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The conference will provide you with an overview of significant developments in the areas of anti-bribery, compliance, customs, export controls, international trade and sanctions.

We will bring together presenters from a number of our offices, including Amsterdam, London, Madrid, Moscow, San Francisco, Washington D.C. and Zurich. In addition we have invited corporate speakers who will be able to explain to you first hand how they deal with international compliance matters within their own companies.

[Program](#)

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Location: Sheraton Amsterdam Airport, Schiphol Boulevard 101, 1118 BG Amsterdam. For more information about this conference, please contact: [Claudia Wehmeier](#), Events Manager, Tel: + 31 20 551 7481.

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London - ANNUAL ANTI-BRIBERY AND INTERNATIONAL TRADE CONFERENCE - 29, 30 September & 1 October 2015



Silicon Valley - A YEAR-END REVIEW OF IMPORT/EXPORT DEVELOPMENTS - 18, 19 November 2015 (see below)



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Please see our [Webinars, Meetings, Seminars](#) section for additional events and recorded presentations.

2015

A Year-End Review of

IMPORT/EXPORT

DEVELOPMENTS

November 18-19, 2015 | Santa Clara, CA

Save the Date!

Each year Baker & McKenzie trade compliance lawyers from around the world come together to present a year-end review of import and export developments. Mark your calendars for this year's two-day conference, which will be held Wednesday, November 18 through Thursday, November 19 at the Hyatt Regency in Santa Clara, California.

If you are unable to attend the conference, but still wish to participate, we will offer a live webcast option as well.

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World Trade Organization (WTO)

General Council approves Kazakhstan's membership terms, only ratification left

The WTO [announced](#) that WTO members formally adopted Kazakhstan's WTO terms of entry at the General Council meeting on 27 July 2015, in the presence of Kazakhstan's President Nursultan Nazarbayev. Kazakhstan will have until 31 October 2015 to ratify the deal to formally become a WTO member 30 days after it notifies the ratification to the WTO Director-General.

The negotiations on Kazakhstan's membership, which started over 19 years ago, were finalised by the Working Party [on 10 June](#). The 52 Working Party members adopted by consensus, ad referendum, Kazakhstan's WTO accession package [on 22 June](#).

An overview of Kazakhstan's commitments is [here](#).

WTO members adopt ITA expansion

On 24 July 2015, the WTO [announced](#) that WTO members representing major exporters of information technology products agreed to eliminate tariffs on more than 200 such products in a new, expanded *Information Technology Agreement* (ITA). A tentative accord reached by 54 WTO members on 18 July [*see detailed information below*] was confirmed as the basis for implementation work to begin. The WTO said that Ministers from the participating members will now work to conclude their implementation plans in time for the WTO's 10th Ministerial Conference which will be held in Nairobi this December. The annual trade in the products covered by the expanded ITA is valued at over \$1.3 trillion per year, and accounts for approximately 7% of total global trade today. The WTO Director-General said that it is larger than global trade in automotive products — or trade in textiles, clothing, iron and steel combined.

All 161 WTO members will benefit from the expanded ITA agreement, as they will all enjoy duty-free market access in the markets of those members who are eliminating tariffs on these products. The [terms of the agreement](#) will be formally circulated to the full membership at a meeting of the WTO General Council on 28 July.

Under the terms of the agreement, the majority of tariffs will be eliminated on these products within three years, with reductions beginning in 2016. By the end of October 2015, each of the participating members will submit to the other participants a draft schedule which spells out how the terms of the agreement would be met. Participants will spend the coming months preparing and verifying these schedules. The objective

is to conclude this technical work in time for the Nairobi Ministerial Conference in December.

The agreement also contains a commitment to work to tackle non-tariff barriers in the IT sector, and to keep the list of products covered under review to determine whether further expansion may be needed to reflect future technological developments.

The agreement this month is an expansion of the 1996 Information Technology Agreement which involves 81 members. In 2012, members recognized that technological innovation had advanced to such an extent that many new categories of IT products were not covered by the existing agreement. Negotiations began in 2012 to expand the coverage of the accord.

Update on ITA expansion

On 18 July 2015, the WTO [reported](#) that negotiators from 54 WTO members edged close to agreement on an accord which would expand the *Information Technology Agreement* (ITA) and eliminate tariffs on an additional list of roughly 200 products valued at about \$1 trillion in annual trade. The products covered by the extension include new generation semi-conductors, GPS navigation equipment and medical equipment, including magnetic resonance imaging products and ultra-sonic scanning apparatus. The WTO release said:

The list of products and the draft declaration which spells out how the Agreement would be implemented have been sent to capitals for review. Members have until Friday at noon Geneva time to give final approval.

“This is a big deal,” said WTO Director-General Roberto Azevêdo. “The trade covered in this agreement is comparable to annual global trade in iron, steel, textiles and clothing combined. By taking this step, WTO members will help to provide a jump-start to the global economy and underline the WTO’s role as the central global forum for trade negotiations.”

While not all WTO members participated in these negotiations, all will benefit from the outcome because the participants will scrap duties on imports of these products regardless of which WTO member has produced them. Applying duties in a uniform and non-discriminatory manner across the WTO membership is known as the most favoured nation principle.

When the product list and draft declaration are approved, WTO negotiators will spend several months hammering out the technical details and the timetable for tariff elimination. The objective would be for all elements to be completed in time for Ministers of those members who are involved in this initiative to sign the ITA expansion agreement at the 10th Ministerial Conference in Nairobi in December. It would be the first tariff-cutting agreement in the WTO for 18 years.

The Information Technology Agreement was finalized in 1997 and covers 80 WTO members. Efforts to expand the coverage of this agreement were launched in 2012.

The Office of the U.S. Trade Representative (USTR) issued a [news release](#) that said the “breakthrough opens the door for the swift conclusion of the first major tariff-cutting deal at the World Trade Organization (WTO) in 18 years.” According to USTR:

Negotiators began the latest round of negotiations on July 14th, ultimately producing a Declaration text and a final product list which were circulated today to all participants for final review and confirmation in capitals. In November 2014, an earlier bilateral breakthrough between President Obama and President Xi had paved the way to the result today.

Since the ITA went into force in 1997, global trade covered by the ITA has more than tripled, rising to more than \$4 trillion in annual trade. Despite extensive advances in technology, however, the product scope of the agreement has never been expanded. More than 200 tariff lines will be reduced to zero under an expanded ITA. Medical

equipment, GPS devices, video game consoles, computer software and next generation semiconductors are among the high-tech products that will see tariff elimination.

A sample of some of the impacted products and the size of the tariff reduction they would benefit from, include:

- Next generation semiconductors – Tariffs up to 25 percent reduced to zero.
- Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI) machines – Tariffs up to 8 percent reduced to zero.
- Computed Tomography (CT) scanners – Tariffs up to 8 percent reduced to zero.
- Global Positioning System (GPS) devices – Tariffs up to 8 percent reduced to zero.
- Printed matter/cards to download software and games – Tariffs up to 10 percent reduced to zero.
- Printer ink cartridges – Tariffs up to 25 percent reduced to zero.
- Static converters and inductors – Tariffs up to 10 percent reduced to zero.
- Loudspeakers – Tariffs up to 30 percent reduced to zero.
- Software media, such as solid state drives – Tariffs up to 30 percent reduced to zero.
- Video game consoles – Tariffs up to 30 percent reduced to zero.
- An expanded ITA would also eliminate import duties on a range of additional technology products including high-tech medical devices, video cameras, and an array of high-tech ICT testing instruments.

WTO members meet on SPS measures

The WTO [announced](#) that its committee dealing with food safety, animal and plant health, formally known as the Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary (SPS) Measures, heard a record number of specific trade concerns when it met on 15–16 July 2015.

One of the key functions of the SPS Committee is to provide a forum for WTO members to discuss their food safety, animal and plant health measures in order to ensure that these measures do not unnecessarily restrict international trade. A total of eight new trade concerns were raised at the meeting and 16 measures previously discussed were back on the agenda, making it the highest number of specific trade concerns raised in the Committee's history. These included the three items listed below as well as a few concerns that were raised at [previous meetings](#) of the SPS Committee. See the WTO [announcement](#) for details:

- European Union — approval of biotech products
- China — proposed amendments of GMO approval procedure
- Costa Rica — import ban on avocados

EU and Liberia sign deal on WTO accession

On 16 July 2015, the European Commission [announced](#) that the EU and Liberia had signed a deal concluding their bilateral negotiations on Liberia's accession to the WTO. The announcement said that accession to the WTO is expected to make a lasting contribution to the process of economic reform and sustainable development in Liberia. The announcement said that:

The bilateral deal – signed by EU Ambassador to the WTO Angelos Pangratis and Liberia's Minister for Commerce and Industry Axel M. Addy – defines the level of market access that Liberia will grant to EU goods and services in the WTO. These commitments will be then embodied in the future *Protocol of Accession of Liberia* to the WTO.

The Republic of Liberia applied for WTO membership in mid-2007. The accession talks started half a year later with the establishment of a dedicated Working Party made of interested WTO members. In order to join the WTO, Liberia must complete bilateral negotiations with each of them and obtain the endorsement of the entire Working Party.

As a Least Developed Country, all Liberia's products (except arms) enjoy duty-free and quota-free access to the EU market. Trade between the EU and Liberia will be soon also governed by the Economic Partnership Agreement that the EU has initiated with 16 West African states last year.

TiSA partners to assess progress towards liberalization of service markets

On 3 July 2015, the European Commission [announced](#) that the 13th round of negotiations for an international agreement on trade in services, known as TiSA, will begin on 6 July in Geneva. The round will offer an opportunity to assess progress made so far and to define further steps in the negotiating process. This stocktaking builds upon the senior officials' discussions that had taken place in Paris on 4 June. The participants will identify areas of negotiation that are making good progress, those that require further work, or, those that, given the current difficulties, may require a political decision. The announcement stated:

The negotiators dealing with **market access** will consider whether the offers on the table meet the objectives set for the [TiSA](#) and reflect on how to intensify negotiations in the second half of 2015.

With that in mind, the EU will **urge all participants** not having done so to **table complete offers** by the end of the summer.

The negotiators plan also to make progress this week on some specific issues, such as:

1. domestic regulations, in particular the licensing procedures and requirements and professional qualifications,
2. financial services,
3. telecommunication,
4. movement of natural persons as services suppliers, i.e. so called 'mode 4'.

Short sessions are also scheduled on maritime and road transport, transparency and e-commerce.

Trade Policy Reviews: European Union, Dominican Republic

The twelfth review of the trade policies and practices of the European Union took place on 6 and 8 July 2015. The basis for the review was a [report by the WTO Secretariat](#) and a [report by the European Union](#).

The fourth review of the trade policies and practices of the Dominican Republic took place on 22 and 24 July 2015. The basis for the review was a [report by the WTO Secretariat](#) and a [report by the Government of the Dominican Republic](#).

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
DS497	Brazil - Certain Measures Concerning Taxation and Charges – (Complainant: Japan) Request for consultations	02-07-15

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
DS457	Peru — Additional Duty on Imports of Certain Agricultural Products (Complainant: Guatemala)	Appellate Body issues report	20-07-15
DS476	European Union — Certain Measures Relating to the Energy Sector (Complainant: Russia)	DSB established a panel	20-07-15
DS492	European Union — Measures Affecting Tariff Concessions on Certain Poultry Meat Products (Complainant: China)		
DS430	India — Measures Concerning the Importation of Certain Agricultural Products (Complainant: United States)	Appellate Body report adopted; panel report as modified by the Appellate Body report adopted	
DS468	Ukraine — Definitive Safeguard Measures on Certain Passenger Cars (Complainant: Japan)	Panel report adopted	
DS491	United States — Anti-Dumping and Countervailing Measures on Certain Coated Paper from Indonesia (Complainant: Indonesia)	DSB deferred panel establishment	
DS480	European Union — Anti-Dumping Measures on Biodiesel from Indonesia (Complainant: Indonesia)	DSB deferred panel establishment	
DS447	United States — Measures Affecting the Importation of Animals, Meat and Other Animal Products from Argentina (Complainant: Argentina)	Panel report issued	24-07-15
DS414	China — Countervailing and Anti-Dumping Duties on Grain Oriented Flat-rolled Electrical Steel from the United States (Complainant: United States)	Compliance panel report issued	31-07-15
DS457	Peru — Additional duty on imports of certain agricultural products (Complainant: Guatemala)	DSB adopts Appellate Body report	

Safeguard notifications to WTO

Date	Country and Merchandise
17-07-15	Ukraine notified the WTO's Committee on Safeguards that it initiated on 7 July 2015 a safeguard investigation on flexible porous plates, blocks and sheets of

Date	Country and Merchandise
	polyurethane foams. [G/SG/N/6/UKR/11]
	Indonesia notified the WTO's Committee on Safeguards that it initiated on 14 July 2015 a safeguard investigation on dextrose monohydrate [G/SG/N/6/IDN/27]
29-07-15	Tunisia notified the WTO's Committee on Safeguards that it initiated on 14 July 2015 a safeguard investigation on ceramic tiles. [G/SG/N/6/TUN/5]

World Customs Organization (WCO)

Announcements and news releases [dd-mm-yy]

Date	Title
01-07-15	AEO Programme in Phnom Penh (Cambodia)
	Regional workshop on rules of origin for the Americas and Caribbean Region held in Brasilia, Brazil
	Russian Customs hosts CIS regional meeting of the Committee on Law Enforcement
	WCO's Role in Supporting TFA Implementation at the 5th Global Review of Aid for Trade
	Meeting with Minister of China Customs
03-07-15	Third Global Canine Forum in Argentina
	4th Meeting of the Heads of Customs Administrations of the Turkic Council
07-07-15	Namibia takes steps to implement an advance ruling system for tariff classification and origin
09-07-15	Training seminars on valuation control for experts and trainers from Democratic Republic of the Congo Customs
	National Workshop on the Development of a Pre-arrival Processing System in Lebanon
10-07-15	Customs Valuation Workshop for the Customs Service of the Republic of Moldova in Chisinau (22-26 June 2015)
	A successful dialogue with donors for Customs administrations in West and Central Africa
13-07-15	Release of the WCO Customs-Business Partnership Guidance
14-07-15	8th Steering Committee Meeting of the Finnish-funded ESA Capacity Building Project
	WCO Capacity Building support provided to Viet Nam
	WCO Career Development Programme 2014/2015
15-07-15	WCO Leadership and Management Development Workshop in Korea
	Multi-agency efforts disrupt wildlife trafficking
16-07-15	Dubai Customs foils attempt to smuggle 1kg of heroin at the airport
	Australian Trusted Trader launches
17-07-15	Workshop in Lesotho to support implementation of an advance ruling system for tariff classification and origin
17-07-15	International AEO workshop in Kazakhstan
28-07-15	The WCO – WACAM Project pursues its support to the Gambia Revenue Authority (GRA) for Human Resource Modernization!
29-07-15	The WCO successfully supports Cape Verde with the establishment of its National Committee on Trade Facilitation
30-07-15	Update of the National Practices Catalogue of the Guidelines on Preferential Origin Verification

Other International Matters

Iran Negotiations

Outline of EU and U.S. sanctions relief for Iran under Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action

On 14 July 2015, Iran and the EU/E3+3 (China, France, Germany, the Russian Federation, the United Kingdom, the United States, and the European Union) announced that they had agreed on a [Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action](#) (JCPOA or Agreement) regarding the lifting of sanctions currently imposed against Iran. If fully implemented, the JCPOA will ultimately see the comprehensive lifting of all UN Security Council (UNSC) sanctions targeting Iran, as well as multilateral and national sanctions related to Iran's nuclear programme, including increasing access in areas of trade, technology, finance, and energy. In return, Iran will curb its nuclear programme and provide access to the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) for verification purposes. There will also be a 65-day snapback mechanism by which sanctions can be reinstated for non-compliance, subject to a dispute resolution process.

Time Frame

According to a copy of the Agreement made available by the EU (available [here](#)), a UN resolution shall be promptly put forward to the UNSC to endorse the JCPOA. Ninety days after the UNSC adopts a resolution endorsing the JCPOA (or sooner if agreed by mutual consent), the JCPOA shall come into effect ("Adoption Day"). In practical terms, this will mean that the JCPOA participants will begin to make the necessary arrangements to implement their respective commitments under the JCPOA. However, UN, U.S. and EU sanctions will only begin to be relaxed once the IAEA has verified that Iran has implemented its nuclear-related commitments under the JCPOA ("Implementation Day"). **On this basis, sanctions may not be actually lifted or relaxed until late 2015 or early 2016.**

The EU has announced that it will prolong until 14 January 2016 the suspension of EU restrictive measures agreed in the Joint Plan of Action (JPOA) with Iran dated 24 November 2013. The U.S. Government has also announced its intention to extend the JPOA sanctions relief and is likely to adopt an approach similar to the EU. See our prior [Sanctions blog post](#) about the JPOA. **All other sanctions targeting Iran will remain in place until the sanctions relief described in the JCPOA is implemented.**

EU Sanctions

The EU and EU Member States commit to terminate all provisions of Council Regulation (EU) No 267/2012 (as amended) Council Decision 2010/413/CFSP (as amended), and to terminate or amend national implementing legislation as required. Implementation Day will see the removal of restrictions on:

- **Certain listed persons, entities and bodies** that have been designated due to their involvement in the Iranian oil and gas, financial, and shipping sectors. This includes Iranian banks and financial institutions, and the Central Bank of Iran ("CBI");
- **Financial, banking and insurance measures**, including the transfers of funds between EU persons, entities or bodies, including EU financial and credit institutions, and Iranian persons, entities or bodies, including Iranian financial and credit institutions, without the requirement for authorisation or notification;

- **Oil, gas and petrochemical sectors** including the import, purchase, swap or transport of Iranian crude oil and petroleum products, natural gas or petrochemical products and related financing;
- **Shipping, shipbuilding and transport sectors** the inspection, seizure and disposal by EU Member States of cargoes to and from Iran in their territories with regard to items which are no longer prohibited; and
- **Gold, other precious metals, banknotes and coinage** including the sale, supply, purchase, export, transfer or transport of gold and precious metals as well as diamonds, and provision of related brokering, financing and security services, to, from or for the Government of Iran, its public bodies, corporations and agencies, or the CBI.

Specific arms restrictions/missile proliferation sanctions will remain in place for up to eight years until the JCPOA's "Transition Day": the earlier of (i) the date eight years after Adoption Day or (ii) the date on which the IAEA reports that it has reached the conclusion that all nuclear material in Iran is for peaceful activities. Human rights related sanctions and those targeting terrorist financing are, however, expected to remain in place.

U.S. Sanctions

The principal impact of U.S. sanctions relief will be on non-U.S. persons not generally subject to U.S. jurisdiction. The U.S. sanctions applicable to U.S. persons, non-U.S. persons acting or causing an act to occur in the United States, and non-U.S. subsidiaries of U.S. companies will remain in effect, subject to certain favorable licensing policies, as noted below.

More specifically, the Agreement provides for phased relief of certain U.S. sanctions against Iran starting on Implementation Day. U.S. sanctions relief would be provided through suspension and eventual termination of secondary U.S. sanctions against Iran, which target specific activities of non-U.S. persons that are not otherwise subject to U.S. jurisdiction. The JCPOA provides for relief from certain U.S. secondary sanctions in the following areas:

- **Financial and banking transactions**, including financial messaging services, involving the Government of Iran, the CBI, Iranian financial institutions and other specified Iranian parties, as well as certain activities involving the Iranian Rial, the provision of U.S. banknotes to the Government of Iran, use of offshore Iranian revenues for bilateral trade, and Iranian sovereign debt;
- **Insurance transactions**, including the provision of underwriting services, insurance, or re-insurance in connection with activities consistent with the JCPOA, including those involving specified Iranian parties, Iran's shipping and shipbuilding sectors, the National Iranian Oil Company ("NIOC") or the National Iranian Tanker Company ("NITC"), or vessels that transport oil, gas, petroleum or petrochemical products to or from Iran;
- **Iranian energy and petrochemical sectors**, including transactions relating to the provision of oil, gas, petroleum or petrochemical products to or from Iran; providing support, investment (including through joint ventures), goods, services (including financial services), and technology to Iran in connection with Iran's energy sector, in particular its petroleum and petrochemical sectors; or engaging in activities with Iran's energy sector, including with targeted entities such as NIOC and NITC;
- **Iranian shipping, shipbuilding, and port sectors**, including on port operators, the Islamic Republic of Iran Shipping Lines, South Shipping Line, NITC, and the port operator of Bandar Abbas, parties that own, operate, control or insure vessels transporting oil, gas, petroleum or petrochemical products to or from Iran, and on provision of goods or services (including financial services) relating to the Iranian shipping, shipbuilding, or port sectors;

- **Gold and other precious metals**, including on the provision of gold or other precious metals to or from Iran, directly or indirectly, and the conduct of related services and financial transactions, including insurance and transportation;
- **Supply to Iran of software and metals**, including on the provision of graphite, raw or semi-finished metals such as aluminum and steel, coal, and software for integrating industrial processes, to or from Iran in connection with activities consistent with the JCPOA, directly or indirectly, and the conduct of related services and financial transactions, including insurance and transportation;
- **Iranian automotive sector**, including financial or other transactions for the sale, supply, or transfer to Iran of goods and services used in connection with Iran's automotive sector;
- **Delisting of Iranian parties as Specially Designated Nationals (SDNs) and other sanctions listings**, including a large number of Iranian SDNs, as well as Foreign Sanctions Evaders, and parties sanctioned under the Iran Sanctions Act, as set out in Attachment 3 to Annex 1 of the JCPOA (although U.S. persons and their owned-or-controlled entities will continue to be prohibited from dealing with the parties in Attachment 3 to Annex 1 that OFAC has identified as Government of Iran entities);
- **Nuclear proliferation measures**, including on acquisition of nuclear-related commodities and services for nuclear activities contemplated under the JCPOA (e.g., peaceful nuclear activities), joint ventures relating to uranium mining, production, and transportation, and on Iranian citizens engaging in U.S. higher education coursework relating to nuclear science and engineering, and the energy sector.

The sanctions relief does not apply to U.S. sanctions that have been imposed to address human rights or terrorism issues relating to Iran. It also does not apply to U.S. sanctions imposed under the *Iranian Transactions and Sanctions Regulations* (ITSR) by the U.S. Treasury Department's Office of Foreign Assets Control (OFAC), which continue to prohibit most Iran-related transactions by U.S. persons and non-U.S. entities owned or controlled by U.S. persons. According to the copy of the JCPOA made available by the EU, however:

- The U.S. Government has agreed to license non-U.S. entities owned or controlled by U.S. persons to engage in activities consistent with the Agreement. It is not known whether those licenses will be general or specific or whether they will permit some level of U.S. person involvement, e.g., U.S. parent company facilitation of transactions undertaken by their foreign subsidiaries. In contrast, however, U.S. Persons will continue to be prohibited from engaging in any transactions subject to the ITSR.
- In addition, the U.S. Government has agreed to: (a) allow for the sale of commercial passenger aircraft and related parts and services to Iran, through licensing of exports and provision of associated services, and (b) license the importation into the United States of Iranian-origin carpets and foodstuffs.

OFAC has not yet implemented any of these authorizations and has stated that it will issue guidance on JCPOA relief prior to Implementation Day. While the United States is not precluded from having the spirit or intent of these authorizations take effect in the interim prior to Implementation Day, e.g., through the issuance of specific licenses on a case-by-case basis rather than the issuance of general licenses, it remains unclear today whether the U.S. Government is willing to do that.

Lastly, the JCPOA's sanctions relief does not alter the disclosure requirement applicable to publicly traded companies that are already required to file an annual or quarterly reports under Section 13(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, for certain specifically identified dealings or transactions pri-

marily related to Iran. This disclosure requirement applies to the activities of issuers (whether U.S. or non-U.S.) as well as their U.S. or non-U.S. affiliates.

As noted above, the U.S. Government has [announced](#) that it will further extend temporary U.S. sanctions relief under the JPOA in the interim. As part of this U.S. extension, all specific licenses with an expiration date on or before 14 July 2015 that were issued pursuant to OFAC's Second Amended Statement of Licensing Policy on Activities Related to the Safety of Iran's Civil Aviation Industry will remain in effect through Implementation Day. Prior to implementation, the JCPOA must also meet the requirements of the [Iran Nuclear Agreement Review Act of 2015](#), which imposes a 60-day congressional review period on the JCPOA during which the President may not waive, suspend, reduce, provide relief from, or otherwise limit certain sanctions against Iran. The President has [announced](#) that he will "veto any legislation that prevents the successful implementation of this deal."

Snapback Mechanism

A Joint Commission consisting of the EU/E3+3 and Iran will be established to monitor the JCPOA's implementation. If any JCPOA party believes another party is not meeting its commitments under the JCPOA, that party can refer the matter to the Joint Commission, which would have 15 days to resolve the matter (although this period can be extended by consent). Thereafter, the issue can be referred to the Ministers of Foreign Affairs, who have another 15 days to resolve the issue (which can also be extended by consent). In parallel with or in lieu of consideration by the Ministers of Foreign Affairs, a further request can be made to an Advisory Board, including the two members appointed by the disputing JCPOA participants and an independent third member, to resolve the matter. The Advisory Board will provide a non-binding opinion within 15 days, to be considered by the Joint Commission for up to five days.

At this point, a party could treat an unresolved issue as grounds to cease performance of JCPOA commitments, reimpose its own national sanctions, and/or notify the UNSC. The UNSC will then have 30 days to vote on a resolution to continue the lifting of sanctions, after which the provisions of previous UNSC resolutions will be automatically re-imposed (the "snapback") unless the UNSC decides otherwise. In summary, in the event of alleged non-compliance with the JCPOA and no UNSC resolution to continue the lifting of sanctions (or if no agreement is made to vary these timelines), the UNSC sanctions would be re-imposed at the end of this 65-day period, although the Agreement does not appear to prohibit a JCPOA participant (such as the United States) from re-imposing national sanctions before the UNSC review process begins. This means that national sanctions could be re-imposed as early as 35 days after a complaint is lodged (or sooner if the Advisory Board, Ministers of Foreign Affairs, and/or the Joint Commission do not utilize the full time periods allowed for review).

The foregoing is intended only to provide a general summary of recent developments regarding sanctions targeting Iran. If you have any questions or if you require advice on any specific transactions or plans, please contact one of the members of Baker & McKenzie's International Trade Practice Group.

Please check our [Sanctions blog](#) for any updates. This blog monitors Iran-related developments, as well as developments related to other sanctions programs, and provides commentary from our International Trade team as events unfold. For a copy of the *Client Alert* with links to other Baker & McKenzie Client Alerts issued since 2010 regarding sanctions against Iran [click here](#).

Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership (TTIP)

EU-U.S. hold 10th round of talks

The 10th round of negotiations on the *Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership* (TTIP) was held on 13-17 July. Various sources have indicated that an exchange of market access offers for the services sector was to be a key part of the negotiations. Other topics scheduled for discussion included non-tariff barriers and phytosanitary issues, trade facilitation, dispute settlement and competition.

On 15 July, a [stakeholder event](#) was held where presentations were made by EU and US stakeholders - including NGO's, industry sectors and unions - on regulatory coherence, technical barriers to trade (TBT); IP including Geographical Indications and public health; services, investment and public procurement; agriculture, small and medium enterprises (SMEs), sustainable development, energy and raw materials.

On 17 July, after the negotiations, the EU chief negotiator Ignacio Garcia Bercero [issued a statement](#) that highlighted a few important points. Some of these are excerpted below:

In the area of market access, we reached an important milestone and both sides exchanged revised services offers. The EU also tabled its textual proposal for a services chapter. Services is a key component of the transatlantic economy and thus is an area for which both the EU and US are seeking to achieve ambitious and additional commitments to what we have reached in our other bilateral and multilateral agreements so far.

Both services revised offers reflect also what Commissioner Malmström and US Trade Representative Froman stated publically last March on public services – TTIP will fully preserve the right of public authorities to choose the manner in which they deliver and run the public services offered to their citizens.

A lot of the negotiators' time was dedicated to regulatory discussions. There is significant convergence among the EU and the US that under this pillar of the agreement we should be able to achieve the following five elements:

- Agreement on good regulatory practices
- Ambitious chapters on technical barriers to trade (TBT) and sanitary and phytosanitary (SPS) that strengthen and go beyond our existing cooperation in these areas in the WTO.
- A framework to facilitate regulatory cooperation in the future
- Greater regulatory compatibility in the nine sectors that we have identified (cars, medical devices, pharmaceuticals or textiles, to name only a few)

We also had good progress this week on trade rules. This is an area which both the EU and US believe could bring significant benefits, not only for our bilateral trade relationship, but also to enrich, with common and ambitious contributions, the development and modernisation of global rules in these areas.

Earlier in July, on 8 July 2015, the European Parliament [approved](#) (by 436 votes to 241, with 32 abstentions) its recommendations to European Commission TTIP negotiators – the so-called [Lange Report \(European Parliament resolution of 8 July 2015 containing the European Parliament's recommendations to the European Commission on the negotiations for the Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership \(TTIP\) \(2014/2228\(INI\)\)](#) -.

The European Commission's negotiating texts presented to U.S. negotiators and fact-sheets are available on the Commission's [TTIP pages here](#).

Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership (RCEP)

RCEP negotiations continue

The eighth round of negotiations on the Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership (RCEP) trade agreement took place in Kyoto, Japan in June. RCEP negotiations involve ten ASEAN countries (Brunei, Burma (Myanmar), Cambodia, Indonesia, Laos, Malaysia, the Philippines, Singapore, Thailand and Vietnam) and six countries with which ASEAN has existing free trade agreements (Japan, Korea, Australia, New Zealand, India and China). It is believed that RCEP would create the world's largest trading bloc. The RCEP focuses on trade in goods and services, including investments. Additional negotiations took place in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia on 13 July. For more information on RCEP, [click here](#).

Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP)

U.S. hosted TPP Trade Ministers' meeting in Hawaii

On July 7, 2015, the Office of the U.S. Trade Representative (USTR) [announced](#) that the United States would host a meeting of Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP) Trade Ministers in Maui, Hawaii from July 28-31, preceded by a meeting of TPP Chief Negotiators from July 24-27. Since they last met in May, Trade Ministers from the twelve TPP countries have been working continuously. As a result, they have made considerable progress in closing gaps on remaining issues, and they continue to work intensively to address specific issues bilaterally.

The U.S. and the 11 other Trans-Pacific Partnership negotiating countries made significant progress in closing the remaining gaps in the TPP but were unable to complete negotiations. After the ministerial was held, the ministers issued the following [Joint Statement](#):

We, the trade ministers of Australia, Brunei Darussalam, Canada, Chile, Japan, Malaysia, Mexico, New Zealand, Peru, Singapore, United States, and Vietnam announce that, after more than a week of productive meetings, we have made significant progress and will continue work on resolving a limited number of remaining issues, paving the way for the conclusion of the Trans-Pacific Partnership negotiations.

Ministers and negotiators leave Hawaii committed to build on the momentum of this meeting by staying in close contact as negotiators continue their intensive engagement to find common ground. Negotiators will also continue to work to formalize the achievements that have been made this week.

In this last stage of negotiations, we are more confident than ever that TPP is within reach and will support jobs and economic growth.

The progress made this week reflects our longstanding commitment to deliver an ambitious, comprehensive and high-standard TPP agreement that will support jobs and economic growth across the Asia Pacific region.

Pacific Alliance

Four Pacific Alliance Presidents issue Joint Declaration

The Peruvian Ministry of External Affairs [announced](#) that on 3 July 2015, the Presidents of Chile, Colombia, Mexico and Peru met in Paracas, Peru for the X Summit of the Pacific Alliance (*Alianza Pacífico*). At the Summit, the Presidents issued the *Paracas Declaration* which welcomed the entry into force on 20 July

2015 of the *Framework Agreement of the Pacific Alliance* as well as advances in the process of improvement of the *Additional Protocol* and the *Agreement Establishing the Cooperation Fund*. In addition, the Declaration set the future agenda including a 13 point list of goals (rough translation from the Spanish):

1. The signing of the Protocol Amending the First Additional Protocol to the Framework Agreement, which includes a chapter on Regulatory Improvement, an Annex to the Chapter on Technical Barriers to Trade in the field of cosmetics as well as amendments and new provisions to the Chapters of Telecommunications and Electronic Commerce ;
2. The signing of the Framework Agreement for Cooperation financial support to companies in the countries of the Pacific Alliance;
3. The presentation of an analysis aimed at the empowerment of agricultural trade to third economies;
4. The study by the OECD to promote the internationalization and integration of SMEs into global value chains;
5. The realization of the III Macro Business Round of the Pacific Alliance, held on 17 and 18 June 2015 in the city of Paracas, Ica; the First Commercial Meeting of Value Chains for Strengthening Business, also held in Paracas, Ica, on 18 June and the Second Forum of Innovation and Entrepreneurship held in Cali, Colombia;
6. The development of the Pacific II Macro Round on tourism held in Mazatlan, Sinaloa, from 25 to 27 May 2015;
7. The success of the Platform for Academic and Student Mobility, that date has mobilized 855 students in five calls since 2013;
8. The launch of the project on Youth Service promotes the participation of our youth in social projects;
9. The publication entitled "Partnership Opportunities in Research on Climate Change in the countries of the Pacific Alliance";
10. The implementation of the Platform for Exchange of Information for immigration immediate safety of the Pacific Alliance;
11. The creation of the Technical Groups Mining Development, Social Responsibility and Sustainability and Education, and the adoption of its work plans;
12. The holding of the First Meeting of Deputy Ministers of Health approved the working agendas timely and equitable access to medicines and humanization and quality of health services;
13. Re-launch of the website of the Pacific Alliance.

The Declaration includes an Annex which sets forth concrete steps that need to be accomplished to harmonize the policies and move the Framework Agreement forward. This includes a Single Window for Foreign Trade including a phytosanitary certification in the first part of 2016; uniform Customs documentation by 2018 and coordination of consumer protection agencies.

The Pacific Alliance currently consist of 4 members and 32 observer nations. The presidents have agreed to requests by an additional ten nations to be observers (Austria, Denmark, Georgia, Greece, Haiti, Hungary, Indonesia, Poland, Sweden and Thailand). In addition, Costa Rica and Panama are to become full members in the future.

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CITES

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
03-07-15	2015/040 Directory of law enforcement focal points
16-07-15	2015/041 Twenty-second meeting of the Plants Committee (with 4 annexes)
30-07-15	2014/042 Information to be submitted for the 66th meeting of the Standing Committee

The Americas - Central America

Costa Rica

Customs Resolutions [dd-mm-yy]

Date	Series and №	Subject
06-07-15	RES-SUBDGA-093-2015	Tariff modifications for rice from Argentina and Uruguay

El Salvador

Documents [dd-mm-yy]

Date	Series and №	Subject
25-06-15	DGA 007-2015	Changes in import permits (visa bill) issued by the National Medicines Directorate
	Anexo I Boletín DGA 007-2015	Seal types
21-07-15	DGA 009-2015	Call for annual course of Customs Agents
17-07-15	DGA 010-2015	Note about rescheduling of registry of drivers
21-07-15	DGA 011-2015	Call for annual course of Customs special agents
29-07-16	DGA 012-2015	Alternate routes for international freight flowing to and from the border Amatillo

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 [mm-dd-yy]:

Publication Date	Title
10-07-15	Health: Executive Decree № 672 (10-07-15) Establishing the Health Parameters for the Implementation of the Prohibition, Development, Production, Stockpiling, Use and Destruction of Chemical Weapons.
15-07-15	National Customs Authority (NCA): Resolution No. 259 (16-06-15) which voids Res. No. 226 of 5 June 2013
16-07-15	NCA: Resolution No. 263 (18-06-15) Which Gives the Company Services and International Transport, SA (Sertrans) License to Operate International Customs Transit of Goods Not Nationalized.
23-07-15	NCA: Resolution № 904-04-064-OAL (19-02-15) Which Gives the Customs Broker Agent Frago Juan Antonio Fernandez, License to Make Customs Transit Operations of Goods.
	NCA: Resolution № 436 (31-10-14) Which Gives Daas Brothers Company SA an Operating License for International Customs Transit Goods

The Americas - North America

Canada

Enhanced Canada - Israel FTA negotiations concluded

On July 21, 2015, Canada's Prime Minister Stephen Harper and Israel's Prime minister Benjamin Netanyahu [announced](#) that the negotiations toward an expanded and modernized *Canada-Israel Free Trade Agreement* (CIFTA) have concluded. The ministers were joined by business leaders and members of the Canadian Jewish community at the DMZ at Ryerson University in Toronto to celebrate the occasion.

The modernized CIFTA adds seven new chapters and improves four existing chapters to bring this agreement up to 21st century standards. CIFTA notably provides expanded market access opportunities for agricultural, fish and seafood products through the elimination or reduction of Israeli tariffs on a large number of Canadian products and duty-free access under tariff rate quotas for certain products.

The four existing areas of the current CIFTA that have been modernized are market access for goods, rules of origin, institutional provisions, and dispute settlement. The seven new chapters that have been included are in the areas of trade facilitation, sanitary and phytosanitary measures, technical barriers to trade, intellectual property, electronic commerce, labour, and environment.

In a [backgrounder](#), the Canadian Prime Minister's office indicated that:

Canada excluded from any tariff elimination all over-quota tariffs for supply-managed products (dairy, poultry and eggs). As well, no tariff rate quotas for supply-managed goods were increased.

Canada and Israel will now undertake a legal review of the Agreement text to ensure clarity, accuracy and consistency. This is also referred to as the "legal scrub". The text will then be translated into French and Hebrew. The legal scrub and translation process for the modernized CIFTA will be done on a priority basis, but will nevertheless take a number of months to complete.

Once these steps are completed, the final agreed-upon text will be prepared for official signature. After official signing, Canada and Israel will be in a position to commence their respective domestic processes to ratify and implement an amending agreement to modernize the CIFTA.

For Canada, this involves a full Parliamentary process of legislative review and scrutiny, including the drafting and introduction of a bill. A bill must go through the usual stages in the House of Commons and the Senate before it becomes law.

Once both parties have completed their domestic processes, Canada and Israel will exchange diplomatic notes confirming the completion of their respective processes and identifying the date for the entry into force of the Agreement.

PM announces conclusion of FTA with Ukraine

On July 14, 2015, Prime Minister Harper [announced](#) that Canada and Ukraine have successfully concluded negotiations toward the *Canada-Ukraine Free Trade Agreement* (CUFTA) which will boost commercial ties between the two countries. Canada and Ukraine launched free trade negotiations in 2010. Six rounds of negotiations were held between 2010 and 2015. Negotiations concluded in Kyiv, Ukraine, on July 9, 2015. The announcement said that:

The CUFTA will provide improved market access for Canadian exports to the Ukrainian market, help address non-tariff barriers and facilitate closer economic relations. In addition, the CUFTA will provide Ukrainian exports with improved access to the Canadian market, which is consistent with the Government's unwavering commitment to support Ukraine's democratic transition and economic reforms.

