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## Iran Trade Roadshow

"Implementation Day" of the nuclear agreement with Iran (the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action or "JCPOA") and the re-opening of the Iranian market arrived on Saturday, 16 January. As such, there is a high interest on the effect on non-US businesses of US sanctions many of which will remain in force.

In response to this, Baker & McKenzie is organizing the **Iran Trade Roadshow**, a series of 2-3 hour seminars in various locations across the globe that will provide an overview of the potential changes to sanctions in relation to the JCPOA. Our panel of speakers includes specialists from the US and the EMEA region who will address business opportunities as well as risks presented by these developments.

Please register [here](#) or by clicking the link below to get schedule updates for our first run in the following locations:

- Austria (Vienna)
- Germany (Dusseldorf, Frankfurt, and Munich)
- Russia (Moscow)
- South Africa (Johannesburg)
- Switzerland (Zürich)
- Turkey (Istanbul)
- United Arab Emirates (Abu Dhabi and Dubai)

### One-to-one meetings

Our practitioners will be available for one-to-one meetings to discuss specific issues you may have. Please let us know in advance if you wish to set up a personal appointment as the number of meetings will be limited.

Attendance at this event is free of charge. [Click here to register for updates.](#) For more immediate information or questions, please contact [Meryll Sarco](#).

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See our [Webinars, Meetings, Seminars](#) section for information on an additional seminar on the **Iran Sanctions in Palo Alto, CA on February 23.**

## Register Now! 2016 International Trade Compliance Webinar Series

We are very pleased to announce our 13<sup>th</sup> annual, **International Trade Compliance Webinar Series** entitled, “**TPP and New Developments in Global Trade.**” This year will be exciting as there are many noteworthy developments in the global trade arena. Our 2016 webinar series will have several sessions covering the Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP), as well as sessions covering key developments in customs, export and FCPA. Terrie Gleason, a partner in our Washington, DC office and Chair of the Firm’s Global Customs Practice Group will moderate these webinars.

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

### Webinar Dates and Topics:

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

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

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

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## Global IP Webinar Series

### Intellectual Property Considerations of the TPP: Focus on Biologics/Undisclosed Data | Trade Secrets | Encrypted Digital Transmissions | Dispute Resolution

**Date:** Wednesday, 17 February 2016

**Speakers:** Kensaku Takase | Kamleh Nicola | Kevin O'Brien | Teresa Michaud

**Asia Pacific broadcast:** 1pm Hong Kong and Shanghai, 3pm Tokyo, 5pm Sydney

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The Baker & McKenzie TPP Global Resource Center serves as your one-stop-shop for continual updates on developments surrounding all areas of the Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP), as well as relevant articles and other information of interest to companies and industries that will be affected by the agreement.

[TPP Global Resource Center](#)

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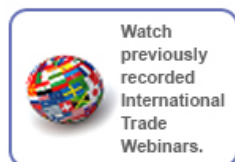
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For additional compliance news and comment from around the world, please visit <http://globalcomplianceupdate.com/>.



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## United Nations (UN) New sanctions expected following North Korea's nuclear test

As a result of the recent nuclear testing by the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (DPRK or North Korea), the United Nations Security Council (UNSC) held on 6 January 2016 an emergency meeting called by the U.S., Japan and South Korea. Following the meeting, the UNSC released a press [statement](#) condemning the country's actions, and announcing that it will immediately begin considering the "significant measures" which it had promised to take in the event of further nuclear testing by the country.

The UNSC will now start negotiating the content of any further measures against the DPRK. The negotiations could take weeks given that following the country's previous nuclear test on 12 February 2013, additional sanctions were [announced](#) only on 7 March 2013. If new measures are adopted at the UN level, the EU and US will follow suit, though it is not impossible for the EU and U.S. to go beyond the UNSC measures which have to be agreed by the 5 permanent UNSC members.

The UNSC view the DPRK's actions as a violation of Security Council Resolutions 1718 (2006), 1874 (2009), 2087 (2013), and 2094 (2013), and of the non-proliferation regime. The DPRK has now confirmed four nuclear tests since 2006, but this is the first time it has claimed to have tested a hydrogen bomb.

For updates, please check our [Sanctions Blog](#).

## Exporters will be required to verify containers weight

The International Maritime Organization (IMO), a specialized agency of the United Nations responsible for improving maritime safety and preventing pollution from ships, is responsible for the *Safety of Life at Sea Convention* (SOLAS). In May 2014, amendments to SOLAS (SOLAS Chapter VI, Regulation 2; the "regulation") that will affect imports and exporters were approved by the IMO Sub-Committee on Dangerous Goods, Solid Cargoes and Containers. The regulation was adopted by IMO's Maritime Safety Committee (MSC) at its 94th session in November. The regulation, which will come into force on 1 July 2016, will require exporters to present and verify the "gross mass" (weight) of packed containers prior to stowage aboard ship (with certain exceptions) and sign a certification. If the verified gross mass weight is presented to the carrier by means of EDP or EDI transmis-

sion techniques, the signature(s) may be electronic signature(s) or may be replaced by the name(s) (in capitals) of the person(s) authorized to sign.

As with other SOLAS provisions, the enforcement of the SOLAS requirements regarding the verified gross mass of packed containers falls within the competence and is the responsibility of the SOLAS Contracting Governments. Contracting Governments acting as port States should verify compliance with these SOLAS requirements. Any incidence of non-compliance with the SOLAS requirements is enforceable according to national legislation. In the United States, the U.S. Coast Guard is expected to issue guidance.

Resources:

- [International Maritime Organization \(IMO\) Guidelines](#)
- [Verified Gross Mass Industry FAQs, Implementation of the SOLAS Amendments from July 2016 \(by several international shipping industry groups\)](#)
- [Industry Guidance Mandatory Weighing of Containers \(European industry associations\)](#)

## World Trade Organization (WTO)

### Trade Policy Review: Georgia

The second review of the trade policies and practices of Georgia took place on 19 and 21 January 2016. The basis for the review was a [report by the WTO Secretariat](#) and a [report by the Government of Georgia](#).

### Recent disputes

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

DS. No.	Case Name	Date
<a href="#">DS502</a>	Colombia - Measures Concerning Imported spirits (Complainant: EU) consultations requested	13-01-16

### 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="#">DS397</a>	European Communities — Definitive Anti-Dumping Measures on Certain Iron or Steel Fasteners from China — Recourse to Article 21.5 of the DSU by China	<a href="#">Appellate Body issues compliance report on Chinese challenge to EU fastener duties</a>	18-01-16
<a href="#">DS461</a>	<a href="#">Colombia</a> – Measures Relating to the Importation of Textiles, Apparel and Footwear (Complainant: Panama)	<a href="#">Colombia appeals panel report</a>	22-01-16

## World Customs Organization (WCO)

### 57<sup>th</sup> HSC Agenda released

U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) published in the [January 27, 2016 Customs Bulletin and Decisions](#) the dates and draft agenda of the Fifty-Seventh Session of the Harmonized System Committee of the World Customs Organization. Article 6 of the *Harmonized System Convention* establishes a Harmonized System Committee (“HSC”). The HSC is composed of representatives from each of the contracting parties to the *Harmonized System Convention*. The HSC’s responsibilities include issuing classification decisions on the interpretation of the Harmonized System. Those decisions may take the form of published tariff classification opinions concerning the classification of an article under the Harmonized System or amendments to the Explanatory Notes to the Harmonized System. The HSC also considers amendments to the legal text of the Harmonized System. The HSC meets twice a year in Brussels, Belgium. The next session of the HSC will be the fifty-seventh and it will be held from March 7, 2016 to March 18, 2016.

In accordance with section 1210 of the *Omnibus Trade and Competitiveness Act of 1988* (Pub. L. 100–418), the Department of Homeland Security, represented by CBP, the Department of Commerce, represented by the Census Bureau, and the U.S. International Trade Commission, jointly represent the U.S. The CBP representative serves as the head of the delegation at the sessions of the HSC.

### WCO revises Correlation Tables HS 2012 – 2017

The WCO has published revised [Tables correlating the 2012 and 2017 editions of the Harmonized System](#), as drawn up by the World Customs Organization Secretariat in accordance with instructions received from the Harmonized System Committee.

The WCO advises that although the Tables were examined by the Harmonized System Committee, “they are not to be regarded as constituting classification decisions taken by that Committee; they constitute a guide published by the Secretariat and whose sole purpose is to facilitate implementation of the 2017 version of the Harmonized System. They do not have legal status.” The WCO stated that the Correlation Tables might be subject to further amendments or changes.

- [Table I](#) establishes the correlation between the 2017 version and the 2012 version of the HS Nomenclature.
- [Table I - Annex](#) shows the correlation between the 2017 version and the 2012 version of Chapter 44 of the HS, as it reads after the amendment by the Council Recommendation of 27 June 2014 only. Table I - Annex is valid from 1 January 2017 to 31 December 2017 for Contracting Parties which are not able to implement the complementary amendments to Chapter 44 before 1 January 2018.
- [Table II](#) establishes the correlation starting from the 2012 edition to the 2017 edition of the HS (It is a mechanical transposition of Table I without remarks).
- [Table II - Annex](#) shows the correlation starting from the 2012 edition to the 2017 edition of Chapter 44 of the HS, as it reads after the amendment by the Council Recommendation of 27 June 2014 only. Table II - Annex is valid from 1 January 2017 to 31 December 2017 for Contracting Parties which are not able to implement the complementary amendments to Chapter 44 before 1 January 2018.

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

Date	Title
04-01-16	<a href="#">New WCO Guide for the Technical Update of Preferential Rules of Origin</a>
06-01-16	<a href="#">The WCO – WACAM Project intensifies its efforts to create a regional pool of Human Resource Management (HRM) experts</a>
07-01-16	<a href="#">Strategic Planning Support to Lebanese Customs</a>
	<a href="#">Developing Enforcement Cooperation in the WCO European Region</a>
	<a href="#">Complementary amendments to the Harmonized System</a>
	<a href="#">The WCO works in partnership with Vietnam Customs to shape their approach to Compliance Management and to train their negotiators of the future.</a>
	<a href="#">WCO and WCS to collaborate on illegal wildlife trade</a>
08-01-16	<a href="#">WCO National Workshop on PCA in Podgorica, Montenegro</a>
13-01-16	<a href="#">Integrity Enhancement Programme and Implementation Support to Paraguay Customs</a>
	<a href="#">WCO and INTERPOL reaffirm their commitment to work together against crime</a>
	<a href="#">WCO announces the results of Operation COCAIR V</a>
18-01-16	<a href="#">Seizure of nearly 22 tons of Acetic Anhydrite by Pakistan Customs</a>
	<a href="#">Dubai Customs introduces a new refund system</a>
19-01-16	<a href="#">MENA Region discussed the way forward for Digital Customs</a>
	<a href="#">Change for Oman Customs</a>
21-01-16	<a href="#">Revision of Correlation Tables between the 2012 and 2017 versions of the HS</a>
	<a href="#">Chemists from Member Customs Laboratories meet at the WCO Headquarters</a>
25-01-16	<a href="#">WCO at World Economic Forum 2016</a>
26-01-16	<a href="#">Message of the WCO Secretary General on International Customs Day 2016</a>
27-01-16	<a href="#">Qatar Customs enhancing the implementation of the Revised Kyoto Convention</a>
	<a href="#">National workshop on rules of origin in the Democratic Republic of the Congo</a>
	<a href="#">Comprehensive Modernization in Oman</a>
	<a href="#">Launch of the 68th WCO Fellowship Programme</a>
29-01-16	<a href="#">WCO Publishes 2016 Picard Conference Call for Papers</a>
	<a href="#">Malaysia hosts the first WCO A/P Regional Workshop on Revenue Package and Advance Rulings</a>

## Other International Matters

### Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP)

#### TPP to be signed on 4 February in New Zealand

On 21 January 2016, the New Zealand Trade Minister, Todd McClay, [confirmed](#) that his Government is planning to host the signing of the Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP) in New Zealand on Thursday 4 February. New Zealand has issued invitations to TPP Ministers to sign the Agreement in Auckland. Mc Clay indicated that the signing will mark the end of the TPP negotiating process and will permit all 12 countries (Australia, Brunei Darussalam, Canada, Chile, Japan, Malaysia, Mexico, New Zealand, Peru, Singapore, US and Vietnam) to begin their respective domestic ratification processes. Signatories will have up to two years to complete that before the agreement enters into force, although there are three options to allow the TPP to enter into force. In New Zealand, following signature the Government will submit the final text of TPP and the National Interest Analysis to Parliament. The legislative changes to implement TPP will then go through normal policy and Parliamentary procedures. New Zealand intends to run a series of roadshows throughout the country during the review period.

## Iranian Sanctions Update

Focus on Iran: European Union, Switzerland, and the United States relax sanctions targeting Iran on “Implementation Day”; Canadian Sanctions under review

Under the [Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action](#) (JCPOA), January 16, 2016 was “Implementation Day.” On that date, the European Union, the Swiss Government, and the US Government relaxed certain sanctions against Iran after the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) confirmed that Iran had fulfilled its nuclear-related commitments under the JCPOA. Canada’s sanctions targeting Iran have not been affected.

To the casual observer, the measures adopted on Implementation Day may give the impression that Iran is now “open for business.” While the EU and other European states have dramatically reduced their restrictions on trade with Iran, it is important to note that many important US sanctions targeting Iran remain in force. Before engaging in any new activities involving Iran or Iranian parties, companies should carefully consider the limitations and restrictions on Iran-related dealings that remain in place after Implementation Day.

In a detailed [Client Alert](#) we provide additional information about the changes adopted by the EU, the US Government, and the Swiss Government on Implementation Day. We also provide comments on the current status of Canadian sanctions targeting Iran. Finally, we outline the significant compliance risks that continue to arise from doing business with Iran. *[Also see article below in the Canada section regarding Canadian plans.]*

Follow Baker & McKenzie's [Sanctions Update blog](#). This blog monitors Iran-related developments, as well as developments related to other sanctions programs, and provides commentary from our International Trade team as events unfold.

### 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
18-01-16	<a href="#">2016/001 - List of valid Notifications</a> • <a href="#">Annex – List of valid Notifications</a>
20-01-16	<a href="#">2016/002 - ECUADOR – Security stamps</a>

## The Americas - Central America

### El Salvador

#### Documents

Date	Series and №	Subject
01-01-16	<a href="#">DGA 001-2016</a>	Transmission of the goods declaration for formalizing definitive transfers
11-01-16	<a href="#">DGA 002-2016</a>	Public call for aspiring Customs Agents and Customs special agents

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Date	Series and №	Subject
06-01-16	<a href="#">DGA 003-2016</a>	Extension of authorization resolutions exporters of ferrous and non-ferrous

## Nicaragua

### Documents

Date	Series and №	Subject
05-01-16	<a href="#">001-2016</a>	Update Information for Public Support To The Customs Department Of Customs Services.
	<a href="#">002-2016</a>	Administrative Provisions for the Year 2015 Customs Declarations Not Presented to Risk Management Module.
12-01-16	<a href="#">003-2016</a>	Extension of the Deadline for the Implementation of Pilot Procedures Technical Report Issued By CT / 154/2015 and CT / 155/2015.
13-01-16	<a href="#">004-2016</a>	Implementation of Nonintrusive Inspection Techniques in Border Control Posts for National Security
14-01-16	<a href="#">006-2016</a>	Update CT No. 013/2011 "Terms and Routes for Implementing the National and International Customs Transit via Land of Goods".

### 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
08-01-16	<a href="#">Law № 2 (07-01-16) Amending and adding articles to Decree-Law 1 of 2008, which created the National Customs Authority and establishes provisions related to Customs.</a>
19-01-16	National Customs Authority: <a href="#">Adm. Res. № 016 (04-01-16) Reorganizing the Customs Appeals Commission</a>
22-01-16	Health: <a href="#">Res. № 0017 (15-01-16) Communicating what are considered hygiene products, which products should be registered in the department of food protection.</a>
28-01-16	Economy and Finance: <a href="#">Resolution No. JD-016-015 (29-12-15) Establishing the Punitive Procedure In Prevention of Money Laundering, Terrorist Financing and Financing of Proliferation of Weapons of Mass Destruction Obligees Addressed to Non-Financial And Performing Professional Activities Subject to Supervision.</a>

## Advance Rulings

Advance rulings issued by the National Customs Authority (ANA) of Panama for 2015 and 2016 are posted on the [ANA website](#) under "[Manuals and Procedures](#)."

## Food Safety Standards

The following food safety standards (AUPSA-DINAN Decisions) were published by the Food Safety Authority in the *Gaceta Oficial – Digital* (Official Gazette – Digital) during the period of coverage. [Repealed documents are not shown; unless otherwise specified, food is for human consumption; dates are dd/mm/yy]:

Publication Date	AUPSA-DINAN № and Date	Food and Origin
27-01-16	<a href="#">075-2015 04-12-15</a>	<a href="#">Plant Protection Requirements for Importing Gooseberries (Physalis Peruviana) Fresh, for Human Consumption and / or Processing, Originating in Costa Rica.</a>
	<a href="#">077-2015 04-12-15</a>	<a href="#">Requirements for the Import of Plant Seeds Alfalfa (Medicago Sativa) Beans, Dried, for Human Consumption and / or Processing Originating in the State Of California, USA.</a>
	<a href="#">078-2015 04-12-15</a>	<a href="#">Requirements for the Import of Plant Seeds Alfalfa (Medicago Sativa) Beans, Dried, for Human Consumption and / or Processing, Originating In Australia.</a>
	<a href="#">079-2015 04-12-15</a>	<a href="#">Plant Protection Requirements for Importing Moras (Rubus Glaucus); Raspberries (Rubus Idaeus L.) Y; Blackberries (Rubus Fruticosus L.) Fresh, for Human Consumption and / or Processing, Originating In Costa Rica.</a>
28-01-16	<a href="#">001-2016 05-01-16</a>	<a href="#">Repealing AUPSA-DINAN 002-2012 of 16-01-12 (Processed Foods and / or Processed) And Aupsa-Dinan 055-2008 6 May 2008 (Food Additives), and Establishing the "Health Requirements for the Introduction of Raw Materials and Food Additives" Used In Making National Food for Human Consumption.</a>
29-01-16	<a href="#">002-2016 05-01-16</a>	<a href="#">Repealing AUPSA-DINAN 002-2012 of 16-01- 2012 (Industrialized and / or Processed Foods), and Establishing the "Health Requirements and / or Plant Protection for the Introduction of Processed Food and Packaged" Intended for Direct Human Consumption.</a>

## The Americas - North America

### Canada

#### Canada will lift some sanctions against Iran

On January 26, 2016, the Government of Canada [announced](#) that it would begin to lift some sanctions on Iran; for the time being, however, comprehensive economic sanctions remain in place. Canada imposes sanctions under the [Special Economic Measures Act](#) and has also enacted into domestic law the U.N. Security Council Resolutions on Iran under the [United Nations Act](#). In his comments announcing that sanctions would be lifted, Foreign Affairs Minister Stéphane Dion indicated that the U.N. has asked countries to lift sanctions put in place in accordance with the U.N. Security Council Resolutions on Iran and that Canada would lift its sanctions "in accordance with our allies," who are keeping sanctions in place to limit Iran's capability to be involved in nuclear military activities. While the Minister's comments suggest that significant changes will be forthcoming with respect to Canada's relations with Iran, until the government takes further action

to amend or repeal the sanctions currently in place, companies should continue ensuring compliance with the Canadian sanctions on Iran.

## Government announces new export program for Canadian companies

On January 5, 2016, the Hon. Chrystia Freeland, Minister of International Trade, and the Hon. Bardish Chagger, Minister of Small Business and Tourism, [announced](#) CanExport, a new program that will provide C\$50 million to help Canadian small and medium-sized enterprises take advantage of global export opportunities.

CanExport is one of the building blocks of the government's export strategy: it will help Canadian companies take advantage of opportunities abroad and increase their competitiveness, while creating jobs and growth at home.

CanExport will provide Canadian small businesses with matching contributions of between C\$10,000 and C\$100,000 toward export development costs. The new program will benefit hundreds of companies each year over the next five years.

To be eligible for the program, companies must employ fewer than 250 employees and have annual revenue in Canada of between C\$200,000 and C\$50 million. Eligible activities must promote export development and go beyond an applicant's core activities, as well as represent new or expanded initiatives.

- [Applicant's Guide to the CanExport Program](#)

## 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, C= Corrections/Errata) (*Note: Agricultural marketing levy and quota orders are generally not included below.*)

Publication Date	Title
01-02-16	Environment: <a href="#">Notice with respect to hydrofluorocarbons in bulk</a> . Pursuant to paragraph 71(1)(b) of the Canadian Environmental Protection Act, 1999, notice is hereby given that the Minister of the Environment requires, for the purpose of assessing whether the substances described in Schedule 1 to this notice are toxic or are capable of becoming toxic, or for the purpose of assessing whether to control, or the manner in which to control the listed substances, any person described in Schedule 2 <i>[which includes importers]</i> to this notice who possesses or who may reasonably be expected to have access to the information described in Schedule 3 to this notice, to provide that information no later than March 2, 2016 (N)
	Environment: <a href="#">Order 2015-87-13-02 Amending the Non-domestic Substances List pursuant to subsection 87(5) of the Canadian Environmental Protection Act, 1999</a> (O)
01-13-16	Environment: <a href="#">Order 2015-87-13-01 Amending the Domestic Substances List pursuant to the Canadian Environmental Protection Act, 1999</a> (SOR/2015-255, Dec. 23, 2015) (O)
	Environment: <a href="#">Order 2015-66-13-01 Amending the Domestic Substances List pursuant to the Canadian Environmental Protection Act, 1999</a> (SOR/2015-256, Dec. 23, 2015) (O)
01-27-16	Environment: <a href="#">Erratum. Order 2015-66-13-01 Amending the Domestic</a>

Publication Date	Title
	<a href="#">Substances List</a> (SOR/2015-256, December 23, 2016) (O/C)
01-30-16	Canadian Food Inspection Agency: <a href="#">Proposed Weed Seeds Order</a> pursuant to the <a href="#">Seeds Act</a> (PR)

## CBSA advance rulings

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

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

## D-Memoranda and CNs revised or cancelled

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

Date	Reference	Action	Title
01-08-16	<a href="#">D19-1-15</a>	Revised	<a href="#">Canada Border Services Agency's Policy on the Classification of Hate Propaganda, Sedition and Treason</a>
	<a href="#">D8-3-2</a>	Revised	<a href="#">Tariff Item 9831.00.00 and the Exposed and Processed Film and Recorded Video Tape Remission Order</a>
	<a href="#">D11-4-13</a>	Revised	<a href="#">Rules of Origin for Casual Goods Under Free Trade Agreements</a>
01-11-16	<a href="#">D19-12-1</a>	Revised	<a href="#">Importation of Vehicles</a>
01-13-16	<a href="#">D11-4-2</a>	Revised	<a href="#">Proof of Origin of Imported Goods</a>
01-22-16			<a href="#">Evaluation of the Criminal Investigations Program (Feb. 2015)</a>
01-25-16		New	<a href="#">Financial Statements for the year ended March 31, 2015</a>
		New	<a href="#">2014-15 Part III - Departmental Performance Reports (DPR)</a>
01-26-16		New	<a href="#">Audit of the Trade Program: B2 Refunds</a>
	<a href="#">CN 16-01</a>	New	<a href="#">Implementation of the Accounts Receivable Ledger (ARL)</a>
	<a href="#">CN 16-02</a>	New	<a href="#">Canada Revenue Agency Alcohol and Tobacco Licenses</a>
01-27-16	<a href="#">CN 16-03</a>	New	<a href="#">Amendments to the <i>Departmental Consolidation of the Customs Tariff</i></a>
01-29-16	<a href="#">CN 16-04</a>	New	<a href="#">Requests to Amend Tariff Treatment From Most-Favoured-Nation (MFN) to NAFTA</a>

## Antidumping and countervailing duty cases

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

## Mexico

### Mexico lowers duties on certain environmental goods

On January 6, 2016, the *Diario Oficial* published a [Decree](#) amending the tariff to reduce the duties on certain environmental goods pursuant to Mexico's commitments under the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) and to make other tariff adjustments. Particularly, during the Leaders meeting, which was held in Vladivostok, Russia in 2012, Mexico and other economies adopted an "APEC List of Environmental Goods" for which they agreed to reduce import tariffs on goods on the list from 2016. The Decree amends the tariff rates of goods referred to in the APEC list.

The fulfillment of the APEC commitment involves a tariff reduction to 20 tariff sub-headings; the creation of 10 new tariff lines, of which 9 will have a duty of 5% or 15%; and modifying the description of 6-tariff subheadings, to distinguish them as specifically for environmental goods, without modifying the tariff rate. Tariff sub-heading 4418.72.01 is removed and replaced with specific subheadings that identify bamboo and other products.

The Decree creates four tariff items that identify certain goods as "ceramic" or "porcelain" according to the degree of water absorption and deletes subheading 6908.90.01. To curb the trade in certain goods for their impact on human health, the environment, endangered species and objects of historical, palaeontological or ethnographic interest and antiques more than a hundred years, among other things, high export tariffs were previously established for these goods. However, the Decree now removes these export tariffs since they are already included in the current regulatory scheme that imposes export controls through non-tariff regulatory Acuerdos.

In addition, the Decree reduces import tariffs on toy items to aid companies in the highly competitive toy industry: 10 toy subheadings will go become duty-free while one will go to 10%. Finally, the Decree also establishes a mechanism to obtain better information on the importation of goods in the footwear sector, which will be achieved by creating specific tariff subheadings, the amendment to the description of tariff lines to harmonize with this creation and the elimination of 22 sub-headings of Chapter 64 of the Tariff.

### Publication of the Sixth Resolution of Amendments to the Foreign Trade General Rules for 2015

On December 24, 2015, the Sixth Resolution of Amendments to the Foreign Trade Rules for 2015 (FTGR) was published in the *Diario Oficial* (the Federal Official Gazette).

Such amendments entered into force, with a few exceptions, the working day after they were published, which was December 28.

#### Principal amendments.

1. A benefit is included in section "C" of rule 5.2.14 of the FTGR, setting forth that companies authorized with the VAT (Value Added Tax) and the IEPS (Special Tax on Production and Services) Certification (the "VAT/IEPS Certification"), only under "AAA" category, will be able to transfer goods that had been temporarily imported under an IMMEX Program (Under the Decree for the Promotion of the Maquiladora, Manufacturing and Services Industry of Exportation) to companies

in Mexico without an IMMEX Program[, for its definitive importation. Over the last few years, such benefit has been limited to companies registered as certified companies (section “L” ), through the use of *pedimentos* code “V5”.

Such benefit will become effective on March 1, 2016, including the procedure to return the goods from Mexican companies without an IMMEX Program to those which have transferred them as described above.

It is important to note that such benefit will also apply to the extraction of goods from strategic bonded warehouses.

2. A benefit for companies authorized with the VAT/IEPS Certification, in all of its categories (“A”, “AA” and “AAA”) is included to the FTGR, which consists in the alternative to consolidate the freight of goods for importation or exportation, from the same importer or exporter or from different ones, as the case may be, contained in the same vehicle, provided that:

- a) The company is registered as certified company;
- b) The customs brokers and the carrier are authorized as certified commercial partners;
- c) These operations are carried out within the customs house schedule established for such purposes.

3. The entry into force of the importers’ obligation of providing to the customs broker the documentation set forth in article 81 of *Customs Law Regulations* in each of their import transactions, in addition to the value manifest of goods, is extended. Such obligation was scheduled to become effective on January 15, 2016; however by virtue of the publication of the sixth resolution, it will not become effective until October 17, 2016.

4. The guidelines for obtaining an authorization number to transmit *pedimentos* through the customs electronic system are amended, and some specific requirements are established for the following companies:

- Recently incorporated companies and whose primary activity is related to electric or electronic, automotive and aerospace, energy generation, or telecommunications sectors, as well as to those related to the manufacture of vehicles; and
- Companies that manufacture vehicles, as well as bonded warehouses, only with respect to the extraction of goods from fiscal deposits.

Finally, Annex 21 of the FTGR “Customs houses authorized to process customs clearance of certain goods” is amended to include the “Progreso Customs House” in section “A”, sub-sections “IV” and “V”.

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## Diario Oficial

The following documents of interest to international traders were published in the [Diario Oficial de la Federación](#): *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
01-06-16	Economy: <a href="#">Decree amending the Acuerdo for the Promotion of the Manufacturing, Maquiladora and Export Services.</a>
	Economy: <a href="#">Decree amending the Tariff of the General Tax for Imports and Exports</a>
01-07-16	Hacienda: <a href="#">Acuerdo amending the official format for the report of training courses is issued regarding prevention and detection of operations with illegal proceeds and terrorist financing.</a>
	Energy: <a href="#">Response to comments received on the Draft Official Mexican Standard NOM-026-ENER-2015, Energy efficiency in air conditioners split type with variable refrigerant flow, free download and no air ducts. Limits, test methods and labeling, published on July 28, 2015.</a>
01-13-16	Economy: <a href="#">Acuerdo amending the Acuerdo establishing the classification and codification of goods whose import or export is subject to regulation by the Secretariat of National Defense</a>
01-15-16	Economy: <a href="#">Acuerdo amending the Acuerdo by which the Ministry of Economy issues rules and criteria of character General on Foreign Trade.</a>
	Economy: <a href="#">Acuerdo amending the Acuerdo laying discloses the quota and allocation mechanism to import toys and baby products</a>
01-22-16	Hacienda: <a href="#">Resolution amending the general provisions applicable to the general stores of deposit, money exchange, credit unions and finance companies regulated multiple purpose.</a> (Continued in <a href="#">Section Three, Four, Five, Six, Seven</a> )
01-25-16	Economy: <a href="#">Notice on the Mexican Section of the Secretariat of the Trade Agreements discloses the location of its permanent office.</a>
01-27-16	Hacienda: <a href="#">General Rules of Foreign Trade for 2016 and its annexes Glossary of Definitions and Acronyms.</a> (Continued on Third Section)
01-28-16	Hacienda: <a href="#">Annexes 4, 5, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 14, 15, 16, 17, 19, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30 and 31 General Rules of Foreign Trade for 2016, published on 27 January 2016.</a> (Continued in the <a href="#">Third, Fourth, Fifth, Sixth, Seventh, and Eighth</a> sections)

## 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
01-14-16	<a href="#">Proclamation 9388 of January 11, 2016 - To Take Certain Actions Under the African Growth and Opportunity Act</a>
01-15-16	<a href="#">Executive Order 13716 of January 16, 2016 -- Revocation of Executive Orders 13574, 13590, 13622, and 13645 With Respect to Iran, Amendment of Executive Order 13628 With Respect to Iran, and Provision of Implementation Authorities for Aspects of Certain Statutory Sanctions Outside the Scope of U.S. Commitments Under the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action of July 14, 2015</a>

Date	Subject
01-22-16	<a href="#">Notice of January 20, 2016—Continuation of the National Emergency With Respect to Terrorists Who Threaten To Disrupt the Middle East Peace Process</a>

## President continues national emergency with respect to terrorists who threaten the Middle East peace process

On January 22, 2016, the *Federal Register* published Presidential [Notice of January 20, 2016—Continuation of the National Emergency With Respect to Terrorists Who Threaten To Disrupt the Middle East Peace Process](#) which continues 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. On August 20, 1998, by Executive Order 13099, the President modified the Annex to Executive Order 12947 to identify four additional persons who threaten to disrupt the Middle East peace process. On February 16, 2005, by Executive Order 13372, the President clarified the steps taken in Executive Order 12947. The national emergency is being continued because the 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 revises or revokes Executive Orders regarding Iran

On January 16, 2016, President Obama issued [Executive Order 13716 of January 16, 2016 -- Revocation of Executive Orders 13574, 13590, 13622, and 13645 With Respect to Iran, Amendment of Executive Order 13628 With Respect to Iran, and Provision of Implementation Authorities for Aspects of Certain Statutory Sanctions Outside the Scope of U.S. Commitments Under the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action of July 14, 2015](#). The Executive Order (the "order") revokes Executive Orders [13574](#), [13590](#), [13622](#), and [13645](#) with respect to Iran and amending Executive Order [13628](#) with respect to Iran in order to give effect to the United States commitments with respect to sanctions described in section 4 of Annex II and section 17.4 of Annex V of the *Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action of July 14, 2015* (JCPOA) between the P5+1 (China, France, Germany, the Russian Federation, the United Kingdom, and the United States), the European Union (EU), and Iran. In addition, the order takes steps to provide implementation authorities for aspects of certain statutory sanctions that are outside the scope of the U.S. commitments to lift nuclear-related sanctions under the JCPOA.

