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

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United Nations (UN)

UNSC terminates Liberian sanctions

On 25 May 2016, the UN Security Council [adopted Resolution 2288 \(2016\)](#), which terminated, with immediate effect, the measures on arms, previously imposed by paragraph 2 of Resolution 1521 (2003) and modified by paragraphs 1 and 2 of Resolution 1683 (2006), by paragraph 1 (b) of Resolution 1731 (2006), by paragraphs 3, 4, 5 and 6 of Resolution 1903 (2009), by paragraph 3 of Resolution 1961 (2010), and by paragraph 2 (b) of Resolution 2128 (2013) and dissolved, with immediate effect, the Committee established by paragraph 21 of Resolution 1521 (2003) and the Panel of Experts established pursuant to paragraph 22 of Resolution 1521 (2003), and subsequently modified and extended, including in paragraphs 3 and 4 of Resolution 2237 (2015).

The actions were taken because the Council determined that the ceasefire in Liberia is being fully respected and maintained, disarmament, demobilization, reintegration, repatriation and restructuring of the security sector have been completed, the provisions of the Comprehensive Peace Agreement are being fully implemented, and significant progress has been made in establishing and maintaining stability in Liberia and the subregion.

UNSC terminates Côte d'Ivoire sanctions

On 27 April 2016, the UN Security Council [adopted Resolution 2283 \(2016\)](#), which terminated, with immediate effect, the measures concerning arms and related materiel in paragraph 1 of Resolution 2219 (2015), first imposed in paragraph 7 of Resolution 1572 (2004), as well as the travel and financial measures imposed in paragraphs 9 to 12 of Resolution 1572 (2004) and paragraph 12 of Resolution 1975 (2011), as subsequently renewed, including in paragraph 12 of Resolution 2219 (2015) and dissolved, with immediate effect, the Committee established by paragraph 14 of Resolution 1572 (2004) and the Group of Experts established pursuant to paragraph 7 of Resolution 1584 (2005), and subsequently extended, including in paragraph 25 of Resolution 2219 (2015).

The actions were taken because of the progress achieved in the stabilization of Côte d'Ivoire, including in relation to disarmament, demobilisation and reintegration (DDR) and security sector reform (SSR), national reconciliation and the fight against impunity, as well as the successful conduct of the presidential election of 25 October 2015 and progress on the management of arms and related materiel as well as combating the illicit trafficking of natural resources. The Council also stressed the need that such improvements continue, in order to further contribute to the peace and stability of Côte d'Ivoire.

World Trade Organization (WTO)

WTO issues 2016 Annual Report

The WTO has [published](#) its 2016 Annual Report covering the organization's activities in 2015 and early 2016. The Report begins with a message from Director-General Roberto Azevêdo, who looks back at a memorable year for the WTO marked by the organization's 20-year anniversary and the successful conclusion of the WTO's Tenth Ministerial Conference in Nairobi.

The opening section of the Report provides a brief overview of the past year, focusing on the WTO's major areas of activity. The second part provides more in-depth accounts of the WTO's work, covering trade negotiations, implementation of WTO agreements, trade monitoring, dispute settlement, support for developing countries and outreach activity.

The Report includes a special focus on the major events of 2015: the 20th anniversary of the WTO; the Nairobi Ministerial Conference; the Fifth Global Review of Aid for Trade; the 2015 Public Forum; and the WTO's Open Day.

The Report is available as a printed publication and a PDF. An app of the report will soon be made available for viewing on tablets and smartphones. This will be available for download from the App Store, Google Play and Amazon.

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Trade Policy Review: Albania

The second review of the trade policies and practices of Albania took place on 11 and 13 May 2016. The basis for the review was a [report by the WTO Secretariat](#) and a [report by the Government of Albania](#).

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
DS381	United States — Measures Concerning the Importation, Marketing and Sale of Tuna and Tuna Products (Complainant: Mexico)	Compliance panel established	09-05-16
DS453	Argentina — Measures Relating to Trade in Goods and Services (Complainant: Panama)	DSB adopted Appellate Body Report	
DS427	China — Anti-Dumping and Countervailing Duty Measures on Broiler Products from the United States (Complainant: US)	US requests consultations regarding compliance panel	10-05-16
DS437	US — Countervailing Measures (Complainant: China)	China requests consultations regarding US compliance	13-05-16
DS381	United States — Measures Concerning the Importation, Marketing and Sale of Tuna and Tuna Products (Complainant: Mexico)	Mexico requests consultations re: Second compliance panel	
DS473	European Union — Anti-Dumping Measures on Biodiesel from Argentina (Complainant: Argentina)	EU filed notice of appeal from Panel Report	20-05-16

TBT Notifications

Member countries of the WTO are required under the *Agreement on Technical Barriers to Trade* (TBT Agreement) to report to the WTO all proposed technical regulations that could affect trade with other Member countries. The WTO Secretariat distributes this information in the form of "notifications" to all Member countries. [See separate section on WTO TBT Notifications](#) for a table which summarizes notifications posted by the WTO during the past month.

World Customs Organization (WCO)

WCO releases revised Data Model

On 9, May 2016, the WCO [announced](#) that it had released version 3.6.0 of the WCO Data Model. WCO Data Model, a collection of international standards on data and information required not only by Customs, but also by government agencies, developed with the objective of achieving a consensus on the manner in which data will be used in applying regulatory facilitation and controls in global trade.

The Data Model contains data sets for different border procedures, including definitions of data elements, recommended data formats and suggested code lists. The data elements are logically grouped into units of meaningful information, called “information models”. These information models serve as reusable building blocks with which one can build electronic document and data exchange templates.

The Data Model also includes Information Packages, which are standard electronic templates linked to business processes – goods declarations, cargo reports, conveyance reports, licences/permits, and certificates. It is a library of data components and electronic document templates that can be used to effectively exchange business data.

Among others, the new release contains the new European Union (EU) Customs Data Model (CDM) Derived Information Package (DIP). The EU-CDM has been developed based on the WCO Data Model. It is included as the technical annex of the EU Union Customs Code (UCC) and will be used as reference on harmonized and standardized Customs data requirements for the EU Member States.

The new version also contains a report on the conformance of the ASYCUDA information model to the WCO Data Model, particularly on the Import and Export data requirements (Single Administrative Document - SAD). This report can be used by ASYCUDA users as the reference for establishing harmonized exchange of information based on the WCO Data Model.

Additionally, update to several data elements are incorporated in to the new package based on the Data Maintenance Requests (DMR) submitted by Canada, EU, Ghana, Malaysia, the Netherlands, Oman, Sweden, the United States of America, UN/ECE (eTIR) as well as UN/CTAD (ASYCUDA).

Last but not least, XML Schemas – a tool for software designers, used to express the structure and constraints of an XML document – enriched with additional information on data element’s attributes are now included in the Data Model. They will enable users to browse the data elements, its structures as well as the attributes of particular information package using any available XML viewer. Additional information now available includes WCO Id, WCO Name, WCO Description, WCO Format representation, Trade Data Element Directory (TDED) Unique Id, as well as the TDED Name.

For additional information, [click here](#).

Announcements and news releases [dd-mm-yy]

Date	Title
03-05-16	Workshop in Malaysia to Support the Implementation of an Advance Ruling System for Origin
	Under the Mercator Programme, the State Customs Committee of the Republic of Belarus validates the results of the self-assessment against the TFA provisions
	Heads of Customs of the West and Central Africa region discuss their priorities
04-05-16	Bangladesh, Bhutan, India and Nepal discuss efficient transit regimes in South Asia
10-05-16	The WCO INAMA Project Supports Customs Administrations in Sub-Saharan

Date	Title
	Africa to address complex illegal wildlife trade challenges
	WCO-EAC CREATE Project Update: The East African Community officially adopts the Manual of Standard Operating Procedures for the EAC regional AEO programme!
	Opening of the WCO's 69th Fellowship Programme
11-05-16	Senior officials of the Portuguese Speaking Countries Community (CPLP) develop a joint Strategic Plan and set out their Vision for the next five years
	3rd WCO AEO Conference opens in Mexico
13-05-16	Seizure of one million pairs of counterfeit glasses by Brazilian Customs during an operation
	WCO participates in the International Expert Meeting on safeguarding Libyan cultural heritage
	WCO National Workshop on Post-Clearance Audit in Bahrain
17-05-16	National Workshop on the Harmonized System in Guatemala
	Iran and Turkey Customs on the way to implement the 2nd phase of e-TIR
	Iran and Korea Sign Agreement on Customs Cooperation
18-05-16	Oman becomes the 154th Contracting Party to the Harmonized System Convention
	WCO Accreditation Workshop for Technical Operational Advisers TOAs in the area of the WCO Time Release Study (TRS)
	WCO attends Launch of the MoveAfrica Initiative
19-05-16	WCO Accreditation Workshop on Post-Clearance Audit in RTC Korea
	WCO Welcomes APEC Ministerial Statement
20-05-16	WCO Europe Regional Heads of Customs Conference in Kazakhstan
	National Workshop on the Revised Kyoto Convention and Rules of Origin in Haiti
23-05-16	Azerbaijan hosts Regional Workshop on the HS 2017 for the WCO Europe Region
24-05-16	The countries of the WCO MENA region are preparing for the implementation of the 2017 edition of the HS
	WCO Sub-Regional Workshop on Risk Management in Skopje
	WCO supports JICA Trade Facilitation Project in the Eastern Africa Region
	HS National Workshop in Brazil
25-05-16	Brazilian Customs detects 811 kg of cocaine inside a large block of granite
	Customs commitment highlighted at the World Humanitarian Summit
26-05-16	Training seminar on Customs valuation control for Customs valuation experts and trainers from the Office Togolais des Recettes
	National Time Release Study in Serbia
	WCO Accreditation Workshop in Japan Identifies Another Five Experts to Support the Mercator Programme
	WCO attends the Shanghai World Conference of the International Federation of Customs Brokers Associations (IFCBA)
	WCO organizes a Regional Workshop on combating cross-border smuggling of goods for the MENA region
27-05-16	Bahamas Customs and Excise Department Highlights Training As Reform & Modernization Priority
	WCO successfully facilitates Trade Facilitation Agreement (TFA) Gap Analysis mission in Sierra Leone
	East and Southern Africa Governing Council Meeting
	WCO's contribution to countering terrorism and violent extremism recognized at G7 Ise-Shima Summit
31-05-16	Publication of the WCO Study Report on Customs Brokers
	WCO Valuation Train-the-Trainers Event for Nigeria and Ghana
	WCO participates at i-Customs Conference in St. Petersburg, Russia
	Customs seizes counterfeit dollars and euro worth millions of Chilean pesos

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Other International Matters

CITES Notification to Parties

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

Date	Title
09-05-16	2016/041 - Glossary of agarwood products
	2016/042 - Somalia – Partial Withdrawal of a recommendation to suspend trade
26-05-16	2016/043 - Amendments of Appendices I and II of the Convention

The Americas - Central America

Costa Rica

Customs Resolutions

Date	Series and No	Subject
11-05-16	Res-DGA-073-2016	Self-assessment of fines and reductions in the @TIC system
16-05-16	Directriz-DGT-002-2016	About the correct registration of the consignee of the goods in the Single Transit Declaration (DUT) and inventory movements in a customs warehouse.

El Salvador

Documents

Date	Series and No	Subject
09-05-16	008-2016-DGA	Public call for aspiring Customs Brokers and Customs special agents

Guatemala/Honduras

Customs integration enters into force

On May 13, 2016, the *Enabling Protocol of Customs Integration* between Honduras and Guatemala came into force. The protocol had been approved by the Honduran Congress on December 8, 2015, and by the Guatemalan Congress on January 21, 2016. On May 4, 2016, it was deposited with the SICA (Central American Integration System) Secretariat. The protocol will enable full customs integration. Some steps have already occurred through the creation of an Integrated Control Station and several joint customs posts and airport stations.

Nicaragua

Nicaraguan Classification Resolutions (Customs Rulings)

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

Documents

Date	Series and №	Subject
27-04-16	CT 048-2016	Implementation of the nonintrusive inspection technique in the Customs administration in Las Manos.
09-05-16	CT 050-2016	Release of withholding of 10% of income tax (IR) And margin of 30% of the Marketing Value Added Tax (VAT).

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
23-05-16	National Customs Authority (NCA): Resolution № 195 (16-05-16) Formalizing the Authorized Economic Operator Program
27-05-16	Ministry of Trade and Industry: Acuerdo № S/N (21-12-15) for the establishment of the Secretariat for the Implementation of Environmental Legislation Under the US-Panama Trade Promotion Treaty.

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
30-05-16	029-2016 23-05-16	Repealing AUPSA-DINAN-056-2007 (<i>Oryza sativa</i> L. rice, beans with shell Argentina) and plant health requirements for importing rice (<i>oryza sativa</i> L.) grain in establishing, for human consumption and / or transformation, originating in Argentina.
31-05-16	071-2015 25-11-15	Plant protection requirements for importing celery (<i>Apium graveolens</i>), fresh or chilled, for human consumption and / or transformation, originating in the Dominican Republic.
	072-2015 25-11-15	Plant protection requirements for importing roots of water chestnut (<i>Trapa natans</i>) fresh or chilled, for human consumption and / or transformation, originating in China.
	073-2015 25-11-15	Plant protection requirements for importing fruits of China Wampi (<i>Clausena Lansium</i>) fresh, for consumption and / or transformation originating in China.
	074-2015 25-11-15	Amending Resolution AUPSA-DINAN-162-2007 of 27-03-07 which issued the plant protection requirements for importing fruits of chestnut (<i>Castanea sativa</i>) fresh or dried, for consumption and / or transformation originating in China.
	076-2015 04-12-15	Requirement for importing plant alfalfa seeds (<i>Medicago sativa</i>) beans, dried, for human consumption and / or transformation, from Italy.
	005-2016 25-01-16	Phytosanitary requirements for importing ginger (<i>zingiber officinale</i>) dry, neither crushed nor ground, for human consumption and / or transformation, originating in

Publication Date	AUPSA-DINAN № and Date	Food and Origin
		Venezuela.

The Americas - North America

Canada

Canada and US enter into a Food Safety Systems Recognition Arrangement

On May 4, 2016, the Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA) [announced](#) that the United States Food and Drug Administration (FDA), the CFIA, and the Department of Health of Canada (Health Canada) had entered into a Food Safety Systems Recognition Arrangement (the Arrangement) which offers benefits for public health, consumer protection and trade, including the use of Systems Recognition as an important tool for enhancing the safety of imported Food. The Arrangement allows for: more efficient and effective use of resources; collaboration on risk-informed decision-making about activities that may be carried out in each country; and enhanced regulatory cooperation, improved coordination and greater reliance on the other country's Participant(s) for follow-up and coordination when a Food Safety Concern arises. It may also result in reductions in the type and frequency of verification activities. The Arrangement incorporates earlier agreements protecting confidential information. The Arrangement excludes the following articles from its scope:

- Meat;
- Poultry;
- Processed egg products;
- Farmed catfish and catfish products;
- Grade "A" milk and Grade "A" milk products;
- Raw bivalve molluscan shellfish; and
- Dietary supplements and natural health products.

Canada finalizes new agreement for exportation of untreated sawn wood to Australia

On May 9, 2016, the Government of Canada [announced](#) that the Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA) and Australia's Department of Agriculture and Water Resources (DAWR) have established a national certification program that ensures untreated Canadian sawn wood can continue to be exported to Australia. The establishment of the Canadian Untreated Sawn Wood Certification Program is an important achievement for Canada as over \$40 million worth of untreated sawn wood is exported to Australia annually. The announcement said:

The Canadian Untreated Sawn Wood Certification Program replaces the Canadian Accredited Timber Scheme (CATS), a voluntary pre-shipment inspection program that facilitated the entry of untreated Canadian sawn wood into Australia. Both Canada and Australia recognized the potential for the CATS program to be developed into an official export certification program to mitigate pest risk and ensure continued market access.

Registration in the Canadian Untreated Sawn Wood Certification Program is mandatory and ensures that exports are compliant with Australia's phytosanitary import requirements.

The scientific research that supports this initiative was led by the CFIA, in collaboration with Natural Resources Canada's Canadian Forest Service, and supported by the Canadian Lumber Standards Accreditation Board (CLSAB) and Canada Wood. This achievement further demonstrates the value of the Government of Canada's science to growing the Canadian economy, supporting jobs and protecting the global environment from the spread of plant pests and diseases.

The program will be delivered by accredited agencies under the oversight of CLSAB, a recognized CFIA verification body. The accredited agencies will be responsible for evaluating and auditing Canadian mills registered under the program to maintain on-going compliance.

Canada to lift sanctions against Belarus

On May 7, 2016, the Government of Canada [announced](#) that it will lift its comprehensive trade sanctions against Belarus. The change reflects Canada's acknowledgement of the recent actions taken by the Government of Belarus, including the release of political prisoners and a presidential election marked by improved adherence to international norms. Lifting sanctions against Belarus will bring Canada into alignment with actions taken by the United States and European Union since October 2015.

Canada imposes sanctions against Belarus by listing Belarus on the Area Control List ("ACL") made pursuant to the *Export and Import Permits Act* ("EIPA"). The EIPA prohibits the export or transfer of all goods and technology to a country listed on the ACL without an export permit. Currently only Belarus and North Korea are listed on the ACL.

Since it will take some time for the regulatory process to be completed to remove Belarus from the ACL, Global Affairs Canada has announced that it will issue export permits as a matter of course for any goods and technology not listed on the Export Control List ("ECL") that are to be exported to Belarus. Goods and technology listed on the ECL generally include nuclear or military goods and technology, and certain "dual-use" goods and technology (reflecting Canada's commitments under the Wassenaar Arrangement). Goods and technology listed on the ECL may not be exported to any country (with exceptions for certain goods and technologies exported or transferred to the United States) without an export permit.

For additional information, please contact [Paul D. Burns](#), [Brian Cacic](#) or [Erica Lindberg](#).

Miscellaneous regulations and proposals

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

Publication Date	Title
05-04-16	Natural Resources: Regulations Amending the Explosives Regulations, 2013 (SOR/2016-75, April 15, 2016) pursuant to the <i>Explosives Act</i> (R)
	Health: Regulations Amending the Food and Drug Regulations (Food — Various Subjects) (SOR/2016-74, April 15, 2016) pursuant to the <i>Food and Drugs Act</i> (R)
	Health: Regulations Amending the Food and Drug Regulations (Part J — 2C-phenethylamines) (SOR/2016-72, April 15, 2016) pursuant to the <i>Controlled</i>

Publication Date	Title
	<u>Drugs and Substances Act (R)</u>
	Health: <u>Order Amending Schedule III to the Controlled Drugs and Substances Act (2C-phenethylamines)(SOR/2016-73, April 15, 2016) pursuant to the Controlled Drugs and Substances Act (O)</u>
05-07-16	Environment: <u>Order 2016-87-05-02 Amending the Non-domestic Substances List pursuant to the Canadian Environmental Protection Act, 1999. (O)</u>
	Environment/Health: <u>Proposed Order Amending Schedule 3 to the Canadian Environmental Protection Act, 1999 (PR)</u>
05-14-16	Environment/Health: <u>Proposed Regulations Amending the Export of Substances on the Export Control List Regulations pursuant to the Canadian Environmental Protection Act, 1999 (PR)</u>
05-18-16	Environment: <u>Order 2016-87-05-01 Amending the Domestic Substances List (SOR/2016-80, April 29, 2016) pursuant to the Canadian Environmental Protection Act, 1999 (O)</u>
	Environment: <u>Order 2016-87-06-02 Amending the Non-domestic Substances List pursuant to the Canadian Environmental Protection Act, 1999 (O)</u>
05-21-16	Environment: <u>Publication of final decision after screening assessment of a substance — Phenol, 2-(2H-benzotriazol-2-yl)-4,6-bis(1,1-dimethylpropyl)-(BDTP), CAS RN 25973-55-1 — specified on the Domestic Substances List (subsection 77(6) of the Canadian Environmental Protection Act, 1999)</u>
	Environment: <u>Publication of results of investigations and recommendations for a substance — Ethene, CAS RN 74-85-1 — specified on the Domestic Substances List (paragraphs 68(b) and 68(c) of the Canadian Environmental Protection Act, 1999)</u>
	Environment/Health: <u>Publication of final decision after screening assessment of a living organism — Candida utilis strain ATCC 9950 — specified on the Domestic Substances List (subsection 77(6) of the Canadian Environmental Protection Act, 1999)</u>
05-28-16	Environment/Health: <u>Publication of final decision after screening assessment of a living organism — Pseudomonas sp. ATCC 13867 — specified on the Domestic Substances List (subsection 77(6) of the Canadian Environmental Protection Act, 1999).</u>
	Environment/Health: <u>Publication of final decision after screening assessment of a substance — Carbamic acid, ethyl ester (ethyl carbamate), CAS RN 51-79-6 — specified on the Domestic Substances List (paragraphs 68(b) and (c) of the Canadian Environmental Protection Act, 1999).</u>
	Environment/Health: <u>Publication of final decision after screening assessment of a substance — Ethanol, 2-[(2-aminoethyl)amino]- (AEEA), CAS RN 111-41-1 — specified on the Domestic Substances List (paragraphs 68(b) and (c) of the Canadian Environmental Protection Act, 1999)</u>
	Environment/Health: <u>Publication of final decision after screening assessment of four cresol substances specified on the Domestic Substances List — phenol, methyl-, CAS RN 1319-77-3 (subsection 77(6) of the Canadian Environmental Protection Act, 1999) and phenol, 2-methyl-, CAS RN 95-48-7, phenol, 3-methyl-, CAS RN 108-39-4, and phenol, 4-methyl-, CAS RN 106-44-5 (section 68 of the Canadian Environmental Protection Act, 1999)</u>
	Environment/Health: <u>Publication of final decision after screening assessment of 16 aromatic amines specified on the Domestic Substances List (paragraphs 68(b) and (c) or subsection 77(6) of the Canadian Environmental Protection Act, 1999).</u>
	Environment/Health: <u>Publication of final decision after screening assessment of 22 azo solvent dyes specified on the Domestic Substances List (paragraphs 68(b) and (c) or subsection 77(6) of the Canadian Environmental Protection Act, 1999).</u>
	Environment/Health: <u>Publication of final decision after screening assessment of 33 azo basic dyes specified on the Domestic Substances List (paragraphs 68(b) and (c) or subsection 77(6) of the Canadian Environmental Protection Act, 1999)</u>
	Environment/Health: <u>Publication of final decision after screening assessment of 33 monoazo pigments specified on the Domestic Substances List (para-</u>

Publication Date	Title
	graphs 68(b) and (c) or subsection 77(6) of the <i>Canadian Environmental Protection Act, 1999</i> .

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.

CBSA revises Memorandum 11-4-14 to reflect current policy regarding FTA certificates of origin in electronic format

On May 5, 2016, the Canada Border Services Agency (CBSA) issued a revised [Memorandum D11-4-14 "Certification of Origin Under Free Trade Agreements"](#) to reflect the CBSA's current policy regarding the validity of certificates of origin in electronic format. The CBSA acknowledges certificates of origin in electronic format as an acceptable means of certifying the origin of goods. This allows importers to receive and maintain certificates of origin electronically and to transmit those certificates of origin by e-mail to the CBSA, upon request.

The acceptable formats for electronic certificates of origin include:

- (a) **scanned certificates of origin** – The exporter may scan a completed and signed certificate of origin for electronic transmission to the importer;
- (b) **certificates of origin with Power of Attorney** – The exporter provides the importer with vested power of attorney, thereby authorizing the importer to complete the certificate of origin for the goods. Under this option, the importer must be able to prove to the satisfaction of the CBSA that he/she has the legal authority to complete and sign the certificate of origin; and
- (c) **e-certificates of origin** – The CBSA acknowledges an electronic representation of a cursive signature, or an alternative to the cursive signature, as an acceptable means to certifying the origin of goods. For example, an alternative could be a series of numbers that represents the exporter's signature. As no one is required to physically sign the document under this option, the certificate of origin can be both created and transmitted electronically, thereby enabling an entirely paperless process. It should be noted that e-certificates of origin must contain all of the prescribed data elements and statements, however they do not necessarily need to mirror the prescribed certificate of origin in terms of their layout and manner in which the data elements and statements are presented. Lastly, the importer is fully responsible for ensuring the secure transmission of e-certificates of origin to the CBSA.

The decision rests with the importer claiming preferential tariff treatment on the basis of that certificate or statement of origin, to determine whether or not he/she is willing to accept an official document provided by the exporter in an electronic format and/or featuring an electronic representation of a cursive signature, rather than an original document and/or signature.

The onus rests with the exporter to ensure that the electronic signature that is used in certifying origin is adequately controlled, with limited delegation to subordinates, and is used only in respect of goods where the authorized user has sufficient knowledge of their origin.

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
05-05-16	D11-4-14	Revised	Certification of Origin Under Free Trade Agreements
05-12-16	D11-4-20	Revised	Procedures for Verifications of Origin Under a Free Trade Agreement

Antidumping and countervailing duty cases

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

Mexico

Mexico and Canada sign AEO MRA

On May 11, 2016, the Mexican Tax Administration Service (SAT) [announced](#) that representatives from the Canada Border Services Agency (CBSA) and SAT signed a Mutual Recognition Arrangement (MRA) for their Authorized Economic Operator (AEO) Programs. The signing occurred during the WCO's AEO conference, which is being held from May 11-13 in Mexico and is attended by more than 1,000 representatives from 80 countries. The MRA will allow AEO members in one country to qualify for the advantages provided to AEO members in the other country. The Canadian AEO program is called Partners in Protection (PIP) while the Mexican program is called Nuevo Esquema de Empresas Certificadas (NEEC) or New Program of Certified Companies, in English.

After the MRA signing, an AEO Plan of Action was signed among the member countries of the Pacific Alliance, Colombia, Chile, and Peru and Mexico.

Mexico awards contracts to complete phase 2 of the Single Window for Foreign Trade

On May 6, 2016, The Secretariat of Finance and Public Credit, [announced](#) that the Tax Administration Service (SAT), after the process of international competitive bidding for the services of the Single Window for Mexican Foreign Trade (VUCEM) 2, awarded the project to Axtel together with Ultrasist, both corporations with variable capital. The bid of 922,187,192.89 pesos was far below the approved budget for this project, which was estimated at 1,990,391,156.47 pesos, and below the cost of VUCEM 1. During the bidding process, which began on February 5, 2016 year with the publication of the notice, and the March 31 reception and opening of proposals, 51 companies had empowering license. Eight proposals were received, two of which were individual and six involved joint participation. The VUCEM 2 is aligned to the National Digital Strategy of the Government and international best practices, so that the following components considered must be considered:

- Cloud computing for improved performance and responsiveness.
- Autonomous processes and modules for easy adaptation to the business process management (BPM).
- World Customs Organization Data Model and international information exchange standards.

- Interoperability with other systems or foreign trade windows.
- Interconnection with external processes, governments and operators.
- Safe and high availability services.
- Information cubes with customized reports for each user type.
- Business intelligence and risk analysis.

The objective of the SAT and agencies involved is to make the VUCEM a world leader, with cutting edge technology and has a long - term vision.

Hacienda and Economy amend tariff and foreign trade rules

On May 9, 2016, the *Diario Oficial de la Federacion (Federal Official Gazette)* published the [First Resolution of Amendments to the General Rules of Foreign Trade for 2016 and its annexes Glossary of Definitions and Acronyms, 1, 4, 10, 21, 22, 24, 27, 28, 29, 30 and 31.](#) (Continued in Sections [VII](#), [VIII](#), and [IX](#)).

On May 10, 2016, the Diario published the Presidential [Decree amending the Tariff of the General Tax Law on Importation and Exportation](#). The Decree revised many subheadings in Chapters 52, 54, 55, 60, 61, 62, 63, and 64.