Once the Agreement enters into force, Canada and Ukraine will immediately eliminate duties on 99.9 per cent and 86 per cent of respective current imports, thereby benefiting both Canadian and Ukrainian exporters and consumers. The Agreement will result in the elimination of all Ukrainian tariffs on industrial goods, forestry and wood products, fish and seafood products, as well as the elimination of the vast majority of Ukraine's agricultural tariffs. Canadian agriculture exporters will benefit from duty-free access for beef, pulses, grains, canola oil, processed foods and animal feed. Canadian pork producers will benefit from improved access to Ukraine's market via a large tariff rate quota.

Prime Minister Harper highlighted the inclusion of Ukraine as a priority emerging market under Canada's Global Markets Action Plan and as one of Canada's development countries of focus. He also publicly released Canada's market access plan for Ukraine – another tool the Government of Canada is providing to help Canadian companies, especially small and medium-sized enterprises, identify new opportunities to do business in Ukraine.

The announcement also said that "The Agreement is informed by public consultations, and reflects the views and priorities of Canadian businesses, industry associations, provinces and territories, and other stakeholders." Since 2006, the Government of Canada has concluded free trade agreements with 39 countries, bringing the total to 44.

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
07-01-15	Agriculture: Regulations Amending and Repealing Certain Regulations Made Under the Health of Animals Act (SOR/2015-142, June 11, 2015) pursuant to the Health of Animals Act (R)
	Heritage: Regulations Amending the Cultural Property Export Regulations (Miscellaneous Program) (SOR/2015-155, June 17, 2015) pursuant to the Cultural Property Export and Import Act (R)
	Natural Resources: Packaging and Transport of Nuclear Substances Regula-

Publication Date	Title
	tions, 2015 (SOR/2015-145, June 12, 2015) pursuant to the Nuclear Safety and Control Act (R)
07-04-15	Environment: Order 2015-87-06-02 Amending the Non-domestic Substances List pursuant to the Canadian Environmental Protection Act, 1999 (O) Finance: Proposed Regulations Amending Certain Regulations Made under the Proceeds of Crime (Money Laundering) and Terrorist Financing Act, 2015 (PR)
07-15-15	Order 2015-87-06-01 Amending Domestic Substances List (SOR/2015-174, June 24, 2015) pursuant to the Canadian Environmental Protection Act, 1999 (O)
07-18-15	Environment: Order 2015-66-03-02 Amending the Non-domestic Substances List pursuant to the Canadian Environmental Protection Act, 1999 Health/Environment: Publication after screening assessment of selenium and its compounds including those specified on the Domestic Substances List (paragraphs 68(b) and (c) or subsection 77(1) of the Canadian Environmental Protection Act, 1999)
07-25-15	Environment: Notice with respect to certain nanomaterials in Canadian commerce pursuant to the Canadian Environmental Protection Act, 1999 (N) Environment: Notice with respect to certain polymers on the Domestic Substances List pursuant to the Canadian Environmental Protection Act, 1999 (N) Environment: Notice with respect to certain priority petroleum substances on the Domestic Substances List pursuant to the Canadian Environmental Protection Act, 1999 (N) Health: Notice to interested parties — Proposal regarding an order amending the schedules to the Controlled Drugs and Substances Act (CDSA) and regulations amending the regulations under the CDSA to exclude the salts of 14 substances that are currently excluded from the CDSA (N) Health: Proposed Cribs, Cradles and Bassinets Regulations pursuant to the Canada Consumer Product Safety Act (PR)
07-29-15	Environment: Regulations Amending the On-Road Vehicle and Engine Emission Regulations and Other Regulations Made Under the Canadian Environmental Protection Act, 1999 (SOR/2015-186, July 16, 2015) Health: Regulations Amending the Narcotic Control Regulations (Tapentadol) (SOR/2015-189, July 16, 2015) pursuant to the Controlled Drugs and Substances Act Health: Order Amending Schedule I to the Controlled Drugs and Substances Act (Tapentadol)(SOR/2015-190, July 16, 2015) pursuant to the Controlled Drugs and Substances Act Health: Regulations Amending the Narcotic Control Regulations (Synthetic Cannabinoids) (SOR/2015-191, July 16, 2015) pursuant to the Controlled Drugs and Substances Act Health: Order Amending Schedule II to the Controlled Drugs and Substances Act (Synthetic Cannabinoids)(SOR/2015-192, July 16, 2015) pursuant to the Controlled Drugs and Substances Act Health: Regulations Amending the Medical Devices Regulations (SOR/2015-193, July 16, 2015) pursuant to the Food and Drugs Act Public Safety and Emergency Preparedness: Regulations Amending the Firearms Marking Regulations (SOR/2015-195, July 16, 2015) pursuant to the Firearms Act

Restrictive measures

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

Publication Date	Title
06-29-15	Public Safety and Emergency Preparedness: Regulations Amending the Regulations Establishing a List of Entities (SOR/2015-175, June 24, 2015) pursuant to the Criminal Code (R)
07-01-15	Foreign Affairs: Regulations Amending the Freezing Assets of Corrupt Foreign Officials (Tunisia and Egypt) Regulations (SOR/2015-152, June 17, 2015) pursuant to the Freezing Assets of Corrupt Foreign Officials Act (R)
	Foreign Affairs: Regulations Implementing United Nations Resolution on South Sudan (SOR/2015-165, June 19, 2015) pursuant to the United Nations Act (R)
07-15-15	Foreign Affairs: Regulations Amending the Special Economic Measures (Russia) Regulations (SOR/2015-178, June 29, 2015) pursuant to the Special Economic Measures Act
	Foreign Affairs: Regulations Amending the Special Economic Measures (Ukraine) Regulations (SOR/2015-179, June 23, 2015) pursuant to the Special Economic Measures Act

CBSA advance rulings

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

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

D-Memoranda and CNs revised or cancelled

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

Date	Reference	Action	Title
07-21-15	CN 15-026	New	Arctic Shipping Electronic Commercial Clearances Program
	CN 15-027	Replaces CN 15-019	Mandatory electronic notification of conveyance arrival (air, marine and rail)
	CN 15-028	Replaces CN 15-018	Mandatory electronic notification of cargo at sufferance warehouses
07-24-15	CN 15-029		Container Bank Program (CBP)
07-29-15			CBSA Assessment and Revenue Management (CARM) - Changes to payment systems
07-30-15	CN 15-030	Replaces CN 15-023	Interim eManifest Requirements Respecting Empty Highway and Rail Conveyances and In-transit Highway and Rail Conveyances

Antidumping and countervailing duty cases

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

Mexico

Diario Oficial

The following documents of interest to international traders were published in the [Diario Oficial de la Federacion](#): Note: With regard to standards, only those which

appear to apply to international trade are listed. (An unofficial English translation is shown.)

Publication Date	Title
07-01-15	Decree abrogating the Decree applying the Partial Agreement № 14 signed under Article 25 of the Montevideo Treaty of 1980 between the United Mexican States and the Republic of Panama, issued on May 16, 2008 .
07-02-15	Economy: Acuerdo establishing the mechanism and criteria for the allocation of quotas for the export new light motor vehicles to Argentina, under the Fifth Additional Protocol to Appendix I "on Trade in the Automotive Sector between Argentina and Mexico" ACE 55 .
	Economy: Clarification to the Acuerdo which announces the Decision No. 1 of the Administrative Committee of the Free Trade Agreement between the United Mexican States and the Republics of Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras and Nicaragua, published on August 31 2012.
07-15-15	Foreign Relations: Decree promulgating the Agreement between the Government of the United Mexican States and the Government of the Republic of Turkey on Mutual Administrative Assistance and Information Exchange on Customs Matters, signed in Ankara on December 17 of 2013
07-16-15	Foreign Relations: Decree promulgating the Strategic Partnership Agreement between the United Mexican States and the Republic of Peru, signed at Mexico City, on July 17 2014.
07-17-15	Foreign Relations: Decree promulgating the Agreement between the United Mexican States and the Argentina Republic on Cooperation and Mutual Administrative Assistance in Customs Clearing Affairs, made in Buenos Aires, Argentina, on April 7th, 2014 City of Mexico, May 14, 2014
	Foreign Relations: Decree promulgating the Framework Agreement of the Pacific Alliance, signed in Paranal, Antofagasta, Republic of Chile, on June 6, 2012
07-28-15	Energy: Proposed Official Mexican Standard NOM-026-ENER-2015, Energy efficiency in air conditioners split type with variable refrigerant flow, free download without air ducts. Limits, test methods and labeling
07-31-15	Economy: Notice announcing the amount of the maximum quota for exporting sugar to the United States, during the period from October 1, 2015 and September 30, 2016

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United States

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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
07-21-15	Notice of July 17, 2015—Continuation of the National Emergency With Respect to the Former Liberian Regime of Charles Taylor
07-23-15	Presidential Determination No. 2015-09 - Designation of the Republic of Tun-

Date	Subject
	sia as a Major Non-NATO Ally Executive Order 13701—Delegation of Certain Authorities and Assignment of Certain Functions Under the Bipartisan Congressional Trade Priorities and Accountability Act of 2015 Notice of July 21, 2015—Continuation of the National Emergency With Respect to Transnational Criminal Organizations
07-24-15	Delegation of Certain Functions and Authorities under Section 135 of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954 (42 U.S.C. 2011 et seq.), as amended by the Iran Nuclear Agreement Review Act of 2015
07-31-15	Notice of July 29, 2015—Continuation of the National Emergency With Respect to Lebanon

Continuation of national emergency with respect to Lebanon

On July 31, 2015, the *Federal Register* published Presidential [Notice of July 29, 2015—Continuation of the National Emergency With Respect to Lebanon](#) which continues for 1 year the national emergency with respect to Lebanon declared in Executive Order 13441 (August 1, 2007) because certain ongoing activities, such as continuing arms transfers to Hizballah that include increasingly sophisticated weapons systems, serve to undermine Lebanese sovereignty, contribute to political and economic instability in Lebanon, and continue to constitute an unusual and extraordinary threat to the national security and foreign policy of the United States.

President delegates functions under recently enacted Trade Act

On July 23, 2015, the *Federal Register* published [Executive Order 13701—Delegation of Certain Authorities and Assignment of Certain Functions Under the Bipartisan Congressional Trade Priorities and Accountability Act of 2015](#). The Executive Order (EO) delegates and assigns, respectively, to the United States Trade Representative (USTR) the authorities granted to and functions specifically assigned to the President under title I of the *Bipartisan Congressional Trade Priorities and Accountability Act of 2015* (the Act) (Public Law 114–26) except as provided in subsections (b) and (c) of section 1 of the EO, which are not delegated or assigned to USTR. These are outlined below:

The functions of the President under section 102(c)(2) of the Act with respect to establishing consultative mechanisms are assigned to the Secretary of State in consultation with the USTR, with the advice and assistance of the Secretary of the Interior, the Secretary of Health and Human Services, the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, the Secretary of Commerce and, as the Secretary of State determines appropriate, the heads of other executive departments and agencies.

The functions of the President under section 105(d)(1) of the Act relating to environmental reviews are assigned to the USTR, who shall conduct the reviews through the interagency Trade Policy Staff Committee (TPSC), and shall perform the reporting function under the Act.

The functions of the President under section 105(d)(2)(A) of the Act relating to an employment impact review are assigned to the Secretary of Labor, who, in coordination with the USTR, shall conduct the review under the Act through the interagency TPSC, and shall prepare the report under the Act. The functions of the President under section 105(d)(2)(B) of the Act are assigned to the USTR, who shall perform the reporting function under that section.

The functions of the President under section 105(d)(3) of the Act relating to labor rights are assigned to the Secretary of Labor, who, in consultation with the USTR and the Secretary of State, shall prepare the report on labor rights, and to the USTR, who shall perform the reporting function under section 105(d)(3) of the Act.

The functions of the President under section 105(e)(2)(A) through (C) and (E) of the Act with respect to preparing plans for implementing and enforcing agreements submitted to the Congress are assigned to the Director of the Office of Management and Budget (OMB), who shall carry out these functions with the advice and assistance of the Secretaries of State, the Treasury, Agriculture, Commerce, and Homeland Security and the USTR and other executive departments and agencies as necessary.

The USTR, with the advice and assistance of executive departments and agencies participating in capacity building activities undertaken in accordance with section 102(c)(1) and (2) of the Act, shall perform the reporting function under section 102(c)(4) of the Act.

Continuation of national emergency with respect to Transnational Criminal Organizations

On July 23, 2015, the *Federal Register* published Presidential [Notice of July 21, 2015—Continuation of the National Emergency With Respect to Transnational Criminal Organizations](#), which continues for an additional year the national emergency first established in Executive Order (EO) 13581 of July 24, 2011 because the activities of significant transnational criminal organizations had reached such scope and gravity that they threaten the stability of international political and economic systems. The national emergency is being continued because the activities of significant transnational criminal organizations continue to pose an unusual and extraordinary threat to the national security, foreign policy, and economy of the United States.

Continuation of national emergency with respect to the former Liberian regime of Charles Taylor

On July 21, 2015, the *Federal Register* published Presidential [Notice of July 17, 2015—Continuation of the National Emergency With Respect to the Former Liberian Regime of Charles Taylor](#) which continues the national emergency first established in EO 13348 of July 22, 2004 for an additional year. EO 13348 declared a national emergency with respect to the former Liberian regime of Charles Taylor to deal with the unusual and extraordinary threat to the foreign policy of the United States constituted by the actions and policies of former Liberian President Charles Taylor and other persons, in particular their unlawful depletion of Liberian resources and their removal from Liberia and secreting of Liberian funds and property, which have undermined Liberia's transition to democracy and the orderly development of its political, administrative, and economic institutions and resources.

Although Liberia has made significant advances to promote democracy, and the Special Court for Sierra Leone convicted Charles Taylor for war crimes and crimes against humanity, the actions and policies of Charles Taylor and others have left a legacy of destruction that still challenge Liberia's transformation and recovery. The actions and policies of these persons continue to pose an unusual and extraordinary threat to the foreign policy of the United States, so the national emergency is being extended for 1 year.

Information sought on alleged subsidies to certain airlines

On July 8, 2015, the Departments of State, Transportation and Commerce published in the *Federal Register* a [notice](#) [Docket No. 150416372-5569-02] supplementing the *Federal Register* notice published on May 5, 2015 (80 Fed. Reg. 25671), which announced their interest in obtaining information and views on assertions that three foreign airlines—Emirates Airline, Etihad Airways, and Qatar

Airways—have received and are benefitting from subsidies from their respective governments that are distorting the global aviation market. The current notice establishes deadlines for submission of information and provides additional guidance for submission of information that the submitter believes to be exempt from disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) (hereafter “Confidential Information”) (such as trade secrets and commercial or financial information obtained from a person that is privileged or confidential).

The Departments request that information provided in response to the Departments’ May 5, 2015 *Federal Register* notice be submitted to the dockets [DOT-OST-2015-0082; DOS-2015-0016; DOC-2015-0001] by 11:59 p.m. (EDT) on August 3, 2015. The Departments further request that additional materials commenting on information submitted to the dockets be submitted by 11:59 p.m. EDT on August 24, 2015. The Departments may, at their discretion, establish additional deadlines for submission of further materials to the dockets.

USTR to conduct out-of-cycle review of South Africa

On July 21, 2015, the Office of the United States Trade Representative (USTR) published in the *Federal Register* a [notice](#) announcing the initiation of an out-of-cycle review of the eligibility of the Republic of South Africa to receive the benefits of the *African Growth and Opportunity Act* (AGOA), as required by the *Trade Preferences Extension Act of 2015* (TPEA). The AGOA Implementation Subcommittee (Subcommittee) of the Trade Policy Staff Committee (TPSC) is requesting written public comments for this out-of-cycle review and will conduct a public hearing on this matter. The Subcommittee will consider the written comments, written testimony, and oral testimony in developing recommendations for the President on South Africa’s AGOA eligibility. The notice identifies the eligibility criteria under AGOA that will be considered in the review.

August 5, 2015 is the deadline for filing requests to appear at the August 7 public hearing, and for filing pre-hearing briefs, statements, or comments on the Republic of South Africa’s AGOA eligibility. On August 7, 2015, the AGOA Implementation Subcommittee of the TPSC will convene a public hearing on the Republic of South Africa’s AGOA eligibility. August 12, 2015 is the deadline for filing post-hearing briefs, statements, or comments on the Republic of South Africa’s AGOA eligibility.

USTR allocates FY 2016 TRQ for sugar

On July 15, 2015, the USTR published in the *Federal Register* a [notice](#) of country-by-country allocations of the Fiscal Year (FY) 2016 (Oct. 1, 2015 through Sept. 30, 2016) in-quota quantity of the tariff-rate quotas (TRQs) for imported raw cane sugar, certain sugars, syrups and molasses (also known as refined sugar), specialty sugar, and sugar-containing products. Pursuant to Additional U.S. Note 5 to chapter 17 of the *Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States* (HTS), the United States maintains TRQs for imports of raw cane sugar and refined sugar. Pursuant to Additional U.S. Note 8 to chapter 17 of the HTS, the United States maintains a TRQ for imports of sugar-containing products.

On June 15, 2015 (80 Fed. Reg. 34129), the Secretary of Agriculture announced the sugar program provisions for Fiscal Year (FY) 2016 and announced an in-quota quantity of the TRQ for raw cane sugar for FY 2016 of 1,117,195 metric tons [1 metric ton = 1.10231125 short tons] raw value (MTRV), which is the minimum amount to which the United States is committed under the *WTO Uruguay*

Round Agreements. USTR is allocating this quantity (1,117,195 MTRV) to the following countries in the amounts specified below:

Country	FY 2016 Raw Cane Sugar allocations (MTRV)	Country	FY 2016 Raw Cane Sugar allocations (MTRV)
Argentina	45,281	Jamaica	11,584
Australia	87,402	Madagascar	7,258
Barbados	7,371	Malawi	10,530
Belize	11,584	Mauritius	12,636
Bolivia	8,424	Mexico	7,258
Brazil	152,691	Mozambique	13,690
Colombia	25,273	Nicaragua	22,114
Congo	7,258	Panama	30,538
Costa Rica	15,796	Papua New Guinea	7,258
Cote d'Ivoire	7,258	Paraguay	7,258
Dominican Republic	185,335	Peru	43,175
Ecuador	11,584	Philippines	142,160
El Salvador	27,379	South Africa	24,220
Fiji	9,477	St. Kitts & Nevis	7,258
Gabon	7,258	Swaziland	16,849
Guatemala	50,546	Taiwan	12,636
Guyana	12,636	Thailand	14,743
Haiti	7,258	Trinidad & Tobago	7,371
Honduras	10,530	Uruguay	7,258
India	8,424	Zimbabwe	12,636

On June 15, 2015, the Secretary of Agriculture also announced the establishment of the in-quota quantity of the FY 2016 refined sugar TRQ at 132,000 MTRV for which the sucrose content, by weight in the dry state, must have a polarimeter reading of 99.5 degrees or more. This amount includes the minimum level to which the United States is committed under the WTO Uruguay Round Agreements (22,000 MTRV of which 1,656 MTRV is reserved for specialty sugar) and an additional 110,000 MTRV for specialty sugars. USTR is allocating the refined sugar TRQ as follows: 10,300 MTRV of refined sugar to Canada, 2,954 MTRV to Mexico, and 7,090 MTRV to be administered on a first-come, first-served basis.

Imports of all specialty sugar will be administered on a first-come, first-served basis in five tranches. The Secretary of Agriculture has announced that the total in-quota quantity of specialty sugar will be the 1,656 MTRV included in the WTO minimum plus an additional 110,000 MTRV. The first tranche of 1,656 MTRV will open October 9, 2015. All types of specialty sugars are eligible for entry under this tranche. The second tranche of 27,500 MTRV will open on October 23, 2015. The third, fourth, and fifth tranches of 27,500 MTRV each will open on January 8, 2016, April 8, 2016 and July 8, 2016, respectively. The second, third, fourth and fifth tranches will be reserved for organic sugar and other specialty sugars not currently produced commercially in the United States or reasonably available from domestic sources.

USTR adds Montenegro to the list of designated countries for government procurement

On July 10, 2015, USTR published in the *Federal Register* a [determination](#) regarding waiver of discriminatory purchasing requirements under the *Trade Agreements Act of 1979* with respect to goods and services of Montenegro. On

October 29, 2014, the WTO Committee on Government Procurement approved the accession of Montenegro to the WTO *Agreement on Government Procurement* (GPA). Montenegro submitted its instrument of accession to the Secretary-General of the WTO on June 15, 2015. The GPA will enter into force for Montenegro on July 15, 2015. The United States, which is also a party to the GPA, has agreed to waive discriminatory purchasing requirements for eligible products and suppliers of Montenegro beginning on July 15, 2015.

USTR seeks comments on GSP product review and CNL

On July 6, 2015, USTR published in the *Federal Register* a [notice](#) that announces a review of products under the *Generalized System of Preferences* (GSP) program that based on full-year 2014 import data, are subject to certain actions related to competitive need limitations (CNLs). The review will also consider the proposed designation for GSP eligibility of five cotton products from least developed beneficiary developing countries (LDBDCs). USTR will accept petitions by interested parties seeking waivers of CNLs for certain products submitted by July 31, 2015. USTR will also accept comments from the public submitted by July 31, 2015, regarding: (1) Possible de minimis CNL waivers, (2) possible redesignations of articles not currently eligible for GSP benefits, (3) possible revocation of CNL waivers, and (4) the proposed designation for GSP eligibility for LDBDCs of the five cotton products. This notice also sets forth the schedule for submitting comments and for a public hearing on prospective CNL waiver petitions and the proposed designation of the cotton products. See *Federal Register* notice for scheduling details.

ITC investigations and reports

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

Investigation. No. and title	Requested by:
Inv. No 332-554 Generalized System of Preferences: Possible Modifications, 2014 Review (I)	USTR
Inv. No 332- The Year in Trade 2014 – Operation of the Trade Agreements Program 66th Report (USITC Pub. 4543) (R)	Statutory
Inv. No 332-503 Earned Import Allowance Program: Evaluation of the Effectiveness of the Program for Certain Apparel from the Dominican Republic; Sixth Annual Review (USITC Pub. 4544) (R)	Statutory
Thomsen, Craig. “Trends in U.S. Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Petition Filings and the Consequences of Rule Changes, 1993–2013 (USITC Journal of International Commerce and Economics. Published electronically July 2015)	n/a

DHS proposes amendments to FOIA regulations that affect all components

On July 29, 2015, the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) published in the *Federal Register* a [notice of proposed rulemaking](#) [Docket No. DHS–2009–0036] to amend the Department of Homeland Security’s (DHS) regulations under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), which apply to all components of DHS. The Department (DHS) is proposing to update and streamline the language of several procedural provisions, and to incorporate changes brought about by the amend-

ments to the FOIA under the OPEN Government Act of 2007, among other changes.

DHS proposes to include an exception to proposed § 5.7 for commercial information provided to U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) by a business submitter. Although CBP's FOIA regulations (located at 19 C.F.R. part 103, subpart A) are displaced by the DHS FOIA regulations, because of the unique nature of CBP's mission, this rule proposes to allow CBP to continue treating commercial information in the same manner as it has since the promulgation of current 19 C.F.R. 103.35. CBP's FOIA regulations, located at 19 C.F.R. part 103, subpart A, will be removed no later than the effective date of the final rule for this rulemaking. CBP may, however, retain current 19 C.F.R. 103.35 as an interim measure. Proposed § 5.12 contains CBP procedures for responding to requests for confidential commercial information.

DHS invites comment on all aspects of this proposal. Comments are due _ September 28, 2015.

ATF to test voluntary ITDS pilot project for imports

On July 30, 2015, the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF), Department of Justice, published in the *Federal Register* a [notice](#) [Docket No. ATF 2015R-15] announcing that along with more than a dozen other agencies, ATF will participate in a U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) pilot test of the International Trade Data System (ITDS) for processing import-related forms and data using the Partner Government Agency (PGA) Message Set and the Automated Commercial Environment (ACE). Industry participation in the pilot program is entirely voluntary.

The pilot test will allow participating importers to submit forms and information to CBP through ACE for the purpose of obtaining CBP release and receipt. CBP will validate that information, and electronically transmit entry and release information to agencies (including ATF) for purposes of satisfying CBP's certification requirements. The pilot program seeks to streamline this part of the import process. Interested parties should regularly check the [List of ACE/ITDS PGA Message Set Pilot Ports Web site](#) to confirm the list of participating ports. Information on ATF's rules and regulations, and answers to commonly asked questions, can be found on the [ATF's Web site](#).

Interested parties may submit electronic or written requests to participate in the pilot program throughout the duration of the pilot. This pilot will begin no earlier than August 19, 2015, and will continue until concluded by publication of a notice ending it. Requests to participate in the pilot program should be submitted to William E. Majors, whose contact information can be found in the *Federal Register* notice.

CBP publishes instructions for obtaining retroactive GSP treatment

On July 28, 2015, U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) published in the *Federal Register* a [document](#) providing notice to importers that CBP will again accept claims for Generalized System of Preferences (GSP) duty-free treatment for merchandise entered, or withdrawn from warehouse, for consumption and that CBP will process refunds on duties paid, without interest, on GSP-eligible merchandise that was entered during the period that the GSP program was lapsed.

The GSP is a renewable preferential trade program that allows the eligible products of designated beneficiary developing countries to directly enter the United States free of duty. The GSP program expired on July 31, 2013, but has been renewed through December 31, 2017, effective July 29, 2015, with retroactive effect between August 1, 2013 to July 28, 2015, by a provision in the [Trade Preferences Extension Act of 2015](#).

Formal and informal entries that were filed electronically via the Automated Broker Interface (ABI) using Special Program Indicator (SPI) Code “A” as a prefix to the tariff number will be automatically processed by CBP and no further action by the filer is required to initiate the refund process. Non-ABI filers, and ABI filers that did not include SPI Code “A” on the entry, must timely submit a duty refund request to CBP. CBP will continue conducting verifications to ensure that GSP benefits are available to eligible entries only.

Effective July 29, 2015, the filing of GSP-eligible entry summaries may be resumed without the payment of estimated duties, and CBP will initiate the automatic liquidation or reliquidation of formal and informal entries of GSP-eligible merchandise that was entered on or after August 1, 2013 through July 28, 2015 and filed via ABI with SPI Code “A” notated on the entry. Requests for refunds of GSP duties paid on eligible non-ABI entries, or eligible ABI entries filed without SPI Code “A,” must be filed with CBP no later than December 28, 2015.

Instructions for submitting a request to CBP to liquidate or reliquidate entries of GSP-eligible merchandise that was entered on or after August 1, 2013 through July 28, 2015 are located at the [CBP page on GSP](#). Additional information is available at CBP’s page on [GSP renewal](#). CBP has also posted [FAQs](#) on the 2015 GSP reauthorization, as well as information on the [GSP refund process](#).

CBP will test the collection biometric information at up to ten U.S. airports

On July 28, 2015, U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) published in the *Federal Register* a [general notice](#) advising the public that it intends to conduct a test to collect biometric and biographic information from certain aliens who are departing the United States on selected flights from up to ten identified U.S. airports. The notice describes the test, to be known as Biometric Exit Mobile (“BE-Mobile”) Air Test, its purpose, how it will be implemented, the individuals covered, the duration of the test, where the test will take place, and the privacy considerations. This test will not apply to U.S. citizens.

The test will begin no earlier than July 6, 2015, and will run for approximately one year. The test will be rolled out over this one-year period at up to ten of the following airports: Los Angeles International Airport, Los Angeles, California; San Francisco International Airport, San Francisco, California; Miami International Airport, Miami, Florida; Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport, Atlanta, Georgia; Chicago O’Hare International Airport, Chicago, Illinois; Newark Liberty International Airport, Newark, New Jersey; John F. Kennedy International Airport, Jamaica, New York; Dallas Fort Worth International Airport, Dallas, Texas; George Bush Intercontinental Airport, Houston, Texas; and Washington Dulles International Airport, Sterling, Virginia.

CBP extends ACAS Pilot Program and reopens application period

On July 27, 2015, CBP published in the *Federal Register* a [general notice](#) announcing that CBP is extending the Air Cargo Advance Screening (ACAS) pilot

period for an additional year and reopening the application period for new participants for 90 days. ACAS is a voluntary test in which participants submit a subset of required advance air cargo data to CBP at the earliest point practicable prior to loading of the cargo onto the aircraft destined to or transiting through the United States.

On October 24, 2012, CBP published a notice in the *Federal Register* that announced the formalization and expansion of the ACAS pilot program that would run for six months. CBP subsequently published several notices extending the pilot period and/or reopening the application period to new participants for limited periods. The most recent notice extended the pilot period through July 26, 2015.

CBP is extending the ACAS pilot program through July 26, 2016, and reopening the application period to accept applications for new ACAS pilot participants through October 26, 2015. Comments concerning any aspect of the announced test may be submitted at any time during the test period.

CBP announces quarterly IRS interest rates

On July 21, 2015, CBP published in the *Federal Register* a [general notice](#) advising the public of the quarterly Internal Revenue Service interest rates used to calculate interest on overdue accounts (underpayments) and refunds (overpayments) of customs duties. For the calendar quarter beginning July 1, 2015, the interest rates for overpayments will be 2 percent for corporations and 3 percent for non-corporations, and the interest rate for underpayments will be 3 percent for both corporations and non-corporations. This notice is published for the convenience of the importing public and U.S. Customs and Border Protection personnel.

CBP announces NCAP test to expand remote location filings

On July 13, 2015, CBP published in the *Federal Register* a [general notice](#) announcing CBP's plan to conduct a National Customs Automation Program (NCAP) test concerning entries filed using remote location (RLF) filing procedures. The test expands the entry types eligible for RLF procedures and the port locations where RLF entries may be filed; requires the electronic transmission of invoices using the Document Image System (DIS); and requires that single transaction bonds be transmitted using eBond for RLF entries requiring a single transaction bond. This test applies only to entries "certified for cargo release from summary" filed through the Automated Commercial Environment (ACE). Remote location filing is a special entry procedure which allows importers of record and brokers with a national permit to file an entry electronically from a remote location other than where the goods are being entered.

The test is in furtherance of key CBP modernization initiatives and the development of ACE. CBP is transitioning all entry types to ACE from the legacy Automated Commercial System (ACS). This test checks the viability, reliability and functionality associated with filing invoices using DIS; submitting single transaction bonds using eBond for RLF entries submitted in ACE; and expanding the entry types eligible for RLF procedures and port locations.

The notice invites public comment concerning the test program; provides legal authority for the test; explains the purpose of the test; provides test participant responsibilities; identifies the regulations that will be waived under the test; provides eligibility criteria for participation in the test; explains the application process; and establishes the duration of the test. This notice also explains the repercussions and appeals process for misconduct under the test.

The initial phase of the RLF test will begin on August 12, 2015. This test will continue until concluded by way of an announcement in the *Federal Register*. Comments will be accepted through the duration of the test.

CBP to accept Seneca tribal card and enhanced Minnesota driver's license and state ID as acceptable travel identification at land and sea ports

On July 13, 2015, U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) published in the *Federal Register* a [notice](#) [CBP Dec. 15-09] announcing that the Commissioner of CBP is designating an approved Native American Tribal Card issued by the Seneca Nation of Indians to U.S. and Canadian citizens as an acceptable travel document for purposes of the Western Hemisphere Travel Initiative (WHTI). The approved card may be used to denote identity and citizenship of Seneca Nation of Indians members entering the United States from contiguous territory or adjacent islands at land and sea ports of entry. This designation became effective on publication.

On July 13, 2015, CBP also published in the *Federal Register* a [notice](#) [CBP Dec. 15-10] announcing that the Commissioner of CBP is designating enhanced driver's licenses and identity documents issued by the State of Minnesota as acceptable documents for purposes of the WHTI. These documents may be used to denote identity and citizenship of U.S. citizens entering the United States from within the Western Hemisphere at land and sea ports of entry.

CBP announces ACE Export Manifest for Air Cargo test

On July 10, 2015, U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) published in the *Federal Register* a [general notice](#) announcing that CBP plans to conduct the Automated Commercial Environment (ACE) Export Manifest for Air Cargo Test, a National Customs Automation Program (NCAP) test concerning ACE export manifest capability. The ACE Export Manifest for Air Cargo Test is a voluntary test in which participants agree to submit export manifest data electronically, at least 4 hours prior to loading of the cargo onto the aircraft in preparation for departure from the United States. CBP regulations require carriers to submit a paper manifest for export air shipments generally within 4 days after departure. The notice provides a description of the test, sets forth eligibility requirements for participation, and invites public comment on any aspect of the test.

The test will begin no earlier than August 10, 2015 and will run for approximately two years. CBP is accepting applications for participation in this planned test until CBP has received applications from nine parties that meet all test participant requirements. Comments concerning this notice and all aspects of the announced test may be submitted at any time during the test period.

CBP announces next COAC meeting

On July 9, 2015, CBP published in the *Federal Register* a [notice](#) [Docket No. USCBP-2015-0019] advising the public that the Advisory Committee on Commercial Operations to U.S. Customs and Border Protection (COAC) will meet on July 29, 2015, in Rosemont, IL. The meeting will be open to the public. Meeting participants may attend either in person or via webinar after preregistering using a method indicated in the *Federal Register* notice.

Comments on the Agenda items must be submitted in writing no later than July 17, 2015, and must be identified by Docket No. USCBP-2015-0019, and may be

submitted by one of the methods set out in the notice. For access to the docket or to read background documents or comments, go to <http://www.regulations.gov> and search for Docket Number USCBP-2015-0019.

COAC will hear from the following subcommittees on the topics listed below and then will review, deliberate, provide observations, and formulate recommendations on how to proceed on those topics:

1. The **One U.S. Government Subcommittee** will discuss the Automated Commercial Environment (ACE), Single Window working group recommendations and provide input on Trade Readiness and Partner Government Agencies' readiness for the upcoming November 1, 2015 ACE implementation of Single Window.
2. The **Exports Subcommittee** will address policy and a strategic approach regarding exports. The Option 4 and Air Manifest working groups will provide recommendations.
3. The Trade Enforcement and Revenue Collection Subcommittee will discuss the establishment of the 14th Term Antidumping and Countervailing Duty and Intellectual Property Rights working groups and provide recommendations.
4. The **Trade Modernization Subcommittee** will discuss operational uniformity of Centers of Excellence and Expertise (CEE) with a goal of developing recommendations for the creation of service levels for various Center activities. The subcommittee will report plans for engaging CBP on international trade agreements, simplification of CBP processes, the role of various international trade entities and the development of private and public sector trade expertise.
5. The **Trusted Trader Subcommittee** will start work once the Trusted Trader pilot has advanced to the implementation phase for testing CBP and Partner Government Agency trade benefits. The subcommittee will explore certifying trusted products through the supply chain.
6. The **Global Supply Chain Subcommittee** will discuss the feasibility, benefits and risks of using Electronic Cargo Security Devices. The subcommittee will report on long term development of recommendations regarding Customs and Border Protection's development of automation and regulations governing the commodities being moved by pipelines. Further discussion will involve the Customs - Trade Partnership Against Terrorism Program as it pertains to the ocean mode of transportation, results of various pre-inspection pilots at land ports of entry and the Air Cargo Advance Screening.

Meeting materials will be available at the CBP [COAC website](#).

CBP announces new date for October 2015 Customs Broker exam

On July 2, 2015, U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) published in the *Federal Register* a [general notice](#) announcing that CBP has changed the date on which the semi-annual written examination for an individual broker's license will be held in October 2015. The customs broker's license examination scheduled for October 2015 will be held on Wednesday, October 7, 2015 because the first Monday in October coincides with a religious holiday.

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
07-02-15	Approval of WFR Metering, Inc., as a Commercial Gauger [Houston, TX] (N)
07-06-15	Agency Information Collection Activities: Importers of Merchandise Subject to Actual Use Provisions (N)

F.R. Date	Subject
	Agency Information Collection Activities: Transfer of Cargo to a Container Station (N)
07-21-15	Agency Information Collection Activities: Application for Extension of Bond for Temporary Importation (N) [CBP Form 3173]
	Agency Information Collection Activities: Application for Withdrawal of Bonded Stores for Fishing Vessels and Certificate of Use (N) [CBP Form 5125]
	Agency Information Collection Activities: Screening Requirements for Carriers (N)
07-27-15	Agency Information Collection Activities: Importer ID Input Record (N/E) [CBP Form 5106]

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
07-07-15	HQ H259473 (June 30, 2015) Wound Therapy System "PICO NPWT System"	United Kingdom
07-22-15	HQ H259758 (July 16, 2015) VistA imaging tier II storage infrastructure solution mfd. By Merlin	United States

ACS and ACE to be modified to accept GSP claims

On July 23, 2015, U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) issued [CSMS# 15-000471](#), which (as corrected by [CSMS 15-000473](#)) stated:

The GSP program expired on July 31, 2013. recent trade legislation "Trade Preference Extension Act of 2015" renews the GSP trade program through 12/31/2017. the renewal of the GSP trade program is to take effect on July 29, 2015. the trade preference extension act of 2015 allows full retroactive GSP benefits for the GSP expiration period (08/01/2013 - 07/28/2015).

As a result of the extension of the GSP trade program, the ACS system (EI) and the ACE system (AE) will be modified on Wednesday, July 29, 2015 at approximately 7:00 am to allow the trade to obtain the duty free rate for a GSP claim.

For general questions concerning the GSP benefits renewal and retroactive duty refund, contact the Trade Agreements Branch, Office of International Trade at fta@dhs.gov.

Questions regarding this message should be directed to your assigned client representative.

