<a href="#">SECEX Ordinance No. 15, of 26 March 2015</a> - Closed the special procedure of non-preferential origin verification with the disqualification of Indonesia origin for porcelain objects product to the table, regardless of their level porosity (NCM 6911.10.10, 6911.10.90, 6911.90.00 and 6912.00.00), declared as produced by the company <i>Pt. Eastern Kedaung Porcelain Industry - Kopin</i> .
	<a href="#">SECEX Ordinance No. 16, of 26 March 2015</a> - DOU of 27/03/2015. Closed the special procedure of non-preferential origin verification with the qualification of Indonesia origin for the product porcelain objects to the table, regardless of their level porosity (NCM 6911.10.10, 6911.10.90, 6911.90.00 and 6912.00.00), declared as produced by the company <i>PT Sango Ceramics Indonesia</i> .
	<a href="#">SECEX Ordinance No. 17 of 30 March 2015</a> -. amend Annex III SECEX Ordinance No. 23 of July 14, 2011, to include transition rule regarding the criteria for quota allocation for certain imports by CAMEX Resolution No. 78 of September 4, 2014.

### 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
02-03-15	Foreign Affairs: <a href="#">Decree № 232 Compliance with UN Security Council Resolutions 1425 (2002), 1725 (2006), 1744 (2007), 1772 (2007), 1844 (2008), 1,846 (2008), 1,851 (2008), 1,907 (2009) 1,916 (2010), 1972 (2011), 2,023 (2011), 2060 (2012), 2,093 (2013), 2111 (2013) and 2142 (2014), on the Situation In Somalia And Eritrea</a>
	NCS: <a href="#">Res. № 575 Certified Customs Tariff Variation and Declares the Indicated Tax Rate</a>
05-03-15	Hacienda: <a href="#">Res.№ 962 Leave without effect Res. Nos. 7921/2013, 1378 and 1806 of 1999, 3965/2007 and approve rules on compliance with the obligation of Customs dispatchers</a>
12-03-15	NCS: <a href="#">Res. № 1098 Entry Into Force on April 1, 2015 of Amending Resolution No. 7,263, de 2014</a>
17-03-15	Hacienda: <a href="#">Decree № 34 States International Fair “Expomin 2016”</a>
	Hacienda: <a href="#">Decree № 36 States International Fair “Fullplast Chile 2015”</a>
	Hacienda: <a href="#">Decree № 37 States International Fair “SICUR 2015 Latin America”</a>
	Hacienda: <a href="#">Decree № 38 States International Fair “Expo 2015 Hospital”</a>
23-03-15	NCS: <a href="#">Res № 1235 Amending the Compendium of Customs Regulations</a>
25-03-15	Agriculture: <a href="#">Decree № 79 – fixing animal inspection fees at the Arturo Merino Benitez International Airport</a>
28-03-15	Hacienda: <a href="#">Decree № 80 rebates of duties for the import of raw sugar, refined sugar grades 1 and 2 and refined sugar grades 3 and 4 and substandard</a>
31-03-15	Agriculture: <a href="#">Res. № 617 Amending Res. № 2425, 2007 to make adjustments for imports of reproductive materials for European olives (olea europaea subsp. Europaean) from the EU</a>
	Agriculture: <a href="#">Res. № 611 phytosanitary requirements for the import of plants Quercus Ilex Inoculadas Con Tuber Melanosporum, from the EU</a>

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

The National Customs Service has recently redesigned its website. [Advance Classification Rulings](#) (Resoluciones Anticipadas Clasificación) from 2010 to the present and [Classification Opinions](#) (Dictámenes de Clasificación) from 1993-2009 are available. Post entry [Classification, valuation and origin decisions on claims](#) (fallos de reclamaciones) at the first and second instance levels from 2003 to the present are also available.

## Colombia

### TPTA information

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

### Tariff Classification Resolutions

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

## MinCIT, MinHacienda and DIAN Documents

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

Date	Subject
03-03-15	MinCIT: <a href="#">Res. № 036 (3 Mar. 2015) in which Resolution No. 029 of February 20, 2015 is clarified</a>
	DIAN: <a href="#">Res. № 20 Prescribing the form for travelers to declare money in excess of US\$10,000 in 2015</a>
06-03-15	MinCIT: <a href="#">Res. № 0680 (6 Mar. 2015) By which the Technical Regulations for some domestic gas appliances manufactured domestically or imported for marketing in Colombia is issued.</a>
10-03-15	MinCIT: <a href="#">Res. № 039 (10 Mar. 2015) which the term for the adoption of the preliminary determination in the AD administrative investigation opened by Res. 282 of December 18, 2014 is extended – 6 inch triangular files from India</a>
13-02-15	MinCIT: <a href="#">Decree 250 2015. By which the Government adopts the recommendation issued by the Triple A Committee at its meeting 280 2014, in the sense of amending Article 19 Decree 2148 of 1991, including total physical breakdown of the vehicle as causal Cancellation of admission to franchise granted to diplomatic vehicles imported by the missions accredited in the country.</a>
	DIAN: <a href="#">Cir. 2040-2015 Ad-valorem levies applicable to agricultural products concerned, their substitutes, agro products or byproducts.</a>
16-03-15	DIAN: <a href="#">Cir. 16-2015 - Reference Prices of Agricultural Products.</a>
19-03-15	MinCIT: <a href="#">Res. № 047 (19 Mar. 2015) which the final determination in the AD administrative investigation with Resolution No. 107 of June 3, 2014 is adopted – Citric acid and sodium citrate from China</a>
	MinCIT: <a href="#">Res. № 048 which the final determination of the five-year AD review initiated with Resolution No. 082 of 2014 is adopted - tableware and loose pieces of china and porcelain tableware from China</a>
20-03-15	MinCIT: <a href="#">Res. № 050 (20 Mar. 2015) which the term for the adoption of the preliminary determination in the administrative AD investigation initiated by Resolution 002 of 13 January 2015 is extended. Colored float glass from China</a>
25-03-15	MinCIT: <a href="#">Cir. 008, 2015 Resolution 711 of 2015 - Suspends the importation of horses from the State of Lower Saxony (Germany)</a>

## Ecuador

### Balance of payments safeguard tariffs imposed on many products

USTR [reported](#) that in March 2015, Ecuador implemented a tariff surcharge ranging from 5 percent to 45 percent on 2800 tariff lines, which represents approximately 32 percent of the value of Ecuador's imports. Ecuador claims that the tariff surcharge is a balance of payments safeguard measure, though Ecuador has not notified this measure to the WTO Balance of Payments Committee, as it is required to do. Several countries have complained about the surcharge.

## 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
04-03-15	Foreign Affairs: <a href="#">Ministerial Res. Nº 0151/RE-2015 Disseminate information on the persons and entities subject to the assets freeze, travel ban and arms embargo set out in paragraph 1 of UNSC Res. Nº 2161 (2014)</a>
	SUNAT: <a href="#">Res. Nº 064-2015/SUNAT approval of the modification to the "Texto Único de Procedimientos Administrativos de la SUNAT"</a>
06-03-15	Economy: <a href="#">Vice Min. Res. Nº 005-2015-EF/15.01 CIF reference prices for the application of variable duty or tariff reduction referred to in DS Nº 115-2001-Ef on imports of corn, sugar, rice and whole milk powder</a>
	SUNAT: <a href="#">Res. Nº 068-2015/SUNAT amending Regulation of Payment Vouchers regarding the obligation to provide e-mail and mobile phone numbers</a>
07-03-15	Agriculture: <a href="#">Dir. Res. Nº 0012-2015-MINAGRI-SENASA-DSV mandatory phytosanitary requirements necessary for importations of sweet potato plants in vitro originating in Kenya</a>
	Foreign Affairs: <a href="#">Min. Res. Nº 072-2015-MINCETUR approving procedures processed through the Port Component of the Single Window for Foreign Trade</a>
17-03-15	Foreign Affairs: <a href="#">International Convention – Entry into force of the MOU for the design and implementation of a scheme for port facilities, economic complementary and integration between Peru and Paraguay</a>
	Foreign Affairs: <a href="#">International Convention – Entry into force of the MOU for the design and implementation of a scheme for port facilities, economic complementary and integration between Peru and Paraguay</a>
18-03-15	Economy: <a href="#">Vice Min. Res. Nº 006-2015-EF/15.01 CIF reference prices for the application of variable duty or tariff reduction referred to in DS Nº 115-2001-Ef on imports of corn, sugar, rice and whole milk powder</a>
25-03-15	Agriculture: <a href="#">Dir. Res. Nº 0014-2015-MINAGRI-SENASA-DSV mandatory phytosanitary requirements necessary to import kaki seed from Spain</a>

## Venezuela

### Official Gazette

Date	Subject
23-03-15	Trade: <a href="#">Resolution DM/Nº 0012-15 (06 Mar. 2015) whereby opening investigation procedure on safeguard measures on imports of orange juice, frozen, unfermented, not containing added spirit, sugar or sweetener is issued, identified in the Venezuelan Customs Tariff under the tariff code 2009.11.00, originating in or consigned from Colombia, Costa Rica, Mexico, Dominican Republic, among others.</a>

## Asia-Pacific

*[Please note that material pertaining to the Eurasian Economic Community (Eurasian EC) and the new Customs Union between Russia, Belarus and Kazakhstan is shown under EUROPE.]*

## Australia

### ***New Customs Regulation 2015 and Customs (International Obligations) Regulation 2015 take effect 1 April***

[Australian Customs and Border Protection \(ACBP\) Notice No. 2015/14](#) dated 31 March 2015 announced that the [Customs Regulation 2015](#) (2015 Regulation) and [Customs \(International Obligations\) Regulation 2015](#) (International Obligations Regulation) take effect from 1 April 2015. These regulations remake the *Customs Regulations 1926* (the 1926 Regulations), which sunset on the same date.

According to the notice, the new regulations have undergone changes to significantly improve their operation including repealing redundant provisions, simplifying language and restructuring provisions that were difficult to navigate in the 1926 Regulations. Exposure drafts of the new regulations were published earlier in 2015. Provisions relating to Australia's international obligations including Free Trade Agreements, Duty Drawback Scheme and Dumping and Countervailing measures are contained in the International Obligations Regulation. These provisions are exempt from sunset requirements and have been placed in a separate instrument to ensure that they are not subject to sunset in the future.

The notice explains that the new regulations are necessary because the *Legislative Instruments Act 2003* (LIA) provides that all legislative instruments, other than exempt instruments, progressively 'sunset' according to the relevant table set out in the LIA. The purpose of this is to ensure that a suitable review mechanism exists so that legislative instruments remain relevant, necessary and fit-for-purpose. The relevant table provides that any legislative instrument made a year before 1930 is to sunset on 1 April 2015. As such it was necessary to re-make the 1926 Regulations to ensure that relevant provisions continued post 1 April 2015.

The new regulations do not introduce any substantive changes to existing government policy, but they have a different look and feel to the 1926 Regulations. Sections and numbering within the 1926 Regulations have necessarily been restructured and the contents split into two instruments as part of the process to enhance its overall operation.

Explanatory statements about the [2015 Regulation](#) and the [International Obligations Regulation](#) are available. [Finding tables](#) are also available indicating the location of sections from the previous 1926 Regulations within the remade regulations and vice versa.

The new section numbering means the location of duty refund reason types within the new regulations differ from their location within the 1926 Regulations. More detail about these changes is available within the updated ['Refunds of Customs Import Duty' fact sheet](#). The notice states that:

The new regulations contain transitional provisions to ensure that things done under the 1926 Regulations, before those regulations were repealed, will continue to have effect (if there is a corresponding provision in the new regulation) as if it had been done under the new regulation.

### **Australia's expanded autonomous sanctions relating to Russia commenced on 31 March 2015**

Australia imposed targeted financial sanctions and travel bans relating to Russia against designated persons and entities in June and September 2014. Expanded

sanctions were announced in September 2014. Following a consultation period, the expanded regime, [Autonomous Sanctions \(Russia, Crimea and Sevastopol\) Specification 2015](#), has just taken effect.

The expanded sanctions restrict:

- export to and import from Russia of arms and related materiel;
- export to Russia of specified items for use in petroleum exploration and production;
- export to Crimea and Sevastopol of specified items for use in the energy and minerals sector;
- commercial dealing with certain capital financial market instruments issued by certain Russian state-owned entities; and
- Australian investment in Crimea and Sevastopol related to infrastructure, transport, telecommunications, energy, oil, gas and minerals sectors.

The expanded sanctions are aligned with sanctions implemented by the EU, Canada and the US. Several changes to the draft regulations were made to more closely align with the approach taken by the EU (e.g., to seek to have consistent definitions of prohibited activities and include some EU carve outs from the restrictions). Another important change was to narrow the scope of restricted services from what was originally proposed.

Details of the new sanctions can be [found here](#). For additional information, please contact [Anne I. Petterd](#) of our Sydney office.

## Government begins reviews of border fees, charges and taxes

The Government has commissioned a joint review of charges, fees and taxes (Fees Review) at the border that will focus on identifying where the border charging arrangements can be improved to better support future border operations and outcomes for industry. The announcement stated:

The Fees Review will be led by Customs and Border Protection and the [Department of Immigration and Border Protection](#) (DIBP) and will be conducted jointly with the [Department of Agriculture](#) given similarities in certain charging arrangements.

The Fees Review is near completion with a number of recommendations put forward for Government consideration. Further information will be made available following Government decision on which recommendations to pursue.

### Scope

The Fees Review will consider changes to current charges, fees and taxes as well as new approaches to charging in the future. It will include charges levied by Customs and Border Protection, DIBP and some import related fees and charges applied by the Department of Agriculture.

The Review will cover current major charging arrangements at the border, including:

- [Import Processing](#) and [Passenger Movement Charges](#) levied by Customs and Border Protection.
- Import related fees and charges recovered by the [Department of Agriculture](#) such as full import declaration charges, container charges and registration fees.
- [Visa Application Charges](#) administered by DIBP.
- Current and future cost recovery based charging for services, particularly those resulting from industry demand factors.

While the Review will focus on the major charging arrangements mentioned above, views on current and potential future charges outside these groups are welcome.

Refer to [in-scope fees and charges](#) for a detailed listing including current rates.

A number of other fees, charges and taxes will not form part of the Review, including:

- Customs Duty (including refunds, Tariff Concessions, Drawbacks), the Goods and Services Tax (GST) and other indirect taxes Customs and Border Protection collects on behalf of Commonwealth.
- Fees and charges recovered by the Department of Agriculture for services such as document assessments, inspections, treatments, export certification and post entry quarantine activities.

The Department of Agriculture is completing a comprehensive review of its cost recovery arrangement which will include fees and charges excluded from within the scope of this Review. Further information on these can be found on the [Department of Agriculture's website](#).

Visa Application Charges recently underwent changes. This Review will focus on examining the outcome of these changes, and look for opportunities for improvements within the current pricing framework.

### Consultation

As part of the review process, we developed an [Industry Consultation Paper](#) to invite public comment on the Fees Review. **The written submission period has now closed.** We thank all those who contributed for their valuable feedback.

Customs and Border Protection and Agriculture have carefully considered all written submissions and held industry consultations in Sydney and Melbourne to discuss key propositions and capture industry feedback. A [Summary Document](#) has been developed which summarises the key issues raised in the submissions and at the industry consultation sessions. We will continue to meet with targeted working groups to explore and discuss the ideas outlined in the submissions and potential recommendations of the Fees Review to the Government.

Targeted industry consultation will occur shortly on the issues of Visa Application Charges and other charges administered by the Department of Immigration and Border Protection. These issues will be managed in a separate and more targeted consultative process.

More updates will be provided over the course of the review.

### Position Papers

To facilitate the industry consultation sessions, draft position papers were developed and included a number of propositions for possible changes to border fees, charges and taxes, some of which were based on suggestions provided by industry following an invitation to make formal submissions to the Fees Review. Position papers were developed for the following topics:

- [High value goods](#)
- [Low value goods](#)
- [Broker, depot and warehouse licensing](#)
- [Passenger Movement Charge](#)
- [Differentiated traveller facilitation services](#)

These papers **did not** constitute a government position. The propositions included within the draft papers were to be used to consult with industry and to seek their views on the merits of the propositions, possible implementation issues and improvements which could be made to improve charging arrangements.

To make it clear that the propositions did not demonstrate the government's position a disclaimer was included on the cover sheet of each paper. The disclaimer reads:

*"The purpose of this position paper is to present a range of border-related fees, charges and taxes for stakeholder consultation. This position paper does not constitute a*

*position of government. Policy positions and options proposed in this paper may or may not be progressed by government, including in part or as a whole."*

The draft position papers were provided ahead of the industry consultation sessions and were a valuable vehicle for guiding the discussions. Based on feedback from the industry sessions a number of propositions will not be pursued.

## New anti-dumping legislation introduced

On 26 February 2015, the [Customs Amendment \(Anti-dumping Measures\) Bill \(No. 1\) 2015](#) and the [Customs Tariff \(Anti-Dumping\) Amendment Bill 2015](#) were introduced in the House of Representatives of the Australian Parliament.

The purpose of the [Customs Amendment \(Anti-dumping Measures\) Bill \(No. 1\) 2015](#) as stated in part in the [Explanatory Memorandum](#) accompanying the Bill is –

to amend the *Customs Act 1901* (Customs Act) to strengthen Australia's provisions dealing with the submission of information in anti-dumping and countervailing duty investigations, simplify and modernise publication provisions for anti-dumping notices, consolidate lodgement provisions for anti-dumping applications and submissions, clarify the length of the investigation period in anti-dumping matters, clarify the cumulative assessment of injury, clarify normal value provisions, clarify the calculation of the dumping margin, clarify material injury determinations, clarify effective notice periods, clarify the definition of a subsidy, amend provisions dealing with new exporters, clarify provisions regarding consideration of the lesser duty rule, streamline the processes and implement a higher procedural and legal threshold for review to be undertaken by the Anti-Dumping Review Panel (Review Panel) and allow the Government to replace the statutory International Trade Remedies Forum (the Forum) with administrative business consultative arrangements.

Consistent with Government policy set out in *'The Coalition Policy to Boost the Competitiveness of Australian Manufacturing'*, released in August 2013, this Bill would strengthen Australia's anti-dumping system by introducing more stringent deadlines for the submission of information to dumping and subsidisation investigations. This Bill would reduce the period in which submissions should be lodged in response to the initiation of an investigation, review of measures, continuation inquiry or anti-circumvention inquiry from 40 to 37 days. This would tighten this requirement for submissions and align with the minimum timeframes established under the relevant World Trade Organization (WTO) agreements. It would also allow information to be considered earlier by the Anti-Dumping Commissioner (the Commissioner) when deciding whether a preliminary affirmative determination can be made.

A more detailed explanation may be found in the Explanatory Memorandum.

The purpose of the [Customs Tariff \(Anti-Dumping\) Amendment Bill 2015](#), as stated in its [Explanatory Memorandum](#) is –

to amend the *Customs Tariff (Anti-Dumping) Act 1975* (Dumping Act) to simplify and modernise publication provisions for anti-dumping notices, clarify provisions regarding consideration of the lesser duty rule and clarify the operation of exemption provisions.

To modernise and simplify the publication of notices related to anti-dumping processes and decisions, provisions of the Dumping Act would be amended to require that notices be published electronically. Public notices made by the Anti-Dumping Commissioner (the Commissioner) and the Minister would be required to be published on the Anti-Dumping Commission's (the Commission) website. The requirements for various notices to be published in the *Gazette* or in newspapers would be removed.

To clarify the circumstances in which the Minister is not required to have regard to the lesser duty rule, provisions of the Dumping Act would be amended to require that the Minister is not required to have regard to the lesser duty rule where a country has not submitted a notification of its subsidies, as mentioned in paragraph 1 of Article 25 of the Agreement on Subsidies and Countervailing Measures, at least once in the compliance period. This amendment clarifies the circumstances in which the Minister is not required to have regard to the desirability of setting a lesser duty in light of the practic-

es regarding submission of subsidy notifications under the WTO Committee on Subsidies and Countervailing Measures.

The Bill would amend the Dumping Act to clarify that the Minister may grant exemptions with limited retrospective effect - that is, when the Minister decides to grant an exemption he or she may specify that the exemption takes effect from an earlier date back to the date the application for exemption was made.

## Australian Border Force legislation introduced

On 9 May 2014, the Government announced that, from 1 July 2015, the Department of Immigration and the Australian Customs and Border Protection Service will be integrated into a single Department of State, and that the Australian Border Force (ABF), an operational border control and enforcement entity, will be established within the Department. The ABF is to be headed by the ABF Commissioner (a statutory officer holder) and will consist of Immigration and Border Protection workers (IBP workers) who are in the ABF, or whose services are made available to, or who are performing services for, the ABF.

On 25 February 2015, the [Australian Border Force Bill 2015](#) (the ABF Bill), was introduced in the Australian House of Representatives. It will provide the legislative basis for establishing the office of the ABF Commissioner, who is to have the control of the operations of the ABF. According to the [Explanatory Memorandum](#) accompanying the Bill –

The purpose of this Bill is to establish the role of the Australian Border Force Commissioner, to enable the operation of the Australian Border Force, and introduce provisions to support the management of a professional and disciplined workforce that exercises its powers and functions with the highest standards of integrity.

The Australian Border Force Commissioner, a statutory officer, will have control of the operations of the Australian Border Force and is directly accountable to the Minister in relation to those operations. The Australian Border Force Commissioner will have a dual role as Comptroller-General of Customs with responsibility for enforcement of customs laws and collection of border related revenue.

The Australian Border Force will be a single, integrated, frontline operational border entity within the Department that is charged with enforcing customs and immigration laws and protecting Australia's borders.

Immigration and Border Protection workers will make decisions that affect the safety, rights and freedoms of individuals as well as trade and commerce in Australia. They will hold a privileged place at the border and in the community, with access to secure environments and law enforcement databases. They will also exercise significant powers under the *Customs Act 1901*, *Migration Act 1958* and *Maritime Powers Act 2012* and other Commonwealth law, such as detention, arrest, boarding a vessel, entry, search, questioning, seizure, use of force and removal from Australia. The community and government trust Immigration and Border Protection workers to exercise these powers reasonably, lawfully, impartially and professionally.

The Bill, therefore, contains a number of integrity provisions to increase resistance to criminal infiltration and corruption and to enhance government and public confidence in Immigration and Border Protection workers, as well as the confidence of other partners including intelligence organisations and foreign governments. The Bill also includes provisions that enable the setting of standards for a highly trained, disciplined and flexible workforce.

On 25 February 2015, the [Customs and Other Legislation Amendment \(Australian Border Force\) Bill 2015](#) was also introduced in the Australian House of Representatives. According to the outline found in the [Explanatory Memorandum](#) for the Bill, the purpose of the Bill is to:

- repeal the *Customs Administration Act 1985* (Customs Administration Act);

- amend the *Customs Act 1901* (the Customs Act) as a consequence of the repeal of the Customs Administration Act;
- amend other Acts associated with the administration of Customs matters; and
- amend several other Commonwealth Acts that refer to the Australian Customs and Border Protection Service (ACBPS) and the Chief Executive Officer of Customs (the CEO);
- amend the *Migration Act 1958* to enable the Australian Border Force Commissioner (the ABF Commissioner) to exercise certain powers under that Act; and
- make other amendments associated with the standing up of the Australian Border Force (the ABF) in the Department of Immigration and Border Protection (the Department) on 1 July 2015.

## ACBP notices and advices

The following ACBP Notices (ACN) (other than anti-dumping and countervailing duty) and Cargo advices (ACCA) were issued during the period covered by this Update:

Date	Series and №	Title
02-03-15	<a href="#">ACN 2015/10</a>	Cheese and Curd Quota Scheme – Allocations for 2015-2016
11-03-15	<a href="#">ACN 2015/09</a>	Major Sporting Events (Indicia and Images) Protection Act 2014
19-03-15	<a href="#">ACN 2015/12</a>	Duty Rate Changes for 1 April 2015 - Japan-Australia Economic Partnership Agreement
31-03-15	<a href="#">ACN 2015/14</a>	Commencement of the New Customs Regulation 2015 and Customs (International Obligations) Regulation 2015

## Australian Tariff Precedents

The Australian Customs and Border Protection Service (ACBP) publishes and posts its [Tariff Precedent Files](#). Tariff Precedents are considered statements from Customs made to provide guidance on various classification issues.

## Antidumping and countervailing duty cases

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

## China (including Hong Kong SAR)

### MOFCOM and GAC notices

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

Date	Series and №	Subject
02-03-15	<a href="#">GAC Ann.No. 5 of 2015</a>	On import and export goods to further clarify the applicability date of the exchange rate of taxation levied issue announcement
04-03-15	<a href="#">MOFCOM № 7 of 2015</a>	Hong Kong service providers to invest record management in Guangdong Province (Trial)
11-03-15	<a href="#">GAC Ann. No.6 of 2015</a>	Revised edition 2012 on "Import and Export Tariff"
17-03-15	<a href="#">GAC Ann. No.7 of 2015</a>	The Interim Measures on the revision of the regulatory Hainan Islands shopping duty-free travelers notice
27-03-15	<a href="#">GAC Ann.No.8 of 2015</a>	China and Switzerland FTA -prove cargo transit

Date	Series and No	Subject
		through a third-party submissions matters
30-03-15	<a href="#">GAC Ann.No.9 of 2015</a>	Regarding the development of the Silk Road with Customs regional economic integration clearance reform announcement

## Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Cases

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

## India

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

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

Date	Series and No	Subject
10-03-15	<a href="#">29/2015 Cus (NT)</a>	Customs Tariff (Determination of Origin of Products under the Duty Free Tariff Preference Scheme for Least Developed Countries) Rules, 2015.
13-03-15	<a href="#">30/2015 Cus (NT)</a>	Customs Values for certain commodities
24-03-15	<a href="#">Cir. 8/2015-Cus</a>	Import of Steel and Steel Products
30-03-15	<a href="#">13/2015 Cus (T)</a>	Substitution of table providing further amendments to Not. 69/2011 (rates for specific goods when imported into India from Japan)
31-03-15	<a href="#">31/2015 Cus (NT)</a>	Customs Values for certain commodities
	<a href="#">14/2015 Cus (T)</a>	Amends Not. 26/2011 to substitute "Antiquities intended for public exhibition in a museum or art gallery" in Table S. No. 4, entry in column 2 (exemption from duty)
	<a href="#">15/2015 Cus (T)</a>	Amends Not. 12/2012-Customs to change 1 April to 1 Oct. 2015
	<a href="#">Cir. 9/2015-Cus</a>	Online message exchange between Customs and other regulatory agencies
	<a href="#">Cir. 10/2015-Cus</a>	Usage of Digital Signature Certificate in Remote EDI filing (RES) of Customs Documents

## Antidumping and countervailing duty cases

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

## Japan

### Japan extends ban on North Korean imports and exports

On March 31, 2015, the Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry (METI) [announced](#) that it has decided to extend the ban on all exports destined for North Korea, and all imports originating in or shipped from North Korea, in line with the "Measures against North Korea Pursuant to the Foreign Exchange and Foreign Trade Act" (decided by the Cabinet on March 31, 2015).