Diario Oficial

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

Publication Date	Title
05-02-16	Energy; DRAFT Mexican Official Standard NOM-005-ENER-2016, Energy efficiency washers electric tumble. Limits, test methods and labeling.
05-09-16	Hacienda: First Resolution of Amendments to the General Rules of Foreign Trade for 2016 and its annexes Glossary of Definitions and Acronyms, 1, 4, 10, 21, 22, 24, 27, 28, 29, 30 and 31. (Continued in Sections VII , VIII , and IX)
	Economy: Standard NOM-194-SCFI-2015, essential safety devices in vehicles new- Safety specifications.
05-10-16	Decree amending the Tariff of the General Tax Law on Importation and Exportation
05-13-16	Hacienda: Resolution amending the general provisions applicable to the general stores of deposit, money exchange, credit unions and finance companies regulated multiple purpose.
05-16-16	Health: Acuerdo amending same in which are determined additives and processing aids in food, drinks and food supplements, their use and health regulations, published on July 16, 2012

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; TC=TECHNICAL CORRECTION; FO= FINAL ORDER; W=WITHDRAWAL). PLEASE NOTE: MEETINGS WHICH HAVE ALREADY TAKEN PLACE ARE GENERALLY NOT LISTED.]

Presidential documents

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

Date	Subject
05-05-16	Notice of May 3, 2016—Continuation of the National Emergency With Respect to Actions of the Government of Syria
05-11-16	Notice of May 9, 2016 - Continuation of the National Emergency With Respect to the Central African Republic
05-13-16	Notice of May 12, 2016 - Continuation of the National Emergency With Respect to Yemen
05-18-16	Notice of May 17, 2016 – Continuation of the National Emergency With Respect to Burma
05-20-16	Notice of May 18, 2016 - Continuation of the National Emergency With Respect to the Stabilization of Iraq

President announces lifting of Vietnam arms embargo

On 23 May 2016, at a joint press conference with President Quang in Hanoi, President Obama [announced](#) the lifting of the U.S. arms embargo against Vietnam, which had been in place since 1984. The U.S. Department of State's Directorate of Defense Trade Controls (DDTC) subsequently [announced](#) the end of its policy prohibiting the sale and transfer of lethal weapons to Vietnam. This announcement follows DDTC's recent lifting of arms embargoes on Sri Lanka and Côte d'Ivoire. [See [article under DDTC below](#).]

President continues national emergency with respect to stabilization of Iraq

On May 20, 2016, the *Federal Register* published Presidential [Notice of May 18, 2016 - Continuation of the National Emergency With Respect to the Stabilization of Iraq](#) which continues the national emergency first declared in Executive Order (E.O.) 13303 of May 20, 2016. Because the obstacles to the orderly reconstruction of Iraq, the restoration and maintenance of peace and security in the country, and the development of political, administrative, and economic institutions in Iraq continue to pose an unusual and extraordinary threat to the national security and foreign policy of the United States, the national emergency declared in E.O. 13303, as modified in scope and relied upon for additional steps taken in E.O. 13315 of August 28, 2003, E.O. 13350 of July 29, 2004, E.O. 13364 of November 29, 2004, E.O. 13438 of July 17, 2007, and E.O. 13668 of May 27, 2014, are being continued for 1 year.

President continues national emergency with respect to Burma

On May 18, 2016, the *Federal Register* published Presidential [Notice of May 2016 – Continuation of the National Emergency With Respect to Burma](#) which continues the national emergency first declared in Executive Order (E.O.) 13047 of May 20, 1997. Because the actions and policies of the Government of Burma continue to pose an unusual and extraordinary threat to the national security and foreign policy of the United States, the national emergency declared on May 20, 1997, and the measures adopted to deal with that emergency in E.O.s 13047 of May 20, 1997; 13310 of July 28, 2003; 13448 of October 18, 2007; 13464 of April 30, 2008; 13619 of July 11, 2012; and 13651 of August 6, 2013 are being continued for an additional year.

President continues national emergency with respect to Yemen

On May 13, 2016, the *Federal Register* published Presidential [Notice of May 12, 2016 - Continuation of the National Emergency With Respect to Yemen](#) which extends for one year the national emergency first declared on May 16, 2012 in Executive Order (E.O.) 13611, because actions and policies of certain members of the Government of Yemen and others in threatening Yemen's peace, security, and stability continue to pose an unusual and extraordinary threat to the national security and foreign policy of the United States.

President continues national emergency with respect to the Central African Republic

On May 11, 2016, the *Federal Register* published Presidential [Notice of May 9, 2016 - Continuation of the National Emergency With Respect to the Central African Republic](#) which extends for one year the national emergency first declared on May 12, 2014 in Executive Order (E.O.) 13667 to deal with the unusual and extraordinary threat to the national security and foreign policy of the United States. constituted by the situation in and in relation to the Central African Republic, which has been marked by a breakdown of law and order, intersectarian tension, widespread violence and atrocities, and the pervasive, often forced recruitment and use of child soldiers, and which threatens the peace, security, or stability of the Central African Republic and neighboring states. The national emergency is being extended because the situation in and in relation to the Central African Republic continues to pose an unusual and extraordinary threat to the national security and foreign policy of the United States.

President continues national emergency with respect to Syria

On May 5, 2016, the *Federal Register* published Presidential [Notice of May 3, 2016—Continuation of the National Emergency With Respect to Actions of the Government of Syria](#) which extends the national emergency first declared on May 11, 2004 in Executive Order (E.O.) 13338 to deal with the unusual and extraordinary threat to the national security, foreign policy, and economy of the United States constituted by the actions of the Government of Syria in supporting terrorism, maintaining its then-existing occupation of Lebanon, pursuing weapons of mass destruction and missile programs, and undermining U.S. and international efforts with respect to the stabilization and reconstruction of Iraq.

The national emergency was modified in scope and relied upon for additional steps taken in E.O. 13399 of April 25, 2006, E.O. 13460 of February 13, 2008, E.O. 13572 of April 29, 2011, E.O. 13573 of May 18, 2011, E.O. 13582 of August 17, 2011, E.O. 13606 of April 22, 2012, and E.O. 13608 of May 1, 2012. The national emergency is being extended because the Syrian regime's actions and policies, including with respect to chemical and biological weapons, supporting terrorist organizations, and obstructing the Lebanese government's ability to function effectively, continue to pose an unusual and extraordinary threat to the national security, foreign policy, and economy of the United States.

President signs MTB reform legislation

On May 20, 2016, the [American Manufacturing Competitiveness Act of 2016](#) (H.R. 4923; Pub. Law 114-159) was [signed by President Obama](#) after it had passed the U.S. Senate on May 10, 2016, by unanimous consent. It previously passed in the House of Representatives by a 415-2 vote. The bipartisan, bicameral legislation establishes a new framework for Miscellaneous Tariff Bills (MTBs)

that permit tariff suspensions and reductions in duty for raw materials needed by American manufacturers and producers. The new law avoids the Congressional ban on “earmarks” by initiating the MTB process through a public International Trade Commission (ITC) vetting process, before which the ITC would analyze and seek public comment on MTB product petitions and submit its recommendations for goods to receive tariff benefits back to Congress for approval or disapproval. In past MTBs, involved importers, manufacturers and producers submitted petitions directly to a Member of Congress for introduction. It was then referred to the International Trade Commission, U.S. Customs and Border Protection and the Office of the U.S. Trade Representative for vetting and a determination of whether any resulting changes can be administered. Bills that passed this vetting were then consolidated in a single legislative package – sometimes tied to other trade legislation. The new MTB process has received broad bipartisan support from groups such as the National Association of Manufacturers, Americans for Tax Reform, the National Taxpayers Union, and a coalition of more than 200 small businesses.

[House Committee Report H. Rpt. 114-519](#), may be [downloaded](#). For more information about the *American Manufacturing Competitiveness Act of 2016*, [click here](#).

State certifies 14 shrimp harvesting nations

On May 26, 2016, the Department of State published in the *Federal Register* a [document](#) [Public Notice: 9584] announcing that on May 3, 2016, it certified that 14 shrimp-harvesting nations (Colombia, Costa Rica, Ecuador, El Salvador, Gabon, Guatemala, Guyana, Honduras, Mexico, Nicaragua, Nigeria, Pakistan, Panama, and Suriname) have a regulatory program comparable to that of the United States governing the incidental taking of the relevant species of sea turtles in the course of commercial shrimp harvesting and that the particular fishing environments of 26 shrimp-harvesting nations and one economy do not pose a threat of the incidental taking of covered sea turtles in the course of such harvesting. Sixteen nations have shrimping grounds only in cold waters where the risk of taking sea turtles is negligible: Argentina, Belgium, Canada, Chile, Denmark, Finland, Germany, Iceland, Ireland, the Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Russia, Sweden, the United Kingdom, and Uruguay. Ten nations and one economy only harvest shrimp using small boats with crews of less than five that use manual rather than mechanical means to retrieve nets or catch shrimp using other methods that do not threaten sea turtles. Use of such small scale technology does not adversely affect sea turtles. The 10 nations and one economy are: The Bahamas, Belize, China, the Dominican Republic, Fiji, Hong Kong, Jamaica, Oman, Peru, Sri Lanka, and Venezuela.

A completed DS–2031 Shrimp Exporter’s/Importer’s Declaration must accompany all shipments of shrimp or shrimp product into the United States. Only shrimp or products from shrimp harvested in the 40 certified nations and one economy listed above may be accompanied by a DS–2031 with Box 7(B) checked. All DS–2031 forms accompanying shrimp imports from uncertified nations must be originals with Box 7(A)(1), 7(A)(2), or 7(A)(4) checked, consistent with the form’s instructions with regard to the method of production of the product and based on any relevant prior determinations by the Department of State, and signed by a responsible government official of the harvesting nation’s competent domestic fisheries authority.

State renews Cultural Property Advisory Committee charter

On May 2, 2016, the Department of State published in the *Federal Register* a [notice](#) [Public Notice: 9541] advising the public that Charter of the Department of State's Cultural Property Advisory Committee (CPAC) has been renewed for an additional two years. The Committee was established by the *Convention on Cultural Property Implementation Act of 1983*, 19 U.S.C. 2601 *et seq.* It reviews requests from other countries seeking U.S. import restrictions on archaeological or ethnological material the pillage of which places a country's cultural heritage in jeopardy. The Committee makes findings and recommendations to the President's designee who, on behalf of the President, determines whether to impose the import restrictions. The membership of the Committee consists of private sector experts in archaeology, anthropology, or ethnology; experts in the international sale of cultural property; and representatives of museums and of the general public.

USTR makes additional FY 2016 TRQ allocations for raw sugar; FY 2017 TRQ allocations for raw, refined, specialty sugars

On May 27, 2016, the Office of the U.S. Trade Representative (USTR) published in the *Federal Register* a [notice](#) providing country-by-country allocations of additional Fiscal Year (FY) 2016 in-quota quantity of the tariff rate quota (TRQ) for imported raw cane sugar as announced by Secretary of Agriculture on May 18, 2016. On May 18, 2016, the Secretary of Agriculture announced an additional in quota quantity of the TRQ for raw cane sugar for the remainder of FY 2016 (ending September 30, 2016) in the amount of 127,006 metric* tons, raw value (MTRV). This quantity is in addition to the minimum amount to which the United States has already committed to pursuant to the WTO Uruguay Round Agreements (1,117,195 MTRV, as announced by *Federal Register* notice on June 15, 2015, 80 Fed. Reg. 34129). USTR is allocating this total quantity of 127,006 MTRV to the following countries in the amounts specified below:

Country	FY 2016 raw cane sugar increase (MTRV)	Country	FY 2016 raw cane sugar increase (MTRV)
Argentina	6,159	India	1,146
Australia	11,888	Jamaica	1,576
Belize	1,576	Malawi	1,432
Brazil	20,768	Mauritius	1,719
Colombia	3,437	Mozambique	1,862
Costa Rica	2,148	Nicaragua	3,008
Dominican Republic	15,000	Panama	4,154
Ecuador	1,576	Peru	5,872
El Salvador	3,724	Philippines	19,336
Fiji	1,289	South Africa	3,294
Guatemala	6,875	Swaziland	2,292
Guyana	1,719	Thailand	2,005
Honduras	1,432	Zimbabwe	1,719

On May 27, 2016, the Office of the U.S. Trade Representative (USTR) also published in the *Federal Register* a [notice](#) providing country-by-country allocations of the Fiscal Year (FY) 2017 (Oct. 1, 2016 through Sept. 30, 2017) in-quota quantity of the tariff-rate quotas (TRQs) for imported raw cane sugar, certain sugars, syrups and molasses (also known as refined sugar), specialty sugar, and sugar-containing products. USTR is allocating the quantity that the Secretary of Agriculture announced (1,117,195 metric tons* raw value or MTRV) to the following countries in the amounts specified below:

Country	FY 2017 raw cane sugar allocations (MTRV)	Country	FY 2017 raw cane sugar allocations (MTRV)
Argentina	45,281	Jamaica	11,584
Australia	87,402	Madagascar	7,258
Barbados	7,371	Malawi	10,530
Belize	11,584	Mauritius	12,636
Bolivia	8,424	Mexico	7,258
Brazil	152,691	Mozambique	13,690
Colombia	25,273	Nicaragua	22,114
Congo	7,258	Panama	30,538
Costa Rica	15,796	Papua New Guinea	7,258
Cote d'Ivoire	7,258	Paraguay	7,258
Dominican Republic	185,335	Peru	43,175
Ecuador	11,584	Philippines	142,160
El Salvador	27,379	South Africa	24,220
Fiji	9,477	St. Kitts & Nevis	7,258
Gabon	7,258	Swaziland	16,849
Guatemala	50,546	Taiwan	12,636
Guyana	12,636	Thailand	14,743
Haiti	7,258	Trinidad & Tobago	7,371
Honduras	10,530	Uruguay	7,258
India	8,424	Zimbabwe	12,636

* Conversion factor: 1 metric ton = 1.10231125 short tons.

USTR waives discriminatory purchasing requirements for Ukraine

On May 18, 2016, the Office of the U.S. Trade Representative (USTR) published in the *Federal Register* a [notice](#) announcing a determination regarding waiver of discriminatory purchasing requirements under the *Trade Agreements Act of 1979*. On November 11, 2015, the WTO Committee on Government Procurement approved the accession of Ukraine to the *World Trade Organization ("WTO") Agreement on Government Procurement (GPA)*. Ukraine submitted its instrument of accession to the Secretary-General of the WTO on April 18, 2016. The GPA will enter into force for Ukraine on May 18, 2016. The United States, which is also a party to the GPA, has agreed to waive discriminatory purchasing requirements for eligible products and suppliers of Ukraine beginning on May 18, 2016. Section 1-201 of Executive Order 12260 of December 31, 1980 delegated the functions of the President under sections 301 and 302 of the *Trade Agreements Act of 1979* to the USTR.

Beginning on May 18, 2016, with respect to eligible products (namely, those goods and services covered under the GPA for procurement by the United States) of Ukraine and suppliers of such products, the application of any law, regulation, procedure, or practice regarding government procurement that would, if applied to such products and suppliers, result in treatment less favorable than that accorded – (A) to United States products and suppliers of such products, or (B) to eligible products of another foreign country or instrumentality which is a party to the GPA and suppliers of such products, shall be waived. This waiver shall be applied by all entities listed in United States Annexes 1 and 3 of GPA Appendix 1.

ITC releases report on Trans-Pacific Partnership Agreement

On May 18, 2016, the U.S. International Trade Commission (ITC) released its report assessing the likely impact of the *Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP) Agreement* that the President has entered into with Australia, Brunei Darussalam, Canada, Chile, Japan, Malaysia, Mexico, New Zealand, Peru, Singapore, and Vietnam.

The ITC's report, [Trans-Pacific Partnership Agreement: Likely Impact on the U.S. Economy and on Specific Industry Sectors](#) (Inv. No. TA-105-001, USITC Pub. 4607), provides an assessment of the likely impact of the Agreement on the U.S. economy as a whole and on specific industry sectors and the interests of U.S. consumers, as requested by the U.S. Trade Representative and required by the *Bipartisan Congressional Trade Priorities and Accountability Act of 2015*.

In making its assessment, the ITC investigated the impact the agreement will have on the U.S. gross domestic product; exports and imports; aggregate employment and employment opportunities; and the production, employment, and competitive position of industries likely to be significantly affected by the agreement. In preparing its assessment, the ITC also reviewed available economic assessments regarding the Agreement, including literature concerning any substantially equivalent proposed agreement. The USITC provides a description of the analytical methods used and conclusions drawn in such literature, and a discussion of areas of consensus and divergence between the ITC's analyses and conclusions of other economic assessments reviewed.

ITC investigations

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

Investigation. No. and title	Requested by:
Inv. No. TPA-105-001 - Trans-Pacific Partnership Agreement: Likely Impact on the U.S. Economy and on Specific Industry Sectors [USITC Publication 4607] (R)	Statutory Requirement
Inv. No. 332-556 Generalized System of Preferences: Possible Modifications, 2015 Review [USITC Pub. 4609] (R)	USTR

Commerce seeks input on U.S. Port Competitiveness Initiative

On May 27, 2016, the Department of Commerce (Commerce) published in the *Federal Register* a [notice and request for comments](#) on U.S. seaport efficiency and competitiveness issues for its 21st Century U.S. Port Competitiveness Initiative. In this effort, Commerce is working with seaports, stakeholders, and port users to identify and share best practices in port-stakeholder-user coordination, collaboration, and information-sharing that are being used to resolve operational and infrastructure issues that affect freight flows and increase port and supply chain congestion. Commerce's goal is to ensure that U.S. seaports and their supply chains have the tools they need to strengthen U.S. port and supply chain competitiveness, facilitate international trade, and catalyze local, regional, national economic growth and job creation. We welcome input from all interested parties. Written comments must be submitted on or before 5 p.m. EDT on July 11, 2016.

CBP publishes notice of intent to distribute continued dumping and subsidy offsets to affected domestic producers

On May 31, 2016, U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) published in the *Federal Register* a [notice](#), pursuant to the *Continued Dumping and Subsidy Offset Act of 2000* (CDSOA), of its intent to distribute assessed antidumping or countervailing duties (known as the continued dumping and subsidy offset) for Fiscal

Year 2016 in connection with countervailing duty orders, antidumping duty orders, or findings under the *Antidumping Act of 1921*. The document provides the instructions for affected domestic producers, or anyone alleging eligibility to receive a distribution, to file certifications to claim a distribution in relation to the listed orders or findings. Certifications to obtain a continued dumping and subsidy offset under a particular order or finding must be received by August 1, 2016. Any certification received after August 1, 2016 will be denied, making claimants ineligible for the distribution.

Although section 7601(a) of the *Deficit Reduction Act of 2005* repealed the CDSOA, as of October 1, 2005, section 7601(b) provides that all duties collected on an entry filed before October 1, 2007, must be distributed as if the CDSOA had not been repealed by section 7601(a). The funds available for distribution were also affected by section 822 of the *Claims Resolution Act of 2010* and section 504 of the *Tax Relief, Unemployment Insurance Reauthorization, and Job Creation Act of 2010*.

Historically, the antidumping and countervailing duties assessed and received by CBP on CDSOA-subject entries, along with the interest assessed and received on those duties pursuant to 19 U.S.C. 1677g, were transferred to the CDSOA Special Account for distribution (66 FR 48546, Sept. 21, 2001) see also 19 C.F.R. 159.64(e). Other types of interest, including delinquency interest that accrued pursuant to 19 U.S.C. 1505(d), equitable interest under common law, and interest under 19 U.S.C. 580, were not subject to distribution.

Section 605 of the *Trade Facilitation and Trade Enforcement Act of 2015* (TFTEA) (Pub. L. 114–125, February 24, 2016), provides new authority for CBP to deposit into the CDSOA Special Account for distribution delinquency interest that accrued pursuant to 19 U.S.C. 1505(d), equitable interest under common law, and interest under 19 U.S.C. 580 for payments received on or after October 1, 2014, on CDSOA subject entries if the payment was made by a surety in connection with a customs bond pursuant to a court order or judgment, or a litigation settlement with the surety, including any payments made during the litigation by the surety with respect to the bond.

Surety payments received from October 1, 2014, through September 30, 2016, for which delinquency, equitable, and 19 U.S.C. 580 interest are subject to distribution under Section 605 of the TFTEA will be deposited into the Special Account during Fiscal Year 2016 for inclusion in the Fiscal Year 2016 distribution. Any domestic producer seeking distribution of interest as provided under Section 605 of the TFTEA for payments received from October 1, 2014, through September 30, 2016, must file a timely Fiscal Year 2016 certification. CBP will utilize the Fiscal Year 2016 certifications to determine each domestic producer's pro-rata share of the assessed duties received during Fiscal Year 2016, the assessed 19 U.S.C. 1677g interest received during Fiscal Year 2016, as well as the interest provided for under Section 605 of the TFTEA for payments received from October 1, 2014, through September 30, 2016.

CBP approves HCA Native American Tribal Card for WHTI

On May 23, 2016, CBP published in the *Federal Register* a [notice](#) [CBP Dec. 16-08] announcing that the Commissioner of U.S. Customs and Border Protection is designating an approved Native American Tribal Card issued by the Hydaburg Cooperative Association of Alaska (HCA Tribe) to U.S. and Canadian citizens as an acceptable travel document for purposes of the Western Hemisphere Travel Initiative. The approved card may be used to denote identity and citizenship of

HCA Tribe members entering the United States from contiguous territory or adjacent islands at land and sea ports of entry.

CBP announces ACE as sole EDI system for entry and entry summary processing

On May 23, 2016, CBP published in the *Federal Register* a [general notice](#) announcing that effective July 23, 2016, ACE will be the sole CBP authorized EDI system for the electronic entry and entry summary filings listed below, for all filers. These electronic filings must be formatted for submission in ACE, and will no longer be accepted in ACS.

- 01—Consumption—Free and Dutiable
- 02—Consumption—Quota/Visa
- 03—Consumption—Antidumping/Countervailing Duty
- 06—Consumption—Foreign Trade Zone (FTZ)
- 07—Consumption—Antidumping/Countervailing Duty and Quota/Visa Combination
- 11—Informal—Free and Dutiable
- 12—Informal—Quota/Visa (other than textiles)
- 21—Warehouse
- 22—Re-Warehouse
- 23—Temporary Importation Bond (TIB)
- 31—Warehouse Withdrawal—Consumption
- 32—Warehouse Withdrawal—Quota
- 34—Warehouse Withdrawal—Antidumping/Countervailing Duty
- 38—Warehouse Withdrawal—Antidumping/Countervailing Duty & Quota/Visa Combination
- 51—Defense Contract Administration Service Region (DCASR)
- 52—Government—Dutiable
- 61—Immediate Transportation
- 62—Transportation and Exportation
- 63—Immediate Exportation
- 69—Transit (Rail only)
- 70—Multi-Transit (Rail only)

Electronic entry and entry summary filings for the following entry types **must continue to be filed only in ACS**. CBP will publish a subsequent *Federal Register* Notice in the future when these entry and entry summary filings will be transitioned in ACE.

- 08—NAFTA Duty Deferral
- 09—Reconciliation Summary
- 41—Direct Identification Manufacturing Drawback
- 42—Direct Identification Unused Merchandise Drawback
- 43—Rejected Merchandise Drawback
- 44—Substitution Manufacturer Drawback

- 45—Substitution Unused Merchandise Drawback
- 46—Other Drawback

Due to low shipment volume, filings for the following entry types **will not be automated in either ACS or ACE**

- 04—Appraisalment
- 05—Vessel—Repair
- 24—Trade Fair
- 25—Permanent Exhibition
- 26—Warehouse—Foreign Trade Zone (FTZ) (Admission)
- 33—Aircraft and Vessel Supply (For Immediate Exportation)
- 64—Barge Movement
- 65—Permit to Proceed
- 66—Baggage

CBP announces ACE as sole EDI system for certain FDA entries

On May 16, 2016, CBP published in the *Federal Register* a [general notice](#) announcing that the Automated Commercial Environment (ACE) will be the sole electronic data interchange (EDI) system authorized by the Commissioner of CBP for processing electronic entries and entry summaries associated with the entry types specified below, for merchandise that is subject to the import requirements of the Food and Drug Administration (FDA). This document also announces that the Automated Commercial System (ACS) will no longer be a CBP-authorized EDI system for purposes of processing these electronic filings.

Effective June 15, 2016, ACE will be the sole CBP-authorized EDI system for electronic entry and entry summary filings for merchandise subject to the import requirements of the FDA, associated with the following entry types:

- 01—Consumption—Free and Dutiable
- 03—Consumption—Antidumping/Countervailing Duty
- 06—Consumption—Foreign Trade Zone (FTZ)
- 11—Informal—Free and Dutiable
- 23—Temporary Importation Bond (TIB)
- 51—Defense Contract Administration Service Region (DCASR)
- 52—Government—Dutiable

CBP publishes quarterly interest rates

On May 13, 2016, CBP published in the *Federal Register* a [general notice](#) advising the public and CBP personnel that the quarterly Internal Revenue Service interest rates used to calculate interest on overdue accounts (underpayments) and refunds (overpayments) of customs duties will increase 1 percent from the previous quarter. For the calendar quarter beginning April 1, 2016, the interest rates for overpayments will be 3 percent for corporations and 4 percent for non-corporations, and the interest rate for underpayments will be 4 percent for both corporations and non-corporations.

CBP User Fee Advisory Committee to meet

On May 12, 2016, CBP published in the *Federal Register* a [notice](#) [Docket No. USCBP-2016-0018] announcing that the U.S. Customs and Border Protection User Fee Advisory Committee (UFAC) will meet on Wednesday, June 1, 2016, in Washington, DC from 1-3 p.m. The meeting will be open to the public. For registration information, please see the *Federal Register* notice.

CBP announces test for submission of FWS documents via ACE

On May 5, 2016, CBP published in the *Federal Register* a [general notice](#) announcing CBP's plan, developed in consultation with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS), to conduct a National Customs Automation Program (NCAP) test concerning the electronic transmission of certain import data and documents for commodities regulated by FWS. Under this test, the data or documents will be transmitted electronically through CBP's Document Image System (DIS) or CBP's Automated Broker Interface (ABI) system using the Partner Government Agency (PGA) Message Set, for processing in CBP's Automated Commercial Environment (ACE).

The FWS PGA Message Set test will begin no earlier than May 1, 2016. This test will continue until concluded by way of announcement in the *Federal Register*. Public comments are invited and will be accepted through the duration of the test pilot.

CBP announces pilot for new truck user fee payment option

On May 3, 2016, CBP published in the *Federal Register* a [general notice](#) announcing that CBP intends to conduct a pilot test program pursuant to its authority under 19 C.F.R. 101.9(a) to allow a new payment option for commercial truck single-crossing user fees. The CBP regulations specify the applicable user fee for commercial trucks upon arrival into the United States and the methods of payment, which include payment on an annual basis or on a per crossing basis. Although commercial truck carriers can electronically prepay the user fees on an annual basis, carriers who opt for the single-crossing user fee must pay the fee upon arrival at a U.S. port of entry. This pilot will enable the owner, agent, or person in charge of a commercial truck to prepay the single-crossing user fee online prior to arrival at a port of entry. The notice describes the pilot, its purpose, how it will be implemented, the duration of the pilot, and invites public comment on any aspect of the pilot. This pilot will not affect the annual commercial truck user fee payment option.

The pilot will begin at the Buffalo, Detroit and El Paso ports of entry starting on June 2, 2016. If it is determined that the pilot is working successfully at these initial ports, the pilot would be expanded to all U.S. land border ports of entry that process commercial trucks. The exact date of the expansion to all U.S. land border ports of entry would be announced on the [CBP Web site](#). The pilot will run for approximately one year. Comments concerning this notice and all aspects of the pilot may be submitted at any time during the pilot period.