CBP ICPs and other publications and fact sheets

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

- [Reference Guide on How to Apply for an ACE Exporter Account](#)

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
07-01-15	15-000414	Harmonized System Update (HSU) 1504 created June 29, 2015
	15-000415	Complete - ACE Air Deployment Wednesday, July 1, 2015 at 6:00 AM ET
	15-000416	Vessel Registration Requests
	15-000417	Scheduled Weekly ACE Certification Maintenance for July 2, 2015
	15-000418	ACE CATAIR Cargo/Manifest/Entry Status Query chapter updated
07-02-15	15-000419	ACE CERTIFICATION Environment Is Now Available
	15-000420	San Francisco Custom House Phone Outage Resolved
07-03-15	15-000421	ACE Air Manifest Processing Issues 7/3/2015 at 12:30AM ET
	15-000422	ACE and ACS Entry Processing Issues 7/3/2015
	15-000423	Resolved - ACE Air Manifest Processing Issues 7/3/2015 at 12:30AM ET
	15-000424	Resolved - ACE and ACS Entry Processing Issues 7/3/2015
07-06-15	15-000425	Network issues impacting some ACE users who connect via VPN
	15-000426	Resolved - Network issues impacting some ACE users who connect via VPN
07-07-15	15-000427	ACE Entry Summary Create/Update (AE) CATAIR Chapter Posted to CBP.gov
	15-000428	ACE Air Manifest PRODUCTION Deployment on Wednesday, July 8, 2015
	15-000429	ACE Air Manifest PRODUCTION Deployment on Wednesday, July 8, 2015
07-08-15	15-000430	Complete - ACE Air Manifest PRODUCTION Deployment on Wednesday, July 8, 2015
	15-000431	ACE CERTIFICATION Outage, Thursday, July 9, 2015
07-09-15	15-000432	ACE Certification Environment Now Available!
	15-000433	Weekly ACE Production Outage beginning July 11, 2015
	15-000434	Updated PGA Message Set for Shipments Subject to NHTSA Regulations
	15-000435	Updated PGA Message Set for Shipments Subject to NHTSA Regulations
07-10-15	15-000436	ACE Export Manifest for Air Cargo NCAP Test
	15-000437	Updated ACE Deployment E Information Notice and ACE Maintenance Window Information
	15-000438	Updated ACE Deployment E Information Notice and ACE Maintenance Window Information
07-12-15	15-000439	Complete - Scheduled ACE Production Outage beginning July 11, 2015
	15-000440	Truck Processing Issues Today 7/12/2015
	15-000441	Resolved - Truck Processing Issues Today 7/12/2015
	15-000442	Export test 500
07-13-15	15-000443	Published Today: NCAP Test of Remote Location Filing in ACE
	15-000444	NCAP Test of Remote Location Filing
	15-000445	Re-Attachment to CSMS #15-000443 - NCAP Test of Remote Location Filing
	15-000446	Re-Attachment to CSMS #15-000443 - NCAP Test of Remote Location Filing
	15-000447	ACE CERTIFICATION - ACE System Failure
	15-000448	Resolved - ACE CERTIFICATION - ACE System Failure

Date	CSMS#	Title
07-14-15	15-000449	ACE Air Manifest processing experienced a slowdown in processing
	15-000450	Air Manifest Processing Delay Today 7/14/2015
	15-000451	Brokers/Filers Are Responsible to Maintain their ACE Account Information
	15-000452	PGA Outreach Event for Trade - August 4, 2015
	15-000453	ACE CERTIFICATION Deployment, Wednesday, July 15, 2015
	15-000454	Resolved - Air Manifest Processing Delay Today 7/14/2015
	15-000455	Air Manifest Deployment Wednesday, July 15, 2015 at 6:00 AM ET
07-15-17	15-000456	Complete - Air Manifest Deployment Wednesday, July 15, 2015 at 6:00 AM ET
	15-000457	Complete - ACE CERTIFICATION Deployment, Wednesday, July 15, 2015
07-17-15	15-000458	Weekly ACE Production Outage beginning July 18, 2015
07-19-15	15-000459	Supv. IT Specialist
	15-000460	ACE Processing Issues 7/19/2015 at 8:00AM EST
07-21-15	15-000461	Updated ATF Supplemental Guidance for ACE V1.5 – July 10, 2015
	15-000462	Updated ATF Supplemental Guidance for ACE V1.5 – July 10, 2015
	15-000463	Scheduled Weekly ACE Certification Outage for Wednesday, July 22, 2015
	15-000464	FDA Addition of a New Product Class and Termination of a Prod Code for CDER Products
	15-000465	G.O messages transmitted due to last weekends deployment
07-22-15	15-000466	ONGOING - Scheduled Weekly ACE Certification Outage for Wednesday, July 22, 2015
	15-000467	ACE Processing Issues 7/22/2015 at 9:35am EST
	15-000468	ACE AIR Processing Issues Today, 7/22/2015
	15-000469	ACE Certification Environment Now Available!
	15-000470	Resolved - ACE AIR Processing Issues Today, 7/22/2015
07-23-15	15-000471	Generalized System of Preference (GSP) Systems Related Information
	15-000472	PGA Outreach Event for Trade – Chicago, July 30, 2015
	15-000473	Generalized System of Preference (GSP) Systems Related Information Correction
	15-000474	PGA Outreach Event for Trade – Newark, NJ – August 6, 2015
	15-000475	Update: PGA Outreach Event for Trade – Chicago, July 30 – Registration is Full
	15-000476	PGA Outreach Event for Trade – Howard Beach, NY – August 7, 2015
	15-000477	ACE Certification Outage for Friday, July 24, 2015
07-24-15	15-000478	Scheduled Weekly ACE Certification Outage for Friday, July 24, 2015
	15-000479	ACE CERTIFICATION Environment Is Now Available
	15-000480	Updated ACE Entry Summary Business Rules and Process Document Available on CBP.gov
07-26-15	15-000481	Weekly ACE Production Outage beginning Saturday, July 25, 2015
	15-000482	ACE Environment Now Available!
	15-000483	Seasonal (April 1 – August 31) Fresh Cilantro From the State of Puebla, Mexico
	15-000484	Issue with Bond Status Messages, Sunday 7/26/15
07-27-15	15-000485	Request for Participants: Fish & Wildlife Service (FWS) Working Group
	15-000486	Request for Participants: Fish & Wildlife Service (FWS) Working Group
07-28-15	15-000487	FDA Creation and Modification of Product Codes for the Center for Veterinary Medicine

Date	CSMS#	Title
	15-000488	Scheduled Weekly ACE CERTIFICATION Outage, Wednesday, July 29, 2015
07-29-15	15-000489	ACE CERTIFICATION Environment Is Now Available
	15-000490	ACS (EI) and ACE (AE) Updated To Allow Duty Free GSP Claims
	15-000491	NHTSA PGA Message Set for Shipments Subject to NHTSA Regulations, Updated July 23, 2015
	15-000492	Scheduled Weekly ACE CERTIFICATION Outage, Thursday, July 30, 2015
07-30-15	15-000493	Announcement of Voluntary Test of PGA Message Set Capabilities for ATF
	15-000494	Deactivated Port Codes
	15-000495	Deactivated Port Codes
	15-000496	Seattle Area Port Change to Cargo Processing
	15-000497	Restored Port Codes
	15-000498	Restored Port Codes
	15-000499	ACE In-Bond Information and Guidance
07-31-15	15-000500	ACE CERTIFICATION Environment Is Now Available
	15-000501	ACE CERTIFICATION Outage at 2:30pm ET today, Friday, July 31, 2015
	15-000502	San Francisco Information Notices Regarding Drawback
	15-000503	Weekly ACE Production Outage beginning Saturday, August 1, 2015
	15-000504	Seattle Sea-Tac Air Cargo phone lines out of service

Harmonized Tariff Schedule (HTS) updated in the Automated Export System (AES)

On July 8, 2015, the Bureau of Census announced that effective immediately, the Harmonized Tariff Schedule (HTS) table has been updated in the Automated Export System (AES).

AES will accept shipments with outdated codes during a grace period for 30 days beyond the expiration date. Reporting an outdated code after the 30 day grace period will result in a fatal error.

The AES*Direct* program has been updated and will accept shipments with outdated codes during the grace period as well.

All AES*PcLink* users must update their AES*Direct* code tables to reflect the changes in the HTS. Web users of AES*Direct* who file [via the website](#) will have their code tables updated via the program automatically.

The HTS table is available for [download here](#). The current list of HTS codes that are not valid for AES are available [here](#).

FinCEN imposes special measures on FBME Bank Ltd.

On July 29, 2015, the Financial Crimes Enforcement Network (FinCEN), Treasury, published in the *Federal Register* a [final rule](#) imposing a special measure against FBME Bank Ltd. (FBME), formerly known as the Federal Bank of the Middle East, Ltd. In a Notice of Finding (NOF) published in the Federal Register on July 22, 2014, the Director of FinCEN found that reasonable grounds exist for concluding that FBME is a financial institution of primary money laundering concern pursuant to the United States Code (U.S.C.). On the same date, FinCEN also published in the Federal Register a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM) to propose the imposition of a special measure authorized by the U.S.C. against

FBME. FinCEN is issuing the final rule imposing the fifth special measure against FBME. The fifth special measure allows the Director to prohibit or impose conditions on the opening or maintaining of correspondent or payable-through accounts for the identified institution by U.S. financial institutions.

This final rule is effective August 28, 2015.

OFAC issues Crimea advisory

On July 30, 2015, the Office of Foreign Assets Control (OFAC) posted an Advisory entitled [*Obfuscation of Critical Information in Financial and Trade Transactions Involving the Crimea Region of Ukraine*](#) to highlight some of the practices that have been used to circumvent or evade U.S. sanctions involving Crimea. OFAC states that U.S. persons and persons conducting business in or through the United States should be aware of these practices in order to implement appropriate controls, commensurate with their OFAC sanctions risk profile, to ensure compliance with their OFAC obligations. The evasive practices identified by OFAC include the omission or obfuscation of references to Crimea and locations within Crimea in documentation underlying transactions involving U.S. persons or the United States. These practices apply to a range of activities involving both the financial services and international trade sectors. Two of the points mentioned are:

- In the context of financial transactions, OFAC has become aware that certain individuals or entities have engaged in a pattern or practice of repeatedly omitting all or part of the originator or beneficiary address information from Society for Worldwide Interbank Financial Telecommunications (SWIFT) messages involving individuals ordinarily resident in, or entities located in, Crimea (collectively, “Crimean individuals or entities”).
- In the international trade context, references to Crimea have been obscured in trade transactions and associated agreements and documentation. In particular, while the United States does not recognize the legitimacy of Russia’s attempted annexation of Crimea, certain individuals and entities list Crimean counterparties on financial and trade documents as being located in Russia rather than in Ukraine.

The Advisory gives specific examples of each of these and states that the risk of processing transactions in apparent violation of OFAC sanctions on Crimea can be mitigated by implementing the following types of measures:

- Ensuring that transaction monitoring systems include appropriate search terms corresponding to major geographic locations in Crimea and not simply references to “Crimea.” For example, payment instructions or trade documents may reference major cities or ports located in Crimea, and interdiction filters may not flag such transactions for review if the filters do not include an appropriately expansive list of search terms.
- Requesting additional information from parties (including financial institutions, corporate entities, and individuals) that previously have violated or attempted to violate U.S. sanctions on Crimea. Such prior conduct could include, for example, routing transactions to or through U.S. financial institutions with inaccurate or incomplete address information for Crimean individuals or entities.
- Clearly communicating U.S. sanctions obligations to international partners (in both the financial and trade sectors) and discussing OFAC sanctions compliance expectations with correspondent banking and trade partners. Such communications should include, for example, a description of the prohibition on the direct and indirect exportation or reexportation of goods, technology, and services (including financial services) from the United States to Crimea.

Please check our [Sanctions blog](#) for any updates on this subject.

OFAC publishes Ukraine General Licenses 5,6,7,8 and 9

On July 29, 2015, OFAC published in the *Federal Register* a [notice](#) publishing General License No. 5, General License No. 6, General License No. 7, General License No. 8, and General License No. 9 issued under the Ukraine-related sanctions program. On December 30, 2014, OFAC issued General License No. 5, which authorizes transactions and activities necessary to wind down operations involving the Crimea region of Ukraine, subject to certain limitations. On January 30, 2015, OFAC issued three Ukraine-related general licenses. General License No. 6 authorizes noncommercial, personal remittances to or from the Crimea region of Ukraine or for or on behalf of an individual ordinarily resident in the Crimea region of Ukraine, subject to certain limitations. General License No. 7 authorizes the operation of accounts in U.S. financial institutions for individuals ordinarily resident in the Crimea region of Ukraine, subject to certain limitations. General License No. 8 authorizes transactions related to the receipt and transmission of telecommunications and mail, subject to certain limitations. On May 22, 2015, OFAC issued General License No. 9, which authorizes the exportation of certain services and software incident to the exchange of Internet-based communications, subject to certain limitations.

The effective dates of the general licenses are: December 30, 2014, for General License No. 5; January 30, 2015 for General License No. 6, General License No. 7, and General License No. 8; and May 22, 2015 for General License No. 9.

OFAC issues Venezuela Sanctions Regulations

On July 10, 2015, the Office of Foreign Assets Control (OFAC) published in the *Federal Register* a [final rule](#) issuing regulations to implement the *Venezuela Defense of Human Rights and Civil Society Act of 2014* (Public Law 113–278) and Executive Order 13692 of March 8, 2015 (“Blocking Property and Suspending Entry of Certain Persons Contributing to the Situation in Venezuela”). OFAC intends to supplement this part 591 with a more comprehensive set of regulations, which may include additional interpretive and definitional guidance and additional general licenses and statements of licensing policy.

OFAC issues statement on Joint Comprehensive Plan for Iran

On July 14, 2015, the Office of Foreign Assets Control (OFAC) issued a [statement](#) relating to the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action regarding the Islamic Republic of Iran’s Nuclear Program. The statement follows:

Statement Relating to the July 14, 2015 Announcement of a Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action Regarding the Islamic Republic of Iran’s Nuclear Program

- On July 14, 2015, the P5 + 1 and Iran reached a Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action (JCPOA) to ensure that Iran’s nuclear program will be exclusively peaceful. Building on the key parameters for a JCPOA announced on April 2, 2015, the JCPOA will provide Iran with phased sanctions relief upon verification that Iran has implemented key nuclear commitments.
- U.S. sanctions relief will be provided through the suspension and eventual termination of nuclear-related secondary sanctions, beginning once the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) verifies that Iran has implemented key nuclear-related measures described in the JCPOA (“Implementation Day”). The U.S. government will publish detailed guidance related to the JCPOA prior to Implementation Day.

- The P5+1 and Iran also decided on July 14, 2015 to further extend through Implementation Day the sanctions relief provided for in the Joint Plan of Action (JPOA) of November 24, 2013, as extended. This JPOA sanctions relief is the only Iran-related sanctions relief in effect until further notice. The U.S. government will issue revised guidance on the continued JPOA relief shortly.
- Effective July 14, 2015, all specific licenses that: (1) were issued pursuant to OFAC's Second Amended Statement of Licensing Policy on Activities Related to the Safety of Iran's Civil Aviation Industry, and (2) have an expiration date on or before July 14, 2015, are hereby authorized to remain in effect according to their terms until Implementation Day.

All the materials on the Iran sanctions, the JPOA and the JCPOA are available on the [OFAC website here](#).

Continuation of certain temporary sanctions relief implementing the Joint Plan of Action, as extended

On July 7, 2015, the P5 + 1, (China, France, Germany, Russia, the United Kingdom and the United States), the European Union and Iran decided by mutual consent to extend the Joint Plan of Action (JPOA) for three days in order to continue negotiations to reach a comprehensive solution. Accordingly, the Department of the Treasury's Office of Foreign Assets Control (OFAC) published on its web site [Guidance on the Continuation of Certain Temporary Sanctions Relief Implementing the Joint Plan of Action, as Extended](#). This guidance replaces the guidance issued by OFAC on June 30, 2015, which extended the JPOA sanctions relief through July 7, 2015.

On July 10, 2015, the P5 + 1, EU, and Iran decided by mutual consent to extend the JPOA for three days in order to continue negotiations to reach a comprehensive solution.

Accordingly, the Department of the Treasury's Office of Foreign Assets Control (OFAC) published on its web site the following [Guidance on the Continuation of Certain Temporary Sanctions Relief Implementing the Joint Plan of Action, as Extended](#). This guidance replaces the guidance issued by OFAC on July 7, 2015, which extended the JPOA sanctions relief through July 10, 2015.

For more information on this specific action, please visit OFAC's [Recent Actions page](#). Check for updates on our [Sanctions blog](#).

Treasury publishes list of countries requiring cooperation with an international boycott

On July 8, 2015, In accordance with section 999(a)(3) of the *Internal Revenue Code of 1986*, the Department of the Treasury published in the *Federal Register* a [current list](#) of countries which require or may require participation in, or cooperation with, an international boycott (within the meaning of section 999(b)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986). On the basis of the best information currently available to the Department of the Treasury, the following countries require or may require participation in, or cooperation with, an international boycott: Iraq, Kuwait, Lebanon, Libya, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Syria, United Arab Emirates and Yemen.

BIS revises Entity List

On July 28, 2015, the Bureau of Industry and Security (BIS) published in the *Federal Register* a [final rule](#) [Docket No. 150427401–5401–01] that amends the Ex-

port Administration Regulations (EAR) by adding ten persons to the Entity List. The ten persons who are added to the Entity List have been determined by the U.S. Government to be acting contrary to the national security or foreign policy interests of the United States. These ten persons will be listed on the Entity List under the destinations of China and South Korea.

This final rule also removes four persons from the Entity List, as the result of requests for removal submitted by these persons, a review of information provided in the removal requests in accordance with the procedure for requesting removal or modification of an Entity List entity, and further review conducted by the End-User Review Committee (ERC).

The Entity List (Supplement No. 4 to Part 744) notifies the public about entities that have engaged in activities that could result in an increased risk of the diversion of exported, reexported or transferred (in-country) items to weapons of mass destruction (WMD) programs. Since its initial publication, grounds for inclusion on the Entity List have expanded to include activities sanctioned by the State Department and activities contrary to U.S. national security or foreign policy interests.

Certain exports, reexports, and transfers (in-country) to entities identified on the Entity List require licenses from BIS and are usually subject to a policy of denial. The availability of license exceptions in such transactions is very limited. The license review policy for each entity is identified in the license review policy column on the Entity List and the availability of license exceptions is noted in the Federal Register notices adding persons to the Entity List. BIS places entities on the Entity List based on certain sections of part 744 (Control Policy: End-User and End-Use Based) and part 746 (Embargoes and Other Special Controls) of the EAR.

The ERC, composed of representatives of the Departments of Commerce (Chair), State, Defense, Energy and, where appropriate, the Treasury, makes all decisions regarding additions to, removals from, or other modifications to the Entity List. The ERC makes all decisions to add an entry to the Entity List by majority vote and all decisions to remove or modify an entry by unanimous vote.

BIS publishes EAR amendments to implement removal of Cuba as State Sponsor of Terrorism

On July 22, 2015, the Bureau of Industry and Security (BIS) published in the *Federal Register* a [final rule](#) [Docket No. 150416374-5374-01] that amends the *Export Administration Regulations* (EAR) to implement the rescission of Cuba's designation as a State Sponsor of Terrorism. Specifically, this rule removes anti-terrorism (AT) license requirements from Cuba and eliminates references to Cuba as a State Sponsor of Terrorism, but maintains preexisting license requirements for all items subject to the EAR unless authorized by a license exception. This rule also removes Cuba from Country Group E:1 (terrorist supporting countries), which makes Cuba eligible for a general 25 percent de minimis level and portions of four license exceptions. The Secretary of State rescinded the designation of Cuba as a State Sponsor of Terrorism on May 29, 2015.

BIS clarifies, corrects EAR re: spacecraft systems

On July 13, 2015, the BIS published in the *Federal Register* a [final rule](#) [Docket No. 150325297-5297-01] that makes additional clarifications and corrections to the interim final rule, *Revisions to the Export Administration Regulations (EAR): Control of Spacecraft Systems and Related Items the President Determines No*

Longer Warrant Control Under the United States Munitions List (USML), that was published on May 13, 2014 (79 Fed. Reg. 27417) (May 13 rule).. The May 13 rule added controls to the EAR for spacecraft and related items that the President has determined no longer warrant control under United States Munitions List (USML) Category XV – spacecraft and related items.

The changes included in the final rule are limited to corrections and clarifications to what was included in the interim final rule. It is the second corrections and clarifications rule BIS has published for the May 13 rule. These corrections and clarifications were also informed by comments received in response to the May 13 rule that included a request for comments. The corrections and clarifications to the May 13 rule are also part of Commerce’s retrospective regulatory review plan under Executive Order (EO) 13563.

State modifies Category XI of USML temporarily

On July 2, 2015, the Department of State (State) published in the *Federal Register* a [final rule](#) [Public Notice: 8996] temporarily modifying Category XI of the United States Munitions List (USML).

On July 1, 2014, State published a final rule revising Category XI of the USML, 79 Fed. Reg. 37535, effective December 30, 2014. This final rule, consistent with the two prior proposed rules for USML Category XI (78 Fed. Reg. 45017, July 25, 2013 and 77 Fed. Reg. 70958, November 28, 2012), revised paragraph (b) of Category XI to clarify the extent of the control and maintain the existing scope of control on items described in paragraph (b) and the directly related software described in paragraph (d). State has determined that exporters may read the revised control language to exclude certain intelligence analytics software that has been and remains controlled on the USML. Therefore, the Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for Defense Trade Controls determined that it is in the interest of the security of the United States to temporarily revise USML Category XI paragraph (b), pursuant to the provisions of 22 C.F.R. 126.2, while a long term solution is developed. State will publish any permanent revision to USML Category XI paragraph (b) addressing this issue as a proposed rule for public comment.

This temporary revision clarifies that the scope of control in existence prior to December 30, 2014 for USML paragraph (b) and directly related software in paragraph (d) remains the same. This clarification is achieved by reinserting the words “analyze and produce information from” and by adding software to the description of items controlled. In effect, this rule modifies USML Category XI paragraph (b) until December 29, 2015.

Amendatory instructions 1 and 2 are effective July 2, 2015. Amendatory instruction No. 3 is effective December 29, 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
07-02-15	OFAC: Unblocking of Specially Designated Nationals and Blocked Persons

F.R. Date	Applicable orders
	Pursuant to Executive Order 12978 [Significant Narcotics Traffickers] (N) [four individuals and two entities]
	OFAC: Unblocking of Specially Designated Nationals and Blocked Persons Pursuant to the Foreign Narcotics Kingpin Designation Act (N) [four individuals and eight entities]
	OFAC: Sanctions Actions Pursuant to Executive Order 13224 [Persons who support terrorism] (N) [one individual and supplemental information for four individuals]
07-09-15	OFAC: Unblocking of Specially Designated Nationals and Blocked Persons Pursuant to Executive Order 13219, as Amended (N) [three individuals]
07-10-15	OFAC: Sanctions Actions Pursuant to Executive Order 13664 [South Sudan] (N) [two individuals and supplemental information for one individual]
07-15-15	OFAC: Unblocking of Specially Designated Nationals and Blocked Persons Pursuant to Executive Order 13310 and Executive Order 13448 [Burma] (N) [three individuals]
07-28-15	BIS: Addition of Certain Persons to the Entity List; and Removal of Certain Persons from the Entity List Based on Removal Requests [Docket No. 150427401-5401-01] (FR)

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
07-02-15	CPSC: Safety Standard for Portable Hook-On Chairs [Docket No. CPSC-2015-0016] (PR)
07-17-15	CPSC: Toys: Determination Regarding Heavy Elements Limits for Unfinished and Untreated Wood [Docket No. CPSC-2011-0081] (FR)
	CPSC: Toys: Determination Regarding Heavy Elements Limits for Unfinished and Untreated Wood [Docket No. CPSC-2011-0081] (PR)
07-20-15	FTC: Final Action Concerning Review of Interpretations of Magnuson-Moss Warranty Act; Rule Governing Disclosure of Written Consumer Product Warranty Terms and Conditions; Rule Governing Pre-Sale Availability of Written Warranty Terms; Rule Governing Informal Dispute Settlement Procedures; and Guides for the Advertising of Warranties and Guarantees
07-27-15	CPSC: Substantial Product Hazard List: Extension Cords [CPSC Docket No. CPSC-2015-0003] (FR)

FDA and CDC Federal Register documents

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) or the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) have posted the following *Federal Register* guides, notices or documents which may be of interest to international traders:

F.R. Date	Subject
07-01-15	FDA: Nicotine Exposure Warnings and Child-Resistant Packaging for Liquid Nicotine, Nicotine-Containing ELiquid(s), and Other Tobacco Products; Request for Comments [Docket No. FDA-2015-N-1514] (Advance N/PR/RFC)
07-06-15	FDA: The Drug Supply Chain Security Act Implementation: Product Tracing Requirements for Dispensers— Compliance Policy; Guidance for Industry, Availability [Docket No. FDA-2015-D-2270] (N)
07-09-15	FDA: Heparin-Containing Medical Devices and Combination Products: Recommendations for Labeling and Safety Testing; Draft Guidance for Industry and FDA: Food and Drug Administration Staff; Availability [Docket No. FDA-2015-D-2167] (N)

F.R. Date	Subject
07-15-15	FDA: Canned Pacific Salmon; Technical Amendment [Docket No. FDA-2015-N-0011] (FR/TA)
	FDA: Preparation for International Cooperation on Cosmetics Regulation [Docket No. FDA-2015-N-0001] (N/H)
07-16-15	FDA: Alzchem AG; Filing of Food Additive Petition (Animal Use) [Docket No. FDA-2015-F-2337] (N) [<i>guanidinoacetic acid</i>]
	CDC: Possession, Use, and Transfer of Select Agents and Toxins; Addition of Certain Influenza Virus Strains to the List of Select Agents and Toxins [Docket No. CDC-2015-0050] (PR/RFC)
07-20-15	CDC: Informational Meeting: The Importation and Exportation of Infectious Biological Agents, Infectious Substances and Vectors; Public Webcast [September 16, 2015 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. EDT] (N)
07-24-15	FDA: User Fee Program to Provide for Accreditation of Third-Party Auditors/Certification Bodies to Conduct Food Safety Audits and to Issue Certifications [Docket No. FDA-2011-N-0146] (PR)
	FDA: Third-Party Auditor/Certification Body Accreditation for Food Safety Audits: Model Accreditation Standards; Draft Guidance for Industry and Food and Drug Administration Staff; Availability [Docket No. FDA-2011-N-0146] (N)
07-27-15	FDA: Food Labeling: Revision of the Nutrition and Supplement Facts Labels; Supplemental Proposed Rule to Solicit Comment on Limited Additional Provisions [Docket No. FDA-2012-N-1210] (PR/ Supp. NPR)
	FDA: Food Labeling: Revision of the Nutrition and Supplement Facts Labels; Reopening of the Comment Period as to Specific Documents [Docket No. FDA-2012-N-1210] (PR/RO)
07-30-15	FDA: The Food and Drug Administration's Policy on Declaring Small Amounts of Nutrients and Dietary Ingredients on Nutrition Labels; Draft Guidance for Industry; Availability [Docket No. FDA-2015-D-1839]
07-31-15	FDA: International Cooperation on Harmonisation of Technical Requirements for Registration of Veterinary Medicinal Products; Bracketing and Matrixing Designs for Stability Testing of New Veterinary Drug Substances and Medicinal Products; Guidance for Industry; Availability [Docket No. FDA-2009-D-0309] (N)

Commerce publishes quarterly update to annual listing of foreign government subsidies on cheese subject to in-quota duty rate

On July 22, 2015, Enforcement and Compliance, International Trade Administration, Department of Commerce (Commerce) published in the *Federal Register* a [notice](#) providing the quarterly update to annual listing of foreign government subsidies on articles of cheese subject to an in-quota rate of duty as required by Section 702 of the *Trade Agreements Act of 1979*, as amended (the Act). The table below lists the country, the subsidy program or programs, and the gross and net amounts of each subsidy for which information is currently available. Commerce encourages any person having information on foreign government subsidy programs which benefit articles of cheese subject to an in-quota rate of duty to submit such information in writing to the Assistant Secretary for Enforcement and Compliance, U.S. Department of Commerce.

SUBSIDY PROGRAMS ON CHEESE SUBJECT TO AN IN-QUOTA RATE OF DUTY

Country	Program(s)	Gross Subsidy (\$/lb)	Net Subsidy (\$/lb)
28 European Union Member States	European Union Restitution Payments	\$ 0.00	\$0.00
Canada	Export Assistance on Certain Types of	\$ 0.42	\$ 0.42

Country	Program(s)	Gross Subsidy (\$/lb)	Net Subsidy (\$/lb)
Norway	Indirect (Milk) Subsidy	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
	<u>Consumer Subsidy</u>	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
	Total	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Switzerland	Deficiency Payments	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00

APHIS and other USDA notices issued

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

F.R. Date	Subject
07-01-15	AMS: Hardwood Lumber and Hardwood Plywood Promotion, Research and Information Order; Extension of Comment Period on Supplemental Notices [Document No. AMS-FV-11-0074; PR-A2 and PR-B2] (PR/N/E)
07-02-15	APHIS: Importation of beef from a region in Brazil [Docket No. APHIS-2009-0017] (FR)
	APHIS: Importation of beef from a region in Argentina [Docket No. APHIS-2014-0032] (FR)
07-10-15	APHIS: Viruses, Serums, Toxins, and Analogous Products; Single Label Claim for Veterinary Biological Products [Docket No. APHIS-2011-0049] (FR)
07-21-15	APHIS: Khapra Beetle: New Regulated Countries and Regulated Articles [Docket No. APHIS-2013-0079] (FR)
	APHIS: Notice of Affirmation; New and Revised Treatments for Various Plant Commodities [Docket No. APHIS-2013-0009] (N)
	APHIS: Notice of Affirmation of Addition of a Treatment Schedule for Methyl Bromide Fumigation of Figs [Docket No. APHIS-2015-0007] (N)
07-23-15	APHIS: Foreign Quarantine Notices - CFR Correction (FR/C)
07-27-15	FAS: Dairy Tariff-Rate Quota Import Licensing Program (FR)
07-30-15	AMS: National Organic Program (NOP); Sunset 2015 Amendments to the National List [Document Number AMS-NOP-15-0015; NOP-15-07] (PR)
	FSIS: Codex Alimentarius Commission: Meeting of the Codex Committee on Fish and Fishery Products [on Sept. 24, 2015] [Docket No. FSIS-2015-0023] (N/RFC)
07-31-15	FSIS: Codex Alimentarius Commission: Meeting of the Codex Committee on Fresh Fruits and Vegetables: Correction [Docket No. FSIS-2015-0014] (N/C)
	FSIS: Codex Alimentarius Commission: Meeting of the Codex Committee on Spices and Culinary Herbs: Correction [Docket No. FSIS-2015-0013] (N/C)

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](#).

- Australia - [Australia China Free Trade Agreement - Release of Details](#)
- Bosnia and Herzegovina - [EU Approves BiH for Export of Heat Treated Milk and Dairy Products](#)
- China - [Amendment of the Ag GMO Safety Assessment Regulations](#)
- Egypt - [Egypt Imposes Anti-Dumping Temporary Tariffs on Refined Sugar Import](#)

- Ethiopia - [Africa Launches Ambitious Free Trade Agreement](#)
- Hong Kong - [Hong Kong Requires Mandatory Certification for Egg Products](#)
- India - [Cattle Slaughter Legislation](#)
- India - [Draft Amendments on the Biotoxins Limit in Fish and Fish Products](#)
- India - [Draft Amendments on the Declaration of Trans-fat Content Levels](#)
- India - [Draft Regulations Relating to Food Additives](#)
- India - [Effective date extended for Draft Order on Meat-Poultry Products](#)
- India - [FSSAI Sets Draft Standards for Melamine in Infant and Other Foods](#)
- India - [FSSAI Updates Standards of Dried Salted and Fishery Products](#)
- India - [India Extends Ban on Milk and Dairy Product Imports from China](#)
- India - [More Amendments in Contaminants Toxins and Residues Regulations](#)
- India - [New Regulation for Nutraceutical - Functional - Novel Foods etc.](#)
- India - [WTO Notified Draft Amendment on Food Recall Procedure](#)
- Jamaica - [FAIRS - Narrative](#)
- Jordan - [Ministry of Agriculture to Suspend Apple Imports](#)
- Pakistan - [Amendments to Seed Act Pass Senate Ag Committee](#)
- Pakistan - [Pakistan Doubles Sugar Import Tariff](#)
- South Africa - [Proposed National Liquor Policy \(Liquor Act 59 of 2003\)](#)
- Turkey - [Turkish Biosafety Board Approves Five Biotech Traits](#)
- Vietnam - [MARD Publishes List of HS Codes Subject to Plant Quarantine Regs](#)
- Vietnam - [MARD Revises Regulations on Animal Feed Management](#)
- Vietnam - [Vietnam Amends the List of Additives Allowed for Use in Food](#)

CITA requests comments on Chilean request to modify the rules of origin under US-Chile FTA

On July 24, 2015, the Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements (CITA) published in the *Federal Register* a [request for public comment](#) concerning a request from Government of Chile for modification of the *U.S. – Chile Free Trade Agreement* rules of origin for certain woven fabrics of artificial filament yarn in subheadings 5408.22 - 5408.23 of the *Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States* (HTSUS) to allow the use of non-U.S. or Chilean filament yarn of viscose rayon classified in subheadings 5403.10, 5403.31, 5403.32, and 5403.41 of the HTSUS.

As provided in Article 3.20.3 – 3.20.5 of the U.S.-Chile FTA, the Parties are to consult to consider whether the rules of origin applicable to particular textile and apparel goods should be revised to address issues of availability of supply of fibers, yarns or fabrics in the territory of the Parties. The *United States - Chile Free Trade Agreement Implementation Act* provides the President with the authority to proclaim a modification to the U.S. - Chile FTA rules of origin necessary to implement an agreement with Chile on the modification. CITA is soliciting public comments on this request, in particular with regard to whether filament yarn of viscose rayon classified in subheadings 5403.10, 5403.31, 5403.32, and 5403.41 can be supplied by the domestic industry in commercial quantities in a timely manner. Comments must be submitted by August 24, 2015.

FWS proposes additional measures to protect African elephants

On July 29, 2015, the Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) published in the *Federal Register* a [proposed rule](#) [Docket No. FWS–HQ–IA–2013–0091; 96300–1671–0000–R4] to revise the rule for the African elephant promulgated under section 4(d) of the *Endangered Species Act of 1973*, as amended (ESA), to increase protection for African elephants in response to the alarming rise in poaching of the species to fuel the growing illegal trade in ivory. The African elephant was listed as threatened under the ESA effective June 11, 1978, and at the same time a rule issued under section 4(d) of the ESA (a “4(d) rule”) was promulgated to regulate import and use of specimens of the species in the United States.

The proposed rule would update the current 4(d) rule with measures that are appropriate for the current conservation needs of the species. The FWS is proposing measures that are necessary and advisable to provide for the conservation of the African elephant as well as appropriate prohibitions from section 9(a)(1) of the ESA. Among other things, FWS proposes to incorporate into the 4(d) rule certain restrictions on the import and export of African elephant ivory contained in the *African Elephant Conservation Act* (AfECA) as measures necessary and advisable for the conservation of the African elephant. The FWS is not, however, revising or reconsidering actions taken under the AfECA, including its determinations in 1988 and 1989 to impose moratoria on the import of ivory other than sport-hunted trophies from both range and intermediary countries. FWS is proposing to take these actions under section 4(d) of the ESA to increase protection and benefit the conservation of African elephants, without unnecessarily restricting activities that have no conservation effect or are strictly regulated under other law.

In preparing the final decision on this proposed rule, the FWS will consider comments received or postmarked on or before September 28, 2015.

