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

Our first webinar was held on January 27, 2015 and covered **US Export Control Reform**. Our speakers were Sylwia Lis (Washington, DC) and Paul Amberg (Chicago). A recording will be posted shortly in case you missed it or want to view it again.

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

### Upcoming Webinar Dates and Topics:

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

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

## World Trade Organization (WTO)

### Trade Policy Review: Barbados

The third review of the trade policies and practices of Barbados took place on 27 and 29 January 2015. The basis for the review was a [report by the WTO Secretariat](#) and a [report by the Government of Barbados](#).

### DSB activities

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

| DS No.  | Case Name  | Activity                                      | Date     |
|---|--|---|----------|
| <a href="#">DS429</a>   | United States – Anti Dumping Measures on Certain Shrimp from Viet Nam (Complainant: Viet Nam)  | <a href="#">Viet Nam appeals panel report</a> | 06-01-15 |
| <a href="#">DS438</a><br><a href="#">DS444</a><br><a href="#">DS445</a> | Argentina – Measures Affecting the Importation of Goods (Complainants: EU, the US and Japan)   | <a href="#">Appellate Body issues report</a>  | 15-01-15 |
| <a href="#">DS437</a>   | United States — Countervailing measures on certain products from China (Complainant: China)    | <a href="#">Appellate Body adopts report</a>  | 16-01-15 |
| <a href="#">DS438</a><br><a href="#">DS444</a><br><a href="#">DS445</a> | Argentina – Measures Affecting the Importation of Goods (Complainants: EU, the US and Japan)   | <a href="#">Appellate Body report adopted</a> | 26-01-15 |
| <a href="#">DS430</a>   | India — Measures concerning the Importation of Certain Agricultural Products (Complainant: US) | <a href="#">India has decided to appeal</a>   |          |

## World Customs Organization (WCO)

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

| Date     | Title  |
|----------|--|
| 07-01-15 | <a href="#">Strengthened partnership with the ICC</a>  |
|          | <a href="#">West African Administrations register impressive success under the WCO-WACAM Project – Phase I</a> |

| Date     | Title   |
|----------|---|
| 09-01-15 | <a href="#">Burkina Faso continues its remarkable HRM modernization initiative with the support of the WCO-WACAM Project</a>                |
| 13-01-15 | <a href="#">Burkina Faso continues its remarkable HRM modernization initiative with the support of the WCO-WACAM Project</a>                |
|          | <a href="#">WCO Asia/Pacific 24th Regional Contact Points (RCP) Meeting</a>   |
|          | <a href="#">First National Workshop on Coordinated Border Management Angola Customs Administration</a>                                      |
|          | <a href="#">SAFE/AEO Workshop for Asia Pacific Region held in India</a>   |
| 14-01-15 | <a href="#">Customs' contribution to security against violent extremism</a>   |
| 15-01-15 | <a href="#">Time Release Study National Workshop in India</a>   |
|          | <a href="#">First Meeting of the EU Customs Union Group under Latvian Presidency</a>  |
| 16-01-15 | <a href="#">WCO strengthening collaboration with the OIE</a>  |
| 21-01-15 | <a href="#">WCO National Workshop on Rules of Origin for Malaysia</a>   |
|          | <a href="#">WCO publishes the agreed amendments to the Harmonized System (HS) Nomenclature that will enter into force on 1 January 2017</a> |
|          | <a href="#">Chemists from Member Customs Laboratories meet at the WCO headquarters</a>  |
| 23-01-15 | <a href="#">WCO participates in American Chamber of Commerce's session on "Facilitating Secure Trade and Economic Growth"</a>               |
|          | <a href="#">Message of the WCO Secretary General on International Customs Day 2015</a>  |
| 27-01-15 | <a href="#">WCO and Japan International Cooperation Agency conclude MOC</a>   |
| 28-01-15 | <a href="#">Transportation and logistics sector lends support to global efforts tackling wild-life crime</a>                                |
|          | <a href="#">The WCO-MENA Regional Working Group on Resource Mobilization holds its first ever session !</a>                                 |
| 29-01-15 | <a href="#">French Customs symposium on coordinated border management highlighted a new way for partnership approach</a>                    |
| 30-01-15 | <a href="#">WCO Publishes 2015 Picard Research Conference Call for Papers</a>   |
|          | <a href="#">WCO Capacity Building support provided to Rwanda</a>  |

## Other International Matters

### CITES Notification to Parties

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

| Date     | Title   |
|----------|---|
| 09-01-15 | <a href="#">2015/001 Sample permits and certificates and signature specimens</a>  |
| 16-01-15 | <a href="#">2015/002 Information on incidents of poaching and illegal trade in Asian big cat species - Excel spreadsheet: data on incidents of poaching and illegal trade in Asian big cat species</a>  |
|          | <a href="#">2015/003 New Zealand – Stricter domestic measures regarding personal and household effects</a>  |
|          | <a href="#">2015/004 Changes to deadlines established by the 65th meeting of the Standing Committee</a>   |
| 21-01-15 | <a href="#">2015/005 Elephant ivory stocks: marking, inventories and security</a>   |
| 30-01-15 | <a href="#">2015/006 Asian big cats</a>   |
|          | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><a href="#">Annex 1: Questionnaire on the implementation of Recommendations (f) - (n) on Asian big cats, endorsed by the 65th meeting of the CITES Standing Committee (SC65, Geneva, July 2014)</a></li> </ul> |
|          | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><a href="#">Annex 2: Model inventory for the declaration of national or privately held stockpiles of captive-bred or confiscated Asian big cat specimen</a></li> </ul>   |

## The Americas - Central America

### Costa Rica

#### Documents

| Date     | Series and №                | Subject  |
|----------|-----------------------------|--|
| 08-01-15 | <a href="#">DM-001-2015</a> | Min. of Economy: Safeguard on imports of husked rice entering CR under 1006.30.90.91 and 1006.30.90.99 excluding certain countries |

### El Salvador

#### Documents

| Date     | Series and №                 | Subject   |
|----------|------------------------------|---|
| 19-01-15 | <a href="#">DGA-001-2015</a> | Customs Calendar 2015   |
| 16-01-15 | <a href="#">DGA-002-2015</a> | Extension of resolutions authorizing exporters of ferrous and non-ferrous |

### Nicaragua

#### Technical Circulars, etc.

The following documents were recently posted by the Dirección General de Servicios Aduaneros (Nicaraguan Customs Service)

| Date  | Title   |
|---|---|
| 04-12-14  | <a href="#">CT 142-2014 Import restrictions</a>   |
|   | <a href="#">CT 143-2014 Amendment to Centroamerican Tariff – version applicable to Nicaragua</a>  |
|   | <a href="#">CT 145-2014 Expansion of the Pilot Program to the Electronic Payment Module for Duties, Taxes, Services and other Customs Obligations (PETSAs) to Managua</a> |
| 23-12-14  | <a href="#">CT 149-2014 General Provisions for the Clearance of Chilled or Frozen Goods</a>   |
| 17-12-14  | <a href="#">CT 150-2014 Expansion of the Pilot Program to the Electronic Payment Module for Duties, Taxes, Services and other Customs Obligations (PETSAs)</a>            |
| 18-12-14  | <a href="#">CT 151-2014 Amendment to the Centroamerican Tariff System applicable to Nicaragua</a>   |
|   | <a href="#">CT 152-2014 Suspension of Terms of Processing from Dec. 20-Jan. 4</a>   |
|   | <a href="#">CT 153-2014 Contingency procedures for clearance of goods when computer system fails</a>  |
| 23-12-14  | <a href="#">CT 154-2014 Agricultural sector goods – customs release</a>   |
|   | <a href="#">CT 155-2014 Tariff preferences arising from the incorporation of Panama into the Central American Economic Integration Subsystem (SIEC)</a>                   |
|   | <a href="#">CT 156-2014 FTA between Mexico and Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras and Nicaragua</a>   |
|   | <a href="#">CT 158-2014 Tariff relief under CAFTA-DR</a>  |
|   | <a href="#">CT 159-2014 Tariff relief for Dominican Republic originating goods under the CAFTA-DR</a>   |
|   | <a href="#">CT 160-2014 Tariff relief under the Nicaragua-ROC (Taiwan) FTA</a>  |
|   | <a href="#">CT 161-2014 Tariff relief pursuant to the Central America – Chile FTA and the Chile-Nicaragua protocol</a>  |
| <a href="#">CT 162-2014 Tariff relief pursuant to the Central America – EU agreement</a>          |   |
| <a href="#">CT 163-2014 Preferential tariff treatment – partial implementation Nicaragua-Cuba</a> |   |

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*Source documents may be accessed by clicking on the blue hypertext links.*

| Date     | Title  |
|----------|--|
| 23-12-14 | <a href="#">CT № 164-2014 Administrative procedures for customs declarations in 2014 that were not presented to the risk management module</a> |
| 08-01-15 | <a href="#">CT 001-2015 Amendment to Centroamerican Tariff – version applicable to Nicaragua</a>   |
| 13-01-15 | <a href="#">CT 009-2015 Prohibition on imports of vehicles under Law 891</a>   |
| 14-01-15 | <a href="#">CT 010-2015 Amendment to the list of RUC numbers for governmental and non-governmental entities</a>                                |
| 20-01-15 | <a href="#">CT 013-2015 Amendment to Centroamerican Tariff – version applicable to Nicaragua conforming to COMIECO-LXX Res. № 356-2014</a>     |
|          | <a href="#">CT 014-2015 Prohibition on vehicle imports under Law 891 law reform and additions to the Law on Tax Consultation</a>               |

## Nicaraguan Classification Resolutions (Customs Rulings)

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

## Panama

### Official Gazette

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

| Publication Date | Title   |
|------------------|---|
| 05-01-15         | National Customs Authority (NCA): <a href="#">Resolution № 466 (12-12-14) regulating the issuances of advance rulings (resolutions)</a> |
| 08-01-15         | NCA: <a href="#">Resolution № 518 (26-12-14) Reorganization of the Commission of Customs Appeals</a>                                    |

## The Americas - North America

### Canada

#### CBSA implements seizure policy for undervaluation of commercial goods through the CLVS program

The Canada Border Services Agency (CBSA) issued CN 15-002 on January 28, 2015 [announcing](#) the implementation of a new seizure policy for undervalued shipments of commercial goods imported through the Courier Low Value Shipment (CLVS) Program.

Under the policy, in circumstances where physical evidence has been discovered that a significant undervaluation has been made by the foreign exporter with respect to the value of the goods imported via the CLVS Program, seizure action may be taken under the exporter's name, under subsection 110(1) of the [Customs Act](#). CBSA will verify that the untrue statement originated from the foreign exporter of the goods, and that it did not originate from an error on the part of the CLVS Program participant.

Goods that are destined to a Customs Self-Assessment (CSA) importer are excluded from the new seizure policy for undervaluation because CSA importers are considered to have “trusted trader” status.

According to the notice,

When a seizure action is undertaken, the Canadian importers will be provided with the Notice of Seizure informing them of their right to make a third-party claim, pursuant to section 138 of the [Customs Act](#) by submitting a request for a ministerial decision to protect their interest in the seized goods.

The following are the various actions that can be taken by the parties involved, as a result of an undervaluation seizure:

- The seized party (exporter) may, within 90 days of the seizure date, request a decision of the Minister with respect to the seizure.
- The importer may, within 90 days of the seizure date, request a decision of the Minister, with respect to the seizure, if there was a transfer of ownership or if it paid the terms of release.
- The importer may, within 90 days of the seizure date, present a third-party claim to protect his or her interest in the seized goods. The Recourse Directorate will review the file and, on behalf of the Minister of Public Safety, decide whether the importer's interest in the seized item should be protected or not. However, a third-party claim will be reviewed in accordance with the [Customs Act](#) and a determination may only be made when all the conditions therein are met. Depending on the circumstances of each case, when a review of the seizure is requested, it is possible that the third-party claim determination will only be made after the Minister's decision respecting the seizure review.
- The exporter may pay the Terms of Release that will be indicated on the seizure receipt, in order to obtain release of the seized goods. While this payment would not affect the exporter's right to request a decision of the Minister, it would remove the importer's third-party process right, since the payment would allow the release of the seized goods.
- If the importer has received a written authorization from the foreign exporter, the importer can pay the Terms of Release noted on the seizure receipt. This payment would make the importer's third-party process moot, since the payment would allow the importer to take possession of the seized goods.

The policy is intended to provide the CBSA with a means to deter exporters from undervaluing shipments that are destined to Canada.

## Canada seeks to restrict U.S. “Buy America” provisions for Prince Rupert ferry terminal

On January 19, 2015, the Government of Canada published an unofficial version of the [Certain Foreign Extraterritorial Measures \(United States\) Order, 2014](#) which states:

### “Buy America” provisions

1. It is prohibited for any person in Canada, in respect of alterations or improvements to be made to premises leased by the State of Alaska from the Prince Rupert Port Authority, to comply with section 313 of title 23 of the United States Code or section 410 of part 635 of title 23 of the United States Code of Federal Regulations, or with any directive, instruction, intimation of policy or other communication supporting their application from a person who is in a position to direct or influence the policies of the person in Canada, including those contained in any tender documents issued in respect of those alterations or improvements.

Clarification

2. A person who complies with a provision, directive, instruction, intimation of policy or other communication referred to in section 1 before the day on which this Order comes into force contravenes this Order only if they take some further action on or after the day on which this Order comes into force that constitutes compliance with such a provision, directive, instruction, intimation of policy or communication.

Application before publication

3. For the purpose of paragraph 11(2)(a) of the Statutory Instruments Act, this Order applies before it is published in the Canada Gazette.

Coming into force

4. This Order comes into force on the day on which it is registered.

The Regulatory Impact Analysis Statement accompanying the Order states that the State of Alaska intends to apply “Buy America” restrictions with respect to the redevelopment of a ferry terminal facility on federal crown land in British Columbia leased by the State of Alaska from the Prince Rupert Port Authority.

The Order is intended to mitigate adverse effects on Canadian interests in the bidding process for the redevelopment of the ferry terminal facility and give a fair access to all suppliers of Canadian products and services to this project in view of the significant impact on the Canadian economy in the area.

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The *Foreign Extraterritorial Measures Act* (FEMA), section 5, permits the Attorney General of Canada, with the concurrence of the Minister of Foreign Affairs, to issue an Order to block the application in Canada of foreign measures that have had or will likely have an adverse effect on significant Canadian interests in relation to international trade or commerce involving business carried on in whole or in part in Canada, or that have otherwise infringed or are likely to infringe Canadian sovereignty.

As a result of the above considerations, the Attorney General of Canada is of the opinion that the application of “Buy America” measures to the redevelopment of the Prince Rupert ferry terminal facility will likely have an adverse effect on significant Canadian interests in relation to international trade or commerce involving business carried on in whole or in part in Canada. The Minister of Foreign Affairs concurs with the making of an order to address these concerns.

The Order prohibits any person in Canada from complying with “Buy America” measures found in legislation or emanating from a person of influence with respect to any alterations or improvements to premises leased by the State of Alaska from the Prince Rupert Port Authority, starting on the day the Order comes into force. The effect of the Order, amongst other things, is to prohibit any person in Canada from complying with any certification or declaration requirements that state that the successful bidder will comply or has complied with applicable “Buy America” measures, such as those found in the applicable tender documents (e.g., Material Origin Certificate). The Order would also prohibit any person in Canada from complying with any audit procedure seeking to verify compliance with applicable “Buy America” measures.

## CBSA announces new policy regarding retroactive transfer price adjustments

There has been a significant change in Canadian trade law that presents significant opportunities for importers but raises some related obligations. The CBSA has changed its long-standing policy and announced in [Customs Notice 15-001, \*Treatment of Downward Price Adjustments in Value for Duty Calculations\*](#), that a retroactive transfer price adjustment resulting in the reduction of the price paid or payable for imported goods may entitle the importer to a refund of duties paid under certain circumstances. Before this change in policy, the CBSA took the position that retroactive transfer price reductions were not to be taken into account when calculating the value for duty of imported goods under the transaction value

method. However, recent jurisprudence signalled that this position was not correct in all circumstances, and the CBSA has changed its position accordingly.

#### ***Retroactive Transfer Price Adjustments Under the Transaction Value Method***

The primary method of valuing goods for customs purposes in Canada is the transaction value method. Under this valuation method, the value for duty of imported goods is the price paid or payable for the goods, subject to certain adjustments. Pursuant to section 32.2 of the [Customs Act](#), once a Canadian importer has “reason to believe” that the value declared for imported goods is incorrect, as would be the case if the transfer price of goods sold between related parties is adjusted retroactively, the importer is required, within 90 days of the reason to believe date, to amend the value for duty declared on the relevant customs entries.

The CBSA historically took the position that while retroactive transfer price *increases* triggered the obligation to correct the value for duty originally declared (giving rise to the requirement to pay additional applicable duties and taxes), retroactive price *reductions* could not be taken into account and therefore importers were precluded from obtaining duty refunds. The basis for this position was the CBSA's interpretation of paragraph 48(5)(c) of the *Customs Act*, which states that “rebates or decreases in the price paid or payable effected after goods are imported” are to be disregarded when determining the value of imported goods under the transaction value method.

Prompted by recent jurisprudence, the CBSA has now addressed this apparent asymmetry by recognizing that downward adjustments to the price paid or payable of imported goods are to be taken into account under the transaction value method where they were made in accordance with a written agreement in effect at the time of importation.

#### ***New Refund Opportunities And Additional Self-Correction Obligations for Importers***

The CBSA's new policy presents an opportunity for refund claims where an importer retroactively adjusts the transfer price of imported dutiable goods in accordance with a written agreement that was in effect at the time the goods were imported. This presents the potential for significant duty recovery, since an importer may file a refund claim within four years of the importation subject to the claim. However, Canadian importers seeking to take advantage of this opportunity must be able to demonstrate that the transfer price is an arm's length price as supported by a written transfer price study or an Advance Pricing Agreement (APA).

While the new CBSA policy creates significant refund opportunities for importers where retroactive price reductions occur, new obligations also arise, which if not met, will give rise to the potential imposition of administrative monetary penalties. Under the new policy with respect to retroactive price decreases, importers are required to correct their customs entries, even if the correction would not result in a refund of duties (i.e., where the goods were imported duty-free). The CBSA is currently considering the effective date of this obligation, that is, whether it will only apply to imports after January 19, 2015 or whether it will apply to retroactive transfer price reductions that occur after January 19, 2015 even if these adjustments apply to imports prior to this date. *[Note: The last sentence of this paragraph has been revised to reflect the current position of the CBSA.]*

It is not uncommon for periodic transfer price adjustments to be made with respect to a fiscal year, with the final transfer price adjustment for the year being

equal to the total net adjustment taking into account all of the periodic adjustments made for that year. The CBSA has confirmed in the Customs Notice that the importer will have reason to believe the original value declared is incorrect only after the last periodic adjustment is made and the total net adjustment for the year is determined. Therefore, the 90-day period within which the importer must file a correcting entry to account for a downward price adjustment begins to run from this date. In circumstances where an importer does not make a correction within the 90-day timeframe as required, it may be able to mitigate its liability by making a voluntary disclosure to the CBSA of its non-compliance provided certain conditions are met.

### *Next Steps for Canadian Importers*

As a result of the new policy, importers should determine whether, over the last number of years, retroactive transfer price reductions have occurred, based on transfer price studies or APAs and in accordance with written agreements that existed at the time the goods were imported. If such circumstances exist, importers should take advantage of the opportunity to file refund claims. However, importers must recognize the new obligations imposed upon them as a result of the new policy. Importers must set up procedures to ensure the timely filing of value for duty correcting entries, not only in situations where there are retroactive price increases charged to them, but also in situations where retroactive price reductions occur in revenue-neutral situations. Given the new CBSA policy, it is expected that a focus of CBSA audits will be to ensure that the required value for duty adjustments have been made to account for retroactive transfer price adjustments, whether increases or decreases.

If you have any questions or want additional information, please contact [Paul Burns](#), [Brian Cacic](#) or [Jonathan Tam](#), of our Toronto office.

### **CBSA posts information on Combatting Counterfeit Products**

On January 2, 2015, the CBSA [posted material](#) on Combatting Counterfeit Products (Intellectual Property Rights). The posting states:

#### **About the program**

The Canada Border Services Agency (CBSA) supports the fight against counterfeit and pirated goods entering or leaving Canada.

The Agency has established a process that allows intellectual property rights (IPR) holders to file a request asking for the CBSA to temporarily detain suspected counterfeit goods encountered at the border while rights holders seek legal redress.

As a Canadian trademark holder registered with the [Canadian Intellectual Property Office \(CIPO\)](#), you are eligible to file a [Request for Assistance \(RFA\) application](#) with the CBSA. RFAs will help the CBSA to effectively identify and detain commercial shipments suspected of containing counterfeit trademark goods.

As an owner of a valid Canadian copyright, you are eligible to file an RFA application with the CBSA. RFAs will help the CBSA to effectively identify and detain commercial shipments suspected of containing pirated copyright goods.

If suspect counterfeit or pirated goods are discovered during a commercial examination, the CBSA can use the information contained in the RFA application to contact the appropriate rights holders and inform them of the details they need to allow them to pursue a civil court action.

### How the program works

- Step 1: Ensure that your trademark is registered with CIPO and your information is up to date. CIPO registration of copyright is not mandatory, but is recommended.
- Step 2: Complete the RFA form and submit it to the CBSA for processing.
- Step 3: Wait for confirmation of enrollment and approval letter outlining program specific details.
- Step 4: Once approved, if suspected counterfeit goods are intercepted by the CBSA, you will be notified and given the opportunity to take appropriate action.
- Step 5: The Royal Canadian Mounted Police will be responsible for leading any criminal investigations related to commercial scale counterfeiting and piracy.

**Note:** By filing an RFA you acknowledge that you become liable to the government for any costs related to storage, handling and destruction of detained goods that arise, beginning the day after a notice of detention is sent to you. You can often minimize these costs by responding promptly to CBSA and advising

- the goods are not counterfeit or pirated, or
- you choose not to launch an action for this shipment.

### Contact information

If you have any questions about the RFA application process, send your enquiries to [CBSA-ASFC\\_IPR-DPI@cbsa-asfc.gc.ca](mailto:CBSA-ASFC_IPR-DPI@cbsa-asfc.gc.ca).

The information was posted because the *Combating Counterfeit Products Act* (Bill C-8) received Royal Assent and the Customs enforcement provisions came into force on January 1, 2015.

## CBSA announces trade compliance verifications

The CBSA [posted an announcement](#) of its Trade Compliance Verifications. The CBSA manages trade compliance with the Tariff Classification, Valuation, and Origin programs using the following two post-release verification processes:

- Random verifications
- Verification priorities

Random verifications are designed to measure compliance rates and revenue loss and the results may be used for many purposes, including:

- Risk assessment;
- Revenue assessment; and
- Promoting voluntary compliance.
- Verification priorities

Targeted verification priorities are determined through a risk-based, evergreen process, meaning that new targets are added throughout the year. Verification priorities may also be carried over from previous years. The current verification priorities and the risks that have been identified are [listed here](#).

## 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  |
|------------------|--|
| 01-03-15         | Environment: <a href="#">Order 2015-66-01-02 Amending the Non-domestic Substances List</a> pursuant to the <i>Canadian Environmental Protection Act, 1999</i>  |
| 01-10-15         | Environment: <a href="#">Order 2015-66-01-02 Amending the Non-domestic Substances List (Erratum)</a>   |
|                  | Public Safety and Emergency Preparedness: <a href="#">Two-year review of list of entities</a> pursuant to the <i>Criminal Code</i>   |
| 01-14-15         | Foreign Affairs: <a href="#">Allocation Method Order (2015) — Softwood Lumber Products</a> (SOR/2014-321, December 23, 2014) pursuant to the <i>Export and Import Permits Act</i>  |
| 01-17-15         | Environment: <a href="#">Publication after screening assessment of living organisms — Paenibacillus polymyxa (P. polymyxa) ATCC 842, ATCC 55407 and 13540-4 — specified on the Domestic Substances List (subsection 77(1) of the Canadian Environmental Protection Act, 1999)</a>                                      |
|                  | Environment: <a href="#">Publication of final decision after screening assessment of a living organism — Pseudomonas stutzeri (P. stutzeri) strain ATCC 17587 — specified on the Domestic Substances List (subsection 77(6) of the Canadian Environmental Protection Act, 1999)</a>                                    |
| 28-01-15         | Environment: <a href="#">Order 2014-87-11-01 Amending the Domestic Substances List</a> (SOR/2015-7, January 8, 2015) pursuant to the <i>Canadian Environmental Protection Act, 1999</i>  |
|                  | Environment: <a href="#">Order Amending Schedule 3 to the Canadian Environmental Protection Act, 1999</a> (SOR/2015-8, January 8, 2015)  |
|                  | Foreign Affairs: <a href="#">Order Amending the Automatic Firearms Country Control List</a> (SOR/2015-10, January 14, 2015) pursuant to the <i>Export and Import Permits Act</i>   |
|                  | Foreign Affairs: <a href="#">Order Amending the Automatic Firearms Country Control List</a> (SOR/2015-11, January 14, 2015) pursuant to the <i>Export and Import Permits Act</i>   |
|                  | Erratum: <a href="#">SOR/2014-306, December 12, 2014 - Transportation Of Dangerous Goods Act, 1992 - Regulations Amending the Transportation of Dangerous Goods Regulations (Lithium Metal Batteries, ERAPs and Updates to Schedules)</a>  |
| 01-31-15         | Health: <a href="#">Notice to interested parties — Proposed order amending Schedule II to the Controlled Drugs and Substances Act and regulations amending the Schedule to the Narcotic Control Regulations with respect to synthetic cannabinoids</a> pursuant to the <i>Controlled Drugs and Substances Act</i> (PO) |

## 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   |
|----------|---------------------------|---------|---|
| 01-15-15 | <a href="#">D10-17-41</a> | Revised | Tariff Classification of Rough Diamonds, Unsorted Diamonds, and Unworked Diamonds   |
|          | <a href="#">D10-13-1</a>  | Revised | Tariff Classification of Goods  |
|          | <a href="#">CFIA Post</a> |         | Information for travellers: Restriction on live birds, eggs, raw poultry products, raw pet foods from Oregon and Washington |

| Date     | Reference                 | Action  | Title   |
|----------|---------------------------|---------|---|
| 01-19-15 | <a href="#">CN 15-001</a> |         | Treatment of Downward Price Adjustments in Value for Duty Calculations  |
| 01-28-15 | <a href="#">D2-5-11</a>   | Revised | Administrative and Operational Guidelines for Commercial Air-mode Carriers for the Processing of Prescribed Traveller Information Pursuant to the Requirements of the Canada Border Services Agency |
| 01-28-15 | <a href="#">CN 15-002</a> | New     | New Seizure Policy for Significant Undervaluation of Commercial Goods in the Courier Low Value Shipment (CLVS) Program  |
| 1-30-15  | <a href="#">D22-1-1</a>   | Revised | Administrative Monetary Penalty System  |

## 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   |
|------------------|---|
| 01-07-15         | Foreign Affairs and Communications and Transport: <a href="#">Acuerdo disclosing amendments to the Annexes to the International Convention on the Safety of Containers, 1972</a>  |
|                  | Hacienda: <a href="#">Annexes 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 11, 17, 18, 22, 23 and 25 of the Fiscal Resolution 2015, published on 30 December 2014</a> [IVA on importation sections].  |
| 01-08-15         | Economy: <a href="#">Acuerdo amending the Acuerdo by which the Secretary of the Economy issues rules and criteria of a general matter in Foreign Trade</a>  |
| 01-20-15         | Health: <a href="#">Modification of paragraphs 3.4, 9.2.1.8 and 9.2.2.4 of the Official Mexican Standard NOM-186-SSA1 / SCFI 2013, Cocoa, chocolate and similar products, and cocoa products. Sanitary specifications. Designation commercial. Test Methods, published on March 28, 2014.</a> |
|                  | Health: <a href="#">Draft of Mexican Official Standard NOM-259-SSA1-2014, products and services. Good practices in manufacturing cosmetic products</a>  |
| 01-21-15         | Foreign Affairs: <a href="#">Decree amending the Fourth Additional Protocol was approved by the Economic Complementation Agreement No. 51 between the United Mexican States and the Republic of Cuba</a>  |
|                  | Foreign Affairs: <a href="#">Decree approving the Treaty on Mutual Legal Assistance in Criminal Matters between the United Mexican States and the Republic of Cuba.</a>   |
|                  | Hacienda: <a href="#">Convention extending the same between the Ministry of Finance and Credit and the State of Sonora, for the internment and temporary importation of vehicles to the State of Sonora, published on November 25, 2005</a>   |
| 01-29-15         | Economy: <a href="#">Acuerdo amending the Acuerdo by which the Secretary of the Economy issues rules and criteria of a general character in matters of foreign trade</a>  |
| 01-30-15         | Hacienda: <a href="#">Seventh Resolution amending the General Rules on Foreign trade for 2014</a>   |

## Antidumping and countervailing duty cases

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

## United States

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

### Presidential documents

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

| Date     | Subject  |
|----------|--|
| 01-06-15 | <a href="#">Executive Order 13687 of January 2, 2015 — Imposing Additional Sanctions With Respect To North Korea</a>   |
| 01-22-15 | <a href="#">Notice of January 21, 2015 - Continuation of the National Emergency With Respect to Terrorists Who Threaten To Disrupt the Middle East Peace Process</a> |

### President extends national emergency with respect to terrorists

On January 21, 2015, President Obama signed [Notice of January 21, 2015 - Continuation of the National Emergency With Respect to Terrorists Who Threaten To Disrupt the Middle East Peace Process](#) (published in the *Federal Register* on January 22, 2015) which continued for 1 year the national emergency first declared on January 23, 1995 by Executive Order 12947 to deal with the unusual and extraordinary threat to the national security, foreign policy, and economy of the United States constituted by grave acts of violence committed by foreign terrorists that disrupt the Middle East peace process.

The extension was necessary because terrorist activities continue to threaten the Middle East peace process and to pose an unusual and extraordinary threat to the national security, foreign policy, and economy of the United States.

### President signs Executive Order imposing additional sanctions on N. Korea

On January 2, 2014, President Obama signed [Executive Order 13687 of January 2, 2015 — Imposing Additional Sanctions With Respect To North Korea](#) (published in the *Federal Register* on January 6, 2015). According to a [Press Release](#) issued by the US Treasury Department's Office of Foreign Assets Control (OFAC), the Order is being issued in response to recent cyber-attacks targeting Sony Pictures Entertainment that were allegedly carried out by the Government of North Korea. Simultaneously, OFAC announced that, pursuant to the Order, it had designated ten individuals and three entities as Specially Designated Nationals (SDNs).

### New Executive Order

The Order expands on existing U.S. sanctions targeting North Korea by authorizing OFAC to designate as SDNs any of the following parties:

- Agencies, instrumentalities, or controlled entities of the Government of North Korea or the Workers' Party of Korea;
- Officials of the Government of North Korea or of the Workers' Party of Korea;

- Parties determined to have materially assisted, sponsored, or provided financial, material, or technological support for, or goods or services to or in support of, the Government of North Korea or any person whose property and interests in property are blocked pursuant to the Order; and
- Parties determined to be owned or controlled by, or to have acted or purported to act for or on behalf of, directly or indirectly, the Government of North Korea or any person whose property and interests in property are blocked pursuant to the Order.

Parties designated under the Order will be tagged with the [DPRK2] tag on OFAC's List of Specially Designated Nationals and Blocked Persons (the SDN List). The Order does not "block" or freeze the assets of the Government of North Korea generally or impose other broad sanctions targeting North Korea.

U.S. Persons are prohibited from dealing, directly or indirectly, with parties designated as SDNs or with any entities in which one or more SDNs own a 50% or greater interest. For purposes of the Order, "U.S. Persons" include (i) entities organized under U.S. laws and their non-U.S. branches, (ii) individuals or entities in the United States, and (iii) U.S. citizens or permanent resident aliens ("Green Card" holders) wherever located or employed. While non-U.S. persons, including separately incorporated foreign subsidiaries of U.S. companies, are generally not subject to the Order, non-U.S. persons may trigger U.S. sanctions prohibitions if they cause any SDN-related transactions to occur in whole or in part in the United States or elsewhere by U.S. Persons.