The ban on all exports of goods destined for North Korea will be extended by imposing the requirement that exporters obtain export approval from the Minister of

Economy, Trade and Industry (related article: Article 48, Paragraph 3 of the *Foreign Exchange and Foreign Trade Act* [the Act]).

The ban on all imports of goods originating in or shipped from North Korea will be extended by imposing the requirement that importers obtain import approval from the Minister of Economy, Trade and Industry (related article: Article 52 of the Act).

To ensure the enforcement of these restrictions, the following transactions shall be banned:

- Transactions involving buying/selling, loaning/borrowing, or giving of goods that involve the movement of the goods between North Korea and third countries (intermediate trade) (related article: Article 25, Paragraph 6 of the Act); and
- Payments of import bills for goods originating in or shipped from North Korea which are imported without import approval (related article: Article 16, Paragraph 5 of the Act).

Goods exported for humanitarian purposes are exempt from the above restrictions. These restrictions will enter into effect from April 14, 2015, to April 13, 2017.

## Malaysia

### Federal Government Gazette

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

Date	Matter
05-03-15	<a href="#">P.U. (A) 39/2015 Customs Duties (Amendment) Order 2015 - Customs Act 1967</a>
	<a href="#">P.U. (B) 68/2015 Notification of Values of Crude Petroleum Oil Under Section 12 - Customs Act 1967</a>
09-03-15	<a href="#">P.U. (A) 43/2015 - Customs Duties (Goods of ASEAN Countries Origin) (ASEAN Harmonised Tariff Nomenclature and ASEAN Trade In Goods Agreement)(Amendment) Order 2015 - Customs Act 1967</a>
	<a href="#">P.U. (A) 44/2015 - Customs Duties (Goods Under the Framework Agreement on Comprehensive Economic Co-Operation Between Asean and China) (ASEAN Harmonised Tariff Nomenclature) (Amendment) Order 2015 - Customs Act 1967</a>
12-03-15	<a href="#">P.U. (B) 93/2015 Notice of Affirmative Final Determination of an Anti-Dumping Duty Investigation With Regard to the Imports of Polyethylene Terephthalate Originating or Exported From the People's Republic of China, Republic of Indonesia and Republic of Korea - Countervailing And Anti-dumping Duties Act 1993</a>
	<a href="#">P.U. (B) 94/2015 Notice of Negative Final Determination of an Anti-Dumping Duty Investigation With Regard to the Imports of Polyethylene Terephthalate Originating or Exported From the People's Republic of China, Republic of Indonesia and Republic of Korea - Countervailing and Anti-dumping Duties Act 1993</a>
13-03-15	<a href="#">P.U. (A) 45/2015 Customs (Anti-Dumping Duties) (No. 2) Order 2015 - Countervailing And Anti-dumping Duties Act 1993</a>
19-03-15	<a href="#">P.U. (B) 120/2015 Notification of Values of Crude Petroleum Oil Under Section 12 - Customs Act 1967</a>
24-03-15	<a href="#">P.U. (A) 51/2015 Customs (Amendment) Regulations 2015 - Customs Act 1967</a>
	<a href="#">P.U. (A) 52/2015 Free Zones (Amendment) Regulations 2015 - Free Zones Act 1990</a>
31-03-15	<a href="#">P.U. (A) 62/2015 Safeguards (Safeguard Measure) (Agreement on Trade in Goods Under the Framework Agreement on Comprehensive Economic Co-Operation Between the Association of Southeast Asian Nations and the Republic of India) Regulations 2015 - Safeguards Act 2006</a>

## Customs rulings

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

## New Zealand

### Customs and Excise Act review

New Zealand Customs is undertaking a major review of the *Customs and Excise Act* to create a piece of legislation that can respond efficiently to changes in technology, business practices, and government policy.

Customs' focus has been on identifying the key issues that may be relevant for businesses and travellers and Customs' own role, now and in the future.

A Discussion Paper has been produced to enable businesses, traders, travellers, and members of the public to give feedback on proposed changes to the Act.

Further information and a copy of the Discussion Paper is [available here](#).

The closing date for submissions is 5pm, Friday 1 May 2015. Final recommendations will be made to Cabinet at the end of the August. If Cabinet agrees, it is expected that the new Act will be introduced in 2016.

New Zealand Customs will be holding a series of meetings to explain the proposals and answer any questions. Contact New Zealand Customs at [C&EReview@customs.govt.nz](mailto:C&EReview@customs.govt.nz) for information on the meetings.

### Tighter controls on imports of sodium fluoroacetate

The Environmental Protection Authority (EPA) has [announced](#) that effective immediately, importations of 1080 (sodium fluoroacetate, Chemical Abstracts Service (CAS) registry number 62-74-8) require an [Import Certificate](#) issued by the Environmental Protection Authority. These tighter controls on 1080 have been introduced by the Government in response to the criminal threat to use 1080 to contaminate infant and other formula. The controls do not apply to any formulated substances which contain 1080. The new controls apply to all workplaces and all laboratories, including those operating under the *Hazardous Substances (Exempt Laboratories) Regulations*.

Brokers and importers need to be aware that an Import Certificate issued by the EPA must be obtained and provided to the Customs Service before the imported 1080 can be uplifted.

The EPA has published forms and information on its website to help importers, laboratories and other workplaces to comply with the new requirements. This information can be found at [the EPA website here](#).

## EPA seeks input on new rules for importers and manufacturers

The Environmental Protection Authority has [announced](#) that it is inviting people to have a say on new rules that would require everyone who makes or imports a hazardous substance to supply certain information to the EPA.

This new measure is part of a wider plan to improve the regulation of hazardous substances in New Zealand.

That plan includes changes to the *Hazardous Substances and New Organisms Act*, which will make the EPA responsible for ensuring the compliance of importers and manufacturers with:

- controls relating to labelling, safety data sheets, packaging and product content
- the prohibitions on persistent organic pollutants
- the requirement that each hazardous substance is covered by a HSNO approval.

To support the EPA's new role, the EPA will be able to require importers and manufacturers of hazardous substances to provide certain information.

EPA wants to know what people think of its proposal on the information that manufacturers and importers of hazardous substances must provide to the EPA, so they are inviting anyone who has a view to share it with us by making a submission. [Read the consultation document](#) first and then fill out the [form provided here](#), and email it to: [hsnotices@epa.govt.nz](mailto:hsnotices@epa.govt.nz) Submissions must be made by 28 April 2015.

## New Zealand Gazette

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

Date	Matter
03-03-15	<a href="#">Tariff Concession (Advertisement) Notice № 2015/07</a>
	<a href="#">Tariff Concession Approvals, Withdrawals and Declines Notice (No.7) 2015</a>
10-03-15	<a href="#">Tariff Concession (Advertisement) Notice No. 2015/08</a>
10-03-15	<a href="#">Tariff Concession Approvals, Withdrawals and Declines Notice (No. 8) 2015</a>
17-03-15	<a href="#">Tariff Concession (Advertisement) Notice No. 2015/09</a>
17-03-15	<a href="#">Tariff Concession Approvals, Withdrawals and Declines Notice (No. 09) 2015</a>
24-03-15	<a href="#">Tariff Concession (Advertisement) Notice No. 2015/10</a>
31-03-15	<a href="#">Tariff Concession Approvals, Withdrawals and Declines Notice (No. 11) 2015</a>

## Fact Sheets issued, revised

During the period covered by this *Update* the New Zealand Customs Service issued the following new or revised Fact Sheets:

- [Fact Sheet 15 - Customs value of imported goods](#) (March 2015)
- [Fact Sheet 32 - Yacht and small craft arrivals](#) (March 2015)
- [JBMS Fact Sheet - Applying for Client and Supplier Codes Online](#) (Feb. 2015)

## Singapore

Notices, circulars, etc.

Date	Reference	Matter
23-02-15	<a href="#">Cir. № 04/2015</a>	<a href="#">Notification of Tariff Changes</a>
27-02-15	<a href="#">Cir. № 05/2015</a>	<a href="#">Removal of Sampling Requirement for Importation of Dena-</a>

Date	Reference	Matter
		<a href="#">tured Ethyl Alcohol</a>
02-03-15	<a href="#">Cir. № 06/2015</a>	<a href="#">Implementation Of The Hong Kong-Singapore Mutual Recognition Arrangement</a>
16-03-15	<a href="#">Cir. № 07/2015</a>	<a href="#">Application for Customs Permit via TradeNet® for Importation of Ship Spares for Repair</a>

## Vietnam

### Government documents

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

Date	Reference and Matter
12-22-14	<a href="#">Circular No. 203/2014 / TT-BTC dated 12/22/2014 of the Ministry of Finance Guide backlog of cargo handling operations in the area of customs</a>
05-03-15	<a href="#">Official Letter No. 166 / 05.03.2015 GSQL-TH's General Administration of Customs v / v procedures accredited agents customs procedures</a>
	<a href="#">Official Letter No. 167 / 05.03.2015 GSQL-TH's General Administration of Customs v / v customs procedures for goods returned from EPE</a>
	<a href="#">Decision No. 436 / QD-GDC dated 03.05.2015 of the General Department of Customs issued detailed plan implemented reforms and modernization of the central customs service in 2015</a>
	<a href="#">Official Letter No. 1774 / GDC-TXNK day of the General Administration of Customs 03/05/2015 v / v of anti-dumping duty</a>
	<a href="#">Official Letter No. 1796 / GDC-TXNK day of the General Administration of Customs 03/05/2015 v / v boost budget revenues through the Bank in collaboration collection</a>
	<a href="#">Official Letter No. 1800 / GDC-TXNK day of the General Department of Customs 03/05/2015 v / v time declare additional tax on gasoline imports</a>
	<a href="#">Official Letter No. 1755 / GDC-TXNK day of the General Administration of Customs 03/05/2015 v / v classification, application of HS codes ventilation cooling system pigsty</a>
09-03-15	<a href="#">Decision No. 457 / QD-GDC dated 09.03.2015 of the General Administration of Customs on the recognition priority now</a>
	<a href="#">Official Letter No. 173 / 03.09.2015 GSQL-GQ2 day of the General Department of Customs v / v customs procedures for goods of EPE</a>
	<a href="#">Official Letter No. 1882 / GDC-TXNK day of the General Administration of Customs 03/09/2015 v / v handling tax debt due to transfer, sale DN</a>
10-03-15	<a href="#">Official Letter No. 174 / 03.10.2015 GSQL-TH's General Administration of Customs v / v customs procedures for goods in bonded warehouses</a>
	<a href="#">Official Letter No. 1924 / 10.03.2015 of GDC-GSQL General Administration of Customs v / v deploy forces to monitor the clearance of goods at the crossings have not been announced, established</a>
	<a href="#">Official Letter No. 1930 / GDC-TXNK day of the General Administration of Customs 10/03/2015 v / v classification of NK fertilizers</a>
13-03-15	<a href="#">Official Letter No. 3242 / BTC-TCHQ 03.13.2015 of the Ministry of Finance v / v sugar import duty under international commitments</a>
	<a href="#">Official Letter No. 2074 / GDC-TXNK day of the General Administration of Customs 13/03/2015 v / v Full import duty and excise tax for wine shipments</a>
16-03-15	<a href="#">Circular No. 12/2015 / TT-BNN dated 03.16.2015 of the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development guide food safety inspection commodities of plant origin imported</a>
	<a href="#">Circular No. 04/2015 / TT-BCT dated 03.16.2015 of the Ministry of Industry and Trade amending and supplementing items specific rules issued Circular No. 20/2014 / TT-BCT June 25 years 2014 of the Minister of Industry and Trade regulations implementing rules of origin in regional trade agreements the ASEAN - South Korea</a>
	<a href="#">Official Letter No. 2176 / 03.16.2015 of GDC-GSQL General Administration</a>

Date	Reference and Matter
	<a href="#">of Customs v / v in the area of customs procedures and grant transfer location</a>
17-03-15	<a href="#">Decision No. 716 / QD-GDC dated 17.03.2015 of the General Administration of Customs on the recognition priority now</a> <a href="#">Official Letter No. 2253 / GDC-TXNK day of the General Administration of Customs 03/17/2015 v / v obstacles goods duty-free import of duty free catalog</a>
18-03-15	<a href="#">Decision No. 762 / QD-GDC dated 03.18.2015 of the General Administration of Customs on the recognition gathering place, inspection of goods exported in the border villages in the area you care, social Phiet, Bao Win, Lao Cai</a> <a href="#">Official Letter No. 207 / 03.18.2015 GSQL-GQ1 day of the General Department of Customs v / v performing CV 41 / CTVN-THGP date 09/3/2015</a> <a href="#">Official Letter No. 2275 / GDC-TXNK day of the General Administration of Customs 18/03/2015 v / v classified items Dry powder mixed dialysis services</a>
19-03-15	<a href="#">Decision No. 510 / QD-BTC of the Ministry of Finance dated 19.03.2015 on approval of the plan to simplify administrative procedures in the field of customs, under state management of the Ministry of Finance</a> <a href="#">Official Letter No. 2324 / GDC-TXNK day of the General Administration of Customs 03/19/2015 v / v classification plated steel</a> <a href="#">Official Letter No. 2321 / 03.19.2015 of GDC-GSQL General Administration of Customs v / v customs procedures and tariffs on goods exported bounce</a> <a href="#">Decision No. 777 / QD-GDC dated 03.19.2015 of the General Administration of Customs on the recognition active agents customs procedures</a>
20-03-15	<a href="#">Official Letter No. 2408 / GDC-TXNK day of the General Administration of Customs 03/20/2015 v / v classified items optic cable connection box</a> <a href="#">Official Letter No. 2409 / GDC-TXNK day of the General Administration of Customs 03/20/2015 v / v classification rubber items</a>
23-03-15	<a href="#">Official Letter No. 2436 / GDC-TXNK day of the General Administration of Customs 23/03/2015 v / v classified items Fertilizer</a> <a href="#">Official Letter No. 2440 / GDC-TXNK day of the General Administration of Customs 23/03/2015 v / v NK taxable price cars</a> <a href="#">Official Letter No. 2448 / 23.03.2015 of GDC-GSQL General Administration of Customs v / v guiding customs procedures</a> <a href="#">Official Letter No. 2454 / 23.03.2015 of GDC-GSQL General Administration of Customs v / v switch bonded warehouse of the company WE 41 special bonded warehouse</a> <a href="#">Official Letter No. 2457 / 23.03.2015 of GDC-GSQL General Administration of Customs v / v freight guidance on preservation</a> <a href="#">Official Letter No. 2458 / 23.03.2015 of GDC-GSQL General Administration of Customs v / v guidance is outstanding handling tires, rubber tires used</a> <a href="#">Official Letter No. 2460 / GDC-TXNK day of the General Administration of Customs 23/03/2015 v / v stop the coercive measures and remove late payment of money</a> <a href="#">Official Letter No. 2468 / 23.03.2015 of GDC-GSQL General Administration of Customs v / v imported wood products through 49 regional Mold Outbreak Na Nam Bo Dien Bien district</a> <a href="#">Official Letter No. 2474 / 23.03.2015 of GDC-GSQL General Administration of Customs v / v guiding Dispatch No. 1116 / GDC-GSQL of GDC</a>
24-03-15	<a href="#">Decision No. 817 / QD-GDC dated 03.24.2015 of the General Department of Customs issued lists of risks originating in export</a> <a href="#">Official Letter No. 2504 / 03.24.2015 of GDC-GSQL General Administration of Customs v / v classified and taxed items Levofloxacin Hemihydrate</a>
25-03-15	<a href="#">Circular No. 38/2015 / TT-BTC dated 25/03/2015 of the Ministry of Finance Regulation on customs procedures; inspection and supervision; export taxes, import duties and taxes on the management of exports and imports</a> <a href="#">Official Letter No. 238 / 25.03.2015 GSQL-GQ3 day of the General Department of Customs v / v application for extension of time limit to allow water transport vehicles returned to Cambodia and Vietnam</a> <a href="#">Official Letter No. 242 / 25.03.2015 GSQL-GQ2 day of the General Department of Customs v / v customs procedures, management policies for raw</a>

Date	Reference and Matter
	<a href="#">materials imported gold</a> <a href="#">Official Letter No. 244 / 25.03.2015 GSQL-GQ2 day of the General Department of Customs v / v code for the type of raw materials imported for uniforms for employees of enterprises to invest</a> <a href="#">Official Letter No. 246 / 25.03.2015 GSQL-GQ1 day of the General Department of Customs v / v export goods imported origin</a> <a href="#">Official Letter No. 2534 / GDC-TXNK day of the General Administration of Customs 25/03/2015 v / v categorized by main engine</a>
26-03-15	<a href="#">Official Letter No. 248 / 26.03.2015 GSQL-GQ2 day of the General Department of Customs v / v customs procedures for goods on EPE</a>
27-03-15	<a href="#">Circular No. 05/2015 / TT-BCT dated 27.03.2015 of the Ministry of Industry and Trade amending and supplementing the form of certificate of origin (C / O) issued Circular No. 31/2013 / TT -BCT November 15, 2013 by the Minister of Industry and Trade regulations implementing rules of origin in regional trade agreements freely Vietnam - Chile</a>
30-03-15	<a href="#">Circular No. 44/2015 / TT-BTC dated 30/03/2015 of the Ministry of Finance revised import tariffs special offers for some commodities in the import tariff special offers ASEAN - South Korea the period 2015-2018</a>

## Europe

### European Union and EFTA

#### New rules for the Temporary Importation of means of transport into the EU

[New rules](#) for the Temporary Importation of means of transport into the European Union (EU) apply as from 1 May 2015. Article 561(2) of Commission Regulation (EEC) No. 2454/93 (CCIP) has been amended in order to exclude the possibility of misuse in case of Temporary Importation of means of transport into the EU.

According to the new rules, private use of means of transport by a natural person resident in the Customs territory of the EU and employed by the owner, hirer or lessee of the means of transport established outside that territory is allowed:

- for journeys between the place of work and the place of residence of the employee; or
- with the purpose of performing a professional task in the EU by the employee as defined in the contract of employment.

At the request of the Customs authorities, the person using the means of transport in the EU must present a copy of the contract of employment.

#### EEA Joint Parliamentary Committee discusses TTIP and industrial policy

The European Free Trade Association (EFTA) [announced](#) that on 17 March 2015, Members of the European Parliament (MEPs) and parliamentarians from the EEA EFTA States – Liechtenstein, Norway and Iceland – met in Fredrikstad to discuss developments in the EEA and other topical issues in the EU of relevance to the EEA EFTA States. The announcement said:

The EEA Joint Parliamentary Committee (EEA JPC) met with representatives of the EEA Joint Committee and the EEA Council to receive an update on recent developments in the EEA. As the EEA JPC's primary objective is to follow developments in the

EEA and to give its views on topics for discussion at the earliest stage possible, this biannual meeting is of great importance.

Another important topic on the EEA JPC's agenda in Fredrikstad was the ongoing free trade negotiations between the United States and the European Union – the Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership (TTIP) – with a special focus on its possible implications for the EEA. The EEA EFTA States are closely integrated in the EU Single Market through the EEA Agreement and apply the same Single Market rules, so any impact that TTIP has on the Single Market is likely to affect the EEA EFTA States. The EEA JPC is therefore following these negotiations closely.

Also discussed at the meeting was industrial policy in Europe, in particular the impact that recent developments of a more horizontal policy approach taken at EU level could have on the EEA.

In addition to these in-depth discussions on industrial policy and the TTIP, a briefing was given by Catherine Stihler MEP on the status of the Digital Agenda. The Digital Single Market and challenges within digital technology are priority areas in the European Commission's 2015 Work Programme and also of interest to the EEA JPC.

The next EEA JPC meeting will be held Brussels in autumn 2015.

## EU issues trade and investment barriers report

On 19 March 2015, the European Commission [announced](#) the release of its [Trade and Investment Barriers Report 2015](#). The report lists all major obstacles identified in the EU's priority markets. With 7 cases mentioned (Argentina, Brazil, China, India, Japan, Russia, and the United States) in the report Russia tops the list. China follows closely with 6 cases. The report outlines also 4 barriers both for India and Brazil and 3 cases respectively for Argentina and the US. The announcement states:

Barriers identified in the report include requirements to use locally-produced goods, or to be based in a country as a condition to obtain certain advantages. Discriminatory taxes and subsidies for domestic producers in Brazil or a new law in Russia requiring personal data to be stored on a local server are some examples of highly trade-distortive practices. This trend is a concern in a wider perspective, as several other countries – including China - have adopted or are contemplating similar measures.

The report also identifies a high number of sanitary and food-related barriers that persist in Brazil, China, the US and Russia, and highlights intellectual property rights issues in China and the US.

## EU revises Libyan sanctions

On 7 March 2015, the *European Journal* published [Council Decision \(CFSP\) 2015/382 of 6 March 2015 amending Decision 2011/137/CFSP concerning restrictive measures in view of the situation in Libya](#) (the 2015 Decision), [Council Implementing Regulation \(EU\) 2015/376 of 6 March 2015 implementing Article 16\(2\) of Regulation \(EU\) No 204/2011 concerning restrictive measures in view of the situation in Libya](#) and [Council Regulation \(EU\) 2015/374 of 6 March 2015 amending Regulation \(EU\) No 204/2011 concerning restrictive measures in view of the situation in Libya](#). The 2015 Decision and Council Regulation amend the 2011 Decision and Regulation to cover persons not otherwise covered by the Annexes who are engaged in or providing support for acts that threaten the peace, stability or security of Libya, or obstruct or undermine the successful completion of its political transition, including by:

- planning, directing, or committing acts that violate applicable international human rights law or international humanitarian law, or acts that constitute human rights abuses, in Libya;

- attacks against any air, land, or sea port in Libya, or against a Libyan State institution or installation, or against any foreign mission in Libya;
- providing support for armed groups or criminal networks through the illicit exploitation of crude oil or any other natural resources in Libya;
- acting for or on behalf of or at the direction of listed persons or entities.

In addition, pursuant to the Decision and the Council Implementing Regulation, the entry concerning Ahmed Mohammed Qadhaf Al-Dam is deleted from Annexes II and IV to Decision 2011/137/CFSP following the judgment of the General Court of 24 September 2014 in Case T-348/13, *Kadhaf Al Dam v Council*. An entry concerning one other person as set out in Annexes II and IV to the 2011 Decision 2011/137/CFSP is also updated.

## EU extends sanctions for misappropriation of Ukrainian state funds

On 5 March 2015, it was announced that the European Council has extended the pre-existing restrictive measures against eighteen individuals.

These individuals, including the former Ukrainian President Viktor Yanukovich, have been subject to investigations regarding the misappropriation of Ukrainian state funds. The sanctions have been adjusted in order to reflect the progression of these investigations; and have been extended by a year for fourteen of the individuals listed, and by three months for the other four.

The extension was put into effect through [Council Regulation \(EU\) 2015/357](#) and [Council Decision 2015/364/CFSP](#). These instruments do not introduce any new designations.

The sanctions were originally brought into force on 6 March 2014 by [Council Regulation \(EU\) 208/2014](#) and [Council Decision 2014/119/CFSP](#).

## 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.

## Additional Note 4 to CN Chap. 27 revised

On 10 March 2015, the *Official Journal* published [Commission Implementing Regulation \(EU\) 2015/389 of 5 March 2015 amending Annex I to Council Regulation \(EEC\) No 2658/87](#) on the tariff and statistical nomenclature and on the Common Customs Tariff. The Implementing Regulation notes that in order to determine the content of oil in products of subheadings 2712 90 31 to 2712 90 39 of the Combined Nomenclature, point (a) of Additional note 4 to Chapter 27 of Part Two of the Combined Nomenclature provides for the application of a method set out in a standard elaborated by the International Organization for Standardization (ISO 2908). However, the ISO 2908 standard was withdrawn in 2006 by the International Organization for Standardization and has not been replaced. Moreover, no EN standard laying down a method equivalent to the ISO 2908 method has been established by the European Committee for Standardization. The customs laboratories are therefore free to apply appropriate working methods of their choice for determining the content of oil in products of subheadings 2712 90 31 to 2712 90 39 of the Combined Nomenclature.

Inasmuch as the oil content is to be determined as a percentage by weight, point (a) of Additional note 4 in Chapter 27 of Part Two of the Combined Nomenclature set out in Annex I to Regulation (EEC) No 2658/87, is replaced by the following:

‘(a) with an oil content of 3,5 % by weight or higher, if their viscosity at 100 °C is lower than  $9 \times 10^{-6} \text{ m}^2 \text{ s}^{-1}$  by the EN ISO 3104 method; or’

On 10 March 2015, the *Official Journal* published [Commission Implementing Regulation \(EU\) 2015/390 of 5 March 2015 amending Annex I to Council Regulation \(EEC\) No 2658/87](#) on the tariff and statistical nomenclature and on the Common Customs Tariff with respect to point (a) of Additional note 2 to Chapter 20 of Part Two of the Combined Nomenclature. Point (a) provides for the content of various sugars of a product to be calculated on the basis of a figure indicated by a refractometer using the method laid down in the Annex to Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) No 974/2014.

Products manufactured on the basis of seaweeds and other algae prepared or preserved by processes not provided for in Chapter 12 of Part Two of the Combined Nomenclature, on the basis of manioc, arrowroot, salep, Jerusalem artichokes, sweet potatoes and similar roots and tubers with high starch or inulin content of heading 0714 of the Combined Nomenclature or on the basis of vine leaves are all classified in Chapter 20 of Part Two of the Combined Nomenclature. When applying the calculation using the refractometric method to those products, they are found to have such a high level of sugar that they are considered to contain added sugar within the meaning of Additional note 3 to that Chapter although they do not contain any added sugar.

In order to ensure a correct classification of such products, the note is being revised to provide for the use of the high performance liquid chromatography (HPLC) method and for the application of an established formula already applied by the customs laboratories for the purposes of calculating the sugar content of those specific products falling under Chapter 20. In order to ensure uniform interpretation of the Combined Nomenclature throughout the Union with regard to measuring the sugar content of various products, point (a) of Additional note 2 to Chapter 20 of Part Two of the Combined Nomenclature is therefore amended by replacing point (a) of Additional note 2 with the following:

‘(a) The content of various sugars expressed as sucrose (sugar content) of products classified in this Chapter corresponds to the figure indicated by a refractometer (used in accordance with the method prescribed in the Annex to Implementing Regulation (EU) No 974/2014) at a temperature of 20 °C and multiplied by one of the following factors:

- 0,93 in respect of products of subheadings 2008 20 to 2008 80, 2008 93, 2008 97 and 2008 99;
- 0,95 in respect of products of the other headings.

However, the content of various sugars expressed as sucrose (sugar content) of the following products classified in this Chapter:

- products manufactured on the basis of seaweed and other algae prepared or preserved by processes not provided for in Chapter 12;
- products manufactured on the basis of manioc, arrowroot, salep, Jerusalem artichokes, sweet potatoes and similar roots and tubers with high starch or inulin content of heading 0714;
- products manufactured on the basis of vine leaves;

corresponds to the figure resulting from a calculation carried out on the basis of measurements which have been obtained applying the high performance liquid chromatography method (the “HPLC method”), using the following formula:

$S + (G + F) \times 0,95$ ; where:

“S” is the sucrose content determined by the HPLC method;

“F” is the fructose content determined by the HPLC method;

“G” is the glucose content determined by the HPLC method.’