Federal Register documents

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

F.R. Date	Subject
07-01-15	National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA): Presidential Task Force on Combating Illegal Unreported and Unregulated (IUU) Fishing and Seafood Fraud Action Plan for Implementing Recommendations 14/15; Determining Types of Information and Operational Standards Related to Data Collection (N/RFC)
	Environmental Protection Agency (EPA): Protection of Stratospheric Ozone: Request for Methyl Bromide Critical Use Exemption Applications [FRL–9929–86–OAR] (N)
	EPA: Cuprous Oxide; Exemption From the Requirement of a Tolerance [EPA–HQ–OPP–2014–0865; FRL–9929–51] (FR)
07-02-15	Energy: Energy Conservation Program for Certain Industrial Equipment: Energy Conservation Standards for Dedicated- Purpose Pool Pumps [Docket No. EERE–2015–BT–STD–0008] (RO)
	Energy: Energy Conservation Program for Consumer Products and Certain Commercial and Industrial Equipment: Test Procedures for Residential and Commercial Water Heaters: Correction [Docket No. EERE–2011–BT–TP–0042] (FR/C)
	Energy: Energy Conservation Program: Test Procedures for Conventional Ovens [Docket No. EERE–2012–BT–TP–0013] (FR)
	EPA: Receipt of Test Data Under the Toxic Substances Control Act [EPA–HQ–OPPT–2013–0677; FRL–9929–54] (N)
	EPA: Chemical Substances When Manufactured or Processed as Nanoscale

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	<p>Materials, TSCA Reporting and Recordkeeping Requirements: Extension of Comment Period [EPA-HQ-OPPT-2010-0572; FRL-9929-70] (PR/E)</p> <p>EPA: Polychlorinated Biphenyls (PCBs): Revisions to Manifesting Regulations: Item Number [EPA-HQ-RCRA-2011-0524; FRL-9929-92-OSWER] (FR)</p> <p>EPA: Transboundary Shipments of Hazardous Wastes Between OECD Member Countries: Revisions to the List of OECD Member Countries [EPA-HQ-RCRA-2005-0018; FRL-9929-93-OSWER] (FR)</p>
07-08-15	<p>EPA: Notice of Receipt of Requests to Voluntarily Cancel Certain Pesticide Registrations and Amend Registrations to Terminate Certain Uses [EPA-HQ-OPP-2015-0296; FRL-9928-54] (N)</p> <p>EPA: Registration Review Interim Decisions: Notice of Availability [EPA-HQ-OPP-2015-0393; FRL-9929-24] (N)</p> <p>EPA: Prohexadione calcium; Pesticide Tolerances [EPA-HQ-OPP-2014-0346; FRL-9927-25] (FR)</p> <p>EPA: S-metolachlor; Pesticide Tolerances [EPA-HQ-OPP-2014-0284; FRL-9927-85] (FR)</p> <p>EPA: Pesticide Product Registration; Receipt of Applications for New Uses; Correction and Reopening of Comment Period [EPA-HQ-OPP-2015-0022; FRL-9929-36] (N/C/RO)</p> <p>Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA): Proposed Adjustments to the Aggregate Production Quotas for Schedule I and II Controlled Substances and Assessment of Annual Needs for the List I Chemicals Ephedrine, Pseudoephedrine, and Phenylpropanolamine for 2015 [Docket No. DEA-418P] (N)</p>
07-09-15	<p>Energy: Energy Conservation Program: Energy Conservation Standards for Commercial Preinse Spray Valves [Docket Number EERE-2014-BT-STD-0027] (PR)</p> <p>Energy: Energy Conservation Program: Test Procedures for Integrated Light-Emitting Diode Lamps [Docket No. EERE-2011-BT-TP-0071] (Supp. PR)</p>
07-13-15	<p>EPA/ National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA): Greenhouse Gas Emissions and Fuel Efficiency Standards for Medium- and Heavy-Duty Engines and Vehicles - Phase 2 [EPA-HQ-OAR-2014-0827; NHTSA-2014-0132; FRL-9927-21-OAR] (PR)</p> <p>EPA: Notice of Receipt of Requests for Amendments to Terminate Uses in Certain Pesticide Registrations; Correction [EPA-HQ-OPP-2015-0317; FRL-9930-03] (N/C)</p>
07-14-15	<p>EPA: Receipt of Test Data under the Toxic Substances Control Act [EPA-HQ-OPPT-2013-0677; FRL-9929-99] (N)</p> <p>NMFS/NOAA: 12-Month Finding and Proposal to List Three Angelshark Species as Endangered under the Endangered Species Act [Docket No. 150506424-5424-01] (PR/RFC)</p> <p>Energy: Appliance Standards and Rulemaking Federal Advisory Committee: Notice of Intent To Establish the Central Air Conditioners and Heat Pumps Working Group To Negotiate a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NOPR) for Energy Conservation Standards [Docket Number EERE-2014-BT-STD-0048] (N/H)</p> <p>State: Advisory Committee on International Postal and Delivery Services August 2015 Meeting [Public Notice: 9189] (N/H)</p>
07-17-15	<p>DEA: Schedules of Controlled Substances: Temporary Placement of Acetyl Fentanyl into Schedule I [Docket No. DEA-413F] (Final Order)</p> <p>DEA: Proposed Aggregate Production Quotas for Schedule I and II Controlled Substances and Assessment of Annual Needs for the List I Chemicals Ephedrine, Pseudoephedrine, and Phenylpropanolamine for 2016 [Docket No. DEA-420N] (N/RFC)</p> <p>Energy: Energy Conservation Program for Certain Industrial Equipment: Energy Conservation Standards and Test Procedures for Commercial Heating, Air-Conditioning, and Water-Heating Equipment [Docket No. EERE-2014-BT-STD-0015] (FR)</p> <p>EPA: Distillates, (Fischer-Tropsch), heavy, C18-C50, branched, cyclic and linear; Exemption from the Requirement of a Tolerance [EPA-HQ-OPP-2012-0585; FRL-9929-27] (FR)</p> <p>EPA: Thiabendazole; Pesticide Tolerances for Emergency Exemptions [EPA-</p>

F.R. Date	Subject
	<p>HQ-OPP-2015-0396; FRL-9929-95] (FR)</p> <p>EPA: Receipt of Several Pesticide Petitions Filed for Residues of Pesticide Chemicals in or on Various Commodities [EPA-HQ-OPP-2015-0032; FRL-9929-13] (N)</p> <p>Financial Crimes Enforcement Network, Department of the Treasury (FinCEN): Notice of Geographic Targeting Order (N)</p> <p>Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior (FWS) and NMFS/NOAA: Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Revisions to the Regulations for Petitions [Docket Nos. FWS-HQ-ES-2015-0016; DOC 150506429-5586-02; 4500030113] (PR)</p> <p>FWS: Notice of Continued Suspension of Imports of Zimbabwe Elephant Trophies Taken On or After April 4, 2014 [FWS-HQ-IA-2015-N077; FXIA1671090000-145-FF09A30000] (N)</p> <p>NHTSA: Decision That Nonconforming 2006-2010 BMW M3 Passenger Cars Are Eligible for Importation [Docket No. NHTSA-2012-0159, Notice 2] (Grant of petition)</p>
07-20-15	<p>EPA: TSCA Section 5 Premanufacture and Significant New Use Notification Electronic Reporting [EPA-HQ-OPPT-2013-0385; FRL-9927-79] (FR)</p> <p>EPA: Pesticide Product Registration; Receipt of Applications for New Active Ingredients [EPA-HQ-OPP-2015-0021; FRL-9930-12] (N)</p>
07-21-15	<p>Energy: Energy Conservation Program: Energy Conservation Standards for Packaged Terminal Air Conditioners and Packaged Terminal Heat Pumps [Docket Number EERE-2012-BT-STD-0029] (FR)</p>
07-22-15	<p>EPA: Novaluron; Pesticide Tolerances [EPA-HQ-OPP-2014-0232; FRL-9929-57] (FR)</p> <p>EPA: Sedaxane; Pesticide Tolerances [EPA-HQ-OPP-2014-0354; FRL-9930-84] (FR)</p> <p>EPA: Partial Exemption of Certain Chemical Substances from Reporting Additional Chemical Data [EPA-HQ-OPPT-2014-0809; FRL-9928-99] (PR)</p> <p>EPA: Aldicarb, Alternaria destruens, Ampelomyces quisqualis, Azinphos-methyl, Etridiazole, Fenarimol, et al.; Proposed Tolerance and Tolerance Exemption Actions [EPA-HQ-OPP-2015-0212; FRL-9929-12] (PR)</p> <p>EPA: Receipt of Test Data under the Toxic Substances Control Act [EPA-HQ-OPPT-2013-0677; FRL-9930-52] (N)</p>
07-23-15	<p>NHTSA: Medium- and Heavy-Duty Vehicle Fuel Efficiency Program - CFR Correction (FR/C)</p> <p>NHTSA: Rear Impact Protection, Lamps, Reflective Devices, and Associated Equipment, Single Unit Trucks [Docket No. NHTSA-2015-0070] (Advance NPR)</p>
07-24-15	<p>EPA: Receipt of Test Data under the Toxic Substances Control Act [EPA-HQ-OPPT-2013-0677; FRL-9930-72] (N)</p> <p>State: Notice of Receipt of Upland Pipeline, LLC's application for a Presidential Permit to Construct, Connect, Operate, and Maintain Pipeline Facilities on the Border of the United States and Canada [Public Notice: 9200] (N)</p> <p>US-China Economic and Security Review Commission: Notice of Open Meetings to Prepare the 2015 Annual Report to Congress; Advisory Committee: U.S.-China Economic and Security Review Commission; Correction (N) Date change</p>
07-27-15	<p>Energy: Energy Conservation Program: Energy Conservation Standards for Room Air Conditioners; Request for Information [Docket No. EERE-2014-BT-STD-0059] (RFI/E)</p> <p>FWS/ NOAA-NMFS: 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; Second Extension of Comment Period [Docket No. 120425024-5625-04] (PR/E)</p>
07-28-15	<p>Energy: Energy Conservation Program: Energy Conservation Standards for Commercial Refrigeration Equipment [Docket Number EERE-2010-BT-STD-0003] (Determination)</p> <p>EPA: Notice of Receipt of Requests to Voluntarily Cancel Certain Pesticide Registrations [EPA-HQ-OPP-2015-0452; FRL-9930-15] (N)</p>

F.R. Date	Subject
	EPA/NHTSA: Greenhouse Gas Emissions and Fuel Efficiency Standards for Medium- and Heavy- Duty Engines and Vehicles - Phase 2; Notice of Public Hearings and Comment Period [EPA-HQ-OAR-2014-0827; NHTSA-2014-0132; FRL-9931-48-OAR] (N/H/E)
07-29-15	<p>FWS: Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Revision of the Section 4(d) Rule for the African Elephant (<i>Loxodonta africana</i>) [Docket No. FWS-HQ-IA-2013-0091; 96300-1671-0000-R4] (PR)</p> <p>FWS: Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Listing the Honduran Emerald Hummingbird (<i>Amazilia luciae</i>) [Docket No. FWS-R9-ES-2009-0094] (FR)</p> <p>EPA: Fluxapyroxad; Pesticide Tolerances [EPA-HQ-OPP-2012-0638; FRL-9930-73] (FR)</p> <p>EPA: Ethanesulfonic Acid, 2-hydroxy and the Corresponding Ammonium, Sodium, Potassium, Calcium, Magnesium, and Zinc Salts; Exemption from the Requirement of a Tolerance [EPA-HQ-OPP-2014-0325; FRL-9930-22] (FR)</p> <p>EPA: Pesticide Experimental Use Permit; Receipt of Application; Comment Request [EPA-HQ-OPP-2015-0374; FRL-9930-74] (N)</p> <p>EPA: Pesticide Cumulative Risk Assessment: Framework for Screening Analysis; Notice of Availability and Request for Comment [EPA-HQ-OPP-2015-0422; FRL-9930-32] (N)</p>
07-30-15	<p>Energy: Energy Conservation Program: Energy Conservation Standards for Residential Conventional Ovens [Docket No. EERE-2014-BT-STD-0005] (PR/E)</p> <p>EPA: Benalaxyl-M; Pesticide Tolerances [EPA-HQ-OPP-2013-0714; FRL-9927-63] (FR)</p> <p>EPA: Isofetamid; Pesticide Tolerances [EPA-HQ-OPP-2013-0138; FRL-9923-86] (FR)</p> <p>EPA: Zeta-Cypermethrin; Pesticide Tolerances [EPA-HQ-OPP-2014-0889; FRL-9929-74] (FR)</p> <p>EPA: Product Cancellation Order for Certain Pesticide Registrations; Correction [EPA-HQ-OPP-2009-1017; FRL-9930-51] (N/C)</p> <p>State: Meeting on United States-Singapore Free Trade Agreement Environment Chapter Implementation and Biennial Review Under the United States-Singapore Memorandum of Intent on Environmental Cooperation [Public Notice: 9208] (N)</p>
07-31-15	<p>Energy: Energy Conservation Program: Test Procedure for Refrigerated Bottled or Canned Beverage Vending Machines [Docket No. EERE-2013-BT-TP-0045] (FR)</p> <p>Energy: Energy Conservation Program: Test Procedures for Dehumidifiers [Docket No. EERE-2014-BT-TP-0010] (FR)</p> <p>Energy: Energy Conservation Program: Test Procedures for Compact Fluorescent Lamps [Docket No. EERE-2015-BT-TP-0014] (PR/H)</p>

ITC amends rules: Investigations with Respect to Commercial Availability of Textile Fabric and Yarn in Sub-Saharan African Countries; Trade Remedy Assistance

On July 9, 2015, the U.S. International Trade Commission published in the *Federal Register* a [final rule](#) amending provisions of its *Rules of Practice and Procedure* concerning the *Freedom of Information Act*, the *Privacy Act*, the *Government in the Sunshine Act*, market disruption, trade diversion, and review of relief actions; and trade remedy assistance. The amendments are part of the agency's retrospective analysis of its Rules that attempts to determine whether rules should be modified, streamlined, expanded, or repealed so as to make the agency's regulatory program more effective or less burdensome in achieving regulatory objectives.

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
02-07-15	National Administration for Medicines, Food and Medical Technology (ANMATM): Disp. № 5050/2015 (29-06-15) prohibition on the use and commercialization of hygiene and toilet products
	ANMATM: Disp. № 5054/2015 (29-06-15) prohibition on the use and commercialization of household products
06-07-15	Federal Administration of Public Revenue (AFIP): General Res. № 3782 (29-06-15) Mercosur Common Nomenclature. Tariff classification of goods in the nomenclature, in accordance with the procedure provided in the General Resolution No. 1,618.
	AFIP: General Res. № 3784 (29-06-15) Importation. Criterion values of a preventive character. Gen. Res. № 2730 and its amendments. Supplemental norm.
	AFIP: General Res. № 3785 (29-06-15) Importation. Criterion values of a preventive character. Gen. Res. № 2730 and its amendments. Supplemental norm.
	AFIP: General Res. № 3786 (29-06-15) [Importation] Donations. Article 17 of Law No. 23,871 and its amendments. Regulation.
	AFIP: General Res. № 3787 (29-06-15) Export. Preventive reference values. General Resolution 2716. Further standard.
	AFIP: General Res. № (29-06-15) Export destinations for consumption of natural gas. Determination of taxable value.
	AFIP: General Res. № 3789 (29-06-15) Importation. Criterion values of a preventive character. Gen. Res. № 2730 and its amendments. Supplemental norm.
14-07-15	ANMATM: Disp. № 5431/2015 (08-07-15) prohibition on the use and commercialization of household products
20-07-15	ANMATM: Disp. № 5587/2015 (15-07-15) prohibition on the use and commercialization of cosmetic products
	ANMATM: Disp. № 5590/2015 (15-07-15) prohibition on the use and commercialization of medical products
24-07-15	Decree 1397/2015 (20-07-15) exempting from the payment of duties and taxes on the importation of products originating from countries participating in "X Fiesta de las Colectividades y Artesanías del Mundo"
28-07-15	ANMATM: Disp. № 6055/2015 (24-07-15) prohibition on the use and commercialization of medical products
	ANMATM: Disp. № 6056/2015 (24-07-15) prohibition on commercialization of foodstuffs

Antidumping and countervailing duty cases

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

Bolivia

Documents

The following documents were posted on the [Bolivian National Customs website](#) [dd-mm-yy]:

Date	Series and №	Abstract
06-07-15	Cir. 139/2015	Decision 799 of the Commission of the Andean Community modifying Arts. 15, 21 and 22 of Andean Community Decision 416 regarding the special regulations for qualification and certification of the origin of merchandise – adopted on 05-11-2014 by the Commission subregional organization
23-07-15	Cir. 151/2015	Letter VCEI-1095 of 14-07-15 from the Vice Minister of Foreign Commerce and Integration forwarding letters of the Andean Community on officials enabled and disabled from issuing Certificates of Origin of Ecuador, Peru and Colombia

Brazil

Increase of the PIS and COFINS import rates as part of the Brazilian measures to reduce the fiscal deficit

When this decade began, Brazil found itself as one of the darlings of the investment world. Investors flocked south as it seemed that the nation had not only weathered the global financial crisis, but had been empowered by it. The Brazilian Federal Government reaped the financial benefits of foreign investment and began to spend heavily on social programs, such as Bolsa Família and Fome Zero. Even larger sums were spent by the National Bank for Economic Development (BNDES), lending public funds to businesses. Brazil benefited with a increase in the quality of life for the average citizen.

Currently, however, the nation barely has enough energy for the occasional flicker. President Dilma Rousseff has been plagued by massive protests and strikes. The Brazil currency, the Real, is at the weakest its been in over a decade, hovering just over a 3:1 exchange rate to the US Dollar. And not only has the Brazilian economy ceased its incredible growth from the start of the millennium, in two of the past four quarters, its GDP has outright contracted. As a result, the Federal Government is working to reconcile rampant inflation and a stagnant economy with the increased federal spending established during the last decade. Scrambling to find ancillary sources of income in order to sustain itself, the Brazilian Federal Government has recently increased a variety of taxes. In addition, as a result of calls for more protectionist policies from the domestic National Confederation of Manufacturers (CNI), the Federal Government has taken aim at foreign companies who export their goods into Brazil and hold a large share of certain markets. Looking to resolve two problems at once, the Brazilian government reviewed their stance on import taxes in Provisional Measure n° 668, enacted in 30 January 2015 ("Provisional Measure 668/2015").

When foreign goods are imported into Brazil, the importer must incorporate a number of separate taxes into the importation price, such as the IPI (Excise Tax), II (Import Duty), ICMS (State VAT), and the Social Contributions on Gross Receipts (PIS and COFINS), the later ones destined to fund the Brazilian Social Security Service.

The Provisional Measure 668/2015 deals exclusively with regards to the PIS and

COFINS due on the importation of goods and services.

The charging of PIS and COFINS on the importation of goods and services exists since April 2004, with the approval of the Bill n. 10.865/04 that set out the general rates of PIS and COFINS applicable on the importation of goods and services. In this regard, with the need of the Federal Government to decrease its fiscal deficit, the Provisional Measure n° 668/15 was enacted to amend the provisions of the Bill n. 10.865/04 and caused the increase of the rates of the PIS due COFINS levied on the importation of goods and services. Specially, the Provisional Measure n. 665/15 targeted the following goods: pharmaceuticals, toiletries, machinery, vehicles, tires and inner tubes, auto parts, and paper used for publishing books and periodicals.

Good/Service	Old PIS/PASEP	New PIS/PASEP	PIS/PASEP % Change	Old COFINS	New COFINS	COFINS % Change
General Good Entry	1.65%	2.10%	27.27%	7.60%	9.65%	26.97%
Pharmaceuticals	2.10%	2.76%	31.43%	9.90%	13.03%	31.62%
Toiletries	2.20%	3.52%	60.00%	10.3%	16.48%	60.00%
Machines/Vehicles	2.00%	2.62%	31.00%	9.60%	12.57%	30.94%
Tires/Inner Tubing	2.00%	2.88%	44.00%	9.50%	13.68%	44.00%
Auto-parts	2.30%	2.62%	13.91%	10.80%	12.57%	16.39%
Papers	0.80%	0.95%	22.50%	3.20%	3.81%	19.06%

With this amendment to the Bill № 10.865/04, the Brazilian Revenue Service hopes to increase yearly revenue by as much as USD3 billion. In order to provide a clear example on the increase of the PIS and COFINS rates caused by the Provisional Measure № 668/15, below is a summary chart with the rates before and after the enactment of such measure, which are valid to imports made as of 1 June 2015:

Exactly how Provisional Measure № 668/15 will ultimately affect the Brazilian economy and tax revenue remains to be seen. Proponents have advocated that the tariff will stimulate the domestic economy by providing incentive to purchase Brazilian made goods. It may yet help in chipping away at the Brazilian deficit, or it may further suck energy from the manufacturing industry, forcing the Rousseff's administration to take even more drastic actions. The potential for either outcome is up for debate, as has been occurring within the Brazil government since the introduction of the protectionist measure.

Summary chart

What is?	Provisional Measure № 668/15, which determined the increase of the PIS and COFINS rates on the importation of goods and services into Brazil according to the table above.
To whom it may apply	To all Brazilian importers of goods, specially the ones that import the following goods: pharmaceuticals, toiletries, machines/vehicles, tires/inner tubing, auto parts and paper
Enforceability	Importations of goods into Brazil as of 1 June 2015

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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
26-06-15	SECEX Ordinance No. 50 (25 June 2015) Closes the special procedure of non-preferential origin check with disqualification Malaysian origin for the product "porcelain objects to the table, regardless of their degree of porosity" (NCM 6911.10.10, 6911.10.90, 6911.90.00 and 6912.00.00), declared as produced by the company Gigih Juara Sdn Bhd.
	SECEX Ordinance No. 51 (25 June 2015) - Closes the special procedure of non-preferential origin check with the disqualification of India origin for the product "porcelain objects to the table, regardless of their degree of porosity" (NCM 6911.10.10, 6911.10.90, 6911.90.00 and 6912.00.00), declared as produced by the company Kwaliti Ceramic Manufacturing Company
	SECEX Ordinance No. 52 (25 JUNE 2015) - Closes the special procedure of non-preferential origin check with disqualification Malaysian origin for the product "porcelain objects to the table, regardless of their degree of porosity" (NCM 6911.10.10, 6911.10.90, 6911.90.00 and 6912.00.00), declared as produced by the company Yitong Industries.
03-07-15	SECEX Ordinance No. 53 (2 July 2015) - Amending Annex XVII of SECEX Ordinance No. 23 of July 14, 2011, to modify the calculation basis for the distribution of export quotas for poultry meat.
	SECEX Ordinance No. 54 (2 July 2015) - Approves the 3rd Edition of the Drawback Exemption System Manual. SECEX Circ. No. 43. (2 July 2015) - Makes public the proposed modifications of the Mercosur Common Nomenclature - NCM and the Common External Tariff - CET under analysis by the Department of International Negotiations (DEINT), the Foreign Trade Secretariat (SECEX), in order to collect subsidies for defining positioning within the Technical Committee No. 1, Rates, Commodity Classification and Nomenclature, Mercosur
23-07-15	CAMEX Resolution No. 62 (22-07-15) Grants temporary reduction of import duty rate under Resolution No. 08/08 of the MERCOSUR Common Market Group.
	CAMEX Resolution No. 63 (22-07-15) Changes to 2% (two percent) the rates of import duty levied on Informatics and Telecommunications Goods, the ex-tariff condition.
	CAMEX Resolution No. 64 (22-07-15) Changes to 2% (two percent) the rates of import duty levied on capital goods, the ex-tariff condition.
	CAMEX Resolution No. 65. (22-07-15) Determines that 30 chemicals specified in this Resolution, originating in the Federal Republic of Germany and the United States are not subject to the levy of anti-dumping duty imposed by CAMEX Resolution 93, 2013, as amended by CAMEX Resolution 49, 2014.
	CAMEX Resolution No. 66. (22-07-15) Grants temporary reduction of import duty rate under Resolution No. 08/08 of the MERCOSUR Common Market Group.
	CAMEX Resolution No. 67 (22-07-15) It incorporates the Brazilian legal system Resolution No. 05/15 of the Mercosur Common Market Group.
	CAMEX Resolution No. 68 (22-07-15) Extending the tariff reduction for the code of the Mercosur Common Nomenclature - NCM 7601.10.00, included in the Exceptions list the Common External Tariff -LETEC.
	CAMEX Resolution No. 69 (22-07-15) Changes alternate member of the Advisory Board of Private Sector - CONNECTION.
	CAMEX Resolution No. 70 (22-07-15) States that the product specified in this Resolution, originating in China, is not subject to extension of the application of anti-dumping duty established by CAMEX Resolution 119 of December 18, 2014.
	CAMEX Resolution No. 71 (22-07-15) Changes the art. 1 of CAMEX Resolution No. 50, 2010.

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	CAMEX Resolution No. 72 (22-07-15) It incorporates the Brazilian legal system Decisions on 28, 29 and 30 of July 17, 2015, of the Common Market Council of MERCOSUR and other measures.
	CAMEX Resolution No. 73 (22-07-15) Changes the holder representatives and substitute of the Secretariat of the Ministry of National Treasury in the Export Financing and Guarantee Committee - COFIG.
24-07-15	CAMEX Resolution of Correction CAMEX No. 73, of 2015. Corrects CAMEX Resolution No. 73, 2015.

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
26-06-15	NCS: Res. № 3939 amending Chapter II and III of the Manual of Payments, as described in the resolution
02-07-15	Hacienda: Decree 102 Declaration of "Expo Andes" as an international Fair
07-07-15	Hacienda: Decree 161 Declaration of "XVIII Feria Internacional Forestal, Celulosa y Papel, Expocorma 2015" as an international fair
09-07-15	Hacienda: Decree 651 Adjusts Amount Applicable to Travel Notes From Free Zone or Free Zone Extension
	Hacienda: Decree 445 Adjusts Amount Applicable to Travel Notes From Free Zone or Free Zone Extension
11-07-15	Foreign Relations: Decree 47 (11-07-15) Entry Into Force of the Federal Republic of Brazil's Sixth Additional Protocol to Economic Complementación Agreement 35, Concluded Between the Mercosur Party States and the Government of the Republic of Chile
22-07-15	Hacienda: Decree 138 Declaring international exhibition the "China Machinery & Electronic Products Exhibition"
25-07-15	Hacienda: Decree 205 Declares the VII International Fair International Security, FISEG 2015
30-07-15	NCS: Res. № 3939 Amending the Manual of Payments

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 2015 may be found at http://www.dian.gov.co/dian/13Normatividad.nsf/pages/Clasificacion_arancelaria_2015. For prior years (2008-2014), please see http://www.dian.gov.co/DIAN/13Normatividad.nsf/pages/Clasificaciones_arancelarias. Summaries for several years are available in a spreadsheet format at http://www.dian.gov.co/descargas/normatividad/2015/ClasificacionArancelaria/Cuadro_resumen_de_clasificaciones_arancelarias_2013_2014_2015.zip. Earlier years are also available

MinCIT, MinHacienda and DIAN Documents

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

Date	Subject
01-06-15	MinCIT: Resolution 100 of 2015 . By which the opening of an administrative investigation are available in order to determine the existence, degree and effect in the field of domestic production, of any alleged dumping on imports of leather uppers footwear synthetic and textile originating in the PRC.
10-06-15	MinCIT: Resolution 111 of 2015 . By which the Resolution No. 100 of June 1, 2015 is clarified.
16-06-15	MinCIT: Resolution 112 of 2015 . By which an extension to the final determination of the administrative investigation opened by Resolution 282 of December 18, 2015 are available.
30-06-15	MinCIT: Circular 016 of 2015 . Procedure for electronic filing of investigations into dumping and safeguards
02-07-15	MinCIT: Resolution 125 of July 02, 2015 . Whereby the term of response to questionnaires extending within an administrative investigation opened by Resolution 100 of June 1, 2015 and clarified by Resolution 111 of June 10, 2015
03-07-15	MinCIT: Resolution 126 of July 3, 2015 . Whereby the opening of an administrative investigation are available in order to determine the existence, degree and effect in the field of domestic production, of any alleged dumping in imports wire of iron or low carbon steel, originating in the People's Republic of China
10-07-15	MinCIT: Resolution 128 of July 10, 2015 . By which the final determination of the administrative investigation initiated by Resolution No. 111 of June 9, 2014 is adopted
13-07-15	MinCIT: Decree 1498 of 2015 partially amending the Customs Tariff MinCIT: Circular 017 of 2015 . Resolution 2249 of 2015 the coordinated implementation of Decisions 486 and 519 of the Andean Community was possible.
15-07-15	DIAN: Cir 2144/2015 Ad valorem taxes applicable to agricultural benchmark, their substitutes, agro-products or by-products
16-07-15	DIAN: Cir. 000026/2015 Reference prices of agricultural products.
17-07-15	MinCIT: Circular 018 of 2015 Decree 1498 of 2015 tariff schedule is partially modified [Subheadings 0603.19; 8528.71]
21-07-15	MinCIT: Decree 1537 of 21-07-15 which adopts a safeguard measure for importations of corrugated sheets classified in subheading 7210.41.00.00 and alloyed sheets in subheading 7225.92.00.90 of the Custom Tariff
29-07-15	DIAN: Circular 000028/2015 Reference prices of agricultural products DIAN: Cir. 2151/2015 Ad valorem taxes applicable to agricultural benchmark,

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	their substitutes, agro-products or by-products.

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
01-07-15	SUNAT: Res. № 171-2015/SUNAT approves upgrade of charges classified as public servant - Free senior management appointment and removal, and modification of the allocation table for SUNAT staff
02-07-15	Agriculture: Dir. Res. № 0032-2015-MINAGRI-SENASA-DSV Phytosanitary requirements for rooted and unrooted cuttings of Chrysanthemum from Bolivia
03-07-15	Foreign Relations: Min. Res. № 0589/2015-RE publishing a summary of the substantive paragraphs and operative parts of UN Security Council Res. 2216 (2015) regarding Yemen
	<i>[Due to technical difficulties, the Peruvian notices from 4 July through 18 July do not appear in this edition. We will try to publish the important notice in our next issue]</i>
19-07-15	SUNAT: Res. № 02-2015-SUNAT/5F0000 Modification the instructions for the Customs Declaration of Goods (DAM) INTA-IT.00.04 (ver 2) SUNAT: Res. № 01-2015/SUNAT/5F0000 Modification of the specific procure "Valuation of Goods in accordance with the WTO Valuation Agreement" INTA-PE.01.10a (ver. 6)
24-07-15	SUNAT: Res. № 196-2015/SUNAT approving arrangements for the submission of the declaration containing protected identity information
25-07-15	Agriculture: Dir. Res. № 0014-2015-MINAGRI-SENASA-DSA establishing specific health requirements for livestock imports originating in Spain, Chile and Portugal Interior: Min. Res. № 0426-2015-IN Pre-publication of a draft regulation № 30299, Law on Firearms, Ammunition, Explosives, Pyrotechnic Products and related materials for civilian use on the Ministry of Law

Asia-Pacific

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

Australia

Immigration and Border Protection tests "Australian Trusted Trader"

On 8 July 2015, the Assistant Minister for Immigration and Border Protection, Michaelia Cash, [unveiled](#) the *Australian Trusted Trader* programme and con-

firmed the first four industry participants. The Trusted Trader pilot partners are Boeing Aerostructures Australia, Devondale Murray Goulburn, Mondelez Australia and Techwool Trading.

The *Australian Trusted Trader* is built on the dual pillars of security and trade facilitation. Benefits being pursued for accredited *Australian Trusted Traders* include expedited border clearance, reduced or priority inspections, priority access to trade services, and a dedicated account manager. Mechanisms for the delivery of other benefits, including duty deferral and streamlined reporting arrangements, are also being explored.

Immigration and Customs formally merged

On 1 July 2015, the Department of Immigration and Border Protection (DIBP) and the Australian Customs and Border Protection Service (ACBPS) formally merged and will operate as one department. The new Department will deliver immigration, citizenship, trade, customs, border protection and maritime security functions. In addition, 1 July marked the commencement of the Australian Border Force (ABF), the operational and enforcement arm of the new Department, which is led by the Commissioner of the ABF, Roman Quaadvlieg APM. Commissioner Quaadvlieg also assumes the role as the Comptroller-General for the purpose of administering the *Customs Act 1901*, and will be responsible for operations relating to customs and trade. Mr Quaadvlieg has served as the Chief Executive Officer of the ACBPS since October 2014; prior to that Mr Quaadvlieg was ACBPS' Deputy Chief Executive Officer for Border Enforcement. Rachel Noble has been appointed the Deputy Comptroller-General.

Linda Geddes, the First Assistant Secretary, Trade, Customs and Industry Division will, over the next 12 months, focus on the development of innovative policy to allow for growth and development in trade and travel as well as increasing engagement with industry stakeholders.

Australia-China Free Trade Agreement - key IP features

Following a decade of negotiations, Australia signed the Free Trade Agreement between the Government of Australia and the Government of the People's Republic of China (ChAFTA) on 17 June 2015 in Canberra. The ChAFTA builds on Australia's large and successful commercial relationship with China, which as Australia's largest trading partner, buys almost one-third of all Australian exports. Importantly, a number of significant intellectual property-related issues are set out in [Chapter 11 of the Agreement](#).

The overall aim of Chapter 11 is to promote bilateral trade and innovation by establishing transparent systems with adequate protection and enforcement mechanisms for intellectual property (IP) rights. As a starting point, both countries have affirmed their commitment to the TRIPS Agreement (Annex 1C of the *Marra-kesh Agreement Establishing the World Trade Organization*, a comprehensive multinational agreement which sets out minimum standards of protection to be provided by each member in relation to copyright, trade marks, geographical indications, industrial designs and patents, among others) and various other multinational IP agreements, and China has agreed to provide Australian nationals with equally favourable treatment in relation to IP protection and enforcement. Some of the general steps that China will now undertake include making its IP databases publicly available on the internet, as well as communicating reasons for any refusals to grant applications to register IP (in line with existing Australian practices for registration of IP).

The ChAFTA incorporates various commitments for specific types of IP, including:

- *Trade marks* - both countries agree to cooperate on appropriate means to protect not only registered trade marks, but also collective marks, certifications marks and marks that acquire protection through use/market power.
- *Copyright* - on this increasingly topical point, there is bilateral agreement that appropriate measures must be taken to limit the liability of Internet Service Providers (ISPs) for copyright infringement by users, particularly where the ISP takes reasonable action to prevent user access to infringing websites.
- *Patent* - applicants will be provided the opportunity to amend or correct applications, which must be published within 18 months of the earliest priority date claimed.
- *Enforcement of IP rights* - in working towards the elimination of trade in goods and services that infringe third party IP rights, the ChAFTA requires each nation to criminalise certain acts in line with the TRIPS Agreement, such as wilful trade mark and copyright infringement, and penalties must include imprisonment and significant monetary penalties.

The ChAFTA should give Australian companies, particularly those with valuable IP assets, greater confidence of improved IP protection and enforcement in China. It is expected that the innovative technology and healthcare services industries will benefit the most from these initiatives.

For more information, please contact [Anne-Marie Allgrove](#), [Toby Patten](#), [Jarrod Bayliss-McCulloch](#) or [Grace Loukides](#) of our Sydney and Melbourne offices.

Federal Government reveals plans to extend GST to digital products

In the Australian Federal Budget released on 12 May 2015, Treasurer Joe Hockey revealed plans to extend the Goods and Services Tax (GST) to “intangible” digital products supplied by overseas-based companies. The proposed expansion of the current tax laws is intended to address tax avoidance by multinational companies, including 30 companies specifically identified by the Federal Government, and has been dubbed the “Netflix tax”.

Shortly after the announcement, the Federal Government released an Exposure Draft Bill to extend the scope of the GST to offshore supplies of intangibles and services to Australian consumers, effective from 1 July 2017.

In addition to supplies of digital content, games and software, consultancy and professional services performed offshore for customers in Australia would fall within the scope of the Bill, including services like holiday rentals on Airbnb and Uber's car-sharing services.

At present, only physical goods imported from overseas valued at over A\$1000 are subject to the GST. However, at this stage, it appears that the new laws will capture all intangible supplies, regardless of their value. When announcing the proposed changes, Mr Hockey explained that “when the GST legislation was originally drafted, it did not anticipate the massive growth in the supply of digital goods like movie downloads, games and eBooks from overseas”.

The proposed amendments, which are modelled on similar rules currently in operation in the EU and Norway, would permit GST liability to be shifted from a foreign supplier of digital services to an Australian operator in certain circumstances.

A copy of the Exposure Draft Bill is available [here](#). A copy of the Exposure Draft Explanatory Statement is available [here](#).

For more information, please contact [Anne-Marie Allgrove](#), [Toby Patten](#), [Jarrod Bayliss-McCulloch](#) or [Grace Loukides](#).

DIBP notices and advices

The following Department of Immigration and Border Protection (DIBP) Notices (other than anti-dumping and countervailing duty) and Cargo advices (ACCA) were issued during the period covered by this Update:

Date	Series and №	Title
06-15	ACCA 2015/05	ACBPS and DIBP merger - Preparing for 1 July
29-07-15	DIBP № 2015/26	Indexation of certain customs and excise duty rates – 1 August 2015

Australian Gazettes

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

Date	Matter	Date	Matter
01-07-15	TC15-25	22-07-15	TC15-28
08-07-15	TC15-26	29-07-15	TC15-29
15-07-15	TC15-27		

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
08-07-15	GAC. Ann № 31, 2015	2015 concerning commodity classification decision (II) announcement
24-07-15	GAC Ann. № 32, 2015	Fourth edition of the goods import certificate
30-07-15	GAC Ann. № 34, 2015	Matters related to the “goods import certificate”
31-07-15	MOFCOM/GAC Ann. № 35	Further expansion of automatic import licensing pilot paperless customs clearance
31-07-15	MOFCOM/GAC Ann. № 31	Strengthening of part of dual-use items export control

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
30-06-15	DGFT 14/2015-2020	Prohibition on Trade with the Islamic State in Iraq and the Levant (ISIL), Al Nusrah Front (ANF) and other individuals / groups associated with Al Qaida.
02-07-15	DGFT 23/2015-2020	Amendment in Area / Region of operation of Pre-Shipment Inspection Agencies appearing in Appendix-2G of Appendices and Aayat Niyat Forms of FTP 2015-20.
06-07-15	DGFT 25/2015-2020	Enlistment under Appendix 2E-Agencies Authorized to issue Certificate of Origin (Non-Preferential)
07-07-15	DGFT 26/2015-2020	Allocation of additional quantity for export of raw sugar to USA under Tariff Rate Quota.
14-07-15	DGFT 27/2015-2020	Merchandise Exports from India Scheme (MEIS) - Additions/amendments in Table 1 (containing list of country groups) and Table 2 [containing ITC (HS) code wise list of products with reward rates] of Appendix 3B
15-07-15	67/2015-Cus (NT)	Tariff Notification in respect of fixation of T V of Edible oil, Brass, Poppy seed, Areca nut, gold and Sliver
16-07-15	DGFT 28/2015-2020	Merchandise Exports from India Scheme (MEIS)— Amendments in Table 2 [containing ITC (HS) code wise list of products with reward rates] of Appendix 3B – Corrigendum to Public Notice No.27 dated July 14, 2015
21-07-15	40/2015-Cus (T)	Regarding Exemption for customs duty on cut and polished diamonds imported by specified agencies in FTP
	DGFT 15/2015-2020	Import policy of 'Controlled Substances' under the NDPS Act, 1985
23-07-15	69/2015-Cus (NT)	Tariff Notification in respect of fixation of T V of Edible oil, Brass, Poppy seed, Areca nut, gold and Sliver
30-07-15	41/2015-Cus (T)	Amends Notification No.49/2013-Customs dated 29-11-2013 which exempts goods imported and procured domestically under RNTCP funded by GFATM from customs and excise duty respectively
	42/2015-Cus (T)	Further amends Notification No.39/96-Customs dated 23-07-1996 which exempts specified goods imported by Defence and internal security forces..
31-07-15	72/2015-Cus (NT)	Amends Notification No. 36/2001-Customs (N.T.) , dated 03-08-2001 fixing tariff values of certain palm oils and palmolein

Antidumping and countervailing duty cases

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

Indonesia

Regulations and other legal documents

The following import or export regulations and other documents were issued by the Ministry of Trade (T), the Ministry of Finance (F) or Customs & Excise (CE) (dd-mm-yy).

Date	Reference	Matter
29-07-15	(T) 45/M-DAG/PER/6/2015	the Import Ban
03-07-15	(T) 48/M-DAG/PER/7/2015	General Provisions on Imports
08-07-15	(F) 132/PMK.010/2015	On the Third Amendment to the Regulation of the Minister of Finance No. 213 / PMK.011 / 2011 on Classification System of Goods and Imposition of Import Duty on Imported Goods.
14-07-15	(T) 54/M-DAG/PER/7/2015	Verification Against Export Palm Oil, Crude Palm Oil, And Derivatives
	(F) 133/PMK 05/2015	On Tariffs Services Agency Public Service Fund Manager of Oil Palm Plantation At the Ministry of Finance.
	(F) 134/PMK 08/2015	On Special Assignment To Indonesian Exports Financing Agency.

Malaysia

Federal Government Gazette

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

Date	Matter
25-06-15	P.U. (B) 260/2015 - Notification of Values of Crude Petroleum Oil Under Section 12 - Customs Act 1967
29-06-15	P.U. (A) 133/2015 - Customs (Definitive Safeguards Duties) Order 2015 - Safeguards Act 2006 and Customs Act 1967
	P.U. (B) 263/2015 - Notice of Affirmative Final Determination of an Investigation With Regard to Hot Rolled Plates Products Imported Into Malaysia - Safeguards Act 2006
01-07-15	P.U. (A) 137/2015 - Customs (Prohibition of Imports) (Amendment) (No. 4) Order 2015 - Customs Act 1967
	P.U. (B) 270/2015 - Notification of Values of Palm Kernel Under Section 12 - Customs Act 1967
	P.U. (B) 271/2015 - Notification of Values of Crude Palm Oil Under Section 12 - Customs Act 1967
09-07-15	P.U. (B) 274/2015 Notification of Values of Crude Petroleum Oil Under Section 12 - Customs Act 1967
13-07-15	P.U. (A) 165/2015 Customs (Prohibition of Imports) (Amendment) (No. 5) Order 2015 - Customs Act 1967
16-07-15	P.U. (A) 168/2015 Customs Duties (Goods Under The Malaysia-Turkey Free Trade Agreement) (Asean Harmonised Tariff Nomenclature) Order 2015 - Customs Act 1967
23-07-15	P.U. (B) 287/2015 Notification of Values of Crude Petroleum Oil Under Section 12 - Customs Act 1967

Customs rulings

Monthly compendiums of Customs classification rulings (with images where available) are available on the recently redesigned Royal Malaysian Customs Department website. Although the rulings are written in Malay, the product is usually listed in English and there are often English language descriptions and references

to rulings in English from other Customs administrations. The rulings may be found under the topic: [Keputusan Ketetapan Kastam](#).