The JCPOA provides for the lifting of nuclear-related sanctions on Iran in exchange for Iran's completion of specified nuclear-related steps, as verified by the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA). The President determined that:

... Iran's implementation of the nuclear related measures specified in sections 15.1-15.11 of Annex V of the JCPOA, as verified by the IAEA, marks a fundamental shift in circumstances with respect to Iran's nuclear program. In order to give effect to the United States commitments with respect to sanctions described in section 4 of Annex II and section 17.4 of Annex V of the JCPOA, section 1 of the order revokes Executive Orders 13574, 13590, 13622, and 13645 in their entirety. Section 2 of the order amends Executive Order 13628 by revoking sections 5 through 7 and section 15 of that order, revising cross references in the remaining sections of that order to the revoked sections, and renumbering the remaining sections of that order.

Section 3(a) of the order provides implementation authority for aspects of section 1244(c)(1)(A) of IFCA [*Iran Freedom and Counter Proliferation Act of 2012*]; this provi-

sion only applies to the extent sanctions are imposed with respect to transactions or activities that are outside the scope of the JCPOA, specifically, providing significant financial, material, technological, or other support to, or goods and services in support of, any activity or transaction on behalf of or for the benefit of persons described in section 1244(c)(2)(C)(iii) of IFCA (i.e., Iranian persons on the list of Specially Designated Nationals and Blocked Persons (SDN List)).

Section 3(b) of the order provides implementation authority for aspects of sections 1244(d)(1)(A), 1245(a)(1), and 1246(a)(1) of IFCA; this provision only applies to the extent sanctions are imposed with respect to transactions or activities that are outside the scope of the JCPOA, as reflected in waiver determinations as to sections 1244(d)(1)(A), 1245(a)(1), and 1246(a)(1) of IFCA issued by the Secretary of State to give effect to sanctions commitments described in sections 17.1-17.3 and 17.5 of Annex V of the JCPOA (including any transactions or activities involving persons on the SDN List), and any renewals thereof.

Section 3(c) of the order provides implementation authority for section 1249 of IFCA, which is outside the scope of the JCPOA.

The President has delegated to the Secretary of the Treasury the authority, in consultation with the Secretary of State, to take such actions, including the promulgation of rules and regulations, and to employ all powers granted to the President by IEEPA, as may be necessary to carry out the purposes of the order, other than the purposes described in section 6 of the order. All agencies of the United States Government are directed to take all appropriate measures within their authority to carry out the provisions of the order.

## President suspends South African AGOA benefits

On January 14, 2016, the *Federal Register* published [Proclamation 9388 of January 11, 2016 - To Take Certain Actions Under the African Growth and Opportunity Act](#). The proclamation:

- Suspends the application of duty-free treatment for all AGOA-eligible goods in the agricultural sector from South Africa effective on March 15, 2016.
- Modifies the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTS) as set forth in the Annex to the proclamation in order to reflect in the HTS that beginning on March 15, 2016, the application of duty-free treatment for all AGOA-eligible goods in the agricultural sector from South Africa shall be suspended.
- Supersedes any provisions of previous proclamations and Executive Orders that are inconsistent with the actions taken in the proclamation to the extent of such inconsistency.

## USTR to permit AGOA visas to be submitted via ITDS

On January 19, 2016, the Office of the United States Trade Representative (USTR) published in the *Federal Register* a [notice](#) indicating that USTR is directing the Commissioner of Customs and Border Protection (CBP) to allow importers claiming preferential treatment for entries of textile and apparel products under the *African Growth and Opportunity Act* to provide an appropriate export visa submitted electronically via the Document Image System or other approved functionality in ACE or any CBP approved successor system. A shipment still must be visaed by stamping an original circular visa, in blue ink only, on the front of the original commercial invoice. For ease of use, the visa stamp requirements published in 2001 are reproduced in the *Federal Register* notice without substantive change. Providing an electronic image of the original visa stamped invoice is not considered duplication for purposes of these instructions. The USTR also advises the Commissioner that an importer must provide the original of the invoice with

the original visa stamp for physical inspection upon request by CBP personnel in accordance with 19 C.F.R. part 163. The effective date is February 8, 2016.

### USTR sets effective date for WTO GPA amendments for Korea

On January 12, 2016, the Office of the United States Trade Representative (USTR) published in the *Federal Register* a [notice](#) announcing that for the purpose of U.S. Government procurement that is covered by Title III of the *Trade Agreements Act of 1979*, the effective date of the [Protocol Amending the Agreement on Government Procurement](#), done on March 30, 2012 at Geneva, World Trade Organization (the Protocol), for the Republic of Korea is January 14, 2016.

The Protocol entered into force on April 6, 2014 for the United States and the following Parties: Canada, Chinese Taipei, Hong Kong, Israel, Liechtenstein, Norway, European Union, Iceland, and Singapore. (79 Fed. Reg. 14776, March 17, 2014). The Protocol entered into force on April 16, 2014 for Japan (79 Fed. Reg. 21991, April 18, 2014); July 4, 2014 for Aruba (79 Fed. Reg. 61926, Oct. 15, 2014); and on June 5, 2015 for Armenia (80 Fed. Reg. 36884, June 26, 2015).

### USITC expands GSP investigation

On January 22, 2016, the U.S. International Trade Commission (USITC) published in the *Federal Register* a [notice](#) that the scope of Investigation 332-556 [Generalized System of Preferences: Possible Modifications, 2015 Review](#) has been expanded following receipt of an amended request on January 12, 2016, from the United States Trade Representative (USTR) to include five additional HTS statistical reporting numbers relating to certain handbags and travel goods products: 4202.92.30.20; 4202.92.30.31; 4202.92.30.91; 4202.92.90.26; and 4202.92.90.60. The USTR asked that the USITC provide its advice as to the probable economic effect on total U.S. imports, U.S. industries producing like or directly competitive articles, and on U.S. consumers of the elimination of U.S. import duties on these five articles for all beneficiary developing countries under the GSP program, least-developed beneficiary developing countries (LDBDCs), beneficiary developing countries of the *African Growth and Opportunity Act* (AGOA), and both LDBDCs and AGOA beneficiary developing countries combined under the GSP program. In his January 12, 2016 letter, the USTR also requested that the Commission provide its advice with respect to whether like or directly competitive products were being produced in the United States on January 1, 1995 for these additional 5 articles as well as for all of the products being considered for addition to and removal from the list of GSP-eligible products listed in Tables A and B of the Annex to the [December 30, 2015 request letter](#).

### USITC releases 2016 Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the U.S.; Census releases 2016 Schedule B

The U.S. International Trade Commission (USITC) posted the [2016 Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States](#) (Publication 4588). As in past years, it is available for downloading as a [single document](#) or by chapter. The *Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States, Annotated for Statistical Reporting Purposes* (HTS), is published by the USITC as directed by Congress in section 1207 of the *Omnibus Trade and Competitiveness Act of 1988* (Public Law 100-418; 19 U.S.C. 3007) (Trade Act). Pursuant to that Act, this edition of the HTS contains the current legal (enacted or proclaimed) and nonlegal (statistical or reference) provisions specifically designated as such in section 1204(a) of the Trade Act (102 Stat. 1148). General notes 1 through 3 explain the structure of the HTS and define terms and symbols used throughout the schedule. The Commission publish-

es annual editions of the HTS, as well as any printed supplements and on-line revisions that may be needed to keep each annual edition current. This edition contains all changes since the last printed edition of January 29, 2015, as explained in the [Change Record](#).

Except for goods listed in the [Notice to Exporters](#), goods being exported from the United States can also be reported under the HTS provisions covering them; the goods listed in that Notice must instead be reported under provisions of [Schedule B](#) administered by the United States Census Bureau (Census). The 2016 Edition of Schedule B has been [posted](#) by Census and is available for downloading in a variety of formats. In addition, Census has posted [Concordance files](#) and a listing of [obsolete codes](#).

## USITC seeks input for its centennial history

On January 7, 2016, the U.S. International Trade Commission (USITC) published in the *Federal Register* a [call for submissions](#) to form parts of a planned Centennial History of the United States International Trade Commission. The Commission was created by Public Law 64-271 enacted on September 8, 1916. Submissions will be accepted if: 1. The author provides written notice to the Secretary to the Commission by January 29, 2016, of the intent to file a submission; 2. The author files the submission by April 29, 2016.

## 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 investigations (other than 337 and antidumping, countervailing duty or safeguards) this month: (*Click on the investigation title to obtain details from the Federal Register notice or ITC Press Release*)

Investigation. No. and title	Requested by:
<a href="#">Inv. No. 332-556 Generalized System of Preferences: Possible Modifications, 2015 Review (I)</a>	<a href="#">USTR</a>
<a href="#">Inv. No. 332-556 Generalized System of Preferences: Possible Modifications, 2015 Review (Expansion of scope of the investigation)</a>	USTR

## Importer Trade Activity (ITRAC) data for 2015 will be available soon from CBP

Importer Trade Activity (ITRAC) data for all of 2015 will soon be available from U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) Headquarters. ITRAC data contains company-specific import data going back up to 5 years. It includes general entry information, such as tariff classifications, values, preferential tariff programs used, etc.; as well as information regarding CBP's review of a company's import shipments (e.g., whether a CF-28 or CF-29 was issued). It also identifies each of the links in the company's international supply chain (i.e., foreign manufacturers, carriers, customs brokers and sureties). In short, the ITRAC data is a useful tool for monitoring the effectiveness of your import compliance program, identifying areas of potential cost and duty savings, customs valuation reconciliation and identifying links in the international supply chain for security purposes (i.e., C-TPAT-related information).

Given how useful the information is, the low cost of acquiring it (i.e., CBP generally charges ~\$250 per request), the fact that it is still more reliable than ACE, and

that CBP uses the same info for their audits, we generally recommend that all companies request their ITRAC data at least once a year and incorporate its review into their compliance programs (there is also no stigma associated with requesting this data from CBP). The downside to the data has always been the format in which CBP provides it (basically, a data dump from their system in Microsoft Access format). Over the years, we have developed simple macros that can extract the most relevant data from the Microsoft Access tables and convert it to Excel for ease of use. We also have developed a template report that summarizes the data so trends, issues and opportunities can be more easily identified.

If you would like to request your ITRAC data from CBP HQ, please let us know. Author: [Ted Murphy](#), Washington, DC office.

### CBP extends import restrictions on certain archaeological material originating in Italy

On January 15, 2016, U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) published in the *Federal Register* a [final rule](#) [CBP Dec. 16–02] amending the CBP regulations to reflect the extension of import restrictions on certain categories of archaeological material originating in Italy and representing the pre-Classical, Classical, and Imperial Roman periods of its cultural heritage, ranging in date from approximately the 9th century B.C. through approximately the 4th century A.D. The restrictions, which were originally imposed by Treasury Decision (T.D.) 01–06 and extended by CBP Decision (CBP Dec.) 06–01 and CBP Dec. 11–03 are due to expire on January 19, 2016. The Assistant Secretary for Educational and Cultural Affairs, United States Department of State, has determined that factors continue to warrant the imposition of import restrictions and no cause for suspension exists. Accordingly, these import restrictions will remain in effect for an additional five years, and the CBP regulations are being amended to reflect this extension until January 19, 2021. These restrictions are being extended pursuant to determinations of the United States Department of State made under the terms of the *Convention on Cultural Property Implementation Act* that implemented the *United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) Convention on the Means of Prohibiting and Preventing the Illicit Import, Export and Transfer of Ownership of Cultural Property*. CBP Dec. 11–03 contains the Designated List of archaeological material originating in Italy and representing the pre-Classical, Classical, and Imperial Roman periods to which the restrictions apply. The Designated List and accompanying image database may also be found at the following Internet Web site address: <http://eca.state.gov/cultural-heritage-center/cultural-property-protection/bilateral-agreements/italy>. The final rule is effective January 19, 2016.

### CBP adopts final US-Australia FTA Regulations

On January 15, 2016, U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) published in the *Federal Register* a [final rule](#) [USCBP–2015–0007; CBP Dec. 16–1] adopting with one change, interim amendments to the CBP regulations that were published in the *Federal Register* on February 10, 2015, as CBP Dec. 15–03 (80 Fed. Reg. 7303), to implement the preferential tariff treatment and other customs-related provisions of the United States–Australia Free Trade Agreement. The final rule document clarifies 19 C.F.R. 10.725(c) by removing the parenthetical cross reference to §§ 10.746 and 10.747 and, instead, stating that the importer’s actions must be “pursuant to” those CBP regulations. The final rule is effective February 16, 2016.

## CBP establishes temporary mailing address for NCS Division

On January 14, 2016, U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) published in the *Federal Register* a [notice](#) informing the public that The mail room servicing the Director, National Commodity Specialist Division, Regulations and Rulings, in the Office of International Trade, of CBP is relocating within New York and a temporary location has been established to receive correspondence. Until further notice, beginning on January 28, 2016, non-electronic correspondence should be sent to the Director, National Commodity Specialist Division, Regulations and Rulings, Office of International Trade, 1100 Raymond Boulevard, Newark, New Jersey 07102. Please note that e-rulings procedures will remain the same and will not be affected by the temporary change in office location.

## Miscellaneous CBP Federal Register documents

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

F.R. Date	Subject
01-06-16	<a href="#">Notice of Revocation of Customs Brokers' Licenses</a> (N)
01-13-16	<a href="#">Agency Information Collection Activities: Certificate of Registration</a> (N)
01-14-16	<a href="#">Agency Information Collection Activities: Administrative Rulings</a> (N)
01-15-16	<a href="#">Accreditation and Approval of Camin Cargo Control, Inc., as a Commercial Gauger and Laboratory</a> (Thorofare, NJ) (N)
01-26-16	<a href="#">Agency Information Collection Activities: Prior Disclosure</a> (N)
	<a href="#">Approval of Saybolt LP as a Commercial Gauger</a> [Gonzales, LA] (N)
	<a href="#">Notice of Revocation of Customs Broker's License</a> (N)

## CBP issues final determinations in procurement cases

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

F.R. Date	Ruling Reference (Date Issued) and Product	Country of Origin
01-06-16	<a href="#">HQ 263561 (December 23, 2015) Certain Multifunction Printer Products</a> [Konica Minolta bizhub C3850FS MFP]	Japan
01-07-16	<a href="#">HQ H267876 (December 23, 2015) Intermodal Shipping Containers</a>	Country of origin for imported panels

## Revocations or modifications of CBP rulings

[See separate section below.](#)

## CSMS messages

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

Date	CSMS#	Title
01-04-16	<a href="#">16-000001</a>	Follow up to CSMS# 15-000946 - Use of CBP Form 3461
01-05-16	<a href="#">16-000002</a>	FDA Deletion of Center for Device and Radiological Health (CDRH) Product Codes
	<a href="#">16-000003</a>	APHIS' Lacey Act ACE Pilot Webinar – January 6, 2016
	<a href="#">16-000004</a>	ACE CERTIFICATION Deployment Tuesday, January 5, 2016 at 1700-1730 ET
01-06-16	<a href="#">16-000005</a>	ACE PRODUCTION Deployment Thursday 1/7/2016 0600 ET, impact AE & SE
	<a href="#">16-000006</a>	Update to ACE AE & SE PRODUCTION Deployment Thursday 1/7/2016 0600 ET
	<a href="#">16-000007</a>	I want to file entries in the PGA Pilot to transition to ACE!
01-07-16	<a href="#">16-000008</a>	Publication of FCC Public Notice Concerning FCC Form 740
	<a href="#">16-000009</a>	ACE CERTIFICATION Deployment Thursday 1/7/2016 2100 ET impacting AE & SE
	<a href="#">16-000010</a>	Updated CATAIR-CPSC e-Filing Alpha Pilot Implementation Guide V3.1, January 5, 2016
	<a href="#">16-000011</a>	Evaluation of General Order job run
	<a href="#">16-000012</a>	Updated PGA Message Set Documents Posted
	<a href="#">16-000013</a>	December 2015 ACE Monthly Trade Update
	<a href="#">16-000014</a>	
01-08-16	<a href="#">16-000016</a>	ACS Reconciliation Entry Summaries with error BRI = "Bond Number Not Same"
01-12-16	<a href="#">16-000019</a>	Upcoming ACE PGA Pilot Webinars
	<a href="#">16-000020</a>	ACE CERTIFICATION Manifest Deployment Wednesday 1/13/2016 0600-0900 ET
01-13-16	<a href="#">16-000021</a>	HSU 1601 - Changes to the 2016 Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States
	<a href="#">16-000022</a>	FDA ACE/ITDS Pilot Webinar - Updated time
	<a href="#">16-000023</a>	I want to file entries in the PGA Pilot to transition to ACE!
	<a href="#">16-000024</a>	Updated ACE CATAIR Documentation Posted to CBP.gov
	<a href="#">16-000025</a>	Updated ACE CATAIR Chapters for SO and UC Status Notifications
	<a href="#">16-000026</a>	ACE CERTIFICATION Deployment Thursday 1/14/2016 2100 ET, impacting AE & SE
	<a href="#">16-000027</a>	ACE ABI DRAFT Drawback CATAIR Document Posted to CBP.GOV
	<a href="#">16-000028</a>	ACE Transition for PGA Requirements Mandatory in July, 2016
01-14-16	<a href="#">16-000029</a>	ACE PRODUCTION Deployment Friday 1/15/2016 0600 ET, impacting AE & SE
	<a href="#">16-000030</a>	Transition to the Refactored AESDirect System in ACE
01-15-16	<a href="#">16-000033</a>	Update on ACE Reports
01-19-16	<a href="#">16-000034</a>	All filers may file entries in the PGA Pilot to transition to ACE!
	<a href="#">16-000035</a>	ACE ABI DRAFT Reconciliation CATAIR Document Posted to CBP.GOV
01-21-16	<a href="#">16-000036</a>	Deployed to ACE PRODUCTION and CERTIFICATION this morning 1/21/2016 0600 ET, PGA items
	<a href="#">16-000037</a>	ACE PRODUCTION Deployment Friday 1/22/2016 0600 ET, impact Entry Summary
	<a href="#">16-000038</a>	All filers may file entries in the PGA Pilot to transition to ACE!
01-22-16	<a href="#">16-000039</a>	Port of Memphis, TN Closure - January 22, 2016
	<a href="#">16-000040</a>	Local Closure for the Port of Richmond, VA for January 22, 2016
	<a href="#">16-000041</a>	Updated ACE Technical Trade Issues Log posted
	<a href="#">16-000043</a>	Closure for the Port of Charlotte, NC for January 22, 2016
	<a href="#">16-000044</a>	Closure for the Port of Greenville, SC for January 22, 2016
01-23-16	<a href="#">16-000046</a>	West Bank Country of Origin Marking Requirements
	<a href="#">16-000047</a>	
01-25-16	<a href="#">16-000048</a>	Connectivity Issues Impacting Trade
	<a href="#">16-000049</a>	ACE PRODUCTION-Cargo Release Deployment Tuesday 1/26/2016 0600 ET

Date	CSMS#	Title
	<a href="#">16-000050</a>	Correction: ACE PRODUCTION-Cargo Release Deployment Thursday 1/28/2016 0600 ET
	<a href="#">16-000051</a>	ACE PRODUCTION deployment Tuesday, 1/26/2016 0600 ET, impact ACE Cargo Rel & Entry Summary
	<a href="#">16-000052</a>	ACE CERTIFICATION deployment Monday, 1/25/2016 2000 ET, impact ACE Cargo Rel & Entry Summ
01-26-16	<a href="#">16-000053</a>	Local Closure - Port of Baltimore, MD January 22 - January 26, 2016
01-27-16	<a href="#">16-000057</a>	FDA's Import Trade Auxiliary Communication System (ITACS) Not Receiving Arrival Notificat
	<a href="#">16-000058</a>	FDA Addition of New Product Codes for the Center for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition
	<a href="#">16-000059</a>	ACE PRODUCTION deployment Thursday 1/28/2016 0600 ET, impact ACE Cargo Rel & Entry Summary
	<a href="#">16-000060</a>	ACE CERTIFICATION deployment Wed., 1/27/2016 2100ET, impact ACE Cargo Rel & Entry Summary
	<a href="#">16-000061</a>	Updated APHIS Lacey Act CATAIR and ACE Samples V3.0 dated January 4, 2016
	<a href="#">16-000062</a>	ACE CERTIFICATION CQ Deployment Thursday morning, January 28, 2016 at 0700 - 0715 ET
01-28-16	<a href="#">16-000063</a>	Updated CATAIR Documents now available.
01-29-16	<a href="#">16-000064</a>	FDA's Import Trade Auxiliary Communication System (ITACS) Scheduled Downtime
	<a href="#">16-000065</a>	Upcoming Food and Drug Administration ACE/ITDS Pilot Webinars
	<a href="#">16-000068</a>	ACE CERTIFICATION Deployment, Friday 1/29/2016 2200 ET, impact ACE CargoRel & EntrySummry
	<a href="#">16-000069</a>	Updated ACE Development and Deployment Schedule Posted to CBP.gov
	<a href="#">16-000070</a>	Date UPDATE:ACE CERTIFICATION Deployment ,Sat 1/30/2016 1100ET, impact ACE CrgoRel & EntrySmry

## Foreign Trade Zones

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

F.R. Date	Document
01-04-16	<a href="#">Foreign-Trade Zone 78—Nashville, Tennessee; Application for Expansion of Subzone 78A, Nissan North America, Inc., Smyrna, Tennessee [B-84-2015]</a>
01-05-16	<a href="#">Foreign-Trade Zone (FTZ) 20 – Newport News, Virginia - Notification of Proposed Production Activity - Canon Virginia, Inc. Subzone 20D (Toner Cartridges and Bottles) Newport News, Virginia [B-85-2015]</a>
01-11-16	<a href="#">Foreign-Trade Zone (FTZ) 33—Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania; Authorization of Production Activity; DNP Imagingcomm America Corporation, Subzone 33E (Thermal Transfer Ribbon Master Rolls), Mount Pleasant, Pennsylvania [B-63-2015]</a>
	<a href="#">Foreign-Trade Zone (FTZ) 133—Quad-Cities, Iowa/Illinois; Authorization of Production Activity; CNH Industrial America, LLC; Subzone 133E, (Agricultural and Construction Equipment, Subassemblies and Kits), Burlington and West Burlington, Iowa [B-58-2015]</a>
	<a href="#">Foreign-Trade Zone (FTZ) 29—Louisville, Kentucky; Authorization of Production Activity; Custom Quality Services (Liquor Kitting), Louisville, Kentucky [B-59-2015]</a>
01-12-16	<a href="#">Foreign-Trade Zone (FTZ) 230—Piedmont Triad Area, North Carolina Authorization of Production Activity, Deere-Hitachi Construction Machinery Corporation (Hydraulic Excavators), Kernersville, North Carolina [B-64-2015]</a>
	<a href="#">Foreign-Trade Zone (FTZ) 119—Minneapolis-St. Paul, Minnesota; Authoriza-</a>

F.R. Date	Document
	<a href="#">tion of Production Activity; CNH Industrial America, LLC; (Agricultural Equipment and Related Subassemblies and Attachments); Benson, Minnesota [B-61-2015]</a>
01-19-16	<a href="#">Correction Notice; Authorization of Production Activity; Foreign-Trade Zone 265; Bauer Manufacturing Inc.; (Stationary Oil/Gas Drilling Rigs); Conroe, Texas [B-57-2015]</a>
01-20-16	<a href="#">Grant of Authority - Establishment of a Foreign-Trade Zone under the Alternative Site Framework Central Pennsylvania [FTZB Order No. 1993]</a>
	<a href="#">Notification of Proposed Production Activity - Klaussner Furniture Industries, Inc. Subzone 230D (Upholstered Furniture) Asheboro and Candor, North Carolina [B-1-2016]</a>
	<a href="#">Foreign-Trade Zone 243 – Victorville, California Application for Subzone Expansion Subzone 243A Black &amp; Decker (U.S.) Inc. Rialto, California [S-02-2016]</a>
01-21-16	<a href="#">Approval of Subzone Status, MannKind Corporation, Danbury, Connecticut [S-147-2015]</a>
01-22-16	<a href="#">Notification of Proposed Production Activity; GE Generators (Pensacola) L.L.C.; Subzone 249A (Wind Turbine Nacelles and Hubs); Pensacola, Florida [B-2-2016]</a>
01-26-16	<a href="#">Foreign-Trade Zone 30 – Salt Lake City, Utah Application for Subzone Cabela’s Inc. Tooele, Utah [B-03-2016]</a>
	<a href="#">Approval of Subzone Status CNH Industrial America LLC Benson, Minnesota [S-151-2015]</a>
	<a href="#">Foreign-Trade Zone 287 -- Tunica County, Mississippi Application for Subzone FTZ Networks, Inc. Olive Branch, Mississippi [S-4-2016]</a>

## FCC International Bureau removes Cuba from the Exclusion List

On January 15, 2016 the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) announced that its International Bureau removed Cuba from the Commission’s Exclusion List for International Section 214 Authorizations, also known as the Exclusion List. The Exclusion List identifies countries and facilities that are not covered by grant of a global facilities-based Section 214 application and require a separate international Section 214. The news release stated:

By removing Cuba from the Exclusion list, the Commission opens the door for U.S. telecom carriers to provide facilities-based telephone and Internet service to Cuba without separate approval from the Commission. Cuba was the last remaining country on the Commission’s Exclusion List. Today’s Order becomes effective upon release.

Specifically, this action allows carriers seeking new international Section 214 authority for facilities-based service to Cuba to receive such authority sooner, and permits carriers with existing global Section 214 authority to provide services between the United States and Cuba without additional authorization.

Removing Cuba from the Exclusion List benefits the public interest as it will likely alleviate administrative and cost burdens on both the applicant and the Commission, and will promote competition on the U.S.-Cuba route.

## State takes sanctions lifting actions pursuant to the JCPOA

On January 25, 2016, the Department of State published in the *Federal Register* a [notice](#) [Public Notice: 9422] of the actions taken by the Secretary of State to comply with the Presidential Memorandum entitled “Preparing for the Implementation of the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action of July 14, 2015” issued on October 18, 2015 and to give effect to the United States commitment under Section 4.8.1 of Annex II and Section 17.3 of Annex V of the *Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action* (JCPOA), pursuant to Section 9(b) of the *Iran Sanctions Act of 1996* (Pub. L. 104-172) (50 U.S.C. 1701 note) (ISA), as amended. The Secretary has taken

action to discontinue the imposition of sanctions on the following individuals and entities sanctioned under section 5(a) of ISA: Dimitris Cambis, FAL Oil Company Limited, Ferland Company Limited, Impire Shipping, Kuo Oil Pte. Ltd, Naftiran Intertrade Company, Petrochemical Commercial Company International, Petróleos de Venezuela S.A., Royal Oyster Group, Speedy Ship, and Zhuhai Zhenrong Company and the following entities sanctioned under Section 212 of the Iran Threat Reduction and Syria Human Rights Act of 2012: Bimeh Markazi – Central Insurance of Iran and Kish Protection and Indemnity.

The Secretary of State has also taken action to discontinue the imposition of sanctions under E. O. 13622 (July 30, 2012), as amended, on the following entities: Jam Petrochemical Company and Niksima Food and Beverage JLT. Finally, the Secretary of State has taken action pursuant to Section 1244(i) of the *Iran Freedom and Counter-Proliferation Act of 2012* (subtitle D of title XII of Pub. L. 112-239, 22 U.S.C. 8801 et seq.) (IFCA) to waive the imposition of sanctions under Section 1244(c)(1) of IFCA with respect to the following entities: the National Iranian Oil Company, the National Iranian Tanker Company, the Islamic Republic of Iran Shipping Lines, and South Shipping Line Iran, and under Section 1244(d)(1) of IFCA with respect to Goldentex FZE. The Department of the Treasury's Office of Foreign Assets Control will take action to remove these entities from its list of Specially Designated Nationals and Blocked Persons (SDN List) and/or the Non-SDN ISA List, as appropriate, as of the effective date.

These actions were effective on January 16, 2016 (Implementation Day), when the Secretary of State confirmed that Iran had implemented the nuclear-related measures specified in Sections 15.1-15.11 of Annex V of the JCPOA, as verified by the International Atomic Energy Agency.

### Treasury list countries requiring cooperation with boycott

On January 27, 2016, the Treasury Department published in the *Federal Register* a [current list](#) of countries which require or may require participation in, or cooperation with, an international boycott (within the meaning of section 999(b)(3) of the *Internal Revenue Code of 1986*). On the basis of the best information currently available to the Department of the Treasury, the following countries require or may require participation in, or cooperation with, an international boycott (within the meaning of section 999(b)(3) of the *Internal Revenue Code of 1986*): Iraq, Kuwait, Lebanon, Libya, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Syria, United Arab Emirates and Yemen.

### OFAC amends Cuban Assets Control Regulations

On January 27, 2016, the Office of Foreign Assets Control (OFAC) published in the *Federal Register* a [final rule](#) amending the *Cuban Assets Control Regulations* to further implement elements of the policy announced by the President on December 17, 2014 to engage and empower the Cuban people. The amendments remove certain payment and financing restrictions for authorized exports and reexports to Cuba of items other than agricultural items or commodities and further facilitate travel to Cuba for authorized purposes by allowing blocked space, code-sharing, and leasing arrangements with Cuban airlines and authorizing additional travel-related and other transactions directly incident to the temporary sojourn of aircraft and vessels. The amendments also authorize additional transactions related to professional meetings and other events, disaster preparedness and response projects, and information and informational materials, including transactions incident to professional media or artistic productions in Cuba.

Please see our [Sanctions blog](#) for further updates and additional information.

## OFAC amends Iranian Transactions and Sanctions Regulations

On January 21, 2016, the Office of Foreign Assets Control (OFAC) published in the *Federal Register* a [final rule](#) amending the *Iranian Transactions and Sanctions Regulations* (ITSR) to implement certain United States Government (USG) commitments under the *Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action* (JCPOA) reached on July 14, 2015 between the P5+1 (China, France, Germany, Russia, the United Kingdom, and the United States), the European Union (EU), and Iran. In particular, OFAC is adding to the ITSR general licenses authorizing the importation into the United States of, and dealings in, certain Iranian-origin foodstuffs and carpets and related transactions to implement the USG commitment set out in section 5.1.3 of Annex II and section 17.5 of Annex V of the JCPOA. In addition, to reflect the USG's implementation of its commitment set out in section 4 of Annex II and section 17.4 of Annex V of the JCPOA to terminate Executive Order 13622 of July 30, 2012, OFAC is removing regulatory provisions that implemented the blocking sanctions in sections 5 and 6 of Executive Order 13622. OFAC is also making certain technical and conforming changes to its regulations to reflect the implementation of the USG commitment set out in section 4.8.1 of Annex II and section 17.3 of Annex V of the JCPOA to remove the individuals and entities set forth in Attachment 3 to Annex II of the JCPOA from OFAC's Specially Designated Nationals and Blocked Persons List, the Foreign Sanctions Evaders List, and/or the Non-SDN Iran Sanctions Act List, as appropriate, on Implementation Day of the JCPOA.

The final rule is effective: January 21, 2016

## JCPOA Implementation

On January 16, 2016, the Office of Foreign Assets Control (OFAC) issued the [following statement](#):

On July 14, 2015, the P5+1 (China, France, Germany, Russia, the United Kingdom, and the United States), the European Union, and Iran reached a Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action (JCPOA) to ensure that Iran's nuclear program will be exclusively peaceful. October 18, 2015 marked Adoption Day of the JCPOA, the date on which the JCPOA came into effect and participants began taking steps necessary to implement their JCPOA commitments. Today, January 16, 2016, marks Implementation Day of the JCPOA. On this historic day, the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) has verified that Iran has implemented its key nuclear-related measures described in the JCPOA, and [the Secretary State has confirmed the IAEA's verification](#). As a result of Iran verifiably meeting its nuclear commitments, the United States is today lifting nuclear-related sanctions on Iran, as described in the JCPOA.

In connection with reaching Implementation Day, today the Department of the Treasury's Office of Foreign Assets Control (OFAC) issued several documents. Specifically, OFAC posted to its website: [Guidance Relating to the Lifting of Certain Sanctions Pursuant to the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action on Implementation Day; Frequently Asked Questions Relating to the Lifting of Certain U.S. Sanctions Under the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action \(JCPOA\) on Implementation Day; General License H: Authorizing Certain Transactions relating to Foreign Entities Owned or Controlled by a United States Person](#); and a [Statement of Licensing Policy for Activities Related to the Export or Re-Export to Iran of Commercial Passenger Aircraft and Related Parts and Services](#). The aforementioned documents are effective today, January 16, 2016.

In addition, OFAC has submitted for publication in the *Federal Register* a [final rule adding a general license under the Iranian Transactions and Sanctions Regulations, 31 C.F.R. part 560, relating to the importation into the United States of Iranian-origin](#)

[carpets and foodstuffs, including pistachios and caviar](#); this general license will be effective upon publication in the *Federal Register*.

OFAC has also published to its website additional information regarding actions to give effect to other JCPOA commitments, including removals from the [Specially Designated Nationals and Blocked Persons List](#), the [Foreign Sanctions Evaders List](#), and/or the [Non-SDN Iran Sanctions Act List](#), as appropriate. In addition, OFAC has made available on its website a list of persons identified as blocked solely pursuant to Executive Order 13599 (“[E.O. 13599 List](#)”), which consists of persons that OFAC previously identified as meeting the definition of the Government of Iran or an Iranian financial institution. [Information regarding these changes to OFAC’s sanctions lists is available on OFAC’s Recent Actions website](#). This information will be published subsequently in the *Federal Register*.