## Revised Explanatory Notes to the Common Nomenclature published

On 4 March 2015, the *Official Journal* published the latest version of the [Explanatory Notes to the Combined Nomenclature of the European Union](#) (2015/C 076/01).

[Council Regulation \(EEC\) No 2658/87 of 23 July 1987 on the tariff and statistical nomenclature and on the Common Customs Tariff](#) established a nomenclature, known as the ‘Combined Nomenclature’ or abbreviated to the ‘CN’, based on the [International Convention on the Harmonised Commodity Description and Coding System](#), known as ‘the Harmonised System’ or abbreviated to the ‘HS’.

The HS has been supplemented by its own Explanatory Notes (HSEs). Those notes in English and French are issued and kept up to date by the:

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By virtue of Article 9(1)(a), second indent, of Regulation (EEC) No 2658/87, the Commission adopts explanatory notes to the Combined Nomenclature (CNENs), following consideration by the Tariff and Statistical Nomenclature Section of the Customs Code Committee. Although the CNENs may refer to the HSEs, they do not take the place of the latter, but should be regarded as complementary to and used in conjunction with them.

This edition of the CNENs includes and, where appropriate, replaces those published in the [Official Journal of the European Union, C series, up to 16 September 2014](#). CNENs published in the *Official Journal*, C series, subsequent to that date remain in force and will be incorporated in the CNENs when revised.

In addition, the CN heading and subheading codes to which reference is made reflect those codes in the Combined Nomenclature for 2015, as set out in [Commission Implementing Regulation \(EU\) No 1101/2014](#).

Furthermore, information concerning ‘[Guidelines on the classification in the Combined Nomenclature of goods put up in sets for retail sale](#)’ was published in the *Official Journal of the European Union*, C series.

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

## Binding Tariff Information

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

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

protection, there are limitations as to the information an administration can provide. You can search and consult existing BTIs on the [EBTI-database](#).

## Official Journal documents

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

OJ Date	Subject
03-03-15	<a href="#">Commission Regulation (EU) 2015/326 of 2 March 2015 amending Annex XVII to Regulation (EC) No 1907/2006 of the European Parliament and of the Council on the Registration, Evaluation, Authorisation and Restriction of Chemicals (REACH) as regards polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons and phthalates</a>
	<a href="#">Commission Regulation (EU) 2015/327 of 2 March 2015 amending Regulation (EC) No 1831/2003 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards requirements for the placing on the market and conditions of use of additives consisting of preparations</a>
	<a href="#">Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2015/328 of 2 March 2015 amending Implementing Regulation (EU) No 322/2014 as regards the entry document to be used for feed and food of animal origin</a>
	<a href="#">Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2015/329 of 2 March 2015 derogating from Union provisions on animal and public health as regards the introduction into the European Union of food of animal origin destined for EXPO Milano 2015 in Milan (Italy)</a>
	<a href="#">Commission Implementing Decision (EU) 2015/338 of 27 February 2015 concerning certain interim protective measures in relation to highly pathogenic avian influenza of subtype H5N8 in Hungary</a>
	<a href="#">Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2015/262 of 17 February 2015 laying down rules pursuant to Council Directives 90/427/EEC and 2009/156/EC as regards the methods for the identification of equidae (Equine Passport Regulation)</a>
04-03-15	<a href="#">Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2015/342 of 2 March 2015 amending Annex I to Regulation (EC) No 798/2008 as regards the entry for the United States in the list of third countries, territories, zones or compartments from which certain poultry commodities may be imported into or transit through the Union in relation to highly pathogenic avian influenza following outbreaks in the States of Idaho and California</a>
	<a href="#">Commission Decision (EU) 2015/345 of 2 March 2015 amending Decisions 2009/563/EC, 2009/564/EC, 2009/578/EC, 2010/18/EC, 2011/263/EU, 2011/264/EU, 2011/382/EU and 2011/383/EU in order to prolong the validity of the ecological criteria for the award of the EU Ecolabel to certain products (<i>notified under document C(2015) 1286</i>)</a>
	<a href="#">Commission Implementing Decision (EU) 2015/349 of 2 March 2015 amending Annex II to Decision 2007/777/EC as regards the entry for the United States in the list of third countries or parts thereof from which the introduction of meat products and treated stomachs, bladders and intestines into the Union is authorised in relation to highly pathogenic avian influenza following outbreaks in the States of Idaho and California (<i>notified under document C(2015) 1315</i>)</a>
	<a href="#">Explanatory Notes to the Combined Nomenclature of the European Union (2015/C 076/01) 388 pages</a>
05-03-15	<a href="#">Corrigendum to Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) No 65/2014 of 1 October 2013 supplementing Directive 2010/30/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council with regard to the energy labelling of domestic ovens and range hoods ( <i>OJ L 29, 31.1.2014</i> )</a>
06-03-15	<a href="#">Council Decision (EU) 2015/362 of 2 March 2015 establishing the position to be taken on behalf of the European Union within the General Council of the World Trade Organization on the United States' request for a WTO waiver to extend and expand the scope of the US Caribbean Basin Economic Recovery Act</a>

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	<a href="#">(CBERA)</a>
07-03-15	<p><a href="#">Council Decision (EU) 2015/372 of 8 October 2014 on the signing, on behalf of the Union and its Member States, and provisional application of a Protocol amending the Euro-Mediterranean Aviation Agreement between the European Union and its Member States, of the one part, and the government of the State of Israel, of the other part, to take account of the accession to the European Union of the Republic of Croatia</a></p> <p><a href="#">Protocol amending the Euro-Mediterranean Aviation Agreement between the European Union and its Member States, of the one part, and the government of the State of Israel, of the other part, to take account of the accession to the European Union of the Republic of Croatia</a></p> <p><a href="#">Corrigendum to Commission Regulation (EU) No 668/2013 of 12 July 2013 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 2,4-DB, dimethomorph, indoxacarb, and pyraclostrobin in or on certain products ( OJ L 192, 13.7.2013 )</a></p>
10-03-15	<p><a href="#">Commission Regulation (EU) 2015/391 of 9 March 2015 refusing to authorise certain health claims made on foods and referring to children's development and health</a></p> <p><a href="#">Corrigendum to Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) No 1071/2014 of 10 October 2014 on exceptional support measures for the eggs and poultrymeat sectors in Italy ( OJ L 295, 11.10.2014 )</a></p>
11-03-15	<p><a href="#">Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2015/394 of 10 March 2015 amending the Annex to Regulation (EU) No 37/2010 as regards the substance 'tulathromycin'</a></p> <p><a href="#">Council Decision (EU) 2015/397 of 5 March 2015 establishing the position to be adopted on behalf of the European Union in the relevant Committees of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe as regards the proposals for amendments to UN Regulations Nos 3, 7, 13, 19, 23, 37, 38, 41, 43, 45, 48, 50, 51, 53, 55, 59, 75, 78, 86, 98, 99, 106, 107, 110, 112, 113, 117, 119, 123, 128, 129, on Amendment 2 to UN GTR No 3 with regard to motorcycle braking, and on Amendment 3 to UN GTR No 4 with regard to the Worldwide Heavy-Duty Certification procedure</a></p> <p><a href="#">Corrigendum to Commission Decision 2014/256/EU of 2 May 2014 establishing the ecological criteria for the award of the EU Ecolabel for converted paper products ( OJ L 135, 8.5.2014 )</a></p>
12-03-15	<p><a href="#">Commission Regulation (EU) 2015/402 of 11 March 2015 refusing to authorise certain health claims made on foods, other than those referring to the reduction of disease risk and to children's development and health</a></p> <p><a href="#">Commission Regulation (EU) 2015/403 of 11 March 2015 amending Annex III to Regulation (EC) No 1925/2006 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards <i>Ephedra</i> species and Yohimbe (<i>Pausinystalia yohimbe</i> (K. Schum) Pierre ex Beille)</a></p> <p><a href="#">Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2015/404 of 11 March 2015 amending Implementing Regulation (EU) No 540/2011 as regards the extension of the approval periods of the active substances beflubutamid, captan, dimethoate, dimethomorph, ethoprophos, fipronil, folpet, formetanate, glufosinate, methiocarb, metribuzin, phosmet, pirimiphos-methyl and propamocarb</a></p> <p><a href="#">Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2015/405 of 11 March 2015 approving alpha-cypermethrin as an active substance for use in biocidal products for product-type 18</a></p> <p><a href="#">Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2015/406 of 11 March 2015 approving <i>Bacillus thuringiensis</i> subsp. <i>israelensis</i> serotype H14, strain SA3A as an active substance for use in biocidal products for product-type 18</a></p> <p><a href="#">Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2015/407 of 11 March 2015 approving propan-2-ol as an active substance for use in biocidal products for product-types 1, 2 and 4</a></p> <p><a href="#">Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2015/408 of 11 March 2015 on implementing Article 80(7) of Regulation (EC) No 1107/2009 of the European Parliament and of the Council concerning the placing of plant protection products on the market and establishing a list of candidates for substitution</a></p>

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	<p><a href="#">Commission Implementing Decision (EU) 2015/411 of 11 March 2015 pursuant to Article 3(3) of Regulation (EU) No 528/2012 of the European Parliament and of the Council on cationic polymeric binders with quaternary ammonium compounds incorporated in paints and coatings</a></p> <p><a href="#">Corrigendum to Council Implementing Decision (EU) 2015/215 of 10 February 2015 on the putting into effect of the provisions of the Schengen <i>acquis</i> on data protection and on the provisional putting into effect of parts of the provisions of the Schengen <i>acquis</i> on the Schengen Information System for the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland ( <i>OJ L 36, 12.2.2015</i> )</a></p>
13-03-15	<p><a href="#">Directive (EU) 2015/412 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 March 2015 amending Directive 2001/18/EC as regards the possibility for the Member States to restrict or prohibit the cultivation of genetically modified organisms (GMOs) in their territory</a></p> <p><a href="#">Commission Regulation (EU) 2015/414 of 12 March 2015 amending Directive 2002/46/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards (6S)-5-methyltetrahydrofolic acid, glucosamine salt used in the manufacture of food supplements</a></p> <p><a href="#">Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2015/415 of 12 March 2015 amending Implementing Regulation (EU) No 540/2011 as regards the extension of the approval periods of the active substances ethephon and fenamiphos</a></p> <p><a href="#">Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2015/416 of 12 March 2015 approving dinotefuran as an active substance for use in biocidal products for product-type 18</a></p> <p><a href="#">Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2015/417 of 12 March 2015 approving <i>Bacillus sphaericus</i> 2362 serotype H5a5b, strain ABTS1743 as an active substance for use in biocidal products for product-type 18</a></p> <p><a href="#">Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2015/418 of 12 March 2015 amending Implementing Regulation (EU) No 540/2011 as regards the conditions of approval of the active substance Z-13-hexadecen-11-yn-1-yl acetate</a></p> <p><a href="#">Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2015/419 of 12 March 2015 approving tolylfluanid as an active substance for use in biocidal products for product-type 21</a></p> <p><a href="#">Council Decision (EU) 2015/423 of 6 March 2015 establishing the position to be adopted on behalf of the European Union within the seventh meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Rotterdam Convention as regards the amendments of Annex III to the Rotterdam Convention on the Prior Informed Consent Procedure for certain hazardous chemicals and pesticides in international trade</a></p>
14-03-15	<p><a href="#">Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2015/428 of 10 March 2015 amending Regulation (EEC) No 2454/93 and Regulation (EU) No 1063/2010 as regards the rules of origin relating to the scheme of generalised tariff preferences and preferential tariff measures for certain countries or territories</a></p> <p><a href="#">Procès-verbal of rectification to the second additional protocol 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, to take account of the accession of the Republic of Bulgaria and Romania to the European Union, signed at Brussels on 24 July 2007 ( <i>OJ L 251, 26.9.2007</i> )</a></p> <p><a href="#">Commission Regulation (EU) 2015/399 of 25 February 2015 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 1,4-dimethylnaphthalene, benfuracarb, carbofuran, carbosulfan, ethephon, fenamidone, fenvalerate, fenhexamid, furathiocarb, imazapyr, malathion, picoxystrobin, spirotetramat, tepraloxystrobin and trifloxystrobin in or on certain products</a></p> <p><a href="#">Commission Regulation (EU) 2015/400 of 25 February 2015 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 bone oil, carbon monoxide, cyprodinil, dodemorph, iprodione, metaldehyde, metazachlor, paraffin oil (CAS 64742-54-7), petroleum oils (CAS 92062-35-6) and propargite in or on certain products</a></p> <p><a href="#">Commission Regulation (EU) 2015/401 of 25 February 2015 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 acetamiprid, chromafenozide,</a></p>

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	<a href="#">cyazofamid, dicamba, difenoconazole, fenpyrazamine, fluazinam, formetanate, nicotine, penconazole, pymetrozine, pyraclostrobin, tau-fluvalinate and tebuconazole in or on certain products</a>
17-03-15	<a href="#">Council Decision (EU) 2015/438 of 2 March 2015 establishing the position to be taken on behalf of the European Union within the Joint Committee set up under the Agreement between the European Union and Ukraine on the facilitation of the issuance of visas, with regard to the adoption of common guidelines for the implementation of the Agreement</a>
18-03-15	<a href="#">Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2015/446 of 17 March 2015 amending Regulation (EU) No 37/2010 as regards the substance 'barium selenate'</a>
	<a href="#">Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2015/448 of 17 March 2015 establishing specific animal health rules for the introduction into the Union of certain products of animal origin from Japan destined for EXPO Milano 2015</a>
	<a href="#">Commission Implementing Decision (EU) 2015/450 of 16 March 2015 laying down test requirements for Member States integrating into the second generation Schengen Information System (SIS II) or changing substantially their directly related national systems (notified under document C(2015) 1612)</a>
	<a href="#">Summary of 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)</a>
19-03-15	<a href="#">Council Decision (EU) 2015/451 of 6 March 2015 concerning the accession of the European Union to the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES)</a> - <a href="#">Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora</a>
20-03-15	<a href="#">Commission Regulation (EU) 2015/463 of 19 March 2015 amending Annex to Regulation (EU) No 231/2012 laying down specifications for food additives listed in Annexes II and III to Regulation (EC) No 1333/2008 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards specifications for polyvinyl alcohol (E 1203)</a>
	<a href="#">Commission Implementing Decision (EU) 2015/474 of 18 March 2015 amending Implementing Decision 2013/92/EU on the supervision, plant health checks and measures to be taken on wood packaging material actually in use in the transport of specified commodities originating in China (notified under document C(2015) 1684)</a>
	<a href="#">Notification pursuant to Article 114, paragraph 4 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union — Authorisation to maintain national measures which are more stringent than provisions of an EU harmonisation measure [2015/C 093/08] Denmark - meat</a>
21-03-15	<a href="#">Guidelines of 19 March 2015 on principles of Good Distribution Practice of active substances for medicinal products for human use [2015/C 095/01]</a>
	<a href="#">Guidelines of 19 March 2015 on the formalised risk assessment for ascertaining the appropriate good manufacturing practice for excipients of medicinal products for human use [2015/C 095/02]</a>
24-03-15	<a href="#">Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2015/489 of 23 March 2015 concerning the authorisation of selenomethionine produced by <i>Saccharomyces cerevisiae</i> NCYC R645 as a feed additive for all animal species</a>
	<a href="#">Commission Regulation (EU) 2015/491 of 23 March 2015 amending Regulation (EU) No 605/2014 amending, for the purposes of introducing hazard and precautionary statements in the Croatian language and its adaptation to technical and scientific progress, Regulation (EC) No 1272/2008 of the European Parliament and of the Council on classification, labelling and packaging of substances and mixtures</a>
25-03-15	<a href="#">Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2015/502 of 24 March 2015 concerning the authorisation of the preparation of <i>Saccharomyces cerevisiae</i> NCYC R404 as a feed additive for dairy cows (holder of the authorisation Micro Bio-System Ltd)</a>
26-03-15	<a href="#">Commission Decision (EU) 2015/512 of 25 March 2015 amending Decision 1999/352/EC, ECSC, Euratom establishing the European Anti-fraud Office</a>
	<a href="#">Notice to economic operators — New round of requests for the suspension of</a>

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	<p><a href="#">the autonomous Common Customs Tariff duties on certain industrial and agricultural products</a></p> <p><a href="#">Position (EU) No 3/2015 of the Council at first reading with a view to the adoption of a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Directive 94/62/EC as regards reducing the consumption of lightweight plastic carrier bags - Adopted by the Council on 2 March 2015 2015/C 101-01</a></p> <p><a href="#">Statement of the Council's reasons: Position (EU) No 3/2015 of the Council at first reading with a view to the adoption of a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Directive 94/62/EC as regards reducing the consumption of lightweight plastic carrier bags 2015/C 101/02</a></p>
27-03-15	<p><a href="#">Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2015/517 of 26 March 2015 amending Regulation (EC) No 595/2004 laying down detailed rules for applying Council Regulation (EC) No 1788/2003 establishing a levy in the milk and milk products sector</a></p> <p><a href="#">Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2015/515 of 25 March 2015 amending Regulation (EC) No 1484/95 as regards fixing representative prices in the poultrymeat and egg sectors and for egg albumin</a></p> <p><a href="#">Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2015/518 of 26 March 2015 concerning the authorisation of the preparation of <i>Enterococcus faecium</i> NCIMB 10415 as a feed additive for chickens reared for laying, minor poultry species for fattening and minor poultry species reared for laying and amending Implementing Regulation (EU) No 361/2011 as regards the compatibility with coccidiostats (holder of the authorisation DSM Nutritional Products Ltd represented by DSM Nutritional products Sp. z o.o)</a></p> <p><a href="#">Commission Implementing Decision (EU) 2015/522 of 25 March 2015 concerning certain protective measures in relation to highly pathogenic avian influenza of subtype H5N8 in Hungary (notified under document C(2015) 1711)</a></p> <p><a href="#">Regulation (EU) 2015/475 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 March 2015 on the safeguard measures provided for in the Agreement between the European Economic Community and the Republic of Iceland</a></p> <p><a href="#">Regulation (EU) 2015/476 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 March 2015 on the measures that the Union may take following a report adopted by the WTO Dispute Settlement Body concerning anti-dumping and anti-subsidy matters</a></p> <p><a href="#">Regulation (EU) 2015/477 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 March 2015 on measures that the Union may take in relation to the combined effect of anti-dumping or anti-subsidy measures with safeguard measures</a></p> <p><a href="#">Regulation (EU) 2015/478 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 March 2015 on common rules for imports</a></p> <p><a href="#">Regulation (EU) 2015/479 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 March 2015 on common rules for exports</a></p> <p><a href="#">Sixteenth Annual Report according to Article 8(2) of Council Common Position 2008/944/CFSP defining common rules governing control of exports of military technology and equipment [2015/C 103/01]</a></p> <p><a href="#">Summary of European Union decisions on marketing authorisations in respect of medicinal products from 1 February 2015 to 28 February 2015(Published pursuant to Article 13 or Article 38 of Regulation (EC) No 726/2004 of the European Parliament and of the Council) 2015/C 104/01</a></p> <p><a href="#">Summary of European Union decisions on marketing authorisations in respect of medicinal products from 1 to 28 February 2015(Decisions taken pursuant to Article 34 of Directive 2001/83/EC or Article 38 of Directive 2001/82/EC) 2015/C 104/02</a></p>
03-30-15	<p><a href="#">Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2015/525 of 27 March 2015 amending Annex I to Regulation (EC) No 669/2009 implementing Regulation (EC) No 882/2004 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards the increased level of official controls on imports of certain feed and food of non-animal origin</a></p> <p><a href="#">Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2015/526 of 27 March 2015 amending Annex I to Regulation (EC) No 798/2008 as regards the entry for the United States in the list of third countries, territories, zones or compartments from which certain poultry commodities may be imported into or transit through the Union in</a></p>

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	<a href="#">relation to further outbreaks of highly pathogenic avian influenza in that country</a> <a href="#">Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2015/504 of 11 March 2015 implementing Regulation (EU) No 167/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council with regard to the administrative requirements for the approval and market surveillance of agricultural and forestry vehicles</a>
31-03-15	<a href="#">Commission Implementing Decision (EU) 2015/536 of 27 March 2015 amending Annex II to Decision 2007/777/EC as regards the entry for the United States in the list of third countries or parts thereof from which the introduction of meat products and treated stomachs, bladders and intestines into the Union is authorised in relation to further outbreaks of highly pathogenic avian influenza in that country (notified under document C(2015) 1990) (1)</a> <a href="#">Regulation No 100 of the Economic Commission for Europe of the United Nations (UNECE) — Uniform provisions concerning the approval of vehicles with regard to specific requirements for the electric power train [2015/505]</a>

### Restrictive measures established, amended, corrected

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

OJ Date	Restrictive Measure
03-03-15	<a href="#">Council Implementing Decision (CFSP) 2015/336 of 2 March 2015 implementing Decision 2013/798/CFSP concerning restrictive measures against the Central African Republic</a>
	<a href="#">Council Implementing Regulation (EU) 2015/324 of 2 March 2015 implementing Article 17(3) of Regulation (EU) No 224/2014 concerning restrictive measures in view of the situation in the Central African Republic</a>
	<a href="#">Council Decision (CFSP) 2015/335 of 2 March 2015 amending Decision 2010/231/CFSP concerning restrictive measures against Somalia</a>
	<a href="#">Council Implementing Regulation (EU) 2015/325 of 2 March 2015 implementing Article 13 of Regulation (EU) No 356/2010 imposing certain specific restrictive measures directed against certain natural or legal persons, entities or bodies, in view of the situation in Somalia</a>
	<a href="#">Council Implementing Decision (CFSP) 2015/337 of 2 March 2015 implementing Decision 2010/231/CFSP concerning restrictive measures against Somalia</a>
05-03-15	<a href="#">Council Decision (CFSP) 2015/364 of 5 March 2015 amending Decision 2014/119/CFSP concerning restrictive measures directed against certain persons, entities and bodies in view of the situation in Ukraine</a>
	<a href="#">Council Implementing Regulation (EU) 2015/357 of 5 March 2015 implementing Regulation (EU) No 208/2014 concerning restrictive measures directed against certain persons, entities and bodies in view of the situation in Ukraine</a>
07-03-15	<a href="#">Council Decision (CFSP) 2015/382 of 6 March 2015 amending Decision 2011/137/CFSP concerning restrictive measures in view of the situation in Libya</a>
	<a href="#">Council Regulation (EU) 2015/374 of 6 March 2015 amending Regulation (EU) No 204/2011 concerning restrictive measures in view of the situation in Libya</a>
	<a href="#">Council Implementing Regulation (EU) 2015/376 of 6 March 2015 implementing Article 16(2) of Regulation (EU) No 204/2011 concerning restrictive measures in view of the situation in Libya</a>
	<a href="#">Council Implementing Decision (CFSP) 2015/383 of 6 March 2015 implementing Decision 2013/255/CFSP concerning restrictive measures against Syria</a>
11-03-15	<a href="#">Council Implementing Regulation (EU) 2015/375 of 6 March 2015 implementing Regulation (EU) No 36/2012 concerning restrictive measures in view of the situation in Syria</a>
	<a href="#">Corrigendum to Council Implementing Regulation (EU) No 477/2014 of 12 May 2014 implementing Regulation (EU) No 269/2014 concerning restrictive measures in respect of actions undermining or threatening the territorial integrity, sovereignty and independence of Ukraine ( OJ L 137, 12.5.2014 )</a> <a href="#">Corrigendum to Council Decision 2014/265/CFSP of 12 May 2014 amending Decision 2014/145/CFSP concerning restrictive measures in respect of actions</a>

OJ Date	Restrictive Measure
	<a href="#">undermining or threatening the territorial integrity, sovereignty and independence of Ukraine ( OJ L 137, 12.5.2014 )</a>
	<a href="#">Corrigendum to Council Implementing Regulation (EU) No 810/2014 of 25 July 2014 implementing Regulation (EU) No 269/2014 concerning restrictive measures in respect of actions undermining or threatening the territorial integrity, sovereignty and independence of Ukraine ( OJ L 221, 25.7.2014 )</a>
	<a href="#">Corrigendum to Council Decision 2014/499/CFSP of 25 July 2014 amending Decision 2014/145/CFSP concerning restrictive measures in respect of actions undermining or threatening the territorial integrity, sovereignty and independence of Ukraine ( OJ L 221, 25.7.2014 )</a>
14-03-15	<a href="#">Council Decision (CFSP) 2015/432 of 13 March 2015 amending Decision 2014/145/CFSP concerning restrictive measures in respect of actions undermining or threatening the territorial integrity, sovereignty and independence of Ukraine</a>
	<a href="#">Council Implementing Regulation (EU) 2015/427 of 13 March 2015 implementing Regulation (EU) No 269/2014 concerning restrictive measures in respect of actions undermining or threatening the territorial integrity, sovereignty and independence of Ukraine</a>
21-03-15	<a href="#">Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2015/480 of 20 March 2015 amending for the 227th time Council Regulation (EC) No 881/2002 imposing certain specific restrictive measures directed against certain persons and entities associated with the Al-Qaeda network</a>
	<a href="#">Council Decision (CFSP) 2015/486 of 20 March 2015 amending Decision 2011/172/CFSP concerning restrictive measures directed against certain persons, entities and bodies in view of the situation in Egypt</a>
	<a href="#">Council Decision (CFSP) 2015/487 of 20 March 2015 amending Decision 2011/173/CFSP concerning restrictive measures in view of the situation in Bosnia and Herzegovina</a>
27-03-15	<a href="#">Council Implementing Regulation (EU) 2015/513 of 26 March 2015 implementing Article 2(3) of Regulation (EC) No 2580/2001 on specific restrictive measures directed against certain persons and entities with a view to combating terrorism and repealing Implementing Regulation (EU) No 790/2014</a>
	<a href="#">Council Decision (CFSP) 2015/521 of 26 March 2015 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 repealing Decision 2014/483/CFSP</a>
31-03-15	<a href="#">Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2015/532 of 30 March 2015 amending for the 228th time Council Regulation (EC) No 881/2002 imposing certain specific restrictive measures directed against certain persons and entities associated with the Al-Qaida network</a>

## Antidumping and countervailing duty cases

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

## Individual Countries

### France

#### Notices to importers

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

Release Date	Ref. No. and Subject
04-03-15	<a href="#">2015/10-Notice to importers of certain rainbow trout originating in Turkey</a>

Release Date	Ref. No. and Subject
18-03-15	<a href="#">2015/11-Notice to importers trichloroisocyanuric acid and preparations based on this substance from China</a>
	<a href="#">2015/12-Notice to importers of ceramic tiles from China</a>
19-03-15	<a href="#">2015/13-Notice to importers of certain molybdenum son from China</a>
30-03-15	<a href="#">2015/14-Notice to importers of products originating in countries benefiting from the Generalised Scheme of Tariff Preferences</a>
	<a href="#">2015/15-Notice to importers of products from Kosovo, Moldova and Ukraine (autonomous preferences)</a>

## Spain

### Spanish Criminal Code regulates and defines the content of compliance programs

The Spanish Senate has approved a new Criminal Code that will enter into force on the 1st of July 2015, after its final approval by the Spanish Parliament.