New Zealand

Reminder of firearms export restrictions

New Zealand Customs has reminded exporters and Customs brokers that no firearms or ammunition can be exported to the following countries without a permit issued by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade:

American Samoa	Federated States of Micronesia	Solomon Islands
Cook Islands	Nauru	Timor-Leste (East Timor)
Fiji	New Caledonia	Tokelau
French Polynesia	Niue	Tonga
Guam	Palau	Tuvalu
Kiribati	Papua New Guinea	Vanuatu
Marshall Islands	Samoa	Wallis and Futuna

These controls cover people wanting to take such items with them as accompanying baggage.

The only exception to this relates to people who have been in New Zealand competing in a national or international shooting competition, or who are transiting New Zealand to attend or return from a competition in a third country. These individuals may export their firearms and/or parts which they originally imported with a permit issued by the New Zealand Police. Ammunition/used cartridges relating to these may also be exported without an MFAT permit. It must be noted that the exporter must have their New Zealand Police Import permit available for checking at the time of export.

Further information is available from the [Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade](#).

Updates on import controls of e-cigarettes

The Ministry of Health has recently updated their [website](#) in respect of electronic e-cigarettes.

This is in particular regard to *The Medicines Act 1981* (Medicines Act) and the *Smoke-free Environments Act 1990* (SFEA) regulating the sale, advertising and use of e-cigarettes and the liquids used in e-cigarettes.

Under The Medicines Act and the SFEA, people can import nicotine-containing e-cigarette products for their own use only. This is generally considered to be up to a 3 months' supply. These imported products cannot be supplied, sold or be given away to anyone else.

Importers should familiarise themselves with the import controls on these items and the capsules/liquid used in them.

Fact Sheets, forms issued, revised

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

- [NZCS 224 Trade Single Window – Client Registration Application](#)
- [NZCS 226 - Trade Single Window - Application for overseas supplier registration](#)

- [Fact Sheet 07 - Commercial import clearance requirements \(July 2015\)](#)
- [Fact Sheet 25 - Customs controlled areas licensed manufacturing areas \(excise\) \(June 2015\)](#)
- [Fact Sheet 28 - Duty and GST on imported goods \(July 2015\)](#)
- [Fact Sheet 29 - Advice on private motor vehicle imports \(July 2015\)](#)

Singapore

Notices, circulars, etc.

Date	Reference	Matter
06-07-15	Notice 10/2015	Enhanced SingPass Launched on 5 July 2015

Thailand

FDA implements the Licensing Facilitation Act: Adjustment of procedure for clinical trial submissions

The *Licensing Facilitation Act* went into effect on 21 July 2015. Essentially, the law requires all government authorities to provide a licensing manual for the public and obligates the authorities to comply with the manual which spells out the rules, procedures, and conditions for the submission of the application, the work flow and timeline for granting licenses, and a list of documents required for the application. It also prescribes an official's duties and liabilities in this regard.

In response to this Act, the Bureau of Drug Control under the Thai Food and Drug Administration (FDA) has issued an unofficial notification regarding the submission procedure for the clinical trial submission on a trial basis. According to the unofficial notification, there will be officials on duty at the One Stop Service Center located on the FDA premises on Tuesdays and Thursdays, commencing from Thursday, 2 July 2015 onwards, to check the completeness of applications and relevant documents to be reviewed by the drugs for clinical trial working group for the following types of application:

1. Permit to import drugs for research purposes (NorYorMor1)
2. Permit to import drugs for charitable purposes (NorYorMor4) in the case of distribution to private health facilities;
3. Permit to manufacture drug samples for drug registration (PorYor8) intended for research in humans; and
4. Permit to manufacture, re-package, or import placebos.

It is our understanding that this is a temporary measure before the full guidelines in the manuals become official. In compliance with this act, the FDA aims to issue 237 manuals (54 for drugs, 40 for medical devices, 31 for food, 51 for narcotics, 15 for import-export inspection and 46 for cosmetics and hazardous substances). Most of the manuals have already been published on the FDA's website, with the remaining expected to be ready by 21 July 2015. However, the manuals are still in the draft version and may be adjusted after the trial period.

For additional information, please contact [Peerapan Tungsuwan](#) or [Prim Uditananda](#) of our Bangkok office who wrote the [Client Alert](#) on this subject.

Vietnam

Draft Decision proposes new exceptions to the import ban on used IT products

On 9 April 2015, the Ministry of Information and Communications (MIC) published a draft *Decision on Cases of Permitted Importation of Certain Goods Subject to the List of Used IT Products Banned from Importation* (“Draft Decision”). The Draft Decision would allow the importation of certain used IT products under new exceptions to the ban on the importation of used IT products under the E-Waste Circular.

The Draft Decree introduces six new exceptions (“New Exceptions”) allowing the importation of used IT products covered by the E-Waste Circular that are:

1. directly used for software production, IT-based business process outsourcing, or data processing for foreign partners;
2. specialized IT products;
3. products that have been sent abroad for repair – if such products are valued at VND 30 million (approx.USD 1,395 [USD 1 ~ VND 21,500]) or more, no longer under warranty and unable to be repaired in Vietnam;
4. IT products that were manufactured in Vietnam and are being returned to Vietnam under warranty for repair and re-export;
5. refurbished, recycled and redistributed in the domestic market following their importation into Vietnam;
6. products, components or accessories that have been refurbished to replace or repair domestic products – if such products, components and/or accessories are no longer being produced in Vietnam.

Generally, only entities established under Vietnamese law may qualify for the New Exceptions – except for the re-importation of products that have been sent abroad for repair under Exception No. 4 above. For Exception No. 1 above, imported used IT products may only be used for operational purposes and may not be resold.

The MIC may grant or deny applications for the New Exceptions from qualified entities on a case-by-case basis. Under the Draft Decision, the MIC has seven days to review a complete and valid application dossier for the New Exceptions. If the MIC approves an application, it will issue an importation license for the used IT products that will be valid for one year and which cannot be renewed.

The Draft Decision is expected to be officially adopted in 2015. The drafters continue to welcome public comment on the Draft Decision, despite the expiry of the official public comment period.

For additional information please contact [Seck Yee Chung](#) or [Nguyen Vu Quynh Trang](#).

Government documents

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

Date	Reference and Matter
01-07-15	Decision No. 1833 / QĐ-TCHQ of the decision v / v establish bonded warehouses Dispatch 5946 /TCHQ-GSQL on strengthening the monitoring and supervision to prevent and detect violations of law by airline staff Dispatch 6037 /TCHQ-GSQL on strengthening the inspection of goods being imported scrap Official Letter No. 6044 / TCHQ-GSQL customs procedures for automobiles, motorcycles of those entitled to the privileges and immunities prescribed in Circular No. 19/2014 / TT-BTC
02-07-15	Dispatch 6100 /TCHQ-TXNK Classification glass tube s / x compact fluorescent lamps
03-07-15	Decision No. 1849 / QĐ-TCHQ on the establishment of a bonded warehouse Decision 1848 / QĐ-TCHQ v / v established retail destinations in the domestic consolidation (CFS)
06-07-15	Official Letter No. 6153 /TCHQ-TXNK HS of the product Reviv
07-07-15	Duplicate 120 / SY-VP-TCHQ-VP regarding Duplicate CV 1081 / PPD-KD dated 17.06.2015 of the Plant Protection Department of the phytosanitary export wood-chips
08-07-15	Circular 06/2015 / TT-BVHTTDL of the Ministry of Culture, Sports and Tourism specifying the order and procedures for receiving weapons carry permit dossiers, in, out from the territory of Vietnam for display and exhibition of cultural activities, art; order and procedures enabling the deployment and use of weapons, explosives and support tools as props Dispatch 9253 / BTC-TCHQ on the application of the tax payment deadline every 275 days to produce export products Duplicate 123 / SY-VP-TCHQ-VP about Duplicate Circular No. 13/2015 / TT-BYT dated 28/05/2015 of the Ministry of Health revised paragraph 2 of Article 21 of Circular No. 47 / 2010 / TT-BYT dated 29/12/2010 of the Ministry of Health guidelines for export activities, import and packaging medicines in direct contact with drugs Official Letter No. 6207 /TCHQ-TXNK classification of automat door opener
09-07-15	Dispatch 6292 /TCHQ-GSQL on customs declaration and use of customs declarations for goods exports, NK sent via express mail service Dispatch 6248 /TCHQ-TXNK refunds on goods imported before registering DMMT Dispatch 6249 /TCHQ-TXNK on customs fees for cancellation declaration
10-07-15	Decision 1362 / QĐ-BTC of the Ministry of Finance on the correct Circular 25/2015 /TT-BTC dated 02/14/2015 of the Ministry of Finance issued import tariff special offers of Vietnam to implement the Economic Partnership Agreement Vietnam - Japan for the period 2015-2019
13-07-15	Decision 1379 /QĐ-BTC of the Ministry of Finance on the establishment of the Customs courier under Customs Department Hanoi
14-07-15	Directive 18/CT-TTg on further strengthening the management and reform of administrative procedures in the field of customs. Official Letter No. 6375 /TCHQ-GSQL customs procedures at transshipment zones and locations grant
15-07-15	Decision 2796 / QĐ-BNN-QLCL of the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development on suspension effect for Clause 2, Article 16 of Circular No. 12/2015 / TT-BNN dated 16/03/2015 of Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development guidelines for food safety inspection of goods of plant origin imported Official Letter No. 9587 / BTC-TCHQ on selected commercial banks as agents of VAT refund Dispatch 6376/TCHQ-GSQL guide procedures for general cargo closed container
16-07-15	Official Letter No. 9617 / BTC-TCHQ on its classification LED Modules (3 RGB) Dispatch 6438 / TCHQ-TXNK on VAT refund for foreigners Dispatch 6465/TCHQ-GSQL on commodity exports over imports originating sub CK
17-07-15	Decision No. 2011/QĐ-TCHQ on Establishment of bonded warehouses Dispatch 6520/ TCHQ-GSQL TTHQ Guide for goods brought inland from KNQ after the transfer of ownership

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	Official Letter No. 9774/BTC-TCHQ on coal exports
20-07-15	Official Letter No. 6582/TCHQ-PTPL Dissemination sampling guidelines defined commodity codes Official Letter No. 6553/TCHQ-TXNK Classification of goods declaration "Colostrum Powder 7015" Dispatch 6556/TCHQ-TXNK about classification dry stevia
21-07-15	to handle problems related to VAT and import duty on trawlers Dispatch 9893/BTC-GDC on the application of preferential tax rates especially at the time of changing the purpose of use Official Letter No. 9892/BTC-TCHQ to pay import duty on duration of royalty
22-07-15	Decision 2052/QĐ-TCHQ termination of operation of checkpoints export goods in Mong Cai City, Quang Ninh Province
23-07-15	Decision 1161 / QĐ-TTq Prime Minister approving the scheme ASEAN statistical integration phase from 2016 to 2020
24-07-15	Decision 2069 / QĐ-TCHQ on recognized gathering place, inspection of goods exports and imports at the border of CK Chi Ma, Lang Son Dispatch 6794/TCHQ-GSQL 07/24/2015 export procedures for the compressed natural gas (CNG) in export processing enterprises
27-07-15	Document No. 10170/ BTC-TCHQ on the tax treatment of goods for export to import back over 365 days Document No. 10169/ BTC-TCHQ dated 17/07/2015 guiding customs procedures for goods transported under customs supervision Official Letter No. 6844 / TCHQ-ĐTCBL day implementation of Prime Minister's Directive on enhancing ensure radiation safety and security of radioactive sources Official Letter No. 6841/TCHQ-TXNK day tax treatment of imports serving oil and gas activities Official Letter No. 6840 /TCHQ-TXNK guide tax policy
28-07-15	Decision No. 1457/QĐ-BTC termination of operation for customs clearance points outside border-gate in the neighborhood Bias Thach, Cai Dan Ward, Song Cong town, Thai Nguyen Province

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Commission adopts modernised EU customs procedures

On 28 July 2015, the European Commission [issued a news release announcing](#) that it has adopted a legal act to create a simpler, more modern and integrated EU customs system to support cross-border trade and provide for more EU-wide cooperation in customs matters. It builds on the [Union Customs Code](#) adopted in 2013, which sets out detailed rules for twenty-first century customs processes. The news release states:

Customs services play a central role in policing the EU's external borders and in facilitating trade. The customs union is the operational arm of much of the EU's commercial policy measures. In addition, a growing range of government agencies call on customs to enforce their policies at the border. EU customs handle 16% of world trade, or over two billion tonnes of goods a year with a value of EUR 3,400 billion.

Pierre Moscovici, EU Commissioner for Economic and Financial Affairs, Taxation and Customs, said: "A modern and cost-effective customs system facilitates international trade and is conducive to growth. It also plays a vital role in defending the safety and security of European citizens and in protecting Member States' interests."

The Commission has been working for several years on a major overhaul of customs rules in the EU. The basic regulations were changed in 2013. Detailed acts must subsequently be adopted so that the new rules can be applied as of 1 May 2016.

Today's decision takes the form of a [delegated act](#). This kind of legal act, introduced by the [Treaty of Lisbon](#) in 2010, gives the Commission power to adopt the technical, non-essential elements of an existing legislation, in this case of the Union Customs Code.

The act adopted today covers a wide area of customs activity, including:

- Simplifications of the customs procedure inward processing which allows the processing of non-Union goods without payment of import duty and other charges to support creation of added value in the EU;
- Clearer rules to ensure equal treatment of economic operators in the EU;
- Wide-ranging provisions which will allow customs decisions and authorisations to be valid across the EU in the future;
- Establishing common data requirements as the basis for new IT systems linking Member States' customs administrations to ensure a seamless exchange of information;
- Improvements in risk management to reinforce the fight against trade in illicit and prohibited goods, terrorism and other criminal activities.

The delegated act will now be considered by the European Parliament and the Council. In accordance with [Article 290 TFEU](#), both can raise their objections within two months. This period of scrutiny can be extended by a further two months.

EEA EFTA Comment on planned EU strategy for goods and services

The European Free Trade Association (EFTA) [reported](#) that on 16 July 2015, Iceland, Liechtenstein and Norway submitted a joint comment to the European Commission's forthcoming strategy for goods and services. The EEA EFTA States emphasise their commitment to a well-functioning Single Market as a key driver in boosting economic growth and jobs throughout Europe.

The four-page comment includes a number of concrete suggestions and ideas in the field of goods and services, including public procurement.

The EEA EFTA States support the efforts to identify and examine unjustified or disproportionate regulatory and non-regulatory restrictions.

Special attention should be paid to sectors that are important for EEA competitiveness and cross-border trade and where the gains for growth will be worthwhile. To this extent the EEA EFTA States welcome the increased emphasis on Better Regulation and the REFIT Programme.

EU launches public consultation on dual-use export policy review

On 15 July 2015, the European Commission launched an [online public consultation](#) on their review of the EU export control regime for dual-use items ([Regulation \(EC\) No 428/2009](#)).

The Commission is looking to receive comments from all stakeholders on the objectives and review options that are outlined in their [Communication \(2014\) 244](#) and their likely impact on the EU's export control policy.

The Commission will use the results to help identify the most suitable regulatory and non-regulatory actions to put these options into effect and to decide on whether amendments should be proposed to Regulation (EC) No 428/2009.

The deadline for responses is 15 October 2015.

EU launches online consultation on EU-Mexico FTA

On 1 July 2015, the European Commission launched an [online public consultation on the EU-Mexico Free Trade Agreement](#) (FTA). In 2013, the EU and Mexico decided jointly “to explore the options for a comprehensive update of the Economic Partnership, Political Co-ordination and Co-operation Agreement between the EU and Mexico”. [see [paragraph 22 of the 2013 EU-CELAC Summit Declaration held in Santiago de Chile](#)]. The consultation aims to ensure that all relevant stakeholders have an opportunity to comment on all the aspects of the Impact Assessment that will accompany the Commission’s recommendation to launch the negotiations for updating the FTA.

The EU is Mexico's second biggest export market after the USA, and Mexico's third largest source of imports after the USA and China. The consultation will close on 31 August 2015.

Amendments published to extend suspension of certain Iranian sanctions

On 14 July 2015, the *Official Journal* published [Council Decision \(CFSP\) 2015/1148 of 14 July 2015 amending Decision 2010/413/CFSP concerning restrictive measures against Iran](#) in response to the agreement on a long-term comprehensive solution to the Iranian nuclear issue that was reached on 14 July by China, France, Germany, the Russian Federation, the United Kingdom and the United States, supported by the High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy. The parties agreed with Iran to extend the implementation of the measures of the Joint Plan of Action to allow for the necessary arrangements and preparations for the implementation of the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action (JCPOA). Accordingly, Decision 2010/413/CFSP is amended to extend until 14 January 2016 the suspension of the Union restrictive measures specified in the Joint Plan of Action. Relevant contracts would have to be executed within that date.

TTIP Stakeholder events Round 10, Brussels

The European Commission [announced](#) two stakeholder engagement events for 15 July 2015, during the tenth round of the Transatlantic Trade & Investment Partnership (TTIP) negotiations, taking place in Brussels from 13 to 17th July 2015, organised by the Directorate General for Trade of the European Commission.

1. Stakeholder presentations event

In the morning, stakeholders wishing to make short presentations (5 minutes) on a topic related to the TTIP negotiations had the opportunity to explain their views to EU and US negotiators as well as to other interested stakeholders.

In order to facilitate engagement with the relevant negotiators, presentations took place simultaneously in four rooms grouped as following:

1. Issues related to **manufacturing** including regulatory coherence, technical barriers to trade (TBT), specific sectors, energy and raw materials
2. Issues related to **agriculture** including agricultural market access, related regulatory issues and Geographical Indications
3. Issues related to **services, investment and public procurement**
4. Issues related to **rules** – sustainable development, customs and trade facilitation, competition & state-owned enterprises (SOEs), intellectual property rights, small and medium enterprises (SMEs)

2. Chief negotiators' briefing to stakeholders

In the afternoon, stakeholders were briefed in detail by the EU and US chief negotiators on the status of the negotiations and had the opportunity to exchange views with them.

Trilateral talks on EU-Ukraine trade area

On 9 July 2015, the European Commission [announced](#) that experts from the EU, Russia and Ukraine met in Brussels on 7-8 July for trilateral talks. The aim of these talks was to find solutions to the concerns raised by Russia regarding the implementation of the EU-Ukraine Association Agreement/Free Trade Area (AA/DCFTA) that will be provisionally applied as of 1 January 2016. The announcement stated:

Following the mandate set out in the Minsk Declaration of 12 February 2015 and the Joint Operational Conclusions of May of this year, three areas were discussed: technical regulations, sanitary and phytosanitary (SPS) issues and customs cooperation. The exchanges were constructive and some progress was made on the basis of concrete suggestions put forward by the EU for all areas.

The experts will continue work in the coming weeks in view of reporting to Commissioner Malmström, Minister Ulyukayev and Minister Klimkin in July. Further steps will be decided on this basis, including a next ministerial meeting in early September, with a view of reaching a common understanding on bilateral and trilateral solutions compatible with the AA/DCFTA.

Commission issues tariff classification regulations

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

Amendments to the CN Explanatory Notes

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

Binding Tariff Information

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

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

Official Journal documents

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

OJ Date	Subject
01-07-15	Commission Regulation (EU) 2015/1040 of 30 June 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 azoxystrobin, dimoxystrobin, fluroxypyr, methoxyfenozide, metrafenone, oxadiargyl and tribenuron in or on certain products
	Commission Regulation (EU) 2015/1041 of 30 June 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
	Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2015/1043 of 30 June 2015 concerning the authorisation of the preparation of endo-1,4-beta-xylanase (EC 3.2.1.8) produced by <i>Trichoderma citrinoviride</i> Bisset (IM SD135) as a feed additive for chickens for fattening, turkeys for fattening, laying hens, weaned piglets, pigs for fattening and minor poultry species for fattening and for laying, and amending Regulations (EC) No 2148/2004, (EC) No 828/2007 and (EC) No 322/2009 (holder of authorisation Huvepharma NV)
	Decision No 1/2014 of the EU-Colombia-Peru Trade Committee of 16 May 2014 Adoption of the Rules of Procedure of the Trade Committee referred to in point (j) of Article 13(1) of the Trade Agreement between the European Union and its Member States, of the one part, and Colombia and Peru, of the other part [2015/1045]
	Decision No 2/2014 of the EU-Colombia-Peru Trade Committee of 16 May 2014 Adoption of the Rules of Procedure and Code of Conduct for arbitrators referred to in point (h) of Article 13(1) and Article 315 of the Trade Agreement between the European Union and its Member States, of the one part, and Colombia and Peru, of the other part [2015/1046]
	Decision No 3/2014 of the EU-Colombia-Peru Trade Committee of 16 May 2014 Establishment of the lists of arbitrators referred to in Article 304(1) and (4) of the Trade Agreement between the European Union and its Member States, of the one part, and Colombia and Peru, of the other part [2015/1047]
	Decision No 4/2014 of the EU-Colombia-Peru Trade Committee of 16 May 2014 Adoption of the Rules of Procedure for the Group of Experts in Trade and Sustainable Development referred to in Article 284(6) of the Trade Agreement between the European Union and its Member States, of the one part, and Colombia and Peru, of the other part [2015/1048]
	Decision No 5/2014 of the EU-Colombia-Peru Trade Committee of 16 May 2014 Establishment of a Group of Experts on issues covered by the Title on Trade and Sustainable Development, referred to in Article 284(3) of the Trade Agreement between the European Union and its Member States, of the one part, and Colombia and Peru, of the other part [2015/1049]
	02-07-15
Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2015/1053 of 1 July 2015 concerning the authorisation of the preparation of <i>Enterococcus faecium</i> DSM 10663/NCIMB 10415 as a feed additive for calves for rearing, piglets, chickens for fattening, turkeys for fattening, cats and dogs and amending Regulations (EC) No 1259/2004, (EC) No 255/2005, (EC) No 1200/2005 and (EC) No 1520/2007 (holder of authorisation Chevita Tierarzneimittel-GmbH)	
Commission Implementing Decision (EU) 2015/1057 of 1 July 2015 amending Implementing Decision 2012/715/EU establishing a list of third countries with a regulatory framework applicable to active substances for medicinal products for human use and the respective control and enforcement activities ensuring a level of protection of public health equivalent to that in the Union	
Commission Implementing Decision (EU) 2015/1057 of 1 July 2015 amending Implementing Decision 2012/715/EU establishing a list of third countries with a regulatory framework applicable to active substances for medicinal products for human use and the respective control and enforcement activities ensuring a level of protection of public health equivalent to that in the Union	
03-07-15	Regulation No 83 of the Economic Commission for Europe of the United Nations (UNECE) — Uniform provisions concerning the approval of vehicles with regard to the emission of pollutants according to engine fuel requirements [2015/1038]

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	<p>Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2015/1060 of 2 July 2015 concerning the authorisation of betaine anhydrous and betaine hydrochloride as feed additives for all animal species</p> <p>Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2015/1061 of 2 July 2015 concerning the authorisation of ascorbic acid, sodium ascorbyl phosphate, sodium calcium ascorbyl phosphate, sodium ascorbate, calcium ascorbate and ascorbyl palmitate as feed additives for all animal species</p> <p>Commission Implementing Decision (EU) 2015/1067 of 1 July 2015 on a measure taken by Spain in accordance with Directive 2006/42/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council to prohibit the placing on the market of a jigsaw manufactured by Yongkang Hengfa Electrical Appliance Co. Ltd, China (notified under document C(2015) 4360)</p> <p>Commission Implementing Decision (EU) 2015/1068 of 1 July 2015 amending Decision 2002/994/EC concerning certain protective measures with regard to the products of animal origin imported from China (notified under document C(2015) 4437)</p> <p>Decision No 2/2015 of the EU-EFTA Joint Committee on common transit of 17 June 2015 amending the Convention on a common transit procedure [2015/1069]</p> <p>Corrigendum to Commission Regulation (EU) 2015/868 of 26 May 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 2,4,5-T, barban, binapacryl, bromophos-ethyl, camphechlor (toxaphene), chlorbufam, chloroxuron, chlozolinat, DNOC, di-allate, dinoseb, dinoterb, dioxathion, ethylene oxide, fentin acetate, fentin hydroxide, flucycloxon, flucythrinate, formothion, mecarbam, methacrifos, monolinuron, phenothrin, propham, pyrazophos, quinalphos, resmethrin, tecnazene and vinclozolin in or on certain products (OJ L 145, 10.6.2015)</p>
04-07-15	<p>Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2015/1078 of 3 July 2015 amending Regulation (EU) No 37/2010 as regards the substance 'clodronic acid (in the form of disodium salt)'</p> <p>Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2015/1079 of 3 July 2015 amending Regulation (EU) No 37/2010 as regards the substance 'hexaflumuron'</p> <p>Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2015/1080 of 3 July 2015 amending Regulation (EU) No 37/2010 as regards the substance 'propyl 4-hydroxybenzoate and its sodium salt'</p> <p>Commission Implementing Decision (EU) 2015/1084 of 18 February 2015 approving on behalf of the European Union certain amendments to Annexes II, V, VII and VIII to the Agreement between the European Community and New Zealand on sanitary measures applicable to trade in live animals and animal products (notified under document C(2015) 797)</p> <p>Commission Implementing Decision (EU) 2015/1085 of 2 July 2015 on a measure taken by Sweden, in accordance with Directive 2006/42/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council, to prohibit the placing on the market of firewood machines Hammars vedklipp 5,5 hk and Hammars vedklipp 7,5 hk manufactured by Hammars Verkstad AB (notified under document C(2015) 4428)</p>
08-07-15	<p>Information concerning the signature of the Protocol to the Euro-Mediterranean Agreement establishing an Association between the European Community and its Member States, of the one part, and the Republic of Lebanon, of the other part, to take account of the accession of the Republic of Bulgaria and of Romania to the European Union</p> <p>Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2015/1094 of 5 May 2015 supplementing Directive 2010/30/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council with regard to the energy labelling of professional refrigerated storage cabinets</p> <p>Commission Regulation (EU) 2015/1095 of 5 May 2015 implementing Directive 2009/125/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council with regard to ecodesign requirements for professional refrigerated storage cabinets, blast cabinets, condensing units and process chillers</p>
09-07-15	<p>Commission Regulation (EU) 2015/1101 of 8 July 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 difenoconazole, fluopicolide,</p>

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	<p>fluopyram, isopyrazam and pendimethalin in or on certain products</p> <p>Commission Regulation (EU) 2015/1102 of 8 July 2015 amending Annex I to Regulation (EC) No 1334/2008 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards removal from the Union list of certain flavouring substances</p> <p>Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2015/1103 of 8 July 2015 concerning the authorisation of beta-carotene as a feed additive for all animal species</p> <p>Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2015/1104 of 8 July 2015 amending Implementing Regulation (EU) No 237/2012 as regards a new form of alpha-galactosidase (EC 3.2.1.22) produced by <i>Saccharomyces cerevisiae</i> (CBS 615.94) and endo-1,4-beta-glucanase (EC 3.2.1.4) produced by <i>Aspergillus niger</i> (CBS 120604) (holder of authorisation Kerry Ingredients and Flavours)</p> <p>Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2015/1105 of 8 July 2015 concerning the authorisation of a preparation of <i>Bifidobacterium animalis</i> ssp. <i>animalis</i> DSM 16284, <i>Lactobacillus salivarius</i> ssp. <i>salivarius</i> DSM 16351 and <i>Enterococcus faecium</i> DSM 21913 as a feed additive for chickens reared for laying and minor poultry species other than laying, the authorisation of that feed additive for use in water for drinking for chickens for fattening and amending Regulation (EU) No 544/2013 as regards the maximum content of that feed additive in complete feedingstuff and its compatibility with coccidiostats (holder of the authorisation Biomin GmbH)</p> <p>Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2015/1106 of 8 July 2015 amending Implementing Regulations (EU) No 540/2011 and (EU) No 1037/2012 as regards the conditions of approval of the active substance isopyrazam</p> <p>Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2015/1107 of 8 July 2015 approving the basic substance <i>Salix</i> spp. cortex, in accordance with Regulation (EC) No 1107/2009 of the European Parliament and of the Council concerning the placing of plant protection products on the market, and amending the Annex to Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) No 540/2011</p>
10-07-15	<p>Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2015/1113 of 6 May 2015 amending Council Regulation (EC) No 1236/2005 concerning trade in certain goods which could be used for capital punishment, torture or other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment</p> <p>Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2015/1114 of 9 July 2015 concerning the authorisation of L-valine produced by <i>Escherichia coli</i> as a feed additive for all animal species and amending Regulation (EC) No 403/2009 and Implementing Regulations (EU) No 848/2014 and (EU) No 1236/2014</p> <p>Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2015/1115 of 9 July 2015 renewing the approval of the active substance pyridate in accordance with Regulation (EC) No 1107/2009 of the European Parliament and of the Council concerning the placing of plant protection products on the market, and amending the Annex to Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) No 540/2011</p> <p>Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2015/1116 of 9 July 2015 approving the basic substance lecithins, in accordance with Regulation (EC) No 1107/2009 of the European Parliament and of the Council concerning the placing of plant protection products on the market, and amending the Annex to Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) No 540/2011</p> <p>Regulation No 95 of the Economic Commission for Europe of the United Nations (UNECE) — Uniform provisions concerning the approval of vehicles with regard to the protection of the occupants in the event of a lateral collision [2015/1093]</p>
11-07-15	<p>Commission Regulation (EU) 2015/1125 of 10 July 2015 amending Regulation (EC) No 1881/2006 as regards maximum levels for polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons in Katsuoibushi (dried bonito) and certain smoked Baltic herring</p> <p>Commission Implementing Decision (EU) 2015/1131 of 10 July 2015 amending Implementing Decision 2013/505/EU authorising the provisional measure taken by the French Republic in accordance with Article 129 of Regulation (EC) No 1907/2006 of the European Parliament and of the Council concerning the Registration, Evaluation, Authorisation and Restriction of Chemicals (REACH) to restrict the use of ammonium salts in cellulose wadding insulation materials (<i>notified under document C(2015) 4470</i>)</p> <p>Commission Implementing Decision (EU) 2015/1132 of 10 July 2015 on the approval of the Porsche AG coating function as an innovative technology for</p>

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	reducing CO2 emissions from passenger cars pursuant to Regulation (EC) No 443/2009 of the European Parliament and of the Council
14-07-15	Commission Regulation (EU) 2015/1137 of 13 July 2015 amending Regulation (EC) No 1881/2006 as regards the maximum level of Ochratoxin A in <i>Capsicum</i> spp. spices
	Commission Implementing Decision (EU) 2015/1143 of 13 July 2015 on the publication with a restriction in the <i>Official Journal of the European Union</i> and under national procedures of the reference of standard EN 60335-2-15:2002 on particular requirements for appliances for heating liquids under Directive 2006/95/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council
	Decision No 1/2015 of the EU-Republic of Moldova customs sub-committee of 20 May 2015 adopting its Rules of Procedure [2015/1144]
	Corrigendum to the Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2015/1011 of 24 April 2015 supplementing Regulation (EC) No 273/2004 of the European Parliament and of the Council on drug precursors and Council Regulation (EC) No 111/2005 laying down rules for the monitoring of trade between the Union and third countries in drug precursors, and repealing Commission Regulation (EC) No 1277/2005 (OJ L 162, 27.6.2015)
	Update of the list of border crossing points referred to in Article 2(8) of Regulation (EC) No 562/2006 of the European Parliament and of the Council establishing a Community Code on the rules governing the movement of persons across borders (Schengen Borders Code)
15-07-15	Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2015/1152 of 14 July 2015 concerning the authorisation of tocopherol extracts from vegetable oils, tocopherol-rich extracts from vegetable oils (delta rich) and alpha-tocopherol as feed additives for all animal species
	Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2015/1153 of 14 July 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 further outbreaks in that country
	Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2015/1154 of 14 July 2015 renewing the approval of the active substance sulfosulfuron in accordance with Regulation (EC) No 1107/2009 of the European Parliament and of the Council concerning the placing of plant protection products on the market, and amending the Annex to Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) No 540/2011
	Council Decision (EU) 2015/1156 of 13 July 2015 on the position to be adopted, on behalf of the European Union, within the EEA Joint Committee concerning an amendment to Annex II (Technical regulations, standards, testing and certification) to the EEA Agreement (Batteries and Accumulators)
	Commission Decision (EU) 2015/1158 of 8 July 2015 on the position to be taken by the Commission, on behalf of the European Union, in the Joint Implementation Committee set up by the Voluntary Partnership Agreement between the European Union and the Republic of Indonesia on Forest Law Enforcement, Governance and Trade in timber products into the European Union as regards the amendments to the Annexes I, II, and V of the Voluntary Partnership Agreement between the European Union and the Republic of Indonesia
	Commission Implementing Decision (EU) 2015/1159 of 13 July 2015 on a measure taken by Spain in accordance with Directive 2006/42/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council to prohibit the placing on the market of an angle grinder manufactured by Varo Belgium (notified under document C(2015) 4664)
	Commission Implementing Decision (EU) 2015/1160 of 13 July 2015 concerning certain protective measures in relation to highly pathogenic avian influenza of subtype H7N7 in the United Kingdom (notified under document C(2015) 4978)
	Corrigendum to Council Regulation (EC) No 597/2009 of 11 June 2009 on protection against subsidised imports from countries not members of the European Community (OJ L 188, 18.7.2009)
16-07-15	Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2015/1164 of 15 July 2015 fixing the quantitative limit for exports of out-of-quota sugar and isoglucose until the end of

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	<p>the 2015/2016 marketing year</p> <p>Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2015/1165 of 15 July 2015 approving the active substance halauxifen-methyl, in accordance with Regulation (EC) No 1107/2009 of the European Parliament and of the Council concerning the placing of plant protection products on the market, and amending the Annex to Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) No 540/2011</p> <p>Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2015/1166 of 15 July 2015 renewing the approval of the active substance ferric phosphate in accordance with Regulation (EC) No 1107/2009 of the European Parliament and of the Council concerning the placing of plant protection products on the market, and amending the Annex to Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) No 540/2011</p> <p>Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2015/1166 of 15 July 2015 renewing the approval of the active substance ferric phosphate in accordance with Regulation (EC) No 1107/2009 of the European Parliament and of the Council concerning the placing of plant protection products on the market, and amending the Annex to Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) No 540/2011</p> <p>Commission Implementing Directive (EU) 2015/1168 of 15 July 2015 amending Directives 2003/90/EC and 2003/91/EC setting out implementing measures for the purposes of Article 7 of Council Directive 2002/53/EC and Article 7 of Council Directive 2002/55/EC respectively, as regards the characteristics to be covered as a minimum by the examination and the minimum conditions for examining certain varieties of agricultural plant species and vegetable species</p> <p>Commission Implementing Decision (EU) 2015/1169 of 14 July 2015 amending the Annex to Implementing Decision 2014/709/EU concerning animal health control measures relating to African swine fever in certain Member States, as regards the entries for Estonia, Lithuania and Poland (notified under document C(2015) 4712)</p>
17-07-15	<p>Notice concerning the entry into force of the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES)</p> <p>Commission Implementing Decision (EU) 2015/1175 of 15 July 2015 amending Decision 2006/473/EC as regards the recognition of the magisterial district of Gordonia in South Africa as being free from <i>Guignardia citricarpa</i> Kiely (all strains pathogenic to Citrus) (notified under document C(2015) 4749)</p> <p>Corrigendum to Commission Directive 2014/93/EU of 18 July 2014 amending Council Directive 96/98/EC on marine equipment (OJ L 220, 25.7.2014)</p> <p>Regulation (EU) 2015/1145 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 8 July 2015 on the safeguard measures provided for in the Agreement between the European Economic Community and the Swiss Confederation</p> <p>Corrigendum to Regulation (EU) No 1051/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 22 October 2013 amending Regulation (EC) No 562/2006 in order to provide for common rules on the temporary reintroduction of border control at internal borders in exceptional circumstances (OJ L 295, 6.11.2013)</p>
18-07-15	<p>Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2015/1176 of 17 July 2015 approving the active substance <i>Pepino mosaic virus</i> strain CH2 isolate 1906, in accordance with Regulation (EC) No 1107/2009 of the European Parliament and of the Council concerning the placing of plant protection products on the market, and amending the Annex to Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) No 540/2011</p>
21-07-15	<p>Commission Regulation (EU) 2015/1185 of 24 April 2015 implementing Directive 2009/125/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council with regard to ecodesign requirements for solid fuel local space heaters</p> <p>Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2015/1186 of 24 April 2015 supplementing Directive 2010/30/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council with regard to the energy labelling of local space heaters</p> <p>Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2015/1187 of 27 April 2015 supplementing Directive 2010/30/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council with regard to energy labelling of solid fuel boilers and packages of a solid fuel boiler, supplementary heaters, temperature controls and solar devices</p> <p>Commission Regulation (EU) 2015/1188 of 28 April 2015 implementing Directive 2009/125/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council with regard to ecodesign requirements for local space heaters</p>