Implementation Day also marks the close of the Joint Plan of Action of November 24, 2013, as extended (JPOA), including the provision of sanctions relief pursuant to the JPOA.

Effective Implementation Day, all specific licenses that: (1) were issued pursuant to OFAC’s *Second Amended Statement of Licensing Policy on Activities Related to the Safety of Iran’s Civil Aviation Industry*, and (2) have an expiration date on or before July 14, 2015, are hereby authorized to remain in effect according to their terms until May 31, 2016.

Please see our [Sanctions blog](#) for further updates and additional information.

## BIS revises Cuban licensing provisions

On January 27, 2016, the Bureau of Industry and Security (BIS) published in the *Federal Register* a [final rule](#) [Docket No. 151208999-5999-01] that amends the exceptions to the general policy of denial in the *Export Administration Regulations* (EAR) for exports and reexports to Cuba by identifying additional types of exports and reexports that are subject to a general policy of approval: items for safety of civil aviation and safe operation of commercial aircraft engaged in international air transportation, certain telecommunications and agricultural items, items to human rights organizations or individuals and non-governmental organizations that promote independent activity intended to strengthen civil society in Cuba, and items for use by U.S. news bureaus. This rule also amends the exceptions to the general policy of denial in the EAR for exports and reexports to Cuba by identifying types of exports and reexports that will be reviewed to determine, on a case-by-case basis, whether such transactions meet the needs of the Cuban people, including exports and reexports for this purpose made to state-owned enterprises and agencies and organizations of the Cuban government that provide goods and services to the Cuban people. BIS is making these changes to further implement the Administration’s policy of empowering and engaging the Cuban people. This rule retains the prohibition on the export or reexport of items subject to the EAR to Cuba without a license or applicable license exception.

Please see our [Sanctions blog](#) for further updates and additional information.

## Census to conduct Wholesale Trade Survey

On January 11, 2016, the Bureau of the Census (Census) published in the *Federal Register* a [notice](#) [Docket Number 151216999–5999–01] to announce that the Director of the Census Bureau has determined the need to conduct the 2015 Annual Wholesale Trade Survey (AWTS). The AWTS covers employer firms with establishments located in the United States and classified in the Wholesale Trade sector as defined by the 2007 North American Industry Classification System (NAICS). Through this survey, Census will collect data covering annual sales, e-commerce sales, purchases, total operating expenses, year-end inventories held

both inside and outside the United States, commissions, total operating revenue, and gross selling value, for three components of wholesale activity: Wholesale distributors; manufacturers' sales branches and offices; and agents, brokers, and electronic markets. These data are collected to provide a sound statistical basis for the formation of policy by various government agencies. Results will be available for use for a variety of public and business needs such as economic and market analysis, company performance, and forecasting future demand. Census conducts the AWTS to provide continuing and timely national statistical data on wholesale trade annually. Census will provide electronic worksheets to businesses included in the survey. Census will provide electronic reporting instructions to the firms covered by the survey in March 2016 and will require their response by April 27, 2016.

### 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
01-13-16	OFAC: <a href="#">Unblocking of Specially Designated Nationals and Blocked Persons Pursuant to Executive Order 12978</a> (N) [The unblocking and removal of 5 individuals and 17 entities and the update of 3 individuals]
	OFAC: <a href="#">Unblocking of Specially Designated Nationals and Blocked Persons Pursuant to the Foreign Narcotics Kingpin Designation Act</a> (N) [The unblocking and removal of 2 individuals and 1 entity and the update of 2 individuals]
01-14-16	State: <a href="#">In the Matter of the Designation of ISIL Khorasan also known as Islamic State's Khorasan Province also known as ISIS Wilayat Khorasan also known as ISIL's South Asia Branch also known as South Asian Chapter of ISIL as a Foreign Terrorist Organization Pursuant to Section 219 of the Immigration and Nationality Act, as Amended</a> [Public Notice: 9406]
	State: <a href="#">Review of Foreign Terrorist Organizations Designation for Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam</a> [Public Notice 9407]
01-26-16	OFAC: <a href="#">Sanctions Actions Pursuant to Executive Order 13382</a> . (N) [eight individuals and three entities]

### FTC seeks comments on revisions to its jewelry guides

On January 12, 2016, the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) published in the *Federal Register* a [request for public comments](#) on proposed amendments to its Guides for the Jewelry, Precious Metals, and Pewter Industries ("Jewelry Guides" or "Guides"). The proposed revisions aim to respond to changes in the marketplace and help marketers avoid deceptive and unfair practices. The *Federal Register* document summarizes the FTC's proposed revisions to the Guides and includes the proposed revised Guides. Comments must be received on or before April 4, 2016.

### 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
01-04-16	CPSC: <a href="#">Amendment To Clarify When Component Part Testing Can Be Used and Which Textile Products Have Been Determined Not To Exceed the Allowable Lead Content Limits; Delay of Effective Date and Reopening of Comment Period</a> [Docket No. CPSC-2011-0081] (FR)
01-12-16	FTC: <a href="#">Guides for the Jewelry, Precious Metals, and Pewter Industries</a> (PR)
01-14-16	FTC: <a href="#">Automotive Fuel Ratings, Certification and Posting</a> (FR)
01-21-16	CPSC: <a href="#">Safety Standard for High Chairs: Correction</a> (PR)

## 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
01-04-16	<a href="#">Indirect Food Additives: Paper and Paperboard Components</a> [Docket No. FDA-2015-F-0714] (FR)
01-08-16	<a href="#">Over-the-Counter Sunscreens: Safety and Effectiveness Data: Draft Guidance for Industry; Extension of Comment Period</a> [Docket No. FDA-2015-D-4021] (N/E)
01-22-16	<a href="#">Food Labeling; Gluten-Free Labeling of Fermented or Hydrolyzed Foods; Reopening of the Comment Period</a> [Docket No. FDA-2014-N-1021] (PR/RO)
	<a href="#">Current Good Manufacturing Practice, Hazard Analysis, and Risk-Based Preventive Controls for Human Food; Technical Amendment</a> [Docket No. FDA-2011-N-0920] (FR)
	<a href="#">Current Good Manufacturing Practice, Hazard Analysis, and Risk-Based Preventive Controls for Food for Animals; Technical Amendment</a> [Docket No. FDA-2011-N-0922] (FR)
01-25-16	<a href="#">Current Good Manufacturing Practice, Hazard Analysis, and Risk-Based Preventive Controls for Human Food; Correction</a> [Docket No. FDA-2011-N-0920] (FR/C)
01-26-16	<a href="#">International Drug Scheduling: Convention on Psychotropic Substances; Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs; World Health Organization; Scheduling Recommendations; Acetylfentanyl; MT-45; para-Methoxymethylamphetamine (PMMA); <math>\alpha</math>-Pyrrolidinovalerophenone (<math>\alpha</math>-PVP); para-Methyl-4-methylaminorex (4,4'-DMAR); Methoxetamine (MXE); Phenazepam; Request for Comments</a> [Docket No. FDA-2016-N-0117] (N)

## 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, GIPSA=Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration]:

F.R. Date	Subject
01-12-16	AMS: <a href="#">United States Standards for Grades of Pecans</a> [Document Number AMS-FV-14-0101, FV-15-331] (N)
	AMS: <a href="#">Withdrawal of United States Standards for Livestock and Meat Marketing Claims</a> [Doc. No. AMS-LPS-15-0029] (N/W)
01-13-16	AMS: <a href="#">Revision To Incorporate the Electronic Submission of the Import Request of Shell Eggs</a> [Doc. No. AMS-LPS-14-0055] (FR)
	FSIS: <a href="#">Codex Alimentarius Commission: Meeting of the Codex Committee on Food Additives</a> [Docket No. FSIS-2015-0044] (N/H)
01-19-16	AMS: <a href="#">Minimum Quality and Handling Standards for Domestic and Imported</a>

F.R. Date	Subject
	<a href="#">Peanuts Marketed in the United States: Change to the Quality and Handling Requirements</a> [Doc. No. AMS-FV-15-0066; FV16-996-1 PR] (PR)
	GIPSA: <a href="#">United States Standards for Sunflower Seed</a> (RFI)
	GIPSA: <a href="#">United States Standards for Oats</a> (RFI)
	APHIS: <a href="#">Agricultural Bioterrorism Protection Act of 2002; Biennial Review and Republication of the Select Agent and Toxin List; Amendments to the Select Agent and Toxin Regulations</a> [Docket No. APHIS-2014-0095] (PR)
01-20-16	APHIS: <a href="#">Exportation of Live Animals, Hatching Eggs, and Animal Germplasm From the United States</a> [Docket No. APHIS-2012-0049] (FR)
	APHIS: <a href="#">Importation of Fresh Apple and Pear Fruit into the Continental United States from Certain Countries in the European Union</a> [Docket No. APHIS-2015-0073] (PR)
01-21-16	GIPSA: <a href="#">United States Standards for Flaxseed</a> (RFI)
	GIPSA: <a href="#">United States Standards for Triticale</a> (RFI)
	GIPSA: <a href="#">United States Standards for Rye</a> (RFI)
	GIPSA: <a href="#">United States Standards for Mixed Grain</a> (RFI)
01-25-16	APHIS: <a href="#">Lacey Act Implementation Plan; Definitions for Exempt and Regulated Articles</a> [Docket No. APHIS-2009-0018] (IR)
	GIPSA: <a href="#">Reauthorization of the United States Grain Standards Act</a> (PR)

## 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](#).

- Austria - [Exporter Guide](#)
- China - [Exporter Guide](#)
- El Salvador - [Exporter Guide](#)
- EU - [New EU Novel Foods Regulation Adopted](#)
- Honduras - [Exporter Guide](#)
- India - [GOI Releases Draft Health Certificate for Dog and Cat Food Imports](#)
- Indonesia - [FAIRS - Certification](#)
- New Zealand - [Exporter Guide](#)
- Nicaragua - [Exporter Guide](#)
- Jordan - [FAIRS - Narrative](#)
- Austria - [FAIRS - Narrative](#)
- Morocco - [FAIRS - Narrative](#)
- EU - [New EU MRL for Fosetyl Takes Effect](#)
- Turkey - [FAIRS - Certification](#)
- Honduras - [FAIRS - Narrative](#)
- Panama - [FAIRS - Narrative](#)
- Turkey - [New Rules by Turkish Government on Poultry Feed Restrictions](#)
- Italy - [FAIRS - Narrative](#)
- Singapore - [FAIRS - Narrative](#)
- Malaysia - [FAIRS - Narrative](#)
- New Zealand - [FAIRS - Narrative](#)
- Venezuela - [FAIRS - Narrative](#)
- Angola - [FAIRS Country Report 2015](#)

- Greece - [FAIRS Country Report](#)
- Greece - [FAIRS Export Certificate Report](#)
- Vietnam - [Vietnam issues mandatory GMO labeling Circular](#)
- Canada - [FAIRS - Narrative](#)
- Egypt - [FAIRS - Narrative](#)
- Indonesia - [MOA Regulation 58 2015 and 2016 Meat Import Permit Update](#)
- Korea - [FAIRS - Narrative](#)
- Indonesia - [FAIRS - Narrative](#)
- Pakistan - [FAIRS - Narrative](#)
- Panama - [FAIRS - Certification](#)
- Jordan - [Exporter Guide](#)
- Kyrgyz Rep. - [Law on Veterinary Medicine Notified to WTO](#)
- Kyrgyz Rep. - [Law on Animal Identification Notified to WTO](#)
- New Zealand - [FAIRS - Certification](#)
- Senegal - [Exporter Guide](#)
- Turkey - [Publishes List of Restricted Substances for Food Supplements](#)
- Japan - [Japan Issues New Safety Standards for Agriculture and Food](#)
- Canada - [FAIRS - Certification](#)
- Thailand - [Exporter Guide](#)
- Thailand: [FAIRS - Narrative](#)
- India - [Implementation Begins for Draft Standards on Food Additives](#)
- Thailand - [Thai FDA Proposed Revisions to MLs of Certain Food Additives](#)
- El Salvador - [FAIRS - Certification](#)
- Brazil - [Exporter Guide](#)
- Bulgaria - [FAIRS - Narrative](#)
- Hungary - [FAIRS - Narrative](#)
- Kazakhstan - [FAIRS - Narrative](#)
- Ukraine - [Changes in Seed Legislation](#)
- Vietnam - [MOH issues the List of Micronutrients allowed to be added to food](#)
- Korea - [FAIRS - Certification](#)
- Czech Rep. - [FAIRS - Certification](#)
- India - [Exporter Guide](#)
- Poland - [Exporter Guide](#)
- Greece - [FAIRS Country Report](#)
- Greece - [FAIRS Export Certificate Report](#)
- Egypt - [New Exporter Registration Requirement](#)
- India - [DGFT Amends Single Port of Entry Caveat for Imported Apples](#)
- India - [WTO Notified - Irradiated Foods Standards and Labeling Requirements](#)
- India - [Final Amendment on Standards for Melamine in Infant and Other Foods](#)
- India - [Compliance Date for Trans Fat Label Declarations Extended Further](#)
- India - [WTO Notified – Removal of Zinc from the Metal Contaminants List](#)
- India - [WTO Notified- BIS Proposed Standards for Malt and Malt Based Foods](#)
- India - [WTO Notified Draft Amendments on Pharmacologically Active Substances](#)
- India - [WTO Notified - Draft Amendment on Standards and Additives Regulation](#)
- Tunisia - [FAIRS - Narrative](#)
- Costa Rica - [FAIRS - Narrative](#)
- Kenya - [FAIRS - Narrative](#)
- India - [Enforcement Date Extended for 2015 Legal Metrology Rules Amendment](#)
- Jordan - [FAIRS - Certification5](#)

- Chile - [Exporter Guide](#)
- India - [FAIRS - Narrative](#)
- Romania - [FAIRS - Narrative](#)
- Lithuania - [FAIRS - Narrative](#)
- Senegal - [FAIRS - Certification](#)
- Serbia - [FAIRS - Certification](#)
- Mexico - [Mexico Prohibits Use of U.S. Re-Export Sugar in IMMEX Program](#)
- Brazil - [FAIRS - Narrative](#)
- Singapore - [FAIRS - Certification](#)
- Brazil - [Exporter Guide](#)
- France - [FAIRS - Narrative](#)
- Cambodia - [Cambodia's Draft Seed Regulations Awaiting Final Approval](#)
- India - [WTO Notified Draft Standards for Milk and Dairy Products](#)
- Argentina - [New Import Authorization System. Update on Label Regulation](#)
- Mexico - [FAIRS - Narrative](#)
- Nicaragua - [FAIRS - Narrative](#)
- Turkey - [AMENDED New Rules by Turkish Government on Poultry Feed Restrictions](#)
- Ghana - [FAIRS - Narrative](#)
- Ukraine - [FAIRS - Narrative](#)
- Turkey - [Turkey Again Delays Implementation of New Labeling System PVMS](#)
- Senegal - [FAIRS - Narrative](#)
- South Africa - [FAIRS - Narrative](#)
- Turkey - [Exporter Guide](#)
- Venezuela - [Exporter Guide](#)

## 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
01-04-16	Environmental Protection Agency (EPA): <a href="#">Notice of Receipt of Requests to Voluntarily Cancel Pesticide Registrations and Amend Registrations to Terminate Certain Uses</a> [EPA-HQ-OPP-2015-0741; FRL-9937-07] (N)
	Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS): <a href="#">Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants: Proposed Endangered Status for Five Species from American Samoa</a> [Docket No. FWS-R1-ES-2015-0128; 4500030113] (PR/RO)
01-06-16	Energy: <a href="#">Energy Conservation Program: Energy Conservation Standards for Ceiling Fan Light Kits</a> [Docket Number EERE-2012-BT-STD-0045] (FR)
	EPA: <a href="#">Registration Review Interim Decisions: Notice of Availability</a> [EPA-HQ-OPP-2015-0393; FRL-9939-58] (N) [ <i>Pesticides</i> ]
01-08-16	Energy: <a href="#">Energy Conservation Program: Energy Conservation Standards for Refrigerated Bottled or Canned Beverage Vending Machines</a> [Docket Number EERE-2013-BT-STD-0022] (FR)
01-12-16	Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives (ATF): <a href="#">Commerce in Firearms and Ammunition—Reporting Theft or Loss of Firearms in Transit (2007R-9P)</a> [Docket No. ATF 40F; AG Order No. 3607-2016]
	EPA: <a href="#">Certain New Chemicals; Receipt and Status Information for November 2015</a> [EPA-HQ-OPPT-2015-0506; FRL-9940-47] (N)
	EPA: <a href="#">TSCA Inventory Equivalency Determinations for Certain Class 2 Substances; TSCA Section 21 Petition; Reasons for Agency Response</a> [EPA-HQ-OPPT-2015-0823; FRL-9940-61]
	FWS: <a href="#">Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants: Removal of <i>Frankenia johnstonii</i> (Johnston's frankenia) From the Federal List of Endangered and Threatened Plants</a> [Docket No. FWS-R2-ES-2011-0084; 92220-1113-0000]

F.R. Date	Subject
	(FR)
01-13-16	<p>Energy: <a href="#">Energy Conservation Program: Energy Conservation Standards for Ceiling Fans</a> [Docket Number EERE-2012-BT-STD-0045] (PR/H)</p> <p>EPA: <a href="#">Pesticide Product Registration; Receipt of Applications for New Uses</a> [EPA-HQ-OPP-2015-0324; FRL-9941-24] (N)</p> <p>EPA: <a href="#">Propyzamide; Pesticide Tolerances</a> [EPA-HQ-OPP-2014-0680; FRL-9940-90] (FR)</p> <p>EPA: <a href="#">Methacrylate Type Copolymer, Compound With Aminomethyl Propanol; Tolerance Exemption</a> [EPA-HQ-OPP-2015-0718; FRL-9940-29] (FR)</p> <p>National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA): <a href="#">Decision That Non-conforming Model Year 2009 Ford F-150 Trucks Are Eligible for Importation</a> [Docket No. NHTSA-2015-0016, Notice 2] (Grant of Petition)</p>
01-14-16	<p>EPA: <a href="#">Pesticide Product Registration; Fluopyram Receipt of Applications for New Food Uses</a> [EPA-HQ-OPP-2015-0443; FRL-9941-23] (N)</p> <p>EPA: <a href="#">Aspergillus flavus AF36; Time Limited Exemption From the Requirement of a Tolerance</a> [EPA-HQ-OPP-2015-0538; FRL-9939-53] (FR)</p>
01-15-16	<p>AMS: <a href="#">National Organic Program: Notice of Final Guidance on Substances Used in Post-Harvest Handling of Organic Products</a> [Document Number AMS-NOP-14-0012; NOP-14-03] (N)</p>
01-15-16	<p>Energy: <a href="#">Energy Conservation Program for Certain Industrial Equipment: Energy Conservation Standards for Small, Large, and Very Large Air-Cooled Commercial Package Air Conditioning and Heating Equipment and Commercial Warm Air Furnaces</a> [Docket Numbers EERE-2013-BT-STD-0007 and EERE-2013-BT-STD-0021] (Supp PR)</p> <p>Energy: <a href="#">Energy Conservation Program: Energy Conservation Standards for Residential Boilers</a> [Docket Number EERE-2012-BT-STD-0047] (FR)</p> <p>Energy: <a href="#">Energy Conservation Program for Certain Industrial Equipment: Energy Conservation Standards for Small, Large, and Very Large Air-Cooled Commercial Package Air Conditioning and Heating Equipment and Commercial Warm Air Furnaces</a> [Docket Numbers EERE-2013-BT-STD-0007 and EERE-2013-BT-STD-0021] (FR)</p> <p>Energy: <a href="#">Energy Conservation Program for Consumer Products: Test Procedures for Residential Furnaces and Boilers</a> [Docket No. EERE-2012-BT-TP-0024] (FR)</p>
01-19-16	<p>EPA: <a href="#">Withdrawal of Pesticide Petitions for Establishment or Modification of Pesticide Chemical Tolerances or Tolerance Exemptions</a> [EPA-HQ-OPP-2015-0032; FRL-9939-32] (N)</p>
01-22-16	<p>EPA: <a href="#">Receipt of Test Data Under the Toxic Substances Control Act</a> [EPA-HQ-OPPT-2013-0677; FRL-9941-40] (N)</p> <p>EPA: <a href="#">Product Cancellation Order for Certain Pesticide Registrations</a> [EPA-HQ-OPP-2015-0321; FRL-9941-08] (N)</p> <p>EPA: <a href="#">Propanoic acid, 2-methyl-, monoester With 2,2,4-trimethyl-1,3-pentanediol; Exemption From the Requirement of a Tolerance</a> [EPA-HQ-OPP-2015-0373; FRL-9941-17] (FR)</p>
01-25-16	<p>Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA): <a href="#">Self-Certification and Employee Training of Mail-Order Distributors of Scheduled Listed Chemical Products</a> [Docket No. DEA-347] (FR)</p> <p>Energy: <a href="#">Energy Conservation Program: Test Procedure for Pumps</a> [Docket No. EERE-2013-BT-TP-0055] (FR)</p> <p>Energy: <a href="#">Environmental Assessment for the Acceptance and Disposition of Spent Nuclear Fuel Containing U.S.-Origin Highly Enriched Uranium from the Federal Republic of Germany</a> (N)</p> <p>EPA: <a href="#">Ortho-Phthalaldehyde; Receipt of Application for Emergency Exemption, Solicitation of Public Comment</a> [EPA-HQ-OPP-2015-0818; FRL-9941-09] (N)</p>
01-26-16	<p>Energy: <a href="#">Energy Conservation Program: Energy Conservation Standards for Pumps</a> [Docket Number EERE-2011-BT-STD-0031] (FR)</p> <p>NHTSA: <a href="#">Notice of Receipt of Petition for Decision that Nonconforming 2009 Buell 1125R, Ulysses XB, Lightning XB, and Blast Motorcycles Are Eligible for Importation</a> [Docket No. NHTSA-2015-0080 Notice 1] (N)</p>

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	NHTSA: <a href="#">Notice of Receipt of Petition for Decision that Nonconforming 2010 Harley-Davidson FX, XL and VR Motorcycles Are Eligible for Importation</a> [Docket No. NHTSA-2015-0079 Notice 1] (N)
01-27-16	Energy: <a href="#">Energy Conservation Program for Consumer Products: Energy Conservation Standards for Residential Boilers; Correction</a> [Docket No. EERE-2012-BT-STD-0047] (FR/C)
	Energy: <a href="#">Energy Conservation Program: Energy Conservation Standards for Commercial Preinse Spray Valves</a> [Docket Number EERE-2014-BT-STD-0027] (FR)
	EPA: <a href="#">Receipt of Application for Emergency Exemptions for Oxytetracycline and Streptomycin; Solicitation of Public Comment</a> [EPA-HQ-OPP-2015-0849; FRL-9941-48] (N)
	EPA: <a href="#">Sulfoxafloxacin: Receipt of Application for Emergency Exemption, Solicitation of Public Comment</a> [EPA-HQ-OPP-2014-0643; FRL-9941-32] (N)
	Federal Maritime Commission (FMC): <a href="#">Ocean Transportation Intermediary Licensing and Financial Responsibility Requirements, and General Duties</a> [Docket No. 13-05] (FR/C)

## Antidumping and countervailing duty cases

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

## The Americas - South America

### Argentina

#### Boletín Oficial publications

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

BO Date	Subject
04-01-16	Financial Information Unit: <a href="#">Resolution 494/2015 (22-12-15) Modification of Res. Nº 50/2013 Prevention of Money Laundering and Terrorist Financing</a>
07-01-16	Ministry of Production: <a href="#">Decree Nº 25/2016 (06-01-16) Modifying Decree Nº 160/2015 [the right to export various industrial goods]</a>
08-01-16	Secretariat of Trade: <a href="#">Resolution Nº 2/2016 (07-01-16) – Modification of Res. Nº 5/2015 [amends Annex I of Resolution No. 5/15 of the Ministry of Production in order to facilitate customs operations of the goods reached by the automatic import licenses regime.]</a>
18-01-16	Production/Hacienda: <a href="#">Joint Resolution 5/2016 and 7/2016 (15-01-16)</a> ; Joint Resolution No. 438/2012, No. 269/2012 and No. 1001/2012. Modification [related to the Temporary Import Regime for Improving Industry, established by Decree No. 1330 dated September 30, 2004, only operators registered in the "Registry of Authorized Soy Operators" (ROSA) for the goods to be classified under tariff position of the Mercosur Common Nomenclature (NCM) 1201.90.00.
19-01-16	Foreign Trade: <a href="#">Decree 205 / 2016</a> (18-01-16) Decree No. 509/2007. Modification. National list of exceptions to the Tariff
22-01-16	National Administration for Medicine, Food and Medicinal Technology (ANMATM): <a href="#">Disposition Nº 397 / 2016</a> (19-01-16) Prohibition of the use and marketing. of Cosmetics
	ANMATM: <a href="#">Disp. Nº 327 / 2016</a> (18-01-16) Prohibition of the use and marketing of medical products

BO Date	Subject
25-01-16	ANMATM: <a href="#">Disp. № 107 / 2016</a> (13-01-16) Prohibition on marketing of foodstuffs
	ANMATM: <a href="#">Disp. № 106 / 2016</a> (13-01-16) Prohibition on marketing of foodstuffs
	ANMATM: <a href="#">Disp. № 251 / 2016</a> (15-01-16) Prohibition of the use and marketing of medical products
	ANMATM: <a href="#">Disp. № 166 / 2016</a> (14-01-16) Prohibition of the use and marketing of medical products
	ANMATM: <a href="#">Disp. № 167 / 2016</a> (14-01-16) Prohibition of the use and marketing of medical products
27-01-16	ANMATM: <a href="#">Disp. № 92/2016</a> (13-01-16) Prohibition of the use and marketing of medical products
	ANMATM: <a href="#">Disp. № 99/2016</a> (13-01-16) Prohibition of the use and marketing of medical products
29-01-16	ANMATM: <a href="#">Disp. № 598/2016</a> (25-01-16) Prohibition of the use and marketing of medical products
	ANMATM: <a href="#">Disp. № 599/2016</a> (25-01-16) Prohibition of the use and marketing of medical products

## Antidumping and countervailing duty cases

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## 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
05-01-16	<a href="#">SECEX Ordinance № 01 of 04-01-16</a> establishes criteria for quota allocation for imports, determined by CAMEX Resolution No. 123, of December 28, 2015 – Rectified 06-01-16.
11-01-16	<a href="#">CAMEX Resolution № 1 of 08-01-16</a> Grants temporary reduction in the rate of import duty under Resolution n ° 08/08 of the MERCOSUR Common Market Group.
13-01-16	<a href="#">SECEX Ordinance № 02 of 12-01-16</a> establishes criteria for quota allocation for imports, determined by CAMEX Resolution No 1 of 8 January 2016 (NCM 10.10.2929, 3002.10.29, 2924.19.22 and 5504.10.00).
	<a href="#">SECEX Ordinance № 03 of 12-01-16</a> establishes criteria for quota allocation for imports, determined by CAMEX Resolution No 1 of 8 January 2016 (NCM 7607.11.90 and 7606.12.90)
	<a href="#">SECEX Ordinance № 04 of 12-01-16</a> establishes criteria for allocating quota for imports, determined by CAMEX Resolution No. 1 of 8 January 2016 (NCM 3909.30.20)
	SECEX Ordinance № 05 of 12-01-16 establishes criteria for allocating quota for imports, determined by CAMEX Resolution No. 1 of 8 January 2016 (NCM 2823.00.10).
14-01-16	<a href="#">SECEX Ordinance № 06 of 13-01-16</a> Closes the review of the special procedures of non-preferential origin verification, maintaining the disqualification of Thailand source for the product "crochery objects to table, regardless of their degree of porosity" (NCM 6911.10.10, 6911.10.90, 6911.90.00 and 6912.00.00), declared as produced by the company Meriss Design & Development Co., Ltd.
27-01-16	<a href="#">CAMEX Resolution № 3 of 26-01-16</a> - Changes the holder representatives and

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	deputy of the Ministry of Planning, Budget and Management in the Export Financing and Guarantee Committee - COFIG.
	<a href="#">CAMEX Resolution № 4 of 26-01-16</a> - Incorporates the Resolutions No. 52/15, 53/15, 54/15 and 55/15 of the Common Market Group of Mercosur the Brazilian legal system
	<a href="#">CAMEX Resolution № 6 of 26-01-16</a> - Changes to 2% (two percent) the rates of import duty levied on Informatics and Telecommunications Goods, the ex-tariff condition.
	<a href="#">CAMEX Resolution № 7 of 26-01-16</a> - Changes to 2% (two percent) the rates of import duty levied on capital goods, the ex-tariff condition, and other measures.