### New SDN Designations

In conjunction with the issuance of the Order, OFAC announced that it has added ten individuals and three entities to the SDN List pursuant to the authority provided in the Order. The three entities designated under the Order—Reconnaissance General Bureau, Korea Mining Development Trading Corporation, and Korea Tangun Trading Corporation—were previously designated as SDNs under other sanctions programs.

*For additional information, please contact [Alexandre \(Alex\) Lamy](#) or [Joseph A. Schroot](#) of our Washington D.C. Office or any member of our Outbound Trade group with whom you normally work. Check our Sanctions blog at [www.bakermckenzie.com/sanctionsnews/](http://www.bakermckenzie.com/sanctionsnews/) for any additional updates.*

### USTR seeks comments on Iceland's participation in the Environmental Goods Agreement negotiations

On January 27, 2015, the Office of the U.S. Trade Representative (USTR) published in the Federal Register a [notice](#) advising that USTR, on behalf of the Trade Policy Staff Committee (TPSC), is seeking public comment regarding U.S. interests and priorities with respect to this initiative to invite Iceland to join the WTO Environmental Goods Agreement (EGA) negotiations.

On March 21, 2014, USTR notified Congress of the Administration's intention to enter into negotiations for an EGA with an initial group of 13 trading partners. USTR has since notified Congress of the Administration's intent to join a consensus among EGA participants to invite the Government of Iceland to join the EGA negotiations.

## U.S. accepts WTO Trade Facilitation Agreement

On January 23, 2015, the Office of USTR [announced](#) that USTR Michael Froman formally delivered the United States' letter of acceptance of the *WTO Trade Facilitation Agreement* (TFA) to the WTO Director-General Azevêdo. The TFA is part of the Bali package -- the first multilateral agreement to be adopted by the WTO in 20 years. The U.S. joins Hong Kong and Singapore, which had previously notified the WTO of their acceptance of the TFA. The TFA will have its greatest impact in developing economies where Customs related delays and complicated rules are common. The TFA had been adopted unanimously in Bali, but stalled over India's refusal to agree to its adoption when the first formal vote came up. The deadlock ended when India and the U.S. reached an agreement that would protect developing countries' food security measures from WTO legal challenges. The TFA will enter into force once two-thirds of the WTO's 160 Members have completed their domestic legal procedures and submitted instruments of acceptance to the WTO.

## USTR seeks comments on CAFTA–DR dispute settlement proceeding regarding Guatemala's failure to effectively enforce its labor laws

On January 26, 2015, the Office of the USTR published in the *Federal Register* a [notice](#) advising the public that effective September 19, 2014, at the request of the United States, the arbitral panel reviewing the U.S. challenge to Guatemala's breach of its obligations under Article 16.2.1(a) of the *Dominican Republic—Central America—United States Free Trade Agreement* (CAFTA–DR) has begun its review. Although USTR will accept any comments received during the course of the dispute settlement proceedings, comments should be submitted on or before February 20, 2015, to be assured of timely consideration by USTR.

## USTR seeks comments on WTO disputes

The Office of the USTR published the following documents related to WTO disputes in the *Federal Register*:

| F.R. Date | Matter   | Comments Due |
|-----------|--|--------------|
| 01-26-15  | <a href="#">U.S. Anti-Dumping Measures on Oil Country Tubular Goods from Korea</a> [Dispute No. WTO/DS488] | 02-18-15     |

## USITC publishes summary of ITC practice relating to APOs

On January 13, 2015, the U.S. International Trade Commission (USITC) published in the *Federal Register* a [summary of ITC practice relating to administrative protective orders](#).

Since February 1991, the USITC has issued an annual report on the status of its practice with respect to violations of its administrative protective orders (APOs) under title VII of the *Tariff Act of 1930*, in response to a direction contained in the *Conference Report to the Customs and Trade Act of 1990*. Over time, the USITC has added to its report discussions of APO breaches in USITC proceedings other than under title VII and violations of the ITC's rules including the rule on bracketing business proprietary information (BPI)(the "24-hour rule"), 19 C.F.R. 207.3(c). This notice provides a summary of breach investigations completed during calendar year 2013. This summary addresses four proceedings under section 337 of the *Tariff Act of 1930*. There were no breach investigations in title VII proceedings or rules violation investigations completed in 2013. The USITC intends that this

report inform representatives of parties to USITC proceedings as to some specific types of APO breaches encountered by the USITC and the corresponding types of actions the USITC.

## USITC to study effects of Cuban embargo

On January 30, 2015, the USITC [announced](#) that it has launched an investigation to examine the economic effects on exports of U.S. goods and services, including digitally traded goods and services, of statutory and administrative restrictions related to trade with and travel to Cuba by U.S. citizens.

The investigation, *Overview of Cuban Imports of Goods and Services and Effects of U.S. Restrictions* (Inv. No. 332-552), was requested by the U.S. Senate Committee on Finance in a letter received on December 17, 2014.

As requested, the USITC, an independent, nonpartisan, factfinding federal agency, will provide an overview of recent and current trends in Cuban imports of goods and services, including from the United States, and an analysis of U.S. restrictions affecting such purchases, including restrictions on U.S. citizen travel to Cuba. The USITC report will include:

- an overview of Cuba's imports of goods and services from, to the extent possible, 2005 to the present, including identification of major supplying countries, products, and market segments;
- a description of how U.S. restrictions on trade, including those relating to export financing terms and travel to Cuba by U.S. citizens, affect Cuban imports of U.S. goods and services; and,
- for sectors where the impact is likely to be significant, a qualitative and, to the extent possible, quantitative estimate of U.S. exports of goods and services to Cuba, in the event that statutory, regulatory, or other trade restrictions on U.S. exports of goods and services as well as travel to Cuba by U.S. citizens are lifted.

The report will also include, to the extent possible, state-specific analysis of the impacts described above. The USITC will hold a public hearing on March 24, 2015, with a final report to be delivered to the Committee by September 15, 2015. For due dates and calendar, see the announcement.

## USITC investigations

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

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

## CBP modifies NCAP test concerning ACE DIS relating to APHIS

On January 30, 2015, U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) published in the *Federal Register* a [notice](#) announcing CBP's plan to modify part of the National Customs Automation Program (NCAP) test concerning document imaging, known as Phase III of the Document Image System (DIS) test. Phase III of the DIS test allows Automated Commercial Environment (ACE) participants to submit

electronic images of a specific set of CBP and Partner Government Agency (PGA) forms and supporting information to CBP via a CBP-approved Electronic Data Interchange (EDI). This notice announces that ACE participating importers and brokers may now submit DIS test-supported Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) documents, in Portable Document Format (PDF) file format, via email, to [docs@cbp.dhs.gov](mailto:docs@cbp.dhs.gov). The modified DIS test will commence no earlier than February 17, 2015 and will continue until concluded by way of announcement in the *Federal Register*.

## COAC to meet Feb. 11 in San Francisco

On January 21, 2015, CBP published in the *Federal Register* a notice [Docket No. USCBP–2014–0035] advising the public that the Advisory Committee on Commercial Operations of U.S. Customs and Border Protection (COAC) will meet on February 11, 2015 from 8 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. (PST), in San Francisco, CA. The meeting will be open to the public. COAC provides advice to the Secretary of Homeland Security, the Secretary of the Treasury, and the Commissioner of CBP on matters pertaining to the commercial operations of CBP and related functions within the Departments of Homeland Security and Treasury.

Meeting participants may attend either in person (see details in notice) or via webinar after pre-registering using a method indicated in the *Federal Register* notice. To facilitate public participation, CBP is inviting public comment on the issues to be considered by the committee prior to the formulation of recommendations as listed in the Agenda below.

The COAC will hear from the following project leaders and 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 Exports Subcommittee: Review and discuss the status of the Air Manifest sub-work group and the findings of the Commodity Licensing sub-work group, which represents two of the seven planned sub-workgroups formed under the Export Process Work Group (EPWG), and the continued collaboration between the Bureau of Industry and Security's Federal Advisory Committee, the President's Export Council Subcommittee on Export Administration (PECSEA).
2. The One U.S. Government at the Border (1USG) Subcommittee: Review, discuss findings and present recommendations of the Process and Messaging Working Group. Update to COAC on the Status of U.S. Government Hold Authority. Subcommittee Closeout Report and update on status of 13th Term recommendations.
3. The Trade Enforcement and Revenue Collection Subcommittee: Update and present a recommendation of the Intellectual Property Rights (IPR) Voluntary Disclosure working group, present recommendations of the Anti-Dumping/Countervailing Duty (AD/ CVD) Working Group, and report on the Bonds Working Group's discussions on e-bonds.
4. The Trusted Trader Subcommittee: Update and discuss the Customs-Trade Partnership Against Terrorism (C-TPAT) Exporter Entity and the Trusted Trader Program pilot.
5. The Trade Modernization Subcommittee: Updates and discussion on Automated Commercial Environment (ACE), Centers of Excellence and Expertise, as well as Role of the Customs Broker activities will take place. Recommendations are expected to be presented regarding CBP regulating how Customs Brokers can confirm the bonafide nature of an importer, what metrics CBP can report regarding the deployment of Centers of Excellence and Expertise, and recommendations regarding the development of a Simplified Entry Summary.

6. The Global Supply Chain Subcommittee: Updates and discussion regarding the Beyond the Border activities with Canada and 21st Century activities with Mexico will take place.

### CBP publishes quarterly IRS interest rates

On January 13, 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 January 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.

### CBP expands Global Entry program

On January 12, 2015, CBP published in the *Federal Register* two documents expanding the Global Entry program. Global Entry allows preapproved, low-risk participants expedited entry into the United States using Global Entry kiosks located at designated airports. Currently, eligibility for participation in Global Entry is limited to U.S. citizens, U.S. nationals, U.S. lawful permanent residents, Mexican nationals, and certain eligible citizens of the Netherlands, the Republic of Korea, the Federal Republic of Germany, the State of Qatar, and the United Kingdom. Additionally, participants in the NEXUS trusted traveler program and certain participants in the Secure Electronic Network for Travelers Rapid Inspection (SENTRI) trusted traveler program are permitted to use the Global Entry kiosks as part of their membership in those programs.

The [first document](#) [CBP Dec. No. 15–01] announces that CBP is expanding eligibility for Global Entry to include citizens of the Republic of Panama. All of these individuals must otherwise satisfy the requirements for participation in the Global Entry program. Additionally, the same document announces that U.S. citizens who participate in Global Entry or U.S. citizens who can utilize Global Entry kiosks as NEXUS or SENTRI participants have the option to apply for membership in Panama Global Pass, the Republic of Panama's trusted traveler program.

Previously, thirty-two U.S. airports had been designated as Global Entry airports. The [second document](#) [CBP Dec. No. 15-02] announces the expansion of the program to include seven additional designated airports on or before July 13, 2015. Each of these airports will have Global Entry kiosks for the use of participants. The additional airports, listed alphabetically by state, are:

- Ted Stevens Anchorage International Airport, Anchorage, Alaska (ANC);
- Chicago Midway International Airport, Chicago, Illinois (MDW);
- Cincinnati/Northern Kentucky International Airport, Hebron, Kentucky (CVG);
- Cleveland Hopkins International Airport, Cleveland, Ohio (CLE);
- Pittsburgh International Airport, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania (PIT);
- Austin-Bergstrom International Airport, Austin, Texas (AUS);
- General Mitchell International Airport, Milwaukee, Wisconsin (MKE).

The exact starting dates of Global Entry at each airport location will be announced on the [Global Entry Web site](#).

## CBP publishes eBond test modifications and clarifications

On January 7, 2015, U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) published in the *Federal Register* a [general notice](#) that announces modifications and clarifications to CBP's voluntary National Customs Automation Program eBond test, scheduled to deploy January 3, 2015 and published in the *Federal Register* on November 28, 2014 (79 Fed. Reg. 70881). This test provides for the transmission in Automated Commercial Environment of electronic bond contracts (eBonds) between principals and sureties, with CBP as third-party beneficiary, for the purpose of linking those eBonds to the transactions they are intended to secure. The modifications and clarifications to CBP's eBond test concern: the method by which continuous bonds executed prior to or outside of the eBond test may be converted to eBonds by the surety and principal; a surety or principal's ability to terminate an eBond; the identification of the principal on an eBond by the filing identification number; and an email address correction.

The eBond test modifications and clarifications set forth in this notice went into effect upon publication. Comments and/or questions concerning this notice or any aspect of the test may be submitted to CBP [via email](#) with the subject line identifier reading "Comment/Questions on eBond test."

## 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 reflect different locations and/or products.]

| F.R. Date | Subject   |
|-----------|---|
| 01-06-15  | <a href="#">Agency Information Collection Activities: Passenger List/Crew List; CBP Form I-418</a> (N)  |
| 01-12-15  | <a href="#">Expansion of Global Entry Eligibility to Citizens of the Republic of Panama</a> [CBP Dec. No. 15-01] (N)                              |
|           | <a href="#">Expansion of Global Entry to Seven Additional Airports</a> [CBP Dec. No. 15-02] (N)   |
| 01-13-15  | <a href="#">Agency Information Collection Activities: Crewman's Landing Permit</a> (N)  |
|           | <a href="#">Agency Information Collection Activities: General Declaration</a> (N)   |
|           | <a href="#">Agency Information Collection Activities: Trusted Traveler Programs and U.S. APEC Business Travel Card</a> (N)                        |
|           | <a href="#">Notice of approval of Inspectorate America Corporation, as a commercial gauger</a> [Baton Rouge, LA] (N)                              |
|           | <a href="#">Notice of approval of Inspectorate America Corporation, as a commercial gauger and laboratory</a> [Houston, TX] (N)                   |
|           | <a href="#">Approval of International Marine Consultants as a Commercial Gauger</a> [San Juan, PR] (N)  |
|           | <a href="#">Accreditation and Approval of Intertek USA, Inc. as a Commercial Gauger and Laboratory</a> [Gonzales, LA] (N)                         |
|           | <a href="#">Accreditation and Approval of Intertek USA, Inc. as a Commercial Gauger and Laboratory</a> [Benicia, CA] (N)                          |
|           | <a href="#">Approval of Inspectorate America Corporation, as a Commercial Gauger</a> [St. Rose, LA] (N)   |
| 01-21-15  | <a href="#">Agency Information Collection Activities: Application and Approval to Manipulate, Examine, Sample or Transfer</a> [CBP Form 3499] (N) |
|           | <a href="#">Agency Information Collection Activities: Certificate of Origin</a> [CBP Form 3229] (N)   |
| 01-26-15  | <a href="#">Agency Information Collection Activities: Bonded Warehouse Proprietor's Submission</a> [CBP Form 300] (N)                             |
|           | <a href="#">Agency Information Collection Activities: Entry/Immediate Delivery Application and ACE Cargo Release</a> [CBP Form 3461] (N)          |
| 01-27-15  | <a href="#">Agency Information Collection Activities: Harbor Maintenance Fee</a> (N)  |

| F.R. Date | Subject   |
|-----------|---|
|           | <a href="#">Agency Information Collection Activities: Lien Notice (N)</a> |
|           | <a href="#">Notice of Revocation of Customs Broker's License (N)</a>      |

### Some CEEs to assume post-release functions starting Jan. 28

On January 20, 2015, CBP issued [CSMS # 14-000040](#) which announced that pursuant to [Delegation Order 14-004](#), on January 28, 2015, the following three Centers of Excellence and Expertise (CEE) Center Directors will assume trade authority for post-release trade processes of entry summaries for the respective industry tariff lines filed in the Ports of Entry (POE) listed below:

| Electronics Center Director | Pharmaceutical, Health & Chemicals Center Director | Petroleum, Natural Gas & Minerals Center Director |
|-----------------------------|--|---|
| Long Beach                  | El Paso  | Seattle   |
| Los Angeles/LAX             | New York   | Blaine  |
| Chicago                     | Newark   | Pembina   |
| Cleveland                   | Chicago  | Great Falls                                       |
| Milwaukee                   | Cleveland  | San Francisco                                     |
| Minneapolis                 | Milwaukee  | Honolulu  |
| St. Louis                   | Minneapolis  | Portland, OR                                      |
| San Francisco               | St. Louis  | Long Beach  |
| Honolulu                    | Atlanta  | Los Angeles/LAX                                   |
| Houston                     | Charleston   | San Diego   |
| Dallas/Ft. Worth            | Charlotte  | Nogales   |
|                             | Norfolk  | Phoenix   |
|                             | Savannah   | El Paso   |

Entry summary filing procedures and document submission processes will remain the same for brokers and importers. Local ports will issue notices regarding any team number changes, if necessary. CBP will consolidate post-release processing to provide an increased level of uniformity and certainty. An appropriate level of trade staff at these locations will be transitioned to the Center to support Center operations. The Center Director will have full authority for trade decisions for the respective industry tariff lines.

**Port Directors - [Delegation Order 14-004 and the Trade Guidance that accompanies it](#)** provides that until further notice, Port Directors will retain singular authority over those matters pertaining to the control, movement, examination, and release of cargo. While a Port Director may consult a Center Director regarding these matters, Center Directors will not issue decisions or determinations. Additionally, Port Directors will retain responsibility for matters related to Drawback.

Finally, the Port Director will also retain responsibility for exercising authority over all matters related to Fines, Penalties and Forfeitures (FP&F). All notices to the trade regarding these cases (including CBPF 5955A, pre-penalty/penalty notices, and seizure notices) are issued under the authority of the FP&F Officer.

**Examples of Joint Authorities** - Port Directors and Center Directors will both have the authority to demand redelivery of cargo when necessary to ensure safety and security, and to protect the revenue. Both Port Directors and Center Directors will have the authority to take samples of merchandise as needed. Port Directors and Center Directors have the authority to demand single transaction bonds when necessary to ensure safety and security, and to protect the revenue. Revenue collections can be accepted by Port of Entry (POE) staff and/or Center personnel on behalf of CBP.

**Document Submissions from the Trade** - In instances where a regulation requires documentation or information to be submitted to a Port Director, the filer/importer may continue to file such documentation at, or transmit such information to, the POEs. Alternatively, the documentation or information may be submitted to the appropriate Center Director. This includes instances when CBP has requested the documentation or information and when the filer/importer initiates the submission without a specific request by CBP.

**Regulatory References** - Effective January 28, 2015, and until further notice, the authority for all trade functions and activities may be exercised, with certain exceptions outlined above, by the Center Directors for the Electronics; Pharmaceuticals, Health & Chemicals; and Petroleum, Natural Gas & Minerals Centers. Such trade functions and activities include, but are not limited to, decisions and determinations in the following areas:

- Entry/Entry Summary processing such as: articles conditionally free or subject to a reduced rate, DCMAO, American Goods Returned, Permanent Exhibition Entries, special classes of merchandise, importations temporarily free of duty, quota, informal entries, trade fair entries, warehouse entries and withdrawals, FTZ entry summaries, and other special entry procedures.
- Decisions and activities regarding packing, stamping, country of origin marking, rules of origin, trademarks, copyrights, bonds, classification, appraisalment, and the sampling of merchandise.
- Processing of liquidations, protests, petitions, recordkeeping, and financial and accounting matters.

## CBP posts 'AD/CVD Update' with FY 2014 enforcement highlights

CBP has published a single page document entitled [December 2014 AD/CVD Update \[Edition 1, Volume 1\]](#). The Update has selected Fiscal Year 2014 anti-dumping/countervailing duty (AD/CVD) enforcement highlights. In addition, the Update states that the Department of Justice (DOJ) has filed four cases with the Court of International Trade (CIT) targeting antidumping duty evasion of orders involving steel butt-weld pipe fittings, wire hangers, and polyethylene retail carrier bags from China. A combined total of about \$3.5 million in penalties and duties is being sought. The Update also provides information on challenges by importers to CBP requests for single entry bonds, statistics and information on industry outreach.

## 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   |
|----------|---------------------------|---|
| 01-02-15 | <a href="#">15-000001</a> | Weekly ACE Production Maintenance beginning 01/03/2015                          |
| 01-05-15 | <a href="#">15-000002</a> | FDA Food Facility Registration Renewal  |
| 01-06-15 | <a href="#">15-000003</a> | Actualización Mensual de diciembre 2014 Para el Dueño de Cuenta Comercial (TAO) |
|          | <a href="#">15-000004</a> | Actualización Mensual de diciembre 2014 Para el Dueño de Cuenta Comercial (TAO) |
|          | <a href="#">15-000005</a> | Actualización Mensual de diciembre 2014 Para el Dueño de Cuenta Comercial (TAO) |

| Date                      | CSMS#                     | Title   |
|---------------------------|---------------------------|---|
|                           | <a href="#">15-000006</a> | Results of ACE Deployment D/January 3, 2015   |
| 01-07-15                  | <a href="#">15-000009</a> | Published Today: Federal Register Notice Announcing Modification of eBond Test      |
|                           | <a href="#">15-000010</a> | Scheduled Weekly ACE Certification Outage for Wednesday, January 7, 2015            |
|                           | <a href="#">15-000011</a> | OFAC Issues General License Authorizing Certain Transactions with Respect to Crimea |
|                           | <a href="#">15-000012</a> | Single Transaction bonds for ISF filings  |
|                           | <a href="#">15-000013</a> | Emergency Ace Outage Tonight, January 7, 2015                                       |
|                           | <a href="#">15-000014</a> | Actualización de Emergencia en ACE ésta Noche, 7 de enero del 2015                  |
|                           | 01-09-15                  | <a href="#">15-000015</a>   |
| <a href="#">15-000016</a> |                           | Weekly ACE Production Outage beginning 01/10/2015                                   |
| <a href="#">15-000017</a> |                           | The January 2015 update to the ACEpedia has been posted to CBP.gov.                 |
| <a href="#">15-000018</a> |                           | ACE eBond Issues and Concerns Post ACE Deployment D – January 3, 2015 Release       |
| <a href="#">15-000019</a> |                           | Importer/Bond Query (KI/KR)– Please Only Use Address Request Code 1                 |
| <a href="#">15-000020</a> |                           | ACS Outage Saturday, January 10, 2015, 1200 ET – 1300 ET                            |
| 01-11-15                  | <a href="#">15-000021</a> | ACE Reports are Currently Unavailable   |
|                           | <a href="#">15-000022</a> | Resolved-ACE Reports Unavailable  |
| 01-12-15                  | <a href="#">15-000023</a> | Registration: March 3-4, 2015 Software Developer Session                            |
|                           | <a href="#">15-000024</a> | Registration: March 3-4, 2015 Software Developer Session                            |
| 01-13-15                  | <a href="#">15-000025</a> | Scheduled Weekly ACE Certification Outage for January 14, 2015                      |
| 01-14-15                  | <a href="#">15-000026</a> | ACE Certification Environment Now Available!  |
| 01-15-15                  | <a href="#">15-000027</a> | FDA OASIS System Issues Downtime January 15, 2015                                   |
|                           | <a href="#">15-000028</a> | ACE Trade User Satisfaction Survey Now Available                                    |
|                           | <a href="#">15-000029</a> | ACE Trade User Satisfaction Survey Now Available                                    |
|                           | <a href="#">15-000030</a> | FDA OASIS Downtime on January 15, 2015 Resolved                                     |
|                           | <a href="#">15-000031</a> | Null value in Ocean and Rail X12 355 messages                                       |
| 01-16-15                  | <a href="#">15-000032</a> | Weekly ACE Production Outage beginning January 17, 2015                             |
|                           | <a href="#">15-000033</a> | FDA System Issues January 16, 2015  |
|                           | <a href="#">15-000034</a> | Update: Weekly ACE Production Outage beginning January 17, 2015                     |
|                           | <a href="#">15-000035</a> | Area Port of Seattle Process for Vessel Diversion between Seattle and Tacoma        |
|                           | <a href="#">15-000036</a> | FDA System Issues January 16, 2015 Resolved   |
| 01-20-15                  | <a href="#">15-000037</a> | Importer/Bond Query (KI/KR) Address Request Code of SPACE has been Corrected        |
|                           | <a href="#">15-000038</a> | Scheduled Weekly ACE Certification Outage for Wednesday, January 21, 2015           |
|                           | <a href="#">15-000039</a> | Centers of Excellence and Expertise Implementation of Phase 1 Accelerated Roll Out  |
|                           | <a href="#">15-000040</a> | Centers of Excellence and Expertise Implementation of Phase 1 Accelerated Roll Out  |
| 01-21-15                  | <a href="#">15-000041</a> | ACE Certification Environment Now Available!  |
|                           | <a href="#">15-000042</a> | San Francisco Custom House Phone Outage   |
|                           | <a href="#">15-000043</a> | Update to CSMS# 15-000042 San Francisco Custom House Phone Outage                   |
| 01-23-15                  | <a href="#">15-000044</a> | FDA Deletion of a Center for Drug Evaluation and Research (CDER) Product Code       |
|                           | <a href="#">15-000045</a> | Weekly ACE Production Outage beginning January 24, 2015                             |
|                           | <a href="#">15-000046</a> | FSIS Import Rule Outreach   |
|                           | <a href="#">15-000047</a> | FSIS Import Rule Outreach   |
|                           | <a href="#">15-000048</a> | ACE ABI Draft CATAIR Documents Posted to CBP.GOV                                    |
|                           | <a href="#">15-000049</a> | Electronics CEE Team Codes, Accelerated Roll Out and Points of Contact              |
| 01-26-15                  | <a href="#">15-000050</a> | Petroleum Center of Excellence and Expertise Team Codes,                            |

| Date     | CSMS#                     | Title   |
|----------|---------------------------|---|
|          |                           | Accelerated Roll Out & Contacts   |
|          | <a href="#">15-000051</a> | Delays in ISF Processing  |
|          | <a href="#">15-000052</a> | New ACE ABI CATAIR Document Posted to CBP.GOV   |
|          | <a href="#">15-000053</a> | Null value in Sea and Rail X12 355  |
|          | <a href="#">15-000054</a> | Snowday for January 27, 2015 - Port of JFK (4701) and all sub-ports                   |
|          | <a href="#">15-000055</a> | Local Port Closure for Boston (0401) and Logan Airport (0417) on 1/27-28/2015         |
|          | <a href="#">15-000056</a> | UPDATE: Petroleum CEE Team Codes, Accelerated Roll Out & Contact Information          |
|          | <a href="#">15-000057</a> | Local Port Closure for Boston (0401) and Logan Airport (0417) for 1/27-28/2015        |
|          | <a href="#">15-000058</a> | UPDATE: Petroleum CEE Team Codes, Accelerated Roll Out & Contact Information          |
|          | <a href="#">15-000059</a> | UPDATE: Petroleum CEE Team Codes, Accelerated Roll Out & Contact Information          |
| 01-27-15 | <a href="#">15-000060</a> | Petroleum CEE Team Codes, Accelerated Roll Out and Contact Information                |
|          | <a href="#">15-000061</a> | Petroleum CEE Team Codes, Accelerated Roll Out and Contact Information                |
|          | <a href="#">15-000062</a> | Reminder: Ace Trade User Satisfaction Survey Now Available                            |
|          | <a href="#">15-000063</a> | Reminder: Ace Trade User Satisfaction Survey Now Available                            |
|          | <a href="#">15-000064</a> | Pharmaceuticals, Health and Chemicals Center of Excellence and Expertise (PHC Center) |
|          | <a href="#">15-000065</a> | Mexican Sugar Export License  |
|          | <a href="#">15-000066</a> | ABI Software Vendors List Update  |
| 01-30-15 | <a href="#">15-000067</a> | Weekly ACE Production Outage beginning January 31, 2015                               |

## U.S. Government relaxes comprehensive embargo of Cuba

On January 16, 2015, the U.S. Treasury Department's Office of Foreign Assets Control (OFAC) and the U.S. Commerce Department's Bureau of Industry and Security (BIS) issued final rules [see BIS and OFAC articles below] amending the *Cuban Assets Control Regulations* (CACR) and the *Export Administration Regulations* (EAR), respectively, to implement key policy changes to the U.S. embargo of Cuba (the "Amendments"). The policy changes were originally [announced](#) by President Obama on December 17, 2014. The changes are intended to engage and empower the Cuban people by facilitating authorized travel to Cuba and certain related activities, facilitate the flow of information to, from, and within Cuba, and authorize certain limited activities related to trade with Cuba.

Importantly, the U.S. embargo of Cuba remains in effect and most Cuba-related activities continue to be prohibited for parties subject to U.S. jurisdiction. The amendments, which were effective when published in the *Federal Register* on January 16, 2015, are limited in nature and in scope. For example, there is no change to the prohibition on travel to Cuba for tourism, License Exception AGR, or the requirement to obtain a specific license to export or reexport medicine and medical devices to Cuba or items necessary for environmental protection (although the Amendments include a new licensing policy of approval for the export/reexport of items necessary for the environmental protection of U.S. and international air quality, waters, and coastlines).

More detailed information about the amendments to the CACR and the EAR was made available through the issuance of an OFAC fact sheet, the "[OFAC FACT SHEET: Treasury and Commerce Announce Regulatory Amendments to the Cuba Sanctions](#)." Furthermore, [OFAC](#) and [BIS](#) have both issued frequently asked questions related to the Amendments.

The Amendments authorize the following activities, among others, subject to certain conditions:

#### *Travel and Related Services*

- Travel within the 12 existing categories of authorized travel (i.e., travel for family visits; official business of the U.S. Government, foreign governments, and certain intergovernmental organizations; journalistic activity; professional research and professional meetings; educational activities; religious activities; public performances, clinics, workshops, athletic and other competitions, and exhibitions; support for the Cuban people; humanitarian projects; activities of private foundations or research or educational institutes; exportation, importation, or transmission of information or information materials; and certain authorized export transactions) is now authorized by general license without the need for specific licensing.
- Travel agents and airlines are now permitted to provide authorized travel and carrier services without the need for a specific license from OFAC, and U.S. insurers are authorized to provide travel insurance for authorized travel to Cuba.
- Authorized travelers are no longer subject to a per diem rate and there is no specific dollar limit on authorized expenses. Further, authorized travelers are now permitted to use U.S. credit and debit cards in Cuba and may import up to \$400 worth of goods (including up to \$100 worth of alcohol or tobacco products) for personal use acquired in Cuba.

#### *Telecommunications*

- Transactions that establish mechanisms to provide commercial telecommunications services in Cuba or linking third countries and Cuba are now generally authorized as is the provision by persons subject to U.S. jurisdiction of additional services incident to internet-based communications and related to certain exports/reexports of communication items.

#### *Financial Services and Remittances*

- Depository institutions are now authorized to open correspondent accounts at Cuban financial institutions to facilitate the processing of authorized transactions and to permit U.S. financial institutions to reject and process certain funds transfer transactions.
- The limits on remittances to Cuba have been raised and remittances for humanitarian projects, support for the Cuban people, and development of private business in Cuba are now generally authorized.

#### *Other Trade-related Activities*

- Certain micro-financing activities, entrepreneurial and business training, and commercial imports of certain goods and services produced by independent Cuban entrepreneurs as determined and published by the State Department are now authorized to promote small business growth in Cuba.
- OFAC has redefined the term “cash in advance” from “cash before shipment” to “cash before transfer of title and control” to allow expanded financing of authorized trade with Cuba.
- Foreign vessels are now authorized to enter the United States after engaging in certain trade with Cuba.
- A new License Exception Support for the Cuban People (“SCP”) has been created in the EAR to authorize the export and reexport to Cuba of, among other items, certain commercially sold items for use in private sector building construction or renovation, agricultural activity, or entrepreneurial activity; certain items for telecommunications; certain donated items and temporary exports of certain items for

use in scientific, archaeological, cultural, ecological, education, historic preservation, or sporting activities; and certain items to human rights organizations, individuals, or non-governmental organizations that promote independent activity intended to strengthen civil society.

- License Exception Consumer Communications Devices (“CCD”) in the EAR has been expanded to remove the donation requirement and update the list of eligible items, among other revisions.

#### *Transactions with Cuban Nationals Outside Cuba*

- U.S.-owned or -controlled entities in third countries are now authorized to provide goods and services, subject to certain limitations, to Cuban nationals located outside Cuba.
- Accounts of Cuban nationals who have taken up permanent residence outside Cuba are now unblocked.
- Persons subject to U.S. jurisdiction are now permitted to sponsor and participate in third-country professional meetings and conferences that are attended by Cuban nationals.