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	<p>Commission Regulation (EU) 2015/1189 of 28 April 2015 implementing Directive 2009/125/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council with regard to ecodesign requirements for solid fuel boilers</p> <p>Commission Regulation (EU) 2015/1190 of 20 July 2015 amending Annex III to Regulation (EC) No 1223/2009 of the European Parliament and of the Council on cosmetic products</p> <p>Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2015/1191 of 20 July 2015 concerning the non-approval of <i>Artemisia vulgaris</i> L. as a basic substance in accordance with Regulation (EC) No 1107/2009 of the European Parliament and of the Council concerning the placing of plant protection products on the market</p> <p>Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2015/1192 of 20 July 2015 approving the active substance terpenoid blend QRD 460, in accordance with Regulation (EC) No 1107/2009 of the European Parliament and of the Council concerning the placing of plant protection products on the market, and amending the Annex to Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) No 540/2011</p>
22-07-15	<p>Council Decision (EU) 2015/1198 of 13 July 2015 on the position to be adopted on behalf of the European Union within the Joint Committee established by the Agreement in the form of an Exchange of Letters between the European Economic Community and the Principality of Andorra as regards the replacement of the Appendix to the Agreement concerning the definition of the concept of 'originating products' and methods of administrative cooperation</p>
	<p>Commission Implementing Decision (EU) 2015/1199 of 17 July 2015 recognising Bosnia and Herzegovina as being free from <i>Clavibacter michiganensis</i> ssp. <i>sepedonicus</i> (Spieckerman and Kotthoff) Davis et al. (notified under document C(2015) 4838)</p>
23-07-15	<p>Commission Regulation (EU) 2015/1200 of 22 July 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 amidosulfuron, fenhexamid, kresoxim-methyl, thiacloprid and trifloxystrobin in or on certain products</p> <p>Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2015/1201 of 22 July 2015 renewing the approval of the active substance fenhexamid in accordance with Regulation (EC) No 1107/2009 of the European Parliament and of the Council concerning the placing of plant protection products on the market, and amending the Annex to Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) No 540/2011</p> <p>Commission Implementing Decision (EU) 2015/1204 of 22 July 2015 on a temporary derogation from the rules of origin laid down in Annex II to Council Regulation (EC) No 1528/2007 to take account of the special situation of Kenya with regard to tuna loins</p>
24-07-15	<p>Notice concerning the entry into force of Decisions Nos 1/2014 to 5/2014 of the EU-Central America Association Council of 7 November 2014</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Decision No 1/2014 of the EU-Central America Association Council of 7 November 2014 adopting its Rules of Procedure and those of the Association Committee [2015/1215] • Decision No 2/2014 of the EU-Central America Association Council of 7 November 2014 adopting the Rules of Procedure governing Dispute Settlement under Title X and the Code of Conduct for members of panels and mediators [2015/1216] • Decision No 3/2014 of the EU-Central America Association Council of 7 November 2014 adopting the List of Panellists [2015/1217] • Decision No 4/2014 of the EU-Central America Association Council of 7 November 2014 adopting the list of trade and sustainable development experts [2015/1218] • Decision No 5/2014 of the EU-Central America Association Council of 7 November 2014 on the geographical indications to be included in Annex XVIII of the Agreement [2015/1219] <p>Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2015/1205 of 23 July 2015 amending Implementing Regulation (EU) No 743/2013 introducing protective measures on imports of bivalve molluscs from Turkey intended for human consumption, as regards its period of application</p> <p>Council Decision (EU) 2015/1211 of 20 July 2015 establishing the position to be taken on behalf of the European Union within the General Council of the World</p>

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30-07-15	Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2015/1308 of 29 July 2015 amending Regulation (EU) No 37/2010 as regards the substance 'aluminium salicylate, basic'
	Commission Implementing Decision (EU) 2015/1310 of 28 July 2015 amending Annex I to Decision 2009/177/EC as regards disease-free status for the whole territory of Croatia for koi herpes virus (KHV) disease
	Various Decisions of the EEA Joint Committee
31-07-15	Commission Implementing Decision (EU) 2015/1318 of 29 July 2015 amending the Annex to Implementing Decision 2014/709/EU concerning animal health control measures relating to African swine fever in certain Member States, as regards the entries for Estonia and Latvia (notified under document C(2015) 5378)
	Commission Implementing Decision (EU) 2015/1319 of 29 July 2015 concerning certain protective measures in relation to highly pathogenic avian influenza of subtype H7N7 in Germany (notified under document C(2015) 5501)
	Commission Implementing Decision (EU) 2015/1320 of 30 July 2015 on the withdrawal of the references of the standards on soother holder, on soothers, on buoyancy aids for swimming instructions and on barbecues from the Official Journal of the European Union pursuant to Directive 2001/95/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council
	Council Decision (EU) 2015/1277 of 13 October 2014 on the signing, on behalf of the European Union and its Member States, and provisional application of the Additional Protocol to the Trade Agreement between the European Union and its Member States, of the one part, and Colombia and Peru, of the other part, to take account of the accession of the Republic of Croatia to the European Union
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Additional Protocol to the Trade Agreement between the European Union and its Member States, of the one part, and Colombia and Peru, of the other part, to take account of the accession of the Republic of Croatia to the European Union
	Summary of European Union decisions on marketing authorisations in respect of medicinal products from 1 June 2015 to 30 June 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 252/01]
Summary of European Union decisions on marketing authorisations in respect of medicinal products from 1 June 2015 to 30 June 2015 (Decisions taken pursuant to Article 34 of Directive 2001/83/EC or Article 38 of Directive 2001/82/EC) [2015/C 252/02]	

Restrictive measures established, amended, corrected

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

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01-07-15	Council Decision (CFSP) 2015/1050 of 30 June 2015 amending Decision 2010/413/CFSP concerning restrictive measures against Iran
03-07-15	Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2015/1062 of 2 July 2015 amending Council Regulation (EC) No 329/2007 concerning restrictive measures against the Democratic People's Republic of Korea
	Council Decision (CFSP) 2015/1066 of 2 July 2015 amending Decision 2013/183/CFSP concerning restrictive measures against the Democratic People's Republic of Korea
07-07-15	Corrigendum to Council Implementing Regulation (EU) No 740/2014 of 8 July 2014 implementing Regulation (EC) No 765/2006 concerning restrictive measures in respect of Belarus (OJ L 200, 9.7.2014)
	Corrigendum to Council Implementing Decision 2014/439/CFSP of 8 July 2014 implementing Decision 2012/642/CFSP concerning restrictive measures against Belarus (OJ L 200, 9.7.2014)

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08-07-15	Council Decision (CFSP) 2015/1099 of 7 July 2015 amending Decision 2010/413/CFSP concerning restrictive measures against Iran
10-07-15	Council Implementing Regulation (EU) 2015/1112 of 9 July 2015 implementing Articles 20(1) and 22(1) of Regulation (EU) 2015/735 concerning restrictive measures in respect of the situation in South Sudan
	Council Implementing Decision (CFSP) 2015/1118 of 9 July 2015 implementing Decision 2015/740/CFSP concerning restrictive measures in view of the situation in South Sudan
11-07-15	Council Decision (CFSP) 2015/1130 of 10 July 2015 amending Decision 2010/413/CFSP concerning restrictive measures against Iran
14-07-15	Council Implementing Regulation (EU) 2015/1133 of 13 July 2015 implementing Regulation (EC) No 765/2006 concerning restrictive measures in respect of Belarus
	Council Implementing Decision (CFSP) 2015/1142 of 13 July 2015 implementing Decision 2012/642/CFSP concerning restrictive measures against Belarus
	Council Decision (CFSP) 2015/1148 of 14 July 2015 amending Decision 2010/413/CFSP concerning restrictive measures against Iran
29-07-15	Corrigendum to Council Implementing Regulation (EU) No 284/2014 of 21 March 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 86, 21.3.2014)
	Corrigendum to Council Implementing Decision 2014/151/CFSP of 21 March 2014 implementing Decision 2014/145/CFSP concerning restrictive measures in respect of actions undermining or threatening the territorial integrity, sovereignty and independence of Ukraine (OJ L 86, 21.3.2014)

Antidumping and countervailing duty cases

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

Individual Countries

France

Notices to importers

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

Release Date	Ref. No. and Subject
26-06-15	2015/32-Notice to importers of certain essential bicycle parts from China
07-07-15	2015/33-Notice to importers of certain aluminum foil originating in Russia
27-07-15	2015/34 - Notice to importers of the derogation from the rules of preferential origin granted to tuna loins (1604 14 36) Kenya
29-07-15	2015/35-Notice to importers of cold rolled flat products of stainless steel from China

The Netherlands

New 'Human Rights' export license condition in the Netherlands

Recently the Dutch authorities have started adding a 'human rights' export license condition to the global licenses it issues for encryption items with ECCN 5A002.a.1. This condition states the following:

'This license may not be used if the exporter is aware or has been informed by the competent authorities of the Member State where he is established, that the items in question are or may be intended, in their entirety or in part, for use in connection with violations of human rights, the democratic principles, or the freedom of speech as described in the Charter of Fundamental Rights of the European Union, where use is made of interception techniques and digital data transfer equipment for the monitoring of cellular telephones and the reading of text messages and for the specific surveillance of internet use (for example by means of control centers and legal interception gateways).'

We understand that there have been discussions on an EU level as to whether a similar condition should be added as an end-use restriction to the EU Dual-use Regulation, similar to the military and WMD end-use catch all clauses which are already included in Article 4 of same regulation. Even if such a 'human rights' end-use restriction will not be agreed upon on an EU level, it may very well be that other EU Member State will follow suit and will start adding similar licensing conditions.

For additional information, please contact [Chiara C. Klauj](#) or [Jasper Helder](#).

Poland

New reporting obligations to restrict parallel trade in medicinals

On 12 July 2015, the new amendment to the *Pharmaceutical Law* on the limitation of parallel exports, entered into force. Apart from the regulations providing that blacklisted medicinal products will not be able to be sold abroad without prior consent of the Regulatory Authority (which is the core of this amendment), it will also impose new reporting obligations on the marketing authorization holders ("MAHs") and warehouses (Article 36z of the *Pharmaceutical Law*). The Regulatory Authorities want to know everything about the marketing of medicinal products in Poland, to avoid a situation where medicinal products are unavailable to Polish patients even though they were sold and dedicated for the Polish market. The parallel export of drugs has intensified recently due to differences in prices of reimbursed medicinal products across the Member States.

At each request from the Ministry of Health or the Main Pharmaceutical Inspectorate, MAHs and wholesalers will be obliged to provide those authorities, within 2 days, with various current and detailed information (including stock volumes, re-released batches, the disposal of medicinal products on the market). Non-compliance with that obligation is sanctioned by a fine of up to €12,000.

Warehouses will be obliged to justify all of their refusals to sell any reimbursed medicinal products. Copies of all refusals will have to be sent to the Regulatory Authorities and the failure to provide such justification may even result in the withdrawal of the distribution license. What is more, all orders and refusals will have to be in writing or sent via e-mail. Customers (such as pharmacies, distributors, healthcare centers) will not be allowed to place orders by fax or telephone. The paper or electronic orders must be archived for 3 years.

As a result of these amendments, some changes in the organization of work may be necessary. In many cases a change of the MAH's representative agreement will be required. Moreover, the situation can be complicated for those MAHs who do not manufacture the medicinal products themselves. For example, the follow-

ing questions may arise: Is the MAH obliged to provide the requested information about the stock volumes, if the medicinal products are manufactured by another company? Does the information concern the medicinal products that were sold in Poland, in the European Union, or worldwide? What does the “refusal to sell” mean and what are the circumstances that make such refusal justified? May the MAHs advise/help their distributors as to how to behave in the case of a refusal, or is this forbidden under competition law?

For further information, please contact [Wiktor Krzymowski](#) of our Warsaw office.

Switzerland

Switzerland and Germany: clarification with respect to market access for banks

On 16 July 2015, the Federal Department of Finance issued a [clarification](#) with respect to market access for Swiss banks seeking to provide cross-border financial services in Germany. Swiss banks can apply for a simplified authorisation regime from Germany's Federal Financial Supervisory Authority (BaFin) with immediate effect. Final clarifications have been made regarding the Memorandum on the cross-border provision of financial services agreed between the finance ministries of Germany and Switzerland in 2013.

The Memorandum is implemented through an arrangement between the supervisory authorities and will simplify the provision of banking services from Switzerland. An understanding on detailed aspects of implementation was reached recently. With the Memorandum, competition and consumer protection will be strengthened and cooperation between the financial market supervisory authorities intensified. Swiss banks interested in the regime can submit requests for authorisation under this regime to BaFIN in accordance with the [FINMA newsletter dated 6 January 2014](#).

Switzerland, USA agree on mutual recognition of organic standards

On 9 July 2015, the Federal Department of Economic Affairs, Education and Research [announced](#) that Switzerland and the USA have reached agreement on mutual recognition of each other's standards for organic products. Federal Councillor Johann N. Schneider-Ammann signed the equivalence arrangement negotiated between the Swiss Federal Office for Agriculture (FOAG) and the United States Department of Agriculture yesterday in Washington. The arrangement facilitates trade in organic products. It comes into force with immediate effect. The announcement stated:

Mutual recognition granted by the arrangement will have a positive impact. Trade in organic products will be simplified and facilitated. The arrangement will open up the USA's fast-growing market in organic products to the Swiss organic sector and current disadvantages relative to EU competitors, who already profit from a similar arrangement with the USA, will disappear. This is of great importance for a number of companies in the Swiss food industry who have been waiting for some time for an arrangement to be concluded. The arrangement will also result in a reduction in administrative charges and costs for operators.

The equivalence arrangement applies to organic products which have been grown or produced, processed or packaged in Switzerland or the USA. Products which have been imported into the USA or Switzerland in accordance with their own legislation and are further processed or packaged there also fall within the scope of the arrangement.

By analogy to the arrangement between the USA and the EU, restrictions apply to organic animal products from Switzerland such as for example cheese or dried meat, which must come from animals which have not been treated with antibiotics. Furthermore, organic wines from the USA or Switzerland must comply with the special production and labelling rules laid down in the organic farming regulations of the country of destination. However, there is no need for separate certification for either animal products or wine.

Switzerland amends Russia/Ukraine Measures

On 1 July 2015, the Swiss Government (Federal Council) decreed [additional rules on the implementation of the import ban for war material from Russia and Ukraine](#). To that end it amended the *Ordinance on Measures to prevent the Circumvention of International Sanctions connected with the Situation in Ukraine*, effective as of 1 July, 6pm CET. The new rules prohibit the import of firearms, their components, accessories, ammunition and ammunition components from Russia and Ukraine, which fall under the scope of the *War Material Act* (with regard to their export), and the *Weapons Act* (with regard to their import). The import of explosives, pyrotechnic devices and propellant powder for military purposes is also prohibited. Under the existing legislation it was not possible to prevent such imports from Russia and Ukraine. By making these specific adjustments, the Federal Council is continuing its policy of ensuring that Switzerland cannot be misused to circumvent the measures imposed by the European Union.

For additional information, please contact [Philippe M. Reich](#), of our Zurich office. Check our [Sanctions Blog](#) for updates and related developments.

United Kingdom

HMRC establishes new procedures for obtaining Tariff Classification advice

On 20 July 2015, HM Revenue and Customs (HMRC) issued [Customs Information Paper 27 \(2015\)](#), which announced that from 1 September 2015 the Tariff Classification telephone helpline will close. From that date all requests for classification advice must be made by email. The email request for advice must include the information shown on the template in the annex to the CIP. Each email request is for one product only. Requests for classification advice should be emailed to: classification.enquiries@hmrc.gsi.gov.uk. A classification officer will email a response back to the requesting party providing classification advice based on the information that has been supplied. HMRC aim to respond to email enquiries within one working day of receipt.

Alternatively, traders can use the on-line [UK Trade Tariff](#) available from the GOV.UK website to search for and classify their own goods.

In addition HMRC will continue to operate its [Binding Tariff Information Service](#) which provides traders with a legally binding written classification decision.

BIS ECO issues notice on doing business with Iran

On 15 July 2015, the Department for Business, Innovation and Skills (BIS), Export Control Organisation (ECO) released [Notice to Exporters 2015/20: Iran Nuclear Deal – information for business](#) which advised businesses interested in doing business in Iran of the following:

- There has been no immediate change to the sanctions or other restrictive measures against Iran – all existing sanctions will remain in force until the IAEA

has verified that Iran has taken the actions that it has agreed to under the (JCPoA). This could take several months.

- While sanctions remain in place they will continue to be enforced robustly.
- Even when the phased lifting of economic sanctions begins some UN, EU and US sanctions will continue. In particular the arms embargo, and sanctions targeted at Iran's nuclear and ballistic missile programmes, and those measures applied because of its human rights record and as a sponsor of terrorism, will remain in place.
- If Iran adheres to its commitments and sanctions are lifted the Government will help the business and financial sector take advantage of the opportunities that will arise and to promote trade and investment between the UK and Iran. However the decision whether to trade with or invest in Iran remains a commercial one for businesses.
- Even as sanctions are lifted Iran will remain a challenging place to do business, and banks and other financial institutions may remain reluctant to handle Iran-related transactions while full US sanctions remain in place.

More detailed information may be found at the BIS, ECO [Business and enterprise guidance/Embargoes and sanctions on Iran page](#).

Outcome of a review of export licensing for Israel announced

On 14 July 2015, the Department for Business, Innovation and Skills issued a [news release](#) stating that the government announced the outcome of a review of export licensing for Israel. The posting said:

The review concluded that 11 months after the establishment of a ceasefire between Israel and Hamas, in the wake of last summer's Operation Protective Edge in Gaza, there is now sufficient information from a wide variety of sources to apply standard export licensing procedures using the [Consolidated EU and National Arms Export Licensing Criteria](#) without any additional measures.

The [Consolidated EU and National Arms Export Licensing Criteria](#) apply a number of tests, on a case-by-case basis, to all applications for licences to export military and dual use equipment anywhere in the world. These Criteria consider a range of issues, including the existence of a clear risk that exports might be used for internal repression or in the commission of a serious violation of international humanitarian law. The government will not grant a licence if the export fails to meet any of the criteria.

Following the review the government has concluded that in the present context where the facts are clearer these Criteria may now be applied, without any additional measures, to provide a robust and sufficient framework for assessing all new applications and licences already in circulation to export military and dual use equipment to Israel.

In August 2014 the government announced that it had identified 12 export licences it would suspend, as a precautionary measure, in the event of a resumption of significant hostilities. It was concerned that, in these circumstances, it would be unable to clarify whether the export licensing criteria were being met. As a result of the most recent review this additional measure has now been lifted and the government is confident that all export licences in circulation for Israel meet these Criteria.

The government continues to monitor conflict and tension around the world. It retains the power to suspend export licensing where the security conditions in the export destination deteriorate to the extent that is impossible or extremely difficult to apply standard export licensing procedures.

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
20-07-15	CIP 27 (2015): Tariff Classification Change of Service Delivery
21-07-15	BIS/15/348 Strategic export controls licensing statistics – Revision policy
	BIS/15/393 Statistics: Strategic export controls: licensing statistics, 2012
	BIS/15/392 Strategic export controls: licensing statistics, 2013
	BIS/15/367 Strategic export controls: licensing statistics, 1 January to 31 March 2013
	BIS/15/368 Strategic export controls: licensing statistics, 1 April to 30 June 2013
	BIS/15/370 Statistics: Strategic export controls: licensing statistics, 1 October to 31 December 2013
	BIS/15/363 Strategic export controls: licensing statistics, 1 January to 31 March 2014
	BIS/15/346 Strategic export controls: licensing statistics, 1 January to 31 March 2015
	BIS/15/404 Guidance: Strategic export control statistics: statement of administrative sources
	CIP 28 (2015): Authorised Economic Operators (AEO) document code change
31-07-15	BIS/15/P101B List of suspension and quota applications round: 1 January 2016

ECO Notices to Exporters

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

Date	Notice No. and Subject
02-07-15	Notice to Exporters 2015/19: Extra 'end user type' information required for standard individual licence applications from 8 July
15-07-15	Notice to Exporters 2015/20: Iran Nuclear Deal – information for business
17-07-15	Notice to Exporters 2015/21 – European Commission launches online public consultation on the dual-use export policy review (Regulation (EC) No 428/2009)
21-07-15	Notice to Exporters 2015/22: ECO licensing data now official statistics
22-07-15	Notice to Exporters 2015/23: MOD Form 680 'surgeries' this autumn – book your place

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
France	
08-07-15	Law 2015-823 of 7 July 2015 authorizing the ratification of the Association Agreement between the European Union and the European Atomic Energy Community and their Member States, on the one hand, and Ukraine, of the other
09-07-15	Decree No 2015-830 of 7 July 2015 concerning the publication of the Stabilisation and Association Agreement between the European Community and its Member States, on the one hand, and Bosnia and Herzegovina, on the other (all seven protocols and seven appendices), signed in Luxembourg on 16 June 2008
10-07-15	Decree of 8 July 2015 concerning the derogations from the obligation to obtain an import authorization of war materials, weapons, weapon components, am-

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	munition or ammunition components
11-07-15	Notice to manufacturers, importers and distributors on the application of Decree No. 95-937 of 24 August 1995 on the prevention of risks resulting from the use of bicycles
24-07-15	Law 2015-891 of 23 July 2015 authorizing the approval of the Agreement between the Government of the French Republic and the Government of the Kingdom of Belgium on transfrontier cooperation in police and customs matters
28-07-15	Decree of 21 July 2015 amending the order of 29 October 2009 establishing the list of protected birds on the whole territory and the terms of their protection, the decree of 29 October 2009 on the protection and commercialization of certain bird species in the country and the Order of 25 March 2015 establishing the list of birds represented in the department of Guyana protected throughout the territory and the modalities for their protection
	Notice relating to the grant of parallel import licenses for medicinal products
Germany	
16-07-15	Fourth Act amending the beef labeling law (08-07-15) [Nº 29 of 07-16-15, page 1165]
31-07-15	Third regulation amending Beef Labeling Criminal Regulation (22-07-15) [Nº 32 of 31-07-2015, page 1407]
	First regulation amending the Beef Labelling Regulation (22-07-15) [Nº 32 of 31-07-2015, page 1408]
	Ordinance on the marketing of seed of populations of the species oats, barley, wheat and corn (28-07-15) [Nº 32 of 31-07-2015, page 1418]
Iceland	
06-07-15	No. 597/2015 Regulation on (1) amending Regulation. 544/2015 on plant protection products
10-07-15	No 46/2015 Amendments to the law on production, pricing and sale of agricultural products, the Act on Food and Customs (administrative tasks, unused and reduced direct payments, quality-controlled sheep production)
13-07-15	No 48/2015 Law amending the law on the import of animals, no. 54/1990, as amended (the genetic beef cattle)
15-07-15	No 52/2015 Law on Amendments to the Medicinal Products, No. 93/1994, as amended (pharmacovigilance)
	No 53/2015 Law on Amendments to the Medicinal Products, No. 93/1994, as amended (advertising)
	No 652/2015 Regulation on the entry into force of senior Commission Regulation (EU) No. 1252/2014 supplementing the EU Directive 2001/83 / EC as regards the principles and guidelines of good manufacturing practice in the preparation of active substances
	No 654/2015 Regulation on (7) amending Regulation. 141/2011 on the marketing of proprietary medicinal products, labeling and package leaflets
16-07-15	No 655/2015 Regulation on the allocation of tariff quotas open the pig sites.
17-07-15	No 62/2015 Amendments to the law on climate change, No. 70/2012, as amended (EEA rules, the storage of carbon dioxide, green vehicles, the Kyoto Protocol)
20-07-15	No 67/2015 Law amending the Law on Fisheries and other legislation (tariffs authorized)
	No 71/2015 Law amending the law on animal disease prevention and no. 25/1993, as amended (authorization to receive Food, implementation regulations)
	No 77/2015 Amendments to the Weapons Act, no. 16/1998, as amended (fireworks, EEA rules, major violations)
22-07-15	No 83/2015 Law on the implementation of the Convention on Cluster Munitions.
29-07-15	No 684/2015 Regulation requirements for consumer information about food that is gluten-free or gluten reduced.
Ireland (Eire)	
03-07-15	S.I. No. 274/2015 - European Communities (Safety of Toys) (Amendment) Regulations 2015.
07-07-15	S.I. No. 282/2015 - European Communities (Food Supplements) (Amendment) Regulations 2015.

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	S.I. No. 283/2015 - European Communities (Official Controls on the Import of Food of Non-Animal Origin) (Amendment) (No.3) Regulations 2015.
14-07-15	S.I. No. 288/2015 - European Communities (Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Road and Use of Transportable Pressure Equipment) (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 2015.
	S.I. No. 291/2015 - European Union (Identification of Equidae) (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 2015
17-07-15	S.I. No. 296/2015 - European Union (Quality Schemes for Agricultural Products and Foodstuffs) Regulations 2015.
21-07-15	S.I. No. 305/2015 - Animal Health and Welfare (Bovine Movement) (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 2015
	S.I. No. 306/2015 - European Communities (Food and Feed Hygiene) (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 2015
24-07-15	S.I. No. 311/2015 - European Communities (Official Controls on the Import of Food of Non-Animal Origin for Pesticide Residues) (Amendment) (No. 3) Regulations 2015.
	S.I. No. 316/2015 - European Communities (Spirits Drinks) Regulations 2015.
Liechtenstein	
15-07-15	No. 188 Regulation of 7 July 2015, the enforcement of chemicals legislation
Luxembourg	
10-07-15	Mem. A № 127 Grand-Ducal Regulation of 3 July 2015 supplementing the Annex IV of the Grand Ducal regulation of 30 July 2013 on the restriction of the use of certain hazardous substances in electrical and electronic equipment
	- Grand Ducal Regulation of 25 June 2015 amending the Grand Ducal Regulation of 17 December 2014 subjecting to license the export and transit of, technical assistance and brokering related to certain goods to Russia - CORRIGENDUM
17-07-15	Mem. A № 135 - Grand Ducal Regulation of 19 June 2015 amending Annex of the Grand Ducal regulation of 20 March 1974 concerning certain psychotropic substances
29-07-15	Mem A № 145 - Law of 24 July 2015 approving the 1. Agreement between the Government of the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg and the Government of the United States of America in order to improve compliance with tax obligations internationally and on provisions of the United States of America on the exchange of information commonly called the "Foreign Account Tax Compliance Act", including its two annexes and the "Memorandum of Understanding" thereto, signed in Luxembourg 28 March 2014 2 . the exchange of notes relating thereto, signed on 31 March and 1 April 2015.
Malta	
17-07-15	№ 230 of 2015 - Conformity Assessment of Marine Equipment (Amendment) Regulations, 2015 - Government Gazette of Malta No. 19,454 – 17.07.2015
24-07-15	№ 232 of 2015 - Waste Management (Electrical and Electronic Equipment) (Amendment) Regulations, 2015 - Government Gazette of Malta No. 19,457 – 24.07.2015
Norway	
03-07-15	FOR-2015-06-26-807 Ministry of Health Regulations on reduced control on the import of foodstuffs have been checked before export
	FOR-2015-06-30-812 Agriculture and Food Regulations amending the regulations on animal health conditions for imports of equidae and breeding material thereof
07-07-15	FOR-2015-06-26-819 Agriculture and Food, Ministry of Health Regulation amending the Regulation on specific hygiene rules for food of animal origin (animaliehygieneforskriften)
	FOR-2015-06-30-825 Ministry of Health Regulation amending the Regulation on special safeguard measures on imports of paanblader (Piper betle) from Bangladesh
09-07-15	FOR-2015-06-30-844 Industry and Fisheries Ministry Regulation amending the Regulation on e-labeling of prepackages
	FOR-2015-07-03-870 Ministry of Health Regulations on certain contaminants in

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	foodstuffs FOR-2015-07-03-871 Ministry of Health Regulations on sampling and analysis for the official control of certain contaminants in foodstuffs FOR-2015-07-03-872 Finance Regulation amending the Regulation on customs and movement of goods (Customs Regulations) FOR-2015-07-03-873 Agriculture and Food, Ministry of Health Regulation amending the Regulation on special safeguard measures on imports of products of animal origin from China
14-07-15	FOR-2015-07-03-877 Agriculture and Food - Regulation amending the Regulation on pesticide FOR-2015-07-07-879 Industry and Fisheries Ministry Regulation on organic aquaculture production and labeling of organic aquaculture products
17-07-15	FOR-2015-07-01-892 Ministry of Health Regulations on novel foods and novel food ingredients (Novel Food Regulations) FOR-2015-07-11-893 Climate and Environment Ministry Regulation amending the Regulation on the restriction of use of hazardous chemicals and other products (Product Regulations) FOR-2015-07-11-894 Climate and Environment Ministry, Labour and Social Affairs, Ministry of Justice Regulation amending the Regulation on the registration, evaluation, authorization and restriction of chemicals (REACH Regulation) FOR-2015-07-13-895 Ministry of Health, Ministry of Agriculture, Industry and Fisheries Ministry Regulation amending the Regulation on maximum levels for drug residues in foodstuffs of animal origin
21-07-15	FOR-2015-07-15-905 Industry and Fisheries Ministry of Agriculture and Food, Ministry of Health Regulation amending the Regulation on additives for use in animal nutrition FOR-2015-07-17-908 Agriculture and Food Regulation amending the Regulation on the import and transit of poultry and certain poultry products from third countries
24-07-15	FOR-2015-07-22-912 Industry and Fisheries Ministry Regulation amending the Regulation on marine equipment (the Marine Equipment Regulations) FOR-2015-07-24-914 Finance Regulations amending the regulations to the law on customs and movement of goods (Customs Regulations)
28-07-15	FOR-2015-07-23-915 Agriculture and Food Regulation amending the Regulation on pesticide
31-07-15	FOR-2015-07-30-928 Climate and Environment Ministry Regulation amending the Regulation on sales of timber and timber products originating outside Norway
Poland	
01-07-15	№ 930 Proclamation of the Marshal of the Polish Sejm on 11 June 2015. On announcement of uniform text of the law on the protection of the state border
02-07-15	№ 939 Agreement between the Government of the Polish Republic and the Government of the Federal Republic of Germany on police cooperation, border and customs services done in Zgorzelec on 15 May 2014. № 940 Government announcement dated 20 April 2015. On the binding force of the Agreement between the Government of the Polish Republic and the Government of the Federal Republic of Germany on police cooperation, border and customs authorities in Zgorzelec signed on 15 May 2014.
13-07-15	№ 974 Regulation of the Minister of Finance dated 2 July 2015. Amending Regulation on customs offices in which operations are carried out under customs legislation, depending on the type of goods or customs procedures, which can be subscribed goods
15-07-15	№ 986 Regulation of the Minister of Health of 9 July 2015. On the amount and method of charging for the submission of an application for authorization of the manufacture or import of a medicinal product or to amend the authorization to manufacture or import the medicinal product
16-07-15	№ 990 Proclamation of the Marshal of the Polish Sejm on 11 June 2015. On the publication of the consolidated text of the Law on Customs Service
20-07-15	№ 1006 Regulation of the Minister of Finance of 6 July 2015. On the determination of the customs chamber in which a bank account shall be paid the amounts

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	of the import duties or export and the bank account from which payment shall be made for the reimbursement of import or export duties
23-07-15	№ 1021 Regulation of the Minister of Finance dated 8 July 2015. Amending Regulation on customs offices in which it can be carried out export, import and transit of strategic goods
24-07-15	№ 1031 Council of Ministers of 21 July 2015. Amending the Regulation on Kostrzyn Special Economic Zone № 1032 Regulation of the Minister of Finance dated 29 June 2015. Amending Regulation on the establishment of a warehouse in Lublin Airport
28-07-15	№ 1048 Proclamation of the Marshal of the Polish Sejm on 3 July 2015. On the uniform text of the Act on the international shipment of waste № 1049 The Act of 27 May 2015. On ratification of the Agreement establishing an Association between the European Union and its Member States, on the one hand, and Central America, on the other hand, signed in Tegucigalpa on 29 June 2012.
29-07-15	№ 1059 Council of Ministers of 29 June 2015. On determining the international airports
31-07-15	№ 1077 Minister of Infrastructure and Development of 13 July 2015. Amending the Regulation on technical specifications of vehicles and their scope of necessary equipment № 1081 Regulation of the Minister of Finance dated 29 July 2015. Amending the Regulation on customs offices competent in matters of international shipments of waste
Spain	
01-07-15	Foreign Affairs: Provisional application of the Protocol to the Stabilisation and Association Agreement between the European Communities and their Member States, on the one hand, and the Republic of Serbia, on the other, to take account of the accession of the Republic of Croatia to the European Union, made in Brussels on June 25, 2014. (BOE-A-2015-7299)
02-07-15	Foreign Affairs: Provisional application of the Protocol to the Stabilisation and Association Agreement between the European Communities and their Member States, of the one part, and the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, on the other, to take account of the accession of the Republic of Croatia to the European Union, done at Brussels on July 18, 2014. (BOE-A-2015-7355) Foreign Affairs: Provisional application of the Protocol to the Partnership and Cooperation Agreement establishing a partnership between the European Communities and their Member States, on the one hand, and the Russian Federation, on the other, is set to take account of the accession of the Republic of Croatia the European Union, signed in Brussels on December 17, 2014. (BOE-A-2015-7356)
03-07-15	Foreign Affairs: Provisional application of the Additional Protocol to the Free Trade Agreement between the European Union and its Member States on the one part, and the Republic of Korea, on the other, to take into account the accession of Croatia to the European Union, signed in Brussels on 25 March 2014. (BOE-A-2015-7392)
15-07-15	Foreign Affairs: Termination of the Agreement between Spain and the Republic of Austria on mutual administrative assistance in customs matters, signed in Madrid on February 12, 1982. (BOE-A-2015-7900)
21-07-15	Foreign Affairs: Amendment to Annex I of the Agreement on international transport of perishable goods and special vehicles used in these transports (ATP), adopted in Geneva on October 11, 2013. (BOE-A-2015-8148)
22-07-15	Foreign Affairs: Provisional application of the Protocol to the Euro-Mediterranean Agreement establishing an association between the European Communities and its Member States, on the one hand, and the Republic of Tunisia, of the other part to take account of the accession to the European Union of the Republic of Bulgaria and Romania, done in Luxembourg on April 14, 2014. (BOE-A-2015-8169)
25-07-15	Resolution of July 14, 2015, the Ministry of Commerce, for which aid is granted to associations and federations of Spanish exporters under the provisions of Order ITC / 3690/2005 of 22 November, laying down the procedure for cooperation between the Central Government and Exporters Associations and Federa-

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	tions is regulated. (BOE-A-2015-8369)
28-07-15	Health: Royal Decree 640/2015, of 10 July, on the list of authorized processing aids for the production of edible vegetable oils and criteria for identity and purity is approved, and amending the Royal Decree 308/1983, of 25 January, by which Technical and Health Regulations approved edible vegetable oils. (BOE-A-2015-8443)
30-07-15	Foreign Affairs: Amendment to the Customs Convention on the Temporary Importation of Private Road Vehicles, done at New York on January 1, 2015. (BOE-A-2015-8524)
31-07-15	Chief of State: Law 28/2015, of July 30, for the defense of food quality (BOE-A-2015-8563)
	Foreign Affairs: Corrigendum to the Amendments to the Regulations concerning the International Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Rail (RID 2015) annexed to the Convention concerning International Carriage by Rail (COTIF), done at Berne on May 9, 1980, adopted by the Commission expert for the transport of dangerous goods at its 53rd session in Bern on May 22, 2014. (BOE-A-2015-8566)
	Foreign Affairs: Corrigendum to the Instrument of Accession of Spain to the Convention on International Guarantees for Mobile Equipment, done at Cape Town on November 16, 2001. (BOE-A-2015-8566)
Switzerland	
07-07-15	Ordinance of the Swiss Agency for Therapeutic Products concerning the prescription of the Pharmacopoeia and the recognition of other pharmacopoeias (RS 812.214.11)
	Swiss Federal Law on Insurance against export risks (LASRE) (RS 946.10)
	Ordinance on the Swiss insurance against export risks (OASRE) (RS 946.101)
14-07-15	Ordinance of the FDF on goods benefiting from customs relief according to their usage (Ordinance on customs relief, OADou) (RS 631.012)
	Ordinance of the FOAG on 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)
	Order of the Federal Commission for gambling houses on due diligence obligations gambling houses in the fight against money laundering and terrorist financing (Order of the Federal Gaming Board on money laundering, CFMJ MLO) (RS 955.021)
21-07-15	Ordinance of the FDF on contributions rates to the export of agricultural commodities (RS 632.111.723.1)
	DETEC Ordinance on the data on the energy label of new passenger cars (OEE-VT) (RS 730.011.1)
	DFI Ordinance on controlling the import and transit of animals and animal products (Ordinance on controls, OITE) (RS 916.443.106)
28-07-15	Ordinance on the technical requirements for road vehicles (VTS) (RS 741.41)
	Ordinance on the import of agricultural products (Ordinance on agricultural imports, OIAgr) (RS 916.01)
	Ordinance on the import of agricultural products (Ordinance on agricultural imports, OIAgr) (RS 916.01)
	Ordinance of the OSAv establishing measures to prevent the introduction in Switzerland of avian influenza from the United Kingdom (RS 916.443.102.2)
	DFI Ordinance on controlling the import and transit of animals and animal products (Ordinance on controls, OITE) (RS 916.443.106)
United Kingdom	
03-07-15	SR 2015/288 - The Hazardous Waste (Amendment No. 2) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2015
20-07-15	SI 2015/1534 - The Immigration (Passenger Transit Visa) (Amendment) (No. 2) Order 2015
	SI 2015/1533 - The Immigration (Guernsey) Order 2015
	SI 2015/1532 - The Immigration (Jersey) Order 2015
21-07-15	SI 2015/1531 - The Antarctic Act 1994 (Isle of Man) (Amendment) Order 2015
21-07-15	SI 2015/1553 - The Pyrotechnic Articles (Safety) Regulations 2015
22-07-15	SI 2015/1530 - The European Communities (Designation) (No. 2) Order 2015

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23-07-15	SI 2015/1519 - The Country of Origin of Certain Meats (Wales) Regulations 2015 / Rheoliadau Gwlad Tarddiad Cigoedd Penodol (Cymru) 2015
	SI 2015/1417 - The Hazardous Waste (Miscellaneous Amendments) (Wales) Regulations 2015 / Rheoliadau Gwastraff Peryglus (Diwygiadau Amrywiol) (Cymru) 2015
	SR 2015/318 - The Common Agricultural Policy (Review of Decisions) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2015

Restrictive measures established, amended, corrected

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

Date*	Restrictive Measure
Ireland (Eire)	
10-07-15	S.I. No. 286/2015 - Criminal Justice (Terrorist Offences) Act 2005 (Section 42(2) and (6)) (Restrictive Measures Concerning Certain Persons and Entities Associated with the AlQaida Network) (Financial Sanctions) Regulations 2015
	S.I. No. 285/2015 - Criminal Justice (Terrorist Offences) Act 2005 (Section 42(2) and (6)) (Counter Terrorism) (Financial Sanctions) Regulations 2015.
24-07-15	S.I. No. 312/2015 - European Union (Restrictive Measures concerning Yemen) Regulations 2015.
	S.I. No. 313/2015 - European Union (Restrictive Measures concerning Côte d'Ivoire) (No. 2) Regulations 2015.
	S.I. No. 314/2015 - European Union (Restrictive Measures concerning Somalia) (No. 2) Regulations 2015.
	S.I. No. 315/2015 - European Union (Restrictive Measures concerning Ukraine) (No. 2) Regulations 2015
28-07-15	S.I. No. 321/2015 - European Union (Restrictive Measures concerning Libya) (No. 2) Regulations 2015.
Liechtenstein	
09-07-15	№ 185 Decree of 7 July 2015 concerning the amendment of the Ordinance on measures to prevent the circumvention of international sanctions in connection with the situation in Ukraine (946.224.2)
	№ 186 Decree of 7 July 2015 concerning the amendment of the Regulation on measures against Sudan (946.224.3)
	№ 187 Decree of 7 July 2015 concerning the amendment of the ordinance on measures against the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (946.223.1)
Luxembourg	
24-07-15	Mem. A № 141 Ministerial Regulation of 22 July 2015 amending Annex IC of grand-ducal regulation of 29 October 2010 as amended to implement the Act 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.
Malta	
14-07-15	№ 215 of 2015 - Enforcement of European Union Sanctions Central African Republic Regulations, 2015 - Government Gazette of Malta No. 19,452 – 14.07.2015
	№ 216 of 2015 - Enforcement of European Union Sanctions (Côte d'Ivoire) Regulations, 2015 - Government Gazette of Malta No. 19,452 – 14.07.2015
	№ 217 of 2015 - Enforcement of European Union Sanctions (South Sudan) Regulations, 2015 - Government Gazette of Malta No. 19,452 – 14.07.2015
	№ 218 of 2015 - Enforcement of European Union Sanctions (Ukraine) Regulations, 2015 - Government Gazette of Malta No. 19,452 – 14.07.2015

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	№ 219 of 2015 - Enforcement of European Union Sanctions (Republic of Yemen) Regulations, 2015 - Government Gazette of Malta No. 19,452 – 14.07.2015
Norway	
10-07-15	FOR-2015-06-30-862 Foreign Affairs Regulations repealing regulations on sanctions against Sierra Leone
21-07-15	FOR-2015-07-17-910 Foreign Affairs Regulation amending the Regulation on restrictive measures against Syria
31-07-15	FOR-2015-07-29-926 Foreign Affairs Regulation amending the Regulation on sanctions and special measures against Ivory Coast
Switzerland	
07-07-15	Ordinance on Measures against persons and entities associated with Usama bin Laden, the group "Al Qaeda" and the Taliban (RS 946.203)
	Ordinance on measures against Syria (RS 946.231.172.7)
14-07-15	Ordinance instituting measures to prevent circumvention of international sanctions in connection with the situation in Ukraine (RS 946.231.176.72)
United Kingdom	
20-07-15	SI 2015/1546 - The Export Control (Democratic Republic of Congo Sanctions and Miscellaneous Amendments and Revocations) Order 2015
22-07-15	SI 2015/1528 - The Syria (Restrictive Measures) (Overseas Territories) (Amendment) (No. 2) Order 2015
	SI 2015/1527 - The South Sudan (Sanctions) (Overseas Territories) (Amendment) Order 2015

Non EU-EFTA European Countries

Ukraine

Legislation (laws, resolutions, orders, etc.)