The new Spanish Criminal Code sets forth the six elements to be met by a Compliance Program to exempt legal entities from being held criminally liable, provided that the Compliance Program has been adopted before a crime is committed by any of its officers or employees.

Article 33 bis of the Spanish Criminal Code establishes that: if (a) the directors of a company have adopted a compliance program that meets the legal requirements under Spanish law, (b) the supervision of the program is entrusted to a company's body or individual with authorized powers of initiative and control (Compliance Body), (c) the officers or the employees have committed a crime by intentionally violating the Compliance Program, and (d) the Compliance Body has not neglected its duties of supervision, surveillance and control, the company will be exempted from criminal liability for the crimes committed (including corruption offences) by its officers and employees.

The six elements for the Compliance Program are established in Article 33 bis 5 of the Spanish Criminal Code. They are the following:

- 1) Risk assessment of the crimes that should be prevented.
- 2) Standards and controls to mitigate any criminal risks detected.
- 3) Financial management system in place to prevent the identified crimes.
- 4) Obligation to report to the Compliance Body any violation of the standards and controls (whistleblowing channel).
- 5) Disciplinary system to sanction the violation by officers and employees of the Compliance Program.
- 6) Periodical review of the Compliance Program, making the necessary adjustments when serious violations occur or when the company undergoes organizational, structural or economic activity changes.

In addition, the Spanish Criminal Code establishes that the Compliance Program shall be effective. Consequently the company will need to prove that its officers and employees have received proper training on the program.

Looking at the requirements established by Spanish law, we can conclude that Spanish compliance programs will need to meet the five essential elements of a compliance program listed to the right as identified by Baker & McKenzie and used by many companies to design their domestic and international Compliance Programs.

For additional information, please contact [Rafael Jiménez-Gusi](#) of our Madrid office.



## Switzerland

### Switzerland repeals sanctions against former Yugoslavia

On 24 March 2015, the Swiss Government announced that it has repealed the Ordinance of 23 June 1999 on Measures against Certain Persons from Former Yugoslavia with effect as of 1 April 2015. Since the end of 2001, this has provided for only financial sanctions against 13 individuals, including the former President S. Milosevic. This follows the repeal by the EU of its remaining sanctions against S. Milosevic and the targeted individuals at the end of October 2014; the State Secretariat for Economic Affairs (SECO) had not been notified of any blocked funds of these individuals. The repeal is contained in the [Ordonnance instituant des mesures à l'encontre de certaines personnes originaires de l'ancienne République fédérale de Yougoslavie – Abrogation du 6 mars 2015](#) (RS 946.207).

### Federal Council extends measures to prevent the circumvention of sanctions with respect to the situation in Ukraine

On 6 March 2015, the Federal Council [decided](#) to extend its measures to prevent the circumvention of international sanctions in view of the situation in Ukraine. The action followed decisions taken by the EU. It added the measures decreed by the EU last December following non-recognition of the annexation of the Crimea and Sevastopol to the ordinance on international sanctions of 27 August 2014. The Federal Council also added to Annex 3 of the ordinance the names of 28 further persons and entities that have had financial and travel restrictions imposed on them in the EU. The amended ordinance with supplemented annexes came into effect at 6 pm on 6 March. According to the Federal Council's announcement:

The Federal Council once again stressed that Swiss territory may not be misused to circumvent EU sanctions. It is continuing to pursue its current policy and today made amendments to the ordinance on the circumvention of international sanctions in relation to the situation in Ukraine. The Federal Council is thus taking measures necessary to prevent circumvention of the latest EU sanctions.

This decision by the Federal Council extends the measures introduced following Switzerland's non-recognition of Russia's annexation of the Crimea, an act which contravenes international law. All foreign investment in the Crimea and Sevastopol is now prohibited. Service bans apply in the investment and tourism branches, and in some other economic sectors. The existing ban on the export of key goods to the Crimea and Sevastopol has been extended to include further articles. In addition, the measures have been made more precise to accord with adjustments made to the EU sanctions.

Furthermore, 28 names have been added to the existing list of individuals and businesses with which financial intermediaries may no longer enter into new business relationships. Anyone in Switzerland with an existing business dealings with any of these entities is required to report this relationship (Annex 3 of the ordinance).

The Federal Council is continuing to monitor the situation in Ukraine closely and reserves the right to introduce further measures.

For additional information on the Swiss measures, please contact [Philippe M. Reich](#) of our Zurich office.

## United Kingdom

### UK adopts standardised packaging and labelling requirements for cigarettes and hand rolling tobacco

On 24 March 2015, the UK legislative [website](#) published [SI 2015/829 - The Standardised Packaging of Tobacco Products Regulations 2015](#) (the Regulations). The Regulations were made by the Secretary of State for Health in exercise of the powers conferred by sections 94 and 135(2) and (3) of the *Children and Families Act 2014* and section 2(2) of the *European Communities Act 1972*. The Regulations come into force on 20 May 2016 except that they do not apply to the supply before 21 May 2017 of a tobacco product produced before 20th May 2016 if the product complies with the *Tobacco Products (Manufacture, Presentation and Sale) (Safety) Regulations 2002* at the date of supply.

The Explanatory Note accompanying the Regulations summarizes them as follows:

These Regulations make provision for the retail packaging of cigarettes and hand rolling tobacco to be standardised.

These Regulations implement Articles 13 and 14, and one element of Article 9.3, of Directive 2014/40/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council of 3rd April 2014 on the approximation of the laws, regulations and administrative provisions of the Member States concerning the manufacture, presentation and sale of tobacco and related products (OJ No. L 127 29.4.2014, p1).

Regulations 3 and 7 prescribe the sole colours that are permitted to be used on the external and internal surfaces of the retail packaging of cigarettes and hand rolling tobacco respectively. These two regulations do not prohibit anything that is required by any other enactment, which includes, but is not limited to, mandatory health warnings, security features and fiscal marks. These regulations are subject to the text permitted under Schedules 1 and 3 respectively.

Regulation 4 sets out requirements for individual packets of cigarettes. It stipulates the material that such packets must be made from, the shape that the packet must be, what openings are permitted and the minimum amount of cigarettes permitted in each individual packet. Regulation 8 sets out requirements for individual packets of hand rolling tobacco. It stipulates the shapes or type of packet that are permitted and the minimum weight of tobacco allowed in each packet. These two regulations implement Article 14, and one element of Article 9.3, of Directive 2014/40/EU.

Regulation 5 sets out requirements for the appearance of individual cigarettes, including the permitted colours and text, and the requirements for that text.

Regulation 10 prohibits elements or features of the labelling on the packaging or the actual products, if the element or feature has one of the effects set out in paragraph (3). Paragraph (4) prohibits retail packaging that suggests economic advantage. This regulation applies to all tobacco products. This regulation, together with regulation 19(3), implements Article 13 of Directive 2014/40/EU.

Regulation 11 prohibits packaging for cigarettes and hand rolling tobacco that produces a noise or smell that is not normally associated with that packaging. This does not prohibit any smell resulting from additives designed to give the cigarettes or hand rolling tobacco themselves a smell or flavour, where those additives are otherwise permitted.

Regulation 12 prohibits features of the packaging of cigarettes or hand rolling tobacco that are designed to change after the product has been sold to the consumer.

Regulation 13 makes provisions concerning the registration, under the Trade Marks Act 1994, of trade marks the use of which is affected by these Regulations.

Regulation 14 makes provisions concerning the registration, under the Registered Design Act 1949, of designs the use of which is affected by these Regulations.

Regulations 15 to 18 make provision for offences and enforcement.

Regulation 19(1) and(2) amend section 3(1) of the Children and Young Persons (Protection from Tobacco) Act 1991 and article 4(1) of the Children and Young Persons (Protection from Tobacco) (Northern Ireland) Order 1991, to remove the requirement that cigarette packets must have a minimum of 10 cigarettes. Article 14 of Directive 2014/40/EU provides that packets must have a minimum of 20 cigarettes.

Regulation 19(3) revokes regulation 4 of the Tobacco Products (Manufacture, Presentation and Sale) (Safety) Regulations 2002 which requires packets of cigarettes to carry a statement of the tar, nicotine and carbon monoxide yields of the cigarettes contained in it. Such statements are now prohibited by Article 13(1)(a) of Directive 2014/40/EU.

Schedule 1 sets out what text is permitted on the retail packaging of cigarettes.

Schedule 3 sets out what text is permitted on the retail packaging of hand rolling tobacco. These schedules also set out the colour, typeface, size, location and orientation of the permitted text, and make provision for the use of barcodes and calibration marks on that packaging.

Schedules 2 and 4 make further provisions about the packaging of cigarettes and hand rolling tobacco in respect of the surfaces of the packaging, any lining inside packets of cigarettes, tabs or seals on packets of hand rolling tobacco and in respect of any wrappers. The schedules prohibit inserts or additional materials that are not an integral part of the packaging, required as part of the packaging process or required to protect the product.

A draft of these Regulations has been notified to the European Commission as a technical standard, pursuant to Directive 98/34/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council (OJ No L204, 21.7.98, p 37) laying down a procedure for the provision of information in the field of technical standards and regulations, as amended.

## England implements country of origin requirements for certain meats

On 9 March 2015, the UK [legislation website](#) posted [SI 2015/518 - The Country of Origin of Certain Meats \(England\) Regulations 2015](#), which make provision to enforce, in England, certain provisions of [Commission Implementing Regulation \(EU\) No 1337/2013](#) laying down rules for the application of Regulation (EU) No 1169/2011 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards the indication of the country of origin or place of provenance for fresh, chilled and frozen meat of swine, sheep, goats and poultry (the Commission Regulation).

Regulations set out that each food authority in its area or district is the competent authority for the purposes of Article 5(1) and (2) of the Commission Regulation and make food authorities and port health authorities responsible for enforcement of the Regulations. The Regulations also require food business operators to keep records for 12 months from the end of the calendar year to which each record relates.

Regulation 6 and the Schedule apply certain provisions of the [Food Safety Act 1990](#) with modifications. This includes the application (with modifications) of section 10(1), enabling an improvement notice to be served requiring compliance with specified provisions of the Commission Regulation or with regulation 5. The

provisions, as applied, make the failure to comply with an improvement notice an offence.

The Regulations also contain a provision requiring a review of the Regulations (of which the first report is due in five years). In carrying out the review the Secretary of State must, so far as is reasonable, have regard to how the Commission Regulation is implemented in other member States.

## Court takes a permissive approach to parallel importers within the EU

The English Court of Appeal issued a ruling on 6 February 2015 which has significant implications for the pharmaceutical sector in the EU where products are sold under different trade marks in Member States. Arguably the implications are more wide reaching, but the outcome of the current ruling is dependent on the very specific circumstances in which pharmaceutical products are prescribed and dispensed. Below we discuss the implications of *Speciality European Pharma Ltd v Doncaster Pharmaceuticals Group Ltd / Madaus GmbH* (Case No. A3/2014/0205).

The second defendant, Madaus GmbH (Madaus), is the manufacturer of tiroprium chloride, an active ingredient for the treatment of over-active bladder symptoms, which is sold and distributed as REGURIN in the UK, CÉRIS in France and URIVESC in Germany. These products are sold either in 20mg or 60mg sizes and distributed in the UK by Speciality European Pharma Ltd (SEP), the claimant and exclusive licensee of the REGURIN trade mark.

The first defendant, Doncaster Pharmaceuticals Group (Doncaster), is a well known parallel importer. For many years Doncaster imported into the UK CÉRIS branded tiroprium chloride which had been put on the market with Madaus' consent in France and over-stickered the packaging with the generic name. On expiry in 2009 of the patent for tiroprium chloride in 20mg form, Doncaster began to over-sticker the CÉRIS products with the UK trade mark REGURIN and import URIVESC branded products from Germany which were over-stickered in the same way.

Doncaster was sued by SEP for trade mark infringement, but claimed that it was entitled under Articles 34 and 36 of the *Treaty on the Functioning of the EU* to over-sticker the REGURIN trade mark, as a restriction on such re-branding would constitute an arbitrary discrimination or a disguised restriction on trade between Member States and thus contrary to Article 36. In particular, it was Doncaster's argument that it was necessary for the products to be re-branded as REGURIN in this way in order to gain effective market access in the UK.

At first instance, SEP was successful. The evidence demonstrated that the vast majority of prescriptions for tiroprium chloride in the UK are written generically, nearly 90 percent for the 20mg product and 68% of the 60mg product (which remains under patent until 2024). Doncaster would therefore have access to all prescriptions written generically without the need to re-brand as REGURIN, although for the 60mg products this would require Doncaster to market the product under a different brand name. In view of this, it was held that Doncaster was merely trying to seek a commercial advantage by "piggy backing" on SEP's marketing without any investment of its own in establishing a brand.

On appeal, Doncaster put forward the rather convincing arguments that a parallel importer could not compete in price with generic manufacturers in relation to the 20mg product and it is not a realistic expectation for a parallel importer to establish its own brand, due to its lack of control of the supply chain. Furthermore, the 8.61 percent of the market to which Doncaster would otherwise have no effective access, namely the proportion of prescriptions for the 20mg products written for REGURIN, rather than generically, was not an insubstantial part. These arguments were upheld by the Court of Appeal and the appeal allowed on the grounds that adoption of an own brand is not a “real world alternative” and a significant portion of the market at both the prescribing doctor and pharmacist level remained inaccessible to Doncaster without re-branding as REGURIN.

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## HMRC and BIS updates

The following Public Notices, [Customs Information Papers](#) (CIPs) and BIS documents were issued by HM Revenue & Customs and the Department for Business, Innovation and Skills (BIS):

Release Date	Ref. No. and Subject
27-02-15	<a href="#">CIP 7 (2015): new arrangements for import entries subject to Trading Standards controls</a>
04-03-15	<a href="#">BIS/15/162 Open general export licence (international non-proliferation regime decontrols: dual-use items)</a>
	<a href="#">BIS/15/160 Open general export licence (oil and gas exploration: dual-use items)</a>
	<a href="#">BIS/15/161 . OGTCL (Trade and Transportation: Small Arms and light weapons)</a>
	<a href="#">BIS/14/728 Open general export licence (software and source code for military goods)</a>
	<a href="#">BIS/14/726 Open general export licence (export for repair/replacement under warranty: military goods)</a>
06-03-15	<a href="#">BIS/14/729 Open general export licence (export for exhibition: military goods)</a>
	<a href="#">BIS/14/895 Open general export licence (technology for military goods)</a>
	<a href="#">BIS/14/1042 Open general export licence (military surplus vehicles)</a>
13-03-15	<a href="#">BIS/14/731 Open general export licence (military goods: for demonstration)</a>
	<a href="#">BIS/14/733 Open general export licence (export after repair/replacement under warranty: military goods)</a>
12-03-15	<a href="#">BIS/14/556 Open general export licence (cryptographic development)</a>
12-03-15	<a href="#">CIP 9 (2015): removal of the option to submit customs declarations in a paper format</a>
26-03-15	<a href="#">CIP 10 (2015): Authorised Economic Operators holding AEOS/F certificates</a>
	<a href="#">BIS/15/219 Consolidated list of strategic military and dual-use items that require export authorisation</a>
	<a href="#">BIS/15/221 UK military list of items that require export authorisation</a>
	<a href="#">CIP 11 (2015): temporary admission changes to Article 561(2) of Regulation (EEC) No 2454/93</a>

## ECO Notices to Exporters

The following [Notices to Exporters](#) were issued by the Export Control Organisation (ECO):

Date	Notice No. and Subject
04-03-15	<a href="#">Notice to Exporters 2015/11: two OGELs and an OGTCL updated</a>

Date	Notice No. and Subject
17-03-15	<a href="#">Notice to Exporters 2015/12: two OGELs corrected</a>
19-03-15	<a href="#">Notice to Exporters 2015/13: PV/Ex processes added to SPIRE</a>
25-03-15	<a href="#">Notice to Exporters 2015/14: ECO's Checker Tools operating from SPIRE system</a>
27-03-15	<a href="#">Notice to Exporters 2015/15: amendment to The Export Control Order 2008 ('the main Order') - Schedule 2 replaced</a>

## Other EU-EFTA Notices

### Import-export related measures

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

Date*	Measure
<b>France</b>	
11-03-15	<a href="#">Decree of 3 March 2015 amending the Decree of 20 November 1969 on vehicles mirrors</a>
	<a href="#">Decree of 3 March 2015 amending the order of 24 October 1994 on the fuel tanks of motor vehicles</a>
	<a href="#">Decree of 3 March 2015 amending the order of 4 May 2009 on the steering equipment for motor vehicles and their trailers</a>
	<a href="#">Decree of 3 March 2015 amending the order of 4 May 2009 on the national type approval of small series of motor vehicles on the radio interference (electromagnetic compatibility)</a>
	<a href="#">Decree of 3 March 2015 amending the order of 4 May 2009 on type-approval of motor vehicles with regard to their guard against unauthorized use</a>
12-03-15	<a href="#">Decree of 3 March 2015 amending the order of 4 May 2009 relating to the wheel guards of motor vehicles</a>
	<a href="#">Decree of 5 March 2015 amending the order of 5 August 1992 on maximum permissible levels of pesticide residues in and on certain products of plant origin</a>
13-03-15	<a href="#">Decree No. 2015-269 of 11 March 2015 concerning the publication of the Agreement between the European Community and its Member States, of the one part and the Government of the People's Republic of China, on the other, on maritime transport signed at Brussels on 6 December 2002 (1)</a>
	<a href="#">Notice to operators concerning the conditions for application as from 1 April 2015 of Regulation (EU) No 284/2011 of the Commission of 22 March 2011 laying down specific conditions and detailed procedures for the import of cooking utensils polyamide and melamine plastic or originating in the People's Republic of China and the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region, China</a>
21-03-15	<a href="#">Decree of 10 March 2015 amending the Decree of 3 March 2009 approving inspection rules of a disposal system used packaging in place by a producer or importer of packaged products intended for households</a>
24-03-15	<a href="#">Decision of 24 February 2015 laying down the form and content of the application for authorization of the manufacturing, importation or distribution of active substances and the declaration of the manufacturing, importation or distribution of excipients under Article L. 5138-1 of the Code of Public Health</a>
31-03-15	<a href="#">Decree No. 2015-360 of 30 March 2015 extending the Interministerial Committee on dual-use goods</a>
<b>Germany</b>	
13-03-15	<a href="#">Seventh ordinance amending dangerous goods legal regulations (26-02-2015) from № 10 of 13.03.2015, page 265</a>
<b>Iceland</b>	
04-03-15	<a href="#">№ 217/2015 Regulation amending Regulation no. 944/2014 on the safety of toys and their marketing within the European Economic Area.</a>

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	<a href="#">№ 220/2015 Rules names and labeling of textile products.</a>
10-03-15	<a href="#">№ 244/2015 Regulation amending Regulation no. 444/2009 concerning the implementation of the decisions of the European Commission on cooperation between the authorities responsible for the enforcement of consumer protection laws as regards mutual assistance.</a>
12-03-15	<a href="#">№ 250/2015 - Fees for applications for production, marketing or import food with íblönduðu caffeine.</a>
16-03-15	<a href="#">№ 21/2015 Law on Amendments to the Act on the Schengen Information System in Iceland, no. 16/2000, as amended (the new generation of the system)</a>
27-03-15	<a href="#">№ 289/2015 Regulation on (7) amending Regulation No. 135/2010 on the entry into force of Regulation (EC) No. 2073/2005 on microbiological criteria for foodstuffs, as amended.</a>
<b>Ireland (Eire)</b>	
03-03-15	<a href="#">S.I. No. 068/2015 - European Communities (Food and Feed Hygiene) (Amendment) Regulations 2015.</a>
10-03-15	<a href="#">S.I. No. 81 of 2015 - European Communities (Pressure Equipment) (Amendment) Regulations 2015</a>
	<a href="#">S.I. No. 82 of 2015 - European Communities (Free Movement of Persons) (Amendment) Regulations 2015.</a>
13-03-15	<a href="#">S.I. No. 88/2015 - European Communities (Intra-Community Transfers of Defence Related Products) (Amendment) Regulations 2015.</a>
<b>Liechtenstein</b>	
05-03-15	<a href="#">№ 73 Treaty on Arms Trade</a>
18-03-15	<a href="#">№ 87 Exchange of notes between the Principality of Liechtenstein and the European Union on the Adoption of Implementing Decision (EU) 2015/215 Council to give effect to the provisions of the Schengen acquis relating to data protection and the provisional enforcement of parts of the Schengen acquis relating to the Schengen Information System for the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland (development of the Schengen acquis)</a>
31-03-15	<a href="#">№ 99 Laws dated December 16, 2014 Decision no. 1/2014 of the EFTA-Egypt Joint Committee</a>
<b>Luxembourg</b>	
05-03-15	<a href="#">Mem. A № 36 Grand Ducal Regulation of 27 February 2015 repealing the Grand-Ducal regulation of February 3 1992 on the safety of toys</a>
20-03-15	<a href="#">Mem. A № 51 Grand Ducal Regulation of 13 March 2015 amending the Grand-Ducal regulation of 26 January 2010 on animal health problems affecting intra-Community trade in bovine animals and swine</a>
26-03-15	<a href="#">Mem. A № 55 Grand Ducal Regulation of 13 March 2015 laying down animal health requirements governing trade in and imports into the Community of animals, semen, ova and embryos not subject, in regard to animal health conditions, to specific regulations</a>
27-03-15	<a href="#">Mem. A № 58 Grand Ducal Decree of 19 March 2015 amending Regulation annexed to the European Agreement concerning the International Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Inland Waterways (ADN), done at Geneva on 26 May 2000.</a>
<b>Malta</b>	
13-03-15	<a href="#">№ 77 of 2015 - Prevention of Money Laundering and Funding of Terrorism (Amendment) Regulations, 2014 - Commencement Notice - Government Gazette of Malta No. 19,392 – 13.03.2015</a>
	<a href="#">№ 78 of 2015 - Prevention of Money Laundering and Funding of Terrorism (Amendment) Regulations, 2015 - Government Gazette of Malta No. 19,392 – 13.03.2015</a>
	<a href="#">№ 79 of 2015 - Timber and Timber Products (Placing on the Market) Regulations, 2015- Government Gazette of Malta No. 19,392 – 13.03.2015</a>
	<a href="#">№ 80 of 2015 - Simplifying Terms and Conditions of Transfers of Defence-Related Products (Amendment) Regulations, 2015- Government Gazette of Malta No. 19,392 – 13.03.2015</a>
17-03-15	<a href="#">№ 82 of 2015 - Traceability of Pyrotechnic Articles Regulations, 2015 Government Gazette of Malta No. 19,394 – 17.03.2015</a>
20-03-15	<a href="#">№ 109 of 2015 - Fruit and Vegetables Marketing Standards Regulations, 2015</a>

Date*	Measure
	<i>Government Gazette of Malta No. 19,395 – 20.03.2015</i>
<b>Norway</b>	
03-03-15	FOR 2015-02-25-161 Agriculture and Food, Ministry of Health <a href="#">Regulations on special safeguard measures on imports of guar from India (guarkjernemel-forskriften)</a>
	FOR 2015-02-25-164 Ministry of Culture <a href="#">Regulation amending the Regulation on export and import of cultural objects</a>
	FOR 2015-03-02-172 Ministry of Health <a href="#">Regulation amending the Regulation on limit values for drug residues in foods from animals</a>
06-03-15	FOR 2015-03-03-181 Industry and Fisheries Ministry of Agriculture and Food, Ministry of Health <a href="#">Regulation amending the Regulation on residues of pesticides in food and feed</a>
	FOR 2015-03-03-182 Industry and Fisheries Ministry of Agriculture and Food, Ministry of Health <a href="#">Regulations on joint coordinated monitoring program for 2015, 2016 and 2017 residues of pesticides in foodstuffs</a>
	FOR 2015-03-04-184 Ministry of Health <a href="#">Regulation amending the Regulation on cosmetics and bodycare products</a>
10-03-15	FOR 2015-03-03-185 Industry and Fisheries Ministry <a href="#">Regulation amending the Regulation on the operation of aquaculture facilities (Aquaculture Operation Regulations)</a>
	FOR 2015-03-04-186 Agriculture and Food <a href="#">Regulation amending the Regulation on administrative tariff reductions for agricultural products</a>
	FOR 2015-03-04-188 Ministry of Health, Agriculture and Food, Industry and Fisheries Ministry <a href="#">Regulation amending the Regulation on special import conditions for feed and food originating in or exported from Japan</a>
	FOR 2015-03-04-189 Agriculture and Food <a href="#">Regulation amending the Regulation on the import and transit of poultry and certain poultry products from third countries and regulations on the importation of cooked meat, meat products, treated stomachs, bladders and intestines ..</a>
13-03-15	FOR 2015-03-11-209 Agriculture and Food <a href="#">Regulation amending the Regulation on special safeguard measures in connection with avian influenza in Croatia and Switzerland</a>
	FOR 2015-03-12-212 Ministry of Health <a href="#">Regulation amending the Regulation on certain contaminants in foodstuffs</a>
17-03-15	FOR 2015-03-12-215 Ministry of Health <a href="#">Regulation amending the Regulation on cosmetics and bodycare products</a>
	FOR 2015-03-13-217 Ministry of Health <a href="#">Regulation amending the Regulation on certain contaminants in foodstuffs</a>
20-03-15	FOR 2015-03-10-224 Ministry of Health <a href="#">Regulation amending the Regulation on food formation to consumers (matin formation Regulations)</a>
	FOR 2015-03-17-227 Agriculture and Food, Industry and Fisheries Ministry of Health and Care Services <a href="#">Regulation amending the Regulation on additives for use in animal nutrition</a>
	FOR 2015-03-18-229 Labour and Social Affairs, Ministry of Justice, Ministry of the Environment <a href="#">Regulations on changes in regulations concerning the registration, evaluation, authorization and restriction of chemicals (REACH)</a>
24-03-15	FOR 2015-03-17-242 Ministry <a href="#">Regulations concerning the use class, GVW and allowed lorries length for normal transport, timber transport and driving with modular trucks on highway (road list highway)</a>
	FOR 2015-03-17-243 Ministry <a href="#">Regulations concerning the use class, permissible gross combination length and veggruppe for special transport on highway (road list special transport)</a>
27-03-15	FOR-2014-12-18-1949 Agriculture and Food <a href="#">Regulation amending the Regulation on sales of agricultural commodities, and about the production tax on milk</a>
	FOR 2015-03-20-272 Agriculture and Food <a href="#">Regulation amending the Regulation on the allocation of tariff quotas for agricultural products</a>
	FOR 2015-03-20-274 Agriculture and Food <a href="#">Regulation amending the Regulation on the import and transit of poultry and certain poultry products from third countries and regulations on the importation of cooked meat, meat products, treated stomachs, bladders and intestines ...</a>