*If you have any questions regarding these changes, please contact by [Bart M. McMillan](#) (Chicago), [Lise S. Test](#), [Hannah N. Zarkar](#) (Washington, DC) or any member of our Outbound Group.*

### **BIS imposes licensing requirement on exports/reexports to Crimea**

The BIS is issuing a [final rule](#) amending the *Export Administration Regulations*, 15 C.F.R. Part 730 *et seq.* (EAR), to impose a license requirement on the export, reexport, or transfer by any person of virtually all “items subject to the EAR” to or within the Crimea region of Ukraine. The final rule came into effect today, January 29, 2015, upon publication in the *Federal Register*. It is intended to complement the comprehensive embargo of Crimea implemented on December 19, 2014 by the U.S. Treasury Department’s Office of Foreign Assets Control (OFAC), pursuant to [Executive Order 13685](#). See our prior Sanctions blog posts on the OFAC sanctions against Crimea [here](#) and [here](#).

The license requirement for Crimea will be implemented pursuant to a new § 746.6 of the EAR. It will apply not only to exports from the United States, but also reexports from other countries and transfers within Crimea by any person, including non-U.S. persons, of “items subject to the EAR.” (“Items subject to the EAR” include U.S. origin goods, software and technology, as well as foreign-made items with *de minimis* controlled U.S. content.) The only exclusions are for food or medicine designated as EAR99. License applications for exports, reexports, or transfers of all other “items subject to the EAR” to or within Crimea will be subject to a presumption of denial, except for items authorized under [OFAC General License No. 4](#), which will be subject to case-by-case review. Items eligible for General License No. 4 and eligible for case-by-case review include agricultural commodities not meeting the definition of “food,” medical supplies, and medical supply replacement parts, all of which must be designated as EAR99.

In addition, the BIS final rule includes a “savings clause” allowing shipments previously eligible for export under an EAR License Exception or without a license (NLR) to proceed, provided (i) they are on dock for loading, on lighter, laden aboard an exporting/reexporting carrier, or en route aboard a carrier to a port of export/reexport on January 29, 2015, and (ii) they are exported/reexported before February 1, 2015. If a shipment does not satisfy these requirements, a license will be required from BIS. If the shipment would otherwise be within the scope of

[OFAC General License No. 5](#) (which authorizes certain wind-down activities in Crimea by U.S. persons), the BIS final rule suggests that the applicant note this fact on the license application to BIS.

Under new § 746.6 of the EAR, only the following License Exceptions will be available for Crimea:

1. TMP for items for use by the news media as set forth in § 740.9(a)(9) of the EAR.
2. GOV for items for personal or official use by personnel and agencies of the U.S. Government, the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA), or the European Atomic Energy Community (Euratom) as set forth in § 740.11(a) and (b)(2) of the EAR.
3. GFT for gift parcels and humanitarian donations as set forth in § 740.12.
4. TSU for operation technology and software for lawfully exported commodities as set forth in § 740.13(a) and sales technology as set forth in § 740.13 (b) of the EAR.
5. BAG for exports of items by individuals leaving the United States as personal baggage as set forth in § 740.14(a) through (d) of the EAR.
6. AVS for civil aircraft and vessels as set forth in § 740.15(a)(4) and (d) of the EAR.

*If you have any questions, or require additional information, please contact [Alison J. Stafford Powell](#), [Kerry B. Contini](#) and [Maria H. van Wagenberg](#) or any member of the Outbound Practice with whom you have been working.*

## **BIS revises the Unverified List (UVL)**

On January 29, 2015, BIS published in the *Federal Register* a [final rule](#) [Docket No. 141104925-4925-01] amending the *Export Administration Regulations* (EAR) by adding fourteen (14) persons, removing one person, and updating the addresses of other persons listed on the Unverified List (the “Unverified List” or UVL). The 14 persons are being added to the UVL on the basis that BIS could not verify their bona fides because an end-use check could not be completed satisfactorily for reasons outside the U.S. Government’s control. One person is removed from the UVL based on BIS’s ability to verify that person’s bona fides through the successful completion of an end-use check. Also, new addresses are added for two listed persons on the UVL.

Supplement No. 6 to Part 744 (“the UVL”) contains the names and addresses of foreign persons who are or have been parties to a transaction, as that term is described in § 748.5 of the EAR, involving the export, reexport, or transfer (in-country) of items subject to the EAR, and whose bona fides BIS has been unable to verify through an end-use check.

## **BIS revises EAR to further implement U.S.-India Bilateral Understanding**

On January 23, 2015, BIS published in the *Federal Register* a [final rule](#) [Docket No. 130405339-3339-01] that amends the *Export Administration Regulations* (EAR) to further implement the bilateral understanding between the United States and India announced by President Obama and India’s Prime Minister Singh on November 8, 2010. On January 25, 2011, BIS published the first rule in a series of rules to implement the bilateral understanding between the two countries. These rules fulfill the President’s and Prime Minister’s commitment to work together to strengthen the global nonproliferation and export control framework and further transform our bilateral export control cooperation to realize the full poten-

tial of the strategic partnership between the two countries. Specifically, in this rule, to further implement the November 8, 2010 bilateral understanding, BIS removes license requirements for certain items controlled for crime control and regional stability reasons to India. BIS also makes conforming changes in this rule.

## BIS amends EAR license exceptions for Cuba

On January 16, 2015, the BIS published in the *Federal Register* a [final rule](#) [Docket No. 150102002-5002-01] that amends the EAR to create License Exception Support for the Cuban People (SCP) to authorize the export and reexport of certain items to Cuba that are intended to improve the living conditions of the Cuban people; support independent economic activity and strengthen civil society in Cuba; and improve the free flow of information to, from, and among the Cuban people. It also amends existing License Exception Consumer Communications Devices (CCD) by eliminating the donation requirement, thereby authorizing sales of certain communications items to eligible end users in Cuba. Additionally, it amends License Exception Gift Parcels and Humanitarian Donations (GFT) to authorize exports of multiple gift parcels in a single shipment. Lastly, the rule establishes a general policy of approval for exports and reexports to Cuba of items for the environmental protection of U.S. and international air quality, and waters, and coastlines. These actions are among those announced by the President on December 17, 2014, aimed at supporting the ability of the Cuban people to gain greater control over their own lives and determine their country's future.

## AES adds new license type C62 for reporting SCP exports

In connection with the new BIS license exception, the addition of a new license type (C62) for Support for the Cuban People (SCP) has been added to the Automated Export System (AES).

A new license type (C62) SCP was created in AES for the reporting of certain items exported and re-exported to Cuba that are intended to improve the living conditions of the Cuban people; support independent economic activity and strengthen civil society in Cuba; and improve the free flow of information to, from, and among the Cuban people.

United States Principal Parties in Interest (USPPIs) and their authorized filing agents (AES filers) must follow the following new reporting requirements regardless of value when using C62 to prevent the return of fatal errors from AES.

- Report SCP in the license number field.
- Report Export Control Classification Numbers (ECCNs) having a reason for control of Anti-Terrorism only or EAR99 (see [Appendix F](#)) of the AES Trade Interface Requirements (AESTIR) for acceptable ECCNs).
- The country of destination and ultimate consignee country must show Cuba (CU).
- Report Export Information Codes: All except UG, FS, FI.
- Report any mode of transportation.

A complete list of all of the AES License Type codes and reporting instructions for these types can be [found here](#).

## OFAC issues three general licenses for certain Ukraine-related transactions

On January 30, 2015, the U.S. Treasury Department's Office of Foreign Assets Control (OFAC) issued three Ukraine-related general licenses authorizing certain transactions relating to Crimea that would otherwise be prohibited under [Executive Order 13685](#). As detailed in our [recent "sanctionsnews" post](#), Executive Order 13685 imposed comprehensive sanctions on the Crimea region of Ukraine and provided the authority for blocking certain persons in connection with the situation in Crimea. Consistent with Executive Order 13685, the U.S. Government also recently imposed a license requirement on the export, reexport, or transfer by any person of virtually all items subject to the *Export Administration Regulations* to or within Crimea, as we detailed previously [here](#). OFAC's announcement regarding the publication of General License No. 6, General License No. 7 and General License No. 8 is available [here](#).

### General License No. 6 - Noncommercial, Personal Remittances Authorized

[General License No. 6](#) authorizes U.S. Persons to send and receive funds to or from Crimea, or for or on behalf of an individual ordinarily resident in Crimea, where the transfer involves a noncommercial, personal remittance. General License No. 6 also authorizes U.S. depository institutions, registered brokers or dealers in securities, and registered money transmitters to process such transfers. In addition, General License No. 6 authorizes U.S. Person individuals to carry funds as a noncommercial, personal remittance to an individual in Crimea or to an individual ordinarily resident in Crimea.

The use of General License No. 6 is subject to certain conditions, including a prohibition on transactions involving Specially Designated Nationals (SDNs).

### General License No. 7 - Operation of Accounts Authorized

[General License No. 7](#) authorizes the operation of an account in a U.S. financial institution for an individual ordinarily resident in Crimea provided that transactions processed through the account:

1. are of a personal nature and not for use in supporting or operating a business; and
2. do not involve transfers directly or indirectly to Crimea or for the benefit of individuals ordinarily resident in Crimea (except transfers of noncommercial, personal remittances as authorized by General License No. 6).

The use of General License No. 7 is also subject to certain conditions, including a prohibition on the operation of such accounts for SDNs.

### General License No. 8 - Transactions Related to Telecommunications and Mail Authorized

[General License No. 8](#) authorizes all transactions with respect to the receipt and transmission of telecommunications involving Crimea, provided that no payments involve any transactions with SDNs. (The general license does not authorize the provision, sale, or lease of (i) telecommunications equipment or technology or (ii) capacity on telecommunications transmission facilities (e.g., satellite or terrestrial network activity).)

General License No. 8 also authorizes all transactions of common carriers incident to the receipt or transmission of mail and packages between the United States and Crimea, provided that the importation or exportation of such mail and packages is otherwise permissible under the Ukraine-related sanctions.

*If you have any questions or require additional information, please contact [Kathryn J. Anderson](#), [Lise S. Test](#), [Sylvia Lis](#) or any member of the Outbound Practice with whom you have been working. For future updates, please see [www.bakermckenzie.com/sanctionsnews](http://www.bakermckenzie.com/sanctionsnews).*

## OFAC amends Cuban Assets Control Regulations

On January 16, 2015, OFAC published in the *Federal Register* a [final rule](#) that amends the *Cuban Assets Control Regulations* (CACR; 31 C.F.R. Part 515) to implement policy changes announced by the President on December 17, 2014 to further engage and empower the Cuban people. These amendments facilitate travel to Cuba for authorized purposes, facilitate the provision by travel agents and airlines of authorized travel services and the forwarding by certain entities of authorized remittances, raise the limit on certain categories of remittances to Cuba, allow U.S. financial institutions to open correspondent accounts at Cuban financial institutions to facilitate the processing of authorized transactions, authorize certain transactions with Cuban nationals located outside of Cuba, and allow a number of other activities related to, among other areas, telecommunications, financial services, trade, and shipping. These amendments also implement certain technical and conforming changes.

## OFAC releases new, advanced format for the Specially Designated and Blocked Persons List

On January 5, 2014, OFAC [announced](#) the release of a new format for OFAC's Specially Designated Nationals and Blocked Persons (SDN) List. This new sanctions list format was jointly developed by the United Nations (U.N.) and the Wolfsberg Group of International Banks in an effort to create a universal sanctions list format that can be efficiently used by governments worldwide and enhances sanctions compliance. The new format incorporates a variety of features that ensure maximum flexibility for sanctions list creators, while also limiting the need for future changes to the underlying data specification due to the standard's adaptability.

According to the announcement, some of the new capabilities associated with the advanced sanctions list format include:

- The advanced format provides a great deal of new metadata including specific labels for name parts that go beyond the standard, "Last name, First name" style of current sanctions lists. The advanced format now allows for unique name parts to be used, labeled and properly ordered based on the nomenclature rules of a specific culture, language, or region.
- The new format now supports language scripts beyond the standard Latin script used in many sanctions lists. It is now possible for sanctions targets to be provided to users in their original script (e.g., Arabic) and other non-Latin script translations. The Treasury Department will provide a Latin script translation for all listed, non-Latin script sanctions targets.
- The advanced list format provides a data dictionary of all valid look-up values in the header of the file. Including a data dictionary with the underlying data makes it easier for list users to construct databases that contain identifiers and other information that match the data in OFAC's systems. When new look-up values are introduced to a sanctions list, this data dictionary is automatically updated.

- This new format introduces a flexible, “feature identifier” functionality that augments the normal identification look-up values that are currently available in the SDN List formats. Historically, the “remarks field” in the Treasury SDN list’s data format had been used for information that did not easily fit into existing fields and identifier categories. Using the advanced format, Treasury will now be able to provide easily-parsed, non-traditional identifier information.
- The United States is the first U.N. member state to implement this advanced sanctions data model. In an effort to ensure a greater level of global sanctions compliance the Treasury Department supports the new sanctions list model and appreciates the efforts of the U.N. and the Wolfsberg Group in their creation of a universal format. Treasury encourages the adoption of this model among all U.N. member states and says it will continue to work with international partners as they implement this standard.

For more information on this specific action, please visit OFAC’s [Recent Actions page](#).

## 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   |
|-----------|---|
| 01-02-15  | OFAC: <a href="#">Unblocking of Specially Designated Nationals and Blocked Persons Pursuant to the Foreign Narcotics Kingpin Designation Act</a> (N) [14 individuals and 14 entities]   |
|           | OFAC: <a href="#">Unblocking of Specially Designated Nationals and Blocked Persons Pursuant to Executive Order 12978 [“Blocking Assets and Prohibiting Transactions With Significant Narcotics Traffickers”]</a> (N) [2 individuals]  |
|           | OFAC: <a href="#">Additional Designations, Foreign Narcotics Kingpin Designation Act</a> (N) [4 individuals]  |
| 01-06-15  | State: <a href="#">In the Matter of the Review of the Designation of Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine – General Command as a Foreign Terrorist Organization pursuant to Section 219 of the Immigration and Nationality Act</a> (Public Notice 8993) (N).   |
| 01-07-15  | OFAC: <a href="#">Sanctions Actions Pursuant to Executive Orders</a> (N) [9 persons + revised SDN list information on 30 vessels]   |
| 01-20-15  | State: <a href="#">In the Matter of the Designation of Maulana Fazlullah also known as Mullah Fazlullah; also known as Fazal Hayat; also known as Mullah Radio as a Specially Designated Global Terrorist Pursuant to Section 1(b) of Executive Order 13224, as Amended</a> [Public Notice 9003] (N)  |
| 01-21-15  | State: <a href="#">In the Matter of the Designation of ‘Abdallah al-Ashqar Also Known as (aka) Abdallah al-Ashqar; aka Abdallah al-Ashqar; aka ‘Abdallah al-’Ashqar; aka Abdullah Jihad al-Ashqar; aka ‘Abdallah Jihad Musa aka aka Abdullah Jihad al Ashqar; aka Abu al Muhtasib al Maqdisi; aka s Muhandes al-Tawhid; aka Muhandis al-Tawhid; aka Abu al Muhtasib; aka Abual- Muhtasib al-Maqdisi; aka Abu-Hajir; aka Abdallah Ashkar as a Specially Designated Global Terrorist Pursuant to Section 1(b) of Executive Order 13224, as Amended</a> [Public Notice 9009] (N) |
| 01-22-15  | OFAC: <a href="#">Additional Designations, Foreign Narcotics Kingpin Designation Act</a> (N) [two individuals and one entity]   |
| 01-28-15  | State: <a href="#">In the Matter of the Designation of Denis Cuspert aka n as Deso Dogg aka Denis Mamadou Cuspert aka Abu Mamadou aka Abu Talha the German aka Abu Maleeq aka Abu Maliq aka Abu Malik aka Abu Maleeq al-Mujaheed aka Abu Talhah al Almani as a Specially Designated Global Terrorist pursuant to Section 1(b) of Executive Order 13224, as amended</a> [Public Notice 9016] (N)   |

## 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  |
|-----------|--|
| 01-16-15  | CPSC: <a href="#">Corded Window Coverings: Request for Comments and Information</a> [CPSC Docket No. CPSC-2013-0028] (AN/PR)             |
| 01-23-15  | CPSC: <a href="#">Notice of Determination Under the Drywall Safety Act of 2012</a> [Docket No. CPSC-2015-0002] (N)                       |
|           | CPSC: <a href="#">Recreational Off-Highway Vehicles (ROVs): Notice of Extension of Comment Period</a> [Docket No. CPSC-2009-0087] (PR/E) |
| 01-28-15  | FTC: <a href="#">Used Motor Vehicle Trade Regulation Rule</a> (PR/E)   |

## FDA launches Guidance Document search tool

On January 16, 2015, the US Food and Drug Administration (FDA) posted a [Constituent Update](#) announcing that, in response to feedback from visitors, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration has introduced a [new guidance search on FDA.gov](#) to make it easier to search and browse FDA guidance documents.

The Update said that visitors to FDA.gov can rapidly search the agency's guidance documents using key words, product, date of issue, FDA center or office, type of document, subject, draft or final status and comment period.

Guidance documents represent the FDA's thinking on particular topics, policies and regulatory issues. Guidance documents are prepared for applicants, sponsors, the public and FDA staff, and are used by stakeholders to understand the agency's interpretation of regulations and policies.

## FDA issues final guidance on labeling of certain beers

On December 22, 2014, the FDA's Center for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition, issued [Guidance for Industry: Labeling of Certain Beers Subject to the Labeling Jurisdiction of the Food and Drug Administration](#) to help manufacturers in labeling bottled or otherwise packaged beers that are subject to FDA's labeling laws and regulations. The final guidance, which was issued in draft form in August 2009, follows a 2008 ruling by Treasury's Alcohol and Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau (TTB) clarifying that certain beers that do not meet the definition of "malt beverages" are not subject to the labeling provisions of the *Federal Alcohol Administration Act*. Specifically, this refers to beers that are not made from both malted barley and hops but are instead made from substitutes for malted barley (such as sorghum, rice or wheat) or are made without hops. These beers are subject to the food labeling provisions of FDA laws and regulations.

The guidance explains the requirements for such beers. As with other FDA regulated foods, mandatory information required on the labels of these non-malt beers include, among other things, a listing of ingredients in the product, a Nutrition Facts label, and the name of the source of any major food allergen present in the product. The guidance also clarifies that other requirements, such as the Government Health Warning Statement under the Alcoholic Beverage Labeling Act, continue to apply to these products.

As described in the 2009 draft guidance, FDA recognized that manufacturers of the beers covered by the TTB Ruling may need time to change their labels to comply with FDA's applicable laws and regulations. FDA exercised enforcement discretion and allowed manufacturers until January 1, 2012 to revise the labels on their non-malt beverage beers. FDA expects that all labels for these products now comply with all applicable laws and regulations.

## FDA Federal Register documents

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

| F.R. Date | Subject   |
|-----------|---|
| 01-06-15  | <a href="#">Humic Products Trade Association: Filing of Food Additive Petition (Animal Use)</a> [Docket No. FDA-2014-F-2307] (N)  |
| 01-09-15  | <a href="#">Medical Device User Fee and Modernization Act; Notice to Public of Web Site Location of Fiscal Year 2015 Proposed Guidance Development</a> [Docket No. FDA-2012-N-1021] (N)   |
| 01-14-15  | <a href="#">Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the Proposed Rule, Standards for Growing, Harvesting, Packing, and Holding of Produce for Human Consumption; Notice for Public Meeting on Draft Environmental Impact Statement</a> [Docket No. FDA-2014-N-2244] (N) <a href="#">Removal of 01-12-15 publication</a>  |
| 01-27-15  | <a href="#">Food and Drug Administration Modernization Act of 1997: Modifications to the List of Recognized Standards, Recognition List Number: 038</a> [Docket No. FDA-2004-N-0451] (N)  |
|           | <a href="#">Current Good Manufacturing Practice Requirements for Combination Products: Draft Guidance for Industry and Food and Drug Administration Staff; Availability</a> [Docket No. FDA-2015-D-0198] (N)  |
|           | <a href="#">International Conference on Harmonisation: S10 Photosafety Evaluation of Pharmaceuticals; Guidance for Industry; Availability</a> [Docket No. FDA-2013-D-0068] (N)  |
|           | <a href="#">International Drug Scheduling; Convention on Psychotropic Substances; Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs; World Health Organization; Scheduling Recommendations; AH-7921; Gamma- Butyrolactone; 1,4-Butanediol; Ketamine; 9 Additional Substances; Request for Comments</a> [Docket No. FDA-2015-N-0045] (n) |
|           | <a href="#">Food and Drug Administration/Xavier University PharmaLink Conference-- Leadership in a Global Supply Chain</a> [Docket No. FDA-2015-N-0001] (N/H) March 25-27, 2015   |

## 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   |
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| 01-14-15  | FSIS: <a href="#">2015 Rate Changes for the Basetime, Overtime, Holiday, and Laboratory Services Rates</a> [Docket Number FSIS-2014-0038] (N)                 |
|           | FSIS: <a href="#">Codex Alimentarius Commission: Meeting of the Codex Committee on Contaminants in Food</a> [Docket No. FSIS-2014-0046] (N/H)                 |
|           | FSIS: <a href="#">Codex Alimentarius Commission: Meeting of the Codex Committee on Food Additives</a> [Docket No. FSIS-2014-0045] (N/H)                       |
|           | FSIS: <a href="#">Codex Alimentarius Commission: Meeting of the Codex Committee on Residues of Veterinary Drugs in Food</a> [Docket No. FSIS-2014-0047] (N/H) |
| 01-15-15  | AMS: <a href="#">Exemption of Organic Products from Assessment under a Commodity</a>  |

| F.R. Date | Subject   |
|-----------|---|
|           | <a href="#">Promotion Law</a> [Document Number AMS-FV-14-0032] (PR/E)<br>FSIS: <a href="#">Establishment-Specific Data Release Strategic Plan</a> [Docket No. FSIS-2014-0032] (N/RFC) |
| 01-16-15  | APHIS: <a href="#">Viral Hemorrhagic Septicemia; Interstate Movement and Import Restrictions on Certain Live Fish</a> [Docket No. APHIS-2007-0038] (IR/W)                             |
| 01-29-15  | AMS: <a href="#">United States Standards for Grades of Maple Sirup (Syrup)</a> [Document Number: AMS-FV-14-0040; FV-15-326] (N)   |
| 01-30-15  | APHIS: <a href="#">Importation of Two Hybrids of Unshu Orange from the Republic of Korea into the Continental United States</a> [Docket No. APHIS-2013-0085] (FR)                     |

## 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](#).

- Bulgaria - [Exporter Guide](#)
- Bulgaria – [FAIRS - Certification](#)
- Canada - [Changes to Canada's Maple Products Regulations](#)
- China - [China Publishes Food Safety Law \(Second Draft for Public Comments\)](#)
- China - [China's Required Documents for Seafood Imports](#)
- China - [China's Food Safety Law \(Second Draft for Public Comments\)](#)
- China - [China's General Hygiene Regulation for Food Production](#)
- China - [Maximum Levels of Contaminants in Foods](#)
- China - [Maximum Levels of Mycotoxins in Foods](#)
- China - [Standards for Uses of Food Additives - Part I](#)
- China - [Standards for Uses of Food Additives - Part II](#)
- Costa Rica – [FAIRS - Narrative](#)
- Costa Rica – [FAIRS - Certification](#)
- Ecuador – [FAIRS - Certification](#)
- Egypt – [FAIRS - Narrative](#)
- El Salvador – [FAIRS - Certification](#)
- Czech Rep. - [FAIRS - Certification](#)
- Guatemala – [FAIRS - Certification](#)
- Hong Kong – [FAIRS - Certification](#)
- India - [Compliance Date Extended on Packaging and Labeling Regulations](#)
- India - [Draft Order on Meat and Poultry Products in the Indian Market](#)
- India – [FAIRS - Certification](#)
- Indonesia – [FAIRS - Certification](#)
- Indonesia - [Food Processing Ingredients](#)
- Philippines – [FAIRS - Narrative](#)
- Philippines - [Exporter Guide](#)
- Romania – [FAIRS - Narrative](#)

- Panama – [FAIRS - Narrative](#)
- Austria – [FAIRS - Certification](#)
- Canada – [FAIRS - Certification](#)
- Mexico – [FAIRS - Certification](#)
- Chile – [FAIRS - Certification](#)
- Venezuela - [Exporter Guide](#)
- Venezuela – [FAIRS - Narrative](#)
- Argentina – [FAIRS - Narrative](#)
- Turkey - [Exporter Guide](#)
- India – [FAIRS - Narrative](#)
- Ukraine – [FAIRS - Narrative](#)
- Israel – [FAIRS - Narrative](#)
- Hong Kong – [FAIRS - Narrative](#)
- Saudi Arabia - [Food Processing Ingredients](#)
- South Africa – [FAIRS - Narrative](#)
- Guatemala - [Exporter Guide](#)
- Serbia - [Exporter Guide](#)
- France - [Exporter Guide](#)
- Croatia –[FAIRS - Certification](#)
- Italy – [FAIRS - Certification](#)
- S. Korea – [FAIRS - Narrative](#)
- New Zealand - [Exporter Guide](#)
- New Zealand – [FAIRS - Narrative](#)
- Guatemala – [FAIRS - Narrative](#)
- El Salvador -[Exporter Guide](#)
- El Salvador – [FAIRS - Narrative](#)
- EU – [FAIRS - Narrative](#)
- Thailand – [FAIRS - Narrative](#)
- Russia -[Food Processing Ingredients](#)
- Indonesia - [Exporter Guide](#)
- Japan – [FAIRS - Narrative](#)
- Indonesia - [Indonesia Revises Seafood Import Rules](#)
- Japan - [Exporter Guide](#)
- Japan – [FAIRS - Certification](#)
- Kenya – [FAIRS - Certification](#)
- Kyrgyzstan [Draft Law on Plant Quarantine Notified to WTO](#)
- Malaysia - [New Conditions on Citrus Imports Begin](#)
- Mexico - [Exporter Guide](#)
- Mexico - [Mexico Announces Poultry and Products Restrictions Due to HPAI](#)
- New Zealand – [FAIRS - Certification](#)
- Russia - [Food Import Ban Changing Russian Far East Food Market](#)
- Russia - [National Organic Standard Terms and Definitions Approved](#)

- Russia - [New Russian List of Quarantine Pests](#)
- Russia - [Translation of Draft CU Technical Regulation on Poultry](#)
- S. Korea – [FAIRS - Certification](#)
- Senegal – [FAIRS - Certification](#)
- Serbia – [FAIRS - Certification](#)
- South Africa - [Regulation amendment on container labels of alcoholic beverages](#)
- Thailand - [Exporter Guide](#)
- Thailand – [FAIRS - Certification](#)
- UK - [Exporter Guide](#)
- UK – [FAIRS - Narrative](#)
- Ukraine – [FAIRS - Certification](#)
- Venezuela – [FAIRS - Certification](#)
- Vietnam - [Food Processing Ingredients](#)
- Vietnam - [Labelling Guidelines Revised for Pre-Packaged Food and Additives](#)

## U.S. to allow cross-border trucking with Mexico

On January 9, 2015, the U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) [announced](#) that Mexican motor carriers will soon be able to apply for authority to conduct long-haul, cross-border trucking services in the United States, increasing economic and export opportunities between the two countries, and marking a significant milestone in implementation of the *North American Free Trade Agreement* (NAFTA).

The policy change is expected to result in the permanent termination of more than \$2 billion in annual retaliatory tariffs on U.S. goods and follows a three-year pilot program that tested and validated the safety of Mexican trucking companies to operate long-haul in the U.S.

The DOT also submitted a [report](#) to Congress with findings from the pilot program today.

Companies from Mexico that apply for long-haul operating authority will be required to pass a Pre-Authorization Safety Audit to confirm they have adequate safety management programs in place, including systems for monitoring hours-of-service and to conduct drug testing using an HHS-certified lab. Additionally, all drivers must possess a valid U.S. Commercial Driver's License or a Mexican Licencia Federal de Conductor, and must meet the agency's English language proficiency requirements.

Like Canadian companies that are granted U.S. operating authority, carriers and drivers from Mexico are required to comply with all laws and regulations, including regular border and random roadside inspections. Once the motor carrier is approved, their vehicles will be required to undergo a 37-point North American Standard Level 1 inspection every 90 days for at least four years.

In 2002, Congress appropriated funding to DOT's Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration to hire new staff for additional Southern Border enforcement to meet the long-haul trucking provisions in NAFTA. Currently, there are more than 200 inspectors and staff in the region that will continue to oversee the safety of cross-border operations into the country.

American trucking companies have been able to apply and operate long-haul in Mexico through NAFTA since 2007. Currently, five U.S. companies use this authority to transport international goods into Mexico.

Additional information can be found in the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA) [notice](#) [Docket No. FMCSA-2011-0097] which was published in the *Federal Register* on January 15, 2015.

## Government Procurement: DFARS updates list of services subject to trade agreements

On January 29, 2015, the Department of Defense (DoD) published in the *Federal Register* a [final rule](#) [DFARS Case 2015-D004] amending the *Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement* (DFARS) to update the descriptions of Federal supply groups (now identified as product service groups - PSGs) subject to trade agreements to conform to the current *Federal Procurement Data System Product and Service Codes Manual*. DFARS 225.401-70 lists end products that are subject to trade agreements when acquired by DoD.