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

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16-07-15	On adopting a draft Law of Ukraine on Amendments to Certain Legislative Acts of Ukraine on preventing and combating political corruption Resolution of the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine of 16.07.2015 № 637-VIII

CEFTA

The [CEFTA Transparency Pack](#), including a trade portal, SPS database and TBT Platform was created by the Central European Free Trade Agreement (CEFTA) 2006 signatories with the support of other countries. It provides general information for each member country (Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Macedonia, Moldova, Montenegro, Serbia and Kosovo), links to government websites and detailed information for each country in each of the following areas:

- Customs
- Licensing
- Sanitary, Phytosanitary & Veterinary Regulation
- Technical Requirements
- Border Police Control

- Trade Regime
- Public Procurement

Eurasian Economic Union (EEU or EAEU)

Decisions and recommendations of the Eurasian Economic Commission

The following Eurasian Economic Commission (EEC) decisions and recommendations have been posted in the documents section of the [new Eurasian Economic Commission documentation page](#).

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Board (Коллегии) of the Eurasian Economic Commission	
01-07-15	Decision № 68 (30-06-15)
01-07-15	Decision № 69 (30-06-15)
01-07-15	Decision № 70 (30-06-15)
01-07-15	Decision № 71 (30-06-15)
09-07-15	Decision № 72 (08-07-15) On amending the Single Commodity Nomenclature of Foreign Economic Activity of the Eurasian Economic Union and the Common Customs Tariff of the Eurasian Economic Union applied to certain types of products according to the commitments of the Russian Federation under the WTO.
	Decision № 73 (08-07-15) On amending the Single Commodity Nomenclature of Foreign Economic Activity of the Eurasian Economic Union and the Common Customs Tariff of the Eurasian Economic Union applied to certain types of equipment for fish growing
	Decision № 74 (08-07-15) On amending the Single Commodity Nomenclature of Foreign Economic Activity of the Eurasian Economic Union and the Common Customs Tariff of the Eurasian Economic Union applied to parts of gas turbines of the 50,000 kW capacity
	Decision № 75 (08-07-15) On the process documentation regulating the informational cooperation in the implementation of the general process "Formation, Maintenance and Use of the General Register of Customs Carriers" with the help of integrated information system of foreign and mutual trade
15-07-15	Decision № 76 (14-07-15) On Amendments to the Resolution Board of the Eurasian Economic Commission on December 20, 2012 № 279
	Decision № 77 (14-07-15) On approval of the list of products in respect of which the customs declaration shall be accompanied by certificates of conformity assessment requirements of technical regulations of the Customs Union "On the safety of wheeled vehicles" (TR CU 018/2011)
	Decision № 78 (14-07-15) On Repeal of certain decisions of the Board of the Eurasian Economic Commission
	Decision № 79 (14-07-15) On the implementation of the obligations to provide information on state support of agriculture in 2015
	Decision № 80 (14-07-15) On Amendments to Note 8 to the common nomenclature of foreign economic activity of the Eurasian Economic Union
	Decision № 81 (14-07-15) On the need to cancel some of the orders of the Government of the Russian Federation in the area of state (municipal) procurement
	Decision № 82 (14-07-15) About the Agreement on joint audits on compliance with the order of enrollment and distribution of import customs duties (other duties, taxes and charges having equivalent effect), their transfer to the budget states - members of the Eurasian Economic Union
Decision № 83 (14-07-15) On Amending the Uniform veterinary (veterinary and sanitary) requirements for goods subject to veterinary control (supervision)	
Board Распоряжение	
09-07-15	№ 58 (08-07-15) On the draft Memorandum on mutual understanding of the Eurasian Economic Commission and the Ministry of Agriculture of Hungary on

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	cooperation in the agroindustrial complex
	№ 59 (08-07-15) On draft decision of the Council of the Eurasian Economic Commission "On setting import customs duties rates of the Common Customs Tariff of the Eurasian Economic Union applied to certain types of products according to the commitments of the Russian Federation under the WTO"
	№ 60 (08-07-15) On the draft decision of the Council of the Eurasian Economic Commission "On the draft disposition of the Eurasian Intergovernmental Council" On inspecting the financial and business activity of the Bodies of the Eurasian Economic Union "
	№ 61 (08-07-17) On the draft decision of the Council of the Eurasian Economic Commission "On the approval of the Provision on composition and structure of budgetary classification of the Eurasian Economic Union"
	№ 62 (08-07-15) On the draft decision of the Council of the Eurasian Economic Commission "On the draft decision of the Eurasian Intergovernmental Council "On approval of acts regulating inspections of the financial and business activity of the Bodies of the Eurasian Economic Union"
15-07-15	№ 63 (14-07-15) On the draft decision of the Council of the Eurasian Economic Commission "On the non-compliance with obligations of the Republic of Kazakhstan to provide information on state support of agriculture in 2013"
20-07-15	№ 64 (14-07-15) On the draft decision of the Council of the Eurasian Economic Commission "On the draft decision of the Supreme Eurasian Economic Council" On the Council of Heads of State authorized bodies - members of the Eurasian Economic Union in the field of sanitary and epidemiological welfare of the population, Veterinary and Plant Quarantine states - members of the Eurasian Economic Union "
	№ 65 (14-07-15) On the draft decision of the Council of the Eurasian Economic Commission "On recommendations on the content and structure of the model of technical regulations of the Eurasian Economic Union"
	№ 66 (14-07-15) On the composition of the Advisory Committee on Industry
Board Recommendations	
02-07-15	Recommendation № 13 (05-05-15) On making amendments to Volume VI of the Explanatory Notes to the Single Commodity Nomenclature of Foreign Economic Activity of the Eurasian Economic Union
09-07-15	Recommendation № 14 (08-07-15) On the list of promising R & D in the agroindustrial complex of the Member States of the Eurasian Economic Union until 2020
	Recommendation № 15 (08-07-15) On amending Volume VI of the Explanatory Notes to the Single Commodity Nomenclature of Foreign Economic Activity of the Eurasian Economic Union
	Recommendation № 16 (08-07-15) On amending Volume VI of the Explanatory Notes to the Single Commodity Nomenclature of Foreign Economic Activity of the Eurasian Economic Union
	Recommendation № 17 (08-07-15) On amending Volume VI of the Explanatory Notes to the Single Commodity Nomenclature of Foreign Economic Activity of the Eurasian Economic Union

Preliminary classification decisions issued by the Customs Authorities of the States

The Eurasian Economic Commission 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 June 19, 2015. The tables list the tariff codes, a description, rationale (GRIs) for the decision and country that issued the decision.

Belarus

Preliminary decisions on tariff classification

The State Customs Committee maintains a [searchable database of preliminary decisions on the tariff classification of goods](#) (*База данных товаров, в отношении которых принято предварительное решение о классификации*). The database has been updated through May 2015. It may be searched by tariff code or description (in Russian).

Russian Federation

Preliminary decisions on tariff classification

The Federal Customs Service (FCS) has a [searchable on-line database of preliminary decisions on tariff classification](#). The database has been updated through 14 July 2014. It may be searched by tariff code, description (in Russian) or note number.

Legislation (acts, resolutions, orders, etc.)

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

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03-07-15	Federal Law of the Russian Federation on June 29, 2015 N 163-FZ On ratification of the Protocol to the Agreement between the Government of the Russian Federation and the Government of the Republic of Armenia on cooperation in the field of natural gas, petroleum products and natural rough diamonds to the Republic of Armenia on December 2, 2013
	Federal Law of the Russian Federation on June 29, 2015 N 164-FZ On ratification of the Agreement between the Russian Federation and the Republic of South Ossetia on the Alliance and Integration
	Federal Law of the Russian Federation on June 29, 2015 N 184-FZ "On Amendments to the Federal Law" On State Real Estate Cadastre "and Article 6 of the Federal Law" On special economic zones in the Russian Federation "
08-07-15	Federal Law of the Russian Federation on June 29, 2015 N 207-FZ On Amendments to the Federal Law On the Special Economic Zone in the Kaliningrad Region and on amendments to some legislative acts of the Russian Federation
13-07-15	The federal list of extremist materials
	Resolution of the Plenum of the Supreme Court of the Russian Federation dated July 7, 2015 N 32 Moscow "On judicial practice in cases of legalization (laundering) of money or other property acquired by criminal means and the acquisition or sale of the property obviously extracted criminal by"
15-07-15	Federal Law of the Russian Federation of July 13, 2015 N 219-FZ "On the ratification of the Treaty of Accession of the Kyrgyz Republic to the Treaty on the Eurasian Economic Union of 29 May 2014, the Protocol amending the Treaty on the Eurasian Economic Union of 29 May 2014 certain international agreements included in the right to the Eurasian Economic Union, the accession of the Kyrgyz Republic to the Treaty on the Eurasian Economic Union of 29 May 2014 on the terms of the Protocol and transitional provisions for the application by the Kyrgyz Republic to the Treaty on the Eurasian Economic Union of 29 May 2014, certain international agreements included in the right to the Eurasian Economic Union, and the acts of the Eurasian Economic Union in connection

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	<p>with the accession of the Kyrgyz Republic to the Treaty on the Eurasian Economic Union of 29 May 2014 and the Protocol on the Accession of the Republic of Armenia to the signed December 23, 2014 the Treaty of Accession of the Kyrgyz Republic to the Treaty on the Eurasian Economic Union by May 29, 2014 "</p> <p>Federal Law of the Russian Federation of July 13, 2015 N 212-FZ "On the free port of Vladivostok"</p> <p>Federal Law of the Russian Federation of July 13, 2015 N 214-FZ "On Amendments to Part Two of the Tax Code of the Russian Federation in connection with adoption of the Federal Law" On the free port of Vladivostok "</p> <p>Federal Law of the Russian Federation of July 13, 2015 N 213-FZ "On Amendments to Certain Legislative Acts of the Russian Federation in connection with adoption of the Federal Law" On the free port of Vladivostok "</p>
16-07-15	<p>Federal Law of the Russian Federation of July 13, 2015 N 248-FZ "On Amendments to the Federal Law" On the roads and the traffic in the Russian Federation and on Amending Certain Legislative Acts of the Russian Federation "and some legislative acts of the Russian Federation the improvement of the rules governing the movement by road of heavy and oversized vehicles and vehicles carrying dangerous goods "</p> <p>Federal Law of the Russian Federation of July 13, 2015 N 262-FZ "On Amendments to Certain Legislative Acts of the Russian Federation to clarify the types of the civil service and Repeal of section 19 of Article 323 of the Federal Law" On Customs Regulation in the Russian Federation "</p>
20-07-15	List of extremist organizations and individuals amended

Africa

South Africa

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

Publication Date	Publication Details	Subject	Implementation Date
03-07-15	GG 38925 R.568	Part 1 of Schedule No. 3 - Insertion of item 318.03/9028.30/01.06 to create a rebate provision for certain components used for the manufacture of electricity meters - ITAC Report 494 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Notice R.568 	03-07-15
	GG 38925 R.567	Part 1 of Schedule No. 2 - Deletion of items 211.06/5503.20/01.06 and 211.06/5503.20/02.06 in order to terminate anti-dumping duties on staple polyester fibre - ITAC Report 496 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Notice R.567 	27-05-15
	GG 38925 R.566	Amendment of rules under section 21A relating to special economic zones <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Notice R.566 	The date the regulations under the <i>Special Economic Zones Act, 2014</i> come into effect

Namibia

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

On 7 July 2015, the WCO [reported](#) that the Namibia Customs and Excise hosted a WCO Revenue Package national Workshop from 30 June to 3 July 2015 in Windhoek with the aim of preparing the Administration for the implementation of an advance ruling system for classification and origin, as required under the WTO Trade Facilitation Agreement.

The representatives of the WCO focused on the importance of a well-organized classification and origin infrastructure and well-defined and effective classification and origin practices before introducing the advance ruling system.

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

Twelve senior and mid-level managers participated actively in the discussions and used the WCO Diagnostic Tool on Tariff Classification, Valuation and Origin Work and Related Infrastructure to assess the current situation and to identify areas for attention. As a result, a number of action points in relation to an advance ruling system, such as amending the Customs and Excise Act, establishing procedures and guidelines for Customs and traders, improving the procedure for settlement of disputes, creation of a rulings database, providing capacity building and improving communication with economic operators, were proposed to the Commissioner of Namibia Customs and Excise, Mr. B.S. Simataa. He agreed that several actions were required and he thanked the WCO for its support and emphasized that his Administration was fully committed and would ensure full support to the project.

During the discussions, the participants also proposed other measures that could improve the classification and origin infrastructure. Being Member of SACU (the South African Customs Union) it was suggested creating a consultation forum with other SACU countries to improve the work at regional level. The establishment of a customs laboratory at national level, a regional (SACU) laboratory, or using a private laboratory were also given attention. The participants also suggested making more use of the Intranet to disseminate information to Customs staff. Finally, more capacity building was also sought.

Namibia Customs and Excise will include the establishment of an advance ruling system for classification and origin in its upcoming Annual Plan and subsequently develop an action plan. The Secretariat will continue its support in this respect.

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 compo-

nents [NCIS, DCIS, CID, etc.); FBI=Federal Bureau of Investigation; FDA= US Food and Drug Administration; FTC= Federal Trade Commission; FWS= US Fish & Wildlife Service; GSA= General services Administration; HSI=US Immigration and Customs Enforcement, Homeland Security Investigations; NOAA=National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration; OFAC=Office of Foreign Assets Control (Treasury); SEC=Securities and Exchange Commission; USCG= US Coast Guard; USPIIS=Postal Inspection Service; USDA= US Department of Agriculture; ; DSS= Diplomatic Security Service. Local agencies - PD = Police departments; Non-US agencies - CBSA= Canada Border Services Agency; RCMP= Royal Canadian Mounted Police; SAT=Mexican Customs.]

Date of Release	Subject
07-01-15	Four Individuals Charged for Importing and Trafficking Counterfeit Apple and Sony Technology into the United States (DOJ, ICE) Former Silk Road Task Force Agent Pleads Guilty to Extortion, Money Laundering and Obstruction (DOJ, IRS, FBI, DHS-IG)
07-02-15	CBP Officers at Miami International Airport Seize Over \$6 Million in Piratical Jewelry (CBP)
07-07-15	Chung Po Liu: Denial of Hearing; Final Debarment Order [Docket No. FDA-2011-N-0169] (FDA, CBP, ICE) <i>[based on felony conviction for conduct relating to the importation of an article of food (honey) into the United States from China via scheme transshipping through the Philippines]</i> Combating counterfeiting, seized more than one million products (Italian Guardia di Finanza) Fulton Fish Market Dealer and President Plead Guilty in Long Island to Fraud, Falsifying Federal Records, and Lacey Act Violations (DOJ, NOAA/NMFS)
07-08-15	Talib Khan: Debarment Order [Docket No. FDA-2014-N-2103] (FDA) <i>[based on felony convictions for conduct relating to the introduction into commerce of illegally imported and misbranded non-FDA approved Chemotherapy drugs, injectable cosmetics and devices]</i> Canadian convicted for role in Iranian arms deal removed by ERO (ICE, DOJ) ICE deports Belgian man convicted in Chicago of attempting to illegally export controlled nuclear non-proliferation items ultimately destined for Iran (ICE, DOJ) Canadian Corporation Pleads Guilty to Importation Of Contaminated Cattle Feed (DOJ, CBP, FDA)
07-09-15	CBP Officers in Orlando Seize Over 300 Counterfeit Designer Belts (CBP)
07-14-15	U.S. Seeks to Recover \$12.5 Million Obtained from High-Level Corruption in the Philippines (DOJ, FBI, USMS, various Philippine agencies) Company director fined S\$434,000 for submitting false statements and declarations to Singapore Customs (Singapore Customs)
07-17-15	CBP Port of Louisville Seizes Counterfeit Designer Merchandise during Operations (CBP) Louis Berger International Resolves Foreign Bribery Charges (DOJ, FBI) CBP Officers in Baltimore Recover Stolen Vehicles (CBP, ICE)
07-21-15	Furniture Company Owner Admits Role Running International "Fish" Smuggling Operation (DOJ, NOAA/NMFS) <i>[Endangered Species Act (16 U.S.C. § 1531, et seq.) ("ESA"), the Lacey Act (16 U.S.C. § 3731, et seq.), and the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora ("CITES")]</i> Three Family Members Indicted for Participating in Multi-Million Dollar Scheme to Defraud Commercial Lenders and the U.S. Export-Import Bank (DOJ, Ex-Im Inspector General, ICE)
07-22-15	Leader of Coupon Counterfeiting Ring on Silk Road Websites Pleads Guilty (DOJ, FBI)
07-23-15	Envirotech Pump Systems, Inc. of St. Louis, MO, to Pay \$500,000 to Settle Alleged Export Violations CBP Seizes \$3.2 M of Fake Hermès Belts in L.A. (CBP)
07-24-15	LG Electronics Tianjin Appliance Co., Ltd. and LG Electronics USA Inc., Provisional Acceptance of a Settlement Agreement and Order containing a civil penalty of \$1,825,000 (CPSC) CBP Seizes Thousands of Counterfeit Televisions at Miami Seaport (CBP) Company Settles Potential Civil Liability for Alleged Violations of Executive Order 13382 and the Weapons of Mass Destruction Proliferators Sanctions Regulations [\$214,000 penalty] (OFAC)

Date of Release	Subject
	Iranian Company Pleads Guilty to U.S. Export Violation (DOJ, BIS)
	Great Plains Stainless Co. Settles Potential Civil Liability for Alleged Violations of E.O. 13382 and the WMDPSR (OFAC)
07-28-15	Mahan Airways, et al. Order Renewing Order Temporarily Denying Export Privileges (BIS)
07-29-15	OFAC issues a Penalty to Blue Robin, Inc. for Violations of the Iranian Transactions and Sanctions Regulations [\$82,260] (OFAC)

Newsletters, Reports, Articles, Etc.

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Publications, Alerts, Newsletters

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Subject
International Trade, Tax and Anti-corruption
Global International Trade Compliance Update – July 2015 [Download older issues here]
Global International Trade Compliance Client Alert – CBP issues instructions for obtaining retroactive GSP treatment
Global International Trade Sanctions Update Client Alert: Focus on Iran – Outline of EU and U.S. Sanctions Relief for Iran under Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action
Vietnam ITC, Environment/Trade & Commerce Client Alert: Draft Decision Proposes New Exceptions to the Import Ban on Used IT Products
Buenos Aires Tax Alert: Extension of the Amnesty Program for the Disclosure of Unreported Foreign Currency (Eng.); Prorroga del Regimen de Blanqueo de Moneda Extranjera (Span.)
Other Practices
Global Information Technology & Communications Industry & Practice Group (GIT&CI&PG) : LEGALBytes June 2015
Global Information Technology & Communications Industry & Practice Group (GIT&CI&PG) : LEGALBytes July 2015
GIT&CI&PG LegalBytes Special Edition (July 2015) - Site blocking commences in Australia
Europe Pharmaceuticals & Healthcare Newsletter July 2015
Buenos Aires Labor Newsletter June 2015 (Eng.); Boletín Mensual Junio 2015 (Span.)

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Subject

[Singapore Pharmaceuticals & Healthcare Newsletter July 2015](#)

Webinars, Meetings, Seminars, Etc.

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 Sittisakonsin (Bangkok) [Original broadcast: July 22, 2014] [Presentation only](#).

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







All live webinars will begin at 16.00 (GMT/BST) on each of the dates listed below and are scheduled to run for 90 minutes. Our panel of speakers will provide 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 will comprise leading international trade experts from various EMEA locations including: Alexander Bychkov (Moscow), Ross Denton (London), Jasper Helder (Amsterdam),






















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- [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] not yet available:
- Anti-Bribery and Corruption: Key Developments [Original date: December 11]not yet available








WTO TBT Notifications


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

























Country	Notification	Date Issued	Final Date for Comments	Merchandise Covered
 Argentina	ARG/289	6/23/2015	Not given	Motor vehicles, trailers and semi-trailers
 Bahrain, Kingdom of	BHR/397	6/25/2015	8/25/2015	Air-conditioners
 Brazil	BRA/312/Add.7	7/1/2015	Not given	Tyres (HS 4011)
 Brazil	BRA/368/Add.3	7/3/2015	Not given	Wheat
 Brazil	BRA/373/Rev.1/Add.1	7/20/2015	Not given	Mattress and mats made of flexible polyurethane foam (HS 9404)
 Brazil	BRA/416/Add.4	7/3/2015	Not given	Refreshments and drink preparations



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 Brazil	BRA/481/Add.4	7/2/2015	Not given	Parts and accessories for bicycles (HS 8714); Pneumatic tires, of rubber, used on bicycles (HS 4011.50); Brakes (HS 8714.94) Frames and forks, and parts for bicycles (HS 8714.91); Pedals and crank-gear (HS 8714.96); Wheel rims and spokes (HS 8714.92); Bicycles & other cycles (not motorized) delivery tricycles (HS 8712)
 Brazil	BRA/567/Add.3	7/2/2015	Not given	Baby Feeding Bottles and Nipples
 Brazil	BRA/582/Add.2	7/1/2015	Not given	Powders fire extinguishers/Mechanical appliances for projecting/dispersing. Mechanical appliances (whether or not hand-operated) for projecting, dispersing or spraying liquids or powders; fire extinguishers, whether or not charged; spray guns and similar appliances; steam or sand blasting machines and similar jet projecting machines (HS 8424)
 Brazil	BRA/592/Add.1	7/8/2015	Not given	Recognized sources of food allergies or food intolerances in sensitive persons
 Brazil	BRA/641	7/15/2015	8/31/2015	Honey requirements intended for industrial use (HS 0409)
 Brazil	BRA/642	7/21/2015	9/19/2015	Potatoes (HS 0701)
 Brazil	BRA/643	7/21/2015	Not given	Wheel assembly and spare tire temporary use (HS 4011; 4012). New pneumatic tyres, of rubber. Re-treaded or used pneumatic tyres of rubber; solid or cushion tyres, tyre treads and tyre flaps, of rubber
 Canada	CAN/448/Add.1	7/10/2015	Not given	Food intended for human consumption
 Canada	CAN/457	7/2/2015	10/12/2015	Radiocommunications
 Canada	CAN/458	7/21/2015	8/27/2015	Tobacco products
 Canada	CAN/459	7/27/2015	10/16/2015	Radiocommunications
 Canada	CAN/460	7/27/2015	10/16/2015	Radiocommunications
 Canada	CAN/98/Rev.2	7/29/2015	Not given	Cribs and cradles
 Chile	CHL/282/Add.1	7/9/2015	Not given	Food for human consumption
 China	CHN/1091	7/22/2015	9/22/2015	Single superphosphate (HS 310310)
 China	CHN/1092	7/22/2015	9/22/2015	Ammonium nitrate (HS 310230)
 China	CHN/1093	7/21/2015	9/22/2015	Liquefied anhydrous ammonia (HS 281410)
 China	CHN/1094	7/22/2015	9/22/2015	Wood based furniture (HS 940360)
 China	CHN/1095	7/22/2015	9/22/2015	All indoor bed mattress products are covered except the water-filled mattress and the air-filled mattress by PVC, PVC artificial leather and so on (HS 94042)
 China	CHN/1096	7/23/2015	9/23/2015	Sofa. Other seats, with wooden frames (HS 94016)
 China	CHN/1097	7/23/2015	9/23/2015	Rescue saw (HS 8467)






















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 China	CHN/1098	7/23/2015	9/23/2015	Manual rescue tools for firefighting (HS 8479)
 China	CHN/1099	7/23/2015	9/23/2015	Feed additive DL-A-Tocopheryl Acetate (powder form) (HS 293628).
 China	CHN/1100	7/23/2015	9/23/2015	Feed additive L-Lysinem Monohydrochloride (HS 292241)
 China	CHN/1101	7/23/2015	9/23/2015	Feed additive Calcium Salt of Hydroxyl Analogue of Methionine (HS 2930)
 China	CHN/1102	7/23/2015	9/23/2015	Feed additive Menadione Dimethylpyrimidinol Bisulfite (HS 293359)
 China	CHN/1103	7/24/2015	9/23/2015	Feed additive Vitamin A Palmitate (powder form) (HS 293621)
 China	CHN/1104	7/24/2015	9/24/2015	Feed additive DL-A-Tocopheryl Acetate (HS 293628)
 China	CHN/1105	7/24/2015	9/24/2015	Feed additive L-Calcium Ascorbate (HS 293629)
 China	CHN/1106	7/23/2015	9/23/2015	Feed additive L-Sodium Ascorbate (HS 2936)
 China	CHN/1107	7/23/2015	9/23/2015	Feed additive L-Carnitine (HS 292241)
 China	CHN/1108	7/23/2015	9/23/2015	Feed additive Manganese Methionine Complex (Chelate) (HS 2930)
 China	CHN/1109	7/23/2015	9/23/2015	Feed additive Copper Sulphate (HS 2833)
 China	CHN/1110	7/23/2015	9/23/2015	Feed additive Cupric Methionine Complex (Chelate) (HS 2930)
 China	CHN/1111	7/24/2015	9/24/2015	Feed additive Zinc Methionine Complex (Chelate) (HS 2930)
 China	CHN/1112	7/24/2015	9/24/2015	Feed additive Monocalcium Phosphate. Inorganic chemicals; organic or inorganic compounds of precious metals, of rare-earth metals, of radioactive elements or of isotopes (HS 28)
 China	CHN/1113	7/24/2015	9/24/2015	Feed additive Potassium Dihydrogen Phosphate (HS 28)
 China	CHN/1114	7/24/2015	9/24/2015	Feed additive Sodium Dihydrogen Phosphate (HS 28)
 China	CHN/1115	7/24/2015	9/24/2015	Feed additive Dipotassium Hydrogen Phosphate (HS 28)
 China	CHN/1116	7/24/2015	9/24/2015	Feed additive Dicalcium Phosphate (HS 28)
 China	CHN/1117	7/24/2015	9/24/2015	Feed additive Tricalcium Phosphate (HS 28)
 China	CHN/1118	7/24/2015	9/24/2015	Feed additive Magnesium Sulphate Monohydrate and Magnesium Sulphate Heptahydrate (HS 2833)
 China	CHN/1119	7/24/2015	9/24/2015	Feed additive Manganese Sulphate (HS 2833)
 China	CHN/1120	7/27/2015	9/27/2015	Feed additive Ferrous Sulphate Monohydrate (HS 2833)
 China	CHN/1121	7/27/2015	9/27/2015	Feed additive Choline Chloride (HS 292310)
 China	CHN/1122	7/27/2015	9/27/2015	Feed additive Calcium Citrate (HS 291815)

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 China	CHN/1123	7/27/2015	9/27/2015	Feed additive Vitamin B6 (Pyridoxine Hydrochloride) (HS 293625)
 China	CHN/1124	7/27/2015	9/27/2015	Feed additive Vitamin D3 (powder form) (HS 293629)
 Colombia	COL/196/Add.2	7/9/2015	Not given	Biological medicines
 Colombia	COL/199/Add.1	3/24/2015	Not given	Cookers, ovens, continuous-flow water heaters, storage water heaters and grills (HS 7321.11, 8419.11, 8419.19)
 Costa Rica	CRI/125/Add.1	7/21/2015	Not given	Rice
 Costa Rica	CRI/149	6/25/2015	8/25/2015	Electrical conductors and extension cords
 Costa Rica	CRI/150	7/9/2015	Not given	Plantation white sugar
 Costa Rica	CRI/98/Add.2	7/21/2015	Not given	Dietary supplements
 Czech Republic	CZE/181/Add.1	7/21/2015	Not given	Measuring instruments
 Czech Republic	CZE/182/Add.1	7/21/2015	Not given	Measuring instruments
 Czech Republic	CZE/179/Add.1	7/23/2015	Not given	Measuring instruments
 Czech Republic	CZE/180/Add.1	7/23/2015	Not given	Measuring instruments
 Ecuador	ECU/232/Add.2	7/2/2015	Not given	Printing and digitization equipment (HS 8443.32.19, 8443.32.20, 8443.32.90, 8443.39.10, 8443.39.90, 8443.12.00, 8443.19.90, 8443.31.00, 8471.60.90, and 8472.10.00)
 Ecuador	ECU/49/Add.6	7/10/2015	Not given	Buses (HS 8702.10, 8702.90, 8706.00, 8707.90)
 Ecuador	ECU/131/Add.3	7/10/2015	Not given	Loudspeakers (HS 8518.21, 8518.22 and 8518.29)
 European Union	EU/298	7/6/2015	9/6/2015	Food
 European Union	EU/299	7/7/2015	9/7/2015	Rear aerodynamic devices attached to trailers and semitrailers (so-called rear flaps)
 European Union	EU/278/Add.2	7/16/2015	Not given	Vehicles (category M 1 or N 1 defined in Annex IIA to Directive 70/156/EEC, and three wheel motor vehicles as defined in Directive 92/61/EEC, but excluding motor tricycles)
 European Union	EU/300	7/15/2015	9/15/2015	Biocidal products
 European Union	EU/301	7/17/2015	9/17/2015	Air heating products, cooling products and high temperature process chillers
 France	FRA/163	6/15/2015	8/15/2015	Draft Decree establishing conditions on the neutrality and standardization of packaging and paper for cigarettes and rolling tobacco
 France	FRA/164	7/9/2015	9/9/2015	Fertilizers and basic soil amendments
 Gabon	GAB/1	6/25/2015	Not given	Products, processes and services
 Gabon	GAB/2	6/25/2015	Not given	The products subject to conformity assessment are divided into three segments: . Building materials, in accord-

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				ance with Chapters 28, 29, 31, 32, 35, 38, 39, 40, 44, 45, 46, 68, 69, 70, 72 to 83; . electrical appliances, in accordance with Chapters 84, 85 and 94 of the customs classification system; . cosmetic products, medical or surgical apparatus, and toys, in accordance with Chapters 33, 34, 90 and 95 of the customs classification system. The scope of this Article may be extended to other market segments in the same manner and under the same conditions.
 Indonesia	IDN/86/Add.2	7/10/2015	Not given	Instant coffee (HS 2101.11.10)
 Indonesia	IDN/90/Add.1	7/10/2015	Not given	Glass in Building - Glass Blocks (HS 7016.10, 7016.90) Glass cubes and other glass small wares, whether or not on a backing, for mosaics or similar decorative purposes (HS 7016.10) Other (HS 7016.90)
 Israel	ISR/810	7/16/2015	9/16/2015	Playpens for domestic use (HS 8715, 9403)
 Israel	ISR/811	7/17/2015	9/17/2015	Cribs and cradles (HS 9403)
 Israel	ISR/812	7/17/2015	9/17/2015	Heat detectors for fire detection systems (HS 853110)
 Israel	ISR/813	7/17/2015	9/17/2015	Microwave ovens (HS 8516)
 Israel	ISR/814	7/17/2015	9/17/2015	Self-contained smoke detectors for fire detection systems (HS 853110)
 Israel	ISR/815	7/17/2015	9/17/2015	Low-voltage switchgear and control gear assemblies (HS 853710, 853720)
 Israel	ISR/816	7/17/2015	9/17/2015	Domestic electrical cooking appliances (HS 8516)
 Israel	ISR/817	7/17/2015	9/17/2015	Gas-oil (HS 2710)
 Israel	ISR/818	7/17/2015	9/17/2015	Electric water heaters (HS 851610)
 Israel	ISR/819	7/17/2015	9/17/2015	Vegetable oils (HS 15)
 Italy	ITA/27	7/16/2015	8/24/2015	Electro-mechanical devices used by beauticians
 Japan	JPN/490	7/1/2015	7/31/2015	Naphthalene (HS 2707.40), Refractory ceramic fibers (HS 6914.90) and preparations containing them, etc. (HS 270740, 691490)
 Japan	JPN/491	7/1/2015	8/31/2015	Mercury pollution
 Japan	JPN/492	7/1/2015	8/31/2015	Mercury-added products for new use (i.e. mercury-added products not covered by any known use of mercury-added products prior to the date of entry into force of the Minamata Convention on Mercury designated as "mercury-added products for known use" under the Ministerial Ordinance of the Act on Preventing Environmental Pollution of Mercury)

Country	Notification	Date Issued	Final Date for Comments	Merchandise Covered
 Japan	JPN/493	7/2/2015	Not given	Substances with probable effects on the central nervous system
 Japan	JPN/494	7/6/2015	9/6/2015	Gas Equipment and Appliances, Liquefied Petroleum Gas Equipment and Appliances
 Japan	JPN/495	7/15/2015	9/15/2015	Alcoholic beverages
 Kenya	KEN/446	7/17/2015	8/11/2015	Chemicals for water treatment (HS 382490, 950629)
 Kenya	KEN/447	7/17/2015	8/21/2015	Disinfectants and antiseptics. Organic surface - Active agents (other than soap); Surface - Active preparations, washing preparations (including auxiliary washing preparations) and cleaning preparations, whether or not containing soap, other than those of heading 34.01. (HS 3402), Insecticides, rodenticides, fungicides, herbicides, anti-sprouting products and plant-growth regulators, disinfectants and similar products, put up in forms or packings for retail sale or as preparations or articles (for example, sulphur-treated bands, wicks and candles, and fly-papers) (HS 3808)
 Kenya	KEN/448	7/17/2015	8/11/2015	Tubes, pipes and hoses, rigid (HS 39172)
 Kenya	KEN/449	7/17/2015	8/11/2015	Of other plastics (HS 392329)
 Korea, Republic of	KOR/590	7/1/2015	9/1/2015	IPTV equipment
 Korea, Republic of	KOR/591	7/3/2015	9/3/2015	Cosmetics
 Kuwait	KWT/276	7/1/2015	9/1/2015	Cosmetics
 Kuwait	KWT/277	7/10/2015	9/10/2015	Labelling of pre-packaged food stuffs
 Mexico	MEX/117/Add.2	7/9/2015	Not given	Fishing vessels
 Pakistan	PAK/81	7/3/2015	9/3/2015	Carbon structural steel
 Pakistan	PAK/82	7/3/2015	9/3/2015	Tinplate containers for ghee, banaspati ghee, cooking/edible oils
 Pakistan	PAK/83	7/3/2015	9/3/2015	Tooth paste
 Pakistan	PAK/84	7/3/2015	9/3/2015	Toilet Soap
 Pakistan	PAK/85	7/3/2015	9/3/2015	Shampoo
 Pakistan	PAK/86	7/3/2015	9/3/2015	Synthetic detergent for general purposes
 Pakistan	PAK/87	7/3/2015	9/3/2015	Powder hair dyes
 Pakistan	PAK/88	7/3/2015	9/3/2015	Oxidation hair dyes liquid
 Pakistan	PAK/89	7/3/2015	9/3/2015	Urea fertilizer (prilled and granular)
 Pakistan	PAK/90	7/3/2015	9/3/2015	Diamminoum phosphate
 Pakistan	PAK/91	7/3/2015	9/3/2015	Single super phosphate
 Pakistan	PAK/92	7/3/2015	9/3/2015	Triple super phosphate

Country	Notification	Date Issued	Final Date for Comments	Merchandise Covered
 Philippines	PHL/193	7/23/2015	Not given	Product Safety Certification Scheme for a number of products
 Qatar	QAT/392	7/10/2015	9/10/2015	Infant formula
 Qatar	QAT/393	7/16/2015	9/16/2015	Infant formula for special medical purposes
 Qatar	QAT/394	7/16/2015	9/16/2015	Date paste
 Russian Federation	RUS/42	7/16/2015	9/10/2015	Toys
 Russian Federation	RUS/43	7/16/2015	9/10/2015	Automobile gasoline, diesel fuel
 Russian Federation	RUS/44	7/16/2015	9/10/2015	Products intended for civil protection and defence in emergency situations of natural and anthropogenic character
 Russian Federation	RUS/45	7/16/2015	9/10/2015	The technical means for civil defence structures and means of civil defence
 Saudi Arabia	SAU/850	6/25/2015	8/25/2015	Cosmetics
 Saudi Arabia	SAU/851	6/25/2015	8/25/2015	Infant formula
 Saudi Arabia	SAU/852	6/25/2015	8/25/2015	Infant formula for special medical purposes
 Saudi Arabia	SAU/853	6/25/2015	8/25/2015	Date paste
 South Africa	ZAF/190	7/8/2015	9/7/2015	Birds' eggs, in shell, fresh, preserved or cooked (HS 040700)
 South Africa	ZAF/190/Corr.1	7/24/2015	Not given	Birds' eggs, in shell, fresh, preserved or cooked (HS 040700)
 Switzerland	CHE/197	7/14/2015	8/10/2015	Telecommunication equipment, radio equipment and telecommunication terminal equipment
 Taiwan Economy	TPKM/198/Add.1	7/2/2015	Not given	Health food
 Taiwan Economy	TPKM/199/Add.1	7/2/2015	Not given	Health food
 Taiwan Economy	TPKM/208	7/2/2015	9/2/2015	Automatic data processing machines, printers, photo-copying machines, televisions, monitors, and monitors used in an automatic data processing (HS Chapter 84 & 85). Nuclear reactors, boilers, machinery and mechanical appliances; parts thereof (HS 84), electrical machinery and equipment and parts thereof; sound recorders and reproducers, television image and sound recorders and reproducers, and parts and accessories of such articles (HS 85)
 Taiwan Economy	TPKM/209	7/3/2015	9/3/2015	Automobile tyres (HS 401110, 401120)
 Thailand	THA/461	7/6/2015	9/6/2015	"End-of-life product" wastes
 Turkey	TUR/65	7/6/2015	7/30/2015	Feed additives
 Turkey	TUR/66	7/8/2015	8/31/2015	Food supplements
 Uganda	UGA/492	7/20/2015	9/20/2015	Leather products
 United Arab Emirates	ARE/263	7/6/2015	9/6/2015	Baby food
 United Arab Emirates	ARE/264	7/6/2015	9/6/2015	Equipment for children

Country	Notification	Date Issued	Final Date for Comments	Merchandise Covered
 United States	USA/621/Add.4	7/20/2015	Not given	Food (HS 2101-2106)
 United States	USA/698/Add.3	7/20/2015	Not given	Light-emitting diode lamps
 United States	USA/749/Add.2	7/20/2015	Not given	Polychlorinated Biphenyls (PCBs)
 United States	USA/787/Add.2	7/20/2015	Not given	Conventional cooking products
 United States	USA/868/Add.1/Corr.1	7/20/2015	Not given	Residential and commercial water heaters (HS 8516)
 United States	USA/897/Add.1	7/3/2015	Not given	Packaged terminal air conditioners (PTACs) and packaged terminal heat pumps (PTHPs)(HS 8418.61)
 United States	USA/902/Add.1	7/20/2015	Not given	Veterinary biological products
 United States	USA/983/Add.2	7/20/2015	Not given	Certain chemical substances
 United States	USA/985/Add.1	7/3/2015	Not given	Certain chemical substance
 United States	USA/1012	7/20/2015	9/14/2015	Excess flow valves in gas distribution systems
 United States	USA/1011	7/20/2015	9/11/2015	Medium and heavy-duty vehicle emissions
 United States	USA/1010	7/20/2015	8/8/2015	Multichannel video programming distributor apparatus
 United States	USA/1009	7/20/2015	9/8/2015	Prerinse spray valves
 United States	USA/1008	7/20/2015	9/9/2015	Portable hook-on chairs
 United States	USA/1007	7/3/2015	8/31/2015	Aircraft emissions
 United States	USA/1006	7/3/2015	8/31/2015	Tobacco products and liquid nicotine (HS 2401, 2402, 2403)
 United States	USA/1005	7/1/2015	7/22/2015	Animal feed and drinking water additives
 United States	USA/1004	7/1/2015	8/18/2015	Endocrine disruptor screening
 United States	USA/1010/Add.1	7/23/2015	Not given	Multichannel video programming distributor apparatus
 United States	USA/1013	7/23/2015	Not given	Chemical substances
 Viet Nam	VNM/66	7/22/2015	9/22/2015	Fortified food

CBSA Advance Rulings

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

It is important to note that rulings are binding only between the CBSA and the applicant. While posted rulings are for reference purposes only, they provide meaningful guidance and help other importers in complying with Canada's trade legislation. An advance ruling is considered 'reason to believe' for the purposes of section 32.2 of the *Customs Act* and the CBSA's Administrative Monetary Penalty System, described in Memorandum D22-1-1. Click on the "Merchandise" listing to see full text of the posted ruling.