Date*	Measure
	FOR 2015-03-23-277 Agriculture and Food, Ministry of Health <a href="#">Regulations amending the animaliehygieneforskriften and animaliekontrollforskriften</a>
	FOR 2015-03-23-280 Ministry of Health <a href="#">Regulation amending the Regulation on certain contaminants in foodstuffs</a>
	FOR 2015-03-23-281 Ministry <a href="#">Regulation amending the Regulation on technical requirements and approval of vehicles, parts and equipment (Vehicle Regulations) and Regulation for bicycle</a>
31-03-15	FOR 2015-03-25-306 Ministry of Health <a href="#">Regulation amending the Regulation on limit values for drug residues in foods and animals</a>
	FOR 2015-03-25-307 Ministry of Health, Ministry of Industry and Ministry of Fisheries, Agriculture and Food <a href="#">Regulation amending the Regulation on additives for use in animal nutrition</a>
<b>Poland</b>	
02-03-15	<a href="#">№ 282 Proclamation of the Marshal of the Polish Sejm on 10 February 2015. On the publication of the consolidated text of the Act on Special Economic Zones</a>
03-03-15	<a href="#">№ 283 Council of Ministers of 3 February 2015. Amending the Regulation on Tarnobrzeg special economic zone</a>
04-03-15	<a href="#">№ 298 Proclamation of the Marshal of the Polish Sejm on 20 February 2015. On the publication of the consolidated text of the Law on protection of health against the consequences of tobacco use and tobacco</a>
05-03-15	<a href="#">№ 305 Statement of the Minister of Infrastructure and Development of 30 January 2015. On the publication of the consolidated text of the Regulation of the Minister of Infrastructure on the technical specifications of vehicles and their scope of necessary equipment</a>
09-03-15	<a href="#">№ 322 Proclamation of the Marshal of the Polish Sejm on 20 February 2015. On the publication of the consolidated text of the Law on general product safety</a> <a href="#">№ 323 Regulation of the Minister of Health of 2 March 2015. On the amount and method of covering the costs of inspection of the manufacturer, importer or distributor of the manufacturer of the active substance or excipients by officers of the Main Pharmaceutical Inspectorate manufacturing</a>
17-03-15	<a href="#">№ 365 Regulation of the Minister of Health of 10 March 2015. On the model of the application for a license to manufacture or import of medicinal products</a> <a href="#">№ 368 Regulation of the Minister of Health of 10 March 2015. On the model of the application to amend the permit to manufacture or import of medicinal products</a>
18-03-15	<a href="#">№ 380 Regulation of the Minister of Health of 13 March 2015. On the model application for entry into the National Register of Manufacturers, Importers and distributors of active substances</a>
19-03-15	<a href="#">№ 387 Regulation of the Minister of Economy of 13 March 2015. On the list of weapons, which the marketing authorization is required</a>
20-03-15	<a href="#">№ 391 Statement of the Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development of 23 February 2015. On the publication of the consolidated text of the Regulation of the Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development on the production of animal products from areas subject to restrictions, injunctions or prohibitions</a> <a href="#">№ 393 Regulation of the Minister of Health of 10 March 2015. On the amount and method of covering the costs of inspection of the manufacturer or importer of medicinal products by the officers of the Main Pharmaceutical Inspectorate manufacturing</a> <a href="#">№ 395 Regulation of the Minister of Finance of 24 February 2015. Amending the Regulation on official positions of customs officers, the mode of promotion and make changes to the service stations</a>
23-03-15	<a href="#">№ 407 Statement of the Minister of Finance dated 4 March 2015. On the publication of the consolidated text of the Regulation of the Minister of Finance on how to submit declarations and applications and types of electronic signatures, which should be endorsed</a>
25-03-15	<a href="#">№ 420 Regulation of the Minister of Finance dated 19 March 2015. On the model information on the relative subordination of customs officers, civil servants and employees respectively, serving or employed in organizational units of the Customs Service</a> <a href="#">№ 422 Regulation of the Minister of Finance dated 19 March 2015. On the juris-</a>

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	<p><a href="#">diction of customs offices and customs chambers for excise duty</a></p> <p><a href="#">№ 423 Regulation of the Minister of Finance dated 19 March 2015. On the jurisdiction of customs offices and customs chambers in matters relating to stamps</a></p> <p><a href="#">№ 426 Regulation of the Minister of Finance of 23 March 2015. On the model form of referral to the medical committee reporting to the minister responsible for internal affairs used for customs officers</a></p> <p><a href="#">№ 427 Regulation of the Minister of Finance dated 19 March 2015. On the jurisdiction of customs offices and customs chambers in terms of tax on mineral extraction</a></p> <p><a href="#">№ 432 Council of Ministers of 10 March 2015. Amending the Regulation on Tar-nobrzeg special economic zone</a></p> <p><a href="#">№ 435 Regulation of the Minister of Finance dated 20 March 2015. On the jurisdiction of customs offices and customs chambers in the field of gaming tax</a></p>
30-03-15	<p><a href="#">№ 450 Statement of the Minister of Health of 2 March 2015. On the publication of the consolidated text of the Regulation of the Minister of Health on the labeling of chemical substances and mixtures, and certain mixtures</a></p>
31-03-15	<p><a href="#">№ 462 Regulation of the Minister of Finance dated 30 March 2015. Amending Regulation on the award honors the customs officers</a></p>
<b>Spain</b>	
03-03-15	<p>Hacienda: <a href="#">Order HAP / 356/2015 of 24 February, amending the Order EHA / 93/2006, of 18 January, approving the establishment of a free trade zone of control type II in the port of Santa authorizing Cruz de Tenerife; and amendment of the Statute of the Consortium of the Zona Franca de Santa Cruz de Tenerife is approved. (BOE-A-2015-2262)</a></p>
10-03-15	<p>Foreign Affairs: <a href="#">Amendments to the Annexes to the Agreement on international transport of perishable goods and special vehicles used in these transports (ATP), adopted in Geneva on October 25, 2012. (BOE-A-2015-2542)</a></p>
11-03-15	<p>Hacienda: <a href="#">Resolution of March 9, 2015, the Directorate General of the State Tax Administration Agency, laying down general guidelines Annual Plan Tax and Customs Control 2015 are approved (BOE-A-2015-2603)</a></p>
12-03-15	<p>Health: <a href="#">Resolution of 26 February 2015, the Spanish Agency for Consumer Food Safety and Nutrition, by extending the Annex to Resolution of 21 June 2004 laying down the publication of the references of standards UNE remember EN harmonized, pursuant to Royal Decree 1801/2003, of December 26th on general product safety. (BOE-A-2015-2660)</a></p>
	<p>Health: <a href="#">Resolution of 20 February 2015, the Spanish Agency for Consumer Food Safety and Nutrition, by which the effectiveness of the resolution of 8 March 2007, the National Consumer Institute, lasts for which ensures that only lighters are sold with child safety and marketing of novelty lighters are prohibited.(BOE-A-2015-2661)</a></p>
24-03-15	<p>Industry: <a href="#">Resolution of January 26, 2015, the Directorate General of Industry and Small and Medium Enterprises, for which the relationship of UNE standards annulled by the Spanish Association for Standardisation and Certification during the month of December 2014 is published.(BOE-A-2015-3155)</a></p>
	<p>Industry: <a href="#">Resolution of January 26, 2015, the Directorate General of Industry and Small and Medium Enterprises, by the relationship of UNE standards adopted by the Spanish Association for Standardisation and Certification during the month of December 2014 is published. (BOE-A-2015-3156)</a></p>
	<p>Industry: <a href="#">Resolution of 11 February 2015, the Directorate General of Industry and Small and Medium Enterprises, by the relationship of European standards that have been ratified during the month of January 2015 as Spanish standards published.(BOE-A-2015-3157)</a></p>
	<p>Industry: <a href="#">Resolution of 11 February 2015, the Directorate General of Industry and Small and Medium Enterprises, for which the relationship of UNE standards annulled by the Spanish Association for Standardisation and Certification during the month of January 2015 is published. (BOE-A-2015-3158)</a></p>
	<p>Industry: <a href="#">Resolution of 11 February 2015, the Directorate General of Industry and Small and Medium Enterprises, for which the ratio of UNE approved by the Spanish Association for Standardisation and Certification during the month of January 2015 is published. (BOE-A-2015-3159)</a></p>
25-03-15	<p>Defense: <a href="#">Order DEF / 503/2015, of 16 March, laying down rules for the applica-</a></p>

Date*	Measure
	<a href="#">tion of Royal Decree 33/2014, of January 24, amending Title II of Law 12/2012 is developed, 26 are held December on urgent measures to liberalize trade and certain services. (BOE-A-2015-3180)</a>
<b>Switzerland</b>	
03-03-15	<a href="#">DFI Ordinance on controlling the import and transit of animals and animal products (Ordinance on controls, OITE) (RS 916.443.106)</a>
	<a href="#">DFI Ordinance on controlling the import and transit of animals and animal products (Ordinance on controls, OITE) (RS 916.443.106)</a>
	<a href="#">Ordinance of the OSAv establishing measures to prevent the introduction of African swine fever present in some member states of the European Union (RS 916.443.108)</a>
	<a href="#">Exchange of Notes of November 21, 2013 between Switzerland and the European Union on the resumption of Regulation (EU) No o 1051/2013 amending the Schengen Borders Code to establish common rules on the temporary reintroduction of internal border controls (Development of the Schengen acquis) (RS 0.362.380.063)</a>
10-03-15	<a href="#">Ordinance on the national section of the Schengen Information System (N-SIS) and the SIRENE (Ordinance N-SIS) (RS 362.0)</a>
	<a href="#">Order OFAG Fixing periods and deadlines as well as permission to parts of the tariff quota of fresh vegetables, fresh fruit and fresh cut flowers (Ordinance authorizing imports on the OIELFP) (RS 916.121.100)</a>
	<a href="#">DFI Ordinance on controlling the import and transit of animals and animal products (Ordinance on controls, OITE) (RS 916.443.106)</a>
18-03-15	<a href="#">Ordinance of the OSAv establishing measures to prevent the introduction of avian influenza from Germany (RS 916.443.102)</a>
	<a href="#">Ordinance of the OSAv establishing measures to prevent the introduction in Switzerland of avian influenza from Hungary (RS 916.443.102.6)</a>
	<a href="#">DFI Ordinance on controlling the import and transit of animals and animal products (Ordinance on controls, OITE) (RS 916.443.106)</a>
	<a href="#">DFI Ordinance on controlling the import and transit of animals and animal products (Ordinance on controls, OITE) (RS 916.443.106)</a>
	<a href="#">Ordinance on the import, transit and export of pets (OITE-AC) (RS 916.443.14)</a>
	<a href="#">Customs Convention of 4 June 1954 on the Temporary Importation of Private Road Vehicles (RS 0.631.251.4)</a>
24-03-15	<a href="#">Ordinance on the progressive introduction of free movement of persons between, on the one hand, the Swiss Confederation and, on the other hand, the European Union and its Member States and between Member States of the European Association of free trade (RS 142.203)</a>
	<a href="#">Order AFD Customs (OD-AFD) (RS 631.013)</a>
	<a href="#">Ordinance of the FDF on contributions rates to the export of agricultural commodities (RS 632.111.723.1)</a>
	<a href="#">Order OFAG on phytosanitary temporary measures (OMPT) (RS 916.202.1)</a>
	<a href="#">Ordinance of the OSAv establishing measures to prevent the introduction of avian influenza from Bulgaria (RS 916.443.102.5)</a>
	<a href="#">DFI Ordinance on controlling the import and transit of animals and animal products (Ordinance on controls, OITE) (RS 916.443.106)</a>
	<a href="#">DFI Ordinance on controlling the import and transit of animals and animal products (Ordinance on controls, OITE) (RS 916.443.106)</a>
31-03-15	<a href="#">Ordinance of the FDF on the variable component for the import of processed agricultural products (RS 632.111.722.1)</a>
	<a href="#">Ordinance on the import of agricultural products (Ordinance on agricultural imports, OIAgr) (RS 916.01)</a>
<b>United Kingdom</b>	
02-03-15	<a href="#">SR 2014/324 - The Human Medicines (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 2014</a>
	<a href="#">SR 2014/323 - The Human Medicines (Amendment) Regulations 2014</a>
03-03-15	<a href="#">SI 2015/441 - The Salmon and Migratory Trout (Prohibition of Fishing and Landing) (England) Order 2015</a>
	<a href="#">SI 2015/438 - The Temporary Exclusion Orders (Notices) Regulations 2015</a>
05-03-15	<a href="#">SSI 2015/103 - The Alien and Locally Absent Species in Aquaculture (Scotland) Regulations 2015</a>
	<a href="#">SI 2015/454 - The Animal Feed (Hygiene, Sampling etc. and Enforcement) (England) Regulations 2015</a>

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	<a href="#">SI 2015/419 - The Clinical Thermometers (EEC Requirements) (Revocation) Regulations 2015</a>
	<a href="#">SI 2015/255 - The Animal Feed (Composition, Marketing and Use) (England) Regulations 2015</a>
06-03-15	<a href="#">SI 2015/469 - The Ecodesign for Energy-Related Products and Energy Information (Amendment) Regulations 2015</a>
09-03-15	<a href="#">SI 2015/518 - The Country of Origin of Certain Meats (England) Regulations 2015</a>
11-03-15	<a href="#">SR 2015/129 - The Plant Health (Wood and Bark) (Amendment) Order (Northern Ireland) 2015</a>
	<a href="#">SI 2015/610 - The Plant Health (England) Order 2015</a>
12-03-15	<a href="#">SR 2015/128 - The Plant Health (Amendment) Order (Northern Ireland) 2015</a>
	<a href="#">SI 2015/629 - The Merchant Shipping (Weighing of Goods Vehicles and other Cargo) (Revocations) Regulations 2015</a>
16-03-15	<a href="#">SI 2015/694 - The Immigration (European Economic Area) (Amendment) Regulations 2015</a>
23-03-15	<a href="#">SI 2015/847 - The European Union (Definition of Treaties) (Association Agreement) (Moldova) Order 2015</a>
	<a href="#">SI 2015/844 - The European Union (Definition of Treaties) (Association Agreement) (Ukraine) Order 2015</a>
	<a href="#">SI 2015/843 - The European Union (Definition of Treaties)(Association Agreement)(Georgia) Order 2015</a>
	<a href="#">SI 2015/802 - The Global Entry Scheme (Screening Process) (Fees) Regulations 2015</a>
	<a href="#">SI 2015/787 - The Animals and Animal Products (Examination for Residues and Maximum Residue Limits)(England and Scotland) Regulations 2015</a>
24-03-15	<a href="#">SI 2015/829 - The Standardised Packaging of Tobacco Products Regulations 2015</a>
25-03-15	<a href="#">SI 2015/878 - The International Tax Compliance Regulations 2015</a>
	<a href="#">SI 2015/873 - The International Tax Compliance (Crown Dependencies and Gibraltar) (Amendment) Regulations 2015</a>
	<a href="#">SI 2015/856 - The Channel Tunnel (International Arrangements) and Channel Tunnel (Miscellaneous Provisions) (Amendment) Order 2015</a>
26-03-15	<a href="#">SI 2015/928 - The Counter-Terrorism and Security Act 2015 (Risk of Being Drawn into Terrorism) (Amendment and Guidance) Regulations 2015</a>
	<a href="#">SI 2015/860 - The Firearms Regulations 2015</a>
27-03-15	<a href="#">SR 2015/178 - The Human Medicines (Amendment) Regulations 2015</a>
	<a href="#">SR 2015/175 - The Planning (Avian Influenza) (Special Development) Order (Northern Ireland) 2015</a>
	<a href="#">SI 2015/966 - The Control of Poisons and Explosives Precursors Regulations 2015</a>
	<a href="#">SI 2015/959 - The Terrorism Act 2000 (Proscribed Organisations) (Amendment) (No. 2) Order 2015</a>
	<a href="#">SI 2015/903 - The Human Medicines (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 2015</a>
30-03-15	<a href="#">SI 2015/997 - The Counter-Terrorism and Security Act 2015 (Authority to Carry Scheme) Regulations 2015</a>
	<a href="#">SI 2015/970 - The Air Navigation (Dangerous Goods) (Amendment) Regulations 2015</a>
	<a href="#">SI 2015/897 - The Immigration (Biometric Registration) (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 2015</a>

### Restrictive measures established, amended, corrected

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

Date*	Restrictive Measure
<b>Iceland</b>	
25-03-15	<a href="#">№ 275/2015 Regulation amending Regulation on coercive measures on Iran nr. 384/2014.</a>
	<a href="#">№ 276/2015 Regulation amending Regulation on coercive measures on Syria nr. 456/2014, as amended.</a>
	<a href="#">№ 277/2015 Regulation of coercive measures on Guinea.</a>
	<a href="#">№ 278/2015 Regulation of coercive measures on Myanmar.</a>
26-03-15	<a href="#">№ 283/2015 Regulation of coercive measures regarding Tunisia.</a>
27-03-15	<a href="#">№ 290/2015 Regulation of coercive measures regarding Eritrea.</a>
	<a href="#">№ 291/2015 Regulation of coercive measures regarding Moldova.</a>
30-03-15	<a href="#">№ 295/2015 295/2015 Regulation amending the Regulation on measures against terrorism nr. 448/2014</a>
<b>Ireland (Eire)</b>	
03-03-15	<a href="#">S.I. No. 071/2015 - European Union (Restrictive Measures concerning (Afghanistan) Regulations 2015.</a>
	<a href="#">S.I. No. 072/2015 - European Union (Restrictive Measures concerning Belarus) Regulations 2015.</a>
	<a href="#">S.I. No. 073/2015 - European Union (Restrictive Measures concerning Côte D'Ivoire) Regulations 2015.</a>
	<a href="#">S.I. No. 074/2015 - European Union (Restrictive Measures concerning Libya) Regulations 2015.</a>
	<a href="#">S.I. No. 075/2015 - European Union (Restrictive Measures concerning Iraq) Regulations 2015.</a>
	<a href="#">S.I. No. 078/2015 - European Union (Restrictive Measures concerning Ukraine) Regulations 2015.</a>
<b>Liechtenstein</b>	
05-03-15	<a href="#">№ 71 Order of 3 March 2015 concerning amendment of the ordinance on measures against Côte d'Ivoire</a>
12-03-15	<a href="#">№ 74 Decree of 10 March 2015 concerning the amendment of the Regulation on measures against certain persons from Ukraine</a>
	<a href="#">№ 75 Decree of 10 March 2015 concerning the amendment of the Ordinance on measures to prevent circumvention of international sanctions in connection with the situation in Ukraine</a>
18-03-15	<a href="#">№ 91 Decree of 17 March 2015 concerning the amendment of the ordinance on measures against persons and organizations with ties to the "Al-Qaeda"</a>
	<a href="#">№ 92 Decree of 17 March 2015 concerning the amendment of the Regulation on Sanctions against Syria</a>
	<a href="#">№ 93 Decree of 17 March 2015 concerning the amendment of the Regulation on Sanctions against Libya</a>
26-03-15	<a href="#">№ 94 Decree of 24 March 2015 concerning the amendment of the ordinance on measures against persons and organizations with ties to the "Al-Qaeda"</a>
	<a href="#">№ 95 Decree of 24 March 2015 concerning the amendment of the Ordinance on measures to prevent circumvention of international sanctions in connection with the situation in Ukraine</a>
27-03-15	<a href="#">№ 96 Decree of 25 March 2015 concerning the amendment of the ordinance on measures against persons and organizations with ties to the "Al-Qaeda"</a>
<b>Luxembourg</b>	
17-03-15	<a href="#">Mem. A № 49 Ministerial Regulation of 16 March 2015 amending Annex IC of the Grand Ducal Regulation of 29 October 2010 on the implementation of the law of 27 October 2010 on the implementation of UN Security Council resolutions and acts adopted by the European Union with restrictive prohibitions and measures in financial matters against certain persons, entities and groups in the context of the fight against terrorist financing</a>
26-03-15	<a href="#">Mem. A № 57 Ministerial Regulation of 25 March 2015 amending Annex IC of the Grand Ducal Regulation of 29 October 2010 on the implementation of the law of 27 October 2010 on the implementation of resolutions of the United Nations Security Council and acts adopted by the European Union with restrictive prohibitions and measures in financial matters against certain persons, entities and groups in the context of the fight against terrorist financing</a>

Date*	Restrictive Measure
<b>Switzerland</b>	
06-03-15	<a href="#">Order of 6 March 2015 establishing measures to prevent circumvention of international sanctions in connection with the situation in Ukraine</a>
18-03-15	<a href="#">Ordinance on Measures against persons and entities associated with Usama bin Laden, the group "Al Qaeda" and the Taliban (RS 946.203)</a>
	<a href="#">Ordinance on measures against the Democratic Republic of Congo (RS 946.231.12)</a>
	<a href="#">Ordinance on measures against Côte d'Ivoire (RS 946.231.13)</a>
	<a href="#">Ordinance on measures against Syria (RS 946.231.172.7)</a>
24-03-15	<a href="#">Ordinance on measures to prevent the circumvention of international sanctions in connection with the situation in Ukraine (RS 946.231.176.72)</a>
	<a href="#">Ordinance on measures against some people from the former Federal Republic of Yugoslavia (RS 946.207)</a>
31-03-15	<a href="#">Ordinance on Measures against certain individuals from Ukraine (RS 946.231.176.7)</a>
	<a href="#">Ordinance on Measures against persons and entities associated with Usama bin Laden, the group "Al Qaeda" and the Taliban (RS 946.203)</a>
	<a href="#">Ordinance on measures against Syria (RS 946.231.172.7)</a>
<b>United Kingdom</b>	
26-03-15	<a href="#">SI 2015/826 - The Zimbabwe (Sanctions) (Overseas Territories) (Amendment and Revocation) Order 2015</a>
	<a href="#">SI 2015/825 - The Iran (Restrictive Measures) (Overseas Territories) (Amendment and Suspension) Order 2015</a>
	<a href="#">SI 2015/824 - The Syria (Restrictive Measures) (Overseas Territories) (Amendment) Order 2015</a>

## *Non EU-EFTA European Countries*

### Turkey

#### Have you obtained consumer approval for marketing emails and messages?

Beginning May 1, 2015, companies will no longer be able to send commercial messages via email, text message (sms), fax or autodial machines (robocalls) to consumers without their prior approval. Companies that send commercial messages regularly can still obtain consumers' approval by the May 1 deadline, when the new E-Commerce Law comes into effect, and avoid any disruption to their messaging activities.

In addition to the prior approval obligation, companies must observe new rules for commercial messages:

- The content of commercial messages must be in line with the approval given. The message must also include: (i) the sender's identity; (ii) the sender's telephone number/fax number/sms number/email, depending on the electronic method of communication used; (iii) the subject and purpose of the message; and (iv) information on the actual sender, if the message is sent on behalf of another entity.
- If a commercial message relates to a promotional activity (e.g., offers a discount or gift, or is related to a contest), the sender must provide an easy way to access the terms of the activity.
- As consumers always have the right to opt-out of receiving commercial messages, the sender must provide the consumer an easy and free-of-charge opportunity to revoke prior approval; details of this opportunity must be contained in the message.

The prior approval obligation will not apply to B2B relationships, and commercial messages can still be sent to businesses without their prior approval.

A regulation is expected to be issued to clarify vague points in the E-Commerce Law and determine its application principles and procedures.

For additional information on this subject, please contact [Hakki Can Yildiz](#) or [Can Sozer](#) of our Istanbul office.

## Ukraine

### Import licensing of active pharmaceutical ingredients has been abolished

On 15 January 2015, the Parliament of Ukraine adopted Law of Ukraine No.126-VIII “On amendments to several Laws of Ukraine regarding abolishing import licensing of active pharmaceutical ingredients” (the Amendment). This Amendment abolishes the requirement to obtain a license to import active pharmaceutical ingredients (APIs), which became effective from 1 January 2015.

Import licensing of pharmaceuticals was introduced by Law of Ukraine No. 5038-VI “On amendments to several Laws of Ukraine regarding import licensing of pharmaceuticals and regarding the definition of the Term “Active Pharmaceutical Ingredient”” dated 4 July 2012 (the Import Licensing Law). Pursuant to the Import Licensing Law, an import license for pharmaceuticals into Ukraine has been required since 1 March 2013, while the import of APIs was exempt from the licensing requirement until 1 January 2015.

The Amendment was published on 31 January 2015 and it became effective on 1 February 2015. As a result, importers may continue to import APIs to Ukraine without obtaining an import license.

The Amendment should improve the framework of legal regulation in the field of circulating pharmaceuticals and create favorable conditions for entrepreneurship in the Ukrainian pharmaceuticals market.

For more information, please contact [Oksana Simonova](#), [Mariana Marchuk](#) or [Olha Demianiuk](#) of our Kyiv office.

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

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

Date	Subject
04-03-15	<a href="#">Some issues crossing the state border of Ukraine</a> Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine on 4 March 2015 № 86
13-03-15	<a href="#">On approval of the recommendations of association between Ukraine and the EU on the implementation of the Association Agenda between Ukraine and the EU</a> Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine on 13.3.2015 № 207-p
14-03-15	<a href="#">On amendments to paragraph 7 of the National Council for Anti-Corruption Policy</a> Decree of the President of Ukraine on 14.03.2015 № 145/2015

Date	Subject
25-03-15	<a href="#">On Amendments to item 2 of the extension of settlements for foreign trade transactions</a> Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine of 25-03..2015 № 131

## *Eurasian Economic Union (EAEU)*

### Preliminary classification decisions issued by the Customs Authorities of the States

The Commission of the Customs Union has posted a table which provides a collection of [preliminary decisions of the Customs authorities](#) of Russia, Belarus and Kazakhstan which involve the tariff classification of goods as of March 2, 2015. The tables list the tariff codes, a description, rationale (GRIs) for the decision and country that issued the decision.

## Russian Federation

### Russia considers a partial withdrawal of its embargo on imports of food products

On March 2, 2015 the Russian authorities announced that they may possibly withdraw the ban on imports of food products originating from countries that have introduced Ukraine-related sanctions against Russia. According to the Russian presidential spokesman, Russia might lift the prohibition on the import of food products under the condition that such products would be subsequently processed in Russia. This measure would be aimed at supporting the local food industry.

Additionally, on February 25, 2015 several deputies of the Russian State Duma (the lower chamber of the Russian Parliament) submitted a draft law aimed at the complete lifting of the trade embargo that was introduced by Russia in August 2014. However, it is highly unlikely that the draft law will be adopted. The draft law is available in Russian only; on the [web-site of the Russian State Duma](#).

A 1-year ban was introduced by Presidential Decree No. 560 dated August 6, 2014 and implemented by Governmental Decree No. 778 dated August 7, 2014, prohibiting the importation into Russia of a number of types of food products originating from the US, the EU, Canada, Australia and Norway, including meat, fish, dairy, fruits and vegetables listed by description and HS codes.

For additional information, please contact [Alexander Bychkov](#) of our Moscow office.