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## 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   |
|-----------|---|
| 01-05-15  | Energy: <a href="#">Energy Conservation Program: Alternative Efficiency Determination Methods and Compliance for Commercial HVAC, Refrigeration, and Water Heating Equipment</a> [Docket No. EERE-2011-BT-TP-0024] (FR)<br>Transportation: <a href="#">Carriage of Musical Instruments</a> [Docket No. DOT-OST-2014-0231] (FR)  |
| 01-06-15  | Energy: <a href="#">Energy Conservation Program for Consumer Products: Test Procedures for Direct Heating Equipment and Pool Heaters</a> [Docket Number EERE-2013-BT-TP-0004] (FR)<br>Energy: <a href="#">Energy Conservation Program: Clarification for Energy Conservation Standards and Test Procedures for Fluorescent Lamp Ballasts</a> [Docket No. EERE-2009-BT-TP-0016-0017] (PR)  |
| 01-07-15  | Environmental Protection Agency (EPA): <a href="#">Proposed Significant New Use Rule on Certain Chemical Substances</a> [EPA-HQ-OPPT-2014-0760; FRL-9919-23] (PR)   |
| 01-08-15  | <a href="#">Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA): Hazardous Materials: Harmonization with International Standards</a> (RRR) [Docket Nos. PHMSA-2013-0260 (HM-215M)] (FR)<br>Energy: <a href="#">Energy Conservation Program for Certain Industrial Equipment: Energy Conservation Standards and Test Procedures for Commercial Heating, Air-Conditioning, and Water-Heating Equipment</a> [Docket No. EERE-2014-BT-STD-0015] (PR) |
| 01-12-15  | Energy: <a href="#">Energy Efficiency Program for Commercial and Industrial Equipment: Energy Conservation Standards for Commercial and Industrial Fans and Blowers</a> [Docket No. EERE-2013-BT-STD-0006] (X/RFC)  |
| 01-13-15  | Energy: <a href="#">Energy Conservation Program: Energy Conservation Standards for Commercial Clothes Washers</a> [Docket Number EERE-2012-BT-STD-0020] (N) Determination   |
| 01-14-15  | EPA: <a href="#">Pesticide Product Registration; Receipt of Applications for New Uses</a>   |

| F.R. Date | Subject  |
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|           | [EPA-HQ-OPP-2014-0011; FRL-9921-17] (N)<br>EPA: <a href="#">Chlorpyrifos Registration Review; Revised Human Health Risk Assessment; Notice of Availability</a> [EPA-HQ-OPP-2008-0850; FRL-9920-64] (N)   |
| 01-15-15  | EPA: <a href="#">Toluene Diisocyanates (TDI) and Related Compounds; Significant New Use Rule</a> [EPA-HQ-OPPT-2011-0976; FRL-9915-62] (PR)<br>Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA): <a href="#">Acceptance of Applications for Mexican-Domiciled Long-Haul Operations</a> [Docket No. FMCSA-2011-0097] (N)  |
| 01-16-15  | EPA: <a href="#">Fosetyl-Al; Pesticide Tolerances</a> [EPA-HQ-OPP-2014-0540; FRL-9920-54] (FR)<br>US Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS): <a href="#">Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Endangered Status for the Mexican Wolf</a> [Docket No. FWS-HQ-ES-2013-0073 ; FXES11130900000-156-FF09E42000] (FR)<br>FWS: <a href="#">Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Revision to the Regulations for the Nonessential Experimental Population of the Mexican Wolf</a> [Docket No. FWS-R2-ES-2013-0056; FXES11130900000-156-FF09E42000] (FR) (and <a href="#">Correction</a> of 1-29-15)<br>FWS: <a href="#">Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Listing the Northern Long-eared Bat With a Rule Under Section 4(d) of the Act</a> [Docket No. FWS-R5-ES-2011-0024; 4500030113] (PR) (and <a href="#">Correction</a> of 1-30-15)<br>National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA): <a href="#">Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards; Electric-Powered Vehicles; Electrolyte Spillage and Electrical Shock Protection</a> [Docket No. NHTSA-2011-0107] (FR) |
| 01-21-15  | EPA: <a href="#">Long-Chain Perfluoroalkyl Carboxylate and Perfluoroalkyl Sulfonate Chemical Substances; Significant New Use Rule</a> [EPA-HQ-OPPT-2013-0225; FRL-9915-63] (PR)<br>EPA: <a href="#">Pesticide Product Registrations; Receipt of Applications for New Active Ingredients</a> [EPA-HQ-OPP-2014-0009; FRL-9921-02] (N)  |
| 01-22-15  | Commerce: <a href="#">Opportunity to participate in business directory app.</a> [directory for U.S. clean energy exporters]  |
| 01-23-15  | Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA): <a href="#">Schedules of Controlled Substances; Removal of Naloxegol from Control</a> [Docket No. DEA-400] (FR)<br>EPA: <a href="#">Flupyradifurone; Pesticide Tolerances</a> [EPA-HQ-OPP-2013-0226; FRL-9914-77] (FR)<br>EPA: <a href="#">Certain New Chemicals; Receipt and Status Information</a> [EPA-HQ-OPPT-2014-0836; FRL-9920-76] (N)<br>NHTSA: <a href="#">Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards; Child Restraint Systems, Child Restraint Anchorage Systems Incorporation by Reference</a> [Docket No. NHTSA-2014-0123] (PR)<br>NHTSA: <a href="#">Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards; Small Business Impacts of Motor Vehicle Safety</a> [Docket No. NHTSA-2014-0110] (N/RFC)<br>PHMSA: <a href="#">Hazardous Materials; Miscellaneous Amendments (RRR)</a> [Docket No. PHMSA-2013-0225 (HM-218H)] (PR)   |
| 01-26-15  | Energy: <a href="#">Energy Conservation Program: Energy Conservation Standards for General Service Fluorescent Lamps and Incandescent Reflector Lamps</a> [Docket Number EERE-2011-BT-STD-0006] (FR)<br>FWS: <a href="#">Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Adding Five Species of Sawfish to the List of Endangered and Threatened Wildlife</a> [Docket No. FWS-HQ-ES-2014-0066; 4500030113] (FR)<br>US Postal Service: <a href="#">New Mailing Standards for Lithium Batteries</a> (N)   |
| 01-27-15  | EPA: <a href="#">Partial Exemption of Certain Chemical Substances from Reporting Additional Chemical Data</a> [EPA-HQ-OPPT-2014-0809; FRL-9921-56] (FR)<br>EPA: <a href="#">TSCA Section 8(a) Partial Exemption in Chemical Data Reporting; TSCA Section 21 Petition; Reasons for Agency Response</a> [EPA-HQ-OPPT-2014-0826; FRL-9921-57]   |
| 01-28-15  | Energy: <a href="#">Energy Conservation Program: Energy Conservation Standards for Automatic Commercial Ice Makers</a> [Docket Number EERE-2010-BT-STD-0037] (FR)<br>EPA: <a href="#">Sulfoxafloz; Pesticide Tolerances for Emergency Exemptions</a> [EPA-HQ-OPP-2014-0643; FRL-9920-45] (FR)<br>EPA: <a href="#">Receipt of a Pesticide Petition Filed for Residues of Pesticide Chemi-</a>   |

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|           | <a href="#">cals in or on Various Commodities</a> [EPA-HQ-OPP-2014-0209; FRL-9921-60] (N)  |
|           | EPA: <a href="#">Receipt of Several Pesticide Petitions Filed for Residues of Pesticide Chemicals in or on Various Commodities</a> [EPA-HQ-OPP-2014-0008; FRL-9921-55] (N)   |
| 01-30-15  | DEA: <a href="#">Schedules of Controlled Substances: Temporary Placement of Three Synthetic Cannabinoids into Schedule I</a> [Docket No. DEA-402] (Final order)  |
|           | Energy: <a href="#">Energy Efficiency Program for Consumer Products: Energy Conservation Standards for General Service Lamps: Preliminary Technical Support Document</a> [Docket No. EERE-2013-BT-STD-0051] (PR/E) |
|           | PHMSA: <a href="#">Hazardous Materials: Adoption of Special Permits (MAP-21) (RRR)</a> [Docket No. PHMSA-2013-0042 (HM-233F)] (PR)   |

## 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  |
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| 02-01-15 | National Administration for Drug, Food and Medical Technology (ANMATM): <a href="#">Disp. № 8656/2014 (23-12-14) prohibiting the sale or commercialization of certain food products</a>              |
|          | ANMATM: <a href="#">Disp. № 8657/2014 (23-12-14) prohibiting the sale or commercialization of certain food products</a>  |
| 08-01-15 | <a href="#">Law 27,120 Amendment to National Election Code – MERCOSUR Parliamentary Election and Decree 11/2015</a>  |
| 12-01-15 | ANMATM: <a href="#">Disp. № 57/2015 (07-01-15) prohibiting the sale or commercialization of certain medical products</a>   |
|          | ANMATM: <a href="#">Disp. № 59/2015 (07-01-15) prohibiting the sale or commercialization of certain medical products</a>   |
|          | ANMATM: <a href="#">Disp. № 60/2015 (07-01-15) prohibiting the sale or commercialization of certain medical products</a>   |
|          | ANMATM: <a href="#">Disp. № 62/2015 (07-01-15) prohibiting the sale or commercialization of certain food products</a>  |
|          | ANMATM: <a href="#">Disp. № 130/2015 (08-01-15) prohibiting the sale or commercialization of certain medical products</a>  |
| 13-01-15 | Federal Administration of Public Revenue (AFIP): <a href="#">Gen. Res. № 3705 (07-01-15) Import – value criteria of a preventive nature. Gen. Res. № 2730 and its amendments – additional rules.</a> |
|          | AFIP: <a href="#">Gen. Res. № 3706 (07-01-15) Import – value criteria of a preventive nature. Gen. Res. № 2730 and its amendments – additional rules.</a>  |
| 14-01-15 | <a href="#">Decree 2609/2014 (30 Dec. 2014) exempting from import duties and taxes products originating in countries participating in the “Automechanika Buenos Aires 2014”</a>                      |
| 19-01-15 | <a href="#">Decree 2658 (30 Dec. 2014) exempting from import duties and taxes</a>  |

| BO Date  | Subject   |
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|          | <a href="#">products originating in countries participating in the "XXIX Feria Internacional Multisectorial Expo Unión de las Naciones".</a><br><a href="#">AFIP: Gen. Res. Nº 3710 (15 Jan. 2015) Testing and certification for applicants Customs Broker, Customs Transport Agent or General Proxy. Continuous training program in foreign trade. Adequacy amounts.</a><br><a href="#">ANMATM: Disp. Nº 131/2015 (08-01-15) prohibiting the sale or commercialization of certain medical products</a> |
| 22-01-15 | <a href="#">AFIP: General Res. Nº 3712 (21-01-15) Incorporation of the customs debt to the Tax Account System (SCT). Cancellation of customs tax obligations. Electronic Payment (VEP).</a>   |

## Antidumping and countervailing duty cases

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

## Brazil

### Diário Oficial da União publications

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

| DOU Date | Subject   |
|----------|---|
| 15-01-15 | <a href="#">CAMEX Resolution No. 1 of 14 January 2015. - Grants temporary reduction in the rate of import duty under Resolution n ° 08/08 of the MERCOSUR Common Market Group.</a>  |
| 16-01-15 | <a href="#">CAMEX Resolution No. 2 of 15 January 2015. - Grants temporary reduction in the rate of import duty under Resolution n ° 08/08 of the MERCOSUR Common Market Group.</a><br><a href="#">SECEX Ordinance Nº 1 (15 Jan. 2015) Establishes criteria for allocating quotas for imports, determined by CAMEX Resolution 1, of January 14, 2015</a>   |
| 19-01-15 | <a href="#">SECEX Ordinance Nº 2 (16 Jan. 2015) Establishes criteria for allocating quotas for imports, determined by CAMEX Resolution No 2 of 15 January 2015 concerning the NCM 2823.00.10 , 10.27.2833, 2921.41.00 and 7606.12.90.</a><br><a href="#">SECEX Ordinance Nº 3 (16 Jan. 2015) Establishes criteria for allocating quotas for imports, determined by CAMEX Resolution No 2 of 15 January 2015 (NCM 10.11.2833).</a><br><a href="#">SECEX Ordinance Nº 4 (16 Jan. 2015) Establishes criteria for allocating quotas for imports, determined by CAMEX Resolution No 2 of 15 January 2015 concerning the NCM 29.10.1513 .</a> |
| 27-01-15 | <a href="#">CAMEX Resolution No. 3, of 26 Jan. 2015. - Changes the representatives of the Ministry of Development, Industry and Foreign Trade, and the Ministry of alternate in the Export Financing and Guarantee Committee - COFIG.</a>   |

## 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  |
|----------|--|
| 05-01-15 | Foreign Affairs: <a href="#">Decree № 238 Agreement between Chile and Argentina on the establishment of an integrated border control in Cardenal Antonio Samore Pass</a>   |
| 06-01-15 | Foreign Affairs: <a href="#">Decree № 103 Agreement with Vietnam to correct the 2007 Harmonized System references to the 2012 Harmonized System references in the FTA</a>  |
|          | Foreign Affairs: <a href="#">Decree № 102 Agreement with Vietnam to correct errors in the FTA text</a>   |
|          | NCS: <a href="#">Resolution № 7233 Amending the Compendium of Customs Regulations</a>  |
|          | NCS: <a href="#">Resolution № 7155 Amending the Manual of Payments</a>   |
| 08-01-15 | NCS: <a href="#">Resolution № 7153 Amending the Compendium of Customs Regulations</a>  |
|          | NCS: <a href="#">Resolution № 7246 Amending the Compendium of Customs Regulations</a>  |
|          | NCS: <a href="#">Resolution № 7247 Amending the Compendium of Customs Regulations</a>  |
| 17-01-15 | NCS: <a href="#">Resolution № 7248 Amending the Compendium of Customs Regulations</a>  |
|          | NCS: <a href="#">Resolution № 7307 Amending the Compendium of Customs Regulations</a>  |
|          | NCS: <a href="#">Resolution № 7303 Amending the Customs Regulations Contained in Various Texts in Order to Adapt to New Article 177 of the Ordinance of Customs</a>  |
| 21-01-15 | NCS: <a href="#">Resolution № 7259 Amending Resolution No. 6000, of 2014</a>   |
|          | NCS: <a href="#">Resolution № 7264 Repeal Resolution № 6125, 2008</a>  |
| 22-01-15 | NCS: <a href="#">Resolution № 7258 Leave Without Effect Circular No. 923, 1999</a>   |
|          | NCS: <a href="#">Resolution № 7213 Replaces Numeral 12 of Chapter IV of the Compendium of Customs Regulations</a>  |
| 27-01-15 | INDECOP: <a href="#">Res. № 001-2015/CFD – INDECOP - Suppress dumping duties imposed by Res. No. 005-95-INDECOP / CDS on imports of denim fabrics “denim” cotton with a content exceeding 85% by weight, weight exceeding 200 g / m<sup>2</sup> originating in China</a> |
| 27-01-15 | Hacienda: <a href="#">Decree № 8 Applicable Rebates of Customs Duties for the Importation of Raw Sugar, Refined Sugar Grade 1 and 2 and Refined Sugar Grade 3 and 4, and Substandard</a>   |
| 28-01-15 | NCS: <a href="#">Resolution № 7305 Approves Procedure “Application for Submission of Background And Electronic Documents Before the National Customs Service”</a>  |
|          | NCS: <a href="#">Resolution № 7304 Adopts draft regulatory agenda for 2015</a>   |
| 30-01-15 | NCS: <a href="#">Resolution № 7263 Amendments to Appendix VII of Chapter III of the Compendium of Customs Regulations</a>  |
|          | NCS: <a href="#">Resolution № 342 Leave Without Effect Circular No. 343, 2003, and Approve Attachments Indicating...</a>   |
|          | NCS: <a href="#">Resolution № 325 Leave Without Effect Res. 5,932, of 2014, and amending Compendium of Customs Regulations</a>   |

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

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

## Colombia

### TPTA information

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

### Tariff Classification Resolutions

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

### MinCIT, MinHacienda and DIAN Documents

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

| Date     | Subject  |
|----------|--|
| 07-01-15 | <a href="#">MinCIT Circular 001. Update information services VUCE values Effectiveness 2015</a>  |
| 13-01-15 | <a href="#">MinCIT Resolution No 002 of 2015 which opens an administrative investigation in order to determine whether dumping retards the establishment of a domestic industry for alleged dumping on imports colorful float glass originating in China.</a>                              |
| 14-01-15 | <a href="#">DIAN Circular 000001 Reference Prices of Agricultural Products.</a>  |
| 15-01-15 | <a href="#">MinCIT Resolution 003 of 2015. By which the application of the provisional duties imposed by Resolution 184 of 15 September 2014 is extended.</a>  |
| 16-01-15 | <a href="#">DIAN SAFP Cir 12757000001984 Ad-Valorem charges applicable to agricultural products concerned, their substitutes, agro products or byproducts.</a>   |
| 19-01-15 | <a href="#">MinCIT Resolution No 148 of 2015. By which the compliance with technical quality standards issued by the Standardization Sector Units on Sustainable Tourism regulated.</a>  |
| 20-01-15 | <a href="#">MinCIT Resolution No 179 of 2015. By which the requirements for issuing the authorization for processing or assembly for auto parts and raw materials referred to in Note 4 of Chapter 98 of the Customs Tariff listed, and Resolution of 27 September 2287 repealing 2007</a> |
| 29-01-15 | <a href="#">DIAN Circular 000003 of 2015 Reference Prices of Agricultural Products.</a><br><a href="#">DIAN Circular 12757000001991 Ad-Valorem Assessments applicable to agricultural products or by-reference, substitutes, agro products.</a>  |

## 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  |
|----------|--|
| 06-01-15 | SUNAT: <a href="#">Res. № 400-2014/SUNAT approving an amendment to the Rules of Organization and Functions of the National Customs and Tax Administration</a>  |
| 08-01-15 | INDECOPI: <a href="#">Res. № 137-2014/CFD-INDECOPI commencement of changed circumstances review of definitive anti-dumping duties (imposed by Res. № 001-2000/CDS-INDECOPI as extended on imports of husks and sandals with uppers of rubber or plastics, leather and other materials originating in China</a> |
| 10-01-15 | Economy: <a href="#">Vice Min. Res. № 001-2015-EF/15.01 CIF reference prices for the application of rebates and variable duty or tariff reductions on imports of maize, sugar, rice and whole milk powder.</a>   |
|          | SUNAT: <a href="#">Res. № 01-2015-SUNAT/5C0000 extends enactment of various resolutions of the National Administration</a>   |
| 14-01-15 | Foreign Affairs: <a href="#">Sup. Decree 001-2015-RE ratify the Convention between Peru and Morocco on the protection and restitution of cultural property that has been stolen or illicitly transferred</a>   |
| 16-01-15 | Foreign Affairs: <a href="#">Min. Res. № 0027/RE-2015 UNSC 2193 (2014) regarding International Court for the Former Yugoslavia</a>   |
|          | Foreign Affairs: <a href="#">Min. Res. № 0024/RE-2015 UNSC 2190 (2014) regarding situation in Liberia</a>  |
|          | Foreign Affairs: <a href="#">Min. Res. № 0025/RE-2015 UNSC 2188 (2014) regarding situation in Liberia</a>  |

## Asia-Pacific

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

## Australia

### ACBP notices and advices

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

| Date     | Series and №                | Title   |
|----------|-----------------------------|---|
| 16-01-15 | <a href="#">ACN 2015/01</a> | Renewal of Customs Broker Licenses                  |
| 21-01-15 | <a href="#">ACN 2015/02</a> | Review of the Harmonized Customs Tariff             |
| 29-01-15 | <a href="#">ACN 2015/04</a> | Indexation of certain customs and excise duty rates |

## 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  |
|----------|---|
| 06-01-15 | <a href="#">Notice of Entry into Force of the Japan-Australia Economic Partnership Agreement</a>              |
| 07-01-15 | <a href="#">TC15-01</a>   |
| 08-01-15 | <a href="#">Notice Under the Customs Act 1901 - Appointment of the Canberra Airport and Boarding Stations</a> |
| 14-01-15 | <a href="#">TC15-02</a>   |
| 21-01-15 | <a href="#">TC15-03</a>   |
| 28-01-15 | <a href="#">TC15-04</a>   |

## 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 № and Subject   |
|----------|--|
| 12-26-14 | <a href="#">MOFCOM and GAC Announcement No. 92 of 2014 published in 2015 wool tops country import tariff quota management implementation details</a> |
| 01-06-15 | <a href="#">GAC Notice No. 1 of 2015 (China-NZ FTA –milk and cream imports special safeguard measures Announcement – MFN rate to apply)</a>          |
| 01-12-15 | <a href="#">GAC Notice No. 2 of 2015 (for further adjustment of refined oil import consumption tax announcement)</a>                                 |

### 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 (Circ) and instructions (other than anti-dumping, countervailing duty and safeguard) and Directorate General of Foreign Trade (DGFT) notifications were issued during the period covered by this Update:

| Date     | Series and №                                    | Subject   |
|----------|---|---|
| 31-12-14 | <a href="#">Circ. 19/2014</a>                   | 24x7 Customs clearance  |
| 01-01-15 | <a href="#">106(RE-2013) / 2009-2014 (DGFT)</a> | Amendment in import policy conditions under ITC (HS) 4 digit code 3808.                             |
|          | <a href="#">106(RE-2013) / 2009-2014 (DGFT)</a> | Import Policy regime of Radio Navigation Equipment under ITC (HS) 4 digit code 8526.                |
| 05-01-15 | <a href="#">01/2015- Cus (T)</a>                | Amends No. 10/2008-Customs, dated 15 January, 2008 with respect to rates of duty                    |
| 06-01-15 | <a href="#">02/2015- Cus (T)</a>                | Amends № 60/2011 re. Condition (i) Bangladesh   |
| 07-01-15 | <a href="#">03/2015- Cus (T)</a>                | Amends 12/2012 to omit clause (bd) and the entries relating thereto                                 |
| 08-01-15 | <a href="#">Trade Notice No. 12/2014 (DGFT)</a> | Allocation of quantity of Rough Marble and Travertine Blocks for import for Financial Year 2014-15. |
| 12-01-15 | <a href="#">Circ. 01/2015</a>                   | Merging of Commercial invoice and packing list  |
| 15-01-15 | <a href="#">10/2015- Cus (NT)</a>               | Setting the tariff value for various commodities  |
|          | <a href="#">Circ. 02/2015</a>                   | Simplification of Customs procedures for shipping   |
| 16-01-15 | <a href="#">Circ. 03/2015</a>                   | Export and Import of Currency - increase  |
| 20-01-15 | <a href="#">Circ. 04/2015</a>                   | Re-export of goods imported under bonafide mistake  |
| 28-01-15 | <a href="#">Circ. 05/2015</a>                   | Collection of anti-dumping duty beyond the validity period  |

## 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  |
|----------|-------------------------|---|
| 02-01-15 | (T) 02/M-DAG/PER/1/2015 | <a href="#">Conditions of Export and Import of Crude Oil, Natural Gas, and Other Fuels</a>  |
| 05-01-15 | (T) 03/M-DAG/PER/1/2015 | <a href="#">Third Amendment to the Regulation No. 29 / M-DAG / PER / 6/2013 On Export Verification of Crude Palm Oil (CPO)</a>  |
|          | (T) 04/M-DAG/PER/1/2015 | <a href="#">Conditions of Use Letter Of Credit To Export of Certain Goods</a>   |
| 16-01-15 | (T) 07/M-DAG/PER/1/2015 | <a href="#">Amendment to the Regulation No. 78 / M-DAG / PER / 10/2014 On Imports of Forest Products</a>  |
| 19-01-15 | (F) 12/PMK.010/2015     | <a href="#">About Imposition of Safeguard Measures Against Imported Products I and H Section Of Other Alloy Steel.</a>  |
|          | (F) 13/PMK.010/2015     | <a href="#">Imposition of Anti-Dumping Duty on imported products Spin Drawn Yarn (SDY) from the State of Malaysia.</a>  |
|          | (F) 14/PMK.010/2015     | <a href="#">Imposition of Anti-Dumping Duty on imported products Partially Oriented Yarn (POY) from the State of Malaysia and Thailand</a>  |
| 22-01-15 | (CE) Regulation 1/2015  | <a href="#">About the procedure of granting government-borne duties on the import of goods and materials to produce goods and / or services for public interest and improving the competitiveness of certain industrial sectors in fiscal year 2015</a> |
| 23-01-15 | (T) 08/M-DAG/PER/1/2015 | <a href="#">Top Export Pricing Benchmark Forestry Products subjected Levy</a>   |

| Date     | Reference               | Matter  |
|----------|-------------------------|---|
|          | (T) 09/M-DAG/PER/1/2015 | <a href="#">Pricing Benchmark Upper Mining Products Export Processing Results Subject to Levy</a> |
| 30-01-15 | (F) KEP-245/KM.4/2015   | <a href="#">About Pricing Export to Calculation Levy</a>  |

## Japan

### JAIPA rules of origin procedure

On January 15, 2015, the Japan-Australia Economic Partnership Agreement (JAIPA) will enter into force. On January 9, 2015, Japan Customs [posted an English language notice](#) on the “self-certification system” under the JAIPA Rules of origin procedures:

On July 8, 2014, Japan-Australia Economic Partnership Agreement (Japan-Australia EPA) was signed. In this EPA, the new system called “Self-Certification System”, where importer, exporter or producer declares originating status by themselves, has been introduced, in addition to Competent authority certification system, in which Certificate of Origin issued by the competent authority of exporting country is submitted to importing Customs Authority for preferential tariff treatment.

Further details of Self-certification system will be updated on this [webpage](#) in a timely manner.

The [Japanese language](#) page provides additional information, including a 32 page [presentation](#) and a [user guide](#) (both in Japanese) together with sample origin certification forms in both languages, as well as briefing materials.

### Documents, Notices, etc.

The following documents were posted by the agencies indicated.

| Date     | Agency and Matter  |
|----------|--|
| 19-12-14 | METI/MOF: <a href="#">Determination of Imposition of a Provisional Anti-dumping Duties on Toluenediisocyanate Originating in China</a>           |
| 17-01-15 | METI/MFA: <a href="#">Sixth Round of Negotiations (Chief Delegates' Meetings) on a Free Trade Agreement (FTA) among Japan, China and the ROK</a> |

## Malaysia

### Federal Government Gazette

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

| Date     | Matter  |
|----------|---|
| 07-01-15 | <a href="#">Suspension of ACFTA - Version ASEAN Harmonized Tariff Nomenclature (AHTN)</a>                           |
| 08-01-15 | <a href="#">P.U. (B) 6/2015 Notification of Values of Crude Petroleum Oil Under Section 12 - Customs Act 1967</a>   |
| 22-01-15 | <a href="#">P.U. (B) 19/2015 Notification of Values of Crude Petroleum Oil Under Section 12 - Customs Act 1967</a>  |
| 26-01-15 | <a href="#">P.U. (A) 8/2015 Customs (Prohibition of Exports) Amendment) Order 2015 - Customs Act 1967</a>           |
|          | <a href="#">P.U. (A) 9/2015 Customs (Prohibition of Imports) (Amendment) Order 2015 - Customs Act 1967</a>          |
|          | <a href="#">P.U. (A) 10/2015 Customs (Prohibition of Exports) (Amendment) (No. 2) Order 2015 - Customs Act 1967</a> |
|          | <a href="#">P.U. (A) 11/2015 Customs (Prohibition of Imports) (Amendment) (No. 2) Order</a>                         |

| Date     | Matter  |
|----------|---|
|          | <a href="#">2015 - Customs Act 1967</a>   |
| 26-01-15 | <a href="#">P.U. (A) 12/2015 Customs (Prohibition of Imports) (Amendment) (No. 3) Order 2015 - Customs Act 1967</a>   |
| 29-01-15 | <a href="#">P.U. (B) 29/2015 Notice of Negative Preliminary Determination of an Anti-Dumping Duty Investigation With Regard to the Imports of Steel Concrete Reinforcing Bar in Straight Length Form Originating in or Exported From the People's Republic of China and Republic of Korea - Countervailing And Anti-dumping Duties Act 1993</a> |

## Customs rulings

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

## New Zealand

### New Zealand Gazette

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

| Date     | Matter  |
|----------|---|
| 13-01-15 | <a href="#">Tariff Concession Approvals, Withdrawals and Declines Notice (No. 1) 2015</a><br><a href="#">Tariff Concession (Advertisement) Notice No. 2015/01</a> |
| 15-01-15 | <a href="#">Reassessment of Anti-dumping Duty: Canned Peaches from Rhodes Food Group (Pty) Ltd</a>  |
| 20-01-15 | <a href="#">Tariff Concession Approvals, Withdrawals and Declines Notice (No. 2) 2015</a>   |
| 27-01-15 | <a href="#">Tariff Concession Approvals, Withdrawals and Declines Notice (No. 3) 2015</a><br><a href="#">Tariff Concession (Advertisement) Notice No. 2015/03</a> |

## Philippines

### Customs Orders

The following [Customs Administrative Orders \(CAO\)](#), [Customs Memorandum Circulars \(CMC\)](#) (other than IPR recordations, exchange rates, and rice prices) and [Customs Memorandum Orders \(CMO\)](#) were posted to the [Bureau of Customs website](#) [Date is mm/dd/yy]:

| Date     | Reference   | Matter  |
|----------|-------------|---|
| 12-16-14 | CMO 28-2014 | <a href="#">Procedures for the Cash Refund of Input Value-Added Tax (VAT) on Importations Attributable Transactions under Section 112 of Republic Act No. 8424 (NIRC), as Amended</a> |
| 12-22-14 | CMO 29/2014 | <a href="#">Revised Computation of Duties, Taxes And Other Charges For Automobiles</a>  |
| 01-02-15 | CAO 01-2015 | <a href="#">Shortening of Period for Re-export of Empty Containers from 150 to 90 Days</a>  |
| 01-07-15 | CMO 1-2015  | <a href="#">Revocation of CMO No. 03-2012</a>   |
| 01-09-15 | CMO 2-2015  | <a href="#">Imposition of Anti-Dumping Duty on Wheat Flour Imports from Turkey for a Period of Five (5) Years</a>   |
| 01-13-15 | CMO 3-2015  | <a href="#">Regulations for Accreditation of PEZA Locators in accordance with Department of Finance Department Order 107-2014</a>   |
| 01-14-15 | Memo        | <a href="#">Shipments of Cotton Yarn, Cotton Fabric, Polyester Yarn and</a>   |

| Date     | Reference  | Matter  |
|----------|------------|---|
|          |            | <a href="#">Polyester Fabric Under Certain Tariff Headings</a>                            |
| 01-20-15 | Memo       | <a href="#">Certificate of Origin Under The ASEAN-KOREA Free Trade Agreement (AKFTA)</a>  |
| 01-22-15 | CMO 4-2015 | <a href="#">Revisions to Port Operations Manual Regarding Exports Cargo in Containers</a> |
| 01-23-15 | Memo       | <a href="#">Shipments Under HS Codes Beginning With 3901 to 3904 &amp; 3907 (Resins)</a>  |

## Singapore

Notices, circulars, etc.

| Date     | Reference      | Matter   |
|----------|----------------|--|
| 09-01-15 | Cir. № 01/2015 | <a href="#">Abolishment of FOB Value in the ASEAN-Japan Comprehensive Economic Partnership (AJCEP) Preferential Certificate of Origin (CO) Form AJ</a> |
| 19-01-15 | Cir. № 02/2015 | <a href="#">Export of Dutiable Goods From Licenced Warehouse</a>   |

## Taiwan

New or revised laws

| Date     | Reference  | Matter  |
|----------|------------|---|
| 10-12-14 | 7170 (Law) | <a href="#">Amendment of Food Safety And Sanitation Management Law adds Articles 2-1, 42-1 and 49-2 ; and revises Articles 5, 7, 9, 10, 22, 24, 32, 35, 43, 44, 47, 48, 49, 49-1, 56, 56-1 and 60</a> |

## Vietnam

Government documents

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

| Date     | Reference and Matter   |
|----------|--|
| 06-01-15 | <a href="#">Decree 01/2015 / ND-CP dated 06/1/2015 of the Government detailing the geographical areas of customs activities; responsible for coordinating the prevention of smuggling, illegal transport of goods across borders</a>   |
| 07-01-15 | <a href="#">Circular No. 03/2015 / TT-BTC of the Ministry of Finance dated 06.01.2015 amending the import duty rate incentives for some gasoline, oil of heading 27.10 in the Preferential Import Tariff</a><br><a href="#">Official Letter No. 62 / 07.01.2014 day of GDC-DTCBL Customs Department to strengthen inspection and control of food products of poor quality</a>  |
| 08-01-15 | <a href="#">Official Letter No. 102 / 08.01.2015 GDC-GSQL Customs management business of Duty Free</a>   |
| 13-01-15 | <a href="#">Decision No. 81 / QD-GDC dated 13.01.2015 of the General Administration of Customs Reform Plan issued by the General Administration of Customs 2015</a><br><a href="#">Decision No. 80 / QD-GDC dated 13.01.2015 of the General Administration of Customs issued common plan, legal education for officers, customs officers; advocacy, support, provide information to the customs declaration, the taxpayers of the Customs 2015</a> |
| 21-01-15 | <a href="#">Decree 08/2015 / ND-CP dated 01/21/2015 detailed rules and measures to implement the Customs Law on customs procedures, inspection, monitoring, control customs</a>  |
| 23-01-15 | <a href="#">Decision No. 44 / 01.23.2015 day HQBHN apply coercive measures to stop the customs procedures for export and import</a><br><a href="#">Decision No. 42 / 01.23.2015 HQBHN date on the application of coercive measures to stop the customs procedures for export and import</a>  |

| Date     | Reference and Matter  |
|----------|---|
| 27-01-15 | <a href="#">Official Letter No. 673 / 01.27.2015 day of GDC-KTSTQ General Administration of Customs v / v coordinate the implementation of a number of measures to enhance the effectiveness of imported medical equipment management</a> |
|          | <a href="#">Official Letter No. 679 / 01.27.2015 day of GDC-TXNK General Administration of Customs v / v application code items "Recycle plastic bending"</a>   |
|          | <a href="#">Official Letter No. 686 / 01.27.2015 day of GDC-TXNK General Administration of Customs v / v VAT on goods feed</a>  |
|          | <a href="#">Official Letter No. 691 / 01.27.2015 day of GDC-TXNK General Administration of Customs v / v import VAT refund overpaid</a>   |
| 28-01-15 | <a href="#">Official Letter No. 751 / 28.01.2015 of GDC-GSQL General Administration of Customs v / v obstacles confirmed on CITES permits</a>   |
|          | <a href="#">Official Letter No. 1329 / BTC-TCHQ 28.01.2015 of the Ministry of Finance v / v exempt deferred payment of import duties</a>  |
| 29-01-15 | <a href="#">Decision No. 256 / QD-GDC dated 29.01.2015 of the General Administration of Customs on the establishment of inspection sites focus</a>  |
|          | <a href="#">Official Letter No. 883 / 01.29.2015 of GDC-GSQL General Administration of Customs v / v create favorable conditions for businesses Laos to Vietnam rice exports</a>  |
|          | <a href="#">Decision No. 257 / QD-GDC dated 29.01.2015 of the General Administration of Customs on the issuance plan check against corruption in the customs service in 2015</a>  |

## Europe

### European Union and EFTA

#### EU expands scope of misappropriation of Ukrainian State funds DP controls

Effective from 31 January 2014, the EU has expanded the scope of the designated party controls targeting those considered to be responsible for the misappropriation of Ukrainian State funds to include those subject to investigation by the Ukrainian authorities, specifically for (a) “*the misappropriation of Ukrainian public funds or assets or being an accomplice*” and (b) “*abuse of office as a public office-holder in order to procure an unjustified advantage for him- or herself or for a third party and thereby causing a loss to Ukrainian public funds or assets, or being an accomplice*”. This is implemented by way of [EU Regulation 2015/138](#), which amends EU Regulation 208/2014.