Miscellaneous CBP Federal Register documents

The following documents 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
05-03-16	Commercial Truck Single-Crossing User Fee Automation and Prepayment Pilot
05-09-16	Agency Information Collection Activities: African Growth and Opportunity Act Certificate of Origin (N)
	Agency Information Collection Activities: Declaration of Owner and Declaration of Consignee when Entry is made by an Agent (N)
05-10-16	Accreditation and Approval of Quality Custom Inspections and Laboratories, LLC, as a Commercial Gauger and Laboratory (N) [Pasadena, TX]
	Approval of Intertek USA, Inc., as a Commercial Gauger (N) [Valdez, AK]
	Accreditation of R. Markey & Sons, Inc., Markan Laboratories, as a Commercial Laboratory (N) [New York, NY]
	Accreditation and Approval of SGS North America, Inc., as a Commercial Gauger and Laboratory (N) [Bridgeport, NJ]
05-12-16	Agency Information Collection Activities: Delivery Ticket (N) [CBP Form 6043]
	Accreditation and Approval of AmSpec Services, LLC, as a Commercial Gauger and Laboratory (N) [Signal Hill, CA]
	Accreditation and Approval of Saybolt LP as a Commercial Gauger and Laboratory (N) [Houston, TX]
05-13-16	Agency Information Collection Activities: Application to Establish a Centralized Examination Station (N)
05-26-16	Agency Information Collection Activities: NAFTA Regulations and Certificate of Origin [CBP Forms 434, 446, 447] (N)
	Agency Information Collection Activities: Application To Pay Off or Discharge an Alien Crewman [CBP Form I-408] (N)
	Agency Information Collection Activities: Passenger List/Crew List (CBP Form I-418) (N)

“Lever Rule” application(s) filed

CBP has received the following application(s) for “Lever Rule” protection pursuant to 19 C.F.R. 133.2(f). In the event that CBP determines that the goods under consideration are physically and materially different from the goods authorized for sale in the United States, CBP will publish a notice in the *Customs Bulletin* indicating that the referenced trademarks are entitled to “Lever-Rule” protection with respect to those physically and materially different goods.

Customs Bulletin Date	Applicant	Products Covered by the Application	Trademark
05-18-16	Intel Corp.	Integrated circuit chips, semiconductors, microchips and printed circuit boards, intended for sale in countries outside the United States that bear the recorded mark.	“Design Only (Swirl Design)” U.S. Trademark Registration No. 3,779,566 / CBP Recordation No. TMK 15-00132

Revocations or modifications of CBP rulings

[See separate section below.](#)

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
05-16-16	HQ H270580 (May 10, 2016) Exercise Equipment: Matrix® G3-S60 Selectorized Dip/Chin Assist and the Matrix® G3-FW52 Back Extension Bench	Scenario 1 – USA Scenario 2 – China
05-20-16	HQ H273529 (May 13, 2016) Twenty foot long inter-modal container	Korea
05-31-16	HQ H258960 (May 19, 2016) Certain Network Cables and Transceivers	Scenario 1 –USA Scenario 2 - China

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
05-02-16	16-000351	FDA 2.4.1 IG Updates
	16-000354	Entry Summary Issue between April 30 and May 1, 2016
	16-000355	ACE PRODUCTION deployment, Tuesday May 3,2016 @0600 ET,impact ACE CargoRel & EntrySummary
	16-000356	Initiation of Antidumping Duty and Countervailing Duty Investigations
	16-000357	PGA Data Corrections (CA/CC) ACE CATAIR Chapter Posted to CBP.gov
05-03-16	16-000358	Updated Document Image System (DIS) Implementation Guide (IG) Posted to CBP.gov
	16-000360	Upcoming ACE PGA Webinars for Software Developers/Programmers on 5/9 and 5/10
05-04-16	16-000361	Navigating Exporter Accounts in ACE: Helpful Tips to Avoid Issues with Account Set-Up
	16-000362	Food Safety & Inspection Service Notification Regarding Siluriforme Fish and Fish Product
	16-000363	ACE PRODUCTION deployment, Thursday May 5, 2016 @0600ET,impact ACE CargoRel & EntrySumm
	16-000364	DIS Rejections
05-05-16	16-000365	2016 West Coast Trade Symposium - May 25-26, 2016, Phoenix, AZ
	16-000366	FRN Published Announcing Fish and Wildlife Service PGA Message Set Pilot
05-06-16	16-000367	Updated DRAFT ACE ABI CATAIR for Harmonized Tariff Schedule Posted to CBP.gov
05-09-16	16-000370	Transition to One Document Image System Email Box and Format
	16-000371	ACE PRODUCTION deployment, Tuesday May 10, 2016 @0600ET,impact ACE CargoRel & EntrySummry
	16-000372	ACE CERTIFICATION deployment, Monday May 9,2016 @2100ET,impact ACE CargoRel & EntrySummry
05-10-16	16-000373	ATF Form Submission via DIS prior to ACE Mandatory Deadline
05-11-16	16-000377	New Draft ACE CATAIR Chapter for Future Temporary Importation Bond Posted to CBP.gov
	16-000379	Inclusion of Port Codes on an Entry
	16-000381	ACE CERTIFICATION CQ Deployment Thursday morning, May 12, 2016 @ 0700 ET
	16-000382	ACE PRODUCTION deployment, Thursday May 12, 2016 @0600ET, impact ACE CargoRel & EntrySumm
05-12-16	16-000383	Deactivation of CBP Buffalo Port Codes 0907, 0971, 0972, 0979 for Cargo
	16-000384	Reminder: Sunset of Legacy EDI/VPN and Bulk Upload (EDI Manager) May 20, 2016
05-16-16	16-000387	New FRN Published Concerning the Mandatory Electronic Filing

Date	CSMS#	Title
	16-000388	of FDA Data
	16-000389	Useful Tips for AESDirect in ACE
	16-000390	ACE PRODUCTION Deployment Tuesday morning, May 17, 2016 at 0600-0630 ET
	16-000391	Upcoming ACE PGA Webinars for Software Developers/Programmers on 5/18
	16-000393	ACE Air Manifest General Order (GO) Job to be Run on Tuesday, May 17, 2016 @0800 ET
05-17-16	16-000394	Reminder: Legacy AESDirect Shipment Manager and Website
	16-000395	Completed: Manual Run of ACE Air Manifest General Order (GO) on Tuesday, May 17, 2016
	16-000399	Updated Guidance for Vehicle Importations: CBP Stamping Customs Form 7501
	16-000400	Filing of ATF Forms in DIS During Interim Period Prior to Mandatory Filing
05-18-16	16-000401	FDA Business Rules Deployment May 31, 2016
	16-000403	Updated ACE CATAIR Documentation Posted to CBP.gov
	16-000404	Reminder: Sunset of Legacy EDI/VPN and Bulk Upload (EDI Manager) May 20, 2016
	16-000406	ACE PRODUCTION PGA Maintenance Thurs May 19,2016 @0600ET, impact ACE CargoRel & EntrySumm
05-19-16	16-000407	Upcoming ACE PGA Webinars for Software Developers/Programmers on 5/18
	16-000408	CORRECTION - Upcoming ACE PGA Webinars for Software Developers/Programmers on 5/23
	16-000409	Trade Webinar Series: Obtaining ACE Export Reports Authorization - June 2nd
05-20-16	16-000412	Resolution for Cargo Release Status Notification Delays
05-21-16	16-000413	Updated ACE Development/Deployment Schedule Posted to CBP.gov
05-23-16	16-000414	New ACE FRN Concerning Entry and Entry Summary Filings
	16-000415	
	16-000416	ACE PRODUCTION deployment, Tuesday May 24,2016 @ 5-7am ET, impact ACE CargoRel & EntrySumm
05-24-16	16-000417	New and Updated ACE and PGA Documentation Available on CBP.gov
	16-000418	Status of PGA ACE/ITDS Import Pilots
	16-000419	FTZ entry summaries with ADCVD
	16-000420	FWS Deposition Codes
05-25-16	16-000421	ACE CERTIFICATION CQ Deployment Thursday morning, May 26, 2016 at 0700 - 0730 ET
	16-000422	ACE Cargo Release Deployment - Thursday May 26, 2016
	16-000424	ACE PRODUCTION deployment, Thursday May 26, 2016 @0500ET, impact ACE CargoRel & EntrySumm
	16-000427	ACE CERTIFICATION Cargo Release deployment, Wednesday evening May 25, 2016
	16-000428	FDA New and End-Dated Product Codes and New Product Classes for CDER and CVM Products
05-26-16	16-000429	ACE PRODUCTION Cargo Release deployment, Friday May 27, 2016 @ noon ET
05-27-16	16-000430	Guidance on Partner Government Agency Entry Type Codes
	16-000431	
	16-000432	Updated ACE CATAIR Documentation Posted to CBP.gov
	16-000433	Correction: Updated ACE CATAIR Documentation Posted to CBP.gov
	16-000434	ACE PRODUCTION PGA Deployment, Saturday May 28, 2016 @ 2300 to 0300 ET Sunday, May 29
05-31-16	16-000435	ACE FDA Supplemental Guide 2.4.1 PRODUCTION Deployment
	16-000436	May 2016 ACE Monthly Trade Update
	16-000437	LEGACY ACE CERTIFICATION Outage, Wednesday, June 1,

Date	CSMS#	Title
		2016 1700 ET to 2000 ET
	16-000438	Guidance on Partner Government Agency Entry Type Codes
	16-000439	
	16-000440	ACE reject UNKNOWN CONDITION CODE for FDA data on ACE Cargo entries (AE or SE)
	16-000441	ACE Air Manifest General Order (GO) Job to be Run on Wednesday, June 1, 2016 @0800 ET
	16-000442	ACE PRODUCTION deployment, Wednesday June 1, 2016 @0600ET, impact ACE CargoRel & EntrySumm

Foreign Trade Zones

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

F.R. Date	Document
05-02-16	Foreign-Trade Zone (FTZ) 22— Chicago, Illinois; Notification of Proposed Production Activity; Omron Automotive Electronics, Inc.; (Automotive Electronic Components); St. Charles, Illinois [B-24-2016]
	Foreign-Trade Zone (FTZ) 133—Quad- Cities, Iowa/Illinois; Notification of Proposed Production Activity, Deere & Company, Subzone 133D (Construction and Forestry Equipment), Davenport, Iowa [B-25-2016]
05-05-16	Foreign-Trade Zone (FTZ) 76 – Bridgeport, Connecticut; Notification of Proposed Production Activity; ASML US, Inc., (Optical, Metrology, and Lithography System Modules), Newtown and Wilton, Connecticut [B-26-2016]
05-06-16	Foreign-Trade Zone 103 - Grand Forks, North Dakota; Application for Reorganization Under Alternative Site Framework [B-27-2016]
05-09-16	Foreign-Trade Zone (FTZ) 26 – Atlanta, Georgia - Notification of Proposed Production Activity, Eastman Kodak Company, Subzone 26N (Aluminum Printing Plates) Columbus, Georgia [B-28-2016]
05-11-16	Reorganization of Foreign-Trade Zone 151 (Expansion of Service Area) Under Alternative Site Framework; Findlay, Ohio [Order No. 1996]
	Proposed Foreign-Trade Zone— Vancouver, Washington; Under Alternative Site Framework [B-29-2016]
	Approval of Subzone Status; H-J Enterprises, Inc./H-J International, Inc.; High Ridge, Missouri [Order No. 1997]
05-12-16	Foreign-Trade Zone (FTZ) 125 – South Bend, Indiana - Notification of Proposed Production Activity - LionsHead Specialty Tire & Wheel, LLC (Wheel Assemblies for Specialty Applications) Goshen, Indiana [B-30-2016]
05-13-16	Foreign-Trade Zone 20 – Norfolk, Virginia; Application for Reorganization (Expansion of Service Area) under Alternative Site Framework [B-31-2016]
05-17-16	Foreign-Trade Zone 110 – Albuquerque, New Mexico - Application for Reorganization under Alternative Site Framework [B-32-2016]
	Foreign-Trade Zone (FTZ) 281 – Miami, Florida - Notification of Proposed Production Activity - Alpha Marketing Network, Inc. d/b/a AMN Distributors - (Kitting – Wine Gift Sets) Miami, Florida [B-33-2016]
	Foreign-Trade Zone (FTZ) 121 – Albany, New York - Notification of Proposed Production Activity - Townsend Leather Company, Inc. (Finished Upholstery Grade Leather, Cut Parts and Product Samples) Johnstown, New York [B-34-2016]
05-18-16	Foreign-Trade Zone 244 – Riverside, California - Application for Reorganization (Expansion of Service Area) under Alternative Site Framework [B-35-2016]
05-23-16	Authorization of Production Activity; Foreign-Trade Subzone 249A; GE Generators (Pensacola) L.L.C.; (Wind Turbine Nacelles and Hubs); Pensacola, Florida [B-2-2016]
05-24-16	Foreign-Trade Zone 93—Raleigh- Durham, North Carolina, Application for Reorganization (Expansion of Service Area) Under Alternative Site Framework [B-36-2016]
05-26-16	Foreign-Trade Zone (FTZ) 196—Fort Worth, Texas; Authorization of Produc-

F.R. Date	Document
	tion Activity: General Electric Transportation (Locomotives, Drill Equipment, Off-Highway Vehicle Wheels, Inverters and Brake Systems), Fort Worth and Haslet, Texas [B-4-2016]
	Reorganization of Foreign-Trade Zone 191 Under Alternative Site Framework; Palmdale, California [Order No. 1998]

ITA announces meeting of the President's Export Council

On May 13, 2016, the International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce (ITA) published in the *Federal Register* a [notice of an open meeting](#) (by teleconference) of the President's Export Council (Council) to present observations from a recent trip to Cuba by the Council's Chair and Vice Chair and to deliberate a recommendation related to Cuba. The final agenda will be posted at least one week in advance of the meeting on the [Council's website](#). The meeting will take place on June 8, 2016 at 10:00 a.m. EDT. The deadline for members of the public to register, including requests for auxiliary aids, or to submit written comments for dissemination prior to the meeting, is 5:00 p.m. EDT on June 6, 2016.

FinCEN publishes customer due diligence requirements for financial institutions

On May 11, 2016, the Financial Crimes Enforcement Network (FinCEN), Treasury, published in the *Federal Register*, [final rules](#) under the *Bank Secrecy Act* to clarify and strengthen customer due diligence requirements for: banks; brokers or dealers in securities; mutual funds; and futures commission merchants and introducing brokers in commodities. The rules contain explicit customer due diligence requirements and include a new requirement to identify and verify the identity of beneficial owners of legal entity customers, subject to certain exclusions and exemptions.

The final rules are effective July 11, 2016. Covered financial institutions must comply with the rules by May 11, 2018.

Burmese Sanctions Regulations amended to add general licenses

On May 18, 2016, the Office of Foreign Assets Control (OFAC) published in the *Federal Register* a [final rule](#) amending the *Burmese Sanctions Regulations* (31 C.F.R. Part 537) to add a general license authorizing certain transactions related to U.S. persons residing in Burma. OFAC is also incorporating a general license authorizing certain transactions incident to exports to and from Burma that has, until now, appeared only on OFAC's website on the Burma sanctions page, and expanding this authorization to allow certain transactions incident to the movement of goods within Burma that otherwise would be prohibited. Finally, OFAC is expanding and updating another existing authorization allowing most transactions involving certain blocked financial institutions.

Please check our [Sanctions blog](#) for additional information and future updates.

BIS removes short-supply license requirements for crude oil exports

On May 12, 2016, the Bureau of Industry and Security (BIS) published in the *Federal Register* a [final rule](#) [Docket No. 160302175- 6175- 01] to amend the *Export Administration Regulations* (EAR) to remove the short supply license requirements that, prior to the entry into force of the "*Consolidated Appropriations*

Act, 2016” on December 18, 2015, applied to exports of crude oil from the United States. Specifically, this rule removes the Commerce Control List (CCL) entry and the corresponding short supply provisions in the EAR that required a license from BIS to export crude oil from the United States. The rule also amends certain other EAR provisions to reflect the removal of these short supply license requirements. The changes made by the rule are intended to bring the provisions of the EAR into full compliance with the act, which mandates that, apart from certain exemptions specified therein, “no official of the Federal Government shall impose or enforce any restriction on the export of crude oil.” Consistent with the exceptions in the act, exports of crude oil continue to require authorization from BIS to embargoed or sanctioned countries or persons and to persons subject to a denial of export privileges. The rule was effective on publication.

State updates list of independently produced Cuban goods and services

On May 18, 2016, the Department of State published in the *Federal Register* a [notice](#) [Public Notice: 9568] with an updated list of goods and services produced by independent Cuban entrepreneurs authorized for importation into the United States (Section 515.582 List). On April 22, 2016, the Department of State published on its website an updated list of goods and services produced by independent Cuban entrepreneurs whose importation into the United States is authorized by the Department of the Treasury’s *Cuban Assets Control Regulations* (CACR). This list updates the version of the list published on February 13, 2015. These changes allow for more engagement with Cuba’s private sector through new business opportunities.

DDTC posts notices on munitions exports to Vietnam, Côte d’Ivoire, Sri Lanka

On May 23, 2016, the State Department’s Directorate of Defense Trade Controls (DDTC) posted an [Industry Notice](#) on exports to Vietnam which states:

Change in Policy on Exports of Munitions to Vietnam

Pursuant to a decision made by the Secretary of State and effective immediately, the Department of State’s policy prohibiting the sale or transfer of lethal weapons to Vietnam, including restrictions on exports to and imports from Vietnam for arms and related materiel, has been terminated. Consequently, in accordance with the Arms Export Control Act, the Directorate of Defense Trade Controls (DDTC) will review on case-by-case basis applications for licenses to export or temporarily import defense articles and defense services to or from Vietnam under the International Traffic in Arms Regulations (ITAR). DDTC will soon publish a rule in the Federal Register to implement a conforming change to ITAR §126.1.

On May 5, 2016, the State Department’s Directorate of Defense Trade Controls (DDTC) posted an [Industry Notice](#) on exports to Côte d’Ivoire which states:

Policy on Exports to Cote d’Ivoire

Pursuant to UNSCR 2283, adopted April 28, 2016 and effective immediately, the UN Security Council sanctions regime against Cote d’Ivoire, including restrictions on exports to Cote d’Ivoire of arms and related materiel, has been terminated. Consequently, in accordance with International Traffic in Arms Regulations (ITAR) §126.1(c), the Directorate of Defense Trade Controls (DDTC) will review applications for licenses to export or temporarily import defense articles and defense services to or from Cote

d'Ivoire under the ITAR on a case-by-case basis. DDTC will publish a Federal Register notice to implement a conforming update to ITAR §126.1.

On May 4, 2016, the State Department's Directorate of Defense Trade Controls (DDTC) posted an [Industry Notice](#) on exports to Sri Lanka which states:

Policy on Exports to Sri Lanka

Licensing restrictions relating to Sri Lanka articulated in §7044(e) of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2015, Pub. L. No. 113-235, and in previous appropriations acts, were not carried forward in §7044(e) of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2016, Pub. L. No. 114-113. Effective immediately the Directorate of Defense Trade Controls (DDTC) will review applications for licenses to export or temporarily import defense articles and defense services to or from Sri Lanka under the International Traffic in Arms Regulations (ITAR) on a case-by-case basis. DDTC will publish a Federal Register notice to implement a conforming update to ITAR §126.1(n).

Prior to these rule changes, DDTC had imposed a policy of denial on all license applications for exports or imports of defense articles and defense services destined for or originating in Vietnam, Côte d'Ivoire, Sri Lanka, respectively, except for certain limited categories of items eligible for case-by-case review. These categories included: (for Vietnam) non-lethal items, non-lethal, safety-of-use defense articles for lethal end-items, and, pursuant to a November 2014 rule change, limited categories of lethal items intended to enhance maritime security and domain awareness; (for Sri Lanka) items for humanitarian demining or aerial/maritime surveillance; and (for Cote d'Ivoire) items to support certain UN operations, humanitarian uses, and the Ivorian security forces.

For additional information, contact [Bart M. McMillan](#) or [Maria H. van Wagenberg](#). Check our [Sanctions blog](#) for updates.

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
05-06-16	OFAC: Additional Designations, Foreign Narcotics Kingpin Designation Act (N) [eight individuals and 11 entities]
	OFAC: Unblocking of Specially Designated Nationals and Blocked Persons, Executive Order 12978 (N) [three individuals and 15 entities]
05-09-16	State: In the Matter of the Designation of Musa Abu Dawud, aka Moussa Abu Daoud, aka Moussa Bourahla, aka Abou Daoud, aka Bourahla Moussa, as a Specially Designated Global Terrorist pursuant to Section 1(b) of Executive Order 13224, as amended [Public Notice: 9551] (N)
05-10-16	OFAC: Additional Designations, Foreign Narcotics Kingpin Designation Act (N) [eight individuals and 69 entities]
05-16-16	OFAC: Additional Designations, Foreign Narcotics Kingpin Designation Act (N) [one individual]
05-18-16	OFAC: Supplemental Information for 57 individuals and 42 entities designated pursuant to Executive Orders 12947, 13224, and/or 13582 (N)
	OFAC: Sanctions Action Pursuant to Executive Order 13726 of April 19, 2016, "Blocking Property and Suspending Entry into the United States of Persons Contributing to the Situation in Libya." (N) [one individual]

F.R. Date	Applicable orders
05-20-16	State: In the Matter of the Designation of ISIL-Libya, aka Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant-Libya, aka Islamic State and the Levant in Libya, aka Wilayat Barga, aka Wilayat Fezzan, aka Wilayat Tripolitania, aka Wilayat Tarablus, aka Wilayat al- Tarablus, as a Foreign Terrorist Organization pursuant to Sec. 219 of the Immigration and Nationality Act, as amended. [Public Notice: 9575]
	State: In the Matter of the Designation of ISILLibya, aka Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant-Libya, aka Islamic State and the Levant in Libya, aka Wilayat Barga, aka Wilayat Fezzan, aka Wilayat Tripolitania, aka Wilayat Tarablus, aka Wilayat al-Tarablus as a Specially Designated Global Terrorist. [Public Notice: 9573]
	State: In the Matter of the Designation of ISIL-Saudi Arabia, aka Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant-Saudi Arabia, aka Islamic State and the Levant in Saudi Arabia, aka ISIS in Saudi Arabia, aka Wilayat al-Haramayn, aka Wilayat Najd, aka Najd Province, aka Province of the Two Holy Places, aka Mujahideen of the Arabian Peninsula, aka Hijaz Province of the Islamic State, aka Al-Hijaz Province as a Specially Designated Global Terrorist [Public Notice 9576]
	State: In the Matter of the Designation of ISIL-Yemen, aka Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant-Yemen, aka Islamic State and the Levant in Yemen, aka Islamic State in Yemen, aka ISIS in Yemen, aka Wilayat al-Yemen, aka Province of Yemen as a Specially Designated Global Terrorist [Public Notice: 9574]
	State: In the Matter of the Designation of Samir Kuntar, also known as Samir Quntar, also known as Sameer Kantar, also known as Samir Al-Kuntar, also known as Samir Qantar, also known as Samir Kintar, also known as Samir Qintar, also known as Samir Cantar as a Specially Designated Global Terrorist [Public Notice: 9577]
05-23-16	OFAC: Sanctions Actions Pursuant to Executive Order 13448, Executive Order 13310, and Executive Order 13464 (N)

FTC and CPSC Federal Register documents

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

F.R. Date	Subject
05-24-16	FTC: Rule Governing Disclosure of Written Consumer Product Warranty Terms and Conditions; Rule Governing Pre- Sale Availability of Written Warranty Terms (PR/RFC)

TTB and ATF announcements and Federal Register documents

The following information or regulatory actions of interest to international traders has been posted by the Alcohol and Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau (TTB) or the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF):

Date	Subject
04-29-16	ATF Ruling 2016-1 ATF authorizes licensed importers, licensed manufacturers, licensed dealers, and licensed collectors to maintain their firearms acquisition and disposition records electronically, provided all of the conditions listed in the Ruling are met
	ATF Ruling 2016-2 ATF authorizes licensees to use an electronic version of Form 4473, instead of the paper format, provided the conditions set forth in the ruling are met.
05-26-16	ATF: Commerce in Firearms and Explosives: Secure Gun Storage, Amended Definition of Antique Firearm, and Miscellaneous Amendments [Docket No. ATF 24P; AG Order No. 3672–2016] (PR)

FDA issues new food labeling requirements

On May 27, 2016, the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) published in the *Federal Register* a [final rule](#) [Docket No. FDA–2012–N–1210] amending its labeling regulations for conventional foods and dietary supplements to provide updated nutrition information on the label to assist consumers in maintaining healthy dietary practices. The updated information is consistent with current data on the associations between nutrients and chronic diseases, health related conditions, physiological endpoints, and/or maintaining a healthy dietary pattern that reflects current public health conditions in the United States, and corresponds to new information on consumer understanding and consumption patterns. The final rule updates the list of nutrients that are required or permitted to be declared; provides updated Daily Reference Values and Reference Daily Intake values that are based on current dietary recommendations from consensus reports; amends requirements for foods represented or purported to be specifically for children under the age of 4 years and pregnant and lactating women and establishes nutrient reference values specifically for these population subgroups; and revises the format and appearance of the Nutrition Facts label.

The incorporation by reference of certain publications listed in the rule is approved by the Director of the Federal Register as of July 26, 2016.

On May 27, 2016, the FDA also published in the *Federal Register* a [final rule](#) [Docket No. FDA–2004–N–0258 (Formerly Docket No. 2004N–0456)] to define a single-serving container; require dual-column labeling for certain containers; update, modify, and establish several reference amounts customarily consumed (RACCs); amend the label serving size for breath mints; and make technical amendments to various aspects of the serving size regulations. The FDA is taking this action to provide consumers with more accurate and up-to-date information on serving sizes.

Both final rules become effective on July 26, 2016. Compliance date: The compliance date of both final rules is July 26, 2018, for manufacturers with \$10 million or more in annual food sales, and July 26, 2019, for manufacturers with less than \$10 million in annual food sales. See *Federal Register* notices for details.

FDA deems e-cigarettes and other tobacco products to be subject to FD&C Act

On May 10, 2016, the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) published in the *Federal Register* a [final rule](#) [Docket No. FDA-2014-N-0189] to deem products meeting the statutory definition of “tobacco product,” except accessories of the newly deemed tobacco products, to be subject to the *Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act* (the FD&C Act), as amended by the *Family Smoking Prevention and Tobacco Control Act* (Tobacco Control Act). The Tobacco Control Act provides FDA authority to regulate cigarettes, cigarette tobacco, roll-your-own tobacco, smokeless tobacco, including e-cigarettes, and any other tobacco products that the Agency by regulation deems to be subject to the law. With this final rule, FDA is extending the Agency’s “tobacco product” authorities in the FD&C Act to all other categories of products that meet the statutory definition of “tobacco product” in the FD&C Act, except accessories of such newly deemed tobacco products. The final rule also prohibits the sale of “covered tobacco products” to individuals under the age of 18 and requires the display of health warnings on cigarette tobacco, roll-your own tobacco, and covered tobacco product packages and in advertisements. The FDA is taking this action to reduce the death and disease from tobacco products. In accordance with the Tobacco Control Act, it considers and intends the exten-

sion of its authorities over tobacco products and the various requirements and prohibitions established by this rule to be severable. The rule is effective August 8, 2016. See section IV of the *Federal Register* document regarding compliance dates for certain provisions.