### 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*:

R.G. Date of Publication	Subject
11-03-15	<a href="#">Federal Law of the Russian Federation on March 8, 2015 N 26-FZ "On ratifica-</a>

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	<a href="#">tion of the Protocol amending the Agreement on Rules of origin of goods in the Commonwealth of Independent States of November 20, 2009”</a> <a href="#">Federal Law of the Russian Federation on March 8, 2015 N 24-FZ “On the accession of the Russian Federation to the International Coffee Agreement of 2007”</a> <a href="#">Federal List of Extremist Materials</a> <a href="#">Order of the Federal Customs Service (FCS of Russia) on January 12, 2015 N 7 Moscow “On the maximum amount of fees for the use of living accommodation (rental) payments in a hostel for students in the Russian Customs Academy and its branches”</a>
13-03-15	<a href="#">Supplement to Federal List of Organizations and individuals included in the list of organizations and individuals, for which there is evidence of their involvement in extremist activities or terrorism, pursuant to subparagraphs 6, 7, paragraph 2.1 of Article 6 of the Federal Law of 07.08.2001 N 115-FZ “On Countering legalization (laundering) of proceeds from crime and terrorist financing</a>
16-03-15	<a href="#">Federal List of Extremist Materials</a>
30-03-15	<a href="#">Federal List of Extremist Materials</a> <a href="#">Resolution of the Government of the Russian Federation on March 17, 2015 N 239 Moscow “On the enforcement of the obligation to pay customs duties and taxes for the temporary importation by an individual who does not have permanent residence in the country - a member of the Customs Union, the second and subsequent vehicles for personal use, registered in foreign countries “</a>

## Africa

### South Africa

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

Publication Date	Publication Details	Subject	Implementation Date
06-03-15	GG 38538 R.185	Imposition of provisional payment in relation to alleged dumping of wheelbarrows, classifiable in tariff subheading 8716.80.10, originating in or imported from the People’s Republic of China (China) - ITAC Report 489 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><a href="#">Notice R.185</a></li> </ul>	From 06-03-15 up to and including 04-09-15
11-03-15		<a href="#">Customs &amp; Excise Rules 1995</a> through 06-03-15	
13-03-15	GG 38563 R.209	Part 1 of Schedule No. 1 - Substitution of tariff subheadings 1001.91 and 1001.99, as well as 1101.00.10 and 1101.00.90, to increase the rate of customs duty on wheat and wheaten flour from 15,7c/kg to 46,1c/kg and 23,5c/kg to 69,2c/kg respectively, in terms of the existing variable tariff formula - ITAC Minute M09/2014 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><a href="#">Notice R.209</a></li> </ul>	13-03-15
27-03-15	GG 38611 R.252 to R.256	Tariff Amendments giving effect to the Budget proposals announced by the Minister in the 2015 Budget Review New! Part 3 of Schedule No. 6 - Amendment as a consequence to the increase in the fuel levy and Road Accident Fund levy <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><a href="#">Notice R.256</a></li> </ul> Part 5B of Schedule No. 1 - Increase in the Road	27-03-15

Publication Date	Publication Details	Subject	Implementation Date
		Accident Fund levy on both petrol and diesel from 104c/li to 154c/li <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">Notice R.255</a></li> </ul> Part 5A of Schedule No. 1 - Increase in the rate of general fuel levy from 224,5c/li to 255c/li on petrol, and from 209,5c/li to 240c/li on diesel, respectively <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">Notice R.254</a></li> </ul> Part 2B of Schedule No. 1 - Abolishment of the ad valorem duty on digital cinema projectors above R250 000 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">Notice R.253</a></li> </ul> Part 1 of Schedule No. 1 - Insertion of items 8528.69.10 and 8528.69.90 to make provision for digital cinema projectors above R250 000 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">Notice R.252</a></li> </ul>	

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

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

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

Date of Release	Subject
03-06-15	<a href="#">Pizza Shop Owner Pleads Guilty To Charges Of Unlawfully Exporting Firearms And Accessories To Pakistan</a> (DOJ, ICE)
03-12-15	<a href="#">German Bank Settles Potential Civil Liability for Apparent Violations of Multiple Sanctions Programs</a> (OFAC, DOJ, Federal Reserve Board)
	<a href="#">German Bank Admits to Sanctions and Bank Secrecy Violations, Agrees to Forfeit \$563 Million and Pay \$79 Million Fine</a> (DOJ, FBI, IRS, NYDA)
	<a href="#">Pallett Recycling Company to Pay \$100,000 Fine and Former Owner Sentenced for Environmental Crime</a> (USDA, DOJ)
03-16-15	<a href="#">Ancient antiquities and Saddam Hussein-era objects returned to Iraq</a> (ICE, CBP, DOJ)
	<a href="#">Taiwan Businessman Sentenced to 24 Months for Conspiring to Violate U.S. Laws Preventing Proliferation of Weapons of Mass Destruction</a> (DOJ, ICE, BIS, Estonian authorities)
03-19-15	<a href="#">San Francisco Man And Company Indicted For Smuggling Sophisticated</a>

Date of Release	Subject
	<a href="#">Electrical Components To Russian Federation</a> (DOJ, BIS, ICE, CBP, FBI)
03-23-15	<a href="#">On-line money services business settles a dispute with Treasury over alleged, wide-ranging violations of the U.S. sanctions regime through the company's facilitation of financial transactions</a> (OFAC)
03-25-15	<a href="#">Oilfield Holdings Co.. Agrees to Plead Guilty and Pay Over \$232.7 Million for Violating US Sanctions by Facilitating Trade with Iran and Sudan</a> (BIS, DOJ)
	<a href="#">Canadian Antiques Dealer Sentenced to 30 Months in Prison for Smuggling Rhinoceros Horns, Elephant Ivory and Coral</a> (Canadian authorities, FWS, DOJ)
03-26-15	<a href="#">Order Temporarily Denying Export Privileges; Flider Electronics, LLC, Pavel Semenovich Flider, Gennadiy Semenovich Flider, et al.</a> (BIS, CBP)
03-27-15	<a href="#">New York City Police Officer and Customs and Border Protection Officer Sentenced to Three Years for International Arms Trafficking</a> (DOJ, ICE, DoD, NYPD,
03-30-15	<a href="#">Amended Order Temporarily Denying Export Privileges Fidler, etc.</a>

## Newsletters, Reports, Articles, Etc.

### Baker & McKenzie Global VAT/GST Newsletter

Baker & McKenzie's [February 2014 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 Group are:

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- [Jorge Narvaez Hasfura \(Chair, Latin America VAT Group\)](#)
- [Pat Powers \(Chair, North America VAT Group\)](#)
- [Roger van de Berg \(General Editor\)](#)

### Publications, Alerts, Newsletters

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

Subject
<b>International Trade, Tax and Anti-corruption</b>
<a href="#">Global International Trade Compliance Update March 2015</a>
Global International Trade Client Alert: <a href="#">Department of Energy Regulations on Nuclear Assistance to Go Into Effect</a>
Buenos Aires Tax Alert: <a href="#">Extension of the Amnesty Program for the Disclosure of Unreported Foreign Currency</a> (Eng.); <a href="#">Prorroga del Regimen de Blanqueo de Moneda Extranjera</a> (Span.)
Mexico International Trade & Customs: Client Alert 20 - The Ministry of Economy published an Emergency Mexican Official Standard applicable to terminal equipment connected through a wired access (Eng.); <a href="#">Publica la Secretaría de Economía Norma Oficial Mexicana de Emergencia aplicable a equipos terminales que se conecten a través de acceso inalámbrico</a> (Span.)
Spain Compliance Legal Alert: <a href="#">The Spanish Criminal Code regulates and defines the con-</a>

Subject
<a href="#">tent of compliance programs</a>
Turkey Trade & Commerce: <a href="#">Turkey: Have you obtained consumer approval for marketing emails and messages?</a>
UK IP and Tax Client Alert: <a href="#">Green light for new approach to patent boxes</a>
<b>Other Practices</b>
Global IT & Communications Industry & Practice Group <a href="#">Legal Bytes Special Edition – The U.S. FCC votes in favor of Net neutrality</a>
Global IT & Communications Industry & Practice Group <a href="#">Legal Bytes Special Edition – The Hague Court sets aside the Dutch Data Retention Rules</a>
Global IT & Communications Industry & Practice Group <a href="#">Legal Bytes Special Edition – Italy's New Ultra-Broadband Strategy</a>
Global IP Practice: <a href="#">March 2015 IP Dispatch</a>
Global IT & Communications Industry & Practice Group <a href="#">March 2015 Legal Bytes</a>
Europe Pharmaceuticals & Healthcare <a href="#">Newsletter March 2015</a>
Kyiv Banking and Finance Client Alert: <a href="#">NBU Extends Currency Control Restrictions</a> (Eng.); <a href="#">НБУ продовжив дію валютних обмежень</a> (Ukr.); <a href="#">НБУ продлил действие валютных ограничений</a> (Russ.)
Kyiv Dispute Resolution Client Alert: <a href="#">Ukraine starts reform of judicial system</a> (Eng.); <a href="#">В Україні стартує реформа судової системи</a> (Ukr.); <a href="#">В Украине стартует реформа судебной системы</a> (Russ.)
Spain Corporate Alert: <a href="#">Resolution Enacted by Public Registry of Commerce</a> (Eng.); <a href="#">Resolución Inspección General de Justicia</a> (Span.)
Kyiv Banking and Finance/Dispute Resolution Legal Alert: <a href="#">Ukraine Strengthens Liability of Bank Shareholders and Related Parties</a> (Eng.); <a href="#">В Україні підвищено відповідальність акціонерів банку та пов'язаних з банком осіб</a> (Ukr.); <a href="#">В Украине повышена ответственность акционеров банка и связанных с банком лиц</a> (Russ.)
Kyiv Employment & Migration: <a href="#">Recent changes in legislation affecting employers</a> (Eng.); <a href="#">До уваги роботодавців: нещодавні зміни в законодавстві про працю</a> (Ukr.); <a href="#">Недавние изменения в трудовом законодательстве, на которые стоит обратить внимание работодателям</a> (Russ.)
Kyiv Real Estate and Construction Client Alert: <a href="#">State Registration Of Property Rights To Land Plots Has Been Improved</a> (Eng.); <a href="#">Удосконалено систему державної реєстрації речових прав на земельні ділянки</a> (Ukr.); <a href="#">Усовершенствована система государственной регистрации вещных прав на земельные участки</a> (Russ.)

## Webinars, Meetings, Seminars, Etc.

### “New Developments in Global Trade for 2015” Webinars


We have launched our 2015 International Trade Compliance Webinar Series entitled, “New Developments in Global Trade for 2015.” We expect this year to be an exciting year, with many noteworthy developments in the trade regulation area. We will conduct several webinar sessions that will focus on export control regulation, Customs valuation and transfer pricing, EU and LATAM import developments and FCPA/anti-bribery. Terrie Gleason of our Washington DC office, Chair of the Global Customs Practice, will moderate these webinars.

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

Links are shown below to recordings of the webinars that have already been held. Recordings of future webinars will be [posted](#) approximately two weeks after the live webinar is held in case you missed it or want to view it again.

## Webinar Dates and Topics:

Date	Topic
Original date: January 27	<a href="#">US Export Control Reform</a> Speakers: Sylwia Lis (Washington, DC) and Paul Amberg (Chicago)
Original date: February 17	<a href="#">Intercompany Pricing and Customs Valuation (Canada, EU and US)</a> Speakers: Paul Burns (Toronto), William Outman (San Francisco), Holly Files (Washington, DC), and Nicole Looks (Frankfurt)
March 17	<a href="#">Developments in Importing into EU</a> Speakers: Jenny Revis (London) and Vanessa Dersch (Frankfurt)
April 21	<b>Developments in Importing into LATAM</b> Speakers: Adriana Ibarra (Mexico City) and Esteban Roppolo (Buenos Aires)
May 19	<b>FCPA and Antibribery Developments US, Asia and LATAM</b> Speakers: John McKenzie (San Francisco), Mini vandePol (Hong Kong) and Esther Flesch (Sao Paulo)
June 23	<b>Export Control Developments in Asia</b> Speakers: Eugene Lim (Singapore), Daisuke Tatsuno (Tokyo), Meng Yew (Malaysia), and Anne Petterd (Australia)

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## 2014 International Trade Compliance Webinar Series

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

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

- [FCPA Enforcement Trends – US, EU and Asia](#) - Speakers: Joan Meyer (Washington, DC), Maria McMahon (Washington, DC), Sunny Mann (London) and Michelle Gon (Shanghai) – [Original broadcast: January 14] [Presentation only](#)
- [Voluntary Self-Disclosures in Export Compliance Cases in the US, EU and China](#) - Speakers: John McKenzie (San Francisco), Ross Denton (London), Julia Pfeil (Frankfurt) and Eugene Lim (Singapore) Moderator: John McKenzie (San Francisco) [Original broadcast: February 11, 2014] [Presentation only](#)
- [Customs Valuation Issues and Updates – US, Mexico, EU and China](#) - Speakers: Terrie Gleason (Washington, DC), Edmundo Elias (Guadalajara), Jennifer Revis (London) and William Marshall (Hong Kong) – [Original broadcast: March 11, 2014] [Presentation only](#)

- [Country of Origin Rules for Marking and Government Procurement Purposes – US, EU and China](#) - Speakers: Stuart Seidel (Washington, DC), Holly Files (Washington, DC), Jasper Helder (Amsterdam) and William Marshall (Hong Kong) – [Original Broadcast: April 15, 2014] [Presentation](#).
- [Product-Related Environmental Restrictions and Compliance - EU, Russia/CIS and China](#) - Speakers: Ulrich Ellinghaus (Frankfurt), Alexander Bychkov (Moscow) and Scott Silverman (Beijing) – [Original broadcast: May 20, 2014] [Presentation only](#).
- [The Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement \(CETA\), The Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership \(TTIP\) and The Trans-Pacific Partnership \(TPP\)](#) - Speakers: Paul Burns (Toronto), Diane MacDonald (Chicago) and Fred Burke (Ho Chi Minh City) [Original broadcast: June 17, 2014] [Presentation only](#).
- [Import and Export of Used and/or Refurbished Goods in Asia](#) - Speakers: Eugene Lim (Singapore), Chen Ying (Hong Kong), Daisuke Tatsuno (Tokyo) and Panya Sittsakonsin (Bangkok) [Original broadcast: July 22, 2014] [Presentation only](#).

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

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

Each webinar ran for approximately 90 minutes. If you missed any webinars in this series, or would like to see them again, you may view them or download only the Presentation used, by clicking [on this link](#) or on the specific linked title or Presentation below:

- [Union Customs Code: What to expect from the draft Implementing Provisions and how to take part in the negotiations](#). Guest speaker: Jim Repper from HM Revenue & Customs [Original date: February 27] [Presentation only](#)
- [Anti-Bribery and Corruption: Insight into SFO/ DOJ and update on the introduction of Deferred Prosecutions Agreements \(DPAs\) in the UK and lessons learnt from DPAs in the US](#) [Original date: March 27:] [Presentation only](#)
- [EU Trade Sanctions Update](#) [Original date: April 10] [Presentation only](#)
- [How to conduct M&A due diligence in the areas of International Trade and Anti-Bribery and Corruption](#) [Original date: May 8] [Presentation only](#)
- [Customs: How to classify and value your products](#) [Original date: June 26] [Presentation only](#)
- [US and EU Russian Sanctions Update](#) [Original date: September 17]
- [Customs: How to determine the origin of your products](#) [Original date: September 25] [Presentation only](#)
- [Fundamentals and Pitfalls of EU Export Controls](#) [Original date: October 23] [Presentation only](#)
- [Investigations and Voluntary Disclosures in International Trade and Anti-Bribery and Corruption](#) [Original date: November 20] [Presentation only](#):
- [Anti-Bribery and Corruption: Key Developments](#) [Original date: December 11] [Presentation only](#)

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lished global money centers or emerging markets such as Brazil, China, Russia, or the Middle East, you will find our webinars helpful in developing your approach to managing a multitude of regulatory environments and business cultures. The 2014 webinars have been recorded and may be accessed via the links below or at our [Cross-Border Transactions Webinars website](#).

Recorded Webinars:

- [Southeast Asia M&A: Seizing Opportunities Today](#)
- [Successfully Implementing a Cross-Border Transaction](#)
- [Brazil M&A: Seizing Opportunities Today](#)
- [China M&A: Seizing Opportunities Today](#)
- [Winning Strategies in Cross-Border Deals: Tips for Success](#)
- [Joint Ventures: Tackling the Unique Challenges in a Cross-Border JV.](#)
- [India M&A: Seizing Opportunities Today](#)
- [Compliance: Navigating the Regulatory Minefield in a Cross-Border Transaction](#)
- [Technology & IP: Winning Strategies in Cross-Border Deal Making](#)
- [Planning Ahead for a Successful Post-Acquisition Integration](#)
- [Africa M&A: Seizing Opportunities Today](#)
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China is the world's second largest economy and one of its fastest growing. Multinational corporations need to be aware of the emerging opportunities and pitfalls created by China's ever-changing laws and regulations. This year, in this series of 60-minute webinars, our award-winning China and North American teams focused on the most significant concerns facing MNCs in China today and provided actionable solutions.

The following 2014 webinars were recorded so that you may play them or download the presentations at your convenience.

- [New Curbs on Hiring Contingent Workers - Presentation](#)
- [Hot Topics in China Disputes - Presentation](#)
- [Protecting Your Inventions and Trade Secrets – Presentation](#)
- [Navigating the Shanghai Pilot Free Trade Zone – Presentation](#)
- China Supply Chain Compliance (Not yet available)
- Increase in China Antitrust Enforcement – Why and How to be Prepared (Not yet available)
- Effective E-Commerce Strategies in China
- China Wages War on Pollution

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## View 2013 International Trade Compliance Webinar Series on-line

Our [2013 International Trade Compliance Webinar Series](#) focused on “**Globalization of the Supply Chain: Trade Regulation and Developments.**” If you missed any webinars in this series, or would like to see them again, you may view them or download only the PowerPoint used, by clicking on the link above or title below:

- [Russia’s Accession to the WTO](#) - Speakers: Alexander Bychkov (Moscow) and Vladimir Efremov (Moscow), Terrie Gleason (Washington, DC) [Original broadcast January 15] [PowerPoint only](#)
- [US, EU and Swiss Trade Sanctions Enforcement Cases and Trends](#) - Speakers: Jasper Helder (Amsterdam), Jonathan Poling (Washington, DC) Philippe Reich (Zurich), Terrie Gleason (Washington, DC) [Original broadcast: February 12, 2013] [PowerPoint only](#)
- [Trans-Pacific Partnership and Other Trade Agreement Developments](#) - Speakers: Frederick Burke (Ho Chi Minh City), Edmundo Elias (Guadalajara), Diane MacDonald (Chicago), Brian Cacic (Toronto), Terrie Gleason (Washington, DC) [Original broadcast March 12, 2013] [PowerPoint only](#)
- [Increased Customs Scrutiny and Enforcement Activity in Latin America](#) - Speakers: Adriana Ibarra-Fernandez (Mexico City), Alessandra Machado (Sao Paulo), Esteban Ropolo (Buenos Aires), Terrie Gleason (Washington, DC) [Original broadcast April 23, 2013] [PowerPoint only](#)
- [Post-Election US Trade Policy](#) - Speakers: Stuart Seidel (Washington, DC), Teresa Gleason (Washington, DC), and John McKenzie (San Francisco/Palo Alto) [Original broadcast June 4, 2013] [PowerPoint only](#)
- [FCPA and Anti-Bribery Cases and Trends in the US, China and Russia](#) - Speakers: Reagan Demas (Washington, DC), Michelle Gon (Shanghai), Alexander Bychkov (Moscow) - Moderator: Maria McMahan (Washington, DC) [Original broadcast June 18, 2013] [PowerPoint only](#)
- [Customs Valuation and Transfer Pricing: Developments in the US, Canada, EU and China](#) - Speakers: Robert Eisen (New York), Paul Burns (Toronto), Jennifer Revis (London), Eugene Lim (Hong Kong) - Moderator: William D. Outman (San Francisco) [Original broadcast July 23, 2013] [PowerPoint only](#)

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All webinars are scheduled to run for 90 minutes. Our panel of speakers provided a practical overview of each of the topics listed below, using both examples of recent cases and case studies. Our panel of speakers and moderators was comprised of leading international trade experts from various EMEA locations including: Alexander Bychkov (Moscow), Ross Denton (London), Jasper Helder (Amsterdam), Nicole Looks (Frankfurt), Sunny Mann (London).


























- [EU Trade Sanctions](#) [Original broadcast: March 21] [PowerPoint only](#)
- [Anti-Bribery and Corruption : M&A Due Diligence](#) [Original broadcast: April 18] [PowerPoint only](#)
- [May 23: Third Party Supply Chain Risks \(Customs, Export Controls and Anti-Bribery\)](#) [Original broadcast: May 23] [PowerPoint only](#)

















- [June 20: Customs Valuation: Focus on Intercompany Transactions](#) [Original broadcast: June 20] [PowerPoint only](#)
- [Import and Export Controls for Encryption Items](#) [Original broadcast: September 5] [PowerPoint only](#)
- [Customs Tariff Classification Update](#) [Original broadcast: September 19] [PowerPoint only](#)
- [Fundamentals and Pitfalls in EU Export Controls](#) [Original broadcast: October 24] [PowerPoint only](#)
- [Customs: Free Trade Agreements / Origin](#) [Original broadcast: November 21] [PowerPoint only](#)
- [Anti-Bribery and Corruption: Key Developments](#) [Original broadcast : December 12] [PowerPoint only](#)

## WTO TBT Notifications


























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

















Country	Notification	Date Issued	Final Date for Comments	Merchandise Covered
 Albania	ALB/68	3/6/2015	5/6/2015	Biocidal products
 Albania	ALB/69	3/6/2015	5/6/2015	Marketing of seed potatoes
 Albania	ALB/70	3/17/2015	5/17/2015	Beet seeds
 Brazil	BRA/272/Add.6	3/16/2015	Not given	Articles of steel (HS 73)
 Brazil	BRA/312/Add.6	3/4/2015	Not given by country	Tyres (HS 4011)
 Brazil	BRA/343/Add.6	3/16/2015	Not given	Household and similar electrical appliances
 Brazil	BRA/343/Add.7	3/23/2015	Not given	Household and similar electrical appliances
 Brazil	BRA/343/Rev.3	3/4/2015	Not given by country	Household and similar electrical appliances
 Brazil	BRA/397/Rev.1/Add.1	3/12/2015	Not given	Conformity assessment procedure
 Brazil	BRA/474/Add.3	3/23/2015	Not given	Baby carriages (HS 8715)
 Brazil	BRA/561/Add.2	3/23/2015	Not given	Diodes, transistors and similar semiconductor devices; photosensitive semiconductor devices, including photovoltaic cells whether or not assembled in modules or made up into panels; light emitting diodes; mounted piezo-electric crystals (HS 8541)

Country	Notification	Date Issued	Final Date for Comments	Merchandise Covered
 Brazil	BRA/583/Add.1	3/16/2015	Not given	Protective Gloves against biological agents (HS 4015.19)
 Brazil	BRA/609/Add.1	3/23/2015	Not given	Semiconductor devices; light-emitting diodes; mounted piezoelectric crystals (HS 8541)
 Brazil	BRA/623/Corr.1	3/4/2015	Not given by country	(HS Chapter 84 & 85)
 Brazil	BRA/624	3/4/2015	4/27/2015	Car body shell for road vehicles (HS 8707)
 Brazil	BRA/625	3/5/2015	Not given	Personal hygiene products, cosmetics and perfumes
 Brazil	BRA/626	3/9/2015	5/18/2015	Medical devices emitting ionizing radiation in health services
 Brazil	BRA/627	3/10/2015	5/18/2015	Imaging diagnoses services
 Brazil	BRA/628	3/10/2015	3/16/2015	Tobacco and manufactured tobacco substitutes (HS 24)
 Brazil	BRA/629	3/23/2015	4/16/2015	Medicines
 Brazil	BRA/630	3/23/2015	5/18/2015	Industrialized allergenic products of biological origin
 Brazil	BRA/631	3/27/2015	5/25/2015	Car body shell for road vehicles (HS 8707)
 Canada	CAN/433/Rev.1	3/23/2015	Not given	Tobacco products
 Canada	CAN/440	3/27/2015	7/4/2015	Radiocommunications
 Chile	CHL/298	3/12/2015	5/12/2015	Street lighting, lamps, illuminated signs and notices, and projectors.
 China	CHN/1071	3/24/2015	Not given	Fireworks and firecrackers (HS 36041000)
 China	CHN/1072	3/24/2015	Not given	Fireworks and firecrackers (HS 36041000)
 China	CHN/1073	3/24/2015	Not given	Fireworks and firecrackers (HS 36041000)
 China	CHN/1074	3/24/2015	Not given	Fireworks and firecrackers (HS 36041000)
 China	CHN/1075	3/24/2015	5/24/2015	Electric lifts (HS 8428)
 China	CHN/1076	3/25/2015	5/24/2015	Cutting-off grinders
 Costa Rica	CRI/9/Add.2	3/11/2015	Not given	Hydraulic cements (HS 2523.90)
 Dominican Republic	DOM/222	3/23/2015	5/9/2015	Metrology and measurements
 Dominican Republic	DOM/221	3/23/2015	5/9/2015	International Classification for Standards (ICS) code 17.020.00
 Ecuador	ECU/11/Add.5	2/27/2015	Not given	Steel rods and wire (HS 7214, 7221)
 Ecuador	ECU/13/Add.4	2/27/2015	Not given	Steel
Ecuador	ECU/24/Add.3	2/27/2015	Not given	Steel panels (HS 7210)
Ecuador	ECU/264/Add.1	2/24/2015	Not given	Safety or relief valves (HS 8481.40)
Ecuador	ECU/272/Add.1	2/25/2015	Not given	Christmas tree valves (oil well) (HS 8481.80.20, 8481.90.10)
Ecuador	ECU/276/Add.1	2/26/2015	Not given	Setts (HS 6801.00.00)
Ecuador	ECU/277/Add.1	2/26/2015	Not given	Ceramic roofing tiles (HS 6905.10.00 and 6905.90.00)