## 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
04-01-16	NCS: <a href="#">Res. № 7935 Exempt Modifying Res. № 2,511/ 2015.-</a>
	NCS: <a href="#">Res. № 7752 Amending the Compendium of Customs Regulations</a>
16-01-16	Hacienda: <a href="#">Decree № 11 Amending Decree 311/2015 Provisional Safeguard Measure on Imports of Goods</a>
	Hacienda: <a href="#">Resolution № 8157 Make the Pilot Plan for Port Terminals Indicated</a>
	Hacienda: <a href="#">Resolution № 8101 Amending the Compendium of Customs Regulations</a>
	Hacienda: <a href="#">Resolution № 8034 Fixed System Operations or Procedure to Report Suspicious Activity by Customs Agents</a>
	NCS: <a href="#">Resolution № 8031 Amending the Compendium of Customs Regulations</a>
17-01-16	NCS: <a href="#">Resolution № 8177 Make Regulatory Framework of Electronic Office Folders</a>
21-01-16	NCS: <a href="#">Resolution № 150 Amending Resolution No. 4,322, 2014, in the manner indicated</a>
23-01-16	NCS: <a href="#">Resolution № 8144 Amending table in Annex No. 51 of the Compendium of Customs Regulations</a>
	NCS: <a href="#">Resolution № 378 Amending the Roman I, paragraph 2 of Resolution No. 8144, 2015</a>
	NCS: <a href="#">Resolution № 319 Amending the Compendium of Customs Regulations</a>
29-01-16	Hacienda: <a href="#">Decree № 18 Applicable rebates of customs duties to imports of raw sugar, refined sugar grades 1 and 2, and refined sugar grades 3 and 4, and substandard</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
12-01-16	<a href="#">MinCIT: Circular 001 of 2016 "Securities and VUCE BACEX computer services - Effective 2016"</a>
13-01-16	<a href="#">DIAN: Circular 000001_2016 Reference Prices of agricultural products</a>
15-01-16	<a href="#">DIAN: Circular 2262_2015 Ad valorem taxes applicable to agricultural products concerned, their substitutes, agro-products or by-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
01-01-16	External Relations: <a href="#">Ministerial Resolution No. 1241/2015-RE</a> Publication of a summary of the substantive paragraphs of Resolution 2239 (2015) on the situation in Liberia
	External Relations: <a href="#">Ministerial Resolution No. 1242/2015-RE</a> Publication of a summary of the substantive paragraphs of Resolution 2243 (2015) on the situation in Haiti
	External Relations: <a href="#">Ministerial Resolution No. 1243/2015-RE</a> Publication of a

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	summary of the substantive paragraphs of Resolution 2247 (2015) on the situation in Bosnia and Herzegovina
03-01-16	Agriculture: <a href="#">Directorial Resolution No. 0053-2015-MINAGRI-SENASA-DSV</a> Modify the Dir. Res. No. 0028-2012-AG-SENASA-DSV which established phytosanitary requirements for the import of grain from Bolivia chia
	Agriculture: <a href="#">Directorial Resolution No. 0054-2015-MINAGRI-SENASA-DSV</a> Establish phytosanitary requirements necessary for compliance with the import of coffee beans from all countries
	Agriculture: <a href="#">Directorial Resolution No. 0057-2015-MINAGRI-SENASA-DSV</a> Provides that any natural or legal person holding blueberry plants by SENASA or under commercial production outside Post Entry Quarantine must comply with the phytosanitary measures set out in this interim resolution
05-01-16	Congress: <a href="#">Legislative Resolution No. 30406</a> Legislative resolution approving the International Cocoa Agreement 2010
06-01-16	National Customs and Tax Administration (SUNAT): <a href="#">Resolution No. 372-2015 / SUNAT</a> Approve amendment of the Rules of Organization and Functions of the National Customs and Tax Administration - SUNAT
07-01-16	Economy and Finance: <a href="#">vice Ministerial Resolution No. 001-2016-EF / 15.01</a> CIF reference prices for the application of additional variable duty or tariff reduction on imports of sugar corn rice and whole milk powder
	External Relations: <a href="#">International Convention</a> Entry into force of the Agreement between the Government of the Republic of Peru and the Government of the Kingdom of Morocco on protection and restoration of cultural property stolen or illicitly transferred. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">Agreement between the Government of the Republic of Peru and the Government of the Kingdom of Morocco on Protection and Restoration of Cultural Property Stolen or Illegally Transferred</a></li> </ul>
13-01-16	External Relations: <a href="#">Ministerial Resolution No. 0014 / RE-2016</a> Have published summary of United Nations Security Council Resolution 2253 (2015) on threats to international peace and security caused by terrorist acts [ISIL/Daesh and Al Qaida]
14-01-16	External Relations: <a href="#">Supreme Decree No. 002-2016-RE</a> Ratify the Agreement between the Republic of Peru and the Hellenic Republic on the prevention of theft illegal excavation and illicit export import transit or transfer of ownership of cultural property and the promotion of the return of the same to their country of origin
	External Relations: <a href="#">Supreme Decree No. 004-2016-RE</a> Ratify the Treaty on Arms Trade
15-01-16	SUNAT: <a href="#">Resolution No. 01-2016 / SUNAT / 5F0000</a> Modify the specific procedure Authorization Express Service Companies Quick Delivery and Shipping Temporary Deposits for Quick Delivery INTA-PE.24.03
16-01-16	External Relations: <a href="#">Ministerial Resolution No. 0026 / RE-2016</a> Formalize the appointment of provincial and district mayors from border to integrate the National Council for Border Development and Border Integration - CONADIF
18-01-16	Agriculture and Irrigation: <a href="#">Directorial Resolution No. 0002-2016-MINAGRI-SENASA-DSV</a> Phytosanitary requirements necessary to establish compliance on imported in vitro potato plants with inoculation of virus for research of origin and provenance England
	Agriculture and Irrigation: <a href="#">Directorial Resolution No. 0003-2016-MINAGRI-SENASA-DSV</a> Modify clause of RD No. 0055-2015-MINAGRI-SENASA-DSV which established phytosanitary requirements for the importation of plants originating in and coming cranberry US
20-01-16	External Relations: <a href="#">Ministerial Resolution No. 0027 / RE-2016</a> They have to publish a summary of the substantive paragraphs of UNSC Resolution 2252 (2015) on the situation in South Sudan
21-01-16	Agriculture and Irrigation: <a href="#">Directorial Resolution No. 0001-2016-MINAGRI-SENASA-DSA</a> Establishing specific health requirements binding in the importation of horses which were exported temporarily from Peru,
22-01-16	Agriculture and Irrigation <a href="#">Ministerial Resolution No. 0015-2016-MINAGRI</a> Appointed head of SENASA representative to Special Commission to implement and operate the Single Window for Foreign Trade - VUCE

Date	Subject
	Economy and Finance: <a href="#">vice Ministerial Resolution No. 002-2016-EF / 15.01</a> CIF reference prices for the application of additional variable duty or tariff reduction referred to in Supreme Decree No. 115-2001-EF imports of corn sugar rice and whole milk powder
24-01-16	SUNAT: <a href="#">Resolution No. 010-2016 / SUNAT</a> Approve the new version of PDT Electronic Form - PLAME Virtual Form N ° 0601
25-01-16	Agriculture and Irrigation: <a href="#">Directorial Resolution No. 0001-2016-MINAGRI-SENASA-DIAIA</a> They provide for publication in the institutional portal SENASA Procedure: Import Monitoring and Control of agricultural pesticides for own consumption (v.02)
	SUNAT: <a href="#">Resolution No. 010 -2016 / SUNAT</a> Approve the new version of PDT Electronic Form - PLAME Virtual Form N ° 0601
26-01-16	External Relations: <a href="#">Supreme Resolution No. 009-2016-RE</a> Delegated powers to the Minister of Foreign Trade and Tourism to sign the Trans-Pacific Partnership Agreement

## Asia-Pacific

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

## Australia

### Indexation of customs duty rates on excise-equivalent goods on 1 February 2016

According to [Department of Immigration and Border Protection \(DIBP\) Notice № 2016/02](#), dated 29 January 2016, the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) released the December Quarter 2015 Consumer Price Index (CPI) figures on 27 January 2016. In accordance with the indexation provisions in section 19 of the *Customs Tariff Act 1995* (Customs Tariff), the customs duty rates on certain excise-equivalent goods including spirits, beer and petroleum products, in Schedule 3 of the Customs Tariff, will increase on 1 February 2016. Notice № 2016/02 sets out the new customs duty rates for excise-equivalent goods in Table 1 of the Notice and excise duty rates in Table 2 of the Notice.

The indexed rates also apply to goods subject to indexation in Schedule 5 (US originating goods), Schedule 6 (Thai originating goods), Schedule 7 (Chilean originating goods), Schedule 8 (ASEAN-Australia-New Zealand originating goods), Schedule 9 (Malaysian originating goods), Schedule 10 (Korean originating goods), Schedule 11 (Japanese originating goods) and Schedule 12 (Chinese originating goods) in the Customs Tariff.

As outlined in Notice 2014/53 the indexed rates for excise and excise-equivalent fuels (excluding aviation fuels) will be rounded to three decimal places of a dollar. This change is to simplify the fuel tax credit claim calculation.

DIBP has arranged for the publication of a Notice of Substituted Rates of Customs Duty Notice (No.1) 2016 in the *Gazette* on 1 February 2016.

### DIBP notices and advices

The following Department of Immigration and Border Protection (DIBP) Notices and Cargo advices (ACCA) were issued during the period covered by this Update:

Date	Series and №	Title
29-01-16	<a href="#">DIBP № 2016/02</a>	Indexation of customs duty rates on excise-equivalent goods on 1 February 2016

## Australian Gazettes

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

Date	Matter
13-01-16	<a href="#">TC 16-01 13 January 2016</a>
17-01-16	<a href="#">Autonomous Sanctions (Export Sanctioned Goods – Iran) Amendment Specification 2016 (C2016G00073)</a>
20-01-16	<a href="#">TC 16-02 20 January 2016</a>
	<a href="#">Customs (International Obligations) Regulation 2015 (F2016C00084 • SLI 2015 No. 32 as amended)</a>
27-01-16	<a href="#">TC 16-03 27 January 2016</a>
	<a href="#">Customs Regulation 2015 (F2016C00097 • SLI 2015 No. 33 as amended)</a>

## Australian Tariff Precedents

The Department of Immigration and Border Protection (DIBP) and one of its predecessors, Australian Customs and Border Protection Service (ACBP) publish and post its [Tariff Precedent Files](#). Tariff Precedents are considered statements from Customs made to provide guidance on various classification issues.

## Antidumping and countervailing duty cases

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

## China (including Hong Kong SAR)

### MOFCOM and GAC notices

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

Date	Series and №	Subject
01-05-16	<a href="#">MOFCOM 1020, 2015</a>	2016 export quota of Flour Hong Kong and Macao
01-06-16	<a href="#">MOFCOM 1098, 2015</a>	2016 annual export quota of licorice and licorice products first tender list of winning companies and the amount of the table,
01-25-16	<a href="#">MOFCOM 5, 2016</a>	Notice of automatic import license paperless clearance operations

## Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Cases

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

## India

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

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

Date	Series and No	Subject
01-01-16	<a href="#">F.No.390/Misc./163/2010-JC</a>	Reduction of Government litigation - providing monetary limits for filing appeals by the Department before CESTAT/High Courts and Supreme Court
05-01-16	<a href="#">01/2016-Cus (NT)</a>	Seeks to amend the Customs Broker Licensing Regulations, 2013
06-01-16	<a href="#">Cir. 01/2016</a>	Clearance of Livestock and Livestock products
11-01-16	<a href="#">03/2016-Cus (NT)</a>	Specifies goods, to which the provisions of section 70 (2) of the Customs Act, 1962 shall apply, when they are deposited in a warehouse
15-01-16	<a href="#">13/2016-Cus (NT)</a>	Tariff Notification in respect of Fixation of Tariff Value of Edible Oil, Brass, Poppy Seed, Areca Nut, Gold and Sliver
27-01-16	<a href="#">Cir. 02/2016</a>	Regarding 24x7 clearance
29-01-16	<a href="#">16/2016-Cus (NT)</a>	Tariff Notification in respect of Fixation of Tariff Value of Edible Oil, Brass, Poppy Seed, Areca Nut, Gold and Sliver
12-01-16	DGFT <a href="#">30/2015-2020</a>	Amendment in import policy conditions of apples under Exim code 0808 10 00 of Chapter 08 of ITC (HS), 2012 - Schedule - 1 (Import Policy).
20-01-16	DGFT <a href="#">31/2015-2020</a>	Amendment in export policy of Pulses.
	DGFT <a href="#">32/2015-2020</a>	Amendment in import policy conditions of Natural Rubber under Exim code 400110 of Chapter 40 of ITC (HS), 2012-Schedule-1 (Import Policy).
21-01-16	DGFT <a href="#">33/2015-2020</a>	Amendment in Paragraph 4.18 of the Foreign Trade Policy 2015-20.
29-01-16	DGFT <a href="#">34/2015-2020</a>	Amendment in para 2.05 (c) of Foreign Trade Policy (2015-20).

### Antidumping and countervailing duty cases

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

## Indonesia

### Ministry of Trade restores the capability of manufacturing companies to import manufactured products

On 23 December 2015, the Ministry of Trade (MOT) finally issued Minister of Trade [Regulation No. 118/M-DAG/PER/12/2015](#) on Import Provisions for Complementary Goods, Test Market Goods and Goods for After-Sales Service (Regulation 118) which restores the capability of holders of Producer Importer Identification Numbers (API-P) to import manufactured goods as complementary goods, test market goods, and goods for after-sales service. This regulation revokes import restrictions that were put in place by Minister of Trade Regulation No. 70/M-DAG/PER/9/2015 on Importer Identification Number (Regulation 70) and will come into force on 1 January 2016.

## Implications for API-P Holders

As you may be aware, Regulation 70 removed the exemption which allowed API-P holders to import industrial/finished goods to be traded under certain criteria (i.e., test market products and complementary products) subject to obtaining a Producer Importer/*Importir Produsen* license (PI) from the Minister of Trade (Minister). Please see our client alert on this matter ([click here](#)). The removal effectively means that API-P holders can no longer import industrial/finished goods to be traded.

Regulation 118 may resolve the problem that arises from the issuance of Regulation 70. As indicated in the draft regulation circulated some time ago, the concept for importing manufactured goods to be used as test market goods and complementary goods in Regulation 118 is generally the same as previously stipulated under Minister of Trade Regulation No. 27/M-DAG/PER/5/2012 on the Provisions of Importer Identification Number as lastly amended by Minister of Trade Regulation No. 84/M-DAG/PER/12/2012 (Regulation 84). While complementary and test market goods were already acknowledged under Regulation 84, Regulation 118 introduces a new criteria for importing manufactured goods to be used for after sales services. Regulation 118 no longer uses the term *Producer Importer*; instead Regulation 118 uses the new term *Import Approval (IA)* to import manufactured goods to be used as test market goods, complementary goods or goods for after-sales service. So the imported manufactured goods can be traded and transferred to other parties after obtaining an IA from the Minister.

### What the regulation says

We set out below a summary of Regulation 118:

#### I. Importing Complementary Goods, Test Market Goods and Goods for After-Sales Service

- API-P holders can import manufactured goods as test market goods, complementary goods or goods for after-sales services for the development of their business and investment, and can trade and transfer those manufactured goods to other parties after obtaining an IA from the Minister.
- The criteria for test market goods that can be imported by API-P holders are as follows:
  - a. The goods are in new condition;
  - b. The goods cannot be produced by the API-P holders;
  - c. The goods are in line with the industrial business license, or other business licenses held by the API-P holders.

The importation of test market goods can only be done for a limited time and amount as determined by the relevant technical Ministry in its recommendation.

- The criteria for complementary goods that can be imported by API-P holders are as follows:
  - a. The goods are in new condition;
  - b. The goods cannot be produced by the API-P holders;
  - c. The goods are in line with the industrial business license, or other business licenses held by the API-P holders;
  - d. The goods are produced by a foreign affiliated company that has a “special relationship” with the API-P holders.

The term “special relationship” is defined as a relationship between an API-holder and an overseas company where one party has the capability to control the other party or has sig-

nificant influence over the other party based on the applicable accounting standards. Under Regulation 118, a “special relationship” can be obtained through the following:

- i. contractual agreement to share control over economic activities
  - ii. shareholding
  - iii. articles of association
  - iv. a distributor/agency agreement
  - v. a loan agreement
  - vi. a supplier agreement
- The criteria for goods for after-sales services that can be imported by API-P holders are as follows:
    - a. The goods are in new condition;
    - b. The goods cannot be produced by the API-P holder or the availability of the goods in the local market is limited;
    - c. The goods are in accordance with the industrial business license, or other business licenses held by the API-P holders.

## II. Obtaining Import Approval (IA)

To obtain an IA, an API-P holder must submit an application to the Minister through the Director General of Foreign Trade (“**Director General**”) by submitting an online application at <http://inatrade.kemendag.go.id>, along with the following documents:

- a. a copy of the industrial business license or other business licenses held by the API-P holder;
- b. a copy of the valid API-P;
- c. evidence of “special relationship” with a foreign company as required for importing complementary goods; and
- d. a recommendation from the technical ministry, i.e. the Ministry of Industry.

If the application is approved, the Director General will issue the IA within five working days after the receipt of a complete application. The IA is valid for the period of time specified by the technical ministry in its recommendation. API-P holders must state the number and date of their IA in the Customs Declaration (PIB). This means that in practice if API-P holders do not state the number and date of their IA in the import declarations even though they have obtained an IA, there is a possibility that the imported goods cannot be cleared out from the customs area. It is advisable that API-P holders liaise with their customs agent or broker before clearing the goods to avoid any obstacles.

Once API-P holders obtain an IA, they are obliged to submit a quarterly report on their importation activity through the online system at <http://inatrade.kemendag.go.id>.

## III Revocation of IA

IA can be revoked if the API-P holder:

- a. fails to submit the import report through the online system twice;
- b. is proven to have changed the data or information in the IA;
- c. is proven to have submitted false or incorrect data or information as the requirements to obtain its IA after the issuance of the IA;
- d. conducts violations in customs matters based on information from the Customs office;

e. is found guilty of misuse of IA by a legally binding court decision.

An API-P holder can re-apply for an IA license after 1 year after it is revoked.  
Corporate & Securities

#### Actions to consider

Regulation 118 stipulates that any PI license that will expire before 30 June 2016 will remain valid until 30 June 2016. API-P holders can therefore consider applying for an IA once their PI license has expired (or maybe before it expires), so API-P holders can keep importing finished goods. Given that Regulation 118 is relatively new and not tested, we may expect some hiccups during the first to second month of implementation of this regulation, which may include the process of obtaining the IA from the Director General of the MOT.

#### Going Forward

Regulation 118 is likely to be welcomed by API-P holders, as Regulation 118 restores the exemption for API-P holders to import manufactured goods as test market goods, complementary goods or goods for after-sales service to be traded to other parties, which previously had been removed by Regulation 70.

Note that the implementation of Regulation 118 will be evaluated every year after it comes into force. Consequently, the issuance of Regulation 118 may be seen as a temporary measure for importation of finished products or manufactured products based on policy. Hence, there is a possibility that Regulation 118 can be revoked at any time based on the evaluation.

For additional information, please contact: [Wimbanu Widyatmoko](#), [Mochamad Fachri](#), [Riza Fadhli Buditomo](#) or [Gading Bhimaskara](#).

#### 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
08-12-15	<a href="#">102 / M-DAG / PER / 12/2015 (T)</a>	<a href="#">Imports of Color Multifunction Machines, Color Photocopying Machines, and Color Printing Machines</a>
	<a href="#">103 / M-DAG / PER / 12/2015 (T)</a>	<a href="#">Provisions Export And Import Rice</a>
23-12-15	<a href="#">123 / M-DAG / PER / 12/2015.</a>	<a href="#">Provisions Licensing Services in Export and Import Through Inatrade ...</a>
	<a href="#">112 / M-DAG / PER / 12/2015 (T)</a>	<a href="#">Third Amendment to Regulation No. 36 / M-DAG / PER / 5/2012 on the Procedures for Determination of HPE (Pricing Benchmark) ...</a>
	<a href="#">116 / M-DAG / PER / 12/2015 (T).</a>	<a href="#">Amendment to the Regulation of the Minister of Trade No. 37 / M-DAG / PER / 9/2007 .....</a>
	<a href="#">113 / M-DAG / PER / 12/2015 (T)</a>	<a href="#">Second Amendment to the Regulation No. 54 / M-DAG / PER / 12/2010 About Imports of Steel</a>
	<a href="#">118 / M-DAG / PER / 12/2015 (T)</a>	<a href="#">Imports provisions of Complementary Goods, Goods for Purposes Test Market, And After-Sales Service</a>
	<a href="#">117 / M-DAG / PER / 12/2015 (T)</a>	<a href="#">Imports of Sugar</a>
	<a href="#">119 / M-DAG / PER / 12/2015 (T)</a>	<a href="#">Provisions of Mining Products Export Processing and Refining Results</a>

Date	Reference	Matter
29-12-15	<a href="#">127 / M-DAG / PER / 12/2015 (T)</a>	<a href="#">Imports of Capital Goods In Case No New</a>
	<a href="#">125 / M-DAG / PER / 12/2015 (T)</a>	<a href="#">Salt Import Provision</a>
	<a href="#">121 / M-DAG / PER / 12/2015 (T)</a>	<a href="#">Pricing Benchmark Over Mining Products Export Processing Results subjected Duty</a>
	<a href="#">122 / M-DAG / PER / 12/2015 (T)</a>	<a href="#">Pricing Benchmark Top Export of Agricultural and Forestry subjected Duty</a>

## Japan

### Trade information

Date	Title
17-12-15	<a href="#">METI Announces the Conclusion of the WTO Information Technology Agreement (ITA) Expansion Negotiations</a>
15-01-16	<a href="#">Ninth Round of Negotiations (Chief Delegates' Meetings) on a Free Trade Agreement among Japan, China and the ROK to be Held</a>
19-01-16	<a href="#">Fourth Round of the Negotiations for a Japan-Turkey Economic Partnership Agreement (EPA)</a>

## Malaysia

### Federal Government Gazette

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

Date	Matter
05-01-16	<a href="#">P.U. (B) 2/2016 Notification of Values of Crude Petroleum Oil Under Section 12 - Customs Act 1967</a>
08-01-16	<a href="#">P.U. (B) 4/2016 Notice of Negative Preliminary Determination of an Investigation With Regard to Hot Rolled Coils Products Imported Into Malaysia - Safeguards Act 2006</a>
19-01-16	<a href="#">P.U. (B) 32/2016 Notification of Values of Crude Petroleum Oil Under Section 12 - Customs Act 1967</a>
	<a href="#">P.U. (B) 36/2016 Notification of Values of Crude Palm Oil Under Section 12 - Customs Act 1967</a>
22-01-16	<a href="#">P.U. (B) 39/2016 Notice Of Negative Final Determination of an Anti-Dumping Duty Investigation With Regard to the Imports of Prepainted, Painted or Colour Coated Steel Coils Originating or Exported From China and Viet Nam - Countervailing and Anti-dumping</a>
	<a href="#">P.U. (B) 40/2016 Notice of Affirmative Preliminary Determination of an Anti-Dumping Duty Investigation With Regard to the Imports of Cold Rolled Coils of Alloy and Non-Alloy Steel Originating or Exported From China, S.Korea and Viet Nam - Countervailing and Anti-dumping Duties Act 1993</a>
	<a href="#">P.U. (B) 41/2016 Notice of Affirmative Final Determination of an Anti-Dumping Duty Investigation With Regard to the Imports of Prepainted, Painted or Colour Coated Steel Coils Originating or Exported From China and Viet Nam - Countervailing and Anti-dumping Duties Act 1993</a>
	<a href="#">P.U. (B) 42/2016 Notice of Negative Preliminary Determination of an Anti-Dumping Duty Investigation With Regard to the Imports of Cold Rolled Coils of Alloy and Non-Alloy Steel Originating or Exported From China,S. Korea and Viet Nam - Countervailing and Anti-dumping Duties Act 1993</a>
22-01-16	<a href="#">P.U. (A) 11/2016 Customs (Anti-Dumping Duties) Order 2016 - Countervailing And Anti-Dumping Duties Act 1993 and - Customs Act 1967</a>
22-01-16	<a href="#">P.U. (A) 12/2016 Customs (Provisional Anti-Dumping Duties) Order 2016 - Countervailing And Anti-Dumping Duties Act 1993 and - Customs Act 1967</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](#).

## Singapore

Notices, circulars, etc.

Date	Reference	Matter
13-01-16	<a href="#">Media Release</a>	New Singapore Customs app allows travellers to pay duty, Goods and Services Tax for their overseas purchases before they arrive in Singapore
15-01-16	<a href="#">Circ. 01/2016</a>	Revision to Singapore Customs' Security Requirements for Liquor and Tobacco Products
22-01-16	<a href="#">Circ. 02/2016</a>	Changes to Security Requirements Under Declaring Agent Governance Framework

## Vietnam

### Vietnam – South Korea FTA effective as of 20 December 2015

The bilateral free trade agreement between Vietnam and South Korea (FTA) entered into effect on 20 December 2015. The FTA covers a total of 17 areas, including trade in goods, trade in services, investment, intellectual property and electronic commerce.

While negotiations started back in September 2012, the two trading partners formally signed the agreement on 5 May 2015 and South Korea's National Assembly ratified the FTA on 30 November 2015.

Under the terms of the deal, Vietnam and South Korea agreed to eliminate import duties on more than 90 percent of all traded products over a 15-year period. Tariffs are scheduled to go down at the start of every new year. Therefore, enterprises from the two countries can expect to benefit from more tariff cuts starting 1 January 2016. This means that the agreement will have an immediate impact; since the FTA was ratified within 2015, New Year's Day of 2016 will mark the second year of tariff cuts.

Among other things, the FTA will open Vietnam's growing market up to South Korea's consumer electronics and cosmetics. Meanwhile, South Korea will open its market for more Vietnamese exports, including Vietnamese fishery products, garlic and tropical fruits. Moreover, in the service sector, Vietnamese government committed to further open segments such as construction, landscaping, and equipment rental.

According to Vietnam's Ministry of Planning and Investment, as of 20 October 2015, South Korea has surpassed Japan to become Vietnam's largest foreign investor, with total foreign direct investment of US\$43.6 billion in 4,777 projects. We expect that this FTA will create a more stable business environment and boost the investment of South Korean enterprises into Vietnam.

Additional information regarding the FTA's coverage of investment, intellectual property and other matters will follow in a separate client alert.

Should you wish to obtain further information or want to discuss any issues in this article with us, please contact: [Fred Burke](#).

## Safeguard investigation launched on certain alloy and non-alloy steel

The WTO [announced](#) that on 28 December 2015, Viet Nam notified the WTO's Committee on Safeguards that it initiated on 25 December 2015 a safeguard investigation on semi-finished and certain finished products of alloy and non-alloy steel.

In the notification, Viet Nam indicated as follows:

“Any request for information regarding the investigation must be submitted within 30 days after the initiation of the investigation.

Interested parties who desire to present evidence, documents and opinions pertaining to the investigation shall submit their evidence, documents and opinions so stated in writing within a period of 30 days after the initiation of the investigation to the following address:

VIETNAM COMPETITION AUTHORITY  
(Trade Remedies Investigation Division)  
25 Ngo Quyen Street, Ha Noi, Viet Nam  
Tel: (84 4) 22205002 ext.1038  
Fax: (84 4) 22205003  
Email: thanhk@moit.gov.vn; [quynhpm@moit.gov.vn](mailto:quynhpm@moit.gov.vn) “

Further information is available in [G/SG/N/6/VNM/4](#).

## 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
04-01-16	<a href="#">Letter No. 13 / TCHQ-GSQL row 04/01/2016 Check food safety presents and gifts imported</a>
	<a href="#">Letter No. 28 / TCHQ-GSQL customs seals 04/01/2015 for goods in transit as bulk (Barite Ore)</a>
	<a href="#">Letter No. 29 / TCHQ-GSQL 04.01.2016 Handling of goods specified backlog and commodity inspection-free food safety</a>
	<a href="#">Letter No. 37 / TCHQ-TXNK date 04/01/2016 Classification, apply tariffs magnesium sulphate items</a>
05-01-16	<a href="#">Circular No. 01/2016 / TT-BCT dated 05 May 01 2016 the Ministry of Trade Regulation raw tobacco imports under tariff quotas in 2016.</a>
06-01-16	<a href="#">08VBHN-NHNN dated 06.01.2016 Promulgating the Regulations Payment in purchasing, exchanging goods and services trade in the border regions Vietnam - Cambodia.</a>
	<a href="#">Consolidated Text No. 07 / VBHN-NHNN dated 01/06/2016 of the State Bank V / Promulgating Regulation purchase payments, exchange of goods, services, investment and aid between Vietnam with Laos.</a>
	<a href="#">Consolidated Text No. 01 / VBHN-NHNN dated 06 May 01 2016 of the State Bank's Regulations on individual gold bearing upon exit and entry</a>
	<a href="#">Decision No. 17 / QĐ-TCHQ dated 06.01.2015 of the General Administration of Customs on the recognition activities of customs procedures</a>
	<a href="#">Letter No. 83 / TCHQ-TXNK date 01.06.2016 VAT equipment and medical in-</a>

Date	Reference and Matter
	<a href="#">struments</a>
07-01-16	<a href="#">Decision No. 40 / QĐ-TTg dated 01/07/2016 of the Prime Minister V / v: Approving the overall strategy of international integration by 2020, with a vision to 2030.</a> <a href="#">Official Letter No. 159 / TCHQ-GSQL 01/07/2016 Labeling of goods imports</a>
08-01-16	<a href="#">Consolidated Text No. 04 / VBHN-BNNPTNT 01.08.2016 of the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development Regulation on the process and procedures for granting and revoking certificates of genetically modified plants used as eligible food, animal feed.</a> <a href="#">Consolidated Text No. 01 / VBHN-BNNPTNT 01.08.2016 of the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development Regulation import quarantine bovine from Cambodia to Laos and Vietnam.</a> <a href="#">Official Letter No. 179 / TCHQ-TXNK 01.08.2016 of the General Department of Customs on imported goods worth</a>
11-01-16	<a href="#">Letter No. 27 / TCHQ-GSQL 04/01/2016 Continue piloted through CK export side, border crossings, Lao Cai province</a>
12-01-16	<a href="#">Official Letter No. 327 / TCHQ-GSQL 01.12.2016 of Customs Department of Anthracite coal exports water filter</a>
	<a href="#">Official Letter No. 329 / 01.12.2016 TCHQ-TXNK day of the General Department of Customs on balance transfers on system KTTTT</a>
13-01-16	<a href="#">Consolidated Text No. 11 / VBHN-NHNN of the SBV dated 13.01.2016 Guiding the importation of goods subject to specialized management of the State Bank of Vietnam</a> <a href="#">Decision No. 45 / QĐ-TCHQ dated 13.01.2016 of the General Department of Customs on Promulgating the Administrative Reform Plan of the Customs 2016</a> <a href="#">Official Letter No. 549 / BTC-TCHQ 01.13.2016 of the Ministry of Finance on procedures NK luggage sent before or after the trip of quests entry</a>
14-01-16	<a href="#">Official Letter No. 673 BTC-TCHQ 3 / 01.14.2016 of the Ministry of Finance on the export and re-export of goods through the gate area, sub Muong Khuong</a> <a href="#">Official Letter No. 106 / TXNK-CST of 01.14.2015 of the General Department of Customs on answering bottlenecks</a>
15-01-16	<a href="#">Official Letter No. 441 / TCHQ-PC 15.01.2016 of the General Department of Customs on extending the time limit for issuing a sanctioning decision VPHC and problems on sanctions VPHC</a> <a href="#">Official Letter No. 439 / TCHQ-GSQL 15.01.2016 Customs Department regulating supervision, inspection and exported goods brought into or out of checkpoints concentrated at Dung Quat port</a> <a href="#">Official Letter No. 437 / TCHQ-TXNK 15.01.2016 the General Department of Customs on examination of information coordinated export products</a> <a href="#">Official Letter No. 423 / TCHQ-GSQL 15.01.2016 on the re-export of petrol</a> <a href="#">Decision No. 57 / QĐ-TCHQ dated 01.15.2016 of the General Administration of Customs on the establishment of a bonded warehouse</a>
20-01-16	<a href="#">Official Letter No. 534 / TCHQ-TXNK 01.20.2016 of the General Department of Customs on the tax debt resolution</a> <a href="#">Official Letter No. 533 / TCHQ-TXNK 01.20.2016 of the General Department of Customs on the open declaration</a>
21-01-16	<a href="#">Official Letter No. 589 / TCHQ-TXNK 21.01.2016 of the General Department of Customs on its classification named Stimuler and Gromone</a>
25-01-16	<a href="#">Official Letter No. 1250 / BTC-TCHQ dated 25/01/2016 of the Ministry of Finance regarding tax refund import export shipments bounce</a>

## Europe

### European Union and EFTA

#### The Union Customs Code – Are you ready for 1 May 2016?

EU customs legislation will be undergoing a complete overhaul with the implementation on 1 May 2016 of the Union Customs Code (UCC), which will replace significant aspects of the existing legislation. The UCC's key implementing provisions are contained in [Delegated Regulation \(EU\) 2015/2446](#) and [Implementing Regulation \(EU\) 2015/2447](#), both of which were published on 29 December 2015.

At a glance, the main changes include:

- Removal of 'earlier sale' (also called 'first sale' principle) for customs valuation.
- Significant increase in the dutiability of royalties and licence fees (and no longer an exemption for trademark royalties).
- Goods removed from a customs warehouse and entered into free circulation in the EU pursuant to a sale to an EU customer to be valued based on the value of the transaction to the EU customer.
- Introduction of compulsory guarantees for operating customs procedures (reduction or waiver available for companies that meet certain of the AEOC criteria or have AEOC status).
- New criteria for AEOC and AEOC status.
- Centralised clearance and self-assessment expected to be introduced in 2020 but will only be available for companies that have AEOC status.

Please [click here](#) for our comprehensive overview of the key changes introduced by the UCC.

One of the key changes relates to royalties and IP licence fees for goods imported into the EU. These changes will result in a significant increase in cases where those payments are dutiable and therefore need to be included in the customs value of the imported goods. This will in turn result in an increase in the amount of customs duty and import VAT payable on the goods.

It is advisable to review how royalty/licence fees are structured for goods you import into the EU. If those payments will be caught by the changes we can provide advice on possible ways to mitigate that impact. In some cases that may involve making changes to the terms of your licence agreements. Further information is set out in our [Client Alert: IP implications of EU customs law development](#) which provides a detailed analysis of how royalties and licence fee payments will be treated for customs valuation purposes under the UCC.

If you have any questions or if you require advice on any specific transactions or plans, please contact one of the members of Baker & McKenzie's EU Customs Group. For a list of offices and contact information, please click on the [Comprehensive Overview of the UCC](#) or the [Client Alert](#).

## The trade part of the EU-Ukraine Association Agreement becomes operational on 1 January 2016

On December 31, 2015, the European Commission [announced](#) that on 1 January 2016, the European Union (EU) and Ukraine will start applying the Deep and Comprehensive Free Trade Area (DCFTA) which forms part of the Association Agreement signed in June 2014. The rest of the Association Agreement, containing political and cooperation provisions, has already been provisionally applied since November 2014. With the entry into force of the DCFTA both sides will ensure that markets for goods and services will be mutually opened on the basis of predictable and enforceable trade rules so that new opportunities will be created for the EU and Ukraine businesses, investors, consumers and citizens. By more closely aligning Ukraine's regulations with EU legislation, the DCFTA will promote higher quality standards for products and will increase the levels of consumer and environmental protection. Economic cooperation and exchanges will also be enhanced, contributing to increased stability and prosperity for Ukraine.