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
05-02-16	Compliance Policy Guide Sec. 690.150 Labeling and Marketing of Dog and Cat Food Diets Intended To Diagnose, Cure, Mitigate, Treat, or Prevent Diseases: Availability [Docket No. FDA-2012-D-0755] (N)
05-03-16	Standards for the Growing, Harvesting, Packing, and Holding of Produce for Human Consumption; Technical Amendment [Docket No. FDA-2011-N-0921] (FR/TC)
05-09-16	The Food and Drug Administration Food Safety Modernization Act: Focus on Strategic Implementation of Prevention-Oriented Import Safety Programs; Public Meetings [Docket No. FDA-2015-N-0797] (N/H)
05-10-16	Requirements for the Submission of Data Needed to Calculate User Fees for Domestic Manufacturers and Importers of Cigars and Pipe Tobacco [Docket No. FDA-2012-N-0920] (FR)
	Deeming Tobacco Products To Be Subject to the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act, as Amended by the Family Smoking Prevention and Tobacco Control Act; Restrictions on the Sale and Distribution of Tobacco Products and Required Warning Statements for Tobacco Products [Docket No. FDA-2014-N-0189] (FR) [see above]
	The Food and Drug Administration Deems Certain Tobacco Products Subject to FDA Authority, Sales and Distribution Restrictions, and Health Warning Requirements for Packages and Advertisements; Small Entity Compliance Guide; Availability [Docket No. FDA-2014-N-0189] (N)
	Premarket Tobacco Product Applications for Electronic Nicotine Delivery Systems; Draft Guidance for Industry; Availability; Agency Information Collection Activities; Proposed Collection; Comment Request [Docket No. FDA-2015-D-2496] (N)
	Requirements for the Submission of Data Needed To Calculate User Fees for Domestic Manufacturers and Importers of Tobacco Products; Small Entity Compliance Guide; Availability [Docket No. FDA-2014-D-0917] (N)
	Tobacco Product Master Files; Guidance for Industry; Availability [Docket No. FDA-2015-D-2325] (N)
05-26-16	Ingredients Declared as Evaporated Cane Juice; Guidance for Industry; Availability [Docket No. FDA-2009-D-0430] (N)
05-27-16	Food Labeling: Revision of the Nutrition and Supplement Facts Labels [Docket No. FDA-2012-N-1210] (FR) [see above]
	Food Labeling: Serving Sizes of Foods That Can Reasonably Be Consumed At One Eating Occasion; Dual-Column Labeling; Updating, Modifying, and Establishing Certain Reference Amounts Customarily Consumed; Serving Size for Breath Mints; and Technical Amendments [Docket No. FDA-2004-N-0258 (formerly Docket No. 2004N-0456)] (FR) [see above]
	Mitigation Strategies To Protect Food Against Intentional Adulteration [Docket No. FDA-2013-N-1425] (FR)

FAS publishes WTO agricultural quantity-based safeguard trigger levels

On May 25, 2016, the Foreign Agricultural Service (FAS), U.S. Department of Agriculture, published in the *Federal Register* a [notice](#) that lists the updated quantity-based trigger levels for products which may be subject to additional import duties under the safeguard provisions of the *WTO Agreement on Agriculture*. The notice

also includes the relevant period applicable for the trigger levels on each of the listed products.

QUANTITY-BASED SAFEGUARD TRIGGER		
Product	Trigger level	Period
Beef	317,530 mt	January 1, 2016 to December 31, 2016
Mutton	3,316 mt	January 1, 2016 to December 31, 2016
Cream	2,789 liters	January 1, 2016 to December 31, 2016
Evaporated or Condensed Milk	1,173,090 kg	January 1, 2016 to December 31, 2016
Nonfat Dry Milk	525,441 kg	January 1, 2016 to December 31, 2016
Dried Whole Milk	3,406,679 kg	January 1, 2016 to December 31, 2016
Dried Cream	586 kg	January 1, 2016 to December 31, 2016
Dried Whey/Buttermilk	18,198 kg	January 1, 2016 to December 31, 2016
Butter	13,656,765 kg	January 1, 2016 to December 31, 2016
Butter Oil and Butter Substitutes	6,076,713 kg	January 1, 2016 to December 31, 2016
Dairy Mixtures	15,718,595 kg	January 1, 2016 to December 31, 2016
Blue Cheese	4,865,957 kg	January 1, 2016 to December 31, 2016
Cheddar Cheese	11,292,096 kg	January 1, 2016 to December 31, 2016
American-Type Cheese	663,153 kg	January 1, 2016 to December 31, 2016
Edam/Gouda Cheese	8,161,533 kg	January 1, 2016 to December 31, 2016
Italian-Type Cheese	19,591,643 kg	January 1, 2016 to December 31, 2016
Swiss Cheese with Eye Formation	28,790,738 kg	January 1, 2016 to December 31, 2016
Gruyere Process Cheese	3,745,854 kg	January 1, 2016 to December 31, 2016
NSPF Cheese	52,603,975 kg	January 1, 2016 to December 31, 2016
Lowfat Cheese	153,319 kg	January 1, 2016 to December 31, 2016
Peanuts	19,037 mt	April 1, 2015 to March 31, 2016
	13,106 mt	April 1, 2016 to March 31, 2017
Peanut Butter/Paste	3,592 mt	January 1, 2016 to December 31, 2016
Raw Cane Sugar	676,944 mt	October 1, 2015 to September 30, 2016
	617,282 mt	October 1, 2016 to September 30, 2017
Refined Sugar and Syrups	177,579 mt	October 1, 2015 to September 30, 2016
	355,264 mt	October 1, 2016 to September 30, 2017
Blended Syrups	87 mt	October 1, 2015 to September 30, 2016
	106 mt	October 1, 2016 to September 30, 2017
Articles Over 65% Sugar	385 mt	October 1, 2015 to September 30, 2016
	415 mt	October 1, 2016 to September 30, 2017
Articles Over 10% Sugar	20,158 mt	October 1, 2015 to September 30, 2016
	18,930 mt	October 1, 2016 to September 30, 2017
Sweetened Cocoa Powder	86 mt	October 1, 2015 to September 30, 2016
	72 mt	October 1, 2016 to September 30, 2017
Chocolate Crumb	12,167,560 kg	January 1, 2016 to December 31, 2016
Lowfat Chocolate Crumb	500,069 kg	January 1, 2016 to December 31, 2016

QUANTITY-BASED SAFEGUARD TRIGGER		
Product	Trigger level	Period
Infant Formula Containing Oligosaccharides	309,726 kg	January 1, 2016 to December 31, 2016
Mixes and Doughs	230 mt	October 1, 2014 to September 30, 2015
	234 mt	October 1, 2015 to September 30, 2016
Mixed Condiments and Seasonings	961 mt	October 1, 2015 to September 30, 2016
	894 mt	October 1, 2016 to September 30, 2017
Ice Cream	2,964,185 liters	January 1, 2016 to December 31, 2016
Animal Feed Containing Milk	27,792 kg	January 1, 2016 to December 31, 2016
Short Staple Cotton	2,330,949 kg	September 20, 2015 to September 19, 2016
	1,363,307 kg	September 20, 2016 to September 19, 2017
Harsh or Rough Cotton	0 kilograms	August 1, 2015 to July 31, 2016
	13 kg	August 1, 2016 to July 31, 2017
Medium Staple Cotton	48,783 kg	August 1, 2015 to July 31, 2016
	0 kg	August 1, 2016 to July 31, 2017
Extra Long Staple Cotton	1,505,611 kg	August 1, 2015 to July 31, 2016
	1,270,096 kg	August 1, 2016 to July 31, 2017
Cotton Waste	793,048 kg	September 20, 2015 to September 19, 2016
	925,273 kg	September 20, 2016 to September 19, 2017
Cotton, Processed, Not Spun	2,058 kg	September 20, 2015 to September 19, 2016
	51 kg	September 20, 2016 to September 19, 2017

USDA increases FY 2016 raw sugar TRQ

On May 18, 2016, the Office of the Secretary, U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) published in the *Federal Register* a [notice](#) increasing the fiscal year (FY) 2016 raw cane sugar tariff-rate quota (TRQ) of 127,006 metric tons raw value (MTRV). [Note: See USTR May 27 article [above](#) for country allocations.]

USDA announces increase in specialty sugar TRQ and determination of FY 2017 other sugar TRQs

On May 6, 2016, the Office of the Secretary, U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) published in the *Federal Register* a [notice](#) of an increase in the fiscal year (FY) 2016 specialty sugar tariff-rate quota (TRQ) of 20,000 metric tons raw value (MTRV). The Secretary also announces the establishment of the Fiscal Year (FY) 2017 (October 1, 2016–September 30, 2017) in-quota aggregate quantity of raw cane sugar at 1,117,195 metric tons raw value (MTRV), and the establishment of the FY 2017 in-quota aggregate quantity of certain sugars, syrups, and molasses (also referred to as refined sugar) at 162,000 MTRV. [Note: See USTR May 27 article [above](#) for country allocations.]

FSIS to reinspect Siluriforme fish and fish products

CBP [CSMS #16-000362](#) of May 4, 2016 FSIS announced that between April 15, 2016, and September 1, 2017, the Food Safety Inspection Service (FSIS) will select a subset of imported shipments of Siluriformes fish and fish products for reinspection, which will include testing for species, chemical residues, and Salmonella. Beginning September 1, 2017, FSIS will reinspect all shipments of imported

Siluriformes fish and fish products, just as it reinspects all shipments of imported meat, poultry, and egg products. FSIS is providing the transitional period from April 15, 2016, to September 1, 2017 to ensure that importers, customs brokers, and other stakeholders have ample time to prepare and comply with FSIS's mandatory reinspection requirements.

During the transitional period, shipments of imported Siluriformes fish and fish products from [eligible countries/establishments](#) will not display any FSIS flags requiring submission of electronic data or paper certificates at the border. FSIS will select specific shipments for reinspection and will notify customs brokers verbally when a specific shipment has been selected. For rail, truck, and air shipments, FSIS may target a shipment of interest by the time of arrival or CBP release, whichever is later. For ocean shipments, a decision will be made within 48 hours from the time of entry filing. In any mode, if you are not notified by FSIS that your Siluriformes fish shipment has been selected for reinspection within the timeframe previously mentioned, it will not need to be presented at an official import inspection establishment for FSIS reinspection and can move in commerce after all other government agency requirements that apply to the entry (e.g., CBP) have been met. It is important to note that during the transitional period, if your shipment is not selected for reinspection by FSIS, you will not receive an electronic communication that your shipment may proceed in commerce, as was the standard practice of FDA. Importers and customs brokers are encouraged to file the entry as soon as possible to ensure that logistics of the selected shipments can be accommodated.

The 2008 and 2014 Farm Bills mandated the United States Department of Agriculture's (USDA), FSIS inspection of Siluriformes fish and fish products. On December 2, 2015, FSIS published the final rule, "Mandatory Inspection of Fish of the Order Siluriformes and Products Derived from Such Fish," which can be accessed on the [FSIS website](#). As the final rule explains, fish of the order Siluriformes are amenable to the *Federal Meat Inspection Act* (FMIA, 21 U.S.C. 601(w) (2)), and the rule establishes the mandatory reinspection program and its regulatory requirements. Additional information regarding the FSIS Siluriformes inspection program, including importing and exporting, can be found at the [FSIS inspection webpage](#).

APHIS and other USDA notices issued

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

F.R. Date	Subject
05-06-16	AMS: 2016 Rates Charged for AMS Services [Document No. AMS-LPS-16-0019] (N)
05-06-16	USDA: Increase in Fiscal Year 2016 Specialty Sugar Tariff-Rate Quota, and Determination of Total Amounts of Fiscal Year 2017 WTO Tariff-Rate Quotas for Raw Cane Sugar and Certain Sugars, Syrups and Molasses (N)
05-09-16	AMS: United States Standards for Grades of Canned Baked Beans [Document Number AMS-FV-14-0016, FV-16-326] (N)
05-09-16	AMS: United States Standards for Grades of Cauliflower [Doc. Number AMS-FV-10-0047, FV-16-330] (N)
05-10-16	APHIS: Importation of Lemons From Northwest Argentina [Docket No. APHIS-2014-0092] (PR)

F.R. Date	Subject
05-12-16	APHIS: Notice of Availability of an Evaluation of the Fever Tick Status of the State of Chihuahua, Excluding the Municipalities of Guadalupe y Calvo and Morelos [Docket No. APHIS-2015-0042] (N)
05-13-16	APHIS: Notice of Availability of an Evaluation of the Classical Swine Fever, Swine Vesicular Disease, African Swine Fever, Foot-and-Mouth Disease, and Rinderpest Status of Malta [Docket No. APHIS-2015-0102] (N)
05-27-16	APHIS: Mexican Hass Avocado Import Program [Docket No. APHIS-2014-0088] (FR)

FAS GAIN reports

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

- Canada - [New Canadian Halal Labeling Requirements Come Into Force](#)
- China - [AQSIQ to Require Importers to Review Overseas Food Producers \(Draft\)](#)
- China - [State Council Opinions on Traceability Systems for Key Products](#)
- China - [State Council Publishes Key Tasks on Food Safety Work for 2016](#)
- Denmark - [Exporter Guide](#)
- EAEU - [Eurasian Economic Union Ag Times No. 1 of 2016](#)
- Egypt - [Egypt Imposes Export Tax on Sugar Exports but Lifts Tariffs on Raw Sugar](#)
- India - [Draft Requirements for Poultry and Poultry Product Imports](#)
- India - [FSSAI Notice on Adoption and Operationalization of Codex Standards](#)
- India - [GOI Invite Comments from WTO SPS members on Standards for Chocolates](#)
- India - [WTO Notified Plant Quarantine Fifth Amendment 2016](#)
- Indonesia - [Indonesia Amends Export Procedures for Plant Products](#)
- Israel - [Israel's new fishing regulations and campaign against unhealthy food](#)
- Japan - [MAFF Highlights Proper Labeling and Game Meat Risks at Interpets Tradeshow](#)
- Philippine - [Philippine-EFTA Free Trade Agreement Signed](#)
- Romania - [Exporter Guide](#)
- Russia - [Amendments to the Customs Union Decision on Plant Quarantine](#)
- Russia - [Draft SPS Measure on Import Permits Notified to WTO](#)
- Russia - [Draft TBT Measure on Dairy Products Notified to WTO](#)
- Russia - [Draft TBT Measure on Food Labeling Notified to WTO](#)
- Spain - [FAIRS - Certification](#)
- Turkey - [FAIRS - Certification](#)
- Turkey - [Turkey Updates List of Restricted Substances for Food Supplement](#)
- Vietnam - [New Law on Special Consumption Tax Adversely Affects Alcohol Imports](#)

CITA makes determination on CAFTA-DR commercial availability

On May 17, 2016, the Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements (CITA) published in the *Federal Register* a [determination](#) that certain warp stretch woven rayon blend fabrics, as specified in the *Federal Register* document, are not

available in commercial quantities in a timely manner in the CAFTA-DR countries. The products will be added to the list in Annex 3.25 of the CAFTA-DR Agreement in unrestricted quantities.

Government Procurement: DoD updates threshold for duty-free entry on foreign supplies not from qualifying countries

On May 10, 2016, the Defense Acquisition Regulations System, Department of Defense (DoD) published in the *Federal Register* a [final rule](#) [Docket DARS–2015–0052] that amends the *Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement* (DFARS) to update the threshold at DFARS 225.901(3) and the clause at DFARS 252.225–7013 for duty-free entry on foreign supplies that are not from qualifying countries from the \$200 threshold that was established on April 30, 2003, to \$300.

FCMSA adopts final rule on El Paso Commercial Zone limits

On May 25, 2016, the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA) published in the *Federal Register* a [final rule](#) [Docket No FMCSA–2015–0372] adopting the interim final rule published in the *Federal Register* on February 24, 2016 that expanded the commercial zone for the City of El Paso Texas to include the new Tornillo-Guadalupe international bridge and port of entry on the border with Mexico. The commercial zone designation (49 U.S.C. 13506(b)(1)) generally exempts from FCMSA jurisdiction transportation provided entirely in a municipality, in contiguous municipalities, or in a zone that is adjacent to, and commercially a part of, the municipality or municipalities, except when the transportation is under common control, management, or arrangement for a continuous carriage or shipment to or from a place outside the municipality, municipalities, or zone. This commercial zone exemption applies only to commercial regulations applicable to motor carriers, such as the requirements for operating authority set out in 49 U.S.C. 13901–13904 and 49 C.F.R. parts 365 and 390. Mexico-domiciled motor carriers operating in commercial zones at the international border are required to obtain certificates of registration under 49 U.S.C. 13902(c) and 49 C.F.R. part 368 and since 1989 such operations have been subject to all of the *Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations*, with one exception.

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
05-02-16	Environmental Protection Agency (EPA): Certain New Chemicals; Receipt and Status Information for March 2016 [EPA–HQ–OPPT–2016–0022; FRL–9945–54] (N)
	EPA: Carfentrazone-ethyl; Pesticide Tolerances [EPA–HQ–OPP–2015–0030; FRL–9942–47] (FR)
	EPA: Abamectin; Pesticide Tolerances [EPA–HQ–OPP–2013–0428; FRL–9945–29] (FR)
	EPA: Propanamide, 2-hydroxy-N, Ndimethyl-; Exemption from the Requirement of a Tolerance [EPA–HQ–OPP–2015–0524; FRL–9944–10] (FR)
05-03-16	EPA: Pesticide Tolerance Crop Grouping Program Amendment IV [EPA–HQ–OPP–2006–0766; FRL–9944–87] (FR)
05-04-16	Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives (ATF): Identification Markings Placed on Firearm Silencers and Firearm Mufflers [Docket No. ATF 29P] (AN)
	Energy: Energy Conservation Program: Energy Conservation Standards for Commercial Packaged Boilers [Docket Number EERE–2013–BT–STD–0030]

F.R. Date	Subject
	<p>(PR/E)</p> <p>EPA: Mefenoxam; Pesticide Tolerances [EPA-HQ-OPP-2015-0014; FRL-9944-82] (FR)</p> <p>National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA): Notice of Receipt of Petition for Decision That Nonconforming Model Year 2008 Aston Martin Vantage V8 Passenger Cars Are Eligible for Importation [Docket No. NHTSA-2014-0058; Notice 1] (N)</p> <p>NHTSA: Notice of Receipt of Petition for Decision That Nonconforming Model Year 2009 Mercedes-Benz G Class Long Wheelbase (463 Chassis) Multipurpose Passenger Vehicle Are Eligible for Importation [Docket No. NHTSA-2015-0082; Notice 1] (N)</p>
05-05-16	<p>Energy: Energy Conservation Program: Establishment of Procedures for Requests for Correction of Errors in Rules (FR)</p> <p>Energy: Energy Conservation Program: Test Procedures for Compressors [Docket No. EERE-2014-BT-TP-0054] (PR/H)</p> <p>Energy: Notice of Opportunity to Submit a Petition to Amend the Rule Establishing Procedures for Requests for Correction of Errors in Rules [Docket Number EERE-2016-BT-PET-0016] (N)</p> <p>EPA: Butanedioic acid, 2-sulfo-, C-C9-11-isoalkyl esters, C10-rich, disodium salts: Exemption from the Requirement of a Tolerance [EPA-HQ-OPP-2015-0213; FRL-9945-58] (FR)</p> <p>EPA: Fluxapyroxad; Pesticide Tolerances [EPA-HQ-OPP-2015-0324; FRL-9945-48] (FR)</p> <p>EPA: Sulfoxaflor; Receipt of Applications for Emergency Exemption, Solicitation of Public Comment [EPA-HQ-OPP-2016-0225; FRL-9945-75] (N)</p>
05-06-16	<p>EPA: Notice of Receipt of Requests To Voluntarily Cancel Pesticide Registrations and Amend Registrations To Terminate Certain Uses [EPA-HQ-OPP-2009-1017; FRL-9943-66] (N)</p> <p>EPA: Clethodim; Pesticide Tolerances [EPA-HQ-OPP-2015-0035; FRL-9945-68] (FR)</p> <p>EPA: Methoxyfenozide; Pesticide Tolerances for Emergency Exemptions [EPA-HQ-OPP-2014-0591; FRL-9945-28] (FR)</p> <p>NHTSA: Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards; Bus Emergency Exits and Window Retention and Release, Anti-Ejection Glazing for Bus Portals [Docket No. NHTSA-2016-0052] (PR)</p>
05-09-16	<p>Energy: Energy Conservation Program for Certain Commercial and Industrial Equipment: Test Procedure for Commercial Water Heating Equipment [Docket No. EERE-2014-BT-TP-0008] (PR/H)</p>
05-10-16	<p>EPA: Pesticide Product Registrations; Receipt of Applications for New Uses [EPA-HQ-OPP-2015-0022; FRL-9945-50] (N)</p>
05-11-16	<p>Drug enforcement Administration (DEA): Schedules of Controlled Substances: Placement of UR-144, XLR11, and AKB48 into Schedule I [Docket No. DEA-417] (FR)</p>
05-12-16	<p>DEA: Schedules of Controlled Substances: Placement of Brivaracetam into Schedule V [Docket No. DEA-435] (IR/RFC)</p> <p>DEA: Schedules of Controlled Substances: Temporary Placement of Butyryl Fentanyl and Beta-Hydroxythiofentanyl into Schedule I [Docket No. DEA-434F] (FO)</p> <p>U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS): Proposed Revisions to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Mitigation Policy [Docket No. FWS-HQ-ES-2015-0126; FXHC11220900000-156-FF09E33000] (N/RO)</p> <p>NHTSA: Notice of Receipt of Petition for Decision that Nonconforming Model Year 2012 Jeep Wrangler Multipurpose Passenger Vehicles Manufactured for the Mexican Market Are Eligible for Importation [Docket No. NHTSA-2015-0084; Notice 1]</p>
05-16-16	<p>Energy: Energy Conservation Program: Certification and Enforcement—Import Data Collection; Notice of Reopening of Comment Period [Docket No. EERE-2015-BT-CE-0019] (N/RO)</p> <p>Energy: Energy Conservation Program: Energy Conservation Program: Exempt External Power Supplies Under the EPS Service Parts Act of 2014 [Docket No. EERE-2015-BT-CRT-0013] (FR)</p>

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	EPA: Significant New Use Rules on Certain Chemical Substances
05-18-16	EPA: Quaternary Ammonium Compounds, Benzylbis(hydrogenated tallow alkyl)methyl, bis(hydrogenated tallow alkyl)dimethylammonium Salts with Sepiolite; and Quaternary Ammonium Compounds, Benzylbis(hydrogenated tallow alkyl)methyl, bis(hydrogenated tallow alkyl)dimethylammonium Salts with Saponite; Exemptions from the Requirement of a Tolerance [EPA-HQ-OPP-2015-0018, EPA-HQ-OPP-2015-0020; FRL-9945-76] (FR)
	NHTSA: Guidelines for the Safe Deployment and Operation of Automated Vehicle Safety Technologies [DOT Docket No. NHTSA –2016-0036] (RFC/E)
	Energy: Energy Conservation Program: Test Procedure for Uninterruptible Power Supplies [Docket No. EERE–2016–BT–TP–0018] (PR)
	Energy: Energy Conservation Program: Test Procedures for High-Intensity Discharge Lamps; Withdrawal [Docket No. EERE–2010–BT–TP–0044] (PR/W)
	Energy: Energy Conservation Program: Energy Conservation Standards for Compressors [Docket Number EERE–2013–BT–STD–0040] (PR/H)
05-19-16	EPA: Receipt of Several Pesticide Petitions Filed for Residues of Pesticide Chemicals In or On Various Commodities [EPA–HQ–OPP–2015–0032; FRL–9946–02] (N)
	EPA: Maleic Anhydride; Exemption From the Requirement of a Tolerance [EPA–HQ–OPP–2014–0853; FRL–9945–82] (FR)
	Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA): Hazardous Materials: Carriage of Battery-Powered Electronic Smoking Devices in Passenger Baggage [Docket No. PHMSA–2015–0165 (HM–262)] (FR)
05-20-16	DEA: Exempt Chemical Preparations Under the Controlled Substances Act [Docket No. DEA-372] (Order/Comments)
	Energy: Energy Conservation Program: Test Procedure for Battery Chargers [Docket No. EERE-2014-BT-TP-0044] (FR)
05-24-16	Energy: 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 [Docket Number EERE–2013–BT–STD–0007 and EERE–2013–BT–STD–0021] (FR compliance dates)
05-25-16	EPA: Pesticide Product Registration; Receipt of Applications for New Active Ingredients [EPA-HQ-OPP-2015-0021; FRL-9946-40] (N)
	Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA): Commercial Zones at International Border with Mexico [Docket No FMCSA-2015-0372] (FR)
05-26-16	Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA): Preparations for the 31st Session of the UN Sub-Committee of Experts on the Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labelling of Chemicals (UNSCGHS) [Docket No. OSHA–2016–0005] (N/H)
05-27-16	Federal Maritime Commission (FMC): Update of Existing and Addition of New User Fees [Docket No. 16–06] (PR)
	Energy: Energy Conservation Program: Energy Conservation Standards for Commercial Water Heating Equipment [Docket Number EERE–2014–BT–STD–0042] (PR/H)
	EPA: Fluazinam; Pesticide Tolerances; Technical Correction [EPA–HQ–OPP–2015–0197; FRL–9945–05] (FR/C)
	PHMSA: International Standards on the Transport of Dangerous Goods [Docket No. PHMSA–2016–0060, Notice No. 2016–7] (N/H)

Commerce proposes word limits for certain AD/CVD filings

On May 20, 2016, Enforcement and Compliance, International Trade Administration, Department of Commerce (Commerce) published in the *Federal Register* a [proposed rule](#) [Docket No. 160506400-6400-01] to modify the regulation pertaining to written argument in antidumping and countervailing duty proceedings and is seeking comments from parties. This modification, if adopted, is intended to establish word limits for submission of case and rebuttal briefs. This action is necessary to streamline the process contained in the current regulation, to better align with current Department practices and to reduce the strain on resources.

To be assured of consideration, written comments must be received no later than June 20, 2016.