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 Ecuador	ECU/5/Add.4	2/26/2015	Not given	Welded steel tanks and cylinders for liquefied petroleum gas (LPG) and accessories thereof
 Ecuador	ECU/27/Add.5	3/4/2015	Not given	Steel corrugated angles, shapes and sections and posts for guardrails (HS 7308, 7318)
 Ecuador	ECU/94/Add.4	3/4/2015	Not given	Footwear (HS 6401.10.00.00, 6401.92.00.00, 6401.99.00.00, 6402.12.00.00, 6402.19.00.00, 6402.20.00.00, 6402.91.00.00, 6402.99.10.00, 6402.99.90.00, 6403.12.00.00, 6403.19.00.00, 6403.20.00.00, 6403.40.00.00, 6403.51.00.00, 6403.59.00.00, 6403.91.10.00, 6403.91.90.00, 6403.99.10.00, 6403.99.90.00, 6404.11.10.00, 6404.11.20.00, 6404.19.00.00, 6404.20.00.00, 6404.20.00.00, 6405.10.00.00, 6405.20.00.00 and 6405.90.00.00)
 Ecuador	ECU/1/Add.5	3/5/2015	Not given	Gas burning cooking appliances for domestic use
 Ecuador	ECU/249/Add.2	3/5/2015	Not given	Household electrical appliances for cooking (HS 8514.40.00 and 8516.60.20)
 Ecuador	ECU/283/Add.1	3/5/2015	Not given	Household cooking receptacles for use on hobs, stoves or hotplates (HS 73239110, 73239120, 73239210, 73239220, 73239310, 73239320, 73239410, 73239490, 73239910, 73239990, 76151020, 76151080 and 76151090)
 Ecuador	ECU/54/Add.4	3/9/2015	Not given	Three-wheeled motor vehicles (HS 8711, 8714)
 Ecuador	ECU/248/Add.2	3/18/2015	Not given	Rotating dental instruments (HS 9018.90.90)
 Ecuador	ECU/184/Add.2	3/24/2015	Not given	Gas water heaters (HS 8419.11.00, 8419.19.10)
 Ecuador	ECU/256/Add.2	3/24/2015	Not given	HS tariff subheadings 4202.11.10, 4202.11.90, 4202.12.10, 4202.12.90, 4202.21.00, 4202.22.00, 4202.29.00, 4202.31.00, 4202.32.00, 4202.39.00, 4202.91.10, 4202.91.90, 4202.92.00, 4202.99.10 and 4202.99.90
 Ecuador	ECU/279/Add.1	3/24/2015	Not given	Extruded aluminium profiles, bars, rods, tubes and pipes (HS 7604.10.10, 7604.10.20, 7604.21.00, 7604.29.10, 7604.29.20 and 7608.10.10)
 Ecuador	ECU/309	3/23/2015	6/15/2015	82051000, 84659590, 84671110, 84671190, 84672100 and 84677290.
 Ecuador	ECU/310	3/23/2015	6/15/2015	Recessed luminaires (HS 94051090 and 94054090)
 Ecuador	ECU/311	3/23/2015	6/15/2015	Table-tennis tables (95064000)
 Ecuador	ECU/313	3/23/2015	6/15/2015	Fibre-cement corrugated sheets (HS 68118100)
 Ecuador	ECU/314	3/23/2015	6/15/2015	Protective clothing for welders (HS














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				42031000, 42032900, 42034000, 62031200, 62031900, 62032300, 62032990, 62033300, 62033900, 62034300, 62034900, 62053000, 62059090, 62113300, 62113990, 62114990, 62171000, and 62179000)
 Ecuador	ECU/315	3/24/2015	6/15/2015	Refrigeration appliances (HS 8418300090, 8418400090 and 8418500090)
 Egypt	EGY/3/Add.2	3/3/2015	Not given	Chemical, textile and engineering products
 Egypt	EGY/16/Add.1	3/3/2015	Not given	Toys
 Egypt	EGY/62/Add.1	3/3/2015	Not given	Liquefied gas cylinders
 Egypt	EGY/69	3/3/2015	5/3/2015	Hygiene products
 Egypt	EGY/70	3/5/2015	5/3/2015	Toys
 Egypt	EGY/71	3/5/2015	5/5/2015	Gas cylinders
 Egypt	EGY/72	3/5/2015	5/5/2015	Building units
 Egypt	EGY/73	3/5/2015	5/5/2015	Building units
 Egypt	EGY/74	3/5/2015	5/5/2015	Fish products
 Egypt	EGY/75	3/5/2015	5/5/2015	Milk products
 Egypt	EGY/76	3/9/2015	5/5/2015	Electrical lamps
 Egypt	EGY/63/Add.1	3/11/2015	Not given	Meat and meat products
 Egypt	EGY/77	3/10/2015	5/10/2015	Energy efficiency of household electrical appliances
 Egypt	EGY/78	3/10/2015	5/10/2015	Halal products
 Egypt	EGY/79	3/10/2015	5/10/2015	Milk products
 Egypt	EGY/80	3/10/2015	5/10/2015	Infusion equipment for medical use
 Egypt	EGY/81	3/10/2015	5/10/2015	Non-invasive sphygmomanometers
 Egypt	EGY/82	3/10/2015	5/10/2015	Textiles
 European Communities	EEC/380/Add.3	3/24/2015	Not given	Smoking tobacco products
 European Union	EU/268	3/12/2015	5/12/2015	Food
 European Union	EU/269	3/12/2015	5/12/2015	Food
 European Union	EU/270	3/19/2015	5/19/2015	Chemical substances classified as drug precursors
 European Union	EU/271	3/19/2015	5/19/2015	Chemical substances classified as drug precursors
European Union	EU/272	3/23/2015	5/23/2015	Biocidal products
European Union	EU/273	3/23/2015	5/23/2015	Biocidal products
European Union	EU/274	3/23/2015	5/23/2015	Biocidal products

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 European Union	EU/275	3/23/2015	5/23/2015	Biocidal products
 European Union	EU/276	3/23/2015	5/23/2015	Biocidal products
 European Union	EU/277	3/23/2015	5/23/2015	Biocidal products
 FYR of Macedonia	MKD/8	3/27/2015	4/27/2015	Construction products: HS Chapters: 25 - Gypsum, cement, building limes; 44 - Wood and Articles of Wood (builder's joinery: windows, doors, shutters; wood based panels and elements); 68 - Articles of cement, of concrete, gypsum products; 69 - Ceramic Products (sanitary appliances, roof coverings).
 India	IND/47	3/19/2015	Not given	Addition of 15 products to the Schedule of the "Electronics and Information Technology Goods (Requirements for Compulsory Registration) Order, 2012" (List attached)
 Jamaica	JAM/46	3/13/2015	5/13/2015	Cocoa powders and dry cocoa-sugar mixtures for direct consumption
 Jamaica	JAM/47	3/13/2015	5/13/2015	Labelling; Products and equipment containing or manufactured using ozone depleting substances and/or their substitutes
 Jamaica	JAM/48	3/13/2015	5/13/2015	Processed ackee
 Jamaica	JAM/49	3/13/2015	5/13/2015	Ready-mixed concrete
 Japan	JPN/481	2/26/2015	Not given	Substances with probable effects on the central nervous system
 Japan	JPN/482	2/26/2015	3/20/2015	Pharmaceutical products (HS 30)
 Japan	JPN/483	2/26/2015	3/20/2015	Pharmaceutical products (HS 30)
 Korea, Republic of	KOR/563	2/26/2015	Not given	Forest products
 Korea, Republic of	KOR/564	3/6/2015	5/6/2015	Medical devices
 Korea, Republic of	KOR/565	3/6/2015	5/6/2015	Medical devices
 Korea, Republic of	KOR/566	3/6/2015	5/6/2015	Medical devices
 Korea, Republic of	KOR/567	3/16/2015	5/16/2015	Medical devices
 Korea, Republic of	KOR/568	3/27/2015	5/27/2015	Human tissue
 Korea, Republic of	KOR/569	3/27/2015	5/27/2015	Phase-in substances subject to registration (518 substances)
 Kuwait	KWT/266	3/9/2015	5/9/2015	Oriental sweets
 Kuwait	KWT/267	3/9/2015	5/9/2015	Frozen carrots
 Kuwait	KWT/268	3/11/2015	5/11/2015	Requirements for handling of ready-to-eat-foods
 Malaysia	MYS/56	3/27/2015	5/27/2015	Communications equipment (HS 8443, 8517, 8525, 8526, 8527 and 8529)
 Malaysia	MYS/57	3/27/2015	5/27/2015	Communications equipment (HS 8443, 8517, 8525, 8526, 8527 and 8529)
 Mexico	MEX/196/Add.2	3/3/2015	Not given	Natural gas

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 Mexico	MEX/283	2/26/2015	4/26/2015	New light-duty vehicles, of a gross vehicle weight not exceeding 3,857 kg, which could come under headings 8703 and 8704, depending on their characteristics. In general, the products covered are motor vehicles under Chapter 87 of a total weight of less than 3,857 kg.
 Mexico	MEX/284	2/27/2015	Not given	Drugs, medicaments and herbal remedies under headings 30.02 and 30.03, other drugs and/or medicaments under Chapter 30, and herbal remedies under heading 33.01 used for therapeutic or prophylactic purposes
 Mexico	MEX/285	3/12/2015	Not given	Automatic Dependent Surveillance-Broadcast (ADS-B) equipment for aircraft (8803: Parts of goods of heading 88.01 or 88.02)
 Mexico	MEX/286	3/12/2015	Not given	Piped natural gas, ethanol, biogas and coal-associated gas falling under heading 2711
 Mexico	MEX/287	3/16/2015	Not given	Terminal equipment connected or interconnected via wireline access to a public telecommunications network (Heading 84.71)
 Oman	OMN/198	3/24/2015	5/24/2015	Specific certificates for animal: animal products (meat and its derivatives); Birds products and derivatives products; Fish and products and their derivatives; Phytosanitary: plant products and their derivatives and products
 Peru	PER/68	3/9/2015	6/2/2015	06.02.90.90 Other live plants (including their roots), cuttings and slips; mushroom spawn; 0602.10.90.00 Unrooted cuttings and slips; 0602.20.00.00 Trees, shrubs and bushes, grafted or not, of kinds which bear edible fruit or nuts; 1209.99.10.00 Seeds of fruit trees or forest trees
 Philippines	PHL/190	3/12/2015	5/12/2015	Product Safety Certification Scheme for all products under BPS technical regulation
 Saudi Arabia	SAU/831	2/27/2015	4/27/2015	Atactic Polypropylene (APP) Modified Bituminous Sheet Materials
 Saudi Arabia	SAU/832	2/27/2015	4/27/2015	Atactic Polypropylene (APP) Modified Bituminous Base Sheet Materials
 Saudi Arabia	SAU/833	2/27/2015	4/27/2015	Atactic Polypropylene (APP) Modified Bituminous Sheet Materials
 Saudi Arabia	SAU/834	3/11/2015	5/11/2015	Fuel economy labeling
 Saudi Arabia	SAU/835	3/11/2015	5/11/2015	Tires
 Saudi Arabia	SAU/836	3/13/2015	5/13/2015	Peanut butter
 Saudi Arabia	SAU/837	3/16/2015	5/16/2015	Dried okra
 Saudi Arabia	SAU/838	3/16/2015	5/16/2015	Canned mangoes

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 Saudi Arabia	SAU/839	3/16/2015	Not given	Honey
 Saudi Arabia	SAU/840	3/27/2015	5/27/2015	Maximum residues limits (Mrls) of veterinary drugs in food
 Saudi Arabia	SAU/841	3/27/2015	5/27/2015	Microbiological criteria for foodstuffs
 Saudi Arabia	SAU/842	3/27/2015	5/27/2015	Oriental sweets
 Saudi Arabia	SAU/843	3/27/2015	5/27/2015	Danbo cheese
 Saudi Arabia	SAU/844	3/27/2015	5/27/2015	Fresh beef, buffalo, mutton, goat and camel meat
 Saudi Arabia	SAU/845	3/27/2015	5/27/2015	Clothes Washing Machines
 South Africa	ZAF/179/Add.1	3/19/2015	Not given	Onions and shallots (HS 0703.10)
 Switzerland	CHE/185	3/17/2015	5/17/2015	Lifts
 Switzerland	CHE/186	3/17/2015	5/17/2015	Simple pressure vessels
 Switzerland	CHE/187	3/17/2015	5/17/2015	Pressure equipment
 Switzerland	CHE/188	3/19/2015	5/19/2015	Electrical low voltage equipment
 Switzerland	CHE/189	3/19/2015	5/19/2015	Equipment and protective systems intended for use in potentially explosive atmospheres
 Switzerland	CHE/190	3/19/2015	5/18/2015	Electrical equipment (electromagnetic compatibility)
 Switzerland	CHE/191	3/19/2015	5/19/2015	Measuring instruments
 Switzerland	CHE/192	3/19/2015	5/19/2015	Non-automatic weighing instruments
 Switzerland	CHE/193	3/19/2015	5/19/2015	Explosives
 Switzerland	CHE/194	3/24/2015	5/24/2015	Telecommunications equipment
 Taiwan Economy	TPKM/152/Add.1	3/9/2015	Not given	Non-wood walking sticks
 Taiwan Economy	TPKM/168/Rev.1	3/17/2015	Not given	Prepackaged food, food additives and unpackaged food containing ingredients of genetically modified organisms
 Taiwan Economy	TPKM/201	3/16/2015	5/16/2015	Milk powders products, infant and follow-up formula
 Taiwan Economy	TPKM/200/Corr.1	3/19/2015	Not given	Helmets products (refer to attachment)
 Taiwan Economy	TPKM/202	3/19/2015	3/26/2015	Toy commodities in article 1 of CNS 4797 for children under 14
 Thailand	THA/383/Rev.1	3/9/2015	Not given	Product licensing
 Thailand	THA/449	3/9/2015	Not given	Certification of Quality Management System
 Thailand	THA/450	3/9/2015	Not given	Registration of Foreign Manufacturer
 Thailand	THA/451	3/9/2015	Not given	Licensing
 Thailand	THA/452	3/9/2015	5/9/2015	Steel bars (HS 7214)
 Thailand	THA/453	3/9/2015	5/9/2015	Steel bars (HS 7214)

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 Thailand	THA/454	3/9/2015	5/9/2015	Glazing materials for vehicles (HS 7007.11.10)
 Thailand	THA/455	3/11/2015	5/11/2015	Electric mosquito swatter (HS 8543)
 Thailand	THA/456	3/11/2015	5/11/2015	Lead-containing paints (HS 3208, 3209)
 Turkey	TUR/60	3/9/2015	5/9/2015	Tahini Halva (HS 1704)
 Turkey	TUR/61	3/9/2015	5/9/2015	Tahini (HS 2008)
 Uganda	UGA/457	3/10/2015	5/10/2015	Cellular materials, Furniture
 Uganda	UGA/458	3/10/2015	5/10/2015	Cellular materials, Furniture
 Uganda	UGA/459	3/10/2015	5/10/2015	Cellular materials, Furniture
 Uganda	UGA/460	3/11/2015	5/10/2015	Cellular materials, Furniture
 Uganda	UGA/461	3/17/2015	5/17/2015	Plant growing
 Uganda	UGA/462	3/17/2015	5/17/2015	Plant growing
 Uganda	UGA/463	3/17/2015	5/17/2015	Plant growing
 Uganda	UGA/464	3/17/2015	5/17/2015	Plant growing
 Uganda	UGA/465	3/17/2015	5/17/2015	Plant growing
 Uganda	UGA/466	3/17/2015	5/17/2015	Aids and adaptation for moving
 Uganda	UGA/467	3/18/2015	5/18/2015	Milk and processed milk products
 Uganda	UGA/468	3/18/2015	5/18/2015	Milk and processed milk products
 Uganda	UGA/469	3/18/2015	5/18/2015	Alcoholic beverages
 United Arab Emirates	ARE/255	3/4/2015	5/4/2015	Food products in general
 United Arab Emirates	ARE/256	3/4/2015	5/4/2015	Food products in general
 United States	USA/285/Add.6	3/10/2015	Not given	Genetically engineered organisms
 United States	USA/493/Add.3	3/17/2015	Not given	Combination products (HS 3004, 9018.11-90)
 United States	USA/493/Add.4	3/17/2015	Not given	Combination products (HS 3004, 9018.11-90)
 United States	USA/621/Add.3	3/17/2015	Not given	Food (HS 2101-2106)
 United States	USA/676/Add.2/ Corr.1	3/10/2015	Not given	Industrial equipment (HS 8415, 8418.61, 8514.10-83, 8516)
 United States	USA/693/Add.1	3/6/2015	Not given	Motor vehicles, seat belt assembly anchorages (HS 8708.21)
 United States	USA/779/Add.2	3/16/2015	Not given	Chemical substances
 United States	USA/857/Add.1/ Corr.1	3/13/2015	Not given	Walk-in coolers and freezers (HS 8418)
 United States	USA/857/Add.2	3/4/2015	Not given	Walk-in coolers and freezers (HS 8418)
 United States	USA/906/Add.1	3/5/2015	Not given	Frame child carriers
 United States	USA/911/Add.1	3/19/2015	Not given	Residential heaters
United States	USA/937/Add.2	3/13/2015	Not given	Mobile off shore drilling units

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 United States	USA/951/Add.1	3/5/2015	Not given	Chemical substances
 United States	USA/956/Add.1	3/19/2015	Not given	Long-chain perfluoroalkyl carboxylate (LCPFAC) chemical substances
 United States	USA/968	3/3/2015	Not given	Maple syrup
 United States	USA/969	3/4/2015	3/31/2015	Endocrine disruptor screening
 United States	USA/970	3/4/2015	5/11/2015	Portable air conditioners
 United States	USA/971	3/5/2015	4/2/2015	Grapes
 United States	USA/972	3/6/2015	5/28/2015	Information and communication technology
 United States	USA/973	3/17/2015	5/26/2015	Residential furnaces and boilers (HS 840310, 8416)
 United States	USA/974	3/17/2015	6/10/2015	Residential furnaces (HS 8416)
 United States	USA/975	3/17/2015	4/13/2015	Eye and face protection (HS 9004)
 United States	USA/976	3/23/2015	5/5/2015	Safer product labeling
 United States	USA/947/Add.1	3/30/2015	Not given	Children's articles containing specified phthalates
 United States	USA/955/Add.1	3/30/2015	Not given	Corded window coverings (HS 6303)

## CBP Rulings: Downloads and Searches

Because US Customs and Border Protection issues several thousand rulings a year, it is not practical to list each ruling. However, rulings are made available for downloading in self extracting files approximately every two weeks at: [http://www.cbp.gov/xp/cgov/trade/legal/rulings/downloadable\\_rulings/](http://www.cbp.gov/xp/cgov/trade/legal/rulings/downloadable_rulings/). In addition, almost all rulings issued by US Customs or US Customs and Border Protection from 1993 to the present and many issued before 1993 are available for search and downloading using the CROSS search engine at <http://rulings.cbp.gov>.

## 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.


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(P) 03-04-15	Tariff classification of synthetic silica gel	NY J83810 (M)	2811.22.5000	HQ H237643	2811.22.10	(C) 04-03-15
	Tariff classification of a certain fishing rod holder with boat mount	NY R00811 (M)	9507.10.0080	HQ H240612	3926.90.99	
	Tariff classification of a rain boot	NY N234957 (R)	6401.92.9060	HQ H237685	6405.90.90	


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	Tariff classification of "Tapeffiti," pressure sensitive plastic tape	NY N239592 (R) NY N246346 (R)	4908.10.00 3919.10.20	HQ H250628	3919.10.20	
<a href="#">(A) 03-04-15</a>	Tariff classification of retail packages containing oral hygiene articles and, alternatively, oral hygiene articles packaged with a plastic toy.	NY N047570 (R) NY N034382 (R) NY N021284 (R)  NY M84609 (R)	9603.21.00 (toothbrush imparts essen- tial character)	HQ H123519	3924.90.56 holder 3924.10.40 rincecup 9503 toy 9603.21.00 brush  3924.90.56 (holder imparts essential character)	(E) 05-04-15
<a href="#">(P) 03-11-15</a>	Tariff classification of a certain lighted penguin sculpture	NY N035321 (R)	3926.90.3500	HQ H039566	9505.10.2500	(C) 04-10-15
	Tariff classification of a computer headset	NY G82341 (M)	8473.30.5000	HQ H035752	8518.30.20	
<a href="#">(A) 03-11-15</a>	Country of origin of certain knit-to shape garments	NY N026168 (M)	19 C.F.R. 102.21 Korea or China	HQ H258586	19.U.S.C. 3592(b)(1)(D) Korea or China	(E) 05-11-15
		NY N024465 (M)	19 C.F.R. 102.21 Colombia	HQ H259502	19 U.S.C. 3592(b)(1)(D) United States	
<a href="#">(A) 03-18-15</a>	Eligibility of certain garments for preferential tariff treatment under DR-CAFTA, subheading 9822.05.10, HTSUS	NY N242661 (M) NY N018963 (M) NY N249027 (M)	May be eligi- ble	HQ H252907 HQ H259698 HQ H259699	Ineligible-no de mini- mis for foreign fabric	(E) 05-15-15
	Eligibility of certain garments for preferential tariff treatment under DR-CAFTA,, Peru TPA, and Colombia TPA	NY N251778 (M) NY N242940 (M) NY N248184 (M)	Ineligible	HQ H256780 HQ H255492 HQ H259359	qualifies for prefer- ence	(E) 05-18-15

## European Classification Regulations

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

Commission Implementing Regulation	Description of the goods	Classification (CN code)	Reasons
<a href="#">(EU) 2015/352 2 Mar. 2015</a>	A stuffed article made of fabric representing an animal, approximately 15 cm high, with a built-in musical module.  The music is activated by pulling a string at the bottom of the article.  See image which is purely for information	9503 00 41	Classification is determined by general rules 1, 3(b) and 6 for the interpretation of the Combined Nomenclature and by the wording of CN codes 9503 00 and 9503 00 41.  The article is composite goods made up of different components; the stuffed toy animal and the musical module. The article can be used by children as a toy without activating the music and the stuffed toy animal therefore gives the article its essential character. In addition, articles that incorporate a musical mechanism but which are

Commission Implementing Regulation	Description of the goods	Classification (CN code)	Reasons
			<p>essentially utilitarian in function are generally classified in the same heading as the corresponding articles not incorporating a musical mechanism and not as musical boxes (see also the Harmonized System Explanatory Notes to heading 9208, group (A), second paragraph). Classification under CN code 9503 00 55 as toy musical instruments and apparatus (including musical boxes) is consequently excluded.</p> <p>The article is therefore to be classified under CN code 9503 00 41 as stuffed toy representing an animal.</p>
<p><a href="#">(EU) 2015/386</a> 5 Mar. 2015</p>	<p>A four-wheeled skateboard with dimensions of approximately 80 × 27 × 17 cm, a weight of 10 kg and a maximum load capacity of 65 kg. The article is equipped with an electric motor powered by two rechargeable 24 V batteries.</p> <p>The article has the following characteristics:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>— the wheels are made of polyurethane and have a diameter of 85 mm,</li> <li>— only the two rear wheels are driven by a belt,</li> <li>— the surface of the article is covered with an anti-slip layer,</li> <li>— the electric motor is mounted under the article,</li> <li>— it has a speed range of 10-32 km/h, no brakes and no steering system.</li> </ul> <p>The skateboard is presented with a handheld remote control.</p> <p>The skateboard is powered by an electric motor, which is operated by the person riding the board by means of the remote control.</p> <p>While riding the skateboard, its speed can be regulated by pulling a trigger on the remote control.</p>	<p>9506 99 90</p>	<p>Classification is determined by general rules 1 and 6 for the interpretation of the combined nomenclature and by the wording of CN codes 9506, 9506 99 and 9506 99 90.</p> <p>Although the article is powered by an electric motor, it has the characteristics of a sport entertainment product rather than of a motor vehicle as, due to the absence of brakes and a steering system, it requires a physical activity to ride the skateboard (similar to the activity needed to ride a non-motorised skateboard). Consequently, classification under heading 8703 as motor vehicles principally designed for the transport of persons is excluded.</p> <p>Given its speed capacity of up to 32 km/h, the article is not considered to be a wheeled toy designed to be ridden by children (see also the CN Explanatory Notes to CN code 9503 00 10). Consequently, classification under heading 9503 as wheeled toys is excluded.</p> <p>Given its characteristics and design, the article is intended to be used as a sport entertainment product (skateboard). It is therefore to be classified under CN code 9506 99 90 as articles and equipment for other sports or outdoor games.</p>
<p><a href="#">(EU) 2015/387</a> 5 Mar. 2015</p>	<p>An electrical apparatus, consisting of a cylindrical metal housing incorporating a lamp that emits ultraviolet (UV) radiation and an electronic module with light indicators for the status of the apparatus. The power of the UV light varies from 14 to 39 W. The apparatus is supplied with a standard volt-</p>	<p>8421 21 00</p>	<p>Classification is determined by general rules 1 and 6 for the interpretation of the Combined Nomenclature and by the wording of CN codes 8421 and 8421 21 00.</p> <p>The function of the apparatus is the purification of water, which is a function described in heading 8421. The fact that the bacteria, viruses and oth-</p>

Commission Implementing Regulation	Description of the goods	Classification (CN code)	Reasons
	<p>age of 220 V.</p> <p>It is presented to be used for the photo-chemical purification of water. The purification is performed by the UV irradiation of the passing water, thereby destroying bacteria, viruses and other micro-organisms therein. It is presented to be used in household, medical or industrial environment.</p>		<p>er micro-organism are not physically separated but destroyed does not exclude classification under this heading. The heading covers filters and purifiers of all types (see also the Harmonised System Explanatory Notes to heading 8421, point (II)). Classification under heading 8543 as electrical machines and apparatus, having individual functions, not specified or included elsewhere is consequently excluded.</p> <p>The apparatus is therefore to be classified under CN code 8421 21 00 as an apparatus for filtering and purifying water.</p>
<p><a href="#">(EU) 2015/388</a> 5 Mar. 2015</p>	<p>A plastic sheet with dimensions of 62 cm × 52 cm × 150 µm containing 24 antennae. Each antenna is constituted of copper wires in the form of windings of a planar rectangular shape and is connected with two interface pads. The antennae are presented in an array of 8 × 3 and are glued alongside each other on the plastic sheet.</p> <p>The plastic sheet does not contain electronic chips.</p> <p>The antennae are presented to be used as parts of smart cards.</p> <p>See image which is purely for information</p> 	8504 50 95	<p>Classification is determined by general rules 1 and 6 for the interpretation of the Combined Nomenclature, note 2(a) to Section XVI and by the wording of CN codes 8504, 8504 50 and 8504 50 95.</p> <p>As the antennae are constituted only of windings acting as inductors, they fall in heading 8504 as inductors. Consequently, classification under heading 8548 as parts not specified or included elsewhere in Chapter 85 is excluded.</p> <p>The article is therefore to be classified under CN code 8504 50 95 as other inductors.</p>

## Section 337 Actions

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

Ref. Number	Commodity	Action
<a href="#">337-TA-884</a>	Certain consumer electronics with display and processing capabilities	Notice of Commission determination to grant a joint motion to terminate the investigation on the basis of a settlement agreement; termination of investigation
<a href="#">337-TA-888</a>	Certain silicon microphone packages and products containing same	Commission determination to grant the joint motion to terminate the investigation on the basis of settlement; termination of investi-

Ref. Number	Commodity	Action
		gation
<a href="#">337-TA-893</a>	Certain flash memory chips and products containing the same	Commission determination not to review an initial determination granting a joint motion to terminate the investigation in its entirety based upon settlement; termination of the investigation
<a href="#">337-TA-909</a>	Certain non-volatile memory devices and products containing same	Commission determination not to review granting motion terminating the investigation as to all respondents; termination of the investigation
<a href="#">337-TA-910</a>	Certain television sets, television receivers, television tuners, and components thereof capabilities and components thereof	Request for statements on the public interest
<a href="#">337-TA-916</a>	Certain non-volatile memory chips and products containing the same	Commission determination not to review an initial determination terminating the investigation based on a settlement agreement
<a href="#">337-TA-922</a>	Certain devices containing non-volatile memory and products containing the same	Commission's determination not to review an initial determination terminating the investigation; termination of the investigation
<a href="#">337-TA-923</a> Remand	Certain loom kits for creating linked articles	Commission determination to review an initial determination in part and, on review, to affirm a finding of violation with modifications; request for written submissions on remedy, the public interest, and bonding
<a href="#">337-TA-948</a>	Certain toy figurines and toy sets containing the same	Institution of an investigation based on a complaint filed on behalf of LEGO A/S, LEGO System A/S and LEGO Systems, Inc. alleging design patent infringement and Copyright infringement
<a href="#">337-TA-949</a>	Certain audio processing hardware and software and products containing same	Institution of an investigation based on a complaint filed on behalf of Andrea Electronics Corp. alleging patent infringement
<a href="#">337-TA-950</a>	Certain electronic products, including products with near field communication system-level functionality and/or battery power-up functionality, components thereof, and products containing same	Institution of an investigation based on a complaint filed on behalf of NXP B.V. and NXP Semiconductors USA, Inc. alleging patent infringement
<a href="#">337-TA-951</a>	Certain lithium metal oxide cathode materials, lithium-ion batteries for power tool products containing the same, and power tools products with lithium-ion batteries containing same	Institution of an investigation based on a complaint filed on behalf of BASF Corporation and UChicago Argonne LLC alleging patent infringement

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

Ref. №	Commodity	Complaint filed on behalf of:
<a href="#">DN 3060</a>	Certain electronic devices, including wireless communication devices, computers, tablet computers, digital media players and cameras	Ericsson Inc. and Telefonaktiebolaget LM Ericsson
<a href="#">DN 3061</a>	Certain wireless standard compliant electronic devices, including communication devices and tablet computers	Ericsson Inc. and Telefonaktiebolaget LM Ericsson
<a href="#">DN 3063</a>	Certain variable valve actuation devices and automobiles containing the same	Jacobs Vehicle Systems, Inc.
<a href="#">DN 3064</a>	Certain protective cases for electronic devices and components thereof	Otter Products, 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, CVD=countervailing duty or subsidy; LTFV=less than fair value.