For additional information, please contact [Ross Denton](#) or [Sunny Mann](#) of our London office.

#### EU to extend DP controls until September 2015 and consider new restrictive measures

Following the Extraordinary Foreign Affairs Council meeting convened on 29 January 2015, in response to the attacks on the Ukrainian city of Mariupol, the EU has announced that it will extend the designated party controls that were adopted in March 2014 until September 2015. During the official [press conference](#) that followed the meeting, High Representative Vice-President Mogherini described the situation on the ground as “*extremely worrying and negative*”. The Council has called on the High Representative and the European Commission to present a proposal within the next week on potential further designations, which will be decided upon at the next Foreign Affairs Council meeting on 9 February 2015. It has also instructed the Commission and the EEAS to start “*further preparatory*

work” on “*any appropriate action, aiming at ensuring a swift and comprehensive implementation of the Minsk agreements*”.

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## First Joint Committee meeting under the EFTA-GCC Free Trade Agreement

On 21 January 2015, the European Free Trade Association (EFTA) [announced](#) that delegations from the EFTA and the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) States convened on 15 January 2015 in Muscat, Oman to discuss the implementation of the EFTA-GCC Free Trade Agreement (FTA) in the GCC States.

According to the announcement,

The Joint Committee discussed the necessary steps towards implementation of the FTA in the GCC States. The GCC delegation reported that the GCC States' target was to have the FTA fully implemented by 1 July 2015 and that work was underway to achieve that goal. The two sides agreed to give full priority to finding solutions to problems that had arisen since the FTA's entry into force on 1 July 2014. The Joint Committee further decided to schedule a meeting of the Subcommittee on Customs and Origin Matters for April this year.

## EFTA and Vietnam make progress in negotiations on a free trade agreement

On 20 January 2015, European Free Trade Association (EFTA) [announced](#) that negotiators from EFTA and Vietnam met in Ho Chi Minh City from 13 to 16 January 2015 for an 11th round of negotiations.

## EU initials enhanced partnership and cooperation agreement with Kazakhstan

On 20 January 2015, the European Commission [announced](#) that the *EU-Kazakhstan Enhanced Partnership and Cooperation Agreement* was initialed. According to the announcement, this agreement will greatly facilitate stronger political and economic relations between Kazakhstan and the EU. It will increase the flow of trade, services and investment between the parties and will contribute to Kazakhstan's political and social development. The initialing of the Agreement is an important step towards its eventual signature and subsequent implementation.

The Commission said that:

Kazakhstan is the first Central Asian partner to have concluded an Enhanced Partnership and Cooperation Agreement with the EU. The new Agreement will replace the Partnership and Cooperation Agreement in force since 1999, and will give EU – Kazakhstan relations a new up-to-date and stronger foundation.

The EU – Kazakhstan Enhanced Partnership and Cooperation Agreement counts about 280 pages and is comprised of 9 Titles as follows: General Principles and Aims of this Agreement; Political Dialogue, Cooperation in the Field of Foreign and Security Policy; Trade and Business; Cooperation in the Area of Economic and Sustainable Development; Cooperation in the Area of Justice, Freedom and Security; Other Cooperation Policies; Financial and Technical Cooperation; Institutional Framework; and General and Final Provisions.

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Once signed and implemented, concrete benefits can flow from the Agreement. Examples include a better protection of consumers including lower prices and better-quality products; more business opportunities for small and medium enterprises, as a result, more jobs; more efficient use of energy and the development of renewable energy sources; a better functioning judiciary sector, a strengthened rule of law and increased transparency.

The Agreement foresees provisional application so that positive impacts can be expected already prior to ratification.

## EU allows member states to “opt out” of GMO

On 13 January 2015, the European Parliament [announced](#) that new legislation to allow EU member states to restrict or ban the cultivation of crops containing genetically modified organisms (GMOs) on their own territory, even if this is allowed at EU level, was passed by Members of the European Parliaments (MEPs). The legislation, informally agreed by Parliament and Council in December, was originally tabled in 2010 but was then deadlocked for four years due to disagreement between pro- and anti-GMO member states.

The new rules would allow member states to ban GMOs on environmental policy grounds other than the risks to health and the environment already assessed by the European Food Safety Authority (EFSA).

Member states could also ban GMO crops on other grounds, such as town and country planning requirements, socio-economic impact, avoiding the unintended presence of GMOs in other products and farm policy objectives. Bans could also include groups of GMOs designated by crop or trait.

Before a member state may adopt such measures, the legislation provides for a procedure enabling the GMO crop company to consent to such restrictions on its marketing authorisation. However, if the company disagrees, the member state may impose a ban unilaterally.

MON810 maize is currently the only GM crop cultivated in the EU. The “Amflora” GM potato was banned by the EU General Court in 2013 after an initial green light from the European Commission.

Member states should also ensure that GMO crops do not contaminate other products, and particular attention should be paid to preventing cross-border contamination with neighbouring countries, says the text.

The new legislation will come into force in spring 2015.

## Commission publishes results of consultation on investment protection in EU-US trade talks

On 13 January 2015, the European Commission [published](#) its analysis of the almost 150,000 replies to its online consultation on investment protection and investor-to-state dispute settlement (ISDS) in the *Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership* (TTIP). The Commission asked the public for their views on a possible approach to protecting investments and settling investment-related disputes between private investors and governments. A key question in the consultation was whether the EU’s proposed approach for TTIP would achieve the right balance between protecting investors and safeguarding the EU’s right and ability to regulate in the public interest.

The Commission’s report ([Report on the online public consultation on investment protection and investor-to-state dispute settlement \(ISDS\) in the Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership Agreement \(TTIP\)](#)) sets out a detailed analysis of all the replies. The Commission will now discuss the way forward with the European Parliament, EU Member States and other interested stakeholders, includ-

ing NGOs, businesses, trade unions consumer organisations and academia. Broadly speaking, the replies can be divided into three categories:

- replies which indicate opposition to or concerns around TTIP in general;
- replies opposing or expressing general concerns about investment protection/ISDS in TTIP;
- replies which provide detailed comments on the EU's suggested approach in TTIP, representing broad and divergent views;

The Commission said that the many replies in the first two categories are a clear indication of the concerns that many citizens across Europe have concerning TTIP generally and about the principle itself of investment protection and ISDS.

### Commission publishes TTIP legal texts as part of transparency initiative

On 7 January 2015, The European Commission [announced](#) that it was publishing a ['raft of texts'](#) setting out EU proposals for legal text in the *Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership* (TTIP) it is negotiating with the US. This is the first time the Commission has made public such proposals in bilateral trade talks and reflects its commitment to greater transparency in the negotiations. The announcement said:

The so-called 'textual proposals' published today set out the EU's specific proposals for legal text that has been tabled in the proposed TTIP. They set out actual language and binding commitments which the EU would like to see in the parts of the agreement covering regulatory and rules issues. The **eight EU textual proposals** cover competition, food safety and animal and plant health, customs issues, technical barriers to trade, small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs), and government-to-government dispute settlement (GGDS, not to be confused with ISDS). Today, the Commission has also published **TTIP position papers** explaining the EU's approach on engineering, vehicles, and sustainable development, bringing the total number of position papers it has made public up to 15.

To make the online documents more accessible to the non-expert, the Commission is also publishing a ['Reader's Guide'](#), explaining what each text means. It is also issuing a glossary of terms and acronyms, and a series of **factsheets** setting out in plain language what is at stake in each chapter of TTIP and what the EU's aims are in each area.

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Although today's publication is the first time the Commission has published specific EU legal proposals while negotiating a bilateral trade agreement, it has already posted numerous documents online setting out its position in TTIP on a wide range of issues. In line with its determination to make EU trade policy more transparent, the Commission intends to publish further texts and proposals in the course of the negotiations, as they become available.

According to the Commission, a final TTIP agreement would have 24 chapters, grouped together in 3 parts: [Market access](#), [Regulatory cooperation](#) and [Rules](#).

As part of its transparency initiative, the Commission is publishing:

- new 2-page factsheets, in plain language
- negotiating texts the EU has given US negotiators:
  - EU textual proposals on parts 2 and 3 of the TTIP – these set out how the EU wants a final deal to read, line by line
  - EU position papers – what the EU wants to achieve in a chapter.

## Commission issues tariff classification regulations

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

## Amendments to the CN Explanatory Notes

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

## Binding Tariff Information

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

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

## Official Journal documents

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

| OJ Date  | Subject   |
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| 07-01-15 | <a href="#">Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2015/6 of 31 October 2014 amending Annex I to Regulation (EC) No 443/2009 of the European Parliament and of the Council in order to take into account the evolution of the mass of new passenger cars registered in 2011, 2012 and 2013</a>  |
|          | <a href="#">Commission Regulation (EU) 2015/7 of 6 January 2015 authorising a health claim made on foods, other than those referring to the reduction of disease risk and to children's development and health and amending Regulation (EU) No 432/2012</a>   |
|          | <a href="#">Commission Regulation (EU) 2015/8 of 6 January 2015 refusing to authorise certain health claims made on foods, other than those referring to the reduction of disease risk and to children's development and health</a>   |
|          | <a href="#">Commission Regulation (EU) 2015/9 of 6 January 2015 amending Regulation (EU) No 142/2011 implementing Regulation (EC) No 1069/2009 of the European Parliament and of the Council laying down health rules as regards animal by-products and derived products not intended for human consumption and implementing Council Directive 97/78/EC as regards certain samples and items exempt from veterinary checks at the border under that Directive</a> |
|          | <a href="#">Commission Delegated Directive (EU) 2015/13 of 31 October 2014 amending Annex III to Directive 2014/32/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council, as regards the flowrate range of water meters</a>  |
|          | <a href="#">Commission Decision (EU) 2015/15 of 5 January 2015 on a measure taken by Finland in accordance with Article 7 of Council Directive 89/686/EEC prohibiting the placing on the market of head protectors 'Ribcap' (notified under document C(2014) 10114)</a>   |
|          | <a href="#">Commission Implementing Decision (EU) 2015/16 of 6 January 2015 on the</a>  |

| OJ Date  | Subject   |
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|          | <a href="#">publication with a restriction in the <i>Official Journal of the European Union</i> of the reference of standard EN 1870-17:2012 on manual horizontal cutting cross-cut sawing machines with one saw unit under Directive 2006/42/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council</a>  |
| 08-01-15 | <a href="#">Commission Implementing Decision (EU) 2015/27 of 7 January 2015 on the publication with a restriction in the <i>Official Journal of the European Union</i> of the reference of standard EN 474-1:2006+A4:2013 on Earth-moving machinery under Directive 2006/42/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council</a>  |
| 13-01-15 | <a href="#">List of international control and supervisory agencies (hereafter referred to as 'supervisory agencies') approved by the Member States under Annex VIII to Regulation (EC) No 612/2009 (<i>This list replaces the list published in the OJ C 33, 5.2.2014, p. 5</i>) [2014/C 008/06] [<i>supervisory agencies approved by the Member States are authorised to issue certificates certifying the unloading and importation of agricultural products qualifying for export refunds in third countries or, at least, their arrival at destination in third countries</i>]</a>  |
| 15-01-15 | <a href="#">Commission Regulation (EU) 2015/45 of 14 January 2015 amending Directive 2007/46/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council and Commission Regulation (EC) No 692/2008 as regards innovative technologies for reducing CO2 emissions from light commercial vehicles</a><br><a href="#">Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2015/46 of 14 January 2015 concerning the authorisation of diclazuril as a feed additive for chickens for fattening, for turkeys for fattening and for guinea fowl for fattening and breeding (holder of authorisation Huvepharma NV)</a><br><a href="#">Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2015/47 of 14 January 2015 concerning the authorisation of a preparation of alpha-amylase produced by <i>Bacillus licheniformis</i> (DSM 21564) as a feed additive for dairy cows (holder of the authorisation DSM Nutritional products Ltd, represented by DSM Nutritional Products Sp. Z.o.o)</a><br><a href="#">Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2015/50 of 14 January 2015 amending Annex I to Council Regulation (EC) No 32/2000 as regards the introduction of new tariff quotas of the Union bound in GATT for chocolate, sugar confectionery and biscuits</a><br><a href="#">Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2015/51 of 14 January 2015 approving the active substance chromafenozide, 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 and allowing Member States to extend provisional authorisations granted for that active substance</a><br><a href="#">Council and Commission Decision (EU, Euratom) 2015/54 of 17 November 2014 on the position to be taken on behalf of the European Union and the European Atomic Energy Community within the Association Council established by the Association Agreement between the European Union and the European Atomic Energy Community and their Member States, of the one part, and Georgia, of the other part, as regards the adoption of decisions of the Association Council on the Rules of Procedure of the Association Council and those of the Association Committee and of Sub-Committees, the establishment of two Sub-Committees, and the delegation of certain powers by the Association Council to the Association Committee in Trade configuration</a><br><a href="#">Council and Commission Decision (EU, Euratom) 2015/55 of 17 November 2014 on the position to be taken on behalf of the European Union and the European Atomic Energy Community within the Association Council established by the Association Agreement between the European Union and the European Atomic Energy Community and their Member States, of the one part, and the Republic of Moldova, of the other part, as regards the adoption of decisions of the Association Council on the Rules of Procedure of the Association Council and those of the Association Committee and of Sub-Committees, the establishment of two Sub-Committees and the delegation of certain powers by the Association Council to the Association Committee in Trade configuration</a> |
| 16-01-15 | <a href="#">Commission Regulation (EU) 2015/56 of 15 January 2015 amending, as regards the trade in species of wild fauna and flora, Regulation (EC) No</a>   |

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|          | <a href="#">865/2006 laying down detailed rules concerning the implementation of Council Regulation (EC) No 338/97 [Endangered and threatened species]</a>   |
|          | <a href="#">Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2015/57 of 15 January 2015 amending Implementing Regulation (EU) No 792/2012 as regards the rules for the design of permits, certificates and other documents provided for in Council Regulation (EC) No 338/97 on the protection of species of wild fauna and flora by regulating trade therein and in Commission Regulation (EC) No 865/2006 laying down detailed rules concerning the implementation of Council Regulation (EC) No 338/97</a>   |
|          | <a href="#">Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2015/58 of 15 January 2015 amending Implementing Regulation (EU) No 540/2011 as regards the expiry date of the approval of the active substance teparloxydim</a>   |
|          | <a href="#">Council and Commission Decision (EU, Euratom) 2015/60 of 15 December 2014 on the position to be taken on behalf of the European Union and the European Atomic Energy Community within the Association Council established by the Association Agreement between the European Union and the European Atomic Energy Community and their Member States, of the one part, and Ukraine, of the other part, as regards the adoption of decisions of the Association Council on the Rules of Procedure of the Association Council and those of the Association Committee and of Sub-Committees, the establishment of two Sub-Committees, and the delegation of certain powers by the Association Council to the Association Committee in Trade configuration</a> |
|          | <a href="#">Commission communication in the framework of the implementation of Directive 2004/108/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council on the approximation of the laws of the Member States relating to electromagnetic compatibility and repealing Directive 89/336/EEC (Publication of titles and references of harmonised standards under Union harmonisation legislation) [2015/C 14/01]</a>  |
|          | <a href="#">Commission communication in the framework of the implementation of the Directive 94/25/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 16 June 1994 on the approximation of the laws, regulations and administrative provisions of the Member States relating to recreational craft (Publication of titles and references of harmonised standards under Union harmonisation legislation) [2015/C 14/02]</a>  |
|          | <a href="#">Commission communication in the framework of the implementation of the Directive 2001/95/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 3 December 2001 on general product safety (Publication of titles and references of European standards under the directive) [2015/C 14/03]</a>   |
|          | <a href="#">Commission communication in the framework of the implementation of Council Directive 90/385/EEC of 20 June 1990 on the approximation of the laws of the Member States relating to active implantable medical devices (Publication of titles and references of harmonised standards under Union harmonisation legislation) [2015/C 14/04]</a>   |
|          | <a href="#">Commission communication in the framework of the implementation of the Council Directive 93/42/EEC of 14 June 1993 concerning medical devices (Publication of titles and references of harmonised standards under Union harmonisation legislation) [2015/C 14/05]</a>  |
|          | <a href="#">Commission communication in the framework of the implementation of the Directive 98/79/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 27 October 1998 on in vitro diagnostic medical devices (Publication of titles and references of harmonised standards under Union harmonisation legislation) [2015/C 14/06]</a>  |
| 20-01-15 | <a href="#">Corrigendum to Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) No 1026/2014 of 25 July 2014 amending Annex I to Council Regulation (EC) No 1528/2007 applying the arrangements for products originating in certain states which are part of the African, Caribbean and Pacific (ACP) Group of States provided for in agreements establishing, or leading to the establishment of, Economic Partnership Agreements, as amended by Regulation (EU) No 527/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 21 May 2013 as regards the exclusion of a number of countries from the list of regions or states which have concluded negotiations ( OJ L 284, 30.9.2014 )</a>  |

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|          | <a href="#">Corrigendum to Regulation (EU) No 540/2014 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 16 April 2014 on the sound level of motor vehicles and of replacement silencing systems, and amending Directive 2007/46/EC and repealing Directive 70/157/EEC ( OJ L 158, 27.5.2014 )</a>   |
| 23-01-15 | <a href="#">Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2015/96 of 1 October 2014 supplementing Regulation (EU) No 167/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards environmental and propulsion unit performance requirements of agricultural and forestry vehicles</a>  |
|          | <a href="#">Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2015/68 of 15 October 2014 supplementing Regulation (EU) No 167/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council with regard to vehicle braking requirements for the approval of agricultural and forestry vehicles</a>  |
|          | <a href="#">Commission notice concerning the date of application of the Regional Convention on pan-Euro-Mediterranean preferential rules of origin or the protocols on rules of origin providing for diagonal cumulation between the Contracting Parties to this Convention [2015/C 22/03]</a>  |
| 24-01-15 | <a href="#">Council Decision (EU) 2015/105 of 14 April 2014 on the signing, on behalf of the Union, and provisional application of a Protocol to the Partnership and Cooperation Agreement between the European Communities and their Member States, of the one part, and the Republic of Azerbaijan, of the other part, on a Framework Agreement between the European Union and the Republic of Azerbaijan on the general principles for the participation of the Republic of Azerbaijan in Union programmes</a> |
|          | <a href="#">Protocol to the Partnership and Cooperation Agreement between the European Communities and their Member States, of the one part, and the Republic of Azerbaijan, of the other part, on a Framework Agreement between the European Union and the Republic of Azerbaijan on the general principles for the participation of the Republic of Azerbaijan in Union programmes</a>  |
| 28-01-15 | <a href="#">Commission Implementing Decision (EU) 2015/129 of 26 January 2015 amending Annex I to Decision 93/52/EEC as regards the recognition of Cyprus as officially free of brucellosis (<i>B. melitensis</i>) (notified under document C(2015) 172)</a>  |
| 29-01-15 | <a href="#">Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2015/131 of 23 January 2015 amending Regulation (EC) No 1235/2008 laying down detailed rules for implementation of Council Regulation (EC) No 834/2007 as regards the arrangements for imports of organic products from third countries</a>   |
|          | <a href="#">Corrigendum to Regulation (EC) No 1987/2006 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 20 December 2006 on the establishment, operation and use of the second generation Schengen Information System (SIS II) ( OJ L 381, 28.12.2006 )</a>  |
| 30-01-15 | <a href="#">Regulation No 78 of the Economic Commission for Europe of the United Nations (UNECE) — Uniform provisions concerning the approval of vehicles of categories L<sub>1</sub>, L<sub>2</sub>, L<sub>3</sub>, L<sub>4</sub> and L<sub>5</sub> with regard to braking [2015/145]</a>  |
|          | <a href="#">Corrigendum to the call for proposals — GR/001/15 — Support for awareness raising activities about the value of intellectual property and the damages of counterfeiting and piracy ( OJ C 13, 16.1.2015 ) [2015/C 031/09]</a>   |
|          | <a href="#">Summary of European Union decisions on marketing authorisations in respect of medicinal products from 1 December 2014 to 31 December 2014 (Published pursuant to Article 13 or Article 38 of Regulation (EC) No 726/2004 of the European Parliament and of the Council) [2015/C 032/01]</a>   |
|          | <a href="#">Summary of European Union decisions on marketing authorisations in respect of medicinal products from 1 December 2014 to 31 December 2014 (Decisions taken pursuant to Article 34 of Directive 2001/83/EC or Article 38 of Directive 2001/82/EC) [2015/C 032/02]</a>  |
| 31-01-15 | <a href="#">Council Decision (EU) 2015/146 of 26 January 2015 on the signing, on behalf of the European Union, of the agreement between the European Union and its Member States, of the one part, and Iceland, of the other part, concerning Iceland's participation in the joint fulfilment of commitments of the European Union, its Member States and Iceland for the second commitment period of the Kyoto Protocol to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change</a>                         |

| OJ Date | Subject   |
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|         | <a href="#">Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2015/149 of 30 January 2015 amending the Annex to Regulation (EU) No 37/2010 as regards the substance 'methylprednisolone'</a>  |
|         | <a href="#">Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2015/150 of 30 January 2015 amending the Annex to Regulation (EU) No 37/2010 as regards the substance 'gamithromycin'</a>   |
|         | <a href="#">Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2015/151 of 30 January 2015 amending the Annex to Regulation (EU) No 37/2010 as regards the substance 'doxycycline'</a>   |
|         | <a href="#">Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2015/152 of 30 January 2015 amending the Annex to Regulation (EU) No 37/2010, as regards the substance 'tulathromycin'</a>  |
|         | <a href="#">Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2015/153 of 30 January 2015 derogating from Regulation (EC) No 1918/2006 as regards the monthly limits for the issue of import licences under the 2015 tariff quota for olive oil originating in Tunisia</a>  |
|         | <a href="#">Council Decision (EU) 2015/155 of 27 January 2015 on the position to be taken on behalf of the European Union within the Committee on Trade in Goods set up by the Free Trade Agreement between the European Union and its Member States, of the one part, and the Republic of Korea, of the other part, as regards the adoption of the rules on Tariff Rate Quota administration</a> |
|         | <a href="#">Commission Implementing Decision (EU) 2015/158 of 30 January 2015 on the approval of two Robert Bosch GmbH high efficient alternators as the innovative technologies for reducing CO2 emissions from passenger cars pursuant to Regulation (EC) No 443/2009 of the European Parliament and of the Council</a>   |
|         | <a href="#">Corrigendum to Regulation (EC) No 1986/2006 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 20 December 2006 regarding access to the Second Generation Schengen Information System (SIS II) by the services in the Member States responsible for issuing vehicle registration certificates ( OJ L 381, 28.12.2006 )</a>  |

### Restrictive measures established, amended, corrected

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

| OJ Date  | Restrictive Measure  |
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| 16-01-15 | <a href="#">Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2015/64 of 16 January 2015 amending for the 224th time Council Regulation (EC) No 881/2002 imposing certain specific restrictive measures directed against certain persons and entities associated with the Al-Qaeda network</a> |
| 27-01-15 | <a href="#">Council Implementing Decision (CFSP) 2015/117 of 26 January 2015 implementing Decision 2013/255/CFSP concerning restrictive measures against Syria</a>   |
|          | <a href="#">Council Implementing Regulation (EU) 2015/108 of 26 January 2015 implementing Regulation (EU) No 36/2012 concerning restrictive measures in view of the situation in Syria</a>   |
|          | <a href="#">Council Implementing Decision (CFSP) 2015/118 of 26 January 2015 implementing Decision 2010/656/CFSP renewing the restrictive measures against Côte d'Ivoire</a>   |
| 30-01-15 | <a href="#">Council Implementing Regulation (EU) 2015/109 of 26 January 2015 implementing Regulation (EC) No 560/2005 imposing certain specific restrictive measures directed against certain persons and entities in view of the situation in Côte d'Ivoire</a>                     |
|          | <a href="#">Council Decision (CFSP) 2015/143 of 29 January 2015 amending Decision 2014/119/CFSP concerning restrictive measures directed against certain persons, entities and bodies in view of the situation in Ukraine</a>  |
|          | <a href="#">Council Regulation (EU) 2015/138 of 29 January 2015 amending Regulation (EU) No 208/2014 concerning restrictive measures directed against certain persons, entities and bodies in view of the situation in Ukraine</a>   |

| OJ Date  | Restrictive Measure   |
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| 31-01-15 | <a href="#">Council Decision (CFSP) 2015/157 of 30 January 2015 amending Decision 2011/72/CFSP concerning restrictive measures directed against certain persons and entities in view of the situation in Tunisia</a><br><a href="#">Council Implementing Regulation (EU) 2015/147 of 30 January 2015 implementing Regulation (EU) No 101/2011 concerning restrictive measures directed against certain persons, entities and bodies in view of the situation in Tunisia</a> |

## Antidumping and countervailing duty cases

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

## Individual EU-EFTA 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   |
|--------------|--|
| 06-01-15     | <a href="#">2015/01- Notice to importers of products originating in Moldova [Opening of three new tariff quotas for agricultural products]</a> |
| 09-01-15     | <a href="#">2015/02- Notice to importers of products from Kenya</a>  |
| 20-01-15     | <a href="#">2015/03-Notice to importers of certain products originating in third countries to the European Union</a>                           |
| 26-01-15     | <a href="#">2015/04-Notice to importers of monosodium glutamate from China</a>   |
|              | <a href="#">2015/05-Notice to importers of monosodium glutamate from Indonesia</a>   |
|              | <a href="#">2015/06-Notice to importers of citric acid from China</a>  |
| 28-01-15     | <a href="#">2015/07-Notice to importers of certain son of stainless steel from India</a>   |
|              | <a href="#">2015/08-Notice to importers of certain welded pipe originating in Belarus, China, Russia and Ukraine</a>                           |

### Norway

#### 2015 Tariff and Nomenclature released

On 15 January 2015, the Ministry of Finance published the [2015 Customs Tariff and Nomenclature](#) which had been adopted on 1 January and will be in effect until 31 December 2015.

### Switzerland

#### Switzerland ratifies the Arms Trade Treaty

On 30 January 2015, the Swiss Federal Administration [announced](#) that the Federal Council deposited its instrument of ratification for the *Arms Trade Treaty* (ATT) with the United Nations in New York on 30 January 2015. The Treaty will enter into force in Switzerland after a period of 90 days. The announcement said that:

The Arms Trade Treaty (ATT) was adopted by the United Nations General Assembly on 2 April 2013. In doing so, the international community reached agreement for the first time on legally binding international regulation of cross-border trade in conven-

tional arms. The states parties of the treaty commit to introducing a national control system and to ensuring consistent, objective and non-discriminatory implementation of the treaty's obligations. The ATT thus contributes to the prevention of illicit trade in conventional arms. Responsible conduct by the states parties is expected to contribute to international and regional security and stability and to reduce human suffering (in particular that caused by violations of international humanitarian law and human rights). The treaty entered into force on 24 December 2014 with currently 130 signatory states, of which 61 have ratified the agreement.

For Switzerland the treaty enters into force 90 days after ratification. Therefore, after today's deposition of the instrument of ratification by the Federal Council, the treaty should enter into force in Switzerland on 30 April 2015. As part of ratification, Switzerland has declared that it will apply Articles 6 (prohibited transfers) and 7 (export assessment) immediately, as provided for in the treaty.

Together with the instrument of ratification the Federal Council has also deposited an interpretative declaration which specifies how Switzerland intends to interpret and apply several key provisions of the treaty. This is in keeping with the country's traditional role as an advocate for humanitarian concerns, in particular in regard to international humanitarian law and Switzerland's active peace policy. The details of the interpretative declaration of Switzerland can be found in the attachments to this press release.

Switzerland played an active role during the ATT negotiations and will continue to do so during the implementation of the treaty. For this reason, Switzerland is presenting Geneva as a candidate to host the secretariat of the Arms Trade Treaty which is to be established in accordance with the treaty.