### Tariff classification regulations

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

### Amendments to the CN Explanatory Notes

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

### Binding Tariff Information

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

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

### Official Journal documents

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

OJ Date	Subject
05-01-16	<a href="#">Commission Regulation (EU) 2016/1 of 3 December 2015 amending Annexes II and III to Regulation (EC) No 396/2005 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards maximum residue levels for bifenazate, boscalid, cyazofamid, cyromazine, dazomet, dithiocarbamates, fluazifop-P, mepanipyrim, metrafenone, picloram, propamocarb, pyridaben, pyriofenone, sulfoxaflor, tebu-</a>

OJ Date	Subject
	<a href="#">conazole, tebufenpyrad and thiram in or on certain products</a>
06-01-16 ***	<a href="#">Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2016/6 of 5 January 2016 imposing special conditions governing the import of feed and food originating in or consigned from Japan following the accident at the Fukushima nuclear power station and repealing Implementing Regulation (EU) No 322/2014</a>
	<a href="#">Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2016/7 of 5 January 2016 establishing the standard form for the European Single Procurement Document</a>
	<a href="#">Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2016/9 of 5 January 2016 on joint submission of data and data-sharing in accordance with Regulation (EC) No 1907/2006 of the European Parliament and of the Council concerning the Registration, Evaluation, Authorisation and Restriction of Chemicals (REACH)</a>
	<a href="#">Commission Implementing Directive (EU) 2016/11 of 5 January 2016 amending Annex II to Council Directive 2002/57/EC on the marketing of seed of oil and fibre plants</a>
08-01-16	<a href="#">Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2016/15 of 7 January 2016 approving the control programme of the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia for <i>Salmonella</i> in laying hens and amending Annex I to Regulation (EC) No 798/2008 as regards the entry for the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia in the list of third countries from which table eggs may be introduced into the Union</a>
	<a href="#">Commission Implementing Decision (EU) 2016/17 of 7 January 2016 authorising the United Kingdom to prohibit on its territory the marketing of a variety of hemp listed in the Common Catalogue of varieties of agricultural plant species, pursuant to Council Directive 2002/53/EC</a>
	<a href="#">Regulation No 121 of the Economic Commission for Europe of the United Nations (UN/ECE) — Uniform provisions concerning the approval of vehicles with regard to the location and identification of hand controls, tell-tales and indicators [2016/18]</a>
09-01-16	<a href="#">Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2016/19 of 8 January 2016 establishing the allocation coefficient to be applied to the quantities covered by the applications for import licences lodged from 4 January 2016 to 5 January 2016 under the tariff quota opened by Regulation (EC) No 1918/2006 for olive oil originating in Tunisia</a>
	<a href="#">Commission Recommendation (EU) 2016/22 of 7 January 2016 on the prevention and reduction of ethyl carbamate contamination in stone fruit spirits and stone fruit marc spirits, repealing Recommendation 2010/133/EU</a>
13-01-16	<a href="#">Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2016/24 of 8 January 2016 imposing special conditions governing the import of groundnuts from Brazil, <i>Capsicum annum</i> and nutmeg from India and nutmeg from Indonesia and amending Regulations (EC) No 669/2009 and (EU) No 884/2014</a>
	<a href="#">Summary of European Commission Decisions on authorisations for the placing on the market for the use and/or for use of substances listed in Annex XIV to Regulation (EC) No 1907/2006 of the European Parliament and of the Council concerning the Registration, Evaluation, Authorisation and Restriction of Chemicals (REACH) (Published pursuant to Article 64(9) of Regulation (EC) No 1907/2006) [2016/C 010/4]</a>
14-01-16	<a href="#">Commission Regulation (EU) 2016/26 of 13 January 2016 amending Annex XVII to Regulation (EC) No 1907/2006 of the European Parliament and of the Council concerning the Registration, Evaluation, Authorisation and Restriction of Chemicals (REACH) as regards nonylphenol ethoxylates</a>
	<a href="#">Commission Regulation (EU) 2016/27 of 13 January 2016 amending Annexes III and IV to Regulation (EC) No 999/2001 of the European Parliament and of the Council laying down rules for the prevention, control and eradication of certain transmissible spongiform encephalopathies</a>
15-01-16	<a href="#">Corrigendum to summary of European Commission Decisions on authorisations for the placing on the market for the use and/or for use of substances listed in Annex XIV to Regulation (EC) No 1907/2006 of the European Parliament and of the Council concerning the Registration, Evaluation, Authorisation and Restriction of Chemicals (REACH) (Published pursuant to Article 64(9) of Regulation (EC) No 1907/2006) ( OJ C 10, 13.1.2016 ) [2016/C 012/6]</a>
	<a href="#">Commission Communication in the framework of the implementation of Regulation (EC) No 1907/2006 of the European Parliament and of the Council concern-</a>

OJ Date	Subject
	<a href="#">ing the Registration, Evaluation, Authorisation and Restriction of Chemicals (REACH) (Publication of titles and references of harmonised standards under entry 27 of Annex XVII of REACH). [2016/C 014/4]</a>
16-01-16	<p><a href="#">Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2016/39 of 14 January 2016 amending Annex I to Regulation (EC) No 798/2008 as regards the entry for Mexico in the list of third countries, territories, zones or compartments from which certain poultry commodities may be imported into or transit through the Union in relation to highly pathogenic avian influenza</a></p> <p><a href="#">Commission Implementing Decision (EU) 2016/41 of 14 January 2016 amending Annex II to Decision 2007/777/EC as regards the entry for Mexico in the list of third countries or parts thereof from which the introduction of meat products and treated stomachs, bladders and intestines into the Union is authorised in relation to highly pathogenic avian influenza (notified under document C(2016) 41)</a></p> <p><a href="#">Commission Implementing Decision (EU) 2016/42 of 15 January 2016 amending the Annex to Implementing Decision (EU) 2015/2460 concerning certain protective measures in relation to highly pathogenic avian influenza of subtype H5 in France (notified under document C(2016) 209)</a></p> <p><a href="#">Commission Notice — Guidance document: export, re-export, import and intra-Union trade of rhinoceros horns[2015/C 015/2]</a></p>
19-01-16	<p><a href="#">Commission Regulation (EU) 2016/46 of 18 January 2016 amending Annex III to Regulation (EC) No 396/2005 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards maximum residue levels for oxadixyl and spinetoram in or on certain products</a></p> <p><a href="#">Council Decision (CFSP) 2016/51 of 18 January 2016 in support of the Biological and Toxin Weapons Convention (BTWC) in the framework of the EU Strategy against Proliferation of Weapons of Mass Destruction</a></p>
20-01-16	<p><a href="#">Council Regulation (Euratom) 2016/52 of 15 January 2016 laying down maximum permitted levels of radioactive contamination of food and feed following a nuclear accident or any other case of radiological emergency, and repealing Regulation (Euratom) No 3954/87 and Commission Regulations (Euratom) No 944/89 and (Euratom) No 770/90</a></p> <p><a href="#">Commission Regulation (EU) 2016/53 of 19 January 2016 amending Annexes II and III to Regulation (EC) No 396/2005 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards maximum residue levels for diethofencarb, mesotrione, metosulam and pirimiphos-methyl in or on certain products</a></p> <p><a href="#">Commission Regulation (EU) 2016/54 of 19 January 2016 amending Annex I to Regulation (EC) No 1334/2008 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards inclusion of gamma-glutamyl-valyl-glycine in the Union list of flavouring substances</a></p> <p><a href="#">Commission Regulation (EU) 2016/55 of 19 January 2016 amending Annex I to Regulation (EC) No 1334/2008 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards certain flavouring substances</a></p> <p><a href="#">Commission Regulation (EU) 2016/56 of 19 January 2016 amending Annex II to Regulation (EC) No 1333/2008 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards the use of extracts of rosemary (E 392) in spreadable fats</a></p> <p><a href="#">Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2016/57 of 19 January 2016 amending Annex I to Regulation (EC) No 798/2008 as regards the entry for the United States in the list of third countries, territories, zones or compartments from which poultry and poultry products may be imported into or transit through the Union in relation to highly pathogenic avian influenza outbreaks in the State of Minnesota</a></p> <p><a href="#">Corrigendum to Directive 2014/32/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council of 26 February 2014 on the harmonisation of the laws of the Member States relating to the making available on the market of measuring instruments ( OJ L 96, 29.3.2014 )</a></p>
23-01-16	<p><a href="#">Commission Regulation (EU) 2016/75 of 21 January 2016 amending Annex III to Regulation (EC) No 396/2005 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards maximum residue levels for fosetyl in or on certain products</a></p> <p><a href="#">Council Decision (EU) 2016/77 of 18 January 2016 confirming the position taken on behalf of the European Union within the 10th Ministerial Conference of the</a></p>

OJ Date	Subject
	<p><a href="#">World Trade Organization as regards export competition and development issues</a></p> <p><a href="#">Notice to producers and importers of hydrofluorocarbons and to new undertakings intending to place hydrofluorocarbons in bulk on the market in the European Union in 2017 [2016/C 026/7]</a></p>
26-01-16	<p><a href="#">Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2016/79 of 25 November 2015 amending Annex III to Regulation (EU) No 978/2012 of the European Parliament and of the Council applying a scheme of generalised tariff preferences</a></p> <p><a href="#">Commission Implementing Decision (EU) 2016/87 of 22 January 2016 on the withdrawal from the market of existing products derived from MON 863 (MON-ØØ863-5) and repealing Decisions 2010/139/EU, 2010/140/EU, 2010/141/EU authorising the placing on the market of products containing, consisting of, or produced from genetically modified maize MON863xMON810xNK603 (MON-ØØ863-5xMON-ØØ810-6xMON-ØØ6Ø3-6), MON863xMON810 (MON-ØØ863-5xMON-ØØ810-6) and MON863xNK603 (MON-ØØ863-5xMON-ØØ6Ø3-6) pursuant to Regulation (EC) No 1829/2003 of the European Parliament and of the Council (notified under document C(2016) 204)</a></p> <p><a href="#">Decision No 1 of the EU-Bosnia and Herzegovina Stabilisation and Association Council of 11 December 2015 adopting its rules of procedure [2016/88]</a></p> <p><a href="#">Corrigendum to Decision No 1/2011 (2011/293/EU) of the EU-Morocco Association Council of 30 March 2011 with regard to the amendment of Annex II of Protocol 4 to the Euro-Mediterranean Agreement between the European Communities and their Member States, of the one part, and the Kingdom of Morocco, of the other part, containing the list of working or processing required to be carried out on non-originating materials in order for the product manufactured to obtain originating status ( OJ L 141, 27.5.2011 )</a></p>
27-01-16	<p><a href="#">Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2016/91 of 26 January 2016 amending Council Regulation (EC) No 2368/2002 implementing the Kimberley Process certification scheme for the international trade in rough diamonds</a></p> <p><a href="#">Commission Regulation (EU) 2016/71 of 26 January 2016 amending Annexes II, III and V to Regulation (EC) No 396/2005 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards maximum residue levels for 1-methylcyclopropene, flonicamid, flutriafol, indolyacetic acid, indolybutyric acid, pethoxamid, pirimicarb, prothioconazole and teflubenzuron in or on certain products</a></p>
28-01-16	<p><a href="#">Information on the date of entry into force of the Protocol to the Euro Mediterranean Agreement establishing an association between the European Community and its Member States, of the one part, and the Republic of Tunisia, of the other part, on a Framework Agreement between the European Union and the Republic of Tunisia on the general principles for the participation of the Republic of Tunisia in Union programs</a></p> <p><a href="#">Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2016/104 of 27 January 2016 concerning the authorisation of a preparation of <i>Saccharomyces cerevisiae</i> MUCL 39885 as a feed additive for minor ruminant species for fattening and dairy production (holder of the authorisation Prosol SpA)</a></p> <p><a href="#">Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2016/105 of 27 January 2016 approving biphenyl-2-ol as an existing active substance for use in biocidal products for product-types 1, 2, 4, 6 and 13</a></p> <p><a href="#">Commission Implementing Decision (EU) 2016/107 of 27 January 2016 not approving cybutryne as an existing active substance for use in biocidal products for product-type 21</a></p> <p><a href="#">Commission Implementing Decision (EU) 2016/108 of 27 January 2016 not approving 2-Butanone, peroxide as an existing active substance for use in biocidal products for product-types 1 and 2</a></p> <p><a href="#">Commission Implementing Decision (EU) 2016/109 of 27 January 2016 not to approve PHMB (1600; 1.8) as an existing active substance for use in biocidal products for product-types 1, 6 and 9</a></p> <p><a href="#">Commission Implementing Decision (EU) 2016/110 of 27 January 2016 not approving triclosan as an existing active substance for use in biocidal products for product-type 1</a></p> <p><a href="#">Corrigendum to Directive 2009/67/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 13 July 2009 on the installation of lighting and light-signalling devices</a></p>

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	<a href="#">on two or three-wheel motor vehicles ( OJ L 222, 25.8.2009 )</a>
	<a href="#">Opinion of the European Economic and Social Committee on the proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council 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 (recast) (COM(2015) 282 final — 2015/0128 (COD))</a> [2016/C 032/5]
29-01-16	<a href="#">Decision No 2/2016 of the EU-Switzerland Joint Committee of 3 December 2015 amending Protocol 3 to the Agreement between the European Economic Community and the Swiss Confederation concerning the definition of the concept of 'originating products' and methods of administrative cooperation</a> [2016/121]
	<a href="#">Summary of European Union decisions on marketing authorisations in respect of medicinal products from 1 December 2015 to 31 December 2015 (Published pursuant to Article 13 or Article 38 of Regulation (EC) No 726/2004 of the European Parliament and of the Council)</a> [2016/C 035/01]

### Restrictive measures established, amended, corrected

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

OJ Date	Restrictive Measure
07-01-16	<a href="#">Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2016/13 of 6 January 2016 amending for the 240th 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>
15-01-16	<a href="#">Council Regulation (EU) 2016/31 of 14 January 2016 amending Regulation (EU) No 267/2012 concerning restrictive measures against Iran</a>
	<a href="#">Council Decision (CFSP) 2016/35 of 14 January 2016 amending Decision 2010/413/CFSP concerning restrictive measures against Iran</a>
	<a href="#">Council Decision (CFSP) 2016/36 of 14 January 2016 amending Decision 2010/413/CFSP concerning restrictive measures against Iran</a>
16-01-16	<a href="#">Council Decision (CFSP) 2016/37 of 16 January 2016 concerning the date of application of Decision (CFSP) 2015/1863 amending Decision 2010/413/CFSP concerning restrictive measures against Iran</a>
	<a href="#">Information concerning the date of application of Council Regulation (EU) 2015/1861 amending Regulation (EU) No 267/2012 concerning restrictive measures against Iran and Council Implementing Regulation (EU) 2015/1862 implementing Regulation (EU) No 267/2012 concerning restrictive measures against Iran</a> [2016/C 015/1]
19-01-16	<a href="#">Council Regulation (EU) 2016/44 of 18 January 2016 concerning restrictive measures in view of the situation in Libya and repealing Regulation (EU) No 204/2011</a>
	<a href="#">Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2016/47 of 18 January 2016 amending for the 241st time Council Regulation (EC) No 881/2002 imposing certain specific restrictive measures directed against certain persons and entities associated with the Al Qaida network</a>
21-01-16	<a href="#">Commission Regulation (EU) 2016/60 of 19 January 2016 amending Annexes II and III to Regulation (EC) No 396/2005 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards maximum residue levels for chlorpyrifos in or on certain products</a>
	<a href="#">Council Decision (EU) 2016/63 of 15 January 2016 concerning the accession of Croatia to the Convention drawn up on the basis of Article K.3(2)(c) of the Treaty on European Union on the fight against corruption involving officials of the European Communities or officials of Member States of the European Union</a>
22-01-16	<a href="#">Information concerning the entry into force of the Additional Protocol to the Free Trade Agreement between the European Union and its Member States, of the one part, and the Republic of Korea, of the other part, to take account of the accession of Croatia to the European Union</a>

OJ Date	Restrictive Measure
	<a href="#">Commission Regulation (EU) 2016/67 of 19 January 2016 amending Annexes II, III and V to Regulation (EC) No 396/2005 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards maximum residue levels for ametoctradin, chlorothalonil, diphenylamine, flonicamid, fluazinam, fluoxastrobin, halauxifen-methyl, pro-pamocarb, prothioconazole, thiachloprid and trifloxystrobin in or on certain products</a>
23-01-16	<a href="#">Council Implementing Regulation (EU) 2016/74 of 22 January 2016 implementing Regulation (EU) No 267/2012 concerning restrictive measures against Iran</a> <a href="#">Council Implementing Decision (CFSP) 2016/78 of 22 January 2016 implementing Decision 2010/413/CFSP concerning restrictive measures against Iran</a>
29-01-16	<a href="#">Council Implementing Regulation (EU) 2016/111 of 28 January 2016 implementing Regulation (EU) No 101/2011 concerning restrictive measures directed against certain persons, entities and bodies in view of the situation in Tunisia</a> <a href="#">Council Decision (CFSP) 2016/119 of 28 January 2016 amending Decision 2011/72/CFSP concerning restrictive measures directed against certain persons and entities in view of the situation in Tunisia</a>
30-01-16	<a href="#">Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2016/124 of 29 January 2016 approving PHMB (1600: 1.8) as an existing active substance for use in biocidal products for product-type 4</a> <a href="#">Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2016/125 of 29 January 2016 approving PHMB (1600: 1.8) as an existing active substance for use in biocidal products for product-types 2, 3, 11</a>

## Antidumping and countervailing duty cases

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

## Individual Countries

### France

#### Notices to importers

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

Release Date	Ref. No. and Subject
04-01-16	<a href="#">Notice to Importers 2016/1-Notice to importers of certain products originating in the Western Balkans, particularly in Bosnia and Herzegovina</a>
05-01-16	<a href="#">Declarations of Goods Exchanges between Member States of the European Union (DA № 16-005).</a>
14-01-16	<a href="#">2016/2-Notice to importers of goods from Kosovo, Moldova and Ukraine (autonomous preferences)</a>
20-01-16	<a href="#">2016/3-Notice to importers of citric acid originating in China and consigned from Malaysia</a>
28-01-16	<a href="#">2016/4-Notice to importers of SWR originating, inter alia, in Ukraine</a> <a href="#">2016/5-Notice to importers of products eligible for the scheme of generalized tariff preferences (GSP)</a>

## Germany

### Germany publishes guidance on the Iran arms embargo

On 20 January 2016, the BAFA, the German export control authority, has today published guidance on the scope of the arms embargo against Iran. This can be accessed at: <http://www.bafa.de/ausfuhrkontrolle/de/embargos/iran/index.html>

#### Prohibitions

- Prohibitions exist with respect to the sale, export, transit, import, purchase and transport of arms to Iran or from Iran (§§ 74 ff AWV) and with regard to the provision of relevant services (Art. 5 of Regulation (EU) no. 267/2012).
- Prohibitions exist further with respect to the sale, export, supply, transfer, import, purchase and transport of goods, by the International export control regimes of the MTCR (Missile Technology Control Regime are detected). Again, the provision of appropriate services is also prohibited (Art. 4a - 4c of Regulation (EU) no. 267/2012).
- Further prohibited is the direct or indirect provision of funds or economic resources to persons, institutions or organizations, were placed against the financial sanctions. The circle of persons, institutions or companies affected by this has indeed significantly reduced, but remains with respect to certain persons, institutions and enterprises exist. The people, institutions and businesses affected by this can be found in Annexes VIII, IX, XIII and XIV, the Annexes XIII and XIV are not currently filled.
- The prohibitions of the so-called Iran-Human Rights Regulation (Regulation (EU) no. 359/2011) are also continuing. This affects mainly the export of goods of internal repression (is Art. 1a in conjunction with Annex III also other prohibitions outside the Iran embargo regulation of this Regulation. (About after the War Weapons Control Act) shall continue.

#### Licensing requirements

- Authorization requirements are to be observed at the time of sale, delivery, transfer or export of goods from the international export control regimes of the NSG (Nuclear Suppliers Group are detected) (Art. 2a in conjunction with Annex I of the Iran Embargo Regulation). Also permit is required for the provision of certain services related to NSG goods, in particular technical assistance (Art. 2a para. 1b, c Iran embargo regulation), as well as the purchase, import and transport of NSG goods from Iran (Art. 2a para. 1e Iran Embargo Regulation).
- The sale, supply, transfer or export of goods, of Annex II are recognized Iran embargo regulation, is also subject to authorization (Art. 3a in conjunction with Annex II of the Iran Embargo Regulation). Similarly, the provision of certain services in connection with these products, in particular technical assistance (Art. 3a para. 1b, c Iran embargo regulation) as well as the purchase, import and transport of such goods from Iran (Art. 3a para. 1e ) subject to approval.

Appendix II re-include goods that were previously set out in Annexes II and III were listed.

- Also, the sale, supply, transfer or export of software for enterprise resource planning (Art. 10d in conjunction with Annex VII A of the Iran embargo regulation) as well as certain graphites, raw metals and metal semi-finished products (Art. 15a in conjunction with Annex VII B ) is subject to authorization. Also applies to the provision of certain services in connection with these products, in particular Technical Assistance (Art. 3a para. 1b, c Iran embargo regulation) is also subject to approval.
- Besides are general approval and information duties according to Art. 3 and Art. 4 EC - Dual-use Regulation (Regulation (EC) no. 428/2009), according to § 8 para. 1 no. 2, 9 AWV, according to Art . 1b in conjunction with Annex IV of the Iran Human Rights Regulation (Regulation (EU) no. 359/2011), according to Art. 4 of the Firearms Regulation (Regulation (EU) no. 258/2011) and by Art. 5 of the Anti-Torture Regulation ( Regulation (EC) no. 1236/2005) should be noted.

## Switzerland

### Swiss lift Iranian sanctions on the occasion of Implementation Day

On 17 January 2016 the Federal Council [announced](#) that Swiss sanctions against Iran will be lifted at the same time as those of the UN and the EU. To make that possible, the Federal Council conducted a total revision of the *Ordinance on Measures regarding the Islamic Republic of Iran*. The new ordinance came into force at 12 am on 17 January 2016.

On 16 January 2016, the International Atomic Energy Agency IAEA confirmed that Iran had complied with its obligations under the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action (JCPOA). On this basis, this day becomes the '*Implementation Day*', *i.e.*, the day on which the nuclear agreement is formally implemented. The agreement provides for the simultaneous lifting or suspension of a large portion of the international sanctions against Iran in return for IAEA-verified restrictions to Iran's nuclear programme.

Switzerland has always supported the process to negotiate and implement the agreement. The Federal Council is confident that implementation of the nuclear agreement and the lifting of international sanctions will enable political and economic exchanges with Iran to be intensified. Switzerland congratulated the parties (E3/EU+3 (China, Russia, USA, Germany, France and the UK) and Iran) involved on the successful implementation of the agreed plan.

On 21 October 2015, the Federal Council took a decision of principle on the future lifting of Swiss sanctions against Iran and commissioned the EAER to prepare the necessary changes to the relevant legislation. At its meeting on 11 November 2015, the Federal Council decided to conduct a total revision of the *Ordinance on Measures against the Islamic Republic of Iran*. The remaining restrictions against Iran are based on the corresponding UN and EU measures. They concern trade and services involving arms, equipment which may be used for internal repression and delivery systems. Trade in nuclear goods and nuclear-related dual-use goods will be subject to licence. In addition, financial and travel restrictions remain in place for a limited number of individuals and firms. Further restrictions concern

in particular technical services for Iranian cargo aircraft and the fulfilment of certain demands.

## New rules on designations of origin on Swiss products and services issued

The Swiss Federal Council recently adopted a new set of rules on designations of origin on Swiss products and services (the “Swissness” criteria). The “Swissness” criteria prescribe how much “Switzerland” must be in a product or service so as to qualify as “Swiss”. At present, the rules applying to designations of origin are unclear and do not protect the geographic indication “Switzerland” sufficiently. The new laws will be in force as of 1 January 2017. Products manufactured under the old rules before this date may be sold until 31 December 2018 at the latest.

For more information, please see the client alert written by [Michael Treis](#) and [Eva-Maria Strobel](#), Baker & McKenzie, Zurich, [here](#).

## United Kingdom

### UK BIS issues Notice to Exporters on lifting of nuclear-related sanctions against Iran

On 18 January 2016, the UK's Department for Business, Innovation & Skills published a Notice to UK exporters, [Notice 2016/05](#), on the lifting of the EU nuclear-related sanctions against Iran:

This Notice provides a helpful summary of the range of items that are no longer prohibited from supply to Iran, but are subject to UK export licensing requirements as of Implementation Day. This includes:

- Nuclear-related goods and technology as specified on the Nuclear Suppliers Group (NSG) [Trigger List](#) and the NSG Dual-Use List and listed in Annex I of [Council Regulation \(EU\) 267/2012](#). The UK is required to seek approval from the UN Security Council through a 'Procurement Channel' before granting a licence for these items, in relation to which the Notice reveals that the UK Export Control Organisation will be issuing guidance in due course.
- Nuclear-related goods and technology as listed in Annex II of Council Regulation (EU) 267/2012.
- Metals: certain graphite and raw or semi-finished metals.
- Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) software, including updates.
- Provision of technical assistance, brokering services, or financial assistance related to any of the above.

For further guidance on the UK export licensing implications, please do not hesitate to contact Baker & McKenzie's International Trade team in London.

### Sanctions relief paves the way for developing UK trade relationship with Iran

On 16 January 2016 UK Trade & Investment (UKTI), Department for Business, Innovation & Skills (BIS), UK Export Finance (UKEF), Export Control Organisation (ECO) and The Rt Hon Lord Maude of Horsham [announced](#) that Iran has received extensive economic and financial sanctions relief as a result of meeting its obligations under the nuclear deal agreed on 14 July 2015, meaning the country is now able to trade more freely. The announcement said:

On 16 January Implementation Day was triggered following the verification by the International Atomic Energy Agency of Iran meeting its requirements as part of a comprehensive agreement on Iran's nuclear programme. This has resulted in the termination of EU nuclear related financial and economic sanctions, and the suspension of US nuclear related secondary financial and economic sanctions.

As a result, UK Export Finance (UKEF), the UK's export credit agency, has reintroduced cover to support UK companies seeking to compete for business in Iran.

Cover is now available on a case-by-case basis in Pounds Sterling and Euros. Within this, and in recognition of the UK's place as a global centre of excellence for financial and professional services, UKEF will make available a £50 million facility guaranteeing payments to UK professional advisory service providers advising the government of Iran.

This can cover advice on areas such as: accounting standards; capital market development; compliance with global regulatory requirements; accessing and reducing the cost of financing; and facilitating new trade. UKEF will also consider applications for direct lending to purchasers of British exports to Iran.

To improve UK-Iran trade, UKEF will work directly with the Export Guarantee Fund of Iran and the Iranian Ministry of Economic Affairs and Finance.

UKTI is the government department that helps UK-based companies succeed in the global economy. It also helps overseas companies bring their investment to the UK's economy. UKEF is the UK's export credit agency. It supports long term economic growth and competitiveness by complementing the private market with insurance for exporters, loan guarantees to banks, and support for and provision of loans to overseas buyers of UK goods and services.

The latest information on UKEF's cover position for the Islamic Republic of Iran can be [found here](#).

## HMRC updates

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

Release Date	Ref. No. and Subject
12-01-16	<a href="#">CIP 59 (2015): EU-Ukraine Deep Comprehensive Free Trade agreement</a>
06-01-16	<a href="#">CIP 60 (2015): pre-Union Customs Code authorisations</a>
11-01-16	<a href="#">CIP 1 (2016): extension of the Association Agreement between the EU and Moldova</a>

## BIS issues guidance for exporters of nuclear goods to Iran

On 29 January 2016, the Department for Business, Innovation and Skills (BIS) released a publication entitled [“The Procurement channel for export of nuclear goods to Iran – Guidance for exporters”](#) (BIS/16/102). The 8 page Guide notes that although the majority of EU trade and financial sanctions against Iran were lifted under the [Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action \(JCPOA\)](#) agreed between the E3+3 (i.e. UK, France, Germany, USA, Russia, China) and Iran, some sanctions remain in force including the arms embargo and a ban on the supply of missile-related goods, technology and associated services.

In addition, certain nuclear-related activities with Iran can only take place if they have been approved in advance by the [UN Security Council](#). States will seek approval for these activities from the Security Council which will then consult a Procurement Working Group comprising the E3+3 and Iran. The Procurement Work-

ing Group will consider all such proposals and make a recommendation to the Security Council for its final review and decision. The Security Council will then notify the proposing State whether its request has been approved or disapproved. This is known as the Procurement Channel and covers:

1. The supply, sale or transfer of items, materials, equipment, goods, and technology specified in the Nuclear Suppliers Group (NSG) [Trigger List](#) and NSG [Dual-Use List](#), as well as any further items if the relevant State determines that they could contribute to activities inconsistent with the JCPOA.
2. The provision to Iran of assistance or services related to the supply, sale, transfer, manufacture, or use of the items specified above (e.g. technical assistance or training, financial assistance, investment, brokering).
3. The acquisition by any Iranian person, entity or body of an interest in commercial activities in another state involving uranium mining and the production and use of goods in the NSG Trigger List, and related investments.

The Guide, which is in a Q&A format, provides practical guidance for UK exporters and service providers regarding the procurement channel for exporting nuclear goods to Iran. It includes links to guidance on doing business with Iran, [relevant sanctions](#), and the joint comprehensive plan of action.

## BIS/ECO updates OGELs and one OGTCL

On 20 January 2016, the Export Control Organisation (ECO), Department for Business, Innovation and Skills (BIS) issued [Notice to Exporters 2016/06: dual-use and other licences updated](#) which announced that several Open General Export Licences (OGELs) have been amended and republished following changes to the EU dual-use list. In addition, an Open General Trade Control Licence (OGTCL) was also updated. The revised OGEL licences are:

- [Open general export licence \(export for repair/replacement under warranty: dual-use items\)](#)
- [Open general export licence \(export after repair/replacement under warranty: dual-use items\)](#)
- [Open general export licence \(dual-use items: Hong Kong Special Administrative Region\)](#)
- [Open general export licence \(technology for dual-use items\)](#)
- [Open general export licence \(X\)](#)
- [Open general export licence \(Turkey\)](#)
- [Open general export licence \(export after exhibition: dual-use items\)](#)

The OGEL (Vintage Aircraft) has been updated to remove ML10b from the goods schedule, to update the text to refer to the Arts Council and to extend the time-period by which goods must be exported under this licence to six months (rather than three months) for consistency purposes.