Antidumping and countervailing duty cases

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

The Americas - South America

Argentina

Boletin Oficial publications

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

BO Date	Subject
03-05-16	Decree 640 /2016 (02-05-16) Decree No. 133/2015. Modification. Nomenclatura Común del Mercosur
05-05-16	National Administration of Medicines, Food and Medical Technology (ANMATM): Disp. 4777/2016 (02-05-16) Marketing ban for certain foodstuffs
	ANMATM: Disp. 4778/2016 (02-05-16) Marketing ban for certain foodstuffs
	ANMATM: Disp. 4779/2016 (02-05-16) Marketing ban for certain foodstuffs
	ANMATM: Disp. 4775/2016 (02-05-16) Prohibition on use and marketing of certain cosmetic products
	ANMATM: Disp. 4776/2016 (02-05-16) Prohibition on the use and marketing of certain household products
06-05-16	ANMATM: Disp. 4781/2016 (02-05-16) Prohibition on the use and marketing of certain cosmetic products
09-05-16	ANMATM: Disp. 4926/2016 (03-05-16) Prohibition on the use and marketing of certain medical products
10-05-16	Secretary of Commerce: Resolution 91/2016 (05-05-16) amending Resolution No. 269/2001 [time for certain exporters to deposit funds into local financial system]
13-05-16	ANMATM: Disp. 5151/2016 (09-05-16) Prohibition on the use and marketing of certain household products
16-05-16	Decree 679/2016 (13-05-16) Exempting from import duty and other taxes, products from countries participating in the 25th Edition of the "ArteBA 2016."
17-05-16	Federal Administration of Public Revenue (AFIP): General Resolution 3877 (13-05-16) Export destinations for Natural Gas Consumption. Determination of Taxable Value.
19-05-16	ANMATM: Disp. 5327/2016 (13-05-16) Marketing ban for certain foodstuffs
	ANMATM: Disp. 5323/2016 (13-05-16) Marketing ban for certain foodstuffs
	ANMATM: Disp. 5325/2016 (13-05-16) Prohibition on the use and marketing of certain cosmetic products
	ANMATM: Disp. 5324/2016 (13-05-16) Prohibition on the use and marketing of certain cosmetic products
	ANMATM: Disp. 5322/2016 (13-05-16) Prohibition on the use and marketing of certain medical products
20-05-16	AFIP: General Resolution 3880 (19-05-16) Process. Exporters and other persons applying for Accreditation, Return or Transfer Value Added Tax. General Resolution No. 718 and its modification. Its repeal. General Resolutions No. 2000 and No. 3571 (DGI) and their amendments. amending standard.
23-05-16	ANMATM: Disp. 5338/2016 (17-05-16) Prohibition on the use and marketing of certain household products

BO Date	Subject
24-05-16	AFIP: General Resolution 3888 (23-05-16) Special Customs records. General Resolution No. 2570, as amended. Modification.
26-05-16	AFIP: General Resolution 3889 (23-05-16) Import Values preventive approach. General Resolution No. 2730 and its amendment. Further standard
	AFIP: General Resolution 3891 (23-05-16) Samples and analysis. Sample Tracking System (VTS). General Resolution No. 1582, as amended. Replacement
27-05-16	AFIP: General Resolution 3893 (23-05-16) Import. Values preventive approach. General Resolution No. 2730 and its amendment. Further standard.
	AFIP: General Resolution 3894 (23-05-16) Import. Values preventive approach. General Resolution No. 2730 and its amendment. Further standard.
	AFIP: General Resolution 3892 (23-05-16) Export. preventive reference values. General Resolution No. 2.716. Further standard.
30-05-16	AFIP: General Resolution 3895(23-05-16) Import. Values preventive approach. General Resolution No. 2730 and its amendment. Further standard
31-05-16	Foreign Affairs: Res. № 251/2016 (23-05-16) Measures taken by the UN Security Council in Res. 2270 (2016) with respect to the DPR of Korea (N.Korea)

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
05-05-16	SECEX Consolidated Ordinance No. 23 of July 14, 2011 (updated) consolidates into a single document all the rules issued by SECEX on administrative processing of imports and exports and the special arrangements for drawback.
06-05-16	CAMEX Resolution No. 41 (05-05-16) - Grants temporary reduction in the rate of import duty under the terms of Resolution No. 08/08 of the MERCOSUR Common Market Group
	CAMEX Resolution No. 42 (05-05-16) - Changes the Brazilian Exceptions List the Common External Tariff of MERCOSUR
	CAMEX Resolution No. 43 (05-05-16) - Grants temporary reduction in the rate of import duty under the terms of Resolution No. 08/08 of the MERCOSUR Common Market Group.
10-05-16	SECEX Ordinance № 22 (09-05-16) establishes criteria for allocating import quotas, determined by CAMEX Res. 41 and 43 (both 05-05-16)
	SECEX Ordinance № 23 (09-05-16) establishes criteria for allocating import quotas, determined by CAMEX Res. 43 (05-05-16)

Antidumping and countervailing duty cases

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

Chile

National Customs postings and Diario Oficial

The following documents, which may be of interest to international traders were posted to the National Customs Service (NCS) [website](#) or published in the *Diario Oficial de la República de Chile* (Official Gazette) or [Partial list; Unofficial translation].

Date	Subject
02-05-16	NCS: Circular 182 Interest applicable to merchandise deposited under a particular warehouse regime, Art. Ord goods. No. 109, under Law No. 19479/96
04-05-16	NCS: Exempt Res. No 2620 added the following Import Regime to Annex 51-19: Framework for the Pacific Alliance, Sigla Agreement: AMCHIAP, Code: 60; added the following Free Trade Agreement to Annex 51-34: Framework for the Pacific Alliance, Sigla Agreement: AMCHIAP, Code: 763
	NCS: Circular 188 Communicates Tax or Tax Credits Laws No. 18,502 and 20,765
11-05-16	NCS: Circular 193 Electronic processing application procedure SMDA to request reimbursement of customs duties for Chile-Vietnam FTA, Thailand- Chile FTA and Pacific Alliance Framework Agreement
	NCS: Circular 194 Communicates Tax or Tax Credits Laws No. 18,502 and 20,765
13-05-16	NCS: Circular 196 Fixed list of goods excluded from the reimbursement to exports of Law 18.480 and points values of the maximum amounts exported 2015

Classification opinions, advance rulings and classification valuation and origin decisions

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

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. For prior years, please see http://www.dian.gov.co/DIAN/13Normatividad.nsf/pages/Clasificaciones_arancelarias.

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
05-05-16	National Customs and Tax Administration (SUNAT): Resolution No. 07-2016 / SUNAT / 5F0000 Transshipment modified General Procedure INTA-PG.11 (Version 4)
	SUNAT: Resolution 08-2016-SUNAT / 5F0000 Approving the Application Procedure for Preferences under the Additional Protocol to the Framework Agreement INTA-PE Alliance Pacific 01.34 (version 1)
	Culture: Annex RD No. 000005-2016-DCS-DGDP-VMPCIC / MC Regulation of administrative penalties for violations against the Cultural Heritage of the Nation
06-05-16	Economy and Finance: Vice Ministerial Resolution No. 009-2016-EF / 15.01 Reference prices and additional variables duties referred to in Supreme Decree No. 115-2001-EF applicable to imports of sugar corn rice and whole milk powder
	External Relations: Ministerial Resolution No. 0380 / RE-2016 publishing a summary of the substantive paragraphs of the preambular and operative parts of Resolution 2266 (2016) of the United Nations Security Council referred the Report of the Secretary-General on the situation in the Middle East (Yemen).
	External Relations: Ministerial Resolution No. 0381 / RE-2016 publishing a summary of the substantive paragraphs of the preambular and operative parts of Resolution 2265 (2016) of the United Nations Security Council referred the Report of the Secretary-General on the situation in Sudan and South Sudan
External Relations: Ministerial Resolution No. 0382 / RE-2016 publishing a summary of the substantive paragraphs of the preambular and operative parts of Resolution 2269 (2016) of the United Nations Security Council referring to the International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia and the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda	

Asia-Pacific

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

Australia

Mandatory producer details for all imported food

The Department of Agriculture and Water Resources [reminded traders](#) that the implementation phase of the requirement to declare a producer for all imported food in a Full Import Declaration (FID) commences from 1 June 2016. An Imported Food Notice was published in March 2016 to provide a transition phase between March 2016 and June 2016 for industry to comply with the new requirement.

This new requirement will assist the department's [Imported Food Inspection Scheme](#) (IFIS), industry with improved referral or release of food consignments and Australia's other food regulators, such as state and territory health authorities, to respond effectively to incidents linked to imported food, such as the hepatitis A virus outbreak in February 2015 linked to imported frozen berries from China.

Implementing the requirement from 1 June 2016 will be done by tariff chapter (see schedule below), with the requirement first applying to those tariff chapters that represent the lowest frequency of food imports. Inspection data has been reviewed to develop a timeline for each tariff chapter that covers food, which is generally covered in chapters two to twenty two.

Date	Chapter	Goods
01-06-16	5	Products of animal origin, not elsewhere specified or included
01-07-16	13	Lac; gums, resins and other vegetable saps and extracts
	2	Meat and edible meat offal
01-08-16	10	Cereals
	11	Products of the milling industry; malt; starches; inulin; wheat gluten
	12	Oil seeds and oleaginous fruits; miscellaneous grains, seeds and fruit; industrial or medicinal plants; straw and fodder
01-09-16	15	Animal or vegetable fats and oils and their cleavage products; prepared edible fats; animal or vegetable waxes
	8	Edible fruit and nuts; peel of citrus fruit or melons
	7	Edible vegetables and certain roots and tubers
01-10-16	4	Dairy produce; birds' eggs; natural honey; edible products of animal origin, not elsewhere specified or included
	18	Cocoa and cocoa preparations
	17	Sugars and sugar confectionery
01-11-16	16	Preparations of meat, of fish or of crustaceans, molluscs or other aquatic invertebrates
	9	Coffee, tea, mate and spices
	3	Fish and crustaceans, molluscs and other aquatic invertebrates
01-12-16	20	Preparations of vegetables, fruit, nuts or other parts of plants
	22	Beverages, spirits and vinegar
	19	Preparations of cereals, flour, starch, or milk; pastrycooks' products
	21	Miscellaneous edible preparations

- [Tariff codes within tariff chapter's 2 – 22 for which the overseas producer does not need to be declared](#)
- [Guidance on how to determine the producer of an imported food](#)
- [Guidance for importers that broker their own goods on how to add, amend or delete a producer code in the ICS](#)
- [General information on the new requirement](#)

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 No	Title
05-16	ACCA 2016/01	Rollover of DIBP Digital Certificate and email address change
09-05-16	DIPB 2016/15	New Import Prohibition — Signal Jammers

Australian Gazettes

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

Date	Matter	Date	Matter
04-05-16	TC16-16	18-05-16	TC16-18
11-05-16	TC16-17	25-05-16	TC16-19

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)

Hong Kong opens consultation on trade single window

On April 13, 2016, the Government [announced](#) that it had issued a consultation paper, [Development of Trade Single Window in Hong Kong](#), to seek views on the development of a Trade Single Window (SW) in Hong Kong and related matters. The announcement said:

At present, 51 business-to-government (B2G) trade documents are submitted to the Government for meeting regulatory requirements relating to the trading of goods into, out of and through Hong Kong. Notwithstanding various initiatives introduced over the years to ease the burden on the trading community and to speed up customs clearance, over half of these documents are still being processed by conventional paper means. The trading community also has to deal with various government departments separately at different points of time. This fragmented approach is not conducive to the efficient processing of incoming and outgoing goods.

A Government spokesperson said, "As announced by the Financial Secretary in his 2016-17 Budget Speech, we plan to set up an SW as a single information technology (IT) platform for the one-stop lodging of all 51 B2G documents for all trade declaration and customs clearance purposes. This will be an important initiative for maintaining Hong Kong's competitiveness in trade in goods and position as a logistics hub."

The SW will bring about time and cost savings for the trading community, as they no longer need to approach different government departments separately and can lodge B2G trade documents electronically round the clock through a centralised IT platform. Traders can also keep track of the status of their applications and submissions via the SW platform 24/7.

Subject to conclusion of bilateral agreements in future, the SW will facilitate cross-border customs co-operation with other economies and connectivity with their SWs, and thus expedite the cargo clearance process and enhance trade efficiency.

To align with international mainstream and best customs practices, the Government would also like to take the opportunity to consider the feasibility and possible benefits of switching Hong Kong's trade documentation requirement from post-shipment to pre-shipment. With the availability of pre-shipment information, the Customs and Excise Department will be able to carry out more effective risk-profiling and hence more targeted enforcement work. This would translate into smoother and seamless cargo clearance for traders.

The three-month public consultation exercise is now under way until July 12, 2016. Views may be sent on or before July 12 by email to sw@cedb.gov.hk or skw@cedb.gov.hk. A [PowerPoint](#) and [Paper for the Panel on Commerce and Industry of the Legislative Council \(April 2016\)](#) are also available.

Changes in Customs declaration requirements herald greater scrutiny in China

From 30 March 2016, importers and exporters are required to provide additional information when making customs declarations in China which could result in further scrutiny from Customs on the valuation of imported goods.

Pursuant to the [Amendments to the Standards of PRC Customs for the Completion of Import and Export Customs Declaration Forms](#) issued by the General Administration of Customs (“GAC”) and effective from 30 March 2016 (“[Announcement No. 20](#)”), GAC amended the types of information that importers and exporters are required to provide when making customs declarations. Among the various additional items, the following items are of particular concern:

- Whether there is a special relationship between buyer and seller in the transaction;
- Whether the special relationship influenced the transaction value; and
- Whether there are any royalty payments.

1. Declaring the existence of a “special relationship”

Importers and exporters are required to indicate whether a special relationship exists between the buyer and the seller in an import or export transaction. A special relationship exists if any of the following circumstances are met:

- Both seller and buyer are members of the same family;
- Either seller or buyer is a senior officer or director of the other;
- One party is controlled, either directly or indirectly, by the other;
- Both seller and buyer are controlled, either directly or indirectly, by the same third party;
- Seller and the buyer, either directly or indirectly, control a third party together;
- One party, either directly or indirectly, possesses, controls or holds 5% or more of the voting stocks or shares publicly issued by the other;
- One party is the employee, senior officer or director of the other;
- Both buyer and seller are members of a partnership; or
- Where seller and buyer are linked to each other in the business, e.g., one party is the sole agent, sole distributor or sole assignee of the other party, and any of the above conditions are met.

2. Declaring whether the special relationship influenced transaction value

If a special relationship exists based on the criteria set out above, importers or exporters are required to declare whether the special relationship influenced the transaction value of the imported or exported goods.

Announcement No. 20 provides that importers and exporters are to indicate that the special relationship influenced the transaction value declared if the importers or exporters are unable to provide evidence that the declared value approximate any of the following test values:

- a. The transaction value of identical or similar goods sold to third party buyers in the PRC;
- b. The dutiable value of identical or similar goods calculated based on the deductive value method; or
- c. The dutiable value of identical or similar goods calculated based on the computed value method.

Please note that the test values are to be applied in the manner set out in the *Measures of Customs of the People’s Republic of China on Determining the Dutiable Value of Imported Goods*.

able Value of Imports and Exports issued by GAC and effective since 1 February 2014 ("Order 213").

Announcement No. 20 is silent as to whether the circumstances of sale test as set out in *Order 213* may be used when determining whether the special relationship influenced the declared transaction values.

3. Declaring whether there are royalty payments

Importers and exporters are required to declare royalty payments that are related to imported and exported goods. In this regard, the types of royalty payments are very wide and include payments for trademarks, patents, copyrights, and distribution rights.

Please note that *Announcement No. 20* is silent as to whether the royalty payments also need to be a condition of sale of the imported goods before the declaration needs to be made.

4. How we can assist

We expect these new changes to enable Customs to increase scrutiny over the customs valuation of goods. This is a continuation of the trend towards more aggressive Customs audits and investigations in China, especially in relation to inter-company pricing and royalty issues.

To help prepare importers and exporters for the changes discussed, our dedicated team of customs and trade attorneys are able to assist with:

- reviewing transfer pricing policies and the basis for determining their inter-company prices to determine whether they will withstand scrutiny by Customs;
- reviewing royalty arrangements to ascertain whether they need to be declared and, if so, whether they are dutiable in China;
- preparing documentation to justify compliance of inter-company prices with China's customs valuation regulations and the non-dutiability of royalty payments;
- reviewing third party logistics agreements and import / export agent agreements to provide protection for importers and exporters in respect of valuation information declared to Customs;
- where changes to inter-company prices or royalty arrangements are required to be made, assisting with managing these changes and voluntary disclosures (if necessary); and
- assisting with responses to Customs in the event of valuation inquiries.

Should you wish to obtain further information or want to discuss any issues raised in this alert with us, please contact: [Eugene Lim](#) (Singapore), [Anne Peng](#) (Hong Kong), [Si Ying Kong](#) (Hong Kong), [Frank Pan](#) (Shanghai) or [Di Wu](#) (Beijing).

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 No	Subject
04-01-16	Foreign Affairs	On the export of nuclear dual-use items to Iran and the

Date	Series and №	Subject
	MOFCOM, GAC Joint № 13, 2016	relevant provisions of the relevant technology announcement
04-15-16	GAC № 28	On import and export declarations and modify inbound and outbound cargo record listing format
04-26-16	People's Bank and GAC Joint № 9	On gold and gold products import and export permit matters
04-29-16	GAC № 30	On Hong Kong and Macao CEPA Certificates of Origin electronic bulletin
05-06-16	GAC № 31	Commodity classification administrative rulings (III)
05-18-16	MOFCOM № 20	Hong Kong and Macao service suppliers in the Mainland investment record management (Trial)"
	AQSIQ, Public Security Ministry of Transport MOFCOM, National Health and Family Planning Commission GAC, National Tourism Administration, Civil Aviation Administration Announcement No. 20 of 2016	On prevention and control of disease outbreaks Zika virus from entering China

Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Cases

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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 №	Subject
CBEC		
05-05-16	30/2016-Cus. (T)	Seeks to further amend notification No.12/2012-Customs dated 17.03.2012
	31/2016-Cus. (T)	Seeks to further amend notification No.21/2012-Customs dated 17.03.2012
	32/2016-Cus. (T)	Seeks to further amend notification No.24/2005-Customs dated 1.03.2005
13-05-16	65/2016-Cus (NT)	Tariff Notification in respect of Fixation of Tariff Value of Edible Oils, Brass Scrap, Poppy Seeds, Gold and Silver
14-05-16	66/2016-Cus (NT)	Specifies the class of goods which shall be deposited in a special warehouse licensed under sub-section (1) of Section 58A of the Customs Act, 1962.
	67/2016-Cus (NT)	Warehoused Goods (Removal) Regulations, 2016
	68/2016-Cus (NT)	Warehouse (Custody and Handling of Goods) Regulations, 2016.
	69/2016-Cus (NT)	Special Warehouse (Custody and Handling of Goods) Regulations, 2016.
17-05-16	33/2016-Cus (T)	Seeks to further amend notification No.39/96-Customs dated 23.7.1996
19-05-16	34/2016-Cus (T)	Seeks to further amend notification No. 96/2008-Customs

Date	Series and No	Subject
		dated 13.08.2008, so as to carry out the following changes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> to omit 'Samoa' and 'Maldives' from the list of countries eligible for preferential tariff under the said notification; to amend the name of 'Republic of East Timor' as 'Democratic Republic of Timor-Leste'.
26-05-16	35/2016-Cus (T)	Seeks to further amend notification No.27/2011-Customs dated 1.3.2011
31-05-16	78/2016-Cus (NT)	Tariff Notification in respect of Fixation of Tariff Value of Edible Oils, Brass Scrap, Poppy Seeds, Gold and Silver
DGFT		
03-05-16	Not.06/2015-2020	Amendment in Para 5.04 (h) of FTP 2015-2020.
05-05-16	Trade Notice No.04/2016	Clarification regarding benefit under Incremental Export Incentivisation Scheme (IEIS) notified vide Notification No. 27 dated 28th December, 2012.
09-05-16	Notification 07/2015-2020	Amendment in import policy under Exim Code 85269200 of Chapter 85 of ITC (HS), 2012, Schedule - I (Import Policy).
10-05-16	Trade Notice No.05/2016	Clarification regarding classification of export item "Silico Manganese"[ITC(HS) Code 72023000]
18-05-16	Notification 08/2015-2020	Amendment in export policy of edible oils.
23-05-16	Trade Notice No.06/2016	Modification in IEC Trade Notice No.6
27-05-16	Trade Notice No.07/2016	Allocation of quantity of Black Pepper, Vanaspati Bakery, Shortening & Margarine and Coconut for import under the Indo-Sri Lanka Free Trade Agreement for the financial year 2016-17

Antidumping and countervailing duty cases

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

Malaysia

Federal Government Gazette

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

Date	Matter
06-05-16	P.U. (B) 205/2016 Notification of Values of Crude Petroleum Oil Under Section 12 - Customs Act 1967
12-05-16	P.U. (A) 124/2016 Customs (Prohibition of Imports) (Amendment) Order 2016 - Customs Act 1967
	P.U. (A) 125/2016 Customs (Prohibition of Exports) (Amendment) Order 2016 - Customs Act 1967
17-05-16	P.U. (A) 128/2016 Customs (Amendment) Regulations 2016 - Customs Act 1967
19-05-16	P.U. (B) 225/2016 Notification of Values of Crude Palm Oil Under Section 12 - Customs Act 1967
23-05-16	P.U. (A) 144/2016 Customs (Anti-Dumping Duties) (No. 2) Order 2016 - Countervailing and Anti-Dumping Duties Act 1993 and - Customs Act 1967
	P.U. (B) 229/2016 Notice of Affirmative Final 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 the People's Republic of China, Republic of Korea and Socialist Republic of Viet Nam - Countervailing And Anti-dumping Duties Act 1993
26-05-16	P.U. (B) 259/2016 Notification of Values of Palm Kernel Under Section 12 - Customs Act 1967

Date	Matter
	P.U. (B) 260/2016 Notification of Values of Crude Petroleum Oil Under Section 12 - Customs Act 1967
27-05-16	P.U. (B) 263/2016 Notice of Initiation of Investigation for the Determination of safeguard measure with regard to Steel Concrete Reinforcing Bar Products Imported Into Malaysia - Safeguards Act 2006
	P.U. (B) 264/2016 Notice of Initiation of Investigation for the Determination of Safeguard Measure With Regard to Steel Wire Rods and Deformed Bar In Coils Products Imported Into Malaysia - Safeguards Act 2006

Customs rulings

Monthly compendiums (through mid 2015) 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.

New Zealand

TPP Bill has its first reading in Parliament

The New Zealand Government website [announced](#) that the [first reading](#) of the [Trans-Pacific Partnership Agreement Amendment Bill](#) occurred in Parliament on 12 May 2016. It will now be considered by the Foreign Affairs Defence and Trade Committee.

The Bill will make all domestic legislative changes required to comply with New Zealand's obligations in the Trans-Pacific Partnership, with the exception for obligations related to plant variety rights, which New Zealand has a three year period following entry into force to implement.

Introduction of the TPP Bill to the House, and its passage through Parliamentary processes including Select Committee scrutiny, is an important step in New Zealand completing its domestic procedures necessary to ratify the Trans-Pacific Partnership. The Bill will only come into effect if the TPP comes into force.

Customs and Excise Act amendments released

Customs Minister Nicky Wagner [announced](#) that the Government has agreed to a series of proposals that will modernise the *Customs and Excise Act* to, strengthen border management, streamline the excise system, and address a range of issues for New Zealand businesses.

"The changes will make the Act simpler, more efficient and increase transparency for businesses who import and export. We have worked with the sector and implemented many of the changes they have advocated for," Ms Wagner says.

"Many elements of the new Act that will appeal to the trade sector including the Cabinet directive that Customs and Inland Revenue work together to identify options for streamlining the payment of GST at the border.

"The excise system will be streamlined and compliance costs reduced. Alcohol manufacturers will be given more flexibility by expanding off-site storage to cover all products, and removing the requirement for manufacturers to apply for excise remissions for damage or loss for goods not released to market.

"Customs will establish an internal process for appeals over assessment of duty. Appeals will still be able to be taken to the Customs Appeal Authority, but the new process should provide a quicker, informal means of appealing Customs' decisions."

“Importers will be able to declare a provisional value for goods in specific circumstances and declare a final value later and Customs will be able to issue binding valuation rulings to give importers greater certainty about how to meet valuation requirements.”

“The Government has agreed in principle that Customs needs to meet a statutory threshold before examining electronic devices. We have asked Customs to do further work on what this would look like in practice and report back prior to introduction of the Bill. The Government has also agreed in principle that, once the threshold is met, a person should have to assist Customs with the examination if asked.”

“The changes to the Act will allow Customs to concentrate on high-risk goods and travellers, and make life simpler for the vast majority of traders and travellers who willingly comply with their legal obligations.

“I would like to thank the businesses and industry associations who have engaged with and worked closely with Customs on proposals for change.

“The changes will enable better assessment and management of risk, more effective cross-agency collaboration and flexible responses to future trends.”

A bill will be drafted for introduction to the House this year.

Further information including a summary of feedback from submitters and the decisions made, the Cabinet Papers and Regulatory Impact Statements are [available on Customs' website](#).

Consultation opened on proposed Radiation Safety Regulations

The Ministry of Health has opened a consultation (until 22 June 2016) on proposed Regulations that are needed to give full effect to the [Radiation Safety Act 2016](#). The *Radiation Safety Act* comes fully into force on 7 March 2017 and will repeal and replace the current *Radiation Protection Act 1965* and its Regulations. More information about the new legislation is available at [Changes to Radiation Safety Legislation](#). Both the current and the new legislation will be administered by the Ministry of Health's Office of Radiation Safety. More information about the current work of the Office of Radiation Safety is available at [Radiation safety](#).

The Regulations will be made under sections 91–93 of the *Radiation Safety Act* and deal with matters that are applicable to many owners, managers, controllers and users of ionising radiation sources. The topics covered in the consultation document are:

- authorisations (source licences, use licences and consents)
- fees
- exemptions, restrictions and prohibitions
- incidents and emergencies
- labelling, signage and other controls
- registration of controlled radiation sources
- nuclear material
- inspection, compliance and enforcement
- radiation Safety Advisory Council
- other matters to give full effect to the Act or its administration.

The Radiation Safety Act also enables Codes of Practice to be made under sections 86–90. Codes of Practice will deal with technical, detailed matters that will be applicable to each individual area of radiation practice. Consultation with current owners, managers, controllers and users of radiation sources on Codes of Practice is planned for later in 2016.

To ensure that the overall legislative framework is as straightforward and workable as possible, matters that are addressed in Codes of Practice will not be dealt with in Regulations.

The [consultation document](#) outlines the options available for the proposed Regulations and identifies the Ministry of Health's preferred options. The preferred options are presented simply to promote discussion: no decisions have been made yet.

Full instructions for making a submission can be found in the [submission form](#). The submission form also lists the consultation questions found throughout the discussion document to help submitters complete the submission process.

NZCS releases interactive FTA guides

The New Zealand Customs Service (NZCS) has developed interactive Free Trade Agreement (FTA) guides so that exporters and importers can easily look up preferential tariff rates for any country, and find out how to claim them.

FTAs assist New Zealand traders (exporters and importers) by providing improved access to partner markets, and reducing trade barriers (such as Customs procedures) in those markets.

As well as other things, an FTA establishes:

- preferential tariff rates for goods imported into the countries party to that Agreement
- rules by which goods can qualify for those preferential tariffs (rules of origin)
- customs procedures for claiming preferential tariff rates (rules of origin procedures)
- general principles for customs procedures among the countries party to an Agreement.

Guides to claiming tariff preference

These guides set out information and the steps to claiming tariff preference under New Zealand's FTAs with other countries.

- [Claiming Tariff Preference - General Information](#)
- [Claiming Tariff Preference - Exports](#)
- [Claiming Tariff Preference - Imports](#)

For full access and more information, visit the NZCS [website](#).

New Zealand HPA levy rates adjusted from 1 July

The annual adjustment to the Health Promotion Agency (HPA) levy rates on alcoholic beverages will take place on 1 July 2016. The legislation that provides for these new rates is the [New Zealand Public Health and Disability \(Health Promotion Agency Levy\) Order 2016](#). Alcoholic beverages removed from a licensed manufacturing area or imported after midnight on 30 June 2016 will be subject to the new rates.

Current HPA rates to 30 June 2016	New HPA rates from 1 July 2016
0.5628 cents per litre	0.5707 cents per litre
1.6590 cents per litre	1.6945 cents per litre
3.0015 cents per litre	3.0435 cents per litre

Current HPA rates to 30 June 2016	New HPA rates from 1 July 2016
3.7519 cents per litre	3.8043 cents per litre
6.9674 cents per litre	6.8014 cents per litre
14.4058 cents per litre	14.5799 cents per litre

Singapore

Notices, circulars, etc.