## United Kingdom

### HMRC

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

| Release Date | Ref. No. and Subject  |
|--------------|---|
| 05-01-15     | <a href="#">CIP 1 (2015): tariff preference - reinstatement of Kenya to the Market Access Arrangement</a> |
|              | <a href="#">CIP 2 (2015): tariff preference - revision to GSP+ beneficiary countries</a>                  |
| 15-01-15     | <a href="#">CIP 3 (2015): withdrawal of tax type A10 and integration with tax type A00</a>                |
| 28-01-15     | <a href="#">CIP 4 (2015): future of the Tariff Classification Helpline</a>                                |

### ECO Notices to Exporters and BIS updates

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

| Date     | Notice No. and Subject  |
|----------|---|
| 31-12-14 | <a href="#">BIS/15/16 Guidance: UK strategic export control lists: consolidated list of strategic military and dual-use items that require export authorisation</a> |
| 05-01-15 | <a href="#">Notice to Exporters 2015/01: ECO clarifies SPIRE trade control licence text</a>   |
| 07-01-15 | <a href="#">Notice to Exporters 2015/02: amendment to EU sanctions against Syria, and against Crimea and Sevastopol</a>   |
| 08-01-15 | <a href="#">BIS/15/20 Open general export licence (export after exhibition: dual-use items)</a>   |
|          | <a href="#">BIS/15/21 Open general export licence (export after repair/replacement under warranty: dual-use items)</a>  |
|          | <a href="#">BIS/15/22 Open general export licence (export for repair/replacement under warranty: dual-use items)</a>  |
|          | <a href="#">BIS/15/23 Open general export licence (dual-use items: Hong Kong Special Administrative Region)</a>   |

| Date     | Notice No. and Subject   |
|----------|--|
| 09-01-15 | <a href="#">Notice to Exporters 2015/03: MOD Form 680 seminar and workshop</a>                     |
| 13-01-15 | <a href="#">Notice to Exporters 2015/04: Four OGELs updated</a>                                    |
| 19-01-15 | <a href="#">Notice to Exporters 2015/05: ECO publishes latest export control training bulletin</a> |
| 26-01-15 | <a href="#">Notice to Exporters 2015/06: reminder – open licence returns due by end January</a>    |

## Other EU-EFTA Notices

### Import-export related measures

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

| Date*                 | Measure   |
|-----------------------|---|
| <b>France</b>         |   |
| 01-01-15              | <a href="#">Law 2014 - 1754 of 30 December 2014 authorizing the 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</a>   |
|                       | <a href="#">Law 2014-1755 of 30 December 2014 authorizing the approval of the Internal Agreement between representatives of the Governments of the Member States of the European Union, meeting within the Council, on the financing of the assistance of the European Union under the multiannual financial framework for the period 2014-2020 under the ACP-EU Partnership Agreement and the allocation of financial assistance for the countries and overseas territories to which the provisions of the Four of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union (1)</a> |
| 03-01-15              | Foreign Affairs : <a href="#">Decree No. 2014-1763 of 31 December 2014 concerning the publication of the Treaty on the Arms Trade, signed in New York on 3 June 2013</a>  |
| 14-01-15              | Ecology: <a href="#">Notice to economic operators on the obligation to communicate information on substances in articles, pursuant to Articles 7.2 and 33 of Regulation (EC) No 1907/2006 REACH</a>   |
| 19-01-15              | <a href="#">Decree No. 2015-34 of 16 January 2015 on the implementation of Ordinance No. 2013-837 of 19 September 2013 on the adaptation of the Customs Code, the General Tax Code, the book of tax procedures and other tax and customs laws applicable to Mayotte</a>   |
| 27-01-15              | Economy: <a href="#">Notice to economic operators on the placing on the market for food supplements statement</a>   |
| 30-01-15              | Agriculture: <a href="#">Notice to importers on samples of plants, plant products and on imports origins vis-à-vis risk of organisms harmful to plants and plant products</a>   |
| <b>Germany</b>        |   |
| 15-01-15              | <a href="#">Act to amend legislation to implement EU law provisions on the enforcement of consumer protection (07-01-15) from no. 1 from 15.01.2015, page 2</a>   |
| <b>Ireland (Eire)</b> |   |
| 06-01-15              | <a href="#">S.I. No. 601/2014 - Equidae (Transfer of Ownership) (No.2) Regulations 2014</a>   |
|                       | <a href="#">S.I. No. 602/2014 - Pet Passport (No.2) Regulations 2014</a>  |
|                       | <a href="#">S.I. No. 607/2014 - Health Products Regulatory Authority (Fees) Regulations 2014</a>  |
|                       | <a href="#">S.I. No. 611/2014 - European Union (Marketing and Use of Explosives Precursors) Regulations 2014</a>  |
| 09-01-15              | <a href="#">S.I. No. 619 of 2014. European Union (Restriction of Certain Hazardous Substances in Electrical and Electronic Equipment) (Amendment No. 2) Regulations 2014</a>  |
| 13-01-15              | <a href="#">S.I. No. 3/2015 - European Communities (Official Controls on the Import of Food of Non-Animal Origin) (Amendment) Regulations 2015.</a>   |
| 27-01-15              | <a href="#">S.I. No. 20/2015 - European Communities (Official Controls on the Import of Food of Non-Animal Origin for Pesticide Residues) (Amendment) Regulations 2015.</a>   |
|                       | <a href="#">S.I. No. 21/2015 - European Communities (Pesticide Residues) (Amendment)</a>  |

| Date*                | Measure  |
|----------------------|--|
|                      | <a href="#">Regulations 2015</a><br><a href="#">S.I. No. 23/2015 - European Communities (Health of Aquaculture Animals and Products) (Amendment) Regulations 2015.</a>   |
| <b>Liechtenstein</b> |  |
| 22-01-15             | <a href="#">№ 5 Agreement between the Government of the Principality of Liechtenstein and the Government of the United States of America to promote tax compliance in international cases and as regards the law on tax honesty regarding foreign accounts known US information and reporting requirements</a>   |
|                      | <a href="#">№ 6 Protocol amending the Convention of 8 December 2008 between the Government of the Principality of Liechtenstein and the Government of the United States of America on cooperation and exchange of information in tax matters</a>   |
|                      | <a href="#">№ 7 Law of 4 December 2014, the implementation of FATCA Agreement between the Principality of Liechtenstein and the United States of America (FATCA law)</a>   |
| <b>Luxembourg</b>    |  |
| 22-01-15             | <a href="#">Mem. A № 11 Law of 19 December 2014 on plant protection products - Transposing Directive 2009/128 / EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 21 October 2009 establishing a framework for Community action to achieve a use of pesticides sustainable development; and</a><br><a href="#">- Implementing certain provisions of Regulation (EC) No 1107/2009 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 21 October 2009 concerning the placing on the market of plant protection products and repealing Directives 79/117 / EEC and 91/414 / EEC Council - Corrigendum</a> |
| 29-01-15             | <a href="#">Mem A № 13 Grand Ducal Decree of 18 January 2015 concerning the publication of the European Agreement concerning the International Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Road (ADR), signed at Geneva on 30 September 1957 and approved by the Law of 23 April 1970 protocol signature and Annexes A and B, including amendments in force at 1 January 2015</a>   |
| <b>Malta</b>         |  |
| 16-01-15             | <a href="#">№ 24 of 2015 - Animal Health Requirements for Aquaculture Animals and Products thereof, and on the Prevention and Control of Certain Diseases in Aquatic Animals (Amendment) Rules, 2015 - Government Gazette of Malta No. 19,369 – 16.01.2015</a>   |
| 23-01-15             | <a href="#">№ 29 of 2015 - Exemption of Duty in terms of article 23 (Amendment) Order, 2015 - Government Gazette of Malta No. 19,373 – 23.01.2015</a>  |
|                      | <a href="#">№ 34 of 2015 - Enforcement of European Union Sanctions (Russian Federation) (Amendment) Regulations, 2015 - Government Gazette of Malta No. 19,373 – 23.01.2015</a>  |
| <b>Norway</b>        |  |
| 02-01-15             | <a href="#">FOR-2014-12-16-1801 Ministry of Health <u>Regulation amending the Regulation on certain contaminants in foodstuffs</u></a>   |
| 06-01-15             | <a href="#">FOR-2014-12-15-1830 Ministry of Health <u>Regulation amending the Regulation on feed additives</u></a>   |
| 06-01-15             | <a href="#">FOR-2014-12-19-1812 Agriculture and Food <u>Regulation amending the Regulation on administrative tariff reductions for agricultural and regulations concerning the distribution of tariff quotas for agricultural products</u></a>   |
| 07-01-15             | <a href="#">FOR-2014-12-19-1837 Ministry of Health <u>Regulation amending the Regulation on drugs</u></a>  |
|                      | <a href="#">FOR-2014-12-19-1840 Agriculture and Food <u>Regulation amending the Regulation on the control of animal diseases</u></a>   |
|                      | <a href="#">FOR-2014-12-19-1841 Industry and Fisheries Ministry of Agriculture and Food <u>Regulations on alert and notification disease in animals</u></a>  |
| 12-01-15             | <a href="#">FOR-2014-12-22-1900 Ministry of Health, Agriculture and Food, Industry and Fisheries Ministry <u>Regulations on changes to regulations on fees in food administration</u></a>  |
| 15-01-15             | <a href="#">FOR-2014-12-22-1915 Finance <u>Regulations amending the Regulations to the Act on customs and importation of goods (customs regulations)</u></a>   |
|                      | <a href="#">FOR 2015-01-01-1 Finance <u>Regulations on new and changing divisions in tariff</u></a>  |
|                      | <a href="#">FOR 2015-01-05-4 Ministry of the Environment <u>Regulation amending the Regulation on the recycling of waste (Waste)</u></a>   |

| Date*         | Measure   |
|---------------|---|
|               | FOR 2015-01-05-6 Agriculture and Food <a href="#">Regulations amending the Act on seeds</a><br>FOR 2015-01-07-16 Ministry of Health <a href="#">Regulation amending the Regulation on limit values for drug residues in foods from animals</a>  |
| 16-01-15      | FOR 2015-01-05-27 Agriculture and Food, Ministry of Health <a href="#">Regulation amending the Regulation on the import and transit of poultry and certain poultry products from third countries</a><br>FOR 2015-01-13-32 Ministry of Health <a href="#">Regulation amending the list of third countries with approved residue control program</a>  |
| 20-01-15      | FOR 2015-01-14-36 Ministry of the Environment <a href="#">Regulations amending the REACH Regulation (approval for a use of DBP)</a><br>FOR 2015-01-16-38 Finance <a href="#">Regulations amending the Regulations to the Act on customs and importation of goods (customs regulations)</a>  |
| 27-01-15      | FOR 2015-01-26-62 Ministry of Health, Agriculture and Food <a href="#">Regulation amending the Regulation on animal health conditions for importation and exportation of pork and regulations on animal health conditions for importation and exportation of cattle</a><br>FOR 2015-01-26-63 Ministry of Health, Agriculture and Food <a href="#">Regulation amending the Regulation on imports from third countries of certain live animals, bees, bumblebees and fresh meat of certain animals</a><br>FOR 2015-01-26-64 Ministry of Health, Agriculture and Food <a href="#">Regulation amending the Regulation on imports of cooked meat, meat products, treated stomachs, bladders and intestines from third countries</a>  |
| 30-01-15      | FOR 2015-01-26-69 Ministry of the Environment <a href="#">Regulation amending the Regulation on quotas and trade quotas for greenhouse gases (Greenhouse Gas Emission Regulations)</a>  |
| <b>Poland</b> |   |
| 08-01-15      | <a href="#">№ 20 Regulation of the Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development of 23 December 2014. On the labeling of specific types of food</a>   |
| 09-01-15      | <a href="#">№ 32 Regulation of the Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development of 30 December 2014. On the minimum requirements for plant passports and how to fulfill them</a><br><a href="#">№ 33 Act of 5 December 2014. On the ratification of the Association Agreement between the European Union and the European Atomic Energy Community and its Member States, of the one part, and the Republic of Moldova, on the other hand, signed in Brussels on 27 June 2014.</a><br><a href="#">№ 37 Regulation of the Minister of Internal Affairs of 8 January 2015. Amending Regulation on the establishment of additional airport border checkpoints</a><br><a href="#">№ 39 The Act of 28 November 2014. Amending the Law on Plant Protection Products</a><br><a href="#">№ 40 The Act of 28 November 2014. Amending the Law on Plant Protection Products</a><br><a href="#">№ 41 Government announcement on 19 December 2014. On the binding force of an Arms Trade Treaty, signed in New York on 2 April 2013.</a> |
| 13-01-15      | <a href="#">№ 49 The Act of 28 November 2014. On the ratification of the Association Agreement between the European Union and the European Atomic Energy Community and its Member States, of the one part, and Ukraine, on the other hand, signed in Brussels on 21 March 2014. And 27 June 2014.</a><br><a href="#">№ 53 Act of 5 December 2014. On the ratification 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, done in Zgorzelec on 15 May 2014.</a>   |
| 19-01-15      | <a href="#">№ 89 Regulation of the Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development of 31 December 2014. Amending the regulation on fees for services provided by the State Inspectorate of Plant Health and Seed, and for issuing labels, plant passports, official seals and forms of plant passports</a>  |
| 20-01-15      | <a href="#">№ 98 Regulation of the Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development of 15 January 2015. On veterinary requirements applicable to certain animal species</a>  |
| 21-01-15      | <a href="#">№ 105 The Minister of Environment of 19 January 2015. On the model list WEEE treatment facilities</a>   |
| 23-01-15      | <a href="#">№ 129 Statement of the Minister of Finance dated 19 December 2014. On the</a>   |

| Date*              | Measure   |
|--------------------|---|
|                    | <a href="#">publication of the consolidated text of the Regulation of the Minister of Finance on the marking of products excise marks</a>   |
| 26-01-15           | <a href="#">№ 135 Regulation of the Minister of Internal Affairs of 14 January 2015. Amending Regulation on jurisdiction and bodies of the Border Guard in matters arising from the employment relationship Border Guards and the mode of proceedings concerning those matters</a><br><a href="#">№ 136 Statement of the Minister of Finance dated 5 January 2015. On the publication of the consolidated text of the Regulation of the Minister of Finance on customs offices in which it can be carried out export, import and transit of goods of strategic importance</a> |
| 27-01-15           | <a href="#">№ 137 The Minister of Environment of 21 January 2015. On packaging, which are not subject to the requirements for the content of lead, cadmium, mercury and hexavalent chromium in packaging</a><br><a href="#">№ 138 Statement of the Minister of Finance of 29 December 2014. On the publication of the consolidated text of the Regulation of the Minister of Finance on the place designated or approved by the customs authority, which may be carried out activities under customs legislation</a>  |
| 30-01-15           | <a href="#">№ 166 Council of Ministers of 13 January 2015. Amending the Regulation on the Slupsk Special Economic Zone</a><br><a href="#">№ 170 The Minister of Environment of 21 January 2015. On the method of determining the total content of lead, cadmium, mercury and hexavalent chromium in packaging</a>   |
| <b>Spain</b>       |   |
| 09-01-15           | Industry: <a href="#">Order IET / 2556/2014 of 26 December, Annexes I and II of Royal Decree 2028/1986, of June 6, the rules for the implementation of certain Directives are updated EEC concerning the type approval of motor vehicles, trailers, motor-cycles, mopeds and agricultural vehicles and parts and parts of such vehicles. (BOE-A-2015-182)</a>   |
| 23-01-15           | Head of State: <a href="#">Instrument Revocation of the Declaration made by Spain to the Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants, done at Stockholm on 22 May 2001. (BOE-A-2015-544)</a>  |
| 27-01-15           | Hacienda: <a href="#">Order HAP / 50/2015, of 21 January laying down thresholds relating to the trading of goods between Member States of the European Union are set. (BOE-A-2015-677)</a>  |
| 29-01-15           | Agriculture: <a href="#">Royal Decree 8/2015 of 16 January, amending Royal Decree 1363/2011, of October 7, by which develops Community regulations on labeling, presentation and identification of certain products. (BOE-A-2015-742)</a>   |
| <b>Switzerland</b> |   |
| 12-01-15           | <a href="#">Ordinance of the FDF on goods subject to customs relief because of their use (Ordinance on customs relief, OADou) (RS 631.012)</a>  |
|                    | <a href="#">Order OFAG Fixing periods and deadlines as well as permission to parts of the tariff quota of fresh vegetables, fresh fruit and fresh cut flowers (Ordinance authorizing imports on the OIELFP) (RS 916.121.100)</a>  |
|                    | <a href="#">Ordinance of the OSAv establishing measures to prevent the introduction in Switzerland of avian influenza from Germany (RS 916.443.102)</a>   |
|                    | <a href="#">Ordinance of the OSAv establishing measures to prevent the introduction in Switzerland of avian influenza from the United Kingdom (RS 916.443.102.2)</a>  |
|                    | <a href="#">Ordinance of the OSAv establishing measures to prevent the introduction in Switzerland of avian influenza from Netherlands (RS 916.443.102.3)</a>   |
|                    | <a href="#">Ordinance of the OSAv establishing measures to prevent the introduction in Switzerland of avian influenza from Italy (RS 916.443.102.4)</a>   |
|                    | <a href="#">DFI Ordinance on controlling the import and transit of animals and animal products (Ordinance on controls, OITE) (RS 916.443.106)</a>   |
|                    | <a href="#">Federal decree approving the free trade agreement between the EFTA States and Bosnia and Herzegovina and the agricultural agreement between Switzerland and Bosnia and Herzegovina</a>  |
|                    | <a href="#">Free Trade Agreement between the EFTA States and Bosnia and Herzegovina (RS 0.631.311.911)</a>  |
|                    | <a href="#">Agricultural Agreement between Switzerland and Bosnia and Herzegovina (RS 0.631.311.911.1)</a>  |

| Date*                 | Measure  |
|-----------------------|--|
| 20-01-15              | <a href="#">Ordinance of the Swiss Agency for Therapeutic Products concerning the prescription of medicines and the recognition of other pharmacopoeias (RS 812.214.11)</a>  |
|                       | <a href="#">Ordinance of the OSAv establishing measures to prevent the introduction of avian influenza from Netherlands (RS 916.443.102.3)</a>   |
| 27-01-15              | <a href="#">Ordinance of the FDF on goods subject to customs relief based on their use (Ordinance on customs relief, OADou) (RS 631.012)</a>   |
|                       | <a href="#">Ordinance on the import of agricultural products (Ordinance on agricultural imports, OIAgr) (RS 916.01)</a>  |
|                       | <a href="#">Ordinance on the import of agricultural products (Ordinance on agricultural imports, OIAgr) (RS 916.01)</a>  |
|                       | <a href="#">Ordinance of the OSAv establishing measures to prevent the introduction in Switzerland of the small hive beetle from Italy (RS 916.443.105.3)</a>  |
|                       | <a href="#">Federal Order approving the exchange of notes between Switzerland and the EU concerning the resumption of Regulation (EU) No o 1053/2013 establishing an evaluation and monitoring mechanism to verify the application of Schengen acquis (Development of the Schengen acquis)</a>                   |
|                       | <a href="#">Exchange of Notes of 7 November 2013 between Switzerland and the European Union on the resumption of Regulation (EU) No o 1053/2013 establishing an evaluation and monitoring mechanism to verify the application of the acquis Schengen (Development of the Schengen acquis) (RS 0.362.380.062)</a> |
| <b>United Kingdom</b> |  |
| 09-01-15              | <a href="#">SI 2015/11 - The Money Laundering (Amendment) Regulations 2015</a>   |
|                       | <a href="#">SSI 2015/10 - The Plant Health (Scotland) Amendment Order 2015</a>   |
| 19-01-15              | <a href="#">SI 2015/21 - The Classification, Labelling and Packaging of Chemicals (Amendments to Secondary Legislation) Regulations 2015</a>   |
| 28-01-15              | <a href="#">SI 2015/63 - The Batteries and Accumulators (Placing on the Market) (Amendment) Regulations 2015</a>   |
| 29-01-15              | <a href="#">SI 2015/86 - The Films (Definition of "British Film") Order 2015</a>   |

### Restrictive measures established, amended, corrected

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

| Date*                | Restrictive Measure  |
|----------------------|--|
| <b>Iceland</b>       |  |
| 29-01-15             | <a href="#">№ 75/2015 - Regulation amending Regulation on coercive measures concerning Ukraine No. 281/2014.</a>   |
| <b>Liechtenstein</b> |  |
| 15-01-15             | <a href="#">№ 2 Decree of 13 January 2015 concerning amendment of the ordinance on measures against persons and organizations with ties to the "Al-Qaeda"</a>  |
|                      | <a href="#">№ 3 Decree of 13 January 2015 concerning amendment of the ordinance on measures against Somalia</a>  |
|                      | <a href="#">№ 4 Decree of 13 January 2015 concerning amendment of the Regulation on measures against the Central African Republic</a>  |
| 29-01-15             | <a href="#">№ 50 Decree of 27 January 2015 concerning amendment of the ordinance on measures against persons and organizations with ties to the "Al-Qaeda"</a>   |
| <b>Luxembourg</b>    |  |
| 29-01-15             | <a href="#">Mem A № 14 Ministerial Regulation of 28 January 2015 amending Annex IC of the Grand Ducal Regulation of 29 October 2010 on the implementation of the law of 27 October 2010 on the implementation of UN Security Council resolutions and acts adopted by the European Union with restrictive prohibitions and measures in financial matters against certain persons, entities and groups in the context of the fight against terrorist financing</a> |

| Date*                 | Restrictive Measure   |
|-----------------------|---|
| <b>Norway</b>         |   |
| 02-01-15              | FOR-2014-12-12-1798 Foreign Affairs <a href="#">Regulation amending the Regulation on restrictive measures regarding actions that undermine or threaten Ukraine's territorial integrity, sovereignty, independence and stability</a>  |
| <b>Switzerland</b>    |   |
| 12-01-15              | <a href="#">Ordinance on measures against Syria</a> (RS 946.231.172.7)<br><a href="#">Ordinance on Measures against certain individuals from Ukraine</a> (RS 946.231.176.7)   |
| 20-01-15              | <a href="#">Amendment to Measures against persons and organizations with links to Osama bin Laden, "Al-Qaeda" or the Taliban</a> (RS 946.203)<br><a href="#">Amendments to the Ordinance on Sanctions against Somalia</a> (RS 946.231.169.4)<br><a href="#">Amendments to the Ordinance on Measures against Central African Republic</a> (RS 946.231.123.6) |
| <b>United Kingdom</b> |   |
| 26-01-15              | <a href="#">SI 2015/55 - The Terrorism Act 2000 (Proscribed Organisations) (Amendment) Order 2015</a> [adds "Jund Al-Aqsa (Soldiers of Al-Aqsa)" and "Jund al Khalifa-Algeria (Soldiers of the Caliphate in Algeria)" to the list]  |
| 29-01-15              | <a href="#">SI 2015/81 - The Federal Republic of Yugoslavia (Freezing of Funds) (Revocation) Regulations 2015</a>   |

## Non EU-EFTA European Countries

### Ukraine

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

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

| Date     | Subject   |
|----------|---|
| 29-12-14 | <a href="#">On recognition as invalid some decisions of the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine on importation into the customs territory of Ukraine energy-saving materials, equipment and components</a> Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine ; Resolution of 29-12-2014 № 719   |
| 27-01-15 | <a href="#">On authorization signing the Protocol on Amendments to the Basic Multilateral Agreement on International Transport for Development of the Europe - Caucasus - Asia</a> Order of the President of Ukraine on 27/01/2015 № 81/2015-пп<br><a href="#">On adopting a draft Law of Ukraine on Amendments to Certain Legislative Acts of Ukraine regarding the recognition of terrorist</a> Resolution of the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine on 27/1/2015 № 131-VIII |

## Eurasian Economic Union (EAEU)

[*Евразийскому экономическому союзу (ЕАЭС)*]

#### New website established

The Eurasian Economic Union (EAEU) has established a new website: <http://www.eaeunion.org/>. In addition to information about the EAEU, the website links to a Legal Portal with various documents, the Eurasian Economic Commission, and the Court of the EAEU.

## Decisions and recommendations of the Eurasian Economic Commission

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

| Publication Date  | Title  |
|---|--|
| <b>Board (Коллегии) of the Eurasian Economic Commission</b> |  |
| 21-01-15  | <a href="#">Decision № 1 (20 Jan. 2015) On Amendments to the single commodity nomenclature of foreign economic activity of the Eurasian Economic Union and the Common Customs Tariff of the Eurasian Economic Union in respect of fresh and dried figs</a>   |
|   | <a href="#">Decision № 2 (20 Jan. 2015) On Amendments to the single commodity nomenclature of foreign economic activity of the Eurasian Economic Union and the Common Customs Tariff of the Eurasian Economic Union in respect of certain types of railcars and for certain types of separators</a>  |
| 27-01-15  | <a href="#">Decision № 3 (20 Jan. 2015) On the extension of the anti-dumping measures against steel forged rolls for rolling mill originating from Ukraine and imported into the customs territory of the Eurasian</a>   |
| 28-01-15  | <a href="#">Decision № 4 (27 Jan. 2015) On Amendments to the single commodity nomenclature of foreign economic activity of the Eurasian Economic Union and the Common Customs Tariff of the Eurasian Economic Union on jade and respect diammonium hydrogenorthophosphate (diammonium phosphate) and some of the decisions of the Eurasian Economic Commission</a> |
|   | <a href="#">Decision № 5 (27 Jan. 2015) On approval of rules of electronic data interchange in the integrated information system of foreign and mutual trade</a>   |
| 21-01-15  | <a href="#">Ordinance № 1 (20 Jan. 2015)</a>   |
| 27-01-15  | <a href="#">Ordinance № 2 (20 Jan. 2015) About the decision of the Council of the Eurasian Economic Commission "On Amendments to the technical regulations of the Customs Union" Technical regulations for oil and fat products "(TR CU 024/2011)"</a>   |
| 28-01-15  | <a href="#">Ordinance № 3 (27 Jan. 2015) On Amendments to the Advisory Committee on Competition and antitrust regulation, price regulation and state (municipal) procurement</a>   |
|   | <a href="#">Recommendation № 1 (27 Jan. 2015) On amendments to Volume VI Explanations for Single Commodity Nomenclature of Foreign Trade of the Eurasian Economic Union</a>  |

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

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

### Belarus

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

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

| Date     | Subject   |
|----------|---|
| 09-12-14 | <a href="#">SCC Res. № 53 (9 Dec. 2014) On some issues of representation and use of</a> |

| Date | Subject  |
|------|--|
|      | <a href="#">the certificate of payment of customs duties and taxes</a> |

## 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 2 December 2014. It may be searched by tariff code or description (in Russian).

## Russian Federation

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

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

| R.G. Date of Publication | Subject   |
|--------------------------|---|
| 12-01-15                 | <a href="#">Federal Law of the Russian Federation of December 31, 2014 N 522-FZ "On Amendments to the Federal Law" On the order of departure from the Russian Federation and Entry into the Russian Federation "</a>  |
|                          | <a href="#">Federal Law of the Russian Federation of December 31, 2014 N 504-FZ "On Amendments to Article 9 of the Law of the Russian Federation" On the State Border of the Russian Federation "and Article 6 of the Federal Law" On the order of departure from the Russian Federation and Entry into the Russian Federation</a>  |
|                          | <a href="#">Federal Law of the Russian Federation of December 31, 2014 N 524-FZ "On Amendments to Article 27 of the Federal Law" On the order of departure from the Russian Federation and Entry into the Russian Federation "</a>  |
|                          | <a href="#">Federal Law of the Russian Federation of December 31, 2014 N 532-FZ "On Amendments to Certain Legislative Acts of the Russian Federation with regard to combating trafficking in counterfeit, counterfeit, substandard and unregistered medicines, medical products and counterfeit dietary supplements"</a>  |
|                          | <a href="#">Federal Law of the Russian Federation of December 31, 2014 N 530-FZ "On Amendments to Certain Legislative Acts of the Russian Federation with regard to strengthening measures against trafficking in counterfeit goods and smuggling of alcohol and tobacco products"</a>  |
| 14-01-15                 | <a href="#">Order of the Ministry of Industry and Trade of the Russian Federation (Russian Ministry of Industry) on November 24, 2014 N 2360 Moscow "On Amending the Order of the Ministry of Industry and Trade of the Russian Federation dated December 3, 2013 N 1918" On the organization of work on Russian Ministry of Industry confirmation purpose of certain types of imported metal-working equipment "</a> |
|                          | <a href="#">Order of the Federal Customs Service (FCS of Russia) on September 4, 2014 N 1700 Moscow "On approval of the General Rules of the regional customs office and the General Rules of the Customs"</a>  |
| 19-01-15                 | <a href="#">Order of the Federal Customs Service (FCS of Russia) on August 15, 2014 № 233-p Moscow "On the classification of TN VED TS certain goods"</a>   |
| 21-01-15                 | <a href="#">Order of the Federal Agency for Development of the State Border of the Russian Federation dated December 8, 2014 N 256-OD "On the reconstruction of air cargo and passenger permanent multilateral Border checkpoint Russian Federation Syktyvkar (Komi Republic)"</a>  |
|                          | <a href="#">Order of the Federal Agency for Development of the State Border of the Rus-</a>   |

| R.G. Date of Publication | Subject   |
|--------------------------|---|
|                          | <a href="#">sian Federation dated December 8, 2014 N 255-OD "On the reconstruction of air cargo and passenger permanent multilateral Border checkpoint Russian Federation Makhachkala (Uytash Airport) (Republic of Dagestan)"</a>  |
| 23-01-15                 | <a href="#">Federal List of Extremist Materials</a>   |
| 28-01-15                 | <a href="#">Order of the Federal Service for Technical and Export Control (FSTEC Russia) on November 11, 2014 N 126 Moscow "On approval of the decision FSTEC Russian decision on the possibility of concluding a contract on gratuitous alienation of the exclusive right to the result of intellectual activity or the Grant simple ( non-exclusive) license to use the results of intellectual activity to third parties "</a> |
|                          | <a href="#">Federal List of Extremist Materials</a>   |

## Africa

### African Countries – laws and amendments

| Date              | Subject  |
|-------------------|--|
| <b>Seychelles</b> |  |
| 31-12-14          | <a href="#">S.I. 116 of 2014 - Excise Tax (Amendment of Schedule 1) Regulations, 2014</a>  |
|                   | <a href="#">S.I. 119 of 2014 - Customs Management (Prohibited and Restricted Goods) (Amendment) (No.2) Regulations, 2014</a>                             |
|                   | <a href="#">S.I. 120 of 2014 Customs Management (Tariff and Classification of Goods) (Amendment) Regulations, 2014</a>                                   |
| <b>Zimbabwe</b>   |  |
| 31-12-14          | <a href="#">Statutory Instrument 172: Value Added Tax (General) (Amendment) Regulation, 2014 (No 36)</a>   |
|                   | <a href="#">Statutory Instrument 173: Value Added Tax (General) (Amendment) Regulation, 2014 (No 37)</a>   |
|                   | <a href="#">Statutory Instrument 174: Customs and Excise (Tariff) (Amendment) Notice, 2014 (No.15)</a>   |
|                   | <a href="#">Statutory Instrument 175: Customs and Excise (Tariff) (Amendment) Notice, 2014 (No.16)</a>   |
|                   | <a href="#">Statutory Instrument 176: Customs and Excise (Electrical Manufacturers) (Rebate) (Amendment) Regulations, 2014 (No.6)</a>                    |
|                   | <a href="#">Statutory Instrument 177: Customs and Excise (Tourism) (Rebate) Regulations, 2014</a>  |
|                   | <a href="#">Statutory Instrument 178: Customs and Excise (Southern African Development Community) (Suspension) (Amendment) Regulations, 2014 (No.16)</a> |
|                   | <a href="#">Statutory Instrument 179 Customs and Excise (Pharmaceutical Manufacturers) (Rebate) (Amendment) Regulations, 2014 (No.2)</a>                 |
|                   | <a href="#">Statutory Instrument 180 Customs and Excise (Suspension) (Amendment) Regulations 2014 (No.123)</a>   |
|                   | <a href="#">Statutory Instrument 181: Customs and Excise (Suspension) (Amendment) Regulations, 2014 (No.124)</a>   |
|                   | <a href="#">Statutory Instrument 182: Customs and Excise (Suspension) (Amendment) Regulations, 2014 (No.125)</a>   |
|                   | <a href="#">Statutory Instrument 183: Customs and Excise (Suspension) (Amendment) Regulations, 2014 (No.126)</a>   |
|                   | <a href="#">Statutory Instrument 183: Customs and Excise (Tariff) (Amendment) Notice, 2014 (No.17)</a>   |

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

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

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

| Date of Release | Subject   |
|-----------------|---|
| 12-05-14        | <a href="#">Indicted Chinese National Lands at Boston's Logan Airport to Face Federal Prosecution for Supplying Iran with Nuclear Production Parts</a> (DOJ, FBI, HSI, BIS, UK) |
| 12-22-14        | (F) <a href="#">UK printing company and two men found guilty in corruption trial</a> (UKSFO)  |
| 12-30-14        | (F) <a href="#">BOC Seizes 660kg of Illegally Imported Medicines</a> (Phil Customs)   |
| 01-05-15        | <a href="#">Operation Team Player nets more than \$25,000 worth of fake goods</a> (HSI, PD)   |
| 01-12-15        | <a href="#">Scissors Manufacturer Agrees to \$2.6 Million Civil Penalty, Internal Compliance Improvements for Failure to Report Defective Gator Combo Axe</a> (DOJ, CPSC)       |
| 01-12-15        | <a href="#">New Jersey Man Sentenced to 33 Months in Prison for Trafficking in Illegally-Imported Narwhal Tusks and Money Laundering</a> (DOJ, FWS, Canada)                     |
| 01-13-15        | <a href="#">Counterfeit smuggler pleads guilty after HSI investigation</a> (DOJ, HSI)   |
| 01-13-15        | <a href="#">Counterfeit DVD movie distributor sentenced to federal prison</a> (DOJ, HSI, Private industry)  |
| 01-13-15        | <a href="#">Department of Justice Seeks Recovery of Approximately \$1,528,000 in Bribes Paid to a Honduran Official</a> (DOJ, HSI, Honduras)                                    |
| 01-14-15        | <a href="#">Auction House and Company's President Plead Guilty to Wildlife Smuggling Conspiracy</a> (DOJ, FWS)  |
| 01-15-15        | <a href="#">2 men to be arraigned for selling millions' worth of counterfeit electronics, including phony iPhones and iPads</a> (CBP, HSI, Local PD)                            |
| 01-16-15        | <a href="#">Feds, locals team up to combat counterfeit goods sales in advance of Super Bowl</a> (HSI, Nat. Football League, Local PD)   |
| 01-20-15        | <a href="#">In the Matter of: Mario Obdulio Padilla, Order Denying Export Privileges</a> (BIS)  |
| 01-23-15        | <a href="#">Mahan Airways, et al. Order Renewing Order Temporarily Denying Export Privileges</a> (BIS)  |
| 01-27-15        | <a href="#">Savannah, GA CBP Officers and CPSC Investigators Seize 1,320 Potentially Dangerous Outdoor Playground Toys</a> (CBP, CPSC)  |
| 01-28-15        | <a href="#">HSI, CBP in Houston seize illegally imported honey valued at \$2.45 million</a> (CBP, HSI)  |
| 01-29-15        | <a href="#">Federal agencies seize more than \$19.5 million in fake NFL merchandise during 'Operation Team Player'</a> (HSI, Nat. Football League, USPIS, Local PDs)            |

## Newsletters, Reports, Articles, Etc.

### Baker & McKenzie Global VAT/GST Newsletter

Baker & McKenzie's [December 2014 Global VAT/GST Newsletter](#) provides a quick update into important developments in the field of VAT/GST across the globe. In order to maximize the effectiveness of this newsletter to you, most articles are brief and are designed to flag topics that are likely to affect multi-national businesses. Contacts for the Global VAT/GST Group are:

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### Publications, Alerts, Newsletters

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

| Subject   |
|---|
| <b>International Trade, Tax and Anti-corruption</b>   |
| Global: <a href="#">January 2015 International Trade Compliance Update</a>  |
| Canada Client Alert: <a href="#">Canada Customs Announces New Policy Regarding Retroactive Transfer Price Adjustments</a>   |
| Buenos Aires Mining & Tax Alert: <a href="#">Significant Increase on the Mining Fees</a> (Eng.); <a href="#">Resolución General 3692/2014 Administración Federal de Ingresos Públicos - Normas de Procedimiento Minero en Materia Fiscal</a> (Span.)  |
| Buenos Aires Tax Alert: <a href="#">Resolution № 26/AGIP/15: New Withholding Regime for Movies, T.V., Music, Games, Videos and for Other Services of Audiovisual Entertainment Rendered Through Internet</a> (Eng.); <a href="#">Resolución № 26/Agip/15: Nuevo Régimen de Retención a los Servicios de Suscripción On Line de Películas, T.V., Música, Juegos, Videos y Otros Entretenimientos Audiovisuales</a> (Span.) |
| London Compliance & Risk: <a href="#">Progress at the SFO?: Its first conviction of a company for bribery of foreign officials, its first individual prosecutions under the Bribery Act and a "positive direction of travel" at the SFO: is the tanker making headway?</a>  |
| Paris Tax Newsletter: <a href="#">Nov.-Dec. 2014 Transfer Pricing, Corporate Tax, Employee Benefits, Tax Audits</a>   |
| Tokyo Tax and Transfer Pricing Client Alert: <a href="#">2015 Tax Legislation Proposals</a>   |
| Turkey Trade & Commerce Legal Alert: <a href="#">Turkey sets legal framework for online consumer subscriptions</a>  |
| <b>Other Practices</b>  |
| Buenos Aires Banking Alert: <a href="#">Special Congress' Commission Created - Foreign Bank Accounts - Bank Secrecy</a> (Eng.); <a href="#">Creación Comisión Bicameral - Cuentas En El Exterior -Secreto Bancario</a> (Span.)  |
| Buenos Aires Corporate Alert: <a href="#">Regulation Enacted by Public Registry of Commerce of Buenos Aires</a> (Eng.); <a href="#">Normativa Sobre Trámites Ante la Inspección General de Justicia</a> (Span.)   |
| Kyiv Banking & Finance Client Alert: <a href="#">Ukraine Introduces New Legislation on Money Laundering</a> (Eng.); <a href="#">Україна прийняла нове законодавство щодо запобігання та протидії легалізації (відмиванню) доходів, одержаних злочинним шляхом</a> (Ukr.); <a href="#">Украина приняла новое законодательство о предотвращении и противодействии</a>   |

| Subject   |
|---|
| <a href="#">легализации (отмыванию) доходов, полученных преступным путем</a> (Russ.)  |
| Kyiv Employment & Migration Client Alert: <a href="#">Reforms made to Compulsory State Social Insurance of Employees</a> (Eng.); <a href="#">Реформа обов'язкового державного соціального страхування працівників</a> (Ukr.); <a href="#">Реформа обязательного государственного социального страхования работников</a> (Russ.) |
| Global IT & Communications Industry & Practice Group: <a href="#">January 2015 LegalBytes</a>   |

## Webinars, Meetings, Seminars, Etc.

### 2015 International Trade Compliance Webinar Series

Our live 2015 webinar series entitled, “*New Developments in Global Trade for 2015*” has just been launched (see page 1 for complete list of webinars). We expect this year to be an exciting year, with many noteworthy developments in the trade regulation area.