- [Open general export licence \(vintage aircraft\)](#)

Additionally, the OGTCL (Trade and Transportation: Small Arms and Light Weapons) has been updated to reflect the expansion of the list of items subject to Category B of the trade controls (trafficking and brokering):

- [Open general trade control licence \(trade and transportation: small arms and light weapons\)](#)

## ECO Notices to Exporters and BIS documents

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

Date	Notice No. and Subject
04-01-16	<a href="#">Notice to Exporters 2016/01: ECO publishes latest version of consolidated list</a>
05-01-15	<a href="#">Notice to Exporters 2016/02: Invitation – workshop on detailed designs for SPIRE replacement, 25 January</a>
06-01-15	<a href="#">Notice to Exporters 2016/03: EU extends Russia sanctions to 31 July 2016</a>
15-01-16	<a href="#">Notice to Exporters 2016/04: join the workshop on detailed designs for SPIRE replacement via conference call</a>
18-01-16	<a href="#">Notice to Exporters: 2016/05: EU ends economic and financial nuclear-related sanctions against Iran</a>
20-01-16	<a href="#">Notice to Exporters 2016/06: dual-use and other licences updated</a>
25-01-16	<a href="#">Notice to Exporters 2016/07: places still available for MOD Form 680 Seminar</a>
29-01-16	<a href="#">The procurement channel for export of nuclear goods to Iran: guidance for exporters (BIS/16/102)</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>Ireland (Eire)</b>	
05-01-16	<a href="#">S.I. No. 614 of 2015 - European Union (Two or Three Wheel Motor Vehicles and Quadricycles Type-Approval) Regulations 2015</a>
	<a href="#">S.I. No. 621/2015 - European Communities (Machinery) (Amendment) Regulations 2015</a>
08-01-16	<a href="#">S.I. No. 3 of 2016 - European Communities (Official Controls on the Import of Food of Non-Animal Origin) (Amendment) Regulations 2016</a>
<b>Liechtenstein</b>	
15-01-16	LGBI № 2016.009 <a href="#">Exchange of Notes between the Principality of Liechtenstein and the European Union concerning the adoption of Regulation (EU) no. 515/2014 establishing an instrument of financial support for external borders and visa as part of the fund for internal security and the Regulation (EU) No. 514/2014 laying down general provisions on the Asylum, Migration and Integration Fund and the instrument for financial support for police cooperation, crime prevention and combating crime, and crisis management (development of the Schengen acquis) (LR № 0.362.380.061)</a>
<b>Luxembourg</b>	
15-01-16	Mem. A № 4 <a href="#">Grand Ducal regulation of 11 January 2016 replacing Annex II of the Luxembourg regulation modified July 30, 2013 on the restriction of the use of certain hazardous substances in electrical and electronic equipment.</a>
<b>Malta</b>	
08-01-16	<a href="#">№ 9 of 2016 – Animal Health Problems Affecting Intra-Community Trade in Bovine Animals and Swine (Amendment) Regulations, 2016 Government Gazette of Malta No. 19,520 – 08.01.2016</a>
15-01-16	<a href="#">№ 14 of 2016 - Customs (Amendment) Regulations, 2016 Government Gazette of Malta No. 19,522 – 15.01.2016</a>
22-01-16	<a href="#">3№ 35 of 2016 - Organic Production and Labelling of Organic Products Regulations, 2016 Government Gazette of Malta No. 19,525 – 22.01.2016</a>

Date*	Measure
<b>Norway</b>	
05-01-16	FOR-2015-12-21-1831 Finance <a href="#">Regulations amending the Customs Regulations</a>
	FOR-2015-12-22-1835 Finance <a href="#">Delegation of authority under the Customs Act § 9-5 first paragraph</a>
	FOR-2015-12-22-1838 Ministry <a href="#">Regulation amending the Regulation on technical requirements and approval of vehicles, parts and equipment (Vehicle Regulations)</a>
	FOR-2015-12-23-1844 Ministry <a href="#">Regulation amending the Regulation on technical requirements and approval of vehicles, parts and equipment (Vehicle Regulations)</a>
06-01-16	FOR-2015-12-15-1847 Agriculture and Food <a href="#">Regulation amending Regulations relating to plants and measures against pests</a>
08-01-16	FOR-2016-01-06-6 Agriculture and Food <a href="#">Regulation amending the Regulation on quarantine for dogs and cats</a>
19-01-16	FOR-2016-01-14-24 Industry and Fisheries Ministry of Agriculture and Food, Ministry of Health <a href="#">Regulation amending the Regulation on special import conditions for feed and food originating in or exported from Japan</a>
	FOR-2016-01-15-26 Industry and Fisheries Ministry of Agriculture and Food, Ministry of Health <a href="#">Regulation amending the Regulation on reduced control on the import of foodstuffs have been checked before export MCA</a>
	FOR-2016-01-15-27 Industry and Fisheries Ministry of Agriculture and Food, Ministry of Health <a href="#">Regulations amending the special safeguard measures for imports of certain feed and food from third countries because of aflatoxin risk</a>
22-01-16	FOR-2016-01-12-32 Foreign Affairs <a href="#">Regulation amending the Regulation on the export of defense equipment, multi-purpose products, technologies and services</a>
	FOR-2016-01-15-35 Industry and Fisheries Ministry <a href="#">Regulations on the production and sale of recreational boats and water scooters etc.</a>
25-01-16	FOR-2016-01-22-46 Agriculture and Food <a href="#">Regulation amending the Regulation on the import and transit of poultry and certain poultry products from third countries</a>
26-01-16	FOR-2016-01-19-51 Agriculture and Food <a href="#">Regulations amending the regulations on protective measures against avian influenza and imports of poultry and poultry products</a>
	FOR-2016-01-20-52 Industry and Fisheries Ministry <a href="#">Regulation amending the Regulation on the control of exports of fish and fish products and regulations on coordinated collection of tax on fish and fish products</a>
<b>Poland</b>	
05-01-16	№ 17 <a href="#">Proclamation of the Marshal of the Polish Sejm on 4 December 2015. On the uniform text of the Plant Protection Act</a>
25-01-16	№ 115 <a href="#">Statement of the Minister of Finance dated 7 January 2016. On announcing single text of the Regulation of the Minister of Finance on information on vacancies official in the Customs Service and the qualification procedure for the Customs Service</a>
<b>Spain</b>	
02-01-16	Hacienda: <a href="#">Order HAP / 2863/2015 of 28 December, approving the extension of the territorial scope of the Zona Franca de Barcelona is authorized. (BOE-A-2016-41)</a>
25-01-16	Hacienda: <a href="#">Resolution of January 14, 2016, the Department of Customs and Special Taxes of the State Tax Administration Agency, by amending that of July 11, 2014, in which the instructions for the formalization of the Single Administrative Document are collected (DUA). (BOE-A-2016-646)</a>
<b>Switzerland</b>	
06-01-16	<a href="#">Ordinance of the OSAv establishing measures to prevent the introduction in Switzerland of avian influenza from France (RS 916.443.112.349)</a>
08-01-16	<a href="#">Ordinance of the OSAv establishing measures to prevent the spread of African swine fever present in certain Member States of the European Union (RS 916.443.107)</a>
12-01-16	<a href="#">Ordinance of the FDF on goods benefiting from customs relief according to their use (Ordinance on customs relief, OADou) (RS 631.012)</a>

Date*	Measure
	<a href="#">Ordinance of the FDF on contributions rates to the export of agricultural commodities (RS 632.111.723.1)</a>
	<a href="#">Ordinance of the FOAG on fixing periods and deadlines as well as the authorization of parts tariff quota of fresh vegetables, fresh fruit and fresh cut flowers (Ordinance authorizing imports on the OIELFP) (RS 916.121.100)</a>
15-01-16	<a href="#">DFI Ordinance regulating the import trade, transit and export of animals and animal products (OITE-PT-DFI) [RS 916.443.106]</a>
22-01-16	<a href="#">Ordinance of the OSAv establishing measures to prevent the introduction in Switzerland of avian influenza from France (RS 916.443.112.349)</a>
	<a href="#">Ordinance on the placing on the market and use of biocidal products (Ordinance on Biocidal Products, OBP) (RS 813.12)</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>
26-01-16	<a href="#">Decision № 2/2015 of the Council amending the Appendix to Annex Q (Air Transport) of the Convention of 4 January 1960 establishing the European Free Trade Association (EFTA) (RS 0.632.31)</a>
	<a href="#">Decision № 2/2015 of 3 December 2015 of the EU-Switzerland Joint Committee amending Protocol 3 to the Agreement between the European Economic Community and the Swiss Confederation, concerning the definition of the concept of "originating products" and methods administrative cooperation (RS 0.632.401.3)</a>
<b>United Kingdom</b>	
14-01-15	<a href="#">SSI 2016/18 - The Fireworks (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2016</a>
	<a href="#">SSI 2016/24 - The Products Containing Meat etc. (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2016</a>
18-01-16	<a href="#">SR 2016/4 - The Animal Feed (Composition, Marketing and Use) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2016</a>
	<a href="#">SR 2016/5 - The Animal Feed (Hygiene, Sampling etc. and Enforcement) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2016</a>
27-01-16	<a href="#">SI 2016/70 - The Administrative Forfeiture of Cash (Forfeiture Notices) (Northern Ireland) Regulations 2016</a>
29-01-16	<a href="#">2016 c. 2 - Psychoactive Substances Act 2016</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>Ireland (Eire)</b>	
05-01-16	<a href="#">S.I. No. 590 of 2015 - Criminal Justice (Terrorist Offences) Act 2005 (Section 42(2) and (6)) (Restrictive Measures Concerning Certain Persons and Entities Associated With the Al-Qaida Network) (Financial Sanctions) (No. 3) Regulations 2015</a>
<b>Liechtenstein</b>	
14-01-16	<a href="#">LGBI № 2016.005 Decree of 12 January 2016 concerning amendment of the ordinance on measures against individuals and entities with links to the grouping "Al Qaeda" (LR № 946.222.22)</a>
	<a href="#">LGBI № 2016.006 Decree of 12 January 2016 concerning amendment of the ordinance on measures against the Central African Republic (LR № 946.224.1)</a>
14-01-16	<a href="#">LGBI № 2016.007 Decree of 12 January 2016 concerning amendment of the ordinance on measures against Syria (LR № 946.223.8)</a>
19-01-16	<a href="#">LGBI № 2016.010 Regulation of 19 January 2016 Sanctions against the Islamic</a>

Date*	Restrictive Measure
	<a href="#">Republic of Iran (LR № 946.223.3)</a>
21-01-16	LGBI № 2016.011 <a href="#">Decree of 19 January 2016 concerning amendment of the ordinance on measures against individuals and entities with links to the grouping "Al Qaeda (LR № 946.222.22)</a>
28-01-16	LGBI № 2016.024 <a href="#">Decree of 26 January 2016 concerning amendment of the ordinance on measures against the Islamic Republic of Iran (LR № 946.223.3)</a>
29-01-16	LGBI № 2016.028 <a href="#">Announcement of 10 November 2015, the Communication of the Principality of Liechtenstein on the preferential treatment of the LDCs with regard to measures in accordance with Art. XVI of the General Agreement on Trade in Services (GATS (LR № 0.632.20)</a>
<b>Norway</b>	
06-01-16	FOR-2015-12-21-1850 Foreign Affairs <a href="#">Regulation amending the Regulation on restrictive measures against the Republic of Guinea</a>
17-01-16	FOR-2016-01-15-22 Foreign Affairs <a href="#">Regulation amending the Regulation on sanctions and measures against Iran</a>
<b>Switzerland</b>	
12-01-16	<a href="#">Ordinance on Measures against persons and entities associated with Usama bin Laden, the group "Al Qaeda" and the Taliban (RS 946.203)</a>
17-01-16	<a href="#">Ordinance on measures against the Islamic Republic of Iran (RS 946.231.143.6)</a>
19-01-16	<a href="#">Ordinance on Measures against persons and entities associated with Usama bin Laden, the group "Al Qaeda" and the Taliban (RS 946.203)</a>
	<a href="#">Ordinance on measures against Syria (RS 946.231.172.7)</a>
28-01-16	<a href="#">Ordinance on measures against the Islamic Republic of Iran (RS 946.231.143.6)</a>
<b>United Kingdom</b>	
15-01-16	<a href="#">SI 2016/34 - The Liberia (Asset-Freezing) (Revocation) Regulations 2016</a>
18-01-16	<a href="#">SI 2016/36 - The Iran (European Union Financial Sanctions) Regulations 2016</a>
19-01-16	<a href="#">SI 2016/45 - The Libya (European Union Financial Sanctions) Regulations 2016</a>
22-01-16	<a href="#">SI 2016/67 - The Andrey Lugovoy and Dmitri Kovtun Freezing Order 2016</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
24-12-15	<a href="#">On amending the Law of Ukraine "On Foreign Economic Activity" Law of Ukraine on December 24, 2015 № 905-VIII</a>

### Eurasian Economic Union (EAEU)

#### Decisions and recommendations of the Eurasian Economic Commission

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

Publication Date	Title
<b>Board (Коллегии) of the Eurasian Economic Commission Decisions (Решения)</b>	
31-12-15	<a href="#">Decision № 177</a> (29-12-15) On the rules of nomenclature of medical devices
	<a href="#">Decision № 178</a> (29-12-15) On the Rules of the categorization of medications, non-prescription and prescription
20-01-16	<a href="#">Decision № 1</a> (19-01-16) On Amendments to the Regulations on the Advisory Committee for Cooperation regulatory authorities at the customs border of the Eurasian Economic Union
	<a href="#">Decision № 2</a> (19-01-16) On amendments to some decisions of the Board of Eurasian Economic Commission in relation to the structure and format of electronic copies of customs documents
21-01-16	<a href="#">Decision № 3</a> (19-01-16) On the technological documents regulating information interaction in the implementation of the means of the integrated information system of foreign and mutual trade of the overall process of "Ensuring the exchange of information about goods subject to marking with control (identification) signs produced or imported into the customs territory of the Eurasian Economic Union, including the cross-border trafficking such goods in the territory of the Eurasian Economic Union "
	<a href="#">Decision № 4</a> (19-01-16) On the technological documents regulating the implementation of information interaction means an integrated information system of foreign and mutual trade in the overall process of "formation, maintenance and use of a common register of issuers with control (identification) signs'
22-01-16	<a href="#">Decision № 5</a> (19-01-16) On the technological documents regulating the implementation of information interaction means an integrated information system of foreign and mutual trade in the overall process of "formation, management and use of the qualifiers used for filling in the customs declarations"
27-01-16	<a href="#">Decision № 6</a> (26-01-16) On the application of anti-dumping measures by the introduction of anti-dumping duty in respect of seamless pipes from corrosion-resistant (stainless) steel, originating in Ukraine and imported into the customs territory of the Eurasian Economic Union
	<a href="#">Decision № 7</a> (26-01-16) On the establishment of import customs duties of the Common Customs Tariff of the Eurasian Economic Union on natural calcium phosphates, calcium phosphates, natural aluminum and phosphate chalk, milled
	<a href="#">Decision № 8</a> (26-01-16) On amendments to paragraph 15 of the Instructions on how to fill the declaration of goods
29-01-16	<a href="#">Decision № 9</a> (26-01-16) On the list of standards containing rules and research (testing) and measurement methods, including sampling rules, required for application and implementation of the requirements of technical regulations of the Customs Union "Technical Regulations on Tobacco Products" (CU TR 035/2014) and conformity assessment objects of technical regulation
	<a href="#">Decision № 10</a> (26-01-16) On Approval of the Procedure for the transmission of software integration segment of the Eurasian Economic Commission for Integrated Information System of the Eurasian Economic Union and its use
	<a href="#">Decision № 11</a> (26-01-16) On the introduction of technical regulations of the Customs Union in the Kyrgyz Republic
	<a href="#">Decision № 12</a> (26-01-16) On approval of the organization of inter-laboratory comparison tests (interlaboratory comparison)
<b>Board Распоряжение</b>	
31-12-15	<a href="#">№ 186</a> (29-12-15) Draft Agreement on the admission of brokers and dealers of one state - a member of the Eurasian Economic Union on the exchange (trade organizers) other Member States
	<a href="#">№ 187-№ 190</a> deal with regulation of pharmaceuticals
19-01-16	<a href="#">№ 191</a> (29-12-15) About the order of the Council of the Eurasian Economic Commission "On the status of the draft technical regulations of the Eurasian Economic Union" On the safety of buildings and structures, building materials and products "
12-01-16	<a href="#">№ 1</a> (12-01-16) Draft decision of the Council of the Eurasian Economic Commission "On Amendments to the list of categories of goods in respect of which can be equipped with a special customs procedure and conditions of their

Publication Date	Title
	placement under a customs procedure"
<b>Board Recommendations</b>	
31-12-16	<a href="#">Recommendation № 30</a> (29-12-15) On the Rules of classification of drugs based on the active ingredients included in their composition, the categories of drugs, non-prescription and prescription
20-01-16	<a href="#">Recommendation № 1</a> (20-01-16) On the application of the structure and format of preliminary information about goods imported into the customs territory of the Eurasian Economic Union by rail

## Belarus - Preliminary decisions on tariff classification

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

## Russian Federation

Russia's sanctions against Turkey will affect work and services provided by Russian legal entities controlled by Turkish persons

On December 28, 2015 President Putin issued new [Decree No. 669](#) supplementing the foreign trade sanctions against Turkey that were imposed earlier by [Presidential Decree No. 583](#), dated November 28, 2015. Pursuant to Decree No. 669, provision of certain services and performance of certain work by Russian legal entities should be prohibited or restricted, if such legal entities are controlled by Turkish persons.

For the purposes of the above, control should be determined in accordance with general criteria established by Russian Federal Law No. 57-FZ, dated April 29, 2008, On Foreign Investments in Russia.

The types of work and services falling under the restrictions and prohibitions are those generally listed by [Russian Governmental Decree No. 1457](#), dated December 29, 2015, and they includes the following:

1. Construction of buildings, engineering installations and specialized construction works;
2. Activity in the sphere of architecture, design and engineering; technical tests, research and analysis;
3. Activity of touristic agencies and other organizations providing services in the touristic sphere;
4. Hotel business and other places for temporary accommodation;
5. Provision of work and services for state and municipal needs;
6. Processing of wood.

The list also includes special classifications of relevant work and service types.

At the same time, Decree No. 669 provides that certain contracts, to be defined and listed by the Russian Government, otherwise falling under the sanctions, may enjoy an exemption from the above measures.

For additional information, please contact [Alexander Bychkov](#). Check our [Sanctions blog](#) for updates.

### 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
30-12-16	<a href="#">Resolution of the Government of the Russian Federation of 29.12.2015 № 1457 - "On the list of certain types of works (services), performance (provision) in the territory of the Russian Federation entities under the jurisdiction of the Republic of Turkey, as well as organizations controlled by citizens of the Turkish Republic and (or) organizations under the jurisdiction of the Republic of Turkey are prohibited from</a>
01-01-16	<a href="#">Resolution of the Government of the Russian Federation of 30.12.2015 № 1494 "On rates of export customs duties on natural gas supplies from the Russian Federation on the territory of Ukraine"</a>
	<a href="#">Resolution of the Government of the Russian Federation of 01.01.2016 № 1 "On measures to implement the Decree of the President of the Russian Federation from January 1, 2016 № 1" On measures to ensure the economic security and national interests of the Russian Federation in international transit of goods from the territory of Ukraine on territory the Republic of Kazakhstan through the territory of the Russian Federation</a>
11-01-16	<a href="#">Federal Law of the Russian Federation dated December 30, 2015 N 423-FZ "On Amendments to Article 7 of the Federal Law On counteraction to legalization (laundering) of proceeds from crime and financing of terrorism "</a>
	<a href="#">Federal Law of the Russian Federation dated December 30, 2015 N 424-FZ "On Amendments to the Federal Law On counteraction to legalization (laundering) of proceeds from crime and terrorist financing"</a>
	<a href="#">Federal Law of the Russian Federation dated December 30, 2015 N 410-FZ "On the suspension of the Russian Federation of the Treaty on the free trade area in respect of Ukraine"</a>
	<a href="#">Federal Law of the Russian Federation dated December 30, 2015 N 417-FZ "On ratification of the Protocol on certain issues of import and circulation of goods in the customs territory of the Eurasian Economic Union"</a>
12-01-16	<a href="#">Federal Law of the Russian Federation dated December 30, 2015 N 463-FZ "On Amendments to the Federal Law" On Customs Regulation in the Russian Federation "in the introduction of the cash collateral and bank guarantees for payment of customs duties and taxes in the form of electronic data exchange and information about such bank guarantees "</a>
	<a href="#">The federal list of extremist materials</a>
27-01-16	<a href="#">The federal list of extremist materials</a>

## Africa

### Algeria

#### Algeria: Liaison Offices and the 2016 Finance Law

As Algeria is dealing with revenue shortfalls, two important legislative texts were published at the end of 2015: (a) Ministerial Order dated November 25, 2015 on Liaison Offices and (b) the 2016 Finance Law.

## A. Liaison Offices

1. The *Ministerial Order of November 9, 2015 (Arrêté du 26 Moharram 1437 correspondant au 9 novembre 2015 définissant les conditions et les modalités d'ouverture et de fonctionnement des bureaux de liaison non commerciaux)*, published on [November 25, 2015 in the Algerian Official Journal \(Journal Officiel de la République Algérienne\)](#), formalizes “the terms and conditions of opening and operation of non commercial liaison offices” (the “2015 Order”) that were sparsely contained in the Joint Ministerial Instruction dated July 30, 1986, the Registration Code, ad hoc administrative, including measures adopted in October 2014, and the Supplementary Finance Law of July 2015.
2. In the absence of a statutory text that expressly prohibited the performance of commercial activities, the number of liaison offices had surged, in particular in the pharmaceutical, energy and public works sector, in anticipation and following the adoption of the 51/49% ownership rule in 2009 and then, in 2013, for importation activities (the 51/49% rule provides that at least 51% of the shares of Algerian companies must be owned by Algerian nationals who are residents of Algeria or by companies which are wholly-owned by Algerian resident shareholders). With the 2015 Order, the Ministry of Commerce provides a clearer statutory framework for the opening and operation of liaison offices and indicates that it will no longer allow the operation of liaison office that engages in commercial activities.
3. While the 2015 Order mainly confirms existing rules and obligations, it also clarifies the scope of activities of liaison offices in Algeria. Pursuant to Article 3 of the 2015 Order, liaison offices are entrusted with prospecting the market, making contacts, gathering information, promoting products and performing administrative formalities for the benefit of foreign commercial companies. Although, the permissible scope of activity of liaison offices may appear rather broad, the 2015 Order makes clear that:
  - Liaison offices **do not have legal personality and cannot engage in economic activities**. Their interventions are performed on behalf of the company they represent and they act in that capacity, by delegation from the latter (Article 4).
  - The performance of **any commercial activities** by the liaison office, in the name and for the account of the foreign commercial company, is **strictly prohibited** (Article 9).
  - A written commitment certifying that the foreign commercial entity will comply with the applicable laws and regulations of Algeria, and, in particular the **obligation to not perform direct or indirect commercial activities**, is now required (Article 7.6).
4. Carrying out a commercial activity triggers the withdrawal of the two (2) year renewable authorization delivered by the Ministry of Commerce, in addition to applicable sanctions (Article 9).
5. Article 11 of the 2015 Order further provides that “no other authorization may be delivered to the liaison office”. This new restriction lacks clarity and only time will tell what the Ministry of Commerce has in mind. Does it relate to the Ministry of Commerce’s reluctance to authorize more than one liaison office for companies of the same group? Is it a prohibition to apply for a renewal after an initial authorization has lapsed? Or will the Ministry of Commerce prevent liaison offices from performing activities which are subject to other authorization/licensing requirements, including the Ministry of Health authorization to provide scientific and medical information for liaison offices of pharmaceutical companies? In the latter case, will pharmaceutical companies still be allowed to open a liaison office if, for instance, they are not involved in providing scientific and medical information?
6. According to a statement of the Head of regulation and legal affairs at the Ministry of Commerce, the Ministry of Commerce will launch an investigation into all of 335 authorizations granted to liaison offices which currently operate in Algeria in order to verify their compliance with the new provisions. It is unclear whether the Ministry of Commerce will also require that all requests for the opening of a liaison office filed prior to the publication of the 2015 Order be revised to comply with the new rules. From a practical standpoint, it is also unclear whether the Ministry of Commerce has the human resources to perform the foregoing audits.

## B. The 2016 Finance Law

*Law No. 15-18* dated December 30, 2015 (*Loi n° 15-18 du 18 Rabie El Aouel 1437 correspondant au 30 décembre 2015 portant loi de finances pour 2016*), published in the [Official Journal \(Journal Officiel de la République Algérienne\) No. 72 dated December 31, 2015](#), sets forth the Finance Law for 2016 (“2016 FL”). The content of the 2016 FL is influenced by the sharp drop in oil prices. Based on US\$ 37 a barrel as the oil reference price and an exchange rate of 98 dinars to the U.S. dollar, the 2016 FL expects non-hydrocarbon economic growth to reach 4.6% and inflation to be 4%. State expenditures have been reduced by 9% but the fall in oil revenues is far larger. Set forth below are some of the key measures of the 2016 FL which was adopted by the upper house of Parliament after fierce debates regarding, in particular, the measures suggested by the Algerian Government to boost foreign investment.

### 1. Oil and Gas

The VAT rate is increased from 7% to 17% on a number of products and services, including the sale of gasoil (which is imported), as well as the consumption of natural gas and electricity above certain thresholds. The tax on petroleum or related products (TPP) which are imported or obtained in Algeria has also been revised upwards and can be subsequently increased to take into account financial and economic situations.

These measures intend to limit the waste of gasoil, an imported fuel, reduce the growing differential between the cost of fuel and the subsidized consumer price, and, ultimately, end smuggling.

The flaring tax has been increased to encourage operators to invest in equipment that will allow to recover the gases.

Finally, the 2016 FL introduces an exemption from Customs duties for gasoline and diesel which are reimported in the framework of the processing operations of Algerian crude oil abroad, under the customs regime of temporary exportation for outward processing. This measure is expected to materially reduce Sonatrach’s expenses.

### 2. Customs

The revised Article 182 of the Customs Code facilitates the temporary admission of imported goods for inward processing. Companies that carry out regular inward processing transactions may be granted a global authorization.

Specific equipment is exempted from Customs duties when acquired by or on behalf of an expanded number of government agencies mentioned in Article 66 of the 1992 Supplementary Finance law, namely the services of the Prime Minister, the general directorates of national security, the civil protection, national transmissions, the coordination of homeland security, Customs, the communal guard, and the penitentiary and reinsertion administration.

### 3. Investment

While the draft 2016 FL provided for the removal of the obligation to reinvest the tax incentives granted in the framework of an investment set forth in Article 142 of the Direct Taxes Code due to implementation issues and the desire to encourage investment, said Article was eventually revised to reduce to 30% the share of the profits that must be reinvested within four (4) years of the granting of said incentives.

Article 171 of the Direct Tax Code is modified to provide that a joint Ministerial Order will define the research and development activities which may be deducted from the taxable basis. 10% of research and development expenses up to 100 million Algerian dinars may be deducted provided that this amount is reinvested in research and development.

Since 2009, there was an obligation to finance foreign investment (whether directly or in partnership), with the exception of the share capital, through local sources of financing. Article 55 of the 2016 FL confirms the rule but allows, subject to government ap-

proval on a case by case basis, external financing when it is indispensable for Algerian companies to carry on strategic investment.

The 2016 FL, rather than the upcoming revised Investment Code, deals with the modifications to the Commercial Registry which do not trigger the obligation to comply with the 51/49% rule. Article 66 of the 2016 FL reaffirms the rules laid out in Article 4bis of [idel@bakermckenzie.com](mailto:idel@bakermckenzie.com)

*“The performance of activities of production of goods, services and import by foreigners are subject to the establishment of a company where the resident national shareholding is at least equal to 51% of the share capital.*

*Any change of registration in the Commercial Registry triggers a prior obligation for the company to comply with above-referenced rules of allocation of the share capital.*

*However, the latter requirement does not apply to amendments concerning:*

- *the change in the share capital (increase or decrease) that does not involve a change in the proportions of the allocation of the share capital defined above;*
- *the transfer or exchange, between old and new directors, of qualifying shares under Article 619 of the Commercial Code, provided that the value of such shares does not exceed 1% of the share capital of the company;*
- *the removal of an activity or the addition of a related activity;*
- *the modification of the activity due to the change in the classification of economic activities;*
- *the appointment of the management of the company;*
- *the change of registered office address.”*

Foreign investors had certainly hoped for more radical changes to the investment framework which led to the increase of liaison offices around 2009. While a number of companies will need to reorganize their presence in Algeria, existing 51/49 joint-ventures and partnerships may be able to get financing abroad. Moreover, companies which benefited from tax and other incentives will be able to use their profits more freely. It remains to be seen whether the upcoming revised Investment Code will provide genuine incentives for foreign investors.

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## Egypt

### New decrees require companies exporting finished products to Egypt to register their factories in a new ledger

On December 31, 2015, the Egyptian Minister of Trade and Industry issued two decrees numbers 991 and 992 of 2015 in relation to rules governing the registration of qualified factories to export their products to Egypt. [This decision was amended by decision number 43 of 2016 by the Minister of Trade and Industry issued on 16 January 2016.]

#### Implications for businesses operating in Egypt

According to the decrees, a new ledger has been created to register companies exporting end products to Egypt. All companies exporting any of the products listed in the annex of the said decrees will need to go through the process of registration in two separate ledgers. **Otherwise, the said products will not be allowed**

to exit from the Egyptian customs.

Those decrees are applicable to the following **24 categories** of products prepared for retail:

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| 1. Dairy Products  | 13. Sanitary ware, tubs, sinks, toilets and toilet seats      |
| 2. Canned and dried fruits   | 14. Toilet paper, sanitary & cosmetic papers and baby diapers |
| 3. Edible oil and fats   | 15. Household tiles   |
| 4. Chocolate and cocoa products  | 16. Table glassware   |
| 5. Sugar products  | 17. Reinforced steel bars                                     |
| 6. Pastas, grain products (bread), bakery products                                 | 18. Household appliances                                      |
| 7. Fruit juice   | 19. Office & household furniture                              |
| 8. Mineral, natural, sparkling water and soft drinks                               | 20. Bicycles and motorcycles                                  |
| 9. Cosmetics, dental products, deodorants, bath products, and perfume ingredients. | 21. Watches   |
| 10. Soaps and detergents   | 22. Household lightning equipment                             |
| 11. Floor covers   | 23. Toys  |
| 12. Tableware, cutleries and utensils  | 24. Garments, Textiles, Furnishings, Rugs, Blankets and Shoes |

### Background of the decrees

According to the Head of the Egyptian Federation of Industries, the intention behind the said decrees, is to ensure that the products imported in Egypt are of good quality and meet the minimum requirements for health and safety.

However, others, such as the Cairo Chamber of Commerce and Alexandria Chamber of Commerce claim that the government is trying to limit imports of certain products in favor of others, and that these decisions would eventually lead to the price increases and monopolies.

### Actions to consider

As noted, businesses exporting finished products to Egypt, with the intention of retail, will need to register their factories in the newly established ledger at the General Organization for Export and Import Control (GOEIC) which follows the Minister of Trade and Industry.

The registration or deregistration of any company/factory will be done through a decree from the Minister of Trade and he has the right to exempt in certain cases factories from some or all of the registration requirements.

The requirements for registration of the factories are mainly the following:

1. Valid Factory License
2. Commercial Register of the Factory
3. Trademark of the product and other trademarks of other products produced

4. Certificate that the factory has a quality control system and abides by the environmental requirements (the certificate is highly recommended to be issued by an entity authorized by International Laboratory Accreditation Cooperation (ILAC))

All the documents must be notarized from the respective exporting country (Chamber of Commerce), the Egyptian Embassy in that country, and then from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Egypt.

As for the shipments of the products produced by the factory, besides the company/factory being registered in the said ledger as per 992/2015 decree, there is also another requirement that the company would also need to register in another ledger of basic inspection as per 991/2015.

### Conclusion

The decrees will come into force in less than two months, 16 March 2016. Therefore, companies and factories are highly urged to prepare the required documents and register in the said ledger as soon as possible.

However, upon contacting the General Organization for Export and Import Control, Baker & McKenzie has been advised that this ledger has not been established yet and that it should be ready by early next month together with the application forms and other particularities of the registration process. Furthermore, the exemption requirements and conditions are also still being explored.

This means that companies are highly urged and advised to prepare their required documents and registration file as soon as possible in order to apply once the ledger is ready to avoid registration delays, as many companies exporting products listed in those decrees will be trying to do so on the same time.

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## South Africa

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

Publication Date	Publication Details	Subject	Implementation Date
31-12-15	GG 39569 R.1294	Amendment of rules – insertion of rule 120.09A – Currency conversions for determining value of goods exported or to be exported. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">Rules under section 120</a></li> </ul>	31-12-15

## 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 ar-

rests 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.); DOE= Department of Energy; 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; USFIS=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; RIAA=Recording Industry Association of America.]

Date of Release	Subject
01-04-16	<a href="#">CBP Officers in San Juan Seize 10,000 Counterfeit Toys</a> (CBP,
01-06-16	<a href="#">CBP Seizes Counterfeit Hoverboards with Potentially Dangerous Batteries in Sterling, VA</a> (CBP)
	<a href="#">Iranian Company Sentenced For U.S. Export Violation</a> (DOJ, BIS)
01-12-16	<a href="#">Philadelphia CBP Flexes Trade Enforcement Muscle and Seizes \$35k Shipment of Counterfeit Smart Wristbands</a> (CBP)
	<a href="#">CBP Chicago Finds Destructive Medfly in Air Cargo Shipment</a> (CBP, USDA)
01-13-16	<a href="#">Massachusetts store owner and brother charged with selling counterfeit iPhone parts</a> (ICE)
	<a href="#">Order Renewing Order Temporarily Denying Export Privileges</a> (BIS)
01-15-16	<a href="#">California Man Pleads Guilty to Conspiring to Violate U.S. Sanctions Against Syria</a> (DOJ, FBI, BIS, ICE, local and state PDs)
01-19-16	<a href="#">CBP Officers at Miami's Seaport Seize Counterfeit Hoverboards</a> (CBP)
	<a href="#">CBP Agriculture Specialists Intercept Dangerous Pest at Miami's Seaport</a> (CBP)
01-20-16	<a href="#">CBP Officers Seize Counterfeit Hoverboard Scooters at International Falls, Minn. Port of Entry</a> (CBP)
01-21-16	<a href="#">Over 2,000 counterfeit CDs seized from Baltimore City music store</a> (ICE, RIAA)
01-22-16	<a href="#">CBP Agriculture Specialists Intercept Pests and Invasive Seeds in Portal, N.D.</a> (CBP)
01-26-16	<a href="#">In re Ribway Airlines Co., Ltd. et. al - temporary denial of export privileges</a> (BIS)
01-27-16	<a href="#">Extradited Chinese National Sentenced to Nine Years for Providing U.S. Goods to Iran to Support its Nuclear Program</a> (DOJ, FBI, ICE, BIS, DOE)

## Newsletters, Reports, Articles, Etc.

### Baker & McKenzie Global VAT/GST Newsletter

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## Publications, Alerts, Newsletters

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Subject
<b>International Trade, Compliance, Tax and Anti-corruption</b>
<a href="#">Global International Trade Compliance Update – January 2016</a> {Old issues here}
<a href="#">Global Sanctions Update: Focus on Iran - European Union, Switzerland, and the United States Relax Sanctions Targeting Iran on “Implementation Day”; Canadian Sanctions Under Review</a>
<a href="#">Europe Client Alert: Import of goods into the EU: Significant increase in circumstances when royalties and licence fees will be dutiable</a>
<a href="#">Cairo Trade &amp; Commerce Client Alert: New Decrees Require Companies Exporting Finished Products to Egypt to Register their Factories in a New Ledger</a>
<a href="#">IP/Trade &amp; Commerce Client Alert: IP implications of EU customs law development</a>
<a href="#">The Union Customs Code : Are you ready for 1 May 2016?</a>
<a href="#">Mexico International Trade &amp; Customs Legal Alert: Publication of the Sixth Resolution of Amendments to the Foreign Trade General Rules for 2015 (Eng.); Se publica la Sexta Resolución de Modificaciones a las Reglas Generales de Comercio Exterior para 2015 (Span.)</a>
<a href="#">Vietnam International Trade &amp; Customs Client Alert: Vietnam – South Korea FTA Effective as of 20 December 2015</a>
<a href="#">London Corporate Tax Legal Alert: New corporate criminal offence: failure to prevent facilitation of tax evasion</a>
<a href="#">Client Alert: Algeria: Liaison Offices and the 2016 Finance Law</a>
<a href="#">Buenos Aires Compliance &amp; White Collar Crime Newsletter January 2016 (Eng.); Boletín Enero 2016 (Span.)</a>
<a href="#">Kyiv Tax Client Alert: Tax Code Overhaul in Ukraine (Eng.); Внесено суттєві зміни до Податкового кодексу України (Ukr.); Внесены существенные изменения в Налоговый кодекс Украины (Rus.)</a>
<b>Other Practices</b>
<a href="#">Jakarta Corporate &amp; Securities Client Alert: Ministry of Trade Restores Capability of Manufacturing Companies to Import Manufactured Products</a>
<a href="#">Global IP Dispatch – 6 January 2016</a>
<a href="#">Global Intellectual Property Client Alert: New Rules on Designations of Origin on Swiss Products and Services</a>
<a href="#">Global Intellectual Property Client Alert: [German] Federal Court of Justice: Strict criteria apply when comparing word marks with product shapes</a>
<a href="#">Global Intellectual Property Client Alert: Electronic IP filings will soon be available at the Indonesian IP Office</a>
<a href="#">Global Intellectual Property Client Alert: Domain Name Dispute in relation to Trademarks</a>
<a href="#">Bangkok Intellectual Property Client Alert: Myanmar Publishes Draft Copyright Law</a>
<a href="#">Bangkok Intellectual Property Client Alert: Thailand Revokes Procedure of Recordal of Well-Known Marks</a>
<a href="#">Bangkok Intellectual Property Client Alert: Thailand’s Licensing Facilitation Act to Improve Trademark Registration Procedures</a>
<a href="#">Kyiv Banking and Finance Client Alert: NBU Eases Capital Control Restrictions (Eng.); НБУ послабив обмеження на рух капіталу (Ukr.); НБУ ослабил ограничения на движение капитала (Russ.)</a>
<a href="#">London IT/Commercial Client Alert: New website requirement for businesses selling online to consumers</a>
<a href="#">EMEA Healthcare Industry Group Newsletter – December 2015</a>

## Webinars, Meetings, Seminars, Etc.

### The Iran Nuclear Agreement - US and EU Sanctions Update

January 16th was "Implementation Day" for the nuclear agreement between Iran and the international community, officially lifting an economic embargo imposed since 2012. Still, remaining US sanctions related to Iran's human rights policies and support for terrorism bar American citizens and companies from most forms of investment or trade with the country.