Date	Reference	Matter
26-04-16	Cir. 07/2016	Removal of Shut-Out Goods from Free Trade Zone (FTZ)

Vietnam

Government documents

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

Date	Reference and Matter
06-05-16	Decree No. 31/2016/NĐ-CP of the Government stipulating administrative sanctions in the field of plant varieties protection and drives a plant health.
	Decision No. 19/2016 / QĐ-TTg of the Prime Minister promulgating the Regulation on the responsibilities and relationships between the coordination of activities of state authorities in the fight, combating smuggling and commercial fraud and counterfeiting.
09-05-16	Directive No. 13/CT-TTg of the Prime Minister V / v Strengthen State management responsibilities for food safety.
	Official Letter No. 796/ TXNK-CST of the General Department of Customs on import tax refund Official Letter No. 3870/TCHQ-TXNK of the General Department of Customs on customs value of imports
11-05-16	Decision No. 20/2016 / QĐ -TTg Prime Minister's support budget provisions for performance against smuggling and fraudulent trading, fake goods and payment of management and treatment confiscated assets management as required by law in the field against smuggling and fraudulent trading, counterfeit goods.
	Official Letter No. 643 /GSQL-GQ1 of the General Department of Customs on specialized test cars xitec Official Letter No. 644 /GSQL-GQ1 of the General Department of Customs on imported cosmetics
12-05-16	Circular No. 12/2016 / TT-BYT of the Ministry of Health promulgating the list of chemicals, insecticides, household disinfectants in health and HS codes in Tariffs export, import duties subject to specialized management by the Ministry of Health.
16-05-16	Official Letter No. 652 /GSQL-GQ2 of the General Department of Customs guiding TTHQ type SX import export
22-05-16	Official Letter No. 5414 / BTC-TCHQ of the Ministry of Finance guiding customs procedures for goods in transit when the system VNACCS incidents.

Europe

European Union and EFTA

EU publishes new restrictions on fund transfers, trade, investment and transport relating to North Korea

On 28th May 2016, the EU published new restrictions on fund transfers, trade, investment and transport relating to the Democratic People's Republic of Korea ("DPRK"). Some of these changes are very broad, and indeed mirror some of the restrictions that were in place in respect of Iran prior to the JCPOA. The Council published the new restrictions in the [Council Decision \(CFSP\) 2016/849 of 27 May 2016](#) (the "Decision") (binding on EU Member States), and in the [Council Regulation \(EU\) 2016/841 of 27 May 2016](#) (the "Regulation") (binding on private parties). The restrictions come into effect on 28th May 2016 and are set out below. Unless stated otherwise, the articles named refer to the new provisions of Regulation 329/2007 as amended by the Regulation.

Financial controls

1. Fund Transfer Controls

- The EU has introduced a ban on the transfer of funds to and from the DPRK unless a prior authorisation from the relevant competent authority has been obtained, or the transfer involves an amount equal to or below EUR 15,000 (see new Article 5c(1)).
- Any transfer above EUR 15,000 needs to be authorised. Whilst under the previous sanctions regime against Iran there was also a notification mechanism covering a lower threshold, this is not being introduced in respect of transfers to/from DPRK. Thus, a mere notification appears to be insufficient (see new Article 5c(4)).
- These restrictions are not limited to financial institutions, although credit and financial institutions are under broader restrictions in the context (see new Article 5c(2)).
- There are no other particular thresholds applying to financial institutions (as was the case for Iran).
- As with previous sanctions against Iran, the definition of "transfer of funds" is very broad and covers, inter alia, electronic transfers but also any transaction by non-electronic means, such as in cash, cheques or accountancy orders (see new Article 1(11)).
- These fund transfer controls apply regardless of whether the transfer of funds is executed in a single operation or in several operations which appear to be linked, including:
 - A series of consecutive transfers with a single obligation to transfer funds, where each individual transfer falls below EUR 15 000 but which, in the aggregate, meet the criteria for authorisation;
 - A chain of transfers involving different payment service providers, or natural or legal persons, which is related to a single obligation to make a transfer of funds (see new Article 5c(8)).
- Relevant authorisation may be obtained for transactions regarding a specific trade contract, but also those regarding, inter alia, foodstuffs, healthcare or medical equipment or for agricultural or humanitarian purposes, personal remittances or certain other listed transactions (see new Article 5c(3)).

2. Financial support for trade with the DPRK

- Member States are prohibited from provide public financial support for trade with the DPRK, including the granting of export credits, guarantees or insurance, to their nationals or entities involved in such trade (see Article 1(2)(b) of the Decision).
- Private financial support, however, is restricted to the extent the support could contribute to the DPRK's nuclear-related, ballistic-missile-related or other weapons of mass destruction-related programmes or activities, or other activities prohibited by relevant UN Resolutions (see new Article 9b).

3. Investment by the DPRK

- All investment by the DPRK in the EU has been prohibited. This applies to all persons, entities or bodies of the Government of DPRK, the Workers Party of Korea, DPRK nationals and entities incorporated in the DPRK, as well as anyone acting on behalf of the these entities/individuals or anyone owned or controlled by them. (see new Article 5b(1)).
- Establishing a JV with or take or extend an ownership interest in any entity (as listed above) engaged in activities in the sectors of mining, refining and chemical industries, or in DPRK's nuclear-related, ballistic-missile-related or other weapons-of-mass-destruction-related activities or programmes is also prohibited (see new Article 5b(2)).

Product controls

- The EU has introduced a prohibition on the import of certain listed luxury goods from the DPRK, as well as of petroleum products, gold, titanium ore, vanadium ore and rare-earth minerals, as listed in the Regulation, and coal, iron and iron ore (again, as listed in the Regulation) (see new Articles 2(4) and 4).
- These restrictions apply irrespective of whether the products originate from DPRK (see new Articles 2(4) and 4).

Transport Controls

- The EU is also restricting any aircraft operated by DPRK carriers or originating from the DPRK from landing in, taking off or overflying EU territory (see new Article 11a(4)).
- Vessels owned, operated or crewed by the DPRK are in certain circumstances restricted from entering EU ports (see new Article 11a).
- The EU also requires that cargo originating from, destined for, brokered or facilitated by North Korea, or being transported on a North Korean vessel will be liable for inspection for the purposes of ensuring that it does not contain items prohibited by UN Security Council Resolutions (see new Article 5).

For additional information, please contact [Ross Denton](#), [Sunny Mann](#) or any other member of the European International Trade group. For updates, see our [Sanctions Blog](#).

Syrian sanctions extended for one year

On 27 May 2016, the Council of the EU adopted [Council Decision \(CFSP\) 2016/850 of 27 May 2016 amending Decision 2013/255/CFSP concerning restrictive measures against Syria](#) and extended restrictive measures against Syria until 1 June 2017 in line with their conclusions of December 2014 in which it was affirmed that the EU would continue to impose and enforce sanctions for as long as the regime's repression continued. The Decision was published in the 28 May 2016 edition of the *Official Journal of the European Union*.

Commission posts UCC guidance documents

The following Union Customs Code (UCC) guidance documents have been posted by the Commission's Taxation and Customs Union. Note: *These guidance documents are of an explanatory and illustrative nature. Customs legislation takes precedence over the content of these documents and should always be consulted. The authentic texts of the EU legal acts are those published in the Official Journal of the European Union. There may also be national instructions.*

Category	Title
Data Integration and Harmonisation (DIH)	SAD Guidance document for the transitional period
	Guidance on the acceptable and non-acceptable terms for the description of goods during the transitional period
	Economic Operators Registration and Identification System (EORI). Guidance document for the UCC transitional period
	EU Customs data model repository in native GEFEG FX format
	EU Customs data model html publication
Authorised Economic Operators (AEO)	Authorised Economic Operators Guidelines
Binding Tariff Information (BTI)	Interim Administrative Guidelines on the European Binding Tariff Information (EBTI) system and its operation
Valuation	Guidance on Customs Valuation
Debts and Guarantees	Presentation on Provisions on Customs Debts
	Guarantees
	Repayment or remission of an amount of customs duties
Entry and Import	Guidance on Customs Formalities on Entry and Import into the European Union
Simplifications	Simplifications – Title V UCC - Guidance for MSs and Trade
Transit	Transit Manual
	What is new for Transit and Customs Status under the UCC
Special Procedures	Special Procedures – Title VII UCC - Guidance for MSs and Trade
Export	Export and Exit Out of the European Union – Title VIII UCC – Guidance for MSs and Trade
	Annex A on definition of exporter
	Annex B on ship supplies

EU implements and extends UN Sanctions on North Korea

The EU has amended the regulation underpinning its sanctions regime on the Democratic People's Republic of Korea's ("DPRK").

On 4 May 2016 [Council Regulation \(EU\) 2016/682](#) (the "EU Regulation") entered into force. The EU Regulation implements the UN's wide-ranging sanctions in the EU and expands the current EU sanctions regime against DPRK, amending [Regulation 392/2007](#) ("the Old Regulation"). The adoption of the EU Regulation follows the UN Security Council's unanimous adoption of [Resolution 2270 \(2016\)](#) (the "UN Resolution") on 2 March 2016 after the latest nuclear test and rocket launch by DPRK on 6 January 2016 and 7 February 2016 respectively.

It also follows the subsequent adoption by the European Council of [Regulation \(EU\) 2016/315](#) and [Council Decision \(CFSP\) 2016/319](#) of 4 March 2016 ("the March Decision"), adding 16 individuals and 12 entities to its list of designated persons ("DPs"). Please see our earlier ["UN, US, EU and Switzerland impose tough new sanctions on North Korea as a result of its nuclear programme" blog post](#) for further details on the March Decision.

Broadened Asset Freeze Restrictions

Asset freeze restrictions introduced by the EU Regulation includes:

1. a ban on directly or indirectly participating in a joint venture or other business arrangements with a designated party or someone acting on their behalf/direction; and
2. a ban on providing funds/economic resources to persons, entities or bodies of the Government of North Korea, the Worker's Party of North Korea, or persons or entities owned/controlled by them or acting on their behalf/direction where determined they are associated with DPRK's nuclear or ballistic missile programmes; and

The EU Regulation also expands the definition of "economic resources". "Economic resources" is now expressly extended to cover: "assets of every kind, whether tangible or intangible, movable or immovable, **actual or potential**, which are not funds but can be used to obtain funds, goods or services, **including vessels, such as maritime vessels.**"

Luxury Goods

The EU Regulation further extends the ban on luxury goods to cover an extensive list of items that goes beyond the items listed in the UN Regulation which included luxury watches, high-value transportation items such as snowmobiles, items of lead crystal and recreational sports equipment.

The list in the EU Regulation maintains its restrictions on certain types of high quality cigars and cigarillos in respect of tobacco products, but the inclusion of items such as caviar and caviar substitutes amongst the list of luxury goods indicates the EU's intention to broaden the specific controls on such goods in relation to DPRK.

Financial Institutions

The UN Sanctions include a prohibition on financial institutions opening new branches, subsidiaries, or representative offices in DPRK. The EU Regulation also prohibits financial institutions from establishing correspondent banking relationships with financial institutions in DPRK. In addition, the EU Regulation requires financial institutions to terminate current correspondent banking relationships by 31 May 2016. This prohibition will have implications for entities that receive or pay funds to or from DPRK.

The EU Regulation also imposes a broad ban on providing financial support for trade with DPRK where such financial support could contribute to DPRK's nuclear and ballistic missile programs or other activities.

Import/Export Restrictions

The UN Sanctions and the EU Regulations enhanced increased import/export restrictions against DPRK aimed at cutting off funds for DPRK's nuclear and other banned weapons programmes by making any cargo originating in or destined for DPRK liable for inspection. They also introduced a ban on importing DPRK's coal, iron, and iron ore.

In addition, the EU Regulation extends import/export restrictions to impose:

1. A broad restriction on the export to or import from DPRK of any item (except food or medicine) that could contribute to the development of the operational capabilities of armed forces; and
2. Heightened requirements for the inspection of cargo within or transiting through EU Member States where the cargo:
 - a. originates in or is destined for DPRK;
 - b. has been brokered or facilitated by DPRK or its nationals or individuals or entities acting on their behalf or at their direction, or entities owned or controlled by them; or
 - c. where the cargo is being transported on DPRK flagged vessels or aircraft registered in DPRK, or on a vessel or aircraft that is stateless.

For additional information, please contact [Ross Denton](#), [Sunny Mann](#) or any other member of the European International Trade group. For updates, see our [Sanctions Blog](#).

EU releases texts proposed for DCFTA with Tunisia

On 29 April 2016, the European Commission [announced](#) that the European Union and Tunisia are jointly making public the initial texts of the future Deep and Comprehensive Free Trade Area (DCFTA) as proposed by the European Union (EU) and presented to Tunisian experts during the preliminary discussions in Tunis in October 2015 and during the first round of negotiations from 18 to 21 April 2016.

Texts in the following 11 areas are made available to the public. The texts are only French, because it is the language of the negotiations. Texts will be translated at the end of the negotiations and after lawyers will have checked them. Each of them is accompanied by an explanatory note which aims to make them easier to understand:

- [Trade in agricultural and fishery products - Factsheet](#)
- [Sanitary and phyto-sanitary measures - Factsheet](#)
- [Technical barriers to trade - Factsheet](#)
- [Trade and Sustainable development - Factsheet](#)
- [Trade in services and investment - Factsheet](#)
- [Protection of intellectual property - Factsheet](#)
- [Trade defence instruments - Factsheet](#)
- [Public procurement - Factsheet](#)
- [Rules on competition and state aid - Factsheet](#)
- [Customs procedures - Factsheet](#)
- [Transparency rules - Factsheet](#)

For the context of the negotiations and the objective of the DCFTA, please see the [full announcement](#).

Commission issues tariff classification regulations

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

Amendments to the CN Explanatory Notes

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

Binding Tariff Information

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

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

Official Journal documents

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

OJ Date	Subject
03-05-16	Commission Regulation (EU) 2016/683 of 2 May 2016 amending Annex II to Regulation (EC) No 1333/2008 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards the use of propionic acid — propionates (E 280-283) in tortillas
	Commission Implementing Decision (EU) 2016/685 of 29 April 2016 amending Decision 2009/821/EC as regards the lists of border inspection posts and veterinary units in Traces (notified under document C(2016) 2511)
04-05-16	List of central authorities nominated by the Member States to deal with the return of cultural objects unlawfully removed from a Member State and applying Article 4 of Directive 2014/60/EU [2016/C 160/2]
	Seventeenth annual report according to Article 8(2) of Council Common Position 2008/944/CFSP defining common rules governing control of exports of military technology and equipment [2016/C 163/1]
05-05-16	Commission Regulation (EU) 2016/691 of 4 May 2016 amending Annex II to Regulation (EC) No 1333/2008 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards the use of food additives in edible caseinates
	Commission Regulation (EU) 2016/692 of 4 May 2016 amending Annex I to Regulation (EC) No 1334/2008 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards certain flavouring substances
	Commission Implementing Decision (EU) 2016/696 of 4 May 2016 amending Decision 2006/473/EC recognising certain third countries and certain areas of third countries as being free from <i>Xanthomonas campestris</i> (all strains pathogenic to Citrus) and <i>Guignardia citricarpa</i> Kiely (all strains pathogenic to Citrus) (notified under document C(2016) 2614)
	Commission Implementing Decision (EU) 2016/697 of 4 May 2016 concerning certain protective measures in relation to highly pathogenic avian influenza of

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	subtype H7N7 in Italy (notified under document C(2016) 2875)
11-05-16	<p>Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2016/698 of 8 April 2016 correcting Delegated Regulation (EU) 2016/341 supplementing Regulation (EU) No 952/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards transitional rules for certain provisions of the Union Customs Code where the relevant electronic systems are not yet operational and amending Delegated Regulation (EU) 2015/2446</p> <p>Commission Implementing Decision (EU) 2016/701 of 4 May 2016 amending Decision 2007/453/EC as regards the BSE status of France (notified under document C(2016) 2600)</p>
13-05-16	<p>Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2016/710 of 12 May 2016 amending Regulation (EU) No 37/2010 as regards the substance 'copper carbonate'</p> <p>Commission Implementing Decision (EU) 2016/714 of 11 May 2016 concerning the extension of the action taken by the Netherlands on the making available on the market and use of the biocidal products VectoBacWG and Aqua-K-Othrine in accordance with Article 55(1) of Regulation (EU) No 528/2012 of the European Parliament and of the Council (notified under document C(2016) 2682)</p> <p>Commission Implementing Decision (EU) 2016/715 of 11 May 2016 setting out measures in respect of certain fruits originating in certain third countries to prevent the introduction into and the spread within the Union of the harmful organism <i>Phyllosticta citricarpa</i> (McAlpine) Van der Aa (notified under document C(2016) 2684)</p> <p>Commission communication in the framework of the implementation of Regulation (EU) No 305/2011 of the European Parliament and of the Council laying down harmonised conditions for the marketing of construction products and repealing Council Directive 89/106/EEC (Publication of references of European Assessment Documents in accordance with Article 22 of Regulation (EU) No 305/2011) [2016/C 172/3]</p> <p>Commission communication in the framework of the implementation of Directive 2006/42/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council on machinery, and amending Directive 95/16/EC (Publication of titles and references of harmonised standards under Union harmonisation legislation) [2016/C 173/1]</p> <p>Commission communication in the framework of the implementation of Council Directive 90/385/EEC on the approximation of the laws of the Member States relating to active implantable medical devices (Publication of titles and references of harmonised standards under Union harmonisation legislation) [2016/C 173/2]</p> <p>Commission communication in the framework of the implementation of Council Directive 93/42/EEC concerning medical devices (Publication of titles and references of harmonised standards under Union harmonisation legislation) [2016/C 173/3]</p> <p>Commission communication in the framework of the implementation of the Directive 98/79/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council on <i>in vitro</i> diagnostic medical devices (Publication of titles and references of harmonised standards under Union harmonisation legislation) [2016/C 173/4]</p> <p>Commission communication in the framework of the implementation of Directive 2014/30/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council on the harmonisation of the laws of the Member States relating to electromagnetic compatibility (Publication of titles and references of harmonised standards under Union harmonisation legislation) [2016/C 173/5]</p> <p>Corrigendum to Commission communication in the framework of the implementation of Directive 2006/95/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council on the harmonisation of the laws of Member States relating to electrical equipment designed for use within certain voltage limits (Publication of titles and references of harmonised standards under Union harmonisation legislation) (This text amends and replaces the text published in OJ C 126, 8.4.2016, p. 25.) [2016/C 173/6]</p>
14-05-16	Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2016/757 of 3 February 2016 determining those operations in connection with the application of agricultural regulations which require the introduction of information into the Custom Information System

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	<p>Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2016/759 of 28 April 2016 drawing up lists of third countries, parts of third countries and territories from which Member States are to authorise the introduction into the Union of certain products of animal origin intended for human consumption, laying down certificate requirements, amending Regulation (EC) No 2074/2005 and repealing Decision 2003/812/EC</p> <p>Council Decision (EU) 2016/763 of 13 May 2016 establishing the position to be taken on behalf of the European Union within the Committee on Government Procurement as regards the draft decision on arbitration procedures pursuant to Article XIX:8 of the Revised Agreement on Government Procurement</p> <p>Commission Implementing Decision (EU) 2016/764 of 12 May 2016 amending Implementing Decision (EU) 2015/789 as regards measures to prevent the introduction into and the spread within the Union of <i>Xylella fastidiosa</i> (Wells et al.) (notified under document C(2016) 2731)</p> <p>Commission communication in the framework of the implementation of the Directive 94/25/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council on the approximation of the laws, regulations and administrative provisions of the Member States relating to recreational craft (Publication of titles and references of harmonised standards under Union harmonisation legislation). [2016/C 174/3]</p>
18-05-16	<p>Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2016/765 of 11 March 2016 amending Regulation (EC) No 606/2009 as regards certain oenological practices</p> <p>Council Decision (EU) 2016/768 of 21 April 2016 on the acceptance of the Amendments to the 1998 Protocol to the 1979 Convention on Long-Range Transboundary Air Pollution on Heavy Metals</p> <p>Commission Implementing Decision (EU) 2016/770 of 14 April 2016 establishing a common format for the submission of information concerning the operation of the procedures pursuant to Regulation (EU) No 649/2012 of the European Parliament and of the Council concerning the export and import of hazardous chemicals (notified under document C(2016) 2068)</p> <p>Commission Implementing Decision (EU) 2016/771 of 13 May 2016 temporarily authorising Spain to approve for marketing seed of the species <i>Pinus radiata</i> D. Don imported from New Zealand, which does not satisfy the requirements of Council Directive 1999/105/EC in respect of identification and labelling, and planting stock produced from that seed (notified under document C(2016) 2784)</p>
19-05-16	<p>Commission Directive (EU) 2016/774 of 18 May 2016 amending Annex II to Directive 2000/53/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council on end-of-life vehicles</p> <p>Various decisions of the EEA Joint Committee</p>
20-05-16	<p>Agreement in the form of an Exchange of Diplomatic Notes with Japan in accordance with Article 15(3)(b) of the Agreement on Mutual Recognition (MRA) in order to amend Part B of the Sectoral Annex on Good Manufacturing Practice (GMP) for medicinal products</p> <p>Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2016/779 of 18 May 2016 laying down uniform rules as regards the procedures for determining whether a tobacco product has a characterising flavour</p> <p>Commission Implementing Decision (EU) 2016/786 of 18 May 2016 laying down the procedure for the establishment and operation of an independent advisory panel assisting Member States and the Commission in determining whether tobacco products have a characterising flavour (notified under document C(2016) 2921)</p> <p>Commission Implementing Decision (EU) 2016/787 of 18 May 2016 laying down a priority list of additives contained in cigarettes and roll-your-own tobacco subject to enhanced reporting obligations (notified under document C(2016) 2923)</p>
21-05-16	<p>Directive (EU) 2016/802 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 May 2016 relating to a reduction in the sulphur content of certain liquid fuels</p> <p>Commission Regulation (EU) 2016/805 of 20 May 2016 amending Annex IV to Regulation (EC) No 396/2005 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards <i>Streptomyces</i> K61 (formerly <i>S. griseoviridis</i>), <i>Candida oleophila</i> strain O, FEN 560 (also called fenugreek or fenugreek seed powder), methyl decanoate (CAS 110-42-9), methyl octanoate (CAS 111-11-5) and terpenoid blend QRD 460</p>

OJ Date	Subject
24-05-16	Regulation (EU) 2016/793 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 May 2016 to avoid trade diversion into the European Union of certain key medicines
26-05-16	Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2016/799 of 18 March 2016 implementing Regulation (EU) No 165/2014 of the European Parliament and of the Council laying down the requirements for the construction, testing, installation, operation and repair of tachographs and their components (Text with EEA relevance)
27-05-16	Council Decision (Euratom) 2016/829 of 12 May 2016 approving the conclusion, by the European Commission, on behalf of the European Atomic Energy Community, of a Protocol to the Partnership and Cooperation Agreement establishing a partnership between the European Communities and their Member States, of the one part, and the Republic of Tajikistan, of the other part, to take account of the accession of the Republic of Croatia to the European Union
	Council Decision (EU) 2016/830 of 12 May 2016 on the signing, on behalf of the European Union and its Member States, of a Protocol to the Partnership and Cooperation Agreement establishing a partnership between the European Communities and their Member States, of the one part, and the Republic of Tajikistan, of the other part, to take account of the accession of the Republic of Croatia to the European Union
	Summary of European Union decisions on marketing authorisations in respect of medicinal products from 1 April 2016 to 30 April 2016 (Published pursuant to Article 13 or Article 38 of Regulation (EC) No 726/2004 of the European Parliament and of the Council) [2016/C 189/1]
	Summary of European Union decisions on marketing authorisations in respect of medicinal products from 1 April 2016 to 30 April 2016 (Decisions taken pursuant to Article 34 of Directive 2001/83/EC or Article 38 of Directive 2001/82/EC) [2016/C 189/2]
28-05-16	Council Decision (EU) 2016/838 of 23 May 2016 on the conclusion, on behalf of the European Union, of the Association Agreement between the European Union and the European Atomic Energy Community and their Member States, of the one part, and Georgia, of the other part
	Council Decision (EU) 2016/839 of 23 May 2016 on the conclusion, on behalf of the European Union, of the Association Agreement between the European Union and the European Atomic Energy Community and their Member States, of the one part, and the Republic of Moldova, of the other part
	Council Decision (EU) 2016/845 of 23 May 2016 on the position to be adopted on behalf of the European Union within the Joint Committee established by the Framework Agreement between the European Union and its Member States, on the one part, and the Republic of Korea, on the other part, in relation to the adoption of the rules of procedure of the Joint Committee, and the establishment of specialised working groups and the adoption of their terms of reference
31-05-16	Council Decision (Euratom) 2016/852 of 12 May 2016 approving the conclusion, by the European Commission, on behalf of the European Atomic Energy Community, of a Protocol to the Partnership and Cooperation Agreement establishing a partnership between the European Communities and their Member States, of the one part, and Turkmenistan, of the other part, to take account of the accession of the Republic of Bulgaria, the Czech Republic, the Republic of Estonia, the Republic of Croatia, the Republic of Cyprus, the Republic of Latvia, the Republic of Lithuania, Hungary, the Republic of Malta, the Republic of Poland, Romania, the Republic of Slovenia and the Slovak Republic to the European Union
	Council Decision (EU) 2016/853 of 12 May 2016 on the signing, on behalf of the European Union and its Member States, of a Protocol to the Partnership and Cooperation Agreement establishing a partnership between the European Communities and their Member States, of the one part, and Turkmenistan, of the other part, to take account of the accession of the Republic of Bulgaria, the Czech Republic, the Republic of Estonia, the Republic of Croatia, the Republic of Cyprus, the Republic of Latvia, the Republic of Lithuania, Hungary, the Republic of Malta, the Republic of Poland, Romania, the Republic of Slovenia and the Slovak Republic to the European Union

OJ Date	Subject
	Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2016/854 of 30 May 2016 authorising certain health claims made on foods, other than those referring to the reduction of disease risk and to children's development and health and amending Regulation (EU) No 432/2012
	Commission Implementing Decision (EU) 2016/857 of 27 May 2016 amending the Annex to Implementing Decision 2014/709/EU concerning animal health control measures relating to African swine fever in certain Member States, as regards the entries for Latvia (notified under document C(2016) 3128)
	Decision No 1/2016 of the EU-EFTA Joint Committee on common transit of 28 April 2016 amending the Convention of 20 May 1987 on a common transit procedure [2016/858]

Restrictive measures established, amended, corrected

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

OJ Date	Restrictive Measure
03-05-16	Council Regulation (EU) 2016/682 of 29 April 2016 amending Regulation (EC) No 329/2007 concerning restrictive measures against the Democratic People's Republic of Korea
05-05-16	Council Implementing Regulation (EU) 2016/690 of 4 May 2016 implementing Article 21(1) and 21(5) of Regulation (EU) 2016/44 concerning restrictive measures in view of the situation in Libya
	Council Implementing Decision (CFSP) 2016/694 of 4 May 2016 implementing Decision (CFSP) 2015/1333 concerning restrictive measures in view of the situation in Libya
20-05-16	Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2016/780 of 19 May 2016 amending Council Regulation (EC) No 329/2007 concerning restrictive measures against the Democratic People's Republic of Korea
	Council Decision (CFSP) 2016/785 of 19 May 2016 amending Decision 2013/183/CFSP concerning restrictive measures against the Democratic People's Republic of Korea
24-05-16	Council Implementing Decision (CFSP) 2016/816 of 23 May 2016 implementing Decision (CFSP) 2015/1333 concerning restrictive measures in view of the situation in Libya
25-05-16	Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2016/819 of 24 May 2016 amending Council Regulation (EU) 2016/44 concerning restrictive measures in view of the situation in Libya and repealing Regulation (EU) No 204/2011
	Council Implementing Regulation (EU) 2016/840 of 27 May 2016 implementing Regulation (EU) No 36/2012 concerning restrictive measures in view of the situation in Syria
	Council Decision (CFSP) 2016/850 of 27 May 2016 amending Decision 2013/255/CFSP concerning restrictive measures against Syria
28-05-16	Council Regulation (EU) 2016/841 of 27 May 2016 amending Regulation (EC) No 329/2007 concerning restrictive measures against the Democratic People's Republic of Korea
	Council Decision (CFSP) 2016/849 of 27 May 2016 concerning restrictive measures against the Democratic People's Republic of Korea and repealing Decision 2013/183/CFSP

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
03-05-16	2016/24-Notice to importers of biodiesel originating in the United States or shipped from Canada
13-05-16	2016/25-Notice to importers of steel products originating in certain third countries 2016/26-Notice to China citric acid originating importers
19-05-16	2016/27-Notice to importers of certain ring binder mechanisms originating in China
13-05-16	DA № 16-025 Origin Marking and protection of French origin under Article 39 of the Customs Code
25-05-16	DA № 16-026 Circular NOR: FCPD1612181C Update instructions relating to technical regulations “low voltage” and “electromagnetic compatibility” repeals DA 98-112 of 26 June 1998 (circular NOR: BCFDGDDI198112) [Regulation about the safety of toys, bicycles, on electrical safety and electromagnetic accounting, equipment gas, measuring instruments, personal protective equipment the (EPI) sports and recreation,...]