If you miss any of the live webinars or just want to hear them again, recordings of the sessions and copies of the presentations will be available on our [webinar website](#) approximately 2 weeks later and will be listed below.

Our first webinar was held on January 27, 2015 and covered **US Export Control Reform**. Our speakers were Sylwia Lis (Washington, DC) and Paul Amberg (Chicago). A recording and copies of the presentation will be available soon.

### 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](#).

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

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

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

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

## Cross-Border Transactions Webinar Series

Baker & McKenzie's Cross-Border Transactions Webinar Series provides practical tips on how to succeed in cross-border deals and ways to minimize transaction risk in various jurisdictions. Whether you are doing deals involving established global money centers or emerging markets such as Brazil, China, Russia, or the Middle East, you will find our webinars helpful in developing your approach to managing a multitude of regulatory environments and business cultures. The 2014 webinars have been recorded and may be accessed via the links below or at our [Cross-Border Transactions Webinars website](#).

Recorded Webinars:

- [Southeast Asia M&A: Seizing Opportunities Today](#)

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**Credits:**

*Unless otherwise indicated, all information is taken from official international organization or government websites, or their newsletters or press releases.*

*Source documents may be accessed by clicking on the blue hypertext links.*

- [Successfully Implementing a Cross-Border Transaction](#)
- [Brazil M&A: Seizing Opportunities Today](#)
- [China M&A: Seizing Opportunities Today](#)
- [Winning Strategies in Cross-Border Deals: Tips for Success](#)
- [Joint Ventures: Tackling the Unique Challenges in a Cross-Border JV.](#)
- [India M&A: Seizing Opportunities Today](#)
- [Compliance: Navigating the Regulatory Minefield in a Cross-Border Transaction](#)
- [Technology & IP: Winning Strategies in Cross-Border Deal Making](#)
- [Planning Ahead for a Successful Post-Acquisition Integration](#)
- [Africa M&A: Seizing Opportunities Today](#)
- [Middle East M&A: Seizing Opportunities Today](#)

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China is the world's second largest economy and one of its fastest growing. Multinational corporations need to be aware of the emerging opportunities and pitfalls created by China's ever-changing laws and regulations. This year, in this series of 60-minute webinars, our award-winning China and North American teams focused on the most significant concerns facing MNCs in China today and provided actionable solutions.

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

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

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

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

- [Russia's Accession to the WTO](#) - Speakers: Alexander Bychkov (Moscow) and Vladimir Efremov (Moscow), Terrie Gleason (Washington, DC) [Original broadcast January 15] [PowerPoint only](#)
- [US, EU and Swiss Trade Sanctions Enforcement Cases and Trends](#) - Speakers: Jasper Helder (Amsterdam), Jonathan Poling (Washington,

DC) Philippe Reich (Zurich), Terrie Gleason (Washington, DC) [Original broadcast: February 12, 2013] [PowerPoint only](#)

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

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- [EU Trade Sanctions](#) [Original broadcast: March 21] [PowerPoint only](#)
- [Anti-Bribery and Corruption : M&A Due Diligence](#) [Original broadcast: April 18] [PowerPoint only](#)
- [May 23: Third Party Supply Chain Risks \(Customs, Export Controls and Anti-Bribery\)](#) [Original broadcast: May 23] [PowerPoint only](#)
- [June 20: Customs Valuation: Focus on Intercompany Transactions](#) [Original broadcast: June 20] [PowerPoint only](#)
- [Import and Export Controls for Encryption Items](#) [Original broadcast: September 5] [PowerPoint only](#)
- [Customs Tariff Classification Update](#) [Original broadcast: September 19] [PowerPoint only](#)
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## WTO TBT Notifications





























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|---|---------------|-------------|-------------------------|--|
|  Bahrain, Kingdom of | BHR/378       | 1/13/2015   | 3/13/2015               | Motorcycles, mopeds, motor tricycles, ATV and their tyres (HS 7800, 4011.40)   |
|  Bahrain, Kingdom of | BHR/379       | 1/13/2015   | 3/13/2015               | Motor vehicles   |
|  Bahrain, Kingdom of | BHR/380       | 1/15/2015   | 3/15/2015               | Microbiological criteria for foodstuffs  |
|  Brazil              | BRA/343/Add.5 | 1/8/2015    | Not given               | Household and similar electrical appliances  |
|  Brazil             | BRA/396/Add.6 | 1/8/2015    | Not given               | Festive or other entertainment articles, including conjuring tricks and novelty jokes (HS 9505)  |
|  Brazil            | BRA/460/Add.3 | 1/8/2015    | Not given               | Commercial electric ovens (HS 8514; 8516.60)   |
|  Brazil            | BRA/462/Add.4 | 1/8/2015    | Not given               | Commercial electric ovens (HS 8514; 8516.60)   |
|  Brazil            | BRA/549/Add.1 | 1/8/2015    | Not given               | Other breathing appliances and gas masks, excluding protective masks having neither mechanical parts nor replaceable filters (HS 9020) |
|  Brazil            | BRA/560/Add.1 | 1/8/2015    | Not given               | Transmission apparatus incorporating reception apparatus (HS 8525.20), Television  |
|  Brazil            | BRA/563/Add.1 | 1/20/2015   | Not given               | Fertilizers, liming, inoculants, agricultural bio-fertilizers or secondary materials (HS 31)   |
|  Canada            | CAN/436       | 1/16/2015   | Not given               | Motor Vehicle Safety Act   |
|  Canada            | CAN/437       | 1/16/2015   | Not given               | Lithium metal batteries on passenger aircraft  |
|  China             | CHN/1065      | 1/5/2015    | 3/5/2015                | Oxygen supply (including medical oxygen cabin and high pressure cabin)   |
|  Czech Republic    | CZE/179       | 1/14/2015   | 3/1/2015                | Measuring instruments  |
|  Czech Republic    | CZE/180       | 1/14/2015   | 3/1/2015                | Measuring instruments  |
|  Czech Republic    | CZE/181       | 1/14/2015   | 3/1/2015                | Measuring instruments  |
|  Czech Republic    | CZE/182       | 1/14/2015   | 3/1/2015                | Measuring instruments  |
|  Ecuador           | ECU/1/Add.4   | 1/14/2015   | Not given               | Gas burning cooking appliances for domestic use  |
|  Ecuador           | ECU/120/Add.2 | 12/17/2014  | Not given               | Injection-moulding machines (HS 8477.10; 8477.30; 8477.40; 8477.80)  |
|  Ecuador           | ECU/121/Add.2 | 12/17/2014  | Not given               | Aggregate grading machines (HS 8474.10.10, 8474.10.20 and 8474.10.90)  |
|  Ecuador           | ECU/122/Add.2 | 12/17/2014  | Not given               | Sound or visual signalling equipment (HS 8531.10, 8531.20, 8531.80 and 8531.90)  |
|  Ecuador           | ECU/123/Add.2 | 12/19/2014  | Not given               | Sugar confectionery (HS 1704.10, 1704.10.10,   |












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|   |               |             |                         | 1704.10.90, 1704.90, 1704.90.10 and 1704.90.90)   |
|  Ecuador   | ECU/124/Add.2 | 12/19/2014  | Not given               | Furniture (HS 9403, 9403.10, 9403.30, 9403.40 and 9403.50)  |
|  Ecuador   | ECU/128/Add.2 | 12/19/2014  | Not given               | Ethyl alcohol (HS 2207, 2207.10, 2207.20 and 2207.20.00.90)   |
|  Ecuador   | ECU/129/Add.2 | 12/19/2014  | Not given               | Dispersing and spraying appliances (HS 8424.30.00, 8424.81.20, 8424.81.31.10, 8424.81.31.29, 8424.81.39, 8424.81.90 and 8424.89.00)   |
|  Ecuador   | ECU/130/Add.2 | 1/5/2015    | Not given               | Copper and aluminium wires and cables (HS 7413, 7614, 7614.10 and 7614.90)  |
|  Ecuador   | ECU/131/Add.2 | 1/5/2015    | Not given               | Loudspeakers (HS 8518.21, 8518.22 and 8518.29)  |
|  Ecuador   | ECU/132/Add.2 | 12/19/2014  | Not given               | Electric accumulators (HS 8507.10.00, 8507.20.00, 8507.30.00, 8507.40.00, 8507.50.00, 8507.50.00, 8507.60.00, 8507.60.00, 8507.80.00 and 8507.80.00)  |
|  Ecuador   | ECU/133/Add.2 | 1/6/2015    | Not given               | 8417.20.9000 and 8417.80.9000   |
|  Ecuador   | ECU/135/Add.2 | 12/19/2014  | Not given               | Audio-frequency electric amplifiers (HS 8518.40 and 8518.50)  |
|  Ecuador  | ECU/137/Add.2 | 12/19/2014  | Not given               | Pneumatic tools (HS 8467.11.10, 8467.11.20, 8467.11.90, 8467.19.10, 8467.19.20, 8467.19.90, 8467.81.00, 8467.89.10, and 8467.89.90)   |
|  Ecuador | ECU/138/Add.2 | 12/19/2014  | Not given               | External limb prostheses and external orthoses (HS 9021, 9021.10.10, 9021.10.20, 9021.29, 9021.31, 9021.40, 9021.50 and 9021.90)  |
|  Ecuador | ECU/139/Add.2 | 12/19/2014  | Not given               | Doors and windows (HS 4418.10.00.00, 4418.20.00.00, 7308.30.00.00, and 7610.10.00.00)   |
|  Ecuador | ECU/140/Add.2 | 12/19/2014  | Not given               | Carpets and other textile floor coverings (HS 5701.10.00, 5701.90.00, 5702.10.00, 5702.20.00, 5702.31.00, 5702.32.00, 5702.39.00, 5702.41.00, 5702.42.00, 5702.49.00, 5702.50.00, 5702.91.00, 5702.92.00, 5702.99.00, 5703.10.00, 5703.20.00, 5703.30.00, 5703.90.00, 5704.10.00, and 5704.90.00) |
|  Ecuador | ECU/143/Add.2 | 12/19/2014  | Not given               | Coach screws and other wood screws (HS 7318, 7318.11 and 7318.12)   |
|  Ecuador | ECU/144/Add.2 | 12/22/2014  | Not given               | Thermal performance of solar collectors (HS 8419.19.90)   |
|  Ecuador | ECU/145/Add.2 | 1/6/2015    | Not given               | Bare copper conductors for electrical use (HS 7408.00, 7408.11, 7408.19 and 7413.00)  |
|  Ecuador | ECU/146/Add.2 | 12/22/2014  | Not given               | Bare aluminium conductors for electrical use (HS 7614.00, 7614.10 and 7614.90)  |
|  Ecuador | ECU/160/Add.2 | 1/5/2015    | Not given               | Ignition wiring sets (HS 8544.30.00)  |
|  Ecuador | ECU/163/Add.2 | 1/5/2015    | Not given               | Water meters (HS 9028.20; 9028.20.10 and 9028.20.90)  |
|  Ecuador | ECU/164/Add.2 | 1/5/2015    | Not given               | Cotters and cotter-pins (HS 7318.24.00)   |
|  Ecuador | ECU/165/Add.2 | 1/6/2015    | Not given               | Rivets (HS 7318.23.00)  |
|  Ecuador | ECU/166/Add.2 | 12/22/2014  | Not given               | Candles (HS 3406)   |
|  Ecuador | ECU/167/Add.2 | 12/22/2014  | Not given               | Waxes for floors and polishes (HS 3405.10.00, 3405.20.00 and 3405.90.00)  |

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|  Ecuador          | ECU/168/Add.2 | 1/6/2015    | Not given               | Razors and shavers (HS 8212.10.20 and 8510.10.00)   |
|  Ecuador          | ECU/170/Add.2 | 1/5/2015    | Not given               | Low-voltage power supplies (HS 8504.40.90)  |
|  Ecuador          | ECU/171/Add.2 | 1/5/2015    | Not given               | Mercury vapour lamps, sodium vapour lamps and metal-halide lamps (HS 8539.32.00)  |
|  Ecuador          | ECU/176/Add.2 | 12/19/2014  | Not given               | Electric smoothing irons (HS 8516.40.00)  |
|  Ecuador          | ECU/178/Add.2 | 12/19/2014  | Not given               | Grinders (HS 8467.11.90; 8467.29.00; 8467.89.90)  |
|  Ecuador          | ECU/179/Add.2 | 12/19/2014  | Not given               | Fans driven by motors with an electric input power between 125 W and 500 kW (HS 8414.59.00)   |
|  Ecuador          | ECU/181/Add.2 | 12/19/2014  | Not given               | Distribution transformers (HS 8504.21.90 and 8504.33.00)  |
|  Ecuador          | ECU/182/Add.2 | 12/19/2014  | Not given               | Printing ink sets (HS 3215.19.00)   |
|  Ecuador          | ECU/19/Add.10 | 1/6/2015    | Not given               | Prepackaged and prepared foods  |
|  Ecuador          | ECU/196/Add.2 | 1/6/2015    | Not given               | Skin and hair care appliances (HS 8516.31.00, 8516.32.00 and 8516.33.00)  |
|  Ecuador          | ECU/197/Add.2 | 1/6/2015    | Not given               | Sterilizers and washing and disinfection equipment (HS 8419.89.99)  |
|  Ecuador          | ECU/198/Add.2 | 1/6/2015    | Not given               | Respiratory protective devices (HS 6307.90.30)  |
|  Ecuador         | ECU/200/Add.2 | 1/6/2015    | Not given               | Expandable anchor bolts for concrete (HS 7318.15.10)  |
|  Ecuador        | ECU/208/Add.2 | 12/19/2014  | Not given               | Food processing machinery (HS 8419.81.00, 8420.10.10, 8420.10.90, 8210.00.10, 8210.00.90, 8433.60.10, 8433.60.90, 8434.10.00, 8434.20.00, 8435.10.00, 8436.10.00, 8436.21.00, 8436.29.10, 8436.29.20, 8436.29.90, 8436.80.10, 8436.80.90, 8437.10.11, 8437.10.19, 8437.10.90, 8437.80.11, 8437.80.19, 8437.80.91, 8437.80.92, 8437.80.93, 8437.80.99, 8438.10.10, 8438.10.20, 8438.20.10, 8438.20.20, 8438.30.00, 8438.40.00, 8438.50.10, 8438.50.90, 8438.60.00, 8438.80.10, 8438.80.20, 8438.80.90, 8478.10.10, and 8478.10.90) |
|  Ecuador        | ECU/244/Add.2 | 1/6/2015    | Not given               | Medical electrical equipment (HS 9402.90.10)  |
|  Ecuador        | ECU/290       | 1/14/2015   | 4/6/2015                | Fluorescent lamps (HS tariff subheadings 8539.31.10.00, 8539.31.20.00, 8539.31.30.00 and 8539.31.90.00)   |
|  European Union | EU/257        | 1/15/2015   | Not given               | Electrical and electronic equipment   |
|  European Union | EU/258        | 1/15/2015   | Not given               | Electrical and electronic equipment   |
|  European Union | EU/259        | 1/15/2015   | Not given               | Electrical and electronic equipment   |
|  France         | FRA/160       | 1/13/2015   | 3/10/2015               | Processing aids used in certain foodstuffs  |
|  Indonesia      | IDN/91        | 1/8/2015    | 3/8/2015                | Cosmetic products   |
|  Indonesia      | IDN/92        | 1/8/2015    | 3/8/2015                | Processed food  |
|  Indonesia      | IDN/93        | 1/8/2015    | 3/8/2015                | Drugs   |
|  Indonesia      | IDN/94        | 1/8/2015    | 3/8/2015                | Cosmetic products   |
|  Indonesia      | IDN/95        | 1/8/2015    | 3/8/2015                | Processed food  |

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|  Indonesia          | IDN/96        | 1/8/2015    | 3/8/2015                | Cosmetic products  |
|  Japan              | JPN/476       | 1/6/2015    | 3/6/2015                | Textile goods  |
|  Japan              | JPN/477       | 1/7/2015    | 3/7/2015                | Apparatus, containers and packaging  |
|  Japan              | JPN/478       | 1/7/2015    | Not given               | Substances with probable effects on the central nervous system   |
|  Japan              | JPN/448/Add.1 | 1/14/2015   | Not given               | Food, beverages and other agricultural, forestry and fishery products (including processed products) other than alcoholic beverages and pharmaceuticals. |
|  Japan              | JPN/479       | 1/14/2015   | 3/14/2015               | Motor vehicles for the transport of goods (HS 8704, 8705, 8711)  |
|  Korea, Republic of | KOR/545       | 1/7/2015    | 3/7/2015                | Cosmetics  |
|  Korea, Republic of | KOR/546       | 1/7/2015    | 3/7/2015                | Digital selective calling equipment  |
|  Kuwait             | KWT/258       | 1/14/2015   | 3/14/2015               | Cosmetics, Toiletries  |
|  Oman               | OMN/196       | 1/12/2015   | 3/12/2015               | General requirements for fresh fruits and vegetables boxes   |
|  Pakistan           | PAK/58        | 1/19/2015   | 3/19/2015               | Prepackaged products   |
|  Pakistan           | PAK/59        | 1/19/2015   | 3/19/2015               | Feed Mixture for Livestock   |
|  Pakistan         | PAK/60        | 1/19/2015   | 3/19/2015               | Lead-Acid Batteries for Motorcycle   |
|  Pakistan         | PAK/61        | 1/19/2015   | 3/19/2015               | Lead-acid Starter Batteries  |
|  Pakistan         | PAK/62        | 1/20/2015   | 3/19/2015               | AC Watt Hour Meters  |
|  Pakistan         | PAK/63        | 1/20/2015   | 3/20/2015               | Electric kettles, jugs for households  |
|  Pakistan         | PAK/64        | 1/20/2015   | 3/20/2015               | Electric toasters  |
|  Pakistan         | PAK/65        | 1/20/2015   | 3/20/2015               | PS/IEC:60227 ? Part 1 to 7 (ICS 29.160 Pt2: 29.160 Pt3: 29.160.20 Pt4: 29.160)   |
|  Pakistan         | PAK/66        | 1/20/2015   | 3/20/2015               | Tungsten Filaments Lamps   |
|  Pakistan         | PAK/67        | 1/20/2015   | 3/20/2015               | Induction Motors   |
|  Pakistan         | PAK/68        | 1/20/2015   | 3/20/2015               | Cotton Seed Oil Cake Expeller Type   |
|  Peru             | PER/65        | 1/15/2015   | 4/7/2015                | Non-invasive automated sphygmomanometers (HS 9018.90.90.00)  |
|  Qatar            | QAT/371       | 1/13/2015   | 3/13/2015               | Cocoa powders (cocoas) and dry mixtures of cocoa and sugars  |
|  Qatar            | QAT/372       | 1/13/2015   | 3/13/2015               | Avocado  |
|  Qatar            | QAT/373       | 1/13/2015   | 3/13/2015               | White pepper, whole and ground   |
|  Qatar            | QAT/374       | 1/13/2015   | 3/13/2015               | Fermented soybean paste  |
|  Qatar            | QAT/375       | 1/13/2015   | 3/13/2015               | Motorcycles, mopeds, motor tricycles, quadricycles   |
|  Qatar            | QAT/376       | 1/13/2015   | 3/13/2015               | Food products  |
|  Qatar            | QAT/377       | 1/16/2015   | 3/16/2015               | Road and rail tankers with level gauging   |
|  Saudi Arabia     | SAU/829       | 1/5/2015    | 3/5/2015                | School canteens and handled foods  |

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|  Saudi Arabia     | SAU/828        | 1/5/2015    | 3/5/2015                | Karkade drink  |
|  Saudi Arabia     | SAU/827        | 1/5/2015    | 3/5/2015                | Tea and herbs bags   |
|  Saudi Arabia     | SAU/826        | 1/5/2015    | 3/5/2015                | Canned cooked chickpeas  |
|  Saudi Arabia     | SAU/825        | 1/5/2015    | 3/5/2015                | Edible nigella sativa seed oil   |
|  Saudi Arabia     | SAU/824        | 1/5/2015    | 3/5/2015                | Frozen carrot  |
|  Sweden           | SWE/129        | 1/20/2015   | 4/20/2015               | Pesticides   |
|  Taiwan Economy   | TPKM/83/Add.1  | 1/13/2015   | Not given               | Alcohol products   |
|  Taiwan Economy   | TPKM/156/Add.1 | 1/13/2015   | Not given               | Prepackaged infant and follow-up formula and formula for certain disease   |
|  Taiwan Economy   | TPKM/161/Add.2 | 1/13/2015   | Not given               | Alcohol products   |
|  Taiwan Economy   | TPKM/168/Add.1 | 1/13/2015   | Not given               | Prepackaged food, food additives and unpackaged food containing ingredients of genetically modified organisms                                      |
|  Taiwan Economy   | TPKM/108/Add.3 | 1/16/2015   | Not given               | Paints for buildings (HS Chapter 32)   |
|  Taiwan Economy   | TPKM/192       | 1/13/2015   | Not given               | Food for human consumption   |
|  Taiwan Economy | TPKM/193       | 1/13/2015   | 3/13/2015               | Food additives, food utensils, food containers or packaging containing plastic food contact material.  |
|  Taiwan Economy | TPKM/194       | 1/14/2015   | 3/14/2015               | Food additive combinations   |
|  Taiwan Economy | TPKM/195       | 1/16/2015   | 3/16/2015               | Cosmetics  |
|  Taiwan Economy | TPKM/196       | 1/16/2015   | 3/16/2015               | Battery chargers for computer, communication and consumer electronics (HS/CCCN 8504.40.20.00.3, 8504.40.91.00.7, 8504.40.94.00.4, 8504.40.99.90.0) |
|  Thailand       | THA/441        | 1/7/2015    | 1/20/2015               | Protection against dangerous goods   |
|  Thailand       | THA/442        | 1/7/2015    | 3/7/2015                | Fluorescent lamps, Discharge lamps (HS 8539)   |
|  Thailand       | THA/443        | 1/7/2015    | 3/7/2015                | Fluorescent lamps, Discharge lamps (HS 8539)   |
|  Thailand       | THA/444        | 1/7/2015    | 3/7/2015                | Fluorescent lamps, Discharge lamps (HS 8539)   |
|  Thailand       | THA/445        | 1/7/2015    | 3/7/2015                | Fluorescent lamps, Discharge lamps (HS 8539)   |
|  Thailand       | THA/446        | 1/15/2015   | 3/15/2015               | Protection against dangerous goods   |
|  Uganda         | UGA/434        | 1/8/2015    | 3/8/2015                | Alcoholic beverages  |
|  Uganda         | UGA/435        | 1/8/2015    | 3/8/2015                | Alcoholic beverages  |
|  Uganda         | UGA/436        | 1/8/2015    | 3/8/2015                | Alcoholic beverages  |
|  Uganda         | UGA/437        | 1/8/2015    | 3/8/2015                | Alcoholic beverages  |
|  Uganda         | UGA/438        | 1/8/2015    | 3/8/2015                | Alcoholic beverages  |
|  Uganda         | UGA/439        | 1/8/2015    | 3/8/2015                | Alcoholic beverages  |
|  Uganda         | UGA/440        | 1/8/2015    | 3/8/2015                | Alcoholic beverages  |

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|  Uganda                 | UGA/441              | 1/8/2015    | 3/8/2015                | Alcoholic beverages                                    |
|  Uganda                 | UGA/442              | 1/8/2015    | 3/8/2015                | Alcoholic beverages                                    |
|  Uganda                 | UGA/443              | 1/8/2015    | 3/8/2015                | Alcoholic beverages                                    |
|  Uganda                 | UGA/444              | 1/8/2015    | 3/8/2015                | Alcoholic beverages                                    |
|  Uganda                 | UGA/445              | 1/9/2015    | 3/9/2015                | Alcoholic beverages                                    |
|  Uganda                 | UGA/446              | 1/9/2015    | 3/9/2015                | Edible full fat soya flour                             |
|  Uganda                 | UGA/447              | 1/9/2015    | 3/9/2015                | Soya milk  |
|  Uganda                 | UGA/448              | 1/9/2015    | 3/9/2015                | Soya protein products                                  |
|  Uganda                 | UGA/449              | 1/9/2015    | 3/9/2015                | Textured soya protein products                         |
|  Uganda                 | UGA/450              | 1/12/2015   | 3/12/2015               | Prepackaged and prepared foods                         |
|  Uganda                 | UGA/451              | 1/12/2015   | 3/12/2015               | Prepackaged and prepared foods (ICS: 67.230)           |
|  Uganda                 | UGA/452              | 1/12/2015   | 3/12/2015               | Prepackaged and prepared foods                         |
|  Uganda                 | UGA/453              | 1/12/2015   | 3/12/2015               | Drinking water   |
|  Uganda               | UGA/454              | 1/12/2015   | 3/12/2015               | Drinking water   |
|  Uganda               | UGA/455              | 1/12/2015   | 3/12/2015               | Drinking water   |
|  United Arab Emirates | ARE/246              | 1/6/2015    | 3/6/2015                | Electronic cigarettes                                  |
|  United Arab Emirates | ARE/247              | 1/7/2015    | 3/7/2015                | Cosmetics, toiletries                                  |
|  United Arab Emirates | ARE/248              | 1/7/2015    | 3/7/2015                | Sweeteners   |
|  United Arab Emirates | ARE/249              | 1/7/2015    | 3/7/2015                | Food products in general                               |
|  United Arab Emirates | ARE/250              | 1/8/2015    | 3/8/2015                | Electrical equipment for working in special conditions |
|  United Arab Emirates | ARE/251              | 1/8/2015    | 3/8/2015                | Food products in general                               |
|  United States        | USA/643/Add.2        | 1/9/2015    | Not given               | Meat and poultry products (HS 0207)                    |
|  United States        | USA/692/Add.1        | 1/9/2015    | Not given               | Chemical substances                                    |
|  United States        | USA/710/Add.7        | 1/12/2015   | Not given               | Energy conservation                                    |
|  United States        | USA/743/Corr.1       | 1/6/2015    | Not given               | School buses (HS 8702)                                 |
|  United States        | USA/856/Add.1        | 1/6/2015    | Not given               | Fertilizers  |
|  United States        | USA/862/Add.1        | 1/12/2015   | Not given               | Direct heating equipment and pool heaters              |
|  United States        | USA/896/Add.2        | 1/16/2015   | Not given               | Commercial clothes washers (HS 8450)                   |
|  United States        | USA/899/Add.1        | 1/12/2015   | Not given               | School buses   |
|  United States        | USA/908/Add.2        | 1/9/2015    | Not given               | Appliance labeling                                     |
|  United States        | USA/920/Add.1        | 1/13/2015   | Not given               | Hazardous materials                                    |
|  United States        | USA/932/Add.1        | 1/12/2015   | Not given               | Fluorescent lamp ballasts (HS 853931)                  |
|  United States        | USA/933/Add.1        | 1/7/2015    | Not given               | Chemical substances                                    |
|  United States        | USA/939/Add.1/Corr.1 | 1/9/2015    | Not given               | Recreational off-highway vehicles (ROVs)               |

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|  United States | USA/945      | 1/7/2015    | 2/17/2015               | Residential dishwashers (HS 8422.11)  |
|  United States | USA/946      | 1/9/2015    | 2/6/2015                | Hearing aid compatible devices (HS 9021.40)   |
|  United States | USA/947      | 1/9/2015    | 3/16/2015               | Children's articles containing specified phthalates   |
|  United States | USA/948      | 1/9/2015    | 3/2/2015                | Single package vertical air conditioners and single package vertical heat pumps (HS 8415, 8418) |
|  United States | USA/949      | 1/9/2015    | 3/2/2015                | Marking, labeling, and packaging of meat, poultry, and egg products                             |
|  United States | USA/950      | 1/9/2015    | 3/3/2015                | Miscellaneous refrigeration products  |
|  United States | USA/951      | 1/12/2015   | 3/9/2015                | Chemical substances   |
|  United States | USA/952      | 1/13/2015   | 3/24/2015               | Commercial heating, air-conditioning, and water-heating equipment (HS 8415, 8418, 8516)         |
|  United States | USA/953      | 1/16/2015   | 2/27/2015               | Organics production   |
|  Viet Nam      | VNM/52       | 1/7/2015    | 3/7/2015                | Chemical products, pharmaceutical products  |
|  Viet Nam      | VNM/53       | 1/12/2015   | 3/12/2015               | Knapsack sprayers   |

## CBP Rulings: Downloads and Searches

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

## CBP Rulings: Revocations or Modifications

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

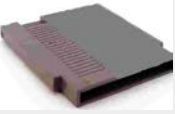
| Published in CBP Bulletin (P) Proposed (A) Action | Product(s) or Issue(s)                                    | Ruling(s) to be Modified (M) or Revoked (R) | Old Classification or Position | New Ruling | New Classification or Position                                     | Comments Due (C) or Effective Date (E) |
|---|---|---|--------------------------------|------------|--|--|
| (P) <a href="#">01-01-15</a>                      | Tariff classification of DVDs and Blu-ray discs           | NY N058455 (R)<br>HQ H083275 (M)            | 8523.49.50<br>8523.49.40       | HQ H236026 | 8523.49.40<br>8523.49.40 with a definition of "proprietary format" | (C) 02-02-15                           |
|   | Tariff classification of a textile sponge containing talc | NY 875045 (M)                               | 5603.00.30                     | HQ H258156 | 6805.30.50   |  |
|   | Tariff classification of plush animals with gel           | NY L83691 (R)<br>NY L82259 (R)              | 9503.49.0000*<br>9503.49.0000* | HQ H253885 | 6307.90.98   |  |