Date	TRS Number	Merchandise	Tariff Classification and Basis
03-20-15	269533	Four Loko malt-based alcohol beverage	2206.00.92.30 – [GIR 1 and 6; EN 22.06]
03-25-15	269321	Extruded Aluminum Profiles	7604.21.00.90 – [GIR 1; EN to Chap 76, Note 1(b) and General note (C)]
03-25-15	269541	Home Security System, Anixter part #CHB-474279	8531.10.90.10 – [GIR 1 and 6; EN (E) to 85.31]
04-22-15	269320	‘Dashing Diva’ Glamgel Nail Kit	3919.90.00.90 – [Rule 3(b); Note 1 to Section VII; EN 39.19]
04-23-15	269763	Moonrays Frog Statue	9405.40.90.00 – [GIR 1 and 6; CITT decision AP-2012-041; Chap. 39 LN 2(x)]
04-23-15	270051	Signature, Home, and Element thermostats	9032.10.10.00 – [GIR 1 and 6; Legal Note 7(a) to Chapter 90]
05-29-15	270544	Aluminium Organizer kit	9403.20.00.99 – [GIR 1, 2 (a) and 6; Chap. 94 Note 2; EN (B)(i) to Chap. 94]

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. Information about downloading rulings is available on the [CROSS search engine](#) home page. 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](#).

CBP Rulings: Revocations or Modifications

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

Published in CBP Bulletin (P) Proposed (A) Action	Product(s) or Issue(s)	Ruling(s) to be Modified (M) or Revoked (R)	Old Classification or Position	New Ruling	New Classification or Position	Comments Due (C) or Effective Date (E)
(P) 07-01-15	Tariff classification of Linzess® (Linaclotide) from Sweden	NY N233631 (R)	3004.90.91	HQ H250309	3002.90.51 [GRI 1]	(C) 07-31-15
	Tariff classification of a certain rigid paperboard box	NY N014187 (M)	4819.50.4040	HQ H137557	4202. [GRI 1] (sub-heading depends on covering material)	
	Tariff classification of liquid hand soaps containing organic surface active agents	NY N250161 (M) NY N249908 (R)	3401.20.00	HQ H261126	3401.30.50 [GRIs 1 and 6]	
	Tariff classification of certain wax depilatory kits designed for hair removal	NY D83023 (R)	8543.89.9695 [currently 8543.70.96]	HQ H241023	8516.79.00 [GRI 3(b)]	
	Tariff classification of certain “Mess-Free Glitter” craft kits for children	NY N255938 (M)	various	HQ H258767	9503.00.00 [GRI 1]	

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	Tariff classification of freestanding wooden fire-place mantels	NY N057275 (R)	4421.90.9760	HQ H129856	9403.60.80 [GRIs 1 and 6]	
	Tariff classification of footwear from China	NY N219385 (R)	6402.99.3165 6404.19.3960	HQ H237647	6402.99.80 6404.19.89 [GRIs 1 and 6]	
	Tariff classification of mobile phone kits	NY N049055 (R)	8517.12.0050 (as a set)	HQ H252291	4901.99, 8504.40, 8507.60 [GRIs 1 and 6], 8517.12 (not a set)	
(A) 07-01-15	Tariff classification of printed stickers from China	NY N056183 (R) NY N056197 (M)	4821.10.20	HQ H072717 HQ H072718	4823.90.86 [GRI 1] 4911.99.60 [GRI 3(b)] 4823.90.86 [GRI 3(b)]	(E) 08-31-15
	Tariff classification of cycling shoes	NY N170022 (M)	6402.19.90	HQ H237638	6402.19.15 [GRI 1]	
	Tariff classification of the LumiKNIFE™ hobby knife set with LED light	NY R04558 (R)	8211.92.90	HQ H257274	8211.93.00 [GRIs 1 and 3(b)]	
	Tariff classification of certain ice hockey memorabilia sweaters	NY N198401 (M)	6110.11.015	HQ H213716	9705.00.0070 [GRI 1]	
	Tariff classification of contact lens buttons	NY N035645 (R) NY M80655 (R) NY J85736 (R)	9001.30.00	HQ H050836	3926.90.99 [GRI 1]	
	Tariff classification of boot uppers	NY N110715 (R)	6406.10.90	HQ H165759	6406.10.40 [GRIs 1 and 6]	
	Tariff classification of chocolate with hazelnuts	NY N007869 (R)	1806.20.81/ 1806.20.82	HQ H105330	1806.20.99 [GRIs 1 and 6]	
	Tariff classification of Makedo kits	NY N103196 (R)	3926	HQ H122351	9503.00.00 [GRI 1, AUSR 1(a) and GRI 6]	
	(A) 07-08-15	Tariff classification of data recorders	NY 861163 (R)	9033	HQ H126636	
Tariff classification of components of data recorders		HQ 952499 (R) NY 881722 (R) NY H80308 (R)	9033	HQ H219316	9031.90.90 [GRI 1 and Note 2 to Chapter 90]	
Tariff classification of polyvinyl alcohol fibers		NY R04929 (R)	5503	HQ H209959	5601.30.00 [GRI 1]	
Tariff classification of insulated cooler bags		NY N024831 (R) NY N024015 (R) NY N047035 (R) NY N024016 (R)	4202.92.08 " " 4202.92.10	HQ H088427	4202.92.10 [GRI 3(b)] " 4202.92.10 [GRI 3(c)] 4202.92.08 [GRI 3(b)]	
(A) 07-15-15	Tariff classification of Thymoglobulin® [Antithymocyte Globulin (Rabbit)] Sterile Lyophilized Preparation from France	NY L80355 (R)	3004.90.91	HQ H250457	3002.10.02	(E) 09-14-15
	Tariff classification of certain passenger boarding bridges	NY D85781 (R) NY D88830 (R) NY B88222 (R)	8428.90.0090 [currently 8428.90.0290]	HQ H108235	8479.71.00 [GRI 1 and Note 4 to Section XVII]	
(P) 07-15-15	Tariff classification of certain medical alert bracelets	NY G82337 (M)	6117.80.9540 6217.10.9530	HQ H253887	7117.90.90 7117.19.90 [GRI 1, GRI 3(c) GRI 6]	(C) 08-14-15

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(P) 07-29-15	Tariff classification of textile and plastic necklaces	NY N022480 (R) NY N059109 (M)	6217.10.9530	HQ H257790	7117.90.75 [GRI 1 (Note 9, Note 11 to Chapter 71), GRI 3(b), GRI 6]	(C) 08-28-15
	Tariff classification of plastic heat shrink tubing	NY H80297 (M) NY 843391 (R)	8546.90.0000	HQ H118307	3926.90.99 [GR1 and Note 2(s) of Chapter 39, Section VII]	
	Tariff classification of filler paper, composition notebooks, spiral notebooks, and wireless notebooks, and the eligibility of filler paper for preferential tariff treatment under the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA).	NY N057699 (M)	Filler paper: 4802.57.1000 and ineligible for NAFTA preference; Notebooks: 4820.10.2020	HQ H072375	Filler paper: 4811.90.9080; NAFTA originating. [GRI 1] Composition Notebooks: 4820.10.2030; Spiral/wireless notebooks: 4820.20.2040 [GRI 1,6]	
	Preferential tariff treatment and country of origin marking under NAFTA for certain prepared nuts	NY E87234 (M) NY F88926 (M) NY H84143 (M) NY H82352 (M) NY R02589 (M) NY N228118 (M)	Roasting and salting: eligible for NAFTA Marking: CA or US	HQ H243329 HQ H256782 HQ H256783 HQ H256785 HQ H256784 HQ H256781	Operations do not qualify for CA/US marking; Ineligible for NAFTA treatment. See GN 12(s)(ii), HTSUS,	
	Tariff classification of a woman's triathlon short	NY N007456 (R)	6104.63.2006	HQ H039658	6114.30.3070 [GRIs 1 and 6]	
	Tariff classification of style # 10162 "Kalo" footwear	NY N212500 (R)	6404.19.3940	HQ H219215	6404.19.1520 [GRI 1]	
	<i>Correction of Notice:</i> Tariff classification of a certain fishing rod holder with boat mount	NY R00811 (M)	9507.10.0080	HQ H240612	3926.90.99 [GRI 1 and Note 1(k) to Chapter 95]	
(A) 07-29-15	Tariff classification of an archery target handle insert	NY N209619 (R)	3926.90.25	HQ H229978	9506.99.05 [GRI 1 (Note 3 to Chapter 95), GRI 6]	(E) 09-28-15
	Tariff classification of cat toys	NY N056253 (R) NY D83727 (R) NY M87177 (M)	8543.70.9650	HQ H259644	8479.89.98	
	Eligibility of pheromone lures for preferential treatment under DR-CAFTA	NY N233747 (M)	Ineligible for DR-CAFTA preferential treatment	HQ H237563	May be eligible for DR-CAFTA preferential treatment –change in HTS not reflected in Rules of Origin	
	Tariff classification of automobile seat covers	NY 815572 (R) NY 816444 (R) NY 817886 (R) NY A88713 (R) NY C85587 (R) NY D87669 (R) NY E83615 (R) NY I88761 (R) NY K80213 (R) NY N015530 (R)	6304 " " " " " " " " 6307	HQ H249319	8708.99.81 [GRIs 3(a) and 6]	

European Classification Regulations

No EU classification regulations were published in July.

Amendments to the CN Explanatory Notes

No amendments to the explanatory notes to the *Combined Nomenclature of the European Union* were published in July.

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
337-TA-613 (Remand)	Certain 3G mobile handsets and components thereof	Commission decision to review in part a final initial determination on remand; request for written submissions
337-TA-823	Certain kinesiotherapy devices and components thereof	Commission decision to rescind a general exclusion order and cease and desist orders
337-TA-921	Marine sonar imaging devices, including downscan and sidescan devices, products containing the same, and components thereof	Notice of request for statements on the public interest
337-TA-925	Certain communications or computing devices and components thereof	Commission determination not to review an initial determination terminating the investigation in its entirety based upon settlement; termination of investigation; and Vacatur of Order No. 34
337-TA-926	Certain marine sonar imaging systems, products containing the same, and components thereof	Notice of request for statements on the public interest
337-TA-928 337-TA-937 (Consolidated)	Certain windshield wipers and components thereof	Notice of a Commission determination not to review an initial determination terminating investigation as to Federal-Mogul respondents based on a settlement agreement
337-TA-931	Certain formatted magnetic data storage tapes and cartridges containing same	Commission determination not to review an initial determination terminating the investigation based on settlement
337-TA-942	Certain wireless devices, including mobile phones and tablets III	Commission determination to affirm an initial determination terminating the investigation based on a settlement agreement
337-TA-960	Certain toner supply containers and components thereof	Institution of an investigation based a complain filed on behalf of Canon Inc. of Japan, Canon U.S.A., Inc. and Canon Virginia, Inc. alleging patent infringement
337-TA-961	Certain lip balm products, containers for lip balm and components thereof	Institution of an investigation based a complain filed on behalf of eos Products, LLC and The Kind Group LLC alleging patent infringement
337-TA-962	Certain resealable packages with slider devices	Institution of an investigation based a complain filed on behalf of Reynolds Presto Products Inc. alleging patent infringement

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

Ref. №	Commodity	Complaint filed on behalf of:
DN 3077	Certain table saws incorporating active injury mitigation technology and components thereof	SawStop, LLC and SD3, LLC
DN 3075	Certain activity tracking devices, systems, and components thereof	AliphCom d/b/a Jawbone and Bodymedia, Inc.
DN 3078	Certain windscreen wipers and components thereof	Trico Products Corporation

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 №	Merchandise/Country	Action
A-583-833	Polyester staple fiber from Taiwan	Final results of antidumping duty administrative review; 2013-2014
A-570-020	Melamine from China	Postponement of final determination of sales at LTFV
A-475-601	Brass sheet and strip from Italy	Final results of ADD administrative review; 2013-2014
A-570-831	Fresh garlic from China	Final results of the changed circumstances review of Lanling Qingshui Vegetable Foods Co., Ltd.
A-821-801	Solid urea from the Russian Federation	Final results of ADD administrative review; 2013-2014
A-570-601	Tapered roller bearings and parts thereof, finished and unfinished, from China	Preliminary results of ADD administrative review; 2013- 2014
A-337-804 A-533-813 A-560-802 A-570-851	Certain preserved mushrooms from Chile, India, Indonesia and China	Final results of expedited third sunset reviews of the ADD orders
A-570-898	Chlorinated isocyanurates from China	Preliminary results of ADD administrative review; 2013-2014
A-201-836	Light-walled rectangular pipe and tube from Mexico	Preliminary results of ADD administrative review; 2013-2014
A-549-821	Polyethylene retail carrier bags from Thailand	Final results of ADD administrative review; 2013-2014
A-475-059	Pressure sensitive plastic tape from Italy	Final results of expedited fourth sunset review of the ADD finding
A-405-803	Purified carboxymethylcellulose from Finland	Initiation and preliminary results of changed circumstances review and consideration of revocation of the ADD order
C-570-023	Certain uncoated paper from China	Notice of correction to preliminary affirmative CVD determination
A-570-891	Hand trucks and certain parts thereof from China	Final results of the expedited second sunset review of the ADD order
A-580-874 A-557-816 A-523-808 A-583-854 A-552-818	Certain steel nails from S. Korea, Malaysia, Oman, Taiwan, and Vietnam	ADD orders
A-570-970	Multilayered wood flooring from China	Final results of changed circumstances review
A-560-822 A-557-813 A-570-886 A-583-843	Polyethylene Retail Carrier Bags from Indonesia, Malaysia, China, Taiwan, Thailand, and Vietnam	Final results of the expedited sunset reviews of the ADD orders


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

Case No	Merchandise/Country	Action
A-549-821 A-552-806		
C-552-819	Certain steel nails from Vietnam	CVD order
A-570-979	Crystalline silicon photovoltaic cells, whether or not assembled into modules, from China	Final results of ADD administrative review and final determination of no shipments; 2012-2013
C-570-980	Crystalline silicon photovoltaic cells, whether or not assembled into modules, from China	Final results of CVD administrative review; 2012
C-570-971	Multilayered wood flooring from China	Final results and partial rescission of CVD administrative review; 2012
A-570-970	Multilayered wood flooring from China	Final results of ADD administrative review and final results of new shipper review; 2012-2013
A-570-918	Steel wire garment hangers from China	Results of ADD administrative review; 2013-2014
A-570-601	Tapered roller bearings and parts thereof, finished and unfinished, from China	Notice of court decision not in harmony with final results of administrative review and notice of second amended final results of administrative review pursuant to court decision
A-580-809	Circular welded non-alloy steel pipe from S. Korea	Amended final results of ADD administrative review; 2012-2013
C-570-982	Utility scale wind towers from China	Rescission of CVD administrative review; 2014
A-549-821	Polyethylene retail carrier bags from Thailand	Notice of initiation and preliminary results of ADD changed circumstances review
A-570-831	Fresh garlic from China	Initiation of ADD new shipper review; 2014-2015
C-580-869	Large residential washers from S. Korea	Rescission of CVD administrative review; 2014
A-533-813	Preserved mushrooms from India	Partial rescission of ADD administrative review; 2014 – 2015
A-570-945	Prestressed concrete steel wire strand from China	Final results of expedited sunset review of the ADD order
A-570-905	Certain polyester staple fiber from China	Preliminary results of the ADD administrative review; 2013-2014
A-570-028	Hydrofluorocarbon blends and components thereof from China	Initiation of LTFV investigation
C-489-502	Circular welded carbon steel pipes and tubes from Turkey	Notice of Court Decision Not in Harmony With Final Results of CVD Administrative Review and Notice of Amended Final Results of CVD Administrative Review; 2011
A-570-933	Frontseating service valves from China	Final results of ADD administrative review; 2013-2014
A-570-970	Multilayered wood flooring from China	Notice of court decision not in harmony with the final determination and amended final determination of the ADD investigation
A-201-830	Carbon and certain alloy steel wire rod from Mexico	Notice of court decision not in harmony with final results and notice of amended final determination
A-570-967 A-570-935 A-570-941 A-570-954 A-570-912 A-570-943 A-570-962 A-570-947 A-570-939 A-570-930 A-570-937 A-570-920 A-570-952 A-570-945 A-570-922 A-570-925	Aluminum extrusions from China; certain circular welded carbon quality steel line pipe from China; certain kitchen appliance shelving and racks from China; certain magnesia carbon bricks from China; certain new pneumatic off-the-road tires from China; certain oil country tubular goods from China; certain potassium phosphate salts from China; certain steel grating from China; certain tow behind lawn groomers and certain parts thereof from China; Circular welded austenitic stainless pressure pipe from China; Citric acid and certain citrate salts from China; lightweight thermal paper from China; narrow woven ribbons with woven selvage from China; prestressed concrete steel wire strand from China; raw flexible magnets from China; sodium nitrite from China	Implementation of determinations Under Section 129 of the Uruguay Round Agreements Act


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

Case No	Merchandise/Country	Action
C-580-837	Certain cut-to-length carbon quality steel plate from S. Korea	Rescission of CVD administrative review; 2014
A-570-970	Multilayered wood flooring from China	Initiation of ADD new shipper reviews; 2014-2015
A-583-837	Polyethylene terephthalate film, sheet, and strip from Taiwan	Preliminary results of ADD administrative review and preliminary determination of no shipments; 2013-2014
A-588-804	Ball bearings and parts thereof from Japan	Notice of court decision not in harmony with the final results of ADD administrative review; 2008-2009
A-122-855 A-570-024 A-533-861 A-523-810	Certain polyethylene terephthalate resin from Canada, China, India, and Oman	Postponement of preliminary determinations of ADD investigations


United States International Trade Commission (USITC)

Case No	Merchandise/Country	Action
731-TA-1163	Woven electric blankets from China	(Review) Institution of a five-year review
731-TA-1059	Hand trucks from China	(Second Review) Scheduling of an Expedited Five-Year Review
731-TA-1279	Hydrofluorocarbon blends and components from China	(Preliminary) Institution of ADD investigation and scheduling of preliminary phase investigation
731-TA-776-779	Preserved mushrooms from Chile, China, India, and Indonesia	(Third Review) Scheduling of expedited five-year reviews
701-TA-521 731-TA-1252-1255 and 1257	Certain steel nails from Korea, Malaysia, Oman, Taiwan, and Vietnam	(Final) Determinations that an industry in the US is materially injured by reason of imports that have been found by Commerce to be sold in the US at LTFV, and by reason of imports from Vietnam that have been found by Commerce to be subsidized by the government of Vietnam
701-TA-437 731-TA-1060-1061	Carbazole violet pigment 23 from China and India	(Second Review) Scheduling of expedited five-year reviews
731-TA-1070A	Crepe paper from China	(Second Review) Scheduling of expedited five-year review
701-TA-462 731-TA-1156-1158 731-TA-1043-1045	Polyethylene retail carrier bags from China, Indonesia, Malaysia, Taiwan, Thailand, and Vietnam	(First Review of '462, '1156-1158; Second Review of '1043-1045) Notice of Commission determination to conduct full five-year reviews
731-TA-130	Chloropicrin from China	(Fourth Review) Scheduling of an expedited five-year review
701-TA-526-527 731-TA-1262-1263	Melamine from China and Trinidad and Tobago	(Final) Scheduling of the final phase of CVD and ADD investigations
701-TA-534-538 731-TA-1274-1278	Certain corrosion-resistant steel products from China, India, Italy, Korea, and Taiwan	(Preliminary) Determinations that there is a reasonable indication that an industry in the United States is threatened with material injury by reason of imports of certain corrosion-resistant steel products from China, India, Italy, Korea, and Taiwan, that are alleged to be sold in the United States at LTFV and that are allegedly subsidized by the same governments
701-TA-539 731-TA-1280-1282	Heavy walled rectangular welded carbon steel pipes and tubes from Korea, Mexico, and Turkey	(Preliminary) Institution of ADD and CVD investigations and scheduling of preliminary phase investigations


Canadian International Trade Tribunal (CITT)

Ref. Number	Merchandise/Country	Action
NQ-2014-003	<i>Dumping and subsidizing</i> : certain photovol-	Finding that the dumping and subsidizing of the above-mentioned



Canadian International Trade Tribunal (CITT)

Ref. Number	Merchandise/Country	Action
	taic modules and laminates originating in or exported from China	goods have not caused injury, but are threatening to cause injury to the domestic industry
PB-2014-001	<i>Dumping</i> : certain hot-rolled deformed steel concrete reinforcing bar originating in or exported from China, S. Korea and Turkey; <i>Subsidizing</i> of same from China.	Order in public interest inquiry for importer to complete questionnaire



Canada Border Services Agency (CBSA)

Ref. Number	Merchandise/Country	Action
AD1262	Certain flat hot-rolled carbon and alloy steel sheet and strip originating in or exported from Brazil, the People's Republic of China, Chinese Taipei, the Republic of India (India), and Ukraine	Notice of re-investigation
AD1389	Certain steel grating originating in or exported from	Notice of conclusion of re-investigation
RR-2014-006	<i>Dumping</i> : Refined sugar originating in or exported from US, Denmark, Germany, Netherlands, UK; <i>Countervailing</i> : Refined sugar originating in or exported from the European Union	Expiry review decision – Statement of reasons



NAFTA Panels

Ref. Number	Merchandise/Country	Action
None this month		



Mexico - Ministry of Economy

Ref. №	Merchandise/Country	Action
E.C. 08/14	Cold rolled steel originating in the Russian Federation and Kazakhstan regardless of country of origin.	Final resolution of the review of the ADD imposed
E.C. 10/14	Sodium hexametaphosphate, originating in China, regardless of country of origin.	Final resolution of the review of the ADD imposed
E.C. 13/14	Carbon steel butt welding connection originating in China regardless of the country of origin	Final resolution of the review of the ADD imposed
E.C. 12/15	Liquid caustic soda, originating in the United States, regardless of country of origin	Resolution approving the start of the examination of validity of the ADD imposed
E.C. 10/15	Epoxidized soybean oil, originating in the United States, regardless of country of origin	Resolution starting the review of the ADD imposed.
E.C. 18/14	Carbon steel pipe with longitudinal seam straight and helical originating in the USA, Spain and India, regardless of country of origin	Preliminary resolution of the dumping investigation
E.C. 19/14	Ethylene glycol monobutyl ether, originating in the USA, regardless of country of origin	Preliminary resolution of the review of the ADD
E.C. 13/15	Steel nuts or coated carbon black originating in China regardless of country of origin	Resolution approving the start of the ADD review
E.C. 14/15	Rebar originating in Brazil, regardless of country of origin	Resolution approving the start of the ADD review



European Union

Ref. Number	Merchandise/Country	Action
(EU) 2015/1081	Certain aluminium foils originating in Russia	Commission Implementing Regulation imposing a provisional ADD
(EU) 2015/1206	Stainless steel cold-rolled flat products originating in China	Commission Implementing Regulation terminating the anti-subsidy proceeding and repealing Implementing Regulation (EU) No 1331/2014 making imports originating in the People's Republic of China and Taiwan subject to registration



Australian Anti-Dumping Commission

Number	Merchandise/Country	Action
2015/72	Pineapple, FSI from Thailand	Initiation of an accelerated review
2015/73	Pineapple, consumer from Thailand	Initiation of an accelerated review
2015/74	Zinc coated (Galvanised) steel from China, Korea and Taiwan	Initiation of an exemption review
2015/75	Various	Status Report at 31 May 2015
2015/76	Rod in coil from Indonesia, Taiwan and Turkey	Findings in relation to a dumping investigation
2015/77	Hollow structural sections from China	Findings in relation to review
2015/78	Aluminium extrusions from China	Initiation of exemption inquiry
2015/79	Silicone emulsion concrete admixtures from USA	Expiry of AD measures
2015/80	Aluminium road wheels from China	Extension of time granted to issue SEF
2015/81	Steel reinforcing bar from Korea, Malaysia, Singapore, Spain, Taiwan, Thailand and Turkey	Publication of an extension
2015/82	Steel reinforcing bar from China	Initiation of investigation
2015/85	PVC flat electric cables from China	Termination of investigation
2015/87	Various	Status report at 30 June 2015
2015/88	Ammonium nitrate from Russian Fed.	Expiry of AD measures
2015/89	Various	Status Report at 30 June 2015
2015/90	PV modules or panels from China	Extension to due date for final report
2015/91	Hollow structural sections from China, Korea, Malaysia and Taiwan	Initiation of exemption inquiry
2015/92	Mushrooms from China	Initiation of continuation inquiry
2015/93	Zinc coated (galvanized) steel from India and Vietnam	Termination of an investigation
2015/94	Aluminium road wheels from China	Withdrawal of an application



China Ministry of Commerce (MOFCOM) and General Administration of Customs (GAC)

Ref. Number	Merchandise/Country	Action
№ 22, 2015	Acrylic originating in Japan, South Korea and Turkey	AD investigation January 1, 2014 to December 31, 2014 to determine the, industry injury (investigation period 1 January 2011 to 31 December 2014)
№ 23, 2015	Grain oriented electrical steel originating in Japan, South Korea and the EU	AD investigation January 1, 2014 to December 31, 2014 to determine the, industry injury ((investigation period 1 January 2011 to 31 December 2014)
№ 27, 2015	Methyl methacrylate originating in Singapore, Thailand and Japan	Extension of the AD investigation period
№ 29, 2015	Methyl methacrylate originating in Singapore, Thailand and Japan	Preliminary ruling
GAC № 36,2015	Methyl methacrylate originating in Singapore, Thailand and Japan	Implementation of the provisional anti-dumping measures


Government of India Ministry of Finance (Department of Revenue)

Reference	Merchandise/Country	Action
31/2015-Cus (ADD)	Steel and fibre glass measuring tapes and their parts and components, originating in or exported from China	Levies definitive ADD for a period of five years
32/2015-Cus (ADD)	Phenol, originating in or exported from South Africa	Levies definitive ADD for a period of five years
33/2015-Cus (ADD)	Glass Fibre and articles thereof originating in, or exported from, China	Seeks to extend the validity of Notification No. 30/2011-Customs, dated the 4th March, 2011 for a further period of one year
34/2015-Cus (ADD)	Certain compact fluorescent lamps (CFL) with or without ballast or control gear or choke ...from China	Levies definitive ADD for a period of five years
35/2015-Cus (ADD)	Ceramic glazed tiles from China	Finalizes provisional assessments of all imports by M/s Gaoyao Marshal Ceramics Co. Ltd., China PR (producer) through M/s Foshan Dihai Trading Development Co.Ltd., China PR (exporter) which have been subjected to provisional assessment pursuant to the Notification No. 109/2011-Customs, dated the 15-12-2011
36/2015-Cus (ADD)	Ceramic glazed tiles from China	Rescinds notification No.109/2011-Customs, dated 15-12-2011


Argentina Ministry of Economy and Public Finance

Ref. Number	Merchandise/Country	Action
Res. 94/2015	Evaporators and condensers kind used in apparatus for air conditioning in motor vehicles and radiators for motor vehicles and tractors, originating in China	Initiation of an investigation for alleged dumping
Res. 540/2015	Multifunction appliances, provided containers interchangeable accessories for processing food and fluids, commonly referred to as food processors, originating in Brazil and China	Initiation of an expiry review
Res. 173/2015	Certain wrenches, presented separately or in sets and wrenches whose length is ten millimeters than five hundred (510 mm) separately presented originating in China, India and Chinese Taipei	Continuation of dumping investigation
Res. 539/2015	Certain spreaders and tricetas originating in China	End of review
Res. 580/2015	Certain three phase liquid dielectric transformers originating in China and S. Korea	Extends the suspension of the measure established by Resolution No. 308, (2014) as extended by Res. № 7 (2015)
Res. 581/2015	Certain three phase liquid dielectric transformers originating in Brazil	Extend the suspension of the measure established by Resolution No. 13 (2014), extended by Resolution No. № 6 (2015)


Brazil Ministry of Development, Industry and Trade

Reference	Merchandise/Country	Action
Secex Cir. № 41	New rubber tires for use in vehicles and agricultural or forestry machinery, diagonal construction ("agricultural tires") originating in China	Rectified in the Official Gazette of 30.06.2015. Starts investigation to ascertain the existence of dumping [Corrected in DOU of 30-06-15]
Secex Cir. № 42	in exports to Brazil of seasoned automotive glass and laminated originating in Mexico and China.	Starts investigation to ascertain the existence of dumping
Secex Cir. № 44	Monobutyl ethylene glycol ether (EBMEG), originating in Germany	Starts investigation to ascertain the existence of dumping



Brazil Ministry of Development, Industry and Trade

Reference	Merchandise/Country	Action
Secex Cir. № 45	PET Film originating in Bahrain and Peru	Starts investigation to ascertain the existence of dumping

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Opportunity to Request Administrative Review

In a July 1, 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 July anniversary dates:

AD/CVD Proceedings - Country/ Merchandise	Case No.	Period
Antidumping Duty Proceedings		
Finland: Carboxymethylcellulose	A-405-803	7/1/14-6/30/15
India: Polyethylene Terephthalate (Pet) Film	A-533-824	7/1/14-6/30/15
Iran: In-Shell Pistachios	A-507-502	7/1/14-6/30/15
Italy: Certain Pasta	A-475-818	7/1/14-6/30/15
Japan: Clad Steel Plate	A-588-838	7/1/14-6/30/15
Polyvinyl Alcohol	A-588-861	7/1/14-6/30/15
Stainless Steel Sheet and Strip in Coils	A-588-845	7/1/14-6/30/15
Malaysia: Welded Stainless Pressure Pipe	A-557-815	1/7/14-6/30/15
Netherlands: Carboxymethylcellulose	A-421-811	7/1/14-6/30/15
Rep. of Korea: Stainless Steel Sheet and Strip in Coils	A-580-834	7/1/14-6/30/15
Russia: Solid Urea	A-821-801	7/1/14-6/30/15
S.R. of Vietnam: Welded Stainless Pressure Pipe	A-552-816	1/7/14-6/30/15
Taiwan: Polyethylene Terephthalate Film	A-583-837	7/1/14-6/30/15
Stainless Steel Sheet and Strip in Coils	A-583-831	7/1/14-6/30/15
Thailand: Carbon Steel Butt-Weld Pipe Fittings	A-549-807	7/1/14-6/30/15
Welded Stainless Pressure Pipe	A-549-830	1/7/14-6/30/15
The P.R. of China: Carbon Steel Butt-Weld Pipe Fittings	A-570-814	7/1/14-6/30/15
Certain Potassium Phosphate Salts	A-570-962	7/1/14-6/30/15
Certain Steel Grating	A-570-947	7/1/14-6/30/15
Circular Welded Carbon Quality Steel Pipe	A-570-910	7/1/14-6/30/15
Persulfates	A-570-847	7/1/14-6/30/15
Xanthan Gum	A-570-985	7/1/14-6/30/15
Turkey: Certain Pasta	A-489-805	7/1/14-6/30/15
Ukraine: Solid Urea	A-823-801	7/1/14-6/30/15
Countervailing Duty Proceedings		
India: Polyethylene Terephthalate Film	C-533-825	1/1/14-12/31/14
Italy: Certain Pasta	C-475-819	1/1/14-12/31/14
The P.R. of China: Certain Potassium Phosphate Salts	C-570-963	1/1/14-12/31/14
Certain Steel Grating	C-570-948	1/1/14-12/31/14
Circular Welded Carbon Quality Steel Pipe	C-570-911	1/1/14-12/31/14
Prestressed Concrete Steel Wire Strand	C-570-946	1/1/14-12/31/14
Turkey: Certain Pasta	C-489-806	1/1/14-12/31/14
Suspension Agreements		
Ukraine: Oil Country Tubular Goods	A-823-815	7/1/14-6/30/15

Requested Reviews

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AD/CVD Proceedings - Country/ Merchandise	Case No.	Period
Antidumping Duty Proceedings		
Canada: Citric Acid and Certain Citric Salts	A-122-853	5/1/14-4/30/15
India: Circular Welded Carbon Steel Pipe and Tubes	A-533-502	5/1/14-4/30/15
Silicomanganese	A-533-823	5/1/14-4/30/15
Japan: Diffusion-Annealed Nickel-Plated Flat-Rolled Steel Products	A-588-869	11/19/13-4/30/15
Kazakhstan: Silicomanganese	A-834-807	5/1/14-4/30/15
Republic of Korea: Certain Polyester Staple Fiber	A-580-839	5/1/14-4/30/15
Taiwan: Certain Stilbenic Optical Brightening Agents	A-583-848	5/1/14-4/30/15
Polyester Staple Fiber	A-583-833	5/1/14-4/30/15
The P.R. of China: Aluminum Extrusions	A-570-967	5/1/14-4/30/15
Certain Activated Carbon	A-570-904	4/1/14-3/31/15
Citric Acid and Certain Citrate Salts	A-570-937	5/1/14-4/30/15
Drawn Stainless Steel Sinks	A-570-983	4/1/14-3/31/15
Pure Magnesium	A-570-832	5/1/14-4/30/15
Turkey: Circular Welded Carbon Steel Pipes and Tubes	A-489-501	5/1/14-4/30/15
Light-Walled Rectangular Pipe and Tube	A-489-815	5/1/14-4/30/15
United Arab Emirates: Certain Steel Nails	A-520-804	5/1/14-4/30/15
Venezuela: Silicomanganese	A-307-820	5/1/14-4/30/15
Countervailing Duty Proceedings		
The P.R. of China: Aluminum Extrusions	C-570-968	1/1/14-12/31/14
Certain Magnesia Carbon Bricks	C-570-955	1/1/13-12/31/13
Citric Acid and Certain Salts	C-570-938	1/1/14-12/31/14

Initiation of Sunset Reviews

In a July 1, 2015, *Federal Register* [notice](#), the US Department of Commerce advised that it was automatically initiating a five-year ("Sunset") review of the anti-dumping and countervailing duty orders listed below.

AD/CVD DOC Case No.	ITC Case No.	Country	Merchandise
A-570-951	731-TA-1163	PRC	Woven Electric Blankets (1 st Review)

Advance Notification of Sunset Reviews

In a July 1, 2015, *Federal Register* [notice](#), the US Department of Commerce advised that the following cases were scheduled for five-year ("Sunset") reviews for August.

AD/CVD Proceedings - Merchandise/Country	Case No.
Antidumping Duty Proceedings	
Magnesia Carbon Bricks from China	A-570-954 (1 st Review)
Narrow Woven Ribbons with Woven Selvedge from China	A-570-952 (1 st Review)
Magnesia Carbon Bricks from Mexico	A-201-837 (1 st Review)
Narrow Woven Ribbons with Woven Selvedge from Taiwan	A-583-844 (1 st Review)
Countervailing Duty Proceedings	
Magnesia Carbon Bricks from China	C-570-955 (1 st Review)
Narrow Woven Ribbons with Woven Selvedge from China	C-570-953 (1 st Review)
Suspended Investigations	
No Sunset Review of suspended investigations is scheduled for initiation in August 2015.	