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All remaining 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).

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Presented January 26	<a href="#">Overview of the Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP)</a> Speakers: Frederick Burke (Ho Chi Minh City), Miguel Noyola (Chicago), Eugene Lim (Singapore), and Elizabeth Nightingale (Kuala Lumpur).
February 16	<b>The Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP) and Labor and Environment</b> Speakers: Frederick Burke (Ho Chi Minh City) and Thuy Hang Nguyen (Ho Chi Minh City).
March 29	<b>Customs Considerations in Free Trade Agreements, Including TPP and NAFTA</b> Speakers: Adriana Ibarra (Mexico City), Stuart Seidel (Washington, DC), and Meredith DeMent (Washington, DC).

April 19	<b>The Latest on Trade Sanctions: Iran, Russia, and Other Developments</b> Speakers: Steven Hill (Washington, DC), Philippe Reich (Zurich), Alexander Bychkov (Moscow), and Ben Smith (London).
May 24	<b>Cuba Sanctions Developments and Updates</b> Speakers: Alison Stafford-Powell (Palo Alto), Alexandre Lamy (Washington, DC), Brian Cacic (Toronto), and Julia Pfeil (Frankfurt).
June 21	<b>FCPA Considerations Arising in Import/Export Operations</b> Speakers: John McKenzie (San Francisco), Joan Meyer (Washington, DC) and Mini vandePol (Hong Kong).
July 26	<b>Update on Customs Valuation Issues Around the World – Transfer Pricing, First Sale, Royalties</b> Speakers: Paul Burns (Toronto), Nicole Looks (Frankfurt), Jennifer Revis (London), and Eugene Lim (Singapore).

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Original Date	Topic
Jan. 27, 2015	<a href="#">US Export Control Reform</a> Speakers: Sylwia Lis (Washington, DC) and Paul Amberg (Chicago)
Feb. 17, 2015	<a href="#">Intercompany Pricing and Customs Valuation (Canada, EU and US)</a> Speakers: Paul Burns (Toronto), William Outman (San Francisco), Holly Files (Washington, DC), and Nicole Looks (Frankfurt)
Mar. 17, 2015	<a href="#">Developments in Importing into EU</a> Speakers: Jenny Revis (London) and Vanessa Dersch (Frankfurt)

Apr. 21, 2015	<a href="#">Developments in Importing into LATAM</a> Speakers: Adriana Ibarra (Mexico City) and Esteban Roppolo (Buenos Aires)
May 19, 2015	<a href="#">FCPA and Antibribery Developments US, Asia and LATAM</a> Speakers: John McKenzie (San Francisco), Mini vandePol (Hong Kong) and Esther Flesch (Sao Paulo)
June 23, 2015	<a href="#">Export Control Developments in Asia</a> Speakers: Eugene Lim (Singapore), Daisuke Tatsuno (Tokyo), Meng Yew (Malaysia), and Anne Petterd (Australia)

In addition, two special webinars on Iran were also presented. If you missed either one, you may view them or download only the Presentation used, by clicking [on this link](#) or on the specific linked title or Presentation below.

Original Date	Topic
June 24, 2015	<a href="#">Overview of Current US and EU Sanctions Targeting Iran and Potential Developments</a> Speakers: Ross Denton (London) and Alex Lamy (Washington, DC)
Aug. 4, 2015	<a href="#">The Future of Sanctions on Iran</a> Speakers: Sunny Mann (London), Kerry Contini (Washington) and Jasper Helder (Amsterdam)

## 2014 International Trade Compliance Webinar Series

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

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- [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](#).

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

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

All live webinars will begin at 16.00 (GMT/BST) on each of the dates listed below and are scheduled to run for 90 minutes. Our panel of speakers will provide a practical overview of each of the topics listed below, using both examples of recent cases and case studies. Our panel of speakers and moderators will comprise leading international trade experts from various EMEA locations including: Alexander Bychkov (Moscow), Ross Denton (London), Jasper Helder (Amsterdam), Nicole Looks (Frankfurt), Sunny Mann (London), Jennifer Revis (London). If you miss 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] not yet available:
- Anti-Bribery and Corruption: Key Developments [Original date: December 11] not yet available

## 2014 Eye on China Webinar Series

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.













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- [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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




## WTO TBT Notifications

















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Country	Notification	Date Issued	Final Date for Comments	Merchandise Covered
 Argentina	ARG/150/Add.4	12/18/2015	Not given	Food products
 Argentina	ARG/166/Add.9	1/11/2016	Not given	Latex paints
 Argentina	ARG/272/Add.3	1/7/2016	Not given	Tobacco products
 Argentina	ARG/296/Add.1	1/11/2016	Not given	Irradiated foods
 Argentina	ARG/297/Add.2	12/18/2015	Not given	Low-voltage electrical products
 Argentina	ARG/297/Add.3	12/18/2015	Not given	Low-voltage electrical products
 Argentina	ARG/299	1/11/2016	1/17/2016	Food products
 Argentina	ARG/300	1/11/2016	1/17/2016	Food products
 Armenia	ARM/74	1/14/2016	1/14/2016	Oil prepared for transportation and (or) use
 Bahrain, Kingdom of	BHR/426	1/13/2016	3/13/2016	Energy drinks
 Bahrain, Kingdom of	BHR/427	1/28/2016	3/28/2016	Frozen fish products coated with bread crumb
 Bahrain, Kingdom of	BHR/428	1/28/2016	3/28/2016	Energy drinks
 Brazil	BRA/116/Add.4	1/5/2016	Not given	Toys (HS Chapter 95)
 Brazil	BRA/291/Add.4	1/5/2016	Not given	Packaging
 Brazil	BRA/294/Add.6	1/5/2016	Not given	Portable tanks used in land transport of hazardous goods






















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 Brazil	BRA/295/Add.4	1/5/2016	Not given	Packing used in land transport of hazardous goods
 Brazil	BRA/339/Add.6	1/4/2016	Not given	Toys; also their parts and accessories
 Brazil	BRA/344/Add.4	1/20/2016	Not given	Systems and equipment for photovoltaic energy
 Brazil	BRA/397/Rev.1/Add.2	1/22/2016	Not given	Conformity assessment procedure
 Brazil	BRA/485/Add.3	1/20/2016	Not given	Cookers (HS 8516.60)
 Brazil	BRA/494/Add.4	1/4/2016	Not given	Wires, cables and electrical cords (Electrical apparatus for making connections to or in electrical circuits) (HS 8536)
 Brazil	BRA/497/Add.3	1/20/2016	Not given	Metal cooking pots (HS 7323)
 Brazil	BRA/501/Add.3	1/20/2016	Not given	Matches (HS 3605)
 Brazil	BRA/504/Add.4	1/20/2016	Not given	Matches (HS 3605)
 Brazil	BRA/512/Add.1/Corr.1	1/6/2016	Not given	High feeding chairs, with or without trays (HS 9403)
 Brazil	BRA/544/Add.2	1/4/2016	Not given	Other chain (HS 7315.12) Transmission chains
 Brazil	BRA/551/Add.1	1/22/2016	Not given	Pneumatic tires used on bicycles for adult use; Of a kind used on bicycles (HS 4011.50)
 Brazil	BRA/559/Add.2	1/11/2016	Not given	Parts and accessories of vehicles of headings (HS 8711 to 8713, 8714)
 Brazil	BRA/560/Add.2	1/5/2016	Not given	Transmission apparatus incorporating reception apparatus (HS 8525.20), Television
 Brazil	BRA/567/Add.5	1/5/2016	Not given	Baby Feeding Bottles and Nipples
 Brazil	BRA/569/Add.2	1/22/2016	Not given	Water dispensers (HS 8516)
 Brazil	BRA/579/Add.2	1/11/2016	Not given	Parts and accessories of the motor vehicles of headings 8701 to 8705 (HS 8708)
 Brazil	BRA/609/Add.2	1/4/2016	Not given	Semiconductor devices; light-emitting diodes; mounted piezoelectric crystals (HS 8541)
 Brazil	BRA/624/Add.1	1/20/2016	Not given	Car body shell for road vehicles (HS 8707)
 Brazil	BRA/631/Add.1	1/20/2016	Not given	Car body shell for road vehicles (HS 8707)
 Brazil	BRA/654/Add.1	1/12/2016	Not given	Pharmaceutical products (HS 30)
 Brazil	BRA/657	1/4/2016	Not given	Prepared animal feed (HS Chapter 23)
 Brazil	BRA/658	1/5/2016	2/16/2016	Portable tanks bulk containers (IBC) used in land transport of certain dangerous goods
 Brazil	BRA/659	1/5/2016	Not given	Vehicles (HS Chapter 87)
 Brazil	BRA/660	1/5/2016	Not given	Vehicles (HS Chapter 87)
 Brazil	BRA/662	1/21/2016	3/14/2016	Pneumatic tires used on bicycles for adult use (HS 401150)



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 Brazil	BRA/663	1/21/2016	2/15/2016	Automotive components kit (HS 700711, 700721, 870870)
 Brazil	BRA/664	1/20/2016	3/14/2016	Wheelchairs not mechanically propelled (HS 8713.10)
 Brazil	BRA/665	1/21/2016	3/14/2016	Electric instantaneous or storage water heaters
 Canada	CAN/473	1/13/2016	3/18/2016	Radiocommunications
 Canada	CAN/177/Rev.2/Add.6	1/19/2016	Not given	Agricultural products labelled as organic and marketed for inter-provincial or international trade
 Canada	CAN/474	1/19/2016	3/19/2016	Prescription status of medicinal ingredients for human use (HS 3004.90)
 Chile	CHL/329	1/7/2016	3/7/2016	Food for human consumption
 Chile	CHL/330	1/7/2016	3/7/2016	Food for human consumption
 Chile	CHL/331	1/7/2016	3/7/2016	Food for human consumption
 Chile	CHL/332	1/7/2016	3/7/2016	Food for human consumption
 Chile	CHL/333	1/7/2016	3/7/2016	Food for human consumption
 Chile	CHL/334	1/7/2016	3/7/2016	Food for human consumption
 Chile	CHL/335	1/7/2016	3/7/2016	Food for human consumption
 Chile	CHL/336	1/14/2016	3/14/2016	Oils for human consumption
 Chile	CHL/337	1/14/2016	3/14/2016	Food for human consumption
 Chile	CHL/338	1/14/2016	3/14/2016	Lights for vehicles
 Chile	CHL/339	1/14/2016	3/14/2016	Public transport buses
 Chile	CHL/341	1/20/2016	3/20/2016	Concrete blocks for use in construction
 Chile	CHL/342	1/20/2016	3/20/2016	Concrete blocks for use in construction
 China	CHN/1152/Rev.1	1/8/2016	Not given	Category M and N vehicles. Vehicles other than railway or tramway rolling-stock, and parts and accessories thereof (HS 87)
 China	CHN/1162	1/7/2016	3/7/2016	Seamless steel gas cylinders (HS 7311)
 China	CHN/1163	1/7/2016	3/7/2016	Seamless steel gas cylinders (HS 7311)
 China	CHN/1164	1/7/2016	3/7/2016	Food, food for special medical purpose
 China	CHN/1165	1/7/2016	3/7/2016	Food, infant and follow-up formula
 China	CHN/1166	1/22/2016	3/22/2016	Marine fuel oils (HS 271019)
 Colombia	COL/184/Add.2	1/8/2016	Not given	Telecommunications (HS 3917.21.90.00, 3917.22.00.00, 3917.23.90.00, 3917.29.10.00, 3917.29.99.00, 3925.90.00.00, 3919.10.00.00, 7222.11.90.00, 7304.31.00.00, 7304.39.00.00, 7304.51.00.00, 7304.59.00.00, 7306.61.00.00, 7308.20.00.00, 7314.39.00.00,

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 Colombia	COL/196/Add.3	1/7/2016	Not given	Biological medicines
 Colombia	COL/207/Add.2	1/15/2016	Not given	Seeds
 Czech Republic	CZE/191	1/22/2016	3/22/2016	Construction product
 Denmark	DNK/98	1/22/2016	12/1/2015	Cooling energy meters for the determination of the consumption of cooling (HS 903180)
 Dominican Republic	DOM/223	1/11/2016	5/2/2016	Electrical code
 Ecuador	ECU/19/Add.11	12/18/2015	Not given	Prepackaged and prepared foods
 Ecuador	ECU/249/Add.3	1/8/2016	Not given	Household electrical appliances for cooking (HS 8514.40.00 and 8516.60.20)
 Ecuador	ECU/49/Add.7	1/13/2016	Not given	Buses (HS 8702.10, 8702.90, 8706.00, 8707.90)
 Ecuador	ECU/53/Add.4	1/13/2016	Not given	Metal cable tray, electrical conduit
 Ecuador	ECU/66/Add.3	1/13/2016	Not given	"premium" and "super" petrol, diesel fuel (HS 2707.50.90, 2710.11.11, 2710.11.13, 2710.19.14, 2710.19.21, 2710.19.22, 2711.11.00, 2711.12.00, 2711.13.00, 2711.21.00)
 Ecuador	ECU/106/Add.2	1/13/2016	Not given	Surface tension agents (HS 3401.11.00, 3401.19.00, 3401.19.10, 3401.19.90, 3401.20.00, 3401.30.00, 3402.11.10, 3402.11.90, 3402.12.10, 3402.12.90 and 3402.13.10)
 Ecuador	ECU/175/Add.3	1/13/2016	Not given	Jewellery, including imitation jewellery (HS 7113.11.00, 7113.19.00, 7113.20.00, 7114.11.10, 7114.11.90, 7114.19.00, 7114.20.00, 7117.11.00, 7117.19.00, and 7117.90.00)
 Ecuador	ECU/85/Add.1	1/15/2016	Not given	Food additives (HS 1301.90, 2510.10, 2510.20, 2832.20, 3103.90, 3204.19 and 3907.20)
 Ecuador	ECU/106/Add.3	1/15/2016	Not given	Surface tension agents (HS 3401.11.00, 3401.19.00, 3401.19.10, 3401.19.90, 3401.20.00, 3401.30.00, 3402.11.10, 3402.11.90, 3402.12.10, 3402.12.90 and 3402.13.10)
 Ecuador	ECU/239/Add.2	1/15/2016	Not given	Padlocks (HS 8301.10)
 European Communities	EEC/89/Add.11	1/27/2016	Not given	Disposable lighters
 European Union	EU/334	1/8/2016	3/8/2016	Aerosol dispensers















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 European Union	EU/337	1/18/2016	3/18/2016	Food
 European Union	EU/338	1/18/2016	3/18/2016	Food
 European Union	EU/339	1/18/2016	3/18/2016	Food
 France	FRA/166	1/7/2016	3/7/2016	Disposable plastic bags for packaging goods at points of sale
 France	FRA/167	1/13/2016	3/13/2016	Soft (alcohol-free) drinks, dairy products and similar items, biscuits and cakes, ice creams and sorbets, breakfast cereals, cereal bars, chocolates and chocolate bars
 Indonesia	IDN/98/Add.1	1/11/2016	Not given	· Meat of bovine (HS: Ex 02.01.20.00.00; ex 02.01.30.00.00; ex 02.02.20.00.00; ex 02.02.30.00.00; 02.06.10.00.00; ex 02.06.21.00.00; ex 02.06.29.00.00); · Carcass and/or meat of non bovine, and processed meat (HS: 02.03.11.00.00; 02.03.12.00.00; 02.03.19.00.00; 02.03.21.00.00; 02.03.22.00.00; 02.03.29.00.00; 02.04.10.00.00; 02.04.21.00.00; 02.04.22.00.00; 02.04.23.00.00; 02.04.30.00.00; 02.04.41.00.00; 02.04.42.00.00; 02.04.43.00.00; ex 02.04.50.00.00; ex 02.07.11.00.00; Ex 02.07.12.00.00; ex 02.07.24.00.00; ex 02.07.25.00.00; ex 02.07.41.00.00; Ex 02.07.42.00.00; ex 02.08.90.90.00); · Processed meat (HS: Ex 16.01.00.10.00; Ex 16.01.00.90.00; Ex 16.02.10.10.00; Ex 16.02.10.90.00; Ex 16.02.20.00.00; 16.02.41.10.00; 16.02.41.90.00; 16.02.42.10.00; 16.02.42.90.00; 16.02.49.11.00; 16.02.49.19.00; 16.02.49.91.00; 16.02.49.99.00; 16.02.50.00.00; 16.02.90.10.00; Ex 16.02.90.90.00)
 Indonesia	IDN/101/Add.1	1/18/2016	Not given	Food
 Israel	ISR/822	1/4/2016	3/4/2016	Aviation turbine fuel (HS 271019)
 Israel	ISR/823	1/4/2016	3/4/2016	Frozen fruits and vegetables (HS 0811)
 Israel	ISR/824	1/4/2016	3/4/2016	Luminaires for road and street lighting (HS 9405)
 Israel	ISR/825	1/6/2016	3/4/2016	Luminaires for swimming pools and similar applications (HS 9405)
 Israel	ISR/826	1/6/2016	3/6/2016	Electrical grills, toasters and similar portable cooking appliances (HS 851672)
 Israel	ISR/827	1/6/2016	3/6/2016	Electric irons (HS 845130)
 Israel	ISR/828	1/6/2016	3/6/2016	Electric kitchen appliances (HS 8509)
 Israel	ISR/829	1/6/2016	3/6/2016	Electric appliances for heating liquids (HS 851610)
 Israel	ISR/830	1/6/2016	3/6/2016	Electric blankets, pads, clothing and similar flexible heating appliances (HS 850980)

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 Israel	ISR/831	1/6/2016	3/6/2016	Electric appliances for skin and hair care (HS 8510)
 Israel	ISR/832	1/6/2016	3/6/2016	Portable heating tools and similar electric appliances (HS 850880)
 Israel	ISR/833	1/6/2016	3/6/2016	Portable electric immersion heaters
 Israel	ISR/834	1/6/2016	3/6/2016	Automotive spare parts (HS 870894)
 Israel	ISR/835	1/26/2016	3/26/2016	Reinforced PVC pressure hoses (HS 391740)
 Israel	ISR/836	1/26/2016	3/26/2016	Tap head of copper alloy (HS 7407, 8481)
 Israel	ISR/837	1/26/2016	3/26/2016	Domestic tap of copper alloy (HS 7407, 848180)
 Israel	ISR/838	1/26/2016	3/26/2016	Copper alloy sanitary fittings (HS 7407)
 Israel	ISR/839	1/26/2016	3/26/2016	Copper alloy sanitary fittings (HS 7407)
 Israel	ISR/840	1/26/2016	3/26/2016	Copper alloy sanitary fittings (HS 7407)
 Israel	ISR/841	1/26/2016	3/26/2016	Copper alloy sanitary fittings (HS 7407)
 Israel	ISR/842	1/26/2016	3/26/2016	Copper alloy sanitary fittings (HS 7407)
 Israel	ISR/843	1/26/2016	3/26/2016	Crumbs from bakery products (HS 190540)
 Israel	ISR/844	1/26/2016	3/26/2016	Fresh sardines (HS 0302, 0304)
 Israel	ISR/845	1/26/2016	3/26/2016	V-ribbed belts for motor vehicle engines (HS 392690)
 Israel	ISR/846	1/26/2016	3/26/2016	Tungsten filament lamps (HS 8539)
 Israel	ISR/847	1/26/2016	3/26/2016	Refillable transportable seamless aluminium gas cylinders (excluding LPG)
 Japan	JPN/448/Add.2	1/11/2016	Not given	Food, beverages and other agricultural, forestry and fishery products (including processed products) other than alcoholic beverages and pharmaceuticals.
 Japan	JPN/513	1/22/2016	Not given	Substances with probable effects on the central nervous system
 Japan	JPN/514	1/22/2016	3/22/2016	Internally-located closed type showcase and internally-located open type showcase
 Kenya	KEN/454	1/8/2016	1/21/2016	Animal feeding stuffs
 Kenya	KEN/455	1/8/2016	2/1/2016	Insulated (including enamelled or anodised) wire, cable (including co-Axial cable) and other insulated electric conductors, whether or not fitted with connectors; optical fibre cables, made up of individually sheathed fibres, whether or not assembled with electric conductors or fitted with connectors (HS 8544)
 Kenya	KEN/456	1/8/2016	2/7/2016	Mozzarella cheese (HS 040690)
 Kenya	KEN/457	1/8/2016	2/7/2016	Milk and milk products in general

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 Kenya	KEN/458	1/8/2016	2/7/2016	Milk and processed milk products
 Korea, Republic of	KOR/620	1/7/2016	3/7/2016	Health functional food products
 Korea, Republic of	KOR/621	1/20/2016	3/20/2016	Food for human consumption
 Korea, Republic of	KOR/622	1/20/2016	3/20/2016	Food for human consumption
 Korea, Republic of	KOR/623	1/20/2016	3/20/2016	Food
 Korea, Republic of	KOR/624	1/20/2016	3/20/2016	Medical devices
 Kuwait	KWT/309	1/13/2016	3/13/2016	Energy drinks
 Kuwait	KWT/310	1/28/2016	3/28/2016	Frozen fish products coated with bread crumb
 Kuwait	KWT/311	1/28/2016	3/28/2016	Energy drinks
 Mauritius	MUS/5	1/21/2016	Not given	Banning of plastic bags (HS 3923)
 Mauritius	MUS/6	1/21/2016	Not given	Banning of plastic bags (HS 3923, 4202.92)
 Mexico	MEX/289/Add.1	1/8/2016	Not given	Life jackets (HS 6307.20.01)
 Mexico	MEX/297	12/18/2015	2/15/2016	Glazed pottery ware, glazed ceramic ware, porcelain ware and glass ware
 Mexico	MEX/269/Add.2	1/13/2016	Not given	Water and ice
 New Zealand	NZL/73	1/13/2016	2/28/2016	Children's nightwear
 Oman	OMN/238	1/13/2016	3/13/2016	Energy drinks
 Oman	OMN/239	1/28/2016	3/28/2016	Frozen fish products coated with bread crumb
 Oman	OMN/240	1/28/2016	3/28/2016	Energy drinks
 Pakistan	PAK/93	1/11/2016	3/11/2016	Masonry cement
 Pakistan	PAK/94	1/11/2016	3/11/2016	White Portland cement
 Pakistan	PAK/95	1/11/2016	3/11/2016	Stainless Steel for General Purpose
 Pakistan	PAK/96	1/11/2016	3/11/2016	Steel ingots and billets for the production of bars (plain and deformed) for concrete reinforcement
 Pakistan	PAK/97	1/11/2016	3/11/2016	Steel wire road-Dimensions and tolerances
 Pakistan	PAK/98	1/12/2016	3/12/2016	Polypropylene woven sacks for packing fertilizers
 Pakistan	PAK/99	1/12/2016	3/12/2016	Internal combustion engine lubricating oil
 Pakistan	PAK/100	1/12/2016	3/12/2016	Flexible polyurethane foam domestic mattresses
 Pakistan	PAK/101	1/12/2016	3/12/2016	Motorcycle tyres and rims (code designated series)
 Pakistan	PAK/102	1/12/2016	3/12/2016	Enamel brushing, interior undercoating and finishing colour as required
 Pakistan	PAK/103	1/12/2016	3/12/2016	Enamel brushing, exterior undercoating and finishing colour as required
 Pakistan	PAK/104	1/12/2016	3/12/2016	Paints, brushing, undercoat exterior for finishing vehicles

Country	Notification	Date Issued	Final Date for Comments	Merchandise Covered
 Pakistan	PAK/105	1/12/2016	3/12/2016	Bio-organo phosphate
 Peru	PER/83	1/14/2016	3/28/2016	Measuring instruments, electric energy, static meters
 Philippines	PHL/194	1/29/2016	3/31/2016	Electrical and electronic equipment
 Qatar	QAT/423	1/13/2016	3/13/2016	Energy drinks
 Qatar	QAT/424	1/28/2016	3/28/2016	Frozen fish products coated with bread crumb
 Qatar	QAT/425	1/28/2016	3/28/2016	Energy drinks
 Saudi Arabia	SAU/907	1/5/2016	3/5/2016	Vehicle tires
 Saudi Arabia	SAU/910	1/13/2016	3/13/2016	Energy drinks
 Saudi Arabia	SAU/909	1/13/2016	3/13/2016	Electrical appliances
 Saudi Arabia	SAU/908	1/13/2016	3/13/2016	Air conditioners
 Saudi Arabia	SAU/860/Rev.1	1/18/2016	Not given	Plugs and sockets
 Saudi Arabia	SAU/911	1/28/2016	3/28/2016	Frozen fish products coated with bread crumb
 Saudi Arabia	SAU/912	1/28/2016	3/28/2016	Energy drinks
 Saudi Arabia	SAU/913	1/28/2016	3/28/2016	Road vehicles in general
 Saudi Arabia	SAU/914	1/28/2016	3/28/2016	Clothes washing machines
 Singapore	SGP/26	1/13/2016	3/13/2016	Single-phase non-ducted split type air-conditioner (HS 8415.10)
 Switzerland	CHE/210	1/14/2016	4/13/2016	Equipment and products containing radioactive substances; Installations capable of emitting ionizing radiation such as, for example, X-ray devices; Consumer products containing radioactive substances; Radioactive waste; Building material
 Taiwan Economy	TPKM/221/Add.1	1/6/2016	Not given	Agro-pesticides (CCCN: 1302.19.30.00-6; 3808.50.00.10-5; 3808.50.00.90-8; 3808.91.10.00-6; 3808.91.90.00-9; 3808.92.10.90-6; 3808.92.20.90-4; 3808.99.11.00-7; 3808.99.12.00-6; 3808.99.21.00-5; 2908.91.00.00-9; 2848.00.90.10-1; 3808.93.11.00-3; 3808.93.12.00-2; 3808.93.19.00-5; 3808.93.21.00-1; 3808.93.22.00-0)
 Taiwan Economy	TPKM/226	1/7/2016	3/7/2016	Prepackaged food grade salt products
 Thailand	THA/469/Add.1	1/6/2016	Not given	Food additives
 Thailand	THA/383/Rev.2	1/14/2016	Not given	Product licensing
 Thailand	THA/472	1/15/2016	3/15/2016	Grills, toasters and similar portable cooking appliances
 Thailand	THA/473	1/29/2016	3/29/2016	Any foods
 Turkey	TUR/71	1/13/2016	3/20/2016	Spirit drinks (HS 2203, 2204, 2205, 2206, 2207, 2208)

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 Turkey	TUR/72	1/13/2016	3/20/2016	Food (excluding spring water, drinking water, natural mineral water, water for special medical purposes of which are produced without using any food additives, flavorings and any substance for enrichment purposes)
 Turkey	TUR/73	1/13/2016	3/20/2016	Food (excluding spring water, drinking water, natural mineral water, water for special medical purposes of which are produced without using any food additives, flavorings and any substance for enrichment purposes)
 Turkey	TUR/74	1/22/2016	3/15/2016	Botanicals and botanical preparations that may be used in foods
 United Arab Emirates	ARE/299	1/13/2016	3/13/2016	Energy drinks
 United Arab Emirates	ARE/300	1/28/2016	3/28/2016	Frozen fish products coated with bread crumb
 United Arab Emirates	ARE/301	1/28/2016	3/28/2016	Energy drinks
 United States	USA/1001/Add.1	1/6/2016	Not given	Commercial motor vehicles
 United States	USA/1003/Add.1	1/6/2016	Not given	Prerinse spray valves
 United States	USA/1022/Add.3	1/6/2016	Not given	Commercial package air conditioning and heating equipment (HS 8415)
 United States	USA/1041/Add.4	1/8/2016	Not given	Allowable lead content limits
 United States	USA/1055	1/4/2016	2/16/2016	Motor vehicles
 United States	USA/1056	1/5/2016	3/21/2016	Sunlamp products
 United States	USA/1057	1/5/2016	11/23/2015	Chemicals
 United States	USA/1058	1/7/2016	2/26/2016	Hearing aids (HS 9021)
 United States	USA/1059	1/8/2016	3/21/2016	Sunlamp products
 United States	USA/1060	1/12/2016	3/22/2016	Drugs
 United States	USA/1061	1/15/2016	4/4/2016	Jewellery, precious metals, and pewter (HS 7116, 7117)
 United States	USA/1062	1/15/2016	3/14/2016	Ceiling fans (HS 8414.51)
 United States	USA/1063	1/19/2016	4/13/2016	Airplane noise
 United States	USA/826/Add.5	1/11/2016	Not given	Refrigerated beverage vending machines (HS 8476)
 United States	USA/855/Add.1	12/22/2015	Not given	Motor vehicle lamps, reflective devices, and associated equipment
 United States	USA/861/Add.5	1/8/2016	Not given	Ceiling fans
 United States	USA/901/Add.2	1/18/2016	Not given	Automotive fuel
 United States	USA/914/Add.1	1/4/2016	Not given	Transportation of bulk explosives
 United States	USA/926/Add.2	1/18/2016	Not given	Air conditioning and heating equipment (HS 8415)
 United States	USA/926/Add.3	1/19/2016	Not given	Air conditioning and heating equipment (HS 8415)
 United States	USA/934/Add.1	1/6/2016	Not given	Ceiling fan light kits
 United States	USA/941/Add.2	1/15/2016	Not given	Organic products

Country	Notification	Date Issued	Final Date for Comments	Merchandise Covered
 United States	USA/963/Add.1	1/18/2016	Not given	Commercial warm air furnaces
 United States	USA/963/Add.2	1/19/2016	Not given	Commercial warm air furnaces
 United States	USA/973/Add.2	1/19/2016	Not given	Residential furnaces and boilers (HS 840310, 8416)
 United States	USA/1064	1/21/2016	Not given	Mobile handsets (HS 8517)
 United States	USA/1065	1/21/2016	1/14/2016	Mobile handsets (HS 8517)
 United States	USA/1066	1/21/2016	3/21/2016	Peanuts
 United States	USA/1048/Corr.1	1/26/2016	Not given	High chairs
 United States	USA/1050/Corr.1	1/27/2016	Not given	Food labeling
 United States	USA/1067	1/27/2016	2/22/2016	Import data collection
 Yemen	YEM/29	1/13/2016	3/13/2016	Energy drinks
 Yemen	YEM/30	1/28/2016	3/28/2016	Frozen fish products coated with bread crumb
 Yemen	YEM/31	1/28/2016	3/28/2016	Energy drinks
 Zambia	ZMB/47	1/8/2016	3/8/2016	Pure glycerine
 Zambia	ZMB/48	1/8/2016	3/8/2016	Drinking water

## CBSA Advance Rulings

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

It is important to note that rulings are binding only between the CBSA and the applicant. While posted rulings are for reference purposes only, they provide meaningful guidance and help other importers in complying with Canada's trade legislation. Click on the "Merchandise" listing to see full text of the posted ruling.