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

Case No	Merchandise/Country	Action
<a href="#">A-533-824</a>	Polyethylene terephthalate film, sheet, and strip from India	Results of ADD administrative review; 2012-2013
<a href="#">C-533-825</a>	Polyethylene terephthalate film, sheet, and strip from India	Final results of CVD administrative review; 2012
<a href="#">C-475-819</a>	Certain pasta from Italy	Final results of CVD administrative review; 2012
<a href="#">A-570-891</a>	Hand trucks and certain parts thereof from China	Initiation and preliminary results of changed circumstances review, and intent to revoke order in part
<a href="#">A-533-840</a>	Certain frozen warmwater shrimp from India	Preliminary results of ADD administrative review; 2013-2014
<a href="#">A-552-802</a>	Certain frozen warmwater shrimp from Vietnam	Preliminary results of ADD administrative review; 2013-2014
<a href="#">A-201-842</a>	Large residential washers from Mexico	Preliminary results of the ADD administrative review and preliminary determination of no shipments; 2012-2014
<a href="#">A-580-868</a>	Large residential washers from S. Korea	Preliminary results of ADD administrative review; 2012-2014
<a href="#">A-427-818</a>	Low-enriched uranium from France	Preliminary results of ADD administrative review; 2013-2014
<a href="#">A-533-810</a>	Stainless steel bar from India	Preliminary results, and rescission, in part, of ADD administrative review; 2013-2014
<a href="#">A-583-849</a>	Steel wire garment hangers from Taiwan	Rescission of ADD administrative review
<a href="#">A-552-814</a>	Utility scale wind towers from Vietnam	Preliminary results of ADD administrative review; 2013-2014
<a href="#">A-580-876</a> <a href="#">A-489-822</a>	Welded line pipe from S. Korea and Turkey	Postponement of preliminary determinations of ADD investigations
<a href="#">C-533-849</a>	Commodity matchbooks from India	Final results of expedited sunset review of the CVD order
<a href="#">A-533-848</a>	Commodity matchbooks from India	Final results of expedited first sunset review of the ADD order
<a href="#">A-570-900</a>	Diamond sawblades and parts thereof from China	Final results of the expedited sunset review of the ADD order
<a href="#">C-580-869</a>	Large residential washers from S. Korea	Preliminary results of CVD administrative review; 2012-2013
<a href="#">C-533-829</a>	Prestressed concrete steel wire strand from India	Final results of expedited sunset review of CVD order
<a href="#">A-351-825</a>	Stainless steel bar from Brazil	Final results of ADD administrative review; 2013-2014
<a href="#">A-469-805</a>	Stainless steel bar from Spain	Final results of ADD administrative review; 2013-2014
<a href="#">A-570-941</a> <a href="#">C-570-942</a>	Certain kitchen appliance shelving and racks from China	Continuation of ADD order and CVD order
<a href="#">A-570-020</a> <a href="#">A-274-806</a>	Melamine from China and Trinidad and Tobago	Postponement of preliminary determinations of ADD investigations
<a href="#">A-570-887</a>	Tetrahydrofurfuryl alcohol from China	Final results of the second expedited sunset review of the ADD order
<a href="#">C-570-023</a> <a href="#">C-560-829</a>	Uncoated paper from China and Indonesia	Postponement of preliminary determinations in the CVD investigations
<a href="#">A-570-970</a>	Multilayered wood flooring from China	Initiation of ADD changed circumstances review:
<a href="#">A-570-918</a>	Steel wire garment hangers from China	Final results of ADD administrative review, 2012-2013
<a href="#">A-570-849</a>	Certain cut-to-length carbon steel plate from China	Final results of administrative review; 2012-2013


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Case №	Merchandise/Country	Action
<a href="#">A-588-804</a>	Ball bearings and parts thereof from Japan	Notice of court decision not in harmony with the final results of ADD administrative review and notice of amended final results of ADD administrative review; 2004-2005
<a href="#">A-570-822</a>	Helical spring lock washers from China	Final results of antidumping duty administrative review; 2012-2013
<a href="#">A-570-924</a>	Polyethylene terephthalate film, sheet, and strip from China	Notice of court decision not in harmony with final results of administrative review and notice of amended final results of administrative review pursuant to court decision
<a href="#">A-351-837</a> <a href="#">A-533-828</a> <a href="#">A-588-068</a> <a href="#">A-580-852</a> <a href="#">A-201-831</a> <a href="#">A-549-820</a>	Prestressed concrete steel wire strand from Brazil, India, Japan, S. Korea, Mexico, and Thailand	Final results of the expedited sunset reviews of the ADD finding/orders
<a href="#">A-602-808</a>	Silicomanganese from Australia	Initiation of LTFV investigation
<a href="#">A-570-929</a>	Small diameter graphite electrodes from China	Final results of ADD administrative review; 2013-2014
<a href="#">C-570-911</a>	Circular welded carbon-quality steel pipe from China	Rescission of CVD administrative review; 2013
<a href="#">C-580-877</a>	Welded line pipe from S. Korea	Preliminary negative CVD determination and alignment of final determination with final ADD determination
<a href="#">C-489-823</a>	Welded line pipe from Turkey	Preliminary affirmative CVD determination and alignment of final determination with final AD determination
<a href="#">A-570-831</a>	Fresh garlic from China	Preliminary results of the changed circumstances review of Lanling Qingshui Vegetable Foods Co., Ltd.
<a href="#">A-533-843</a>	Certain lined paper products from India	Partial rescission of ADD administrative review; 2013-2014
<a href="#">A-570-979</a>	Crystalline silicon photovoltaic cells, whether or not assembled into modules, from China	Initiation of changed circumstances review
<a href="#">A-570-896</a>	Magnesium metal from China	Final results of ADD administrative review; 2013-2014
<a href="#">A-583-833</a>	Polyester staple fiber from Taiwan	Preliminary results of ADD administrative review; 2013-2014
<a href="#">C-122-854</a>	Supercalendered paper from Canada	Initiation of CVD investigation
<a href="#">A-570-016</a>	Certain passenger vehicle and light truck tires from China	Amended affirmative preliminary determination
<a href="#">A-489-805</a>	Certain pasta from Turkey	Final results of antidumping duty new shipper review; 2013-2014
<a href="#">A-580-836</a>	Certain cut-to-length carbon-quality steel plate from S. Korea	Initiation of ADD new shipper review
<a href="#">A-533-840</a> <a href="#">A-549-822</a>	Certain frozen warmwater shrimp from India and Thailand	Notice of initiation of ADD administrative reviews
<a href="#">A-580-867</a>	Large power transformers from S. Korea	Final results of ADD administrative review; 2012-2013


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

Case №	Merchandise/Country	Action
<a href="#">731-TA-776-779</a>	Preserved mushrooms From Chile, China, India, and Indonesia	(Third review) Institution of five-year reviews
<a href="#">AA1921-167</a>	Pressure sensitive plastic tape from Italy	(Fourth Review) Institution of a five-year review
<a href="#">731-TA-1059</a>	Hand trucks and certain parts thereof from China	(Second Review) Institution of a five-year review
<a href="#">701-TA-530</a>	Supercalendered paper from Canada	(Preliminary) Institution of a CVD investigation and sched-



### United States International Trade Commission (USITC)

Case No	Merchandise/Country	Action
		uling of a preliminary phase investigation
<a href="#">731-TA-1014, 1016, 1017</a>	Polyvinyl alcohol From China, Japan, and Korea	(Second Review) Revised schedule for full five-year reviews
<a href="#">701-TA-531-533</a> <a href="#">731-TA-1270-1273</a>	Certain polyethyelene terephthalate resin from Canada, China, India, and Oman	(Preliminary) Institution of AD and CVD investigations and scheduling of preliminary phase investigations
<a href="#">701-TA-528,529</a> <a href="#">731-TA-1264-1268</a>	Certain uncoated paper from Australia, Brazil, China, Indonesia, and Portugal	(Preliminary) Determinations that there is a reasonable indication that an industry in the United States is materially injured by reason of imports from Australia, Brazil, China, Indonesia, and Portugal subject products that are alleged to be sold in the United States at LTFV, and that are allegedly subsidized by the governments of China and Indonesia.
<a href="#">731-TA-753-754, 756</a>	Cut-to-length carbon steel plate from China, Russia, and Ukraine	(Third Review) Scheduling of full five-year reviews
<a href="#">704-TA-1</a> <a href="#">734-TA-1</a>	Sugar from Mexico	(Review) Determinations that agreements the U.S. Department of Commerce has entered into with Mexican exporters of sugar and the government of Mexico suspending AD and CVD investigations concerning eliminate completely the injurious effect of subject imports.



### Canadian International Trade Tribunal (CITT)

Ref. Number	Merchandise/Country	Action
<a href="#">RR-2014-003</a>	Oil country tubular goods originating in or exported from China	Expiry review - order continuing findings issued
<a href="#">PI-2014-003</a>	Photovoltaic modules and laminates originating in or exported from China	Preliminary determination that there is evidence that discloses a reasonable indication that the dumping and subsidizing of the goods have caused injury or are threatening to cause injury to the domestic industry.
<a href="#">NQ-2014-003</a>	Photovoltaic modules and laminates originating in or exported from China	Notice of commencement of inquiry



### Canada Border Services Agency (CBSA)

Ref. Number	Merchandise/Country	Action
<a href="#">AD1404</a>	Certain oil country tubular goods originating in or exported from Chinese Taipei, India, Indonesia, the Philippines, S. Korea, Thailand, Turkey, Ukraine and Vietnam	Final determination of dumping from all countries and final determination of subsidizing in respect of the subject goods originating in or exported from India, Indonesia and Vietnam; CBSA terminated the subsidy investigation in respect of the subject goods originating in or exported from the Philippines, Thailand and Ukraine
<a href="#">AD1405</a> <a href="#">NQ-2014-003</a>	Certain photovoltaic modules and laminates originating in or exported from China	Preliminary determination of dumping and subsidizing; initiation of inquiry to determine whether the dumping and subsidizing of the subject goods have caused injury or retardation or are threatening to cause injury
<a href="#">AD1389</a> <a href="#">-R115</a>	Certain steel grating originating in or exported from China	Notice of re-investigation of normal values, export prices and amounts of subsidy



## NAFTA Panels

Ref. Number	Merchandise/Country	Action
None		



## Mexico - Ministry of Economy

Ref. Number	Merchandise/Country	Action
<a href="#">E.C. 01/15</a>	Hot rolled steel sheet originating in Russia and Ukraine, regardless of country of origin	Resolution approving the start of the review of ADD
<a href="#">E.C. 04/15</a>	Stearic acid, originating in the United States, regardless of country of origin.	Resolution approving the start of the review of ADD
<a href="#">E.C. 03/15</a>	Partially hydrogenated fatty acid, originating in the United States, regardless of country of origin	Resolution approving the start of the review of ADD
<a href="#">Rev. 12/13-1</a>	Metoprolol tartrate, originating in India, irrespective of the country of provenance	Resolution approving the revocation administrative appeal filed by the company resolves Fark Corp, SA de CV against the final resolution of the anti-subsidy investigation on published on 25 July 2014.



## European Union

Ref. Number	Merchandise/Country	Action
<a href="#">2015/C 077/07</a>	Polyethylene terephthalate originating in China	Notice of the impending expiry on 18 Nov. 2015 of certain anti-dumping measures
<a href="#">2015/C 077/08</a>	High tenacity yarn of polyesters originating in China	Notice of the impending expiry on 2 Dec. 2015 of certain anti-dumping measures
<a href="#">(EU) 2015/392</a>	Trichloroisocyanuric acid originating in China	Commission Implementing Regulation terminating a 'new exporter' review of Council Implementing Regulation (EU) No 1389/2011 imposing a definitive anti-dumping duty re-imposing the duty with regard to imports from the exporter and terminating the registration of these imports
<a href="#">2015/C 082/05</a>	Certain graphite electrode systems originating in India	Notice of the impending expiry of certain CV measures on 17.12.15
<a href="#">2015/C 082/06</a>	Certain graphite electrode systems originating in India	Notice of the impending expiry of certain AD measures on 17.12.15
<a href="#">(EU) 2015/395</a>	Certain molybdenum wires originating in China	Commission Implementing Regulation initiating an investigation concerning the possible circumvention of AD measures by imports of certain slightly modified molybdenum wires, and making such imports subject to registration
<a href="#">2015/C 083/04</a>	Tubes and pipes of ductile cast iron (also known as spheroidal graphite cast iron), originating in India	Notice of initiation of an anti-subsidy proceeding
<a href="#">(EU) 2015/409</a>	Ceramic tiles originating in China	Commission Implementing Regulation amending Council Implementing Regulation (EU) No 917/2011 imposing a definitive ADD and collecting definitely the provisional duty
<a href="#">(EU) 2015/501</a>	Stainless steel cold-rolled flat products originating in China and Taiwan	Commission Implementing Regulation (imposing a provisional ADD)
<a href="#">(EU) 2015/519</a>	Certain iron or steel fasteners originating in China, as extended to imports of certain iron or steel fasteners consigned from Malaysia, whether declared as originating in Malaysia or not	Commission Implementing Regulation imposing a definitive ADD following an expiry review



### Australian Anti-Dumping Commission

Ref. №	Merchandise/Country	Action
<a href="#">2015/25</a>	Hot rolled plate steel from China, Indonesia, Japan, Taiwan and Korea	Findings of an Exemption Inquiry
<a href="#">2015/26</a>	Hot rolled plate steel from China, Indonesia, Japan, Taiwan and Korea	Findings of an Exemption Inquiry
<a href="#">2015/27</a>	Hot rolled plate steel from China, Indonesia, Japan, and Korea	Findings of an Exemption Inquiry
<a href="#">2015/28</a>	PV modules from China	Further Extension of Time Granted to Issue SEF
<a href="#">2015/29</a>	Newsprint from Korea	Termination of part of investigation
<a href="#">2015/30</a>	Hollow structural sections from China	Further extension of time granted to issue SEF
<a href="#">2015/32</a>	Hollow structural sections from Thailand	Further extension of time granted to issue SEF
<a href="#">2015/33</a>	Steel reinforcing bar from Korea, Malaysia, Singapore, Spain, Taiwan, Thailand and Turkey	Preliminary affirmative determination and imposition of securities
<a href="#">2015/34</a>	FSI pineapple	Findings of an accelerated review
<a href="#">2015/35</a>	Various	Status report at 28 February 2015
<a href="#">2015/36</a>	Certain hollow structural sections from Thailand	Preliminary affirmative determination and imposition of securities
<a href="#">2015/37</a>	Zinc coated (galvanised) steel from India and Vietnam	Further extension of time granted to issue SEF
<a href="#">2015/38</a>	Certain hollow structural sections from Korea, Malaysia and Taiwan	Findings of an exemption inquiry
<a href="#">2015/39</a>	Steel reinforcing bar from Korea, Malaysia, Singapore, Spain, Taiwan, Thailand and Turkey	Further extension of time granted to issue SEF
<a href="#">2015/40</a>	Hot rolled plate steel from Korea and Taiwan	Initiation of an investigation
<a href="#">2015/41</a>	Deep drawn stainless steels sinks from China	Findings in relation to dumping and subsidisation investigation
<a href="#">2015/43</a>	Tomato products, prepared or preserved from Italy	Findings of an accelerated review
<a href="#">2015/44</a>		New circumvention activity to address the slight modification of goods exported to Australia



### China Ministry of Commerce (MOFCOM)

Ref. №	Merchandise/Country	Action
<a href="#">8. 2015</a>	Imported preform fiber from Japan and USA	Extension of AD investigation period



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

Reference	Merchandise/Country	Action
<a href="#">06/2015 Cus (ADD)</a>	Tyre Curing Presses, except Six Day Light Curing Press for curing bi-cycle tyres originating in China	This notification shall remain in force up to and inclusive of 7 January, 2016 unless revoked earlier
<a href="#">07/2015 Cus (ADD)</a>	"Sheet Glass" originating in, or exported from, China	ADD imposed for 5 years
<a href="#">01/2015 Cus (SG)</a>	Certain Saturated Fatty Alcohols	Imposition of provisional safeguard duty on imports of the subject goods


**Argentina Ministry of Economy and Public Finance**

Ref. Number	Merchandise/Country	Action
<a href="#">Res. 14/2015</a>	Tennis balls, originating in China, Philippines and Thailand	Final proceeding
<a href="#">Res. 6/2015</a>	Certain three phase dielectric liquid transformers from Brazil	Instruction to the Directorate General of Customs to keep the requirement of certificates of origin; extend the suspension of the measure introduced by Resolution No. No. 13 dated January 17, 2014 from maturity for a period of six (6) months.
<a href="#">Res. 136/2015</a>	Certain shoes from China	Open of expiry and changed circumstances review
<a href="#">Res. 33/2015</a>	Load cells originating in China	Opening of AD investigation


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

Reference	Merchandise/Country	Action
<a href="#">SECEX Cir. 09/2015</a>	Footwear (NCM 6402-6405), from China.	Starts review of ADD
<a href="#">CAMEX Res. 09/2015</a>	Pre-sensitized plates of aluminum to print offset , from China, Hong Kong SAR, Chinese Taipei , the USA and the EU.	Applies definitive ADD for a period of five (5) years
<a href="#">CAMEX Res. 10/2015</a>	Grooved copper tubes from China and Mexico.	Applies definitive ADD for a period of five (5) years
<a href="#">SECEX Cir. 10/2015</a>	Polyvinyl chloride, not mixed with other substances, obtained by suspension process - PVC -S from Mexico.	Announces the update of the reference price in Brazilian imports
<a href="#">SECEX Cir. 11/2015</a>	Polymeric MDI originating in Germany, Belgium, the Netherlands, Hungary, Portugal, Spain and the Republic of Korea.	Closed at the request of the petitioner, the dumping investigation
<a href="#">SECEX Cir. 12/2015</a>	Certain disposable plastic syringes commonly used, with or without needles originating in China	Announces the deadlines that will serve as parameters for the rest of the review of ADD
<a href="#">SECEX Cir. 13/2015</a>	Unwrought magnesium metal originating in China.	Announces the deadlines that will serve as parameters for the rest of the ADD review
<a href="#">SECEX Cir. 14/2015</a>	Butyl acrylate from Germany, South Africa and Chinese Taipei.	Announces that ended by a preliminary affirmative determination of dumping
<a href="#">SECEX Cir. 15/2015</a>	Dental panoramic X-ray machines from Germany	Starts investigation into the existence of dumping
<a href="#">SECEX Cir. 16/2015</a>	Canvas polyvinyl chloride (PVC) coated with textile reinforcement in both faces from S. Korea and China	Starts investigation into the existence of dumping
<a href="#">SECEX Cir. 17/2015</a>	Unframed mirrors from China and Mexico.	Starts investigation into the existence of dumping
<a href="#">SECEX Cir. 18/2015</a>	Acrylic sheets from the USA, Malaysia, Hong Kong SAR and China.	Closes the investigation into the existence of dumping
<a href="#">SECEX Cir. 19/2015</a>	Styrene-butadiene rubber and -SBR originating in the European Union.	Extends for up to eight months, the deadline for completion of the dumping investigation

## Opportunity to Request Administrative Review

In a March 2, 2015 *Federal Register* [notice](#), the US Department of Commerce announced that it will receive requests to conduct administrative reviews of various antidumping (AD) and countervailing duty (CVD) orders and findings with March anniversary dates:

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AD/CVD Proceedings - Country/ Merchandise	Case No.	Period
<b>Antidumping Duty Proceedings</b>		
Canada: Iron Construction Castings	A-122-503	3/1/14-2/28/15
France: Brass Sheet & Strip	A-427-602	3/1/14-2/28/15
Germany: Brass Sheet & Strip	A-428-602	3/1/14-2/28/15
India: Sulfanilic Acid	A-533-806	3/1/14-2/28/15
Italy: Brass Sheet & Strip	A-475-601	3/1/14-2/28/15
Russia: Silicon Metal	A-821-817	3/1/14-2/28/15
Spain: Stainless Steel Bar	A-469-805	3/1/14-2/28/15
Taiwan: Light-Walled Rectangular Welded Carbon Steel Pipe and Tube	A-583-803	3/1/14-2/28/15
Thailand: Circular Welded Carbon Steel Pipes and Tubes	A-549-502	3/1/14-2/28/15
The P.R. of China: Chloropicrin	A-570-002	3/1/14-2/28/15
Circular Welded Austenitic Stainless Pressure Pipe	A-570-930	3/1/14-2/28/15
Glycine	A-570-836	3/1/14-2/28/15
Sodium Hexametaphosphate	A-570-908	3/1/14-2/28/15
Tissue Paper Products	A-570-894	3/1/14-2/28/15
<b>Countervailing Duty Proceedings</b>		
India: Sulfanilic Acid 12/31/14	C-533-807	1/1/14-
Iran: In-Shell Pistachio Nuts 12/31/14	C-507-501	1/1/14-
The P.R. of China: Circular Welded Austenitic Stainless Pressure Pipe 12/31/14	C-570-931	1/1/14-
Turkey: Circular Welded Carbon Steel Pipes and Tubes 12/31/14	C-489-502	1/1/14-
<b>Suspension Agreements</b>		
Mexico: Fresh Tomatoes	A-201-820	3/1/14-2/28/15

## Requested Reviews

In a March 2, 2015 *Federal Register* [notice](#), the US Department of Commerce announced that it has received timely requests to conduct administrative reviews of various antidumping and countervailing duty orders and findings with January anniversary dates. See actual notices for companies requesting review:

AD/CVD Proceedings - Country/ Merchandise	Case No.	Period
<b>Antidumping Duty Proceedings</b>		
The P.R. of China: Potassium Permanganate	A-570-001	1/1/14-12/31/14
Multilayered Wood Flooring	A-570-970	12/1/13-11/30/14
Wooden Bedroom Furniture	A-570-890	1/1/14-12/31/14
<b>Countervailing Duty Proceedings</b>		
The P.R. of China: Multilayered Wood Flooring	C-570-971	1/1/13-12/13/13
<b>Suspension Agreements</b>		
None.		

## Initiation of Sunset Reviews

In a March 2, 2015, *Federal Register* [notice](#), the US Department of Commerce advised that it was automatically initiating a five-year ("Sunset") review of the antidumping and countervailing duty orders listed below.

AD/CVD DOC Case No.	ITC Case No.	Country	Merchandise
A-337-804	731-TA-776	Chile	Certain Preserved Mushrooms (3 <sup>rd</sup> Rev)

AD/CVD DOC Case No.	ITC Case No.	Country	Merchandise
A-533-813	731-TA-778	India	Certain Preserved Mushrooms (3 <sup>rd</sup> Rev)
A-560-802	731-TA-779	Indonesia	Certain Preserved Mushrooms (3 <sup>rd</sup> Rev)
A-475-059	AA1921-167	Italy	Pressure Sensitive Plastic Tape (4 <sup>th</sup> Rev)
A-570-851	731-TA-777	PRC	Certain Preserved Mushrooms (3 <sup>rd</sup> Rev)
A-570-891	731-TA-1059	PRC	Hand Trucks (2 <sup>nd</sup> Review)
No CVD			

## Advance Notification of Sunset Reviews

In a March 2, 2015, *Federal Register* [notice](#), the US Department of Commerce advised that the following cases were scheduled for five-year (“Sunset”) reviews for April.

AD/CVD Proceedings - Merchandise/Country	Case No.
<b>Antidumping Duty Proceedings</b>	
Chloropicrin from China	A-570-002 (4 <sup>th</sup> Review)
Carbazole Violet Pigment 23 from China	A-570-892 (2 <sup>nd</sup> Review)
Crepe Paper from China	A-570-895 (2 <sup>nd</sup> Review)
Polyethylene Retail Carrier Bags from China	A-570-886 (1 <sup>st</sup> Review)
Carbazole Violet Pigment 23 from India	A-533-838 (2 <sup>nd</sup> Review)
Polyethylene Retail Carrier Bags from Indonesia	A-560-822 (1 <sup>st</sup> Review)
Polyethylene Retail Carrier Bags from Malaysia	A-557-813 (1 <sup>st</sup> Review)
Polyethylene Retail Carrier Bags from Taiwan	A-583-843 (1 <sup>st</sup> Review)
Polyethylene Retail Carrier Bags from Thailand	A-549-821 (1 <sup>st</sup> Review)
Polyethylene Retail Carrier Bags from Vietnam	A-552-806 (1 <sup>st</sup> Review)
<b>Countervailing Duty Proceedings</b>	
Carbazole Violet Pigment 23 from India	C-533-839 (2 <sup>nd</sup> Review)
<b>Suspended Investigations</b>	
No Sunset Review of suspended investigations is scheduled for initiation in April 2015.	

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