Switzerland

Sanctions against Côte d’Ivoire lifted

On 25 May 2016, the Swiss Government [announced](#) that on the basis of UN Security Council Resolution 2283 (2016) of 28 April 2016, the Federal Council has repealed the *Ordinance on Measures against Côte d’Ivoire*. The measures involved a partial embargo on armaments, as well as financial and travel sanctions.

Following the failed putsch against Laurent Gbagbo’s government on 19 September 2002 and the subsequent outbreak of civil war in the country, the Federal Council issued the *Ordinance on Measures against Côte d’Ivoire*, thereby implementing the UN Security Council sanctions. The Ordinance and its annex have been amended several times to take account of political developments. For example, in late 2014 the measures regarding trade in raw diamonds originating in Côte d’Ivoire were repealed. Since then, the Ordinance has covered only a partial embargo on armaments, travel sanctions and the freezing of assets.

As the political situation in the country has become less tense, and with presidential elections correctly conducted on 25 October 2015, the UN Security Council has decided to lift the remaining sanctions against Côte d’Ivoire. On the basis of the corresponding Resolution 2283 (2016), the Federal Council repealed the Ordinance as of 25 May 2016.

Switzerland replaces Ordinance on Sanctions against North Korea and amends the Ordinance on Measures against Iran

On 18 May, 2016, the Swiss Government (Federal Council) decreed a completely revised *Ordinance on Sanctions against the DPRK*, replacing the former one dated 25 October 2006, as amended. It hereby implements UNSC Resolution 2270 (2016).

The Ordinance provides for the following significantly tighter restrictions on the trade in goods, financial transactions, maritime and air transport and in the education sector:

In the financial sector, financial sanctions (the freezing of assets and a ban on the provision of finances) now apply to a wider group of persons. All funds and economic resources connected with North Korea's nuclear and missile programmes have been blocked. This also applies, subject to one exception, to funds and economic resources owned or controlled by the government or the Korean Workers' Party. The exception relates to funds required for the activities of diplomatic representations. Swiss banks are prohibited from opening branches, subsidiaries or agencies in North Korea, while existing branches and bank accounts in North Korea must be closed by 2 June, 2016. The same applies to branches of North Korean banks in Switzerland.

The ban on exports of luxury goods has been expanded to include additional products. Furthermore, all imports, exports and the transit of consignments of goods will now be checked by customs to ensure that they do not contain any prohibited products. The export and transit of goods bound for North Korea must be authorised in advance by the State Secretariat for Economic Affairs (SECO). In a new move, the export of goods that increase the operational capabilities of the North Korean armed forces has been prohibited. Also prohibited are the sale and supply of certain aviation fuels. The purchase of certain raw materials (coal, iron, gold, certain types of ore and rare minerals) from North Korea is prohibited.

In the sectors for maritime and air transport, various restrictions have also been introduced. These include a ban on charter and leasing contracts with North Korea related to aircraft and ships. Take-off, landing and overflight rights for aircraft will not be granted if there is reason to suspect that planes may be carrying cargo in contravention of the provisions of the ordinance.

In the education sector, citizens of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea will not be permitted to take certain courses in subjects such as higher physics, advanced computer simulation or nuclear engineering. Military, paramilitary and police training for instructors, consultants and government officials from North Korea is also prohibited.

On 18 May, the Federal Council also decided to amend certain aspects of the *Ordinance on Measures against the Islamic Republic of Iran*. Selected criteria regarding the licensing procedure for trade in dual-use goods have been adapted to facilitate transactions in light of the previously unintentional tightening of licensing criteria for the export of certain goods to Iran, compared to the time before the majority of sanctions against Iran were lifted effective 17 January, 2016. In parallel, annexes 6 and 7 with the lists of designated parties have been amended, reflecting recent changes to the EU's corresponding lists.

As regards the licensing criteria for trade in certain dual-use goods, Article 3 of the Ordinance has been amended in that in the case of the dual-use goods listed in Annex 2 Section 2 of the Ordinance, Iran is no longer required to grant the right to examine the end-use of the relevant goods. Furthermore, the licensing procedure for these goods is simplified in that a licence no longer has to be issued by the interdepartmental export control group, but may be issued by SECO. Consequently, trade in these dual-use goods will again be assessed according to the same criteria as applied before the vast majority of sanctions against Iran were lifted early this year. In addition, the provision of services will be exempt from the licensing obligation in cases where SECO has already issued a licence for the export of the relevant goods. The dual-use goods listed in Annex 2 Section 2 of the Ordinance are also subject to licensing obligations in the EU.

For additional information, please contact [Philippe M. Reich](#) of our Zurich office. Please see our [Sanctions Blog](#) for future updates.

United Kingdom

Policing and Crime Bill: New explanatory notes published

Further to our [blog post](#) on 26 April 2016 summarising the proposed Part 8 financial sanctions elements of the *Policing and Crime Bill 2015-16 to 2016-17* (the “Bill”), the Bill reached its 1st and 2nd reading stages in the House of Commons on 19 May 2016 without any questions put. As previously set out, the Bill proposes the introduction of an extended maximum penalty, Serious Crime Prevention Orders and Deferred Prosecution Agreements, and a new monetary penalties regime in respect of breaches of financial sanctions, as well as temporary UK legislation to bridge the time gap between the adoption of UN sanctions and their implementation by the EU.

The Bill has now been printed with new explanatory notes. The Bill as introduced at its reading stages can be accessed [here](#). The explanatory notes can be accessed [here](#). The notes provide an overview of the Bill, stating the following in relation to its financial sanctions elements:

“Part 8 strengthens the enforcement regime for financial sanctions by increasing the maximum custodial sentence on conviction for breaching sanctions, expanding the range of enforcement options, including a new system of monetary penalties, and by providing for the immediate implementation of UN-mandated sanctions.”

The explanatory notes go on to set out the following:

- provide a background on the UN and EU sanctions framework;
- note that currently under UK law the maximum penalties relating to financial sanctions breaches are two years’ imprisonment upon conviction on indictment and three months imprisonment upon summary conviction, and that these are inconsistent with penalties for similar offences in other sanctions regimes;
- refer to an ‘enforcement gap’ between situations deemed serious enough to warrant prosecution and cases where a cautionary letter may be sufficient;
- refer to the creation of the new Office of Financial Sanctions Implementation (for more information see our previous blog post); and
- summarise the main provisions of Part 8. (Paragraphs 166 to 178.)

The notes then provide a detailed analysis of the Part 8 draft provisions (from paragraphs 883 to 931).

A date for the report stage of the Bill has yet to be announced. If approved, the Bill will proceed to the House of Lords for consideration and potential amendment. For additional information, please contact [Mara Ghiorghies](#) of our London office.

HMRC updates

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

Release Date	Ref. No. and Subject
	Customs Information Papers
05-05-16	CIP 29 (2016): Inward Processing/End-Use Relief - Bills of Discharge

Release Date	Ref. No. and Subject
	CIP 30 (2016): change to the additional information codes used to declare guarantee details
	CIP 31 (2016): End Use relief - use of T5 Union Customs Code
13-05-16	CIP 21 (2016): additional rates of duty on goods from the USA
16-05-16	CIP 32 (2016): ToR consignments - UK clearance, approved depositories and transit to EU
25-05-16	CIP 33 (2016): the new requirements for Simplified Frontier Declarations/C21 amendment or cancellation requests
25-05-16	CIP 34 (2016): valuation procedures under the Union Customs Code – earlier sales, royalties and license fees
	CIP 35 (2016): customs procedure codes for special procedures – error codes
19-05-16	CIP 36 (2016): Inward Processing, authorisation by declaration
	CIP 37 (2016): completion notes for import entries for Inward Processing
	CIP 38 (2016): Customs Comprehensive Guarantee forms for securities
26-05-16	CIP 39 (2016): Authorised Economic Operator publications
	CIP 40 (2016): Low Value Bulking of Imports requirements under the Union Customs Code
31-05-16	CIP 41 (2016): Inward Processing authorisation by declaration override codes
	Other Import-Export Documents
04-05-16	Anti-Dumping Duty measure AD2115 amending AD2114
05-05-16	Anti-Dumping Duty measure AD2099
05-05-16	Import and export: Authorised Economic Operator self-assessment questionnaire (C118)
06-05-16	Tariff Stop Press Notice 13 (2016): amendments to commodity codes in chapters 7 and 73
09-05-16	Notice 263: marine voyages - relief from fuel duty
	Import and export: Inward Processing bill of discharge (BOD1)
	Import and export: End-Use bill of discharge (BOD2)
10-05-16	Import and export: Inward Processing bill of discharge (BOD3)
	Import and export: End-Use bill of discharge (BOD4)
	Community, Common Transit and TIR: newsletters
12-05-16	Tariff Notice 6 (2016): synthetic lubricant based preparations
	Tariff Notice 12 (2016): glue gun
	Import Control System (ICS): service availability and issues
	Customs Handling of Import Export Freight (CHIEF): service availability and issues
13-05-16	National Export System (NES) XML (Schema): service availability and issues
	New Computerised Transit System XML: service availability and issues
	New Computerised Transit System (NCTS) Web: service availability and issues
16-05-16	Fuel Duty: claim for drawback of duty paid on oils used as fuel on foreign-going vessels (HO66)
	Tariff Notice 9 (2016): hobby greenhouse
	Tariff Notice 10 (2016): smartphone docking station
17-05-16	Tariff Notice 11 (2016): monitor arm
	UK Trade Tariff: additional information codes for harmonised declarations
	Customs Handling of Import Export Freight (CHIEF): service availability and issues
18-05-16	Tariff Stop Press Notice 12 (2016): amendments to statement codes in Volume 3 of the Tariff appendix C9
	New Computerised Transit System XML: service availability and issues
	Tariff Stop Press Notice 15 (2016): amendments to commodity codes in chapter 73
	Tariff Notice 13 (2016): AC/DC adapter
19-05-16	Tariff Notice 14 (2016): video camera recorders
	Tariff Notice 15 (2016): mixer-converter analogue/digital pre-amplifier device
	Tariff Notice 16 (2016): portable battery-operated video apparatus
	Genuine HMRC contact and recognising phishing emails and text messages
20-05-16	Tariff Notice 8 (2016): changes to the Combined Nomenclature of the European

Release Date	Ref. No. and Subject
	Union
	Notice 760: Customs Freight Simplified Procedures
	Electronic Binding Tariff Information: service availability and issues
	HM Revenue and Customs' organisation chart
	National Export System (NES) Web: service availability and issues
	Duty Deferment Electronic Statements: service availability and issues
23-05-16	Tariff Stop Press Notice 14 (2016): amendments to commodity codes in chapter 73
	Notice 275: Customs export procedures
	Import and export: give a Customs Comprehensive Guarantee from an approved guarantor (CCG2)
	Import and export: give a Joint Contractual Liability for Customs Comprehensive Guarantee potential debts (JCL)
24-05-16	HMRC: single departmental plan 2015 to 2020
25-05-16	Tariff Stop Press Notice 17 (2016): codes to use when economic conditions deemed fulfilled for inward processing
	Notice 143: a guide for international post users
	Notice 144: trade imports by post - how to complete customs documents
	Notice 3001: customs special procedures for the Union Customs Code
	Notice 205: official customs seals and trader sealing
31-05-16	Tariff Stop Press Notice 18 (2016): changes to the monthly trade euro rate
	Notice 199A: temporary storage and approved depositories
	Anti-Dumping Duty measure AD2117
	Import and export: application for voluntary clearance amendment (underpayment) (C2001)
	Import and export: re-importation of an unaccompanied private motor vehicle from outside the EU (C179B)

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
20-05-16	Notice to Exporters 2016/13: tell us about your digital and online needs
24-05-16	Notice to Exporters 2016/14: tell us your views on working with ECO
26-05-16	Notice to Exporters 2016/15: view four webinars on export control topics

Other EU-EFTA Notices

Import-export related measures

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

Date*	Measure
France	
03-05-16	N° 30 Decree of 13 April 2016 on the customs representation and registration of customs representatives
18-05-16	N° 2 Decree of 30 March 2016 taken for the application of Articles 8 and 11 of Decree No 2015-453 of 21 April 2015 on the issuing of permits to sail for trials in national navigation for future warships for export the design and construction

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	meet a technical reference that is specific to them № 98 Notice to manufacturers, importers, sellers, distributors, rental companies, operators and managers of football goals cages, handball, field hockey and indoor and goals of basketball on the application of Articles R. 322 -19 to R. 322-26 of the sports code
20-05-16	№ 26 Report to the President of the Republic on Order No 2016-623 of 19 May 2016 transposing Directive 2014/40 / EU on the manufacture, presentation and sale of tobacco products and related products
	№ 27 Ordinance No. 2016-623 of 19 May 2016 transposing Directive 2014/40 / EU on the manufacture, presentation and sale of tobacco products and related products
	№ 32 Decree of 19 May 2016 concerning the registration details of health warnings on unit packets of tobacco products, the vapotage products, smoking products herbal products other than tobacco and paper for rolling cigarettes
	№ 33 Decree of 19 May 2016 on vapotage products containing nicotine
27-05-16	№ 104 Notice to economic operators on updating the plan's three-year evaluation of chemicals shares (CoRAP) pursuant to Regulation (EU) 1907/2006, REACH, for the period 2016-2018
Germany	
02-05-16	Regulation on the implementation of the Tobacco Products Directive and related products (27-04-16) from № 20 of 02.05.2016, page 980
13-05-16	Second Order amending the International Health Regulations (2005) (IHR) of 23 May 2005 (10-05-16) from № 12 of 13.05.2016, page 498
17-05-16	Recast chemicals Sanctions Regulation (10-05-16) from № 23 of 05.17.2016, page 1175
Ireland (Eire)	
03-05-16	S.I. № 212 of 2016 Assembly of Animals for Export Regulations 2016
10-05-16	S.I. № 227 of 2016 European Union (Simple Pressure Vessels) Regulations 2016
24-05-16	S.I. № 228 of 2016 European Union (Ecodesign Requirements for Certain Energy related Products) (Amendment) Regulations 2016
27-05-16	S.I. № 271 European Union (Manufacture, Presentation and Sale of Tobacco and Related Products) Regulations 2016
27-05-16	S.I. № 275 European Communities (Official Controls on the Import of Food of Non-Animal Origin for Pesticide Residues) (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 2016
Liechtenstein	
12-05-16	LGBI № 2016.187 Announcement of 10 May 2016, the applicable pursuant to the Customs Treaty in Liechtenstein Swiss legislation (annexes I and II) (LR 170.551.631)
25-05-16	LGBI № 2016.194 Exchange of Notes between the Principality of Liechtenstein and the European Union on the adoption by the Commission of 28 April 2016, report on the 2015 conducted thematic evaluation of the application of the Schengen acquis concerning the Schengen cooperation on the ground in Turkey by the Member States Implementing Decision (development of the Schengen acquis) (LR 0.362.380.063)
Luxembourg	
03-05-16	Mem. A № 77 Implementation of new European standards for non-electric field applied in the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg.
	Mem. A № 77 Implementation of new European standards of electrical engineering applicable in the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg
	Mem. A № 77 Implementation of new European standards of telecommunications applicable in the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg.
31-05-16	Mem. A № 95 Law of 27 May 2016 concerning the making available on the market of electrical equipment designed for use within certain voltage limits.
	Mem. A № 95 Law of 27 May 2016 concerning lifts and safety components for lifts and amending the amended law of 15 December 2010 on the safety of toys.
	Mem. A № 95 Law of 27 May 2016 concerning the making available on the market of pyrotechnic articles.
	Mem. A № 95 Law of 27 May 2016 establishing a traceability system for pyro-

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	technic articles
Malta	
06-05-16	144 of 2016 - Arms (Amendment) Act, 2016 - Government Gazette of Malta No. 19,569 – 06.05.2016
Norway	
	FOR-2016-04-24-438 MPE Regulation amending the Regulation on ecodesign of energy related products (økodesignforskriften)
03-05-16	FOR-2016-04-29-441 Agriculture and Food, Ministry of Health Regulation amending the Regulation on specific hygiene rules for food of animal origin (animaliehygieneforskriften)
	FOR-2016-04-30-444 Labour and Social Affairs, Ministry of Justice, Climate and Environment Ministry Regulation amending the Regulation on Registration, Evaluation and Authorisation of Chemicals (REACH)
	FOR-2016-04-30-445 Labour and Social Affairs, Climate and Environment Ministry Regulation amending the Regulation on biocides (Biocide)
06-05-16	FOR-2016-05-02-458 Health and Care Services Regulation amending the Regulation on maximum levels for drug residues in food from animals
	FOR-2016-05-02-459 Agriculture and Food Regulation amending the Regulation on pesticide
	FOR-2016-05-03-462 Health and Care Services Regulation amending the Regulation on residues of pesticides in food and feed
10-05-16	FOR-2016-05-03-466 Agriculture and Food Regulations amending the regulations on animal health conditions for imports and exports of pigs and cattle and regulation on animal health conditions for the importation and exportation of sheep
	FOR-2016-05-02-469 Health and Care Services Regulation amending the Regulation on certain contaminants in foodstuffs
20-05-16	FOR-2016-05-03-471 Industry and Fisheries Ministry Notice of confirmation of technical rules in various regulations authorized by law to units of measurement, measurement and standard time, cf. EEA consultation law
27-05-13	FOR-2016-05-18-504 Ministry of Justice Regulation amending the Regulation on safety of toys (Toy regulations)
	FOR-2016-05-19-506 Climate and Environment Ministry Amendments to product regulation (whether sales restrictions toxic substances)
	FOR-2016-05-26-525 Agriculture and Food, and Industry and Fisheries Ministry Regulation amending the Regulation on additives for use in animal nutrition
Poland	
02-05-16	№ 613 Regulation of the Minister of Internal Affairs and Administration of 27 April 2016. On the establishment of the Carpathian Division of the Border Guard and the amendment of the Regulation on the establishment of the Border Guard divisions
05-05-16	№ 624 The Minister of Environment of 11 April 2016. On the classification of microorganisms and organisms used in the contained use of GMM and contained use of GMOs
	№ 626 Regulation of the Minister of Finance dated 2 May 2016. Amending the regulation on fees collected by customs authorities and the method of their calculation
06-05-16	№ 630 Regulation of the Minister of Maritime and Inland Shipping and the Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development on 19 April 2016. On the manner and forms of cooperation between regional marine fisheries inspectors and Quality Inspection of Agricultural and Food in controlling fish products
10-05-16	№ 642 Regulation of the Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development dated 21 April 2016. Amending the regulation on preventing the introduction and spread of quarantine pests
	№ 643 Regulation of the Minister of Finance dated 2 May 2016. Amending the Regulation on customs offices in which operations are carried out under the customs rules, depending on the type of goods or customs procedures which may be acquired goods
12-05-16	№ 651 Minister of Infrastructure and Construction of 29 April 2016. On the entity responsible for maintaining an inventory of brands and vehicle types approved

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	and put into service on Polish territory, including the collection of data in the catalog and their verification
13-05-16	№ 655 Proclamation of the Marshal of the Polish Sejm of 29 April 2016. On the uniform text of the Act on conformity assessment system
	№ 659 Regulation of the Minister of Internal Affairs and Administration of 26 April 2016. Amending the Decree on the periodic issuing opinions Border Guards
	№ 662 Regulation of the Minister of Internal Affairs and Administration dated 12 May 2016. Amending the Regulation on the establishment of the Carpathian Division of the Border Guard and the amendment of the Regulation on the establishment of the Border Guard divisions, and amending Regulation on the establishment of the Border Guard divisions
16-05-16	№ 664 The second protocol between the Government of the Polish Republic and the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine amending the Agreement between the Government of the Polish Republic and the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine on local border traffic, signed in Kiev on 28 March 2008., Signed in Warsaw on 17 December 2014.
	№ 665 Government announcement dated April 19, 2016. On the binding force of the Second Protocol between the Government of the Polish Republic and the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine amending the Agreement between the Government of the Polish Republic and the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine on local border traffic, signed in Kiev on 28 March 2008. Signed in Warsaw on 17 December 2014.
	№ 671 Regulation of the Minister of Finance dated 11 May 2016. Amending the Regulation on deposit of the customs office
	№ 676 The announcement of the Prime Minister dated 25 April 2016. On the uniform text of the Council of Ministers of the Warmia-Mazury Special Economic Zone
20-05-16	№ 690 Regulation of the Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development on 4 May 2016. On banning the Republic of Polish plants, other than seeds, types of Capsicum L., Lagenaria Ser., Luffa Mill., Momordica L. and Solanum L. other than Solanum lycopersicum L., originating in the Republic of Ghana
	№ 693 Statement of the Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development dated 5 May 2016. On the uniform text of the Regulation of the Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development on the conditions to be met by certain plants, plant products or objects moved through a protected zone
25-05-16	№ 709 Statement of the Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development dated 5 May 2016. On the uniform text of the Regulation of the Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development on the minimum requirements for plant passports and how to fulfill them
	№ 712 Regulation of the Prime Minister of 9 May 2016. On the uniform text of the Council of Ministers on the Slupsk Special Economic Zone
	№ 714 Proclamation of the Marshal of the Polish Sejm on 10 May 2016. On the uniform text of the law guaranteed by the Treasury Export Insurance
Spain	
04-05-16	External Affairs: Amendments to Annexes A and B of the European Agreement on the International Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Road (ADR 2015), as amended, adopted in Geneva on June 26, 2015 (BOE-A-2016-4281)
10-05-16	Industry, Energy & Tourism: Royal Decree 186/2016, of 6 May, by which the electromagnetic compatibility of electrical and electronic equipment is regulated. (BOE-A-2016-4442)
	Industry, etc.: Royal Decree 188/2016 of 6 May, Regulation establishing the requirements for marketing, commissioning and use of radio equipment are set approved, and the procedure for conformity assessment is regulated, market surveillance and sanctioning regime of telecommunications equipment. (BOE-A-2016-4444)
12-05-16	External Affairs: Protocol to the Partnership and Cooperation Agreement establishing a partnership between the European Communities and their Member States, on the one hand, and the Russian Federation, on the other part, to take account of the accession of the Republic of Croatia to the Union European, done at Brussels on 17 December 2014. Entry into force. (BOE-A-2016-4504)

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18-05-16	Health: Order SSI / 748/2016 of 11 May, amending certain substances included in Annex I of Royal Decree 2829/1977, of 6 October, which regulates substances and preparations psychotropic medicines, as well as control and inspection of its manufacturing, distribution, prescribing and dispensing and transferred checklist 1-benzylpiperazine substance (BZP). (BOE-A-2016-4737)
19-05-16	Presidency: Royal Decree 191/2016, of 6 May, on the return of non-tax and customs revenues undue Public Finance is regulated. (BOE-A-2016-4777)
	Hacienda: Resolution of 10 May 2016, the Presidency of the State Tax Administration Agency, approving the model of application for admission is approved aptitude tests to be customs representative and self-assess the examination fee for these tests and presentation and regulates payment. (BOE-A-2016-4808)
Switzerland	
18-05-16	Ordinance on controlling the lawful origin of imported marine fisheries products (RS 453.2)
	Law on Customs Tariff (LTaD) (RS 632.10)
	Ordinance on the Rotterdam Convention on the Prior Informed Consent Informed Consent Procedure for Certain chemicals that are the subject of International Trade (PIC Ordinance, OPICChim) (RS 814.82)
	Supplementary Agreement of 20 July 1972 to the Agreement on watchmaking products between Switzerland and the European Economic Community and its Member States (RS 0.632.290.131)
31-05-16	Ordinance of the FDF on goods enjoying customs relief according to their use (Ordinance on customs relief, OADou) (RS 631.012)
	Ordinance on the import of agricultural products (Ordinance on agricultural imports, OIAgr) (RS 916.01)
	Ordinance of the FOAG on fixing periods and deadlines as well as the authorization of parts quota of fresh vegetables, fresh fruit and fresh cut flowers (Ordinance authorizing imports on the OIELFP) (RS 916.121.100)
	Federal Decree on the amendment of the free trade agreement between EFTA and Turkey on mutual administrative assistance in customs matters
United Kingdom	
05-05-16	SI 2016/554 - The Psychoactive Substances Act 2016 (Consequential Amendments) Regulations 2016
	SI 2016/554 - The Psychoactive Substances Act 2016 (Consequential Amendments) Regulations 2016
	SI 2016/553 - The Psychoactive Substances Act 2016 (Commencement) Regulations 2016

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
Liechtenstein	
04-05-16	LGBI № 2016.182 Regulation of 3 May 2016 concerning amendment of the ordinance on measures against Libya (LR № 946.221.4)
	LGBI № 2016.183 Regulation of 3 May 2016 concerning amendment of the ordinance on measures against the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (LR № 946.223.1)
19-05-16	LGBI № 2016.192 Regulation of 17 May 2016 concerning amendment of the ordinance on measures against Libya (LR № 946.221.4)
25-05-16	LGBI № 2016.196 Regulation of 24 May 2016 Sanctions against the DPRK (LR № 946.223.1)

Date*	Restrictive Measure
Luxembourg	
12-05-16	Mem. A № 86 Grand Ducal Regulation of 4 May 2016 subjecting to license the import, export and transit of certain goods originating in or from Iran, as well as technical assistance and brokering services related thereto
Norway	
06-05-16	FOR-2016-04-26-453 Foreign Affairs Regulation amending the Regulation on restrictive measures against the Republic of Zimbabwe
31-05-16	FOR-2016-05-25-536 Foreign Affairs Regulation amending the Regulation on restrictive measures against certain persons in light of the situation in Egypt
	FOR-2016-05-25-537 Foreign Affairs Regulation amending the Regulation on sanctions against the Taliban
	FOR-2016-05-25-538 Foreign Affairs Regulation amending the Regulation on sanctions against Al-Qaida
	FOR-2016-05-25-539 Foreign Affairs Regulation amending the Regulation on restrictive measures related to actions that undermine or threaten Ukraine's territorial integrity, sovereignty, independence and stability
Switzerland	
18-05-16	Ordinance on measures against the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (RS 946.231.127.6)
	Ordinance on measures against the Islamic Republic of Iran (RS 946.231.143.6)
	Ordinance on measures against the Islamic Republic of Iran (RS 946.231.143.6)
25-05-16	Ordinance on measures against Côte d'Ivoire (RS 946.231.13)
United Kingdom	
11-05-16	SI 2016/560 - The Iran (Sanctions) (Overseas Territories) (Amendment) Order 2016
13-05-16	SI 2016/578 - The Democratic People's Republic of Korea (European Union Financial Sanctions) (Amendment) Regulations 2016