Date of Issuance	TRS Number	Merchandise	Tariff Classification and Basis
04-16-15	<a href="#">270326</a>	<a href="#">Ultraderm Cirrus, product #410424</a>	8543.70.00.00 [GIR 1 and 6]
04-23-15	<a href="#">270224</a>	<a href="#">Lithium polymer batteries</a>	8507.60.90.00 [GIR 1 and 6]
04-28-15	<a href="#">270259</a>	<a href="#">Energy 900, Product #410233</a>	8543.70.00.00 [GIR 1 and 6]
04-28-15	<a href="#">270296</a>	<a href="#">Combo Cirrus, Product #410224</a>	8543.70.00.00 [GIR 1 and 6]
04-28-15	<a href="#">270301</a>	<a href="#">Lifto Metric, product #202400</a>	8543.70.00.00 [GIR 1 and 6]
04-28-15	<a href="#">270310</a>	<a href="#">Lumicell Wave 6</a>	8543.70.00.00 [GIR 1 and 6]
04-28-15	<a href="#">270328</a>	<a href="#">Luminix 920, product #411512</a>	8543.70.00.00 [GIR 1 and 6]
04-28-15	<a href="#">270351</a>	<a href="#">Vacspray Cirrus, #410506</a>	8479.89.90.90 [GIR 1 and 6]
04-28-15	<a href="#">270273</a>	<a href="#">Soli-Tone 2500, Product #411310</a>	8543.70.00.00 [GIR 1 and 6]
05-29-15	<a href="#">270064</a>	<a href="#">Canine safety light</a>	8531.80.00.90 [GIR 1]
05-29-15	<a href="#">270261</a>	<a href="#">Derma Pod, Product #411477</a>	8479.89.90.90 [GIR 1 and 6]
05-29-15	<a href="#">270419</a>	<a href="#">Centrum Cardio</a>	3004.50.00.14 [GIR 1 and 6]
06-11-15	<a href="#">270424</a>	<a href="#">Pyjama pant (sleep bottom), Style# A04-40505F</a>	6108.32.00.11 [GIR 1 and 6]
06-11-15	<a href="#">270445</a>	<a href="#">Pyjama top (sleep top), Style# P04-66477U</a>	6108.31.00.10 [GIR 1 and 6]

Date of Issuance	TRS Number	Merchandise	Tariff Classification and Basis
09-18-15	<a href="#">271904</a>	<a href="#">Ladies Dress with self-fabric belt, Style 9062114</a> (CJFTA preference)	Meets CJFTA preference rules for 6204.43.00.11

## 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. 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](#). Over 189,000 such rulings are in the database.

## CBP Rulings: Revocations or Modifications

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

Published in CBP Bulletin (P) Proposed (A) Action	Product(s) or Issue(s)	Ruling(s) to be Modified (M) or Revoked (R)	Old Classification or Position	New Ruling	New Classification or Position	Comments Due (C) or Effective Date (E)
<a href="#">(P) 01-20-16</a>	Tariff classification of certain types of Aluminum Composite (ACP) sheets.	NY 230615 (M) NY N200119 (R)	7607.19.3000 7607.19.6000 7606.11.3060 7607.19.3000 7607.19.6000	HQ H244174	7607.20.50 [GRI 1, GRI 3(b), GRI 5(b), GRI 6, and Subheading Note 1(a) to Chapter 76, HTSUS]	(C) 02-19-16
	Tariff classification of certain metal restocking carts	NY N019321 (R)	8716.80.50	HQ H269233	9403.20.0026 [GRI 1]	
	Vacuum deposition process as a "use" for purpose of same condition drawback pursuant to 19 U.S.C. § 1313(j)(1).	HQ H170624 (R)	PVD process was considered a "use"	HQ H237075	PVD process is not a "use." However, we find that the merchandise is not exported in the "same condition" and is subject to NAFTA limitations on drawback.	
	Tariff classification of certain nozzles for the dispersing or spraying of high-pressure liquids	NY N162918 (R) NY C87376 (R)	7326.90.85 8424.89	HQ H185723	8424.90.90 [GRIs 1 (Note 2(b) to Section XVI) and 6]	
	Tariff classification of hydraulic braking system parts: brake master cylinders, brake fluid reservoir and brake fluid reservoir mounting bracket, brake wheel cylinder, caliper piston	NY A85455 (R) HQ 952719 (R)	8708.39.5050 8708.39.10	HQ H222415	8413.50.00 [GRIs 1 (Note 2(a) to Section XVI) and 6]; 8413.91.90 [GRI 1 (Note 2(b) to Section XVI)]; 8412.21.00 [GRIs 1 (Note 2(a) to Section XVI) and 6]; 8412.90.90 [GRI 1 (Note 2(b) to Section	

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					XVI)];	
	Tariff classification of clutch master cylinders and clutch slave cylinders.	NY A86849 (R) NY A85456 (R)	8708.93.75	HQ H195876	8413.50.00 8412.21.00 [GRIs 1 (Note 2(a) to Section XVI) and 6,	
	Tariff classification of parts of front-differential and rear-differential assemblies for motor vehicles.	NY N009213 (R) NY N009215 (R) NY N186430 (R) NY N186432 (R)	8708.99.6890 8708.50.8900	HQ H191698	8708.50.89 [GRIs 1,6]	
(P) <a href="#">01-27-16</a>	Tariff classification of woven polypropylene/polyethylene sheeting	NY N213335, (R) NY N213337 (R) NY N213340 (R)	4601.99.9000	HQ H230079	4602.90.0000 [GRI 1]	(C) 02-26-16
	Tariff classification of a mobile pumper.	NY N049598 (M)	8705.90.0000	HQ H155596	8413.50.0090 [GRI 1]	
(A) <a href="#">01-20-16</a>	Tariff classification of style # 10162 "Kalo" footwear.	NY N212500 (R)	6404.19.3940	HQ H219215	6404.19.1520 [GRI 1]	(E) 03-21-16
	Eligibility of copper sheets for a partial duty exemption under subheading 9802.00.60, HTSUS	HQ 540430 (R)	Ineligible	HQ H265781	Eligible	
	Country of origin marking of two styles of wrist-watches	HQ 562543 (R)	Japan	HQ H234796	Japan and China Special Chapter 91 marking requirements	
(A) <a href="#">01-27-16</a>	Tariff classification of automotive cylinder lock set	NY I84093 (R)	components separately classified; switch=8536; lock=8301	HQ H060579	8301.20.0060 [GRI 3(b)]	(E) 03-28-16
	Tariff classification of knit polyester pants.	NY N071298 (R)	6103.43.1540	HQ H140735	6107.99.1030 [GRI 1]	

## European Classification Regulations

No Classification Regulations were published in the *Official Journal* during the period covered by this *International Trade Compliance Update*.

## Amendments to the CN Explanatory Notes

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

Official Journal	CN code or page	Description of Articles
<a href="#">2016/C 030/4 27-01-16</a>	7019 p.279	Glass fibres (including glass wool) and articles thereof (for example, yarn, woven fabric)'- revised Explanatory Note to heading.

## 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-698</a>	Certain DC-DC controllers and products containing same	(Remand) Commission determination to adopt a recommended remand determination; issuance of modified civil penalty order and termination of remand enforcement proceeding
<a href="#">337-TA-934</a>	Certain windshield wiper devices and components thereof	Commission decision to review in part a final initial determination finding a violation of section 337; request for written submissions
<a href="#">337-TA-941</a>	Certain graphics processing chips, systems on a chip, and products containing the same	Notice that Presiding ALJ has issued a final initial determination and recommended determination on remedy and bonding; Commission seeks comments on public interest issues
<a href="#">337-TA-979</a>	Certain radio frequency identification ("RFID") products and components thereof	Institution of an investigation based on a complaint filed on behalf of Neology, Inc. alleging patent infringement
<a href="#">337-TA-980</a>	Certain rack mountable power distribution units	Institution of an investigation based on a complaint filed on behalf of Server Technology, Inc. alleging patent infringement
<a href="#">337-TA-981</a>	Certain electronic devices containing strengthened glass and packaging thereof	Institution of an investigation based on a complaint filed on behalf of Saxon Glass Technologies, Inc. alleging common law and registered trademark infringement and dilution
<a href="#">337-TA-982</a>	Certain RF capable integrated circuits and products containing the same	Institution of an investigation based on a complaint filed on behalf of ParkerVision, Inc. alleging patent infringement
<a href="#">337-TA-983</a>	Certain laser-driven light sources, subsystems containing laser-driven light sources, and products containing same	Institution of investigation based on a complaint filed on behalf of Energetiq Technology, Inc. alleging patent infringement

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

Ref. Number	Commodity	Complaint filed on behalf of:
<a href="#">DN 3109</a>	Certain computing or graphics systems, components thereof, and vehicles containing same	Advanced Silicon Technologies LLC
<a href="#">DN 3112</a>	Certain surgical stapler devices and components thereof	Covidien LP
<a href="#">DN 3115</a>	Certain diaper disposal systems and components thereof, including diaper refill cassettes	Edgewell Personal Care Brands, LLC and International Refills Company Ltd.

## 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, Argentina, Brazil, China and occasionally other countries. (Click on blue text for link to official document.)

Key: AD, ADD=antidumping, antidumping duty; CV, CVD=countervailing duty or subsidy; LTFV=less than fair value, AS = Anti-subsidy.



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

Case No	Merchandise/Country	Action
<a href="#">C-535-904</a>	Circular welded carbon-quality steel pipe from Pakistan	Postponement of preliminary determination in CVD investigation
<a href="#">A-533-863</a>	Certain corrosion-resistant steel products from India	Affirmative preliminary determination of sales at LTFV and postponement of final determination
<a href="#">A-475-832</a>	Certain corrosion-resistant steel products from Italy	Preliminary affirmative determination of sales at LTFV and postponement of final determination
<a href="#">A-583-856</a>	Certain corrosion-resistant steel products from Taiwan	Negative preliminary determination of sales at LTFV
<a href="#">A-570-026</a>	Certain corrosion-resistant steel products from China	Affirmative preliminary determination of sales at LTFV and postponement of final determination
<a href="#">A-580-878</a>	Certain corrosion-resistant steel products from S. Korea	Affirmative preliminary determination of sales at LTFV and postponement of final determination
<a href="#">C-570-968</a>	Aluminum extrusions from China	Notice of court decision not in harmony with final results of CVD administrative review and notice of amended final results pursuant to court decision
<a href="#">A-549-822</a>	Certain frozen warmwater shrimp from Thailand	Notice of final results of ADD changed circumstances review
<a href="#">A-570-896</a>	Magnesium metal from China	Preliminary results of ADD administrative review; 2014-2015
<a href="#">A-469-814</a> <a href="#">A-570-898</a>	Chlorinated Isocyanurates from Spain and China	Final results of the expedited sunset reviews of the ADD orders
<a href="#">A-570-910</a>	Circular welded carbon quality steel pipe from China	Rescission of AD administrative review; 2014-2015
<a href="#">A-570-001</a>	Potassium permanganate from China	Final results of expedited fourth sunset review of the ADD order
<a href="#">A-580-810</a>	Welded ASTM A-312 stainless steel pipe from S. Korea	Preliminary results of ADD administrative review; 2013-2014
<a href="#">A-560-823</a> <a href="#">A-570-958</a>	Certain coated paper suitable for high-quality print graphics using sheet-fed presses from Indonesia and China	Final results of expedited first sunset reviews of the ADD orders
<a href="#">C-570-980</a>	Crystalline silicon photovoltaic cells, whether or not assembled into modules, from China	Preliminary results of CVD administrative review; 2013; and partial rescission of CVD administrative review
<a href="#">A-570-970</a>	Multilayered wood flooring from China	Preliminary results of ADD administrative review; 2013-2014
<a href="#">A-533-820</a>	Certain hot-rolled carbon steel flat products from India	Final results of ADD administrative review; 2013-2014
<a href="#">A-570-898</a>	Chlorinated isocyanurates from China	Final results of ADD administrative review; 2013-2014
<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; 2013
<a href="#">A-570-601</a>	Tapered roller bearings and parts thereof, finished and unfinished, from China	Final results of the ADD administrative review; 2013-2014
<a href="#">A-570-033</a>	Large residential washers from China	Initiation of LTFV investigation
<a href="#">A-489-816</a>	Certain oil country tubular goods from Turkey	Rescission of ADD administrative review; 2014-2015
<a href="#">A-570-886</a>	Polyethylene retail carrier bags from China	Rescission of ADD administrative review; 2014-2015
<a href="#">C-489-827</a>	Countervailing duty investigation of certain hot-rolled steel flat products from Turkey	Preliminary negative CVD determination and alignment of final determination with final ADD determination
<a href="#">C-351-846</a>	Certain hot-rolled steel flat products from Brazil	Preliminary affirmative CVD determination and alignment of final determination with final ADD determination
<a href="#">C-570-031</a>	Certain iron mechanical transfer drive components from China	Postponement of preliminary determination in the CVD investigation
<a href="#">A-549-821</a>	Polyethylene retail carrier bags from Thailand	Rescission of ADD administrative review in part; 2014-2015


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

Case №	Merchandise/Country	Action
<a href="#">C-580-884</a>	Certain hot-rolled steel flat products from S. Korea	Preliminary negative CVD determination and alignment of final determination with final ADD determination
<a href="#">A-570-900</a>	Diamond sawblades and parts thereof from China	Notice of court decision not in harmony with the final results of review and amended final results of the ADD administrative review
<a href="#">A-570-900</a>	Diamond sawblades and parts thereof from China	Notice of court decision not in harmony with the final results of review and amended final results of the ADD administrative review
<a href="#">A-570-918</a>	Steel wire garment hangers from China	2014- 2015; Partial rescission of the seventh ADD administrative review
<a href="#">C-560-829</a>	Certain uncoated paper from Indonesia	Final affirmative CVD determination
<a href="#">C-570-023</a>	Certain uncoated paper from China	Final affirmative CVD determination
<a href="#">A-602-807</a>	Certain uncoated paper from Australia	Final determination of sales at LTFV and affirmative final determination of critical circumstances, in part
<a href="#">A-351-842</a>	Certain uncoated paper from Brazil	Final determination of sales at LTFV
<a href="#">A-560-828</a>	Certain Uncoated Paper from Indonesia:	Final determination of sales at LTFV
<a href="#">A-471-807</a>	Certain uncoated paper from Portugal	Final determination of sales at LTFV and final negative determination of critical circumstances
<a href="#">A-570-022</a>	Certain uncoated paper from China	Final determination of sales at LTFV
<a href="#">A-570-964</a> <a href="#">A-201-838</a>	Seamless refined copper pipe and tube from China and Mexico:	Preliminary results of the sunset reviews of the ADD orders
<a href="#">A-570-601</a>	Tapered roller bearings and parts thereof, finished and unfinished, from China	Notice of court decision not in harmony with final results of ADD administrative review and notice of amended final results of ADD administrative; 2008-2009
<a href="#">A-570-601</a>	Tapered roller bearings and parts thereof, finished and unfinished, from China	Notice of court decision not in harmony with final results of ADD administrative review and notice of amended final results of ADD administrative; 2007-2008
<a href="#">A-570-601</a>	Tapered roller bearings and parts thereof, finished and unfinished, from China	Notice of correction to the final results of the 2013-2014 ADD administrative review
<a href="#">A-583-856</a>	Certain corrosion-resistant steel products from Taiwan:	Postponement of final determination of sales at LTFV
<a href="#">A-570-970</a>	Multilayered wood flooring from China	Initiation of ADD new shipper reviews; 2014-2015
<a href="#">A-570-905</a>	Certain polyester staple fiber from China	Final results of the ADD administrative review; 2013-2014


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

Case №	Merchandise/Country	Action
<a href="#">731-TA-770-773, 775</a>	Stainless steel wire rod from Italy, Japan, Korea, Spain, and Taiwan	(Third Review) Scheduling of full five-year reviews
<a href="#">731-TA-1070B</a>	Certain tissue paper products from China	(Second Review) Scheduling of a full five-year review
<a href="#">701-TA-470-471</a> <a href="#">731-TA-1169-1170</a>	Certain coated paper suitable for high-quality print graphics using sheet-fed presses from China and Indonesia	(Review) Notice of Commission determination to conduct full five- year reviews
<a href="#">701-TA-469</a> <a href="#">731-TA-1168</a>	Seamless carbon and alloy steel standard, line, and pressure pipe from China	(Review) Scheduling of an expedited five-year review
<a href="#">731-TA-1174-1175</a>	Seamless refined copper pipe and tube from China and Mexico	(Review) Notice of Commission determination to conduct full five-year reviews
<a href="#">701-TA-249</a> <a href="#">731-TA-262, 263, 265</a>	Iron construction castings from Brazil, Canada, and China	(Fourth Review) Notice of Commission determination to conduct full five-year reviews



### United States International Trade Commission (USITC)

Case №	Merchandise/Country	Action
<a href="#">701-TA-551-553</a> <a href="#">731-TA-1307-1308</a>	Certain new pneumatic off-the-road-tires from China, India, and Sri Lanka	(Preliminary) Institution of AD and CVD investigations and scheduling of preliminary phase investigations
<a href="#">731-TA-1279</a>	Hydrofluorocarbon blends and components from China	(Preliminary) Determination an industry in the United States is materially injured by reason of imports that are alleged to be sold in the United States at LTFV
<a href="#">701-TA-554</a> <a href="#">731-TA-1309</a>	Certain biaxial integral geogrid products from China	(Preliminary) Institution of AD and CVD investigations and scheduling of preliminary phase investigations
<a href="#">701-TA-555</a> <a href="#">731-TA-1310</a>	Certain amorphous silica fabric from China	(Preliminary) Institution of antidumping and CVD investigations and scheduling of preliminary phase investigations



### Canadian International Trade Tribunal (CITT)

Ref. Number	Merchandise/Country	Action
<a href="#">NQ-2015-001</a>	Hot-rolled carbon steel plate and high-strength low-alloy steel plate originating in or exported from India and The Russian Federation	Finding issued



### NAFTA Panels

Ref. Number	Merchandise/Country	Action
<a href="#">MEX-USA-2012-1904-02</a>	Monobutyl ether of ethylene glycol from the United States, regardless of country of export.	Notice concerning the suspension of the procedure for Panel Review of the Final Determination of the AD investigation
<a href="#">USA-CDA-2015-1904-02</a>	Supercalendered paper from Canada	Request for panel review of the final affirmative injury determination made by the U.S.I.T.C.



### Mexico - Ministry of Economy

Ref. №	Merchandise/Country	Action
<a href="#">16/14</a>	Apples originating in the US, regardless of country of export	Preliminary resolution in the AD investigation
<a href="#">23/15</a>	High carbon ferro-manganese originating in the Republic of Korea, regardless of country of export.	Resolution approving the request of an interested party is accepted and the initiation of the AD investigation is declared
<a href="#">24/15</a>	Multilayer paper bags for cement and lime originating in Brazil, regardless of country of export.	Resolution approving the start of the review of ADD
<a href="#">01/15</a>	Hot-rolled steel sheet, originating in the Russian Federation and Ukraine, regardless of country of origin	Final resolution in the ADD investigation



### European Union

Ref. Number	Merchandise/Country	Action
<a href="#">(EU) 2016/12</a>	Crystalline silicon photovoltaic modules and key components (i.e. cells) originating in the United States	Commission Implementing Regulation terminating the partial interim review of the AD and CV measures



## European Union

Ref. Number	Merchandise/Country	Action
	ing in or consigned from China	
<a href="#">(EU) 2016/32</a>	Citric acid originating in China -- extended to imports of citric acid consigned from Malaysia, whether declared as originating in Malaysia or not	Commission Implementing Regulation extending the definitive ADD
<a href="#">(EU) 2016/90</a>	Steel ropes and cables originating, <i>inter alia</i> , in Ukraine	Commission Implementing Regulation amending Council Implementing Regulation imposing a definitive ADD following a partial interim review
<a href="#">(EU) 2016/113</a>	High fatigue performance steel concrete reinforcement bars originating in China	Commission Regulation imposing a provisional ADD
<a href="#">(EU) 2016/115</a>	Crystalline silicon photovoltaic modules and key components (i.e. cells) originating in or consigned from China	Commission Implementing Regulation withdrawing the acceptance of the undertaking for one exporting producer
<a href="#">2016/C 034/6</a>	Okoumé plywood originating in China	Notice of initiation of an expiry review of the AD measures
<a href="#">2016/C 034/7</a>	Hand pallet trucks and their essential parts originating in or exported from China and Thailand	Notice of the impending expiry of certain anti-dumping measures (ADD). Date of expiry 14.10.2016



## Australian Anti-Dumping Commission

Number	Merchandise/Country	Action
<a href="#">2016/01</a>	PV modules or panels from China	Resumption of an investigation
<a href="#">2016/02</a>	Various	Status report as at 31 December 2015
<a href="#">2016/03</a>	Aluminium road wheels from China	Withdrawal of an application of an accelerated review
<a href="#">2016/06</a>	Hollow structural sections from China	Extension of time granted to issue final report
<a href="#">2016/07</a>	Aluminium extrusions from China	Findings in relation to an accelerated review
<a href="#">2016/08</a>	Ammonium nitrate from Russia	SEF extension of time



## China Ministry of Commerce (MOFCOM)

Ref. Number	Merchandise/Country	Action
<a href="#">MOFCOM № 70, 2015</a>	Non-dispersion shifted single-mode optical fiber originating in Japan and S. Korea	Filing of expiry review of anti-dumping Measures against Imports of
<a href="#">MOFCOM № 2, 2016</a>	Distiller's dried grains with or without solubles originating in the U.S.	Initiating an AD Investigation
<a href="#">MOFCOM № 3, 2016</a>	Distiller's dried grains with or without solubles originating in the U.S.	Initiating a CVD investigation



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

Reference	Merchandise/Country	Action
<a href="#">01/2016-Cus (CVD)</a>	Castings for wind-operated electricity generators whether or not machined, in raw, finished or sub-assembled form, or as a part of a sub-assembly, or as a part of an equipment/ component meant for wind-	Seeks to levy definitive CVD for a period of five years


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

Reference	Merchandise/Country	Action
	operated electricity generators originating in, or exported from China	
<a href="#">01/2016-Cus (ADD)</a>	Mulberry Raw Silk (not thrown) of grade 3A and below, originating in, or exported from China	Seeks to levy definitive ADD for a period of five years
<a href="#">02/2016-Cus (ADD)</a>	Melamine, originating in, or exported from China	Seeks to levy definitive ADD for a period of five years.
<a href="#">03/2016-Cus (ADD)</a>	Melamine, originating in, or exported from China	Seeks to rescind notification No. 10/2010 - Customs dated 19th February, 2010.
<a href="#">04/2016-Cus (ADD)</a>	Certain rubber chemicals originating in or exported from China and Korea	Seeks to amend notification No. 133/2008- Customs dated 12.12.2008


**Argentina Ministry of Economy and Public Finance**

Ref. Number	Merchandise/Country	Action
<a href="#">Res. 1900/2015</a>	Air conditioning equipment less than or equal to six thousand five hundred (6,500) btu / hour capacity; version only cold or cold-heat, using inverter a cycle valve heat: wall or window, forming a single body, device to modify the air temperature, originating in Thailand	Procedure to close the review


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

Reference	Merchandise/Country	Action
<a href="#">SECEX Cir. No. 01</a>	Tempered and laminated automotive glass originating in China	Rectified in the Official Gazette of 01.12.2016. Starts investigation to ascertain the existence of dumping i
<a href="#">SECEX Cir. No. 02</a>	N-butanol from South Africa and Russia	Starts investigation to ascertain the existence of dumping
<a href="#">SECEX Cir. No. 03</a>	iron or steel rebar originating in Turkey	Starts investigation to ascertain the existence of dumping
<a href="#">SECEX Cir. No. 04</a>	Unframed mirrors originating in China and Mexico	Extends the deadline for completion of the dumping investigation
<a href="#">SECEX Cir. No. 05</a>	Table crockery objects from China	Makes public an update the minimum reference price and the new maximum amount for covered products manufactured by the companies belonging to the Industrial Association of China Ceramics – CCIA to be exported to Brazil, directly or through their respective trading companies.
<a href="#">SECEX Cir. No. 06</a>	Certain magnesium powder from China.	Makes public the terms that serve as parameters for the rest of the ADD review
<a href="#">CAMEX Res. No. 2</a>	Heavy plate in coils, with or without boron content less than 0.0008%, from China	Extends the application of the definitive ADD, for the same duration as the current measure
<a href="#">CAMEX Res. No. 5</a>	Carbon steel pipes not connected, seamless, of circular cross section originating in China	Apply provisional ADD for a period of up to six (6) months.

## Opportunity to Request Administrative Review

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AD/CVD Proceedings - Country/ Merchandise	Case No.	Period
<b>Antidumping duty proceedings</b>		
Brazil: Prestressed Concrete Steel Wire Strand	A-351-837	1/1/15-12/31/15
India: Prestressed Concrete Steel Wire Strand	A-533-828	1/1/15-12/31/15
Mexico: Prestressed Concrete Steel Wire Strand	A-201-831	1/1/15-12/31/15
R. of Korea: Prestressed Concrete Steel Wire Strand	A-580-852	1/1/15-12/31/15
South Africa: Ferrovandium	A-791-815	1/1/15-12/31/15
Thailand: Prestressed Concrete Steel Wire Strand	A-549-820	1/1/15-12/31/15
The P.R. of China: Calcium Hypochlorite	A-570-008	7/25/14-12/31/15
Carbon and Certain Alloy Steel Wire Rod	A-570-012	9/8/14-12/31/15
Crepe Paper Products	A-570-895	1/1/15-12/31/15
Ferrovandium	A-570-873	1/1/15-12/31/15
Folding Gift Boxes	A-570-866	1/1/15-12/31/15
Potassium Permanganate	A-570-001	1/1/15-12/31/15
Wooden Bedroom Furniture	A-570-890	1/1/15-12/32/15
<b>Countervailing duty proceedings</b>		
The P.R. of China: Calcium Hypochlorite	C-570-009	5/27/14-12/31/15
Carbon and Certain Alloy Steel Wire Rod	C-570-013	7/8/14-12/31/15
Certain Oil Country Tubular Goods	C-570-944	1/1/15-12/31/15
Circular Welded Carbon Quality Steel Line Pipe	C-570-936	1/1/15-12/31/15
<b>Suspension agreements</b>		
Russia: Certain Cut-to-Length Carbon Steel Plate	A-821-808	1/1/15-12/31/15

## Opportunity to Request Administrative Review

In a February 3, 2016 *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	2/1/15-1/31/16
Stainless Steel Bar	A-351-825	2/1/15-1/31/16
France: Uranium	A-427-818	2/1/15-1/31/16
India: Certain Preserved Mushrooms	A-533-813	2/1/15-1/31/16
Certain Cut-to-Length Carbon-Quality Steel Plate	A-533-817	2/1/15-1/31/16
Frozen Warmwater Shrimp	A-533-840	2/1/15-1/31/16
Stainless Steel Bar	A-533-810	2/1/15-1/31/16
Indonesia: Certain Preserved Mushrooms	A-560-802	2/1/15-1/31/16
Certain Cut-to-Length Carbon-Quality Steel Plate	A-560-805	2/1/15-1/31/16
Italy: Stainless Steel Butt-Weld Pipe Fittings	A-475-828	2/1/15-1/31/16
Japan: Carbon Steel Butt-Weld Pipe Fittings	A-588-602	2/1/15-1/31/16
Stainless Steel Bar	A-588-833	2/1/15-1/31/16
Malaysia: Stainless Steel Butt-Weld Fittings	A-557-809	2/1/15-1/31/16
Mexico: Large Residential Washers	A-201-842	2/1/15-1/31/16
Philippines: Stainless Steel Butt-Weld Pipe Fittings	A-565-801	2/1/15-1/31/16
Republic of Korea: Large Residential Washers	A-580-868	2/1/15-1/31/16
Certain Cut-to-Length Carbon-Quality Steel Plate	A-580-836	2/1/15-1/31/16
SR of Vietnam: Frozen Warmwater Shrimp	A-552-802	2/1/15-1/31/16

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AD/CVD Proceedings - Country/ Merchandise	Case No.	Period
Steel Wire Garment Hangers	A-552-812	2/1/15-1/31/16
Utility Scale Wind Towers	A-552-814	2/1/15-1/31/16
Taiwan: Certain Crystalline Silicon Photovoltaic Products	A-583-853	7/31/14-1/31/16
Thailand: Frozen Warmwater Shrimp	A-549-822	2/1/15-1/31/16
The PR of China: Certain Preserved Mushrooms	A-570-851	2/1/15-1/31/16
Certain Crystalline Silicon Photovoltaic Products	A-570-010	7/31/14-1/31/16
Frozen Warmwater Shrimp	A-570-893	2/1/15-1/31/16
Heavy Forged Hand Tools With or Without Handles	A-570-803	2/1/15-1/31/16
Small Diameter Graphite Electrodes	A-570-929	2/1/15-1/31/16
Uncovered Innerspring Units	A-570-928	2/1/15-1/31/16
Utility Scale Wind Towers	A-570-981	2/1/15-1/31/16
Countervailing Duty Proceedings		
India: Certain Cut-to-Length Carbon-Quality Steel Plate	C-533-818	1/1/15-12/31/15
Prestressed Concrete Steel Wire Strand	C-533-829	1/1/15-12/31/15
Indonesia: Certain Cut-to-Length Carbon-Quality Steel Plate	C-560-806	1/1/15 -12/31/15
Republic of Korea: Large Residential Washers	C-580-869	1/1/15-12/31/15
Certain Cut-to-Length Carbon-Quality Steel Plate	C-580-837	1/1/15-12/31/15
SR of Vietnam: Steel Wire Garment Hangers	C-552-813	1/1/15-12/31/15
The PR of China: Utility Scale Wind Towers	C-570-982	1/1/15-12/31/15
Certain Crystalline Silicon Photovoltaic Products	C-570-011	6/10/14 -12/31/15
Suspension Agreements		
None		

## Requested Reviews

In a January 7, 2016 *Federal Register* [notice](#), the US Department of Commerce announced that it has received timely requests to conduct administrative reviews of various antidumping and countervailing duty orders and findings with November anniversary dates. See actual notices for companies requesting review:

AD/CVD Proceedings - Country/ Merchandise	Case No.	Period
Antidumping Proceedings		
Indonesia: Monosodium Glutamate	A-560-826	5/8/14 - 10/31/15
Mexico: Certain Circular Welded Non-Alloy Steel Pipe	A-201-805	11/1/14 - 10/31/15
Seamless Refined Copper Pipe and Tube	A-201-838	11/1/14 - 10/31/15
Steel Concrete Reinforcing Bar	A-201-844	4/24/14 - 10/31/15
S. Korea: Certain Circular Welded Non-Alloy Steel Pipe	A-580-809	11/1/14 - 10/31/15
The PR of China: Certain Cut-to-Length Carbon Steel Plate	A-570-849	11/1/14 - 10/31/15
Diamond Sawblades and Parts Thereof	A-570-900	11/1/14 - 10/31/15
Fresh Garlic	A-570-831	11/1/14 - 10/31/15
Lightweight Thermal Paper	A-570-920	11/1/14 - 10/31/15
Monosodium Glutamate	A-570-992	5/8/14 - 10/31/15
Polyethylene Terephthalate Film, Sheet and Strip	A-570-924	11/1/14 - 10/31/15
Seamless Refined Copper Pipe and Tube	A-570-964	11/1/14 - 10/31/15
United Arab Emirates: Polyethylene Terephthalate Film, Sheet and Strip	A-520-803	11/1/14 - 10/31/15
Countervailing Duty Proceedings		
The PR of China: Chlorinated Isocyanurates	C-570-991	2/4/14 - 12/31/14
Turkey: Steel Concrete Reinforcing Bar	C-489-819	9/15/14 - 12/31/14
Suspension Agreements		
None		

## Advance Notification of Sunset Reviews

In a January 4, 2016, *Federal Register* [notice](#), the US Department of Commerce advised that the following cases were scheduled for five-year (“Sunset”) reviews for February 2016.

AD/CVD Proceedings - Merchandise/Country	Case No.
<b>Antidumping duty proceedings</b>	
Magnesium Metal from China	A-570-896 (2 <sup>nd</sup> Review)
Porcelain-On-Steel Cooking Ware from China	A-570-506 (4 <sup>th</sup> Review)
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<b>Countervailing duty proceedings</b>	
No Sunset Review of countervailing duty orders is scheduled for initiation in February 2016	
<b>Suspended investigations</b>	
No Sunset Review of suspended investigations is scheduled for initiation in February 2016	

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