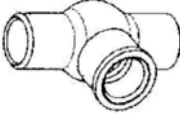
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|---|---|---|---|------------|--------------------------------|--|
|   | packs   | NY F85438 (M)<br>NY G80850 (M)              | 9503.49.0025*<br>9503.41.0010*<br>* currently<br>9503.00.00 |            |                                |  |
| (A) <a href="#">01-01-15</a>                      | Tariff classification of steel shower escutcheons | NY L89621 (R)                               | 7324.90.00  | HQ H201156 | 7326.90.85                     | (E) 03-02-15                           |
|   | Tariff classification of brass escutcheons        | NY 186062 (M)<br>NY 803902 (M)              | 8481.90.10<br>7418.20.10                                    | HQ H201157 | 7419.99.50                     |  |

## European Classification Regulations

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

| Commission Implementing Regulation                           | Description of the goods   | Classification (CN code) | Reasons  |
|--|--|--------------------------|--|
| <a href="#">(EU) 2015/205</a><br><a href="#">5 Jan. 2015</a> | <p>An electronic apparatus (so-called 'media server') comprising a built-in flash memory of 2 TB, a hard disk with a storage capacity of 4 TB and a MPEG processor for various video, picture and audio formats.</p> <p>The apparatus is equipped with, amongst others, the following interfaces:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>— two 1Gbe (GigaBit ethernet) copper ingest ports, used for reception,</li> <li>— two 10Gbe SFP type, (Small Form-factor Pluggable) streaming ports, used for transmission,</li> <li>— two 1Gbe copper management ports for the management of the apparatus,</li> <li>— two USB ports.</li> </ul> <p>The apparatus uses the following media formats:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>— MPEG-2 TS and MPEG-4 (H.264),</li> <li>— Variable Bitrate (VBR) and Constant Bitrate (CBR),</li> <li>— High-Definition (HD) and Standard-Definition (SD).</li> </ul> <p>The apparatus is able to provide up to 2 500 streams with a speed of 3,75 Mbps.</p> <p>The apparatus is used by cable or internet television providers for distributing on demand multimedia products to consumers.</p> | 8525 60 00               | <p>Classification is determined by general rules 1, 3(c) and 6 for the interpretation of the Combined Nomenclature and by the wording of CN codes 8525 and 8525 60 00.</p> <p>The apparatus is designed for performing two or more alternative functions (telecommunication of heading 8517, video recording or reproduction of heading 8521 and transmission of heading 8525). It is not possible to determine the apparatus' principal function within the meaning of note 3 to Section XVI as each function is equally important for the use of the apparatus. Consequently, classification is to be done under the heading which occurs last in numerical order among those which equally merit consideration. Classification under headings 8517 or 8521 is therefore excluded.</p> <p>As the apparatus is not only able to transmit, but also to receive, within the providers' network, video content (television signals) from other media servers, classification under subheading 8525 50 00 is excluded.</p> <p>The apparatus is therefore to be classified under CN code 8525 60 00 as transmission apparatus incorporating reception apparatus.</p> |

| Commission Implementing Regulation                  | Description of the goods   | Classification (CN code)  | Reasons   |
|---|--|---|---|
|   | <p>Multimedia products, such as video sequences, pictures, data and sound are exchanged (received and transmitted) among media servers, installed within the providers' network. The apparatus records the received content and transmits it on demand via OTT (Over the Top Technology) streaming to the clients' terminal equipment, for example, television sets, automatic data-processing machines, game consoles or mobile phones.</p>   |   |   |
| <p><a href="#">(EU) 2015/21</a><br/>5 Jan. 2015</p> | <p>An electronic component contained in a rectangular plastic housing (so-called 'game cartridge') with dimensions of 35 x 33 x 4 mm.</p> <p>The game cartridge consists of a printed circuit board with integrated circuits (read-only memory (ROM) and flash memory), passive elements (capacitors, resistors) and several contact pins.</p> <p>The ROM comprises an application program (a video game) and cannot be changed or upgraded by the user. The flash memory is used for storing data created when the game is played, such as preferences or reached levels and scores.</p> <p>Due to its special shape and specifically configured contact pins, the cartridge can only be used in a specific brand and type of video game consoles of heading 9504.</p> <p>See image, which is purely for information</p>  | <p>9504 50 00</p>  | <p>Classification is determined by general rules 1 and 6 for the interpretation of the Combined Nomenclature, note 3 to Chapter 95 and by the wording of CN codes 9504 and 9504 50 00.</p> <p>The cartridge contains not only a flash memory, but also a ROM comprising the game. The flash memory only stores information needed for playing the game, such as the players' preferences, reached levels and scores. The cartridge can only be used for playing video games in conjunction with a game console. Consequently, classification as media for the recording of sound or other phenomena of heading 8523 is excluded (see also the Harmonized System Explanatory Notes (HSEN) to heading 8523, sixth paragraph, point (f)).</p> <p>As the cartridge is a part or accessory suitable for use solely or principally with a game console of subheading 9504 50, it is to be classified under CN code 9504 50 00 (see also the HSEN to heading 9504 (2), third paragraph).</p> |
| <p><a href="#">(EU) 2015/22</a><br/>5 Jan. 2015</p> | <p>A used, four-wheel drive compact sport utility motor vehicle (SUV) with a diesel engine of a cylinder capacity of 2 000 cm<sup>3</sup>, a five-speed manual gearbox and one reverse gear. Its total gross weight is approximately 2 330 kg; its total load capacity is approximately 700 kg.</p> <p>It has a single integrated space for the transport of both persons and goods. The cabin has one row of two seats (including the driver's seat) and five doors with window panels (the back door being of a swing-out type). The floor of the cargo area is equipped with carpeting; the entire interior of the vehicle has side and roof upholstery. It is equipped with a mechanism for raising and lowering both the front and rear side windows.</p> <p>The vehicle is adapted to the transport of goods by having the second row of seats removed, the anchor points for fixing the rear seats and the security belts covered</p> | <p>8703 32 90</p>   | <p>Classification is determined by general rules 1 and 6 for the interpretation of the Combined Nomenclature and by the wording of CN codes 8703, 8703 32 and 8703 32 90.</p> <p>Classification under heading 8704 as vehicles for the transport of goods is excluded, as the objective characteristics and the general appearance of the vehicle are those of a vehicle principally designed for the transport of persons (presence of five windows, side and roof upholstery, carpet)</p> <p>The changes made for the purposes of transporting goods (removing of the rear seats installation of the net barrier) are easily reversible.</p> <p>The vehicle is therefore to be classified under CN code 8703 32 90 as used motor vehicles principally designed for the transport of persons.</p>  |

| Commission Implementing Regulation                          | Description of the goods  | Classification (CN code)  | Reasons  |
|---|---|---|--|
|   | and the cabin separated by a net barrier. The anchor points for fixing the rear seats and the safety belts were not removed or rendered permanently unusable.   |   |  |
| <a href="#">(EU) 2015/23</a><br><a href="#">5 Jan. 2015</a> | 'T' shaped article of steel. The external diameter of the shoulders is 23 mm and the largest diameter of the central part of the article is 40 mm. Its lateral endings are bevelled, suitable for butt welding, and its third ending is threaded on the inside. The lateral endings are to be welded in between the panels of the radiator. The third ending is used for installing either a vent valve or a regulating valve, or for connecting the radiator with a pipe that connects it to, for example, a boiler. See the image which is purely for information | 7307 93 19<br> | Classification is determined by general rules 1 and 6 for the interpretation of the Combined Nomenclature, note 2(a) to Section XV, and by the wording of CN codes 7307, 7307 93 and 7307 93 19.<br><br>The article has the objective characteristics of tube and pipe fittings classified under heading 7307. Articles of heading 7307 are, in accordance with note 2(a) to Section XV, parts of general use. As references to parts, inter alia, in Chapter 73 do not include references to parts of general use as defined in that note, classification of the article under heading 7322 as a part of radiators for central heating is excluded (see also the Harmonised System Explanatory Notes to heading 7322, point (2)(a)).<br><br>The article is therefore to be classified under CN code 7307 93 19 as other butt welding tube or pipe fittings of steel with the greatest external diameter not exceeding 609,6 mm. |

## Section 337 Actions

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

| Ref. Number                | Commodity   | Action   |
|----------------------------|---|--|
| <a href="#">337-TA-943</a> | Certain wireless headsets   | Institution of an investigation based on a complaint filed on behalf of One-E-Way, Inc. alleging patent infringement   |
| <a href="#">337-TA-944</a> | Certain network devices, related software and components thereof      | Institution of an investigation based on a complaint filed on behalf of Cisco Systems, Inc. alleging patent infringement   |
| <a href="#">337-TA-945</a> | Certain network devices, related software and components thereof (II) | Institution of an investigation based on a complaint filed on behalf of Cisco Systems, Inc. alleging patent infringement   |
| <a href="#">337-TA-946</a> | Certain ink cartridges and components thereof                         | Institution of an investigation based on a complaint filed on behalf of Epson Portland Inc.; Epson America, Inc.; and Seiko Epson Corporation alleging patent infringement |

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

| Ref. №                  | Commodity   | Complaint filed on behalf of: |
|-------------------------|---|-------------------------------|
| <a href="#">DN 3051</a> | Certain light-emitting diode products and components thereof                | Cree, Inc.                    |
| <a href="#">DN 3053</a> | Certain audio processing hardware and software and products containing same | Andrea Electronics Corp.      |

## 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 href="#">A-552-801</a>                              | Certain frozen fish fillets from Vietnam  | Amended rescission of ADD new shipper review  |
| <a href="#">A-570-992</a>                              | Monosodium glutamate from China   | Second amended final determination of sales at LTFV and amended ADD order   |
| <a href="#">A-489-805</a>                              | Certain pasta from Turkey   | Preliminary results of ADD new shipper review; 2013-2014  |
| <a href="#">A-570-863</a>                              | Honey from China  | Preliminary results of ADD administrative review; 2012-2013   |
| <a href="#">C-570-971</a>                              | Multilayered wood flooring from China   | Preliminary results of CVD administrative review and intent to rescind the review in part; 2012   |
| <a href="#">C-570-013</a>                              | Carbon and certain alloy steel wire rod from China  | Amended final affirmative CVD determination and CVD order   |
| <a href="#">A-570-012</a>                              | Carbon and certain alloy steel wire rod from China  | ADD order   |
| <a href="#">C-570-938</a>                              | Citric acid and certain citrate salts from China  | Rescission, in part, of 2013 CVD administrative review  |
| <a href="#">A-570-979</a>                              | Crystalline silicon photovoltaic cells, whether or not assembled into modules, from China | Preliminary results of ADD administrative review and preliminary determination of no shipments; 2012-2013   |
| <a href="#">C-570-980</a>                              | Crystalline silicon photovoltaic cells, whether or not assembled into modules, from China | Preliminary results of CVD administrative review; 2012; and partial rescission of CVD administrative review   |
| <a href="#">A-570-875</a>                              | Non-malleable cast iron pipe fittings from China  | Preliminary results of AD administrative review; 2013-2014  |
| <a href="#">A-570-919</a><br><a href="#">A-602-806</a> | Electrolytic manganese dioxide from China and Australia                                   | Continuation of the ADD order on China, revocation of the ADD order on Australia  |
| <a href="#">A-570-970</a>                              | Multilayered wood flooring from China   | Preliminary results of ADD new shipper review; 2012-2013  |
| <a href="#">A-570-970</a>                              | Multilayered wood flooring from China   | Preliminary results of ADD administrative review; 2012-2013   |
| <a href="#">A-552-801</a>                              | Certain frozen fish fillets from Vietnam  | Final results of ADD administrative review; 2012-2013   |
| <a href="#">A-489-501</a>                              | Welded carbon steel standard pipe and tube products from Turkey                           | Notice of correction to the final results of ADD administrative review; 2012-2013   |
| <a href="#">A-570-018</a>                              | Boltless steel shelving units prepackaged for sale from China                             | Postponement of preliminary determination of ADD investigation  |
| <a href="#">A-588-804</a>                              | Ball bearings and parts thereof from Japan  | Notice of court decision not in harmony with the final results of antidumping duty administrative review and notice of amended final results of antidumping duty administrative review; 2005-2006 |
| <a href="#">A-570-851</a>                              | Certain preserved mushrooms from China  | Preliminary results of ADD new shipper review; 2013-2014  |
| <a href="#">C-570-021</a>                              | Melamine from China and Trinidad and Tobago   | postponement of preliminary determinations of countervailing duty   |


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

| Case No   | Merchandise/Country  | Action   |
|---|--|--|
| <a href="#">C-274-807</a>   | go   | investigations   |
| <a href="#">A-588-804</a><br><a href="#">A-412-801</a>                              | Ball bearings and parts thereof from Japan and the United Kingdom              | Final results of ADD administrative reviews; 2010-2011   |
| <a href="#">A-570-983</a>   | Drawn stainless steel sinks from China   | Final rescission of ADD new shipper review; 2012-2013  |
| <a href="#">A-428-840</a>   | Lightweight thermal paper from Germany   | Final results and notice of amended final results of ADD administrative review   |
| <a href="#">A-570-601</a>   | Tapered roller bearings and parts thereof, finished and unfinished, from China | Final results of the ADD administrative review and final results of the new shipper review; 2012 - 2013  |
| <a href="#">A-570-016</a>   | Certain passenger vehicle and light truck tires from China                     | Preliminary determination of sales at less than fair value; preliminary affirmative determination of critical circumstances; in part and postponement of final determination |
| <a href="#">A-588-704</a>   | Brass sheet and strip from Japan:  | Rescission of ADD administrative review; 2013-2014   |
| <a href="#">A-475-818</a>   | Certain pasta from Italy   | Notice of partial rescission of ADD administrative review  |
| <a href="#">A-570-905</a>   | Certain polyester staple fiber from China                                      | Final results of the ADD administrative review; 2012-2013  |
| <a href="#">A-570-898</a>   | Chlorinated isocyanurates from China   | Final results of ADD administrative review; 2012-2013  |
| <a href="#">A-552-801</a>   | Certain frozen fish fillets from Vietnam                                       | Preliminary intent to rescind ADD new shipper reviews; 2013-2014   |
| <a href="#">A-570-916</a>   | Laminated woven sacks from China   | Preliminary results of ADD administrative review; 2013-2014  |
| <a href="#">A-570-967</a>   | Aluminum extrusions from China   | Partial rescission of ADD administrative review  |
| <a href="#">A-570-980</a>   | Wooden bedroom furniture from China  | Notice of court decision not in harmony with final results of administrative review and notice of amended final results of administrative review pursuant to court decision  |
| <a href="#">C-570-019</a>   | Boltless steel shelving units prepackaged for sale from China                  | Preliminary determination and alignment of final determination with final ADD determination  |
| <a href="#">C-570-009</a>   | Calcium hypochlorite from China  | CVD order issued   |
| <a href="#">A-570-009</a>   | Calcium hypochlorite from China  | ADD order issued   |
| <a href="#">A-570-941</a>   | Certain kitchen appliance shelving and racks from China                        | Rescission of ADD administrative review; 2013-2014   |
| <a href="#">A-570-920</a><br><a href="#">C-570-921</a><br><a href="#">A-428-840</a> | Lightweight thermal paper from China and Germany                               | Continuation of the AD and CVD orders on China, revocation of the ADD order on Germany   |
| <a href="#">A-570-886</a>   | Polyethylene retail carrier bags from China                                    | Rescission of ADD administrative review; 2013-2014   |
| <a href="#">A-570-832</a>   | Pure magnesium from China  | Preliminary results of ADD administrative review; 2013-2014  |


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

| Case No  | Merchandise/Country  | Action  |
|--|--|---|
| <a href="#">701-TA-526-527</a><br><a href="#">731-TA-1262-1263</a> | Melamine from China and Trinidad and Tobago                      | (Preliminary) Determinations that there is a reasonable indication that an industry in the US is materially injured by reason of imports from China and Trinidad and Tobago, that are alleged to be sold in the US at LTFV and subsidized by both governments     |
| <a href="#">701-TA-512</a><br><a href="#">731 TA 1248</a>          | Carbon and certain alloy steel wire rod from China               | (Final) Determinations that an industry in the US is materially injured by reason of imports, that have been found by Commerce to be to be subsidized by the government of China, and to be sold in the US at LTFV  |
| <a href="#">731-TA-753, 754, 756</a>                               | Cut-to-length carbon steel plate from China, Russia, and Ukraine | (Third Review) Notice of Commission determinations to conduct full five-year reviews  |
| <a href="#">701-TA-451</a><br><a href="#">731-TA-1126-1127</a>     | Lightweight thermal paper from China and Germany                 | (Review) Determination that revocation of the CVD and ADD order (China) would be likely to lead to continuation or recurrence of material injury to an industry in the United States within a reasonably foreseeable time. The Commission further determines that |


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

| Case №   | Merchandise/Country  | Action   |
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|  |  | revocation of the ADD order (Germany) would not be likely to lead to continuation or recurrence of material injury to an industry in the United States within a reasonably foreseeable time.   |
| <a href="#">701-TA-516-519, 521</a><br><a href="#">731-TA-1252-1255,</a><br><a href="#">1257</a> | Certain steel nails from Korea, Malaysia, Oman, Taiwan, and Vietnam                                | (Final) Scheduling of the final phase of countervailing duty and antidumping duty investigations.  |
| <a href="#">731-TA-1131-1132,</a><br><a href="#">1134</a>  | Polyethylene terephthalate film, sheet, and strip from Brazil, China, and the United Arab Emirates | (Review) Determination that revocation of the ADD orders (China and the UAE) would be likely to lead to continuation or recurrence of material injury to an industry in the United States within a reasonably foreseeable time. The Commission further determines that revocation of the ADD order on PET film (Brazil) would not be likely to lead to continuation or recurrence of material injury to an industry in the United States within a reasonably foreseeable time. |
| <a href="#">704-TA-1</a><br><a href="#">734-TA-1</a>   | Sugar from Mexico  | (Review) ; Institution of reviews of agreements suspending ADD and CVD investigations  |
| <a href="#">701-TA-528-529</a><br><a href="#">731-TA-1264-1268</a>                               | Certain uncoated paper from Australia, Brazil, China, Indonesia, and Portugal                      | (Preliminary) Institution of ADD and CVD investigations and scheduling of preliminary phase investigations   |
| <a href="#">701-TA-510</a><br><a href="#">731 TA 1245</a>  | Calcium hypochlorite from China  | (Final) Determinations that an industry in the United States is materially injured by imports that have been found by the Department of Commerce to be sold in the United States at LTFV, and to be subsidized by the government(s) of China   |
| <a href="#">731-TA-1153</a>  | Certain tow-behind lawn groomers and parts thereof from China                                      | (Review) Determination that that revocation of the ADD order would be likely to lead to continuation or recurrence of material injury to an industry in the United States within a reasonably foreseeable time.  |
| <a href="#">731-TA-1092</a>  | Diamond sawblades and parts thereof from China   | (Review) Determination to conduct a full five-year review and scheduling of the review   |


**Canadian International Trade Tribunal (CITT)**

| Ref. Number                 | Merchandise/Country   | Action  |
|-----------------------------|---|---|
| <a href="#">NQ-2014-001</a> | Concrete reinforcing bar from China, S. Korea and Turkey  | Finding issued that the dumping and subsidizing have not caused injury but are threatening to cause injury to the domestic industry |
| <a href="#">RR-2014-001</a> | <i>Dumping</i> of certain fasteners originating in or exported from China and Chinese Taipei; <i>subsidizing</i> of certain fasteners originating in or exported from China | Expiry review order; reasons issued for continuing order with amendment.  |
| <a href="#">RR-2004-002</a> | Hot-rolled carbon steel plate and high-strength low-alloy steel plate from Ukraine  | Order after expiry review continuing finding but excluding the goods described in the appendix attached to the order                |


**Canada Border Services Agency (CBSA)**

| Ref. Number             | Merchandise/Country  | Action   |
|-------------------------|--|--|
| <a href="#">AD 1401</a> | Certain copper tube originating in or exported from Brazil, Greece, China, S. Korea and Mexico | Notice of conclusion of re-investigation and amounts of subsidy from China |



### NAFTA Panels

| Ref. Number      | Merchandise/Country | Action |
|------------------|---------------------|--------|
| None this period |                     |        |



### Mexico - Ministry of Economy

| Ref. Number                  | Merchandise/Country  | Action                             |
|------------------------------|--|------------------------------------|
| <a href="#">Review 18/13</a> | Coaxial cable type RG (Radio Guide) with or without messenger originating in China | Final resolution of the ADD review |



### European Union

| Ref. Number                       | Merchandise/Country  | Action  |
|-----------------------------------|--|---|
| <a href="#">2015/C 10/03</a>      | Certain polyethylene terephthalate originating in or exported from Iran, Pakistan and the UAE      | Notice of the impending expiry of certain countervailing measures. Date of expiry 30.09.2015  |
| <a href="#">(EU) 2015/49</a>      | Certain stainless steel wires originating in India   | Commission Implementing Regulation amending Council Implementing Regulation (EU) No 1106/2013 imposing a definitive anti-dumping duty and collecting definitively the provisional duty imposed and amending Council Implementing Regulation (EU) No 861/2013 imposing a definitive CVD and collecting definitively the provisional duty |
| <a href="#">2015/C 17/06</a>      | Zeolite A powder originating in Bosnia and Herzegovina   | Notice concerning a partial reopening of the AD investigation   |
| <a href="#">(EU) 2015/82</a>      | Citric acid originating in China   | Commission Implementing Regulation imposing a definitive ADD following an expiry review and partial interim reviews   |
| <a href="#">(EU) 2015/83</a>      | Monosodium glutamate originating in China  | Commission Implementing Regulation imposing a definitive ADD following an expiry review   |
| <a href="#">(EU) 2015/84</a>      | Monosodium glutamate originating in Indonesia  | Commission Implementing Regulation imposing a definitive ADD and collecting definitively the provisional duty imposed   |
| <a href="#">(EU) 2015/87</a>      | Citric acid originating in China   | Commission Implementing Decision accepting the undertakings offered in connection with the AD proceeding  |
| <a href="#">(EU) No 1105/2010</a> | High tenacity yarn of polyesters originating in China  | Corrigendum to Council Implementing Regulation imposing a definitive ADD and collecting definitively the provisional duty and terminating the proceeding concerning imports originating in S. Korea and Taiwan  |
| <a href="#">(EU) 2015/110</a>     | Certain welded tubes and pipes of iron or non-alloy steel originating in Belarus, China and Russia | Commission Implementing Regulation imposing a definitive ADD and terminating the proceeding for imports originating in Ukraine following an expiry review   |



### Australian Anti-Dumping Commission

| Ref. No                 | Merchandise/Country                               | Action                                       |
|-------------------------|---|--|
| <a href="#">2015/01</a> | Various   | Status Report at 31 December 2014            |
| <a href="#">2015/03</a> | All   | Amendment to Anti-Dumping Review Panel Forms |
| <a href="#">2015/04</a> | FSI Pineapple from Thailand                       | Initiation of an Accelerated Review          |
| <a href="#">2015/05</a> | Tomato Products, Prepared or Preserved from Italy | Initiation of an Investigation               |
| <a href="#">2015/06</a> | Aluminium Road Wheels from China                  | Initiation of an Accelerated Review          |


**Australian Anti-Dumping Commission**

| Ref. №                  | Merchandise/Country                         | Action                                 |
|-------------------------|---|--|
| <a href="#">2015/07</a> | Hollow Structural Sections from China       | Extension of Time Granted to Issue     |
| <a href="#">2015/08</a> | Hollow Structural Sections from Korea       | Extension of Time Granted to Issue SEF |
| <a href="#">2015/09</a> | Certain PVC Flat Electric Cables from China | Preliminary Affirmative Determination  |
| <a href="#">2015/12</a> | Newsprint from France                       | Preliminary Affirmative Determination  |


**China Ministry of Commerce (MOFCOM)**

| Ref. Number             | Merchandise/Country                      | Action      |
|-------------------------|--|-------------|
| <a href="#">5. 2015</a> | Phenol from Japan, Korea, Taiwan and USA | Termination |


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

| Reference                         | Merchandise/Country  | Action  |
|-----------------------------------|--|---|
| <a href="#">01/2015-Cus (ADD)</a> | Synchronous digital hierarchy transmission equipment originating in or exported from China | The notification shall remain in force up to and inclusive of the 7 December, 2015  |
| <a href="#">02/2015-Cus (ADD)</a> | Melamine originating in or exported from China   | Review initiated. The notification shall remain in force up to and inclusive of 18 February, 2016, unless revoked earlier |
| <a href="#">04/2014-Cus (SG)</a>  | Sodium Citrate   | Imposition of safeguard duty  |


**Argentina Ministry of Economy and Public Finance (Comisión Nacional de Comercio Exterior)**

| Ref. Number                    | Merchandise/Country  | Action   |
|--------------------------------|--|--|
| <a href="#">Res. 231/2014</a>  | Certain veterinary vaccines originating in France and the USA            | Opening of research for alleged dumping                        |
| <a href="#">Res. 1006/2014</a> | Pipe fittings originating in Brazil and China                            | Clarification of the dumping scope                             |
| <a href="#">Res. 1074/2014</a> | Certain steel wheels originating in China                                | End of investigation, proceed to release guarantees            |
| <a href="#">Res. 1105/2014</a> | Certain porcelain transformers originating in Brazil, China and Colombia | Provisional duty   |
| <a href="#">Res. 21/2015</a>   | Twist drills originating in China  | Procedure closing term review and changed circumstances review |
| <a href="#">Res. 23/2015</a>   | Water pumps originating in China   | Opening term review  |
| <a href="#">Res. 7/2015</a>    | Phase transformers of dielectric liquid originating in China and Korea   | Suspension   |
| <a href="#">Res. 6/2015</a>    | Phase transformers of dielectric liquid originating in Brazil            | Suspension   |


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

| Reference                      | Merchandise/Country   | Action   |
|--------------------------------|---|--|
| <a href="#">CAMEX Res. 107</a> | New radial tires from South Africa, South Korea, Japan, Russia, Thailand and Taiwan | Correction to ADD amount for a S. Korean company |

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## Opportunity to Request Administrative Review

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

| AD/CVD Proceedings - Country/ Merchandise            | Case No.  | Period          |
|--|-----------|-----------------|
| <b>Antidumping Duty Proceedings</b>                  |           |                 |
| Brazil: Prestressed Concrete Steel Wire Strand       | A-351-837 | 1/1/14-12/31/14 |
| India: Prestressed Concrete Steel Wire Strand        | A-533-828 | 1/1/14-12/31/14 |
| Mexico: Prestressed Concrete Steel Wire Strand       | A-201-831 | 1/1/14-12/31/14 |
| R.of Korea: Prestressed Concrete Steel Wire Strand   | A-580-852 | 1/1/14-12/31/14 |
| South Africa: Ferrovandium                           | A-791-815 | 1/1/14-12/31/14 |
| Thailand: Prestressed Concrete Steel Wire Strand     | A-549-820 | 1/1/14-12/31/14 |
| The P.R. of China: Crepe Paper Products              | A-570-895 | 1/1/14-12/31/14 |
| Ferrovandium   | A-570-873 | 1/1/14-12/31/14 |
| Folding Gift Boxes                                   | A-570-866 | 1/1/14-12/31/14 |
| Potassium Permanganate                               | A-570-001 | 1/1/14-12/31/14 |
| Wooden Bedroom Furniture                             | A-570-890 | 1/1/14-12/31/14 |
| <b>Countervailing Duty Proceedings</b>               |           |                 |
| The P.R. of China: Certain Oil Country Tubular Goods | C-570-944 | 1/1/14-12/31/14 |
| Circular Welded Carbon Quality Steel Line Pipe       | C-570-936 | 1/1/14-12/31/14 |
| <b>Suspension Agreements</b>                         |           |                 |
| Russia: Certain Cut-to-Length Carbon Steel           | A-821-808 | 1/1/14-12/31/14 |

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

| AD/CVD Proceedings - Country/ Merchandise            | Case No.  | Period         |
|--|-----------|----------------|
| <b>Antidumping Duty Proceedings</b>                  |           |                |
| Brazil: Frozen Warmwater Shrimp                      | A-351-838 | 2/1/14-1/31/15 |
| Stainless Steel Bar                                  | A-351-825 | 2/1/14-1/31/15 |
| France: Uranium                                      | A-427-818 | 2/1/14-1/31/15 |
| India: Certain Preserved Mushrooms                   | A-533-813 | 2/1/14-1/31/15 |
| Certain Cut-to-Length Carbon-Quality Steel Plate     | A-533-817 | 2/1/14-1/31/15 |
| Frozen Warmwater Shrimp                              | A-533-840 | 2/1/14-1/31/15 |
| Stainless Steel Bar                                  | A-533-810 | 2/1/14-1/31/15 |
| Indonesia: Certain Preserved Mushrooms               | A-560-802 | 2/1/14-1/31/15 |
| Certain Cut-to-Length Carbon-Quality Steel Plate     | A-560-805 | 2/1/14-1/31/15 |
| Italy: Stainless Steel Butt-Weld Pipe Fittings       | A-475-828 | 2/1/14-1/31/15 |
| Japan: Carbon Steel Butt-Weld Pipe Fittings          | A-588-602 | 2/1/14-1/31/15 |
| Stainless Steel Bar                                  | A-588-833 | 2/1/14-1/31/15 |
| Malaysia: Stainless Steel Butt-Weld Pipe Fittings    | A-557-809 | 2/1/14-1/31/15 |
| Mexico: Large Residential Washers                    | A-201-842 | 2/1/14-1/31/15 |
| Philippines: Stainless Steel Butt-Weld Pipe Fittings | A-565-801 | 2/1/14-1/31/15 |
| R. of Korea: Large Residential Washers               | A-580-868 | 2/1/14-1/31/15 |
| Certain Cut-to-Length Carbon-Quality Steel Plate     | A-580-836 | 2/1/14-1/31/15 |
| Vietnam: Frozen Warmwater Shrimp                     | A-552-802 | 2/1/14-1/31/15 |
| Steel Wire Garment Hangers                           | A-552-812 | 2/1/14-1/31/15 |
| Utility Scale Wind Towers                            | A-552-814 | 2/1/14-1/31/15 |
| Thailand: Frozen Warmwater Shrimp                    | A-549-822 | 2/1/14-1/31/15 |
| The P.R. of China: Certain Preserved Mushrooms       | A-570-851 | 2/1/14-1/31/15 |
| Frozen Warmwater Shrimp                              | A-570-893 | 2/1/14-1/31/15 |
| Heavy Forged Hand Tools, With or Without Handles     | A-570-803 | 2/1/14-1/31/15 |

| AD/CVD Proceedings - Country/ Merchandise                     | Case No.  | Period          |
|---|-----------|-----------------|
| Small Diameter Graphite Electrodes                            | A-570-929 | 2/1/14-1/31/15  |
| Uncovered Innerspring Units                                   | A-570-928 | 2/1/14-1/31/15  |
| Utility Scale Wind Towers                                     | A-570-981 | 2/1/14-1/31/15  |
| <b>Countervailing Duty Proceedings</b>                        |           |                 |
| India: Certain Cut-to-Length Carbon-Quality Steel Plate       | C-533-818 | 1/1/14-12/31/14 |
| Prestressed Concrete Steel Wire Strand                        | C-533-829 | 1/1/14-12/31/14 |
| Indonesia: Certain Cut-to-Length Carbon-Quality Steel Plate   | C-560-806 | 1/1/14-12/31/14 |
| R. of Korea: Certain Cut-to-Length Carbon-Quality Steel Plate | C-580-837 | 1/1/14-12/31/14 |
| Large Residential Washers                                     | C-580-869 | 1/1/14-12/31/14 |
| Vietnam: Steel Wire Garment Hangers                           | C-552-813 | 1/1/14-12/31/14 |
| The P.R. of China: Utility Scale Wind Towers                  | C-570-982 | 1/1/14-12/31/14 |
| <b>Suspension Agreements</b>                                  |           |                 |
| None.   |           |                 |

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