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
11-05-16	On the parliamentary hearings on "Cross-border cooperation as a factor in European integration processes in Ukraine" - Resolution of the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine on May 11, 2016 № 1347-VIII
18-05-16	On signing the Agreement between Ukraine and the United States on mutual assistance between their customs administrations - Order of the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine on May 18, 2016 № 363-p
24-05-16	On delegation of Ukraine at the plenary session of the international export control regime "Australia Group" Decree of the President of Ukraine: Composition of collective body on May 24, 2016 number 220/2016

Eurasian Economic Union (EAEU)

Decisions and recommendations of the Eurasian Economic Commission

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

Publication Date	Title
Council (Совет) of the Eurasian Economic Commission	
05-05-16	Decision № 24 (06-04-16) On amendments to some decisions of the Commission of the Customs Union, and on the approval of the list of goods imported into the territory of the Republic of Armenia for the purpose of construction of the third power line Iran - Armenia
	Decision № 25 (06-04-16) About disposal of the Eurasian Intergovernmental Council "On the implementation of the work plan acts of development and of international treaties in accordance with the Treaty on the Eurasian Economic Union of 29 May 2014 and the plan of action of the Eurasian Economic Commission on the implementation of the Belarusian presidency priorities outlined in the Presidential address of Belarus Lukashenko A z. to the heads of states - members of the Eurasian Economic Union by January 1, 2015"
17-05-16	Decision № 26 (12-02-16) The special mark of medical products on the market of the Eurasian Economic Union
	Decision № 27 (12-02-16) On approval of the General safety and efficacy of medical devices, the requirements for their labeling and operational documentation on them
	Decision № 28 (12-02-16) On approval of Rules of carrying out technical trials of medical devices
	Decision № 29 (12-02-16) On the Rules of clinical and clinical-laboratory testing (research), medical devices
	Decision № 30 (12-02-16) On approval of the formation and maintenance in the field of medical devices information system
27-05-16	Decision № 31 (16-05-16) Draft decision of the Supreme Eurasian Economic Council "On amendments to the Decision of the Supreme Eurasian Economic Council on October 10, 2014 № 79"
	Decision № 32 (16-05-16) Draft decision of the Supreme Eurasian Economic Council "On appointment of judges of the Court of the Eurasian Economic Union of the Kyrgyz Republic"
	Decision № 33 (16-05-16) On Amendments to the technical regulations of the Customs Union "On grain security" (TR CU 015/2011)
Board (Коллегии) of the Eurasian Economic Commission	
12-05-16	Decision № 37 (10-05-16) 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 general process of "Formation and management of a unified register of authorized bodies (organizations) of states - members of the Eurasian Economic Union and organizations - manufacturers of vehicles (chassis vehicles), self-propelled machines and other types of equipment, carrying passports (e-passports) vehicle (the chassis of vehicles), self-propelled vehicles and other equipment"
	Decision № 38 (10-05-16) 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 general process of "Formation and management of a unified register of conformity assessment bodies of the Eurasian Economic Union (including certification bodies, testing laboratories (centers))"
	Decision № 39 (10-05-16) 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 general process of "Formation and management of a single register of issued and received documents on the

Publication Date	Title
	<p>assessment of conformity with the technical regulations of the Eurasian Economic Union (CU technical regulations)” in respect of the single register of issued certificates of conformity and registered declarations of conformity</p> <p>Decision № 40 (10-05-16) On Amendments to the Customs Union Commission Decision of 9 December 2011 № 883</p> <p>Decision № 41 (10-05-16) On approval of the laboratory to ensure quarantine phytosanitary measures</p> <p>Decision № 42 (10-05-16) On the implementation by the Republic of Kazakhstan of the mutual trade commitments regenerated paper, cardboard, waste paper and waste in the framework of the functioning of the internal market of the Eurasian Economic Union</p>
18-05-16	<p>Decision № 43 (17-05-16) On the Regulation of the Advisory Committee on Statistics</p> <p>Decision № 44 (17-05-16) On Amendments to Section 2.6 of the list of goods in respect of which set a permissive procedure for import into the customs territory of the Eurasian Economic Union and (or) export from the customs territory of the Eurasian Economic Union</p> <p>Decision № 45 (17-05-16) On Amendments to Note 8 to the Single Commodity Nomenclature of Foreign Trade of the Eurasian Economic Union</p> <p>Decision № 46 (17-05-16) On Amendments to the Customs Union Commission Decision of 23 September 2011 № 799</p> <p>Decision № 47 (17-05-16) On the Regulation of the Advisory Committee on Statistics</p>
Board Распоряжение	
12-05-16	<p>№ 56 (10-05-16) Draft Memorandum of Understanding between the Eurasian Economic Commission and the Government of the Kingdom of Cambodia</p> <p>№ 57 (10-05-16) Draft Memorandum of Understanding between the Eurasian Economic Commission and the Government of the Republic of Singapore</p> <p>№ 58 (10-05-16) Draft decision of the Council of the Eurasian Economic Commission “About the order of the Eurasian Intergovernmental Council, “Report on the enrollment and distribution of import customs duties between the budgets of states - members of the Eurasian Economic Union in 2015.”</p> <p>№ 59 (10-05-16) Draft decision of the Council of the Eurasian Economic Commission “On Amendments to the technical regulations of the Customs Union” On the security package “(TR CU 005/2011)”</p> <p>№ 60 (10-05-16) Draft decision of the Council of the Eurasian Economic Commission “On Technical Regulation of the Eurasian Economic Union,” Requirements for liquefied petroleum gas for use as fuel”</p> <p>№ 61 (10-05-16) On Amendments to the composition of the working group on the functioning of the single market for services within the Eurasian Economic Union</p> <p>№ 62 (10-05-16) Draft decision of the Council of the Eurasian Economic Commission “On the projects of the Supreme Eurasian Economic Council acts related to the entry into force of the Free Trade Agreement between the Eurasian Economic Union and its Member States, on the one hand, and the Socialist Republic of Vietnam, on the other hand, 29 May 2015”</p>
18-05-16	<p>№ 63 (17-05-16) On Amendments to the interdepartmental working group on the mutual recognition of digital signatures, made in accordance with the laws of one state - a member of the Eurasian Economic Union, another state - a member in order to implement Section XXII of the Treaty on the Eurasian Economic Union on May 29, 2014</p> <p>№ 64 (17-05-16) Draft Memorandum of Understanding between the Eurasian Economic Commission and the World Customs Organization</p> <p>№ 65 (17-05-16) Draft decision of the Council of the Eurasian Economic Commission "On the draft decision of the Eurasian Intergovernmental Council" On some issues of import and circulation of goods in the customs territory of the Eurasian Economic Union in connection with the accession of the Republic of Kazakhstan to the World Trade Organization</p>
Board Recommendations	

Publication Date	Title
18-05-16	Rec. № 7 (17-05-16) On the Terms of equipping checkpoints across the customs border of the Eurasian Economic Union inspection system and their use

Classification decisions adopted by the Commission and preliminary decisions adopted by the States-Members

The Commission has posted a table which provides a [collection of classification decisions](#) under the common tariff adopted by the Commission. A separate website exists for [preliminary decisions on the classification of goods adopted by the customs authorities of states - members](#) of the Eurasian Economic Union. It was last updated 1 June 2016. The table lists the tariff codes, a description, rationale (GRIs) for the decision.

Belarus

Preliminary decisions on tariff classification

The State Customs Committee maintains a [searchable database of preliminary decisions on the tariff classification of goods](#) (*База данных товаров, в отношении которых принято предварительное решение о классификации*). The database has been updated through April 2016. It may be searched by tariff code or description (in Russian).

Russian Federation

Preliminary decisions on tariff classification

The Federal Customs Service (FCS) has a [searchable on-line database of preliminary decisions on tariff classification](#). The database has been updated through 12 May 2016. It may be searched by tariff code, description (in Russian) or note number.

Legislation (acts, resolutions, orders, etc.)

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

R.G. Date of Publication	Subject
06-05-16	Federal Law of May 1, 2016 N 120-FZ "On the Ratification of the Free Trade Agreement between the Eurasian Economic Union and its Member States, on the one hand, and the Socialist Republic of Vietnam, on the other hand, the Protocol N 1 between the Russian Federation and the Socialist Republic of Vietnam to the Agreement on free trade between the Eurasian economic Union and its Member States, on the one hand, and the Socialist Republic of Vietnam, on the other hand, and Protocol N 2 between the Russian Federation and the Socialist Republic of Vietnam to the Agreement on free trade between the Eurasian economic Union and its Member States, on the one hand, and the Socialist Republic of Vietnam, on the other hand."
18-05-16	Resolution of the Plenum of the Supreme Court on May 12, 2016 N '18 Moscow "On some issues of application of customs legislation by the courts"

R.G. Date of Publication	Subject
	Federal List of Extremist Materials
	The list is supplemented

Africa

South Africa

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

Publication Date	Publication Details	Subject	Implementation Date
06-05-16	GG.39976 R.508	General Notes to Schedule No. 1 – To give effect to the Republic of Croatia's accession to the European Union Protocol of Trade <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Notice R.508 	01-07-13
	GG.39976 R.509	Rule Amendment – Amendment under Rule 46A and 49A to give effect to the Republic of Croatia's accession to the European Union Protocol of Trade <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Notice R.509 	
20-05-16	GG.40004 R.557	Amendment of Part 1 of Schedule No. 4, by the substitution of item 412.10/00.00/01.00 to review the value and number of unsolicited postal gifts <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Notice R.557 	20-05-16
27-05-16	GG.40014 R.592	Amendment of Part 1 of Schedule No. 1, by the deletion of tariff subheadings 2004.10.20 and 2004.10.90 and the insertion of tariff items 2004.10.2; 2004.10.21; 2004.10.29; 2004.10.9; 2004.10.91 and 2004.10.99 in order to provide for new categories of frozen potato products <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Notice R.592 	27-05-16
	GG.40014 R.593	Amendment of Part 3 of Schedule No. 2, by the deletion of safeguard item 260.02/2004.10.20/01.08 and the insertion of item 260.02/2004.10.2/01.07 as a consequence to the amendment to Part 1 of Schedule No. 1 to provide for new categories of frozen potato chips. Note that the deletion is permanent and the insertion is up to and including 4 June 2016 whereafter the safeguard duty will lapse in its' totality <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Notice R.593 	
	GG.40014 R.591	Amendment of Part 3 of Schedule No. 6 to clarify the position with regard to certain provisions under the diesel refund item <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Notice R.591 	

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

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

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

Date of Release	Subject
05-04-16	In the Matter of Ali Khanamann Mohammadi – Order Denying Export Privileges for 10 years due to conviction for export violations (BIS)
05-05-16	HSI Chicago seizes nearly 60 tons of honey illegally imported from China (CBP, ICE)
05-09-16	Modification of Statutory Debarment Imposed Pursuant to Section 127.7(c) of the International Traffic in Arms Regulations - Rocky Mountain Instrument Company (State: Bureau of Political-Military Affairs)
05-17-16	New Jersey man Charged with Conspiracy to Provide False Statements Related to Export of Prohibited Good to Iran (DOJ, BIS, ICE)
05-23-16	Canadian-Iranian Citizen Sentenced to Three Years in Prison for Conspiring to Violate Iran Sanctions (DOJ, FBI, BIS)
05-24-16	In the Matter of Unisol Int'l [Settlement of alleged EAR license violations: \$250,000 civil penalty with \$100,000 suspended for two years] (BIS)
05-26-16	Extradited British resident pleads guilty to conspiracy to illegally export restricted laboratory equipment to Syria (DOJ, ICE, BIS, UK authorities)

Newsletters, Reports, Articles, Etc.

Baker & McKenzie Global VAT/GST Newsletter

Baker & McKenzie's [March 2016 Global VAT/GST Newsletter](#) provides a quick update into important developments in the field of VAT/GST across the globe. In order to maximize the effectiveness of this newsletter to you, most articles are brief and are designed to flag topics that are likely to affect multi-national businesses. Contacts for the Global VAT/GST Newsletter are:

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Publications, Alerts, Newsletters

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Subject	
International Trade, Tax and Anti-corruption	
Global May 2016 International Trade Compliance Update	{Older Issues here}
China Indirect Tax, Trade & Commerce Client Alert: Changes in Customs Declaration Requirements Herald Greater Scrutiny in China	
Buenos Aires Banking Alert: Extended Terms for Currency Settlement for Exports (Eng.); Amplían Plazo Para Liquidar Divisas De Exportaciones (Span.)	
(UK) Corporate Compliance Client Alert: UK proposals to increase corporations' exposure to criminal liability through further "failure to prevent" economic crime offences	
EMEA Tax Newsletter: May 2016	
EMEA Tax Newsletter: May 2016 Focus Feature - Value Chain and Your Business: How do BEPS, transfer pricing and the new union customs code interact?	
b:INFORM – Fintech: The Exportation Game: Why "Where?" Matters To FinTech 2016-05-30 (on-line magazine)	
Other areas	
Baker & McKenzie's Global Privacy Handbook 2016 Ed.	
Global Information Technology & Communications Industry & Practice Group LEGALBytes Special Edition: What every multinational company should know about the WP29 EU-U.S. Privacy Shield	
b:INFORM – Legal Insights on Data & Technology Trends (on-line magazine)	
Global IP Practice Group IP Dispatch: May 2016 INTA edition	
Australia Client Alert: Telecommunications Regulatory Update – April 2016	
Texas Labor & Employment Law Roundup Blog ("The Lone Star Employer Report"): The Defend Trade Secrets Act – Making a Federal Case of It	
Buenos Aires Mining, Oil & Infrastructure Alert: Creation of the incentive program of new natural gas projects (Eng.); Creación del Programa de Estímulo a los Nuevos Proyectos de Gas Natural (Span.)	
(US) Employment Counseling & Litigation and Intellectual Property: New Defend Trade Secrets Act Provides Recourse Against Trade Secret Misappropriation to Employers That Provide the Required Notice	

Webinars, Meetings, Seminars, Etc.

2016 International Trade Compliance Webinar Series

Our 13th annual, International Trade Compliance Webinar Series entitled, "**TPP and New Developments in Global Trade**" is under way. 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 Co-Chair of the Firm's Global Customs and FTA Practice Group will moderate these webinars.

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

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

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Original Date	Topic
Presented: Jan. 27, 2015	US Export Control Reform Speakers: Sylwia Lis (Washington, DC) and Paul Amberg (Chicago)
Presented: Feb. 17, 2015	Intercompany Pricing and Customs Valuation (Canada, EU and US) Speakers: Paul Burns (Toronto), William Outman (San Francisco), Holly Files (Washington, DC), and Nicole Looks (Frankfurt)
Presented: Mar. 17, 2015	Developments in Importing into EU Speakers: Jenny Revis (London) and Vanessa Dersch (Frankfurt)
Presented: Apr. 21, 2015	Developments in Importing into LATAM Speakers: Adriana Ibarra (Mexico City) and Esteban Roppolo (Buenos Aires)
Presented: May 19, 2015	FCPA and Antibribery Developments US, Asia and LATAM Speakers: John McKenzie (San Francisco), Mini vandePol (Hong Kong) and Esther Flesch (Sao Paulo)
Presented: June 23, 2015	Export Control Developments in Asia Speakers: Eugene Lim (Singapore), Daisuke Tatsuno (Tokyo), Meng Yew (Malaysia), and Anne Peterd (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
Presented: June 24, 2015	Overview of Current US and EU Sanctions Targeting Iran and Potential Developments Speakers: Ross Denton (London) and Alex Lamy (Washington, DC)
Presented: Aug. 4, 2015	The Future of Sanctions on Iran 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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- [FCPA Enforcement Trends – US, EU and Asia](#) - Speakers: Joan Meyer (Washington, DC), Maria McMahon (Washington, DC), Sunny Mann (London) and Michelle Gon (Shanghai) – [Original broadcast: January 14] [Presentation only](#)
- [Voluntary Self-Disclosures in Export Compliance Cases in the US, EU and China](#) - Speakers: John McKenzie (San Francisco), Ross Denton (London), Julia Pfeil (Frankfurt) and Eugene Lim (Singapore) Moderator: John McKenzie (San Francisco) [Original broadcast: February 11, 2014] [Presentation only](#)
- [Customs Valuation Issues and Updates – US, Mexico, EU and China](#) - Speakers: Terrie Gleason (Washington, DC), Edmundo Elias (Guadalajara), Jennifer Revis (London) and William Marshall (Hong Kong) – [Original broadcast: March 11, 2014] [Presentation only](#)
- [Country of Origin Rules for Marking and Government Procurement Purposes – US, EU and China](#) - Speakers: Stuart Seidel (Washington, DC), Holly Files (Washington, DC), Jasper Helder (Amsterdam) and William Marshall (Hong Kong) – [Original Broadcast: April 15, 2014] [Presentation](#).

- [*Product-Related Environmental Restrictions and Compliance - EU, Russia/CIS and China*](#) - Speakers: Ulrich Ellinghaus (Frankfurt), Alexander Bychkov (Moscow) and Scott Silverman (Beijing) – [Original broadcast: May 20, 2014] [Presentation only](#).
- [*The Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement \(CETA\), The Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership \(TTIP\) and The Trans-Pacific Partnership \(TPP\)*](#) - Speakers: Paul Burns (Toronto), Diane MacDonald (Chicago) and Fred Burke (Ho Chi Minh City) [Original broadcast: June 17, 2014] [Presentation only](#).
- [*Import and Export of Used and/or Refurbished Goods in Asia*](#) - Speakers: Eugene Lim (Singapore), Chen Ying (Hong Kong), Daisuke Tatsuno (Tokyo) and Panya Sittsakonsin (Bangkok) [Original broadcast: July 22, 2014] [Presentation only](#).

2014 EU Anti-Bribery, Trade and Customs Webinar Series

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






















Our panel of speakers provided a practical overview of each of the topics listed below, using both examples of recent cases and case studies. Our panel of speakers and moderators 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 missed any webinars in this series, or would like to see them again, you may view them or download only the Presentation used, by clicking [on this link](#) or on the specific linked title or Presentation below:

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


























WTO TBT Notifications

Member countries of the World Trade Organization (WTO) are required under the *Agreement on Technical Barriers to Trade* (TBT Agreement) to report to the



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

Country	Notification	Date Issued	Final Date for Comments	Merchandise Covered
 Argentina	ARG/302	04/29/2016	Not given	Plastic piping for the supply of gaseous fuels
 Argentina	ARG/303	04/29/2016	Not given	Electrical apparatus for the detection of carbon monoxide and natural gas or liquid petroleum gas, for domestic use
 Bolivia	BOL/3/Add.1	05/11/2016	Not given	Processes in the food industry
 Brazil	BRA/37/Add.1	05/12/2016	Not given	Reactors for tubular fluorescent lamps (HS 8504.10)
 Brazil	BRA/388/Add.2	05/09/2016	Not given	Medicines
 Brazil	BRA/512/Add.4	05/23/2016	Not given	High feeding chairs, with or without trays (HS 9403)
 Brazil	BRA/519/Add.4	05/23/2016	Not given	Children’s feeding chairs (HS 9403)
 Brazil	BRA/609/Add.4	05/19/2016	Not given	Semiconductor devices; light-emitting diodes; mounted piezoelectric crystals (HS 8541)
 Brazil	BRA/671	05/09/2016	05/02/2016	Electronic submission on importation of goods and products
 Brazil	BRA/672	05/17/2016	Not given	Chemical products
 Brazil	BRA/673	05/17/2016	Not given	Chemical products
 Brazil	BRA/674	05/19/2016	07/18/2016	Furniture of plastics (one-piece plastic chairs) (HS 940370)
 Brazil	BRA/675	05/24/2016	07/19/2016	Wine (HS 2204); Grapejuice, sweetened or not (HS 200960); Vinegar (HS 220900). Wine of fresh grapes, including fortified wines; grape must other than that of heading 20.09. (HS 2204), Vinegar and substitutes for vinegar obtained from acetic acid. (HS 220900)
 Canada	CAN/475/Add.1	05/20/2016	Not given	Seeds for propagation
 Chile	CHL/358	04/28/2016	06/27/2016	Hot water storage units (water heaters)
 Chile	CHL/359	05/10/2016	07/09/2016	Light and medium motorized vehicles
 Chile	CHL/360	05/10/2016	07/09/2016	Self-ballasted and retrofit LED lamps for general street lighting services
 China	CHN/45/Rev.2	04/28/2016	Not given	Motor vehicles, trailers and combination vehicles
 China	CHN/228/Rev.1	04/28/2016	Not given	Mopeds (HS 8711)
 China	CHN/690/Rev.1	04/28/2016	Not given	Road traffic signal controller
 China	CHN/1173	05/13/2016	07/12/2016	Chemical Drugs

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 Colombia	COL/214/Add.1	05/12/2016	Not given	Detergents and soaps (HS 3401, 3402 and 3405.40)
 Colombia	COL/109/Add.2	05/17/2016	Not given	Tricycles, scooters, pedal cars and similar wheeled toys; dolls' carriages; dolls, whether or not dressed; reduced-size ("scale") models and similar recreational models, working or not; puzzles of all kinds; electric trains, including tracks, signals and other accessories; toys representing animals or non-human creatures; toy musical instruments and apparatus; motorized toys; and balloons of natural rubber latex
 Costa Rica	CRI/157	05/04/2016	06/03/2016	Household refrigerators and freezers
 Costa Rica	CRI/60/Add.2	05/17/2016	Not given	Meat and Offal
 Costa Rica	CRI/156/Add.1	05/17/2016	Not given	Pneumatic tyres
 Ecuador	ECU/32/Add.10	04/29/2016	Not given	Motor vehicles (HS 9900)
 Ecuador	ECU/93/Add.4	04/29/2016	Not given	Spices and condiments
 Ecuador	ECU/282/Add.1	04/29/2016	Not given	Jewellery and imitation jewellery (HS 7113.1100, 7113.1900, 7113.2000, 7114.1110, 7114.1190, 7114.1900, 7114.2000, 7117.1100, 7117.1900 and 7117.9000)
 Ecuador	ECU/325	05/03/2016	07/28/2016	Medical devices
 Ecuador	ECU/326	05/03/2016	07/28/2016	Natural processed products for medicinal use (HS 3006700000)
 European Union	EU/375	05/04/2016	07/03/2016	bis(pentabromophenyl)ether (decaBDE) as a substance on its own and as a constituent of other substances, in mixtures, or in articles or any part thereof, in a concentration equal to or greater than 0.1% by weight
 India	IND/44/Add.5	05/18/2016	Not given	List of 15 Products notified in Schedule to the Electronics and Information Technology Goods (Requirements for Compulsory Registration) Order, 2012
 Israel	ISR/918	05/23/2016	07/22/2016	Electrical accessories (HS 853620)
 Japan	JPN/527	05/03/2016	07/02/2016	Wireless system for robots such as transmitting image
 Korea, Republic of	KOR/637/Add.1	05/04/2016	Not given	Medical devices
 Korea, Republic of	KOR/644	05/04/2016	07/03/2016	Food products
 Korea, Republic of	KOR/645	05/23/2016	07/22/2016	Environment-friendly agricultural and fishery products, processed organic foods and materials for organic farming
 Lithuania	LTU/28	05/09/2016	07/08/2016	Alcoholic beverages
 Mexico	MEX/300/Add.1	05/03/2016	Not given	Petroleum products (headings 27.01 to 2901.10)
 Mexico	MEX/307	04/29/2016	06/28/2016	Denatured ethyl alcohol (HS 22072001)
 Mexico	MEX/308	05/03/2016	07/02/2016	Eggs and egg products (heading 0407)

Country	Notification	Date Issued	Final Date for Comments	Merchandise Covered
 Mexico	MEX/309	05/04/2016	07/03/2016	Household electric washing machines (tariff heading 84.50)
 Mexico	MEX/310	05/04/2016	07/03/2016	Three-phase squirrel-cage AC induction motors (tariff heading 8501.40)
 Mexico	MEX/283/Add.2	05/13/2016	Not given	New light-duty vehicles, of a gross vehicle weight not exceeding 3,857 kg, which could come under headings 8703 and 8704, depending on their characteristics. In general, the products covered are motor vehicles under Chapter 87 of a total weight of less than 3,857 kg.
 Mexico	MEX/284/Add.1	05/19/2016	Not given	Drugs, medicaments and herbal remedies under headings 30.02 and 30.03, other drugs and/or medicaments under Chapter 30, and herbal remedies under heading 33.01 used for therapeutic or prophylactic purposes
 Mexico	MEX/302/Add.1	05/13/2016	Not given	Alcoholic beverages (Heading 22)
 Peru	PER/85	05/02/2016	07/27/2016	Pharmaceutical products (Chapter 30)
 Russian Federation	RUS/50	05/10/2016	06/05/2016	Pharmaceutical products
 Russian Federation	RUS/51	05/10/2016	06/05/2016	Medical devices
 Russian Federation	RUS/52	05/10/2016	06/05/2016	Medical devices
 Russian Federation	RUS/53	05/11/2016	06/05/2016	Pharmaceutical products and medical devices
 Russian Federation	RUS/54	05/11/2016	06/01/2016	Pharmaceutical products
 Russian Federation	RUS/55	05/13/2016	06/05/2016	Medical devices
 Russian Federation	RUS/56	05/13/2016	06/05/2016	Pharmaceutical products
 Russian Federation	RUS/57	05/13/2016	06/05/2016	Medical devices
 Russian Federation	RUS/58	05/13/2016	06/05/2016	Pharmaceutical products
 Russian Federation	RUS/59	05/17/2016	06/05/2016	Pharmaceutical products
 Russian Federation	RUS/60	05/18/2016	06/05/2016	Pharmaceutical products
 Russian Federation	RUS/61	05/18/2016	06/05/2016	Pharmaceutical products
 Russian Federation	RUS/62	05/18/2016	06/05/2016	Medical devices
 Russian Federation	RUS/63	05/18/2016	06/05/2016	Pharmaceutical products
 Russian Federation	RUS/64	05/18/2016	06/05/2016	Medical devices
 Russian Federation	RUS/65	05/20/2016	06/05/2016	Pharmaceutical products
 Russian Federation	RUS/66	05/20/2016	07/29/2016	Pipelines for transportation of liquid and gaseous hydrocarbons
 Russian Federation	RUS/67	05/20/2016	07/29/2016	Pipelines for transportation of liquid and gaseous hydrocarbons
 Russian Federation	RUS/67/Corr.1	05/25/2016	Not given	Pipelines for transportation of liquid and gaseous hydrocarbons
 Russian Federation	RUS/68	05/23/2016	07/22/2016	Reconstituted milk

Country	Notification	Date Issued	Final Date for Comments	Merchandise Covered
 Russian Federation	RUS/69	05/24/2016	07/22/2016	Food products obtained using genetically modified organisms
 Russian Federation	RUS/70	05/24/2016	07/29/2016	Technical means that can cause electromagnetic interference, and (or) the quality of operation of which depends on the influence of the external electromagnetic interference
 Russian Federation	RUS/71	05/24/2016	07/29/2016	Low-voltage equipment
 Saudi Arabia				
 Senegal	SEN/9	05/04/2016	07/03/2016	Sterilized packaging
 South Africa	ZAF/205	05/11/2016	07/10/2016	Measuring instrument, product or service
 Spain	ESP/33	05/20/2016	07/19/2016	Table olives, including headings 20019065 (olives prepared or preserved by vinegar or acetic acid) and 20057000 (olives prepared or preserved otherwise than by vinegar or acetic acid, not frozen)
 Tajikistan	TJK/4	04/29/2016	Not given	Products designed for children and adolescents
 Tajikistan	TJK/5	04/29/2016	06/28/2016	Products designed for children and adolescents
 Thailand	THA/473/Add.1	05/02/2016	Not given	Any foods
 Thailand	THA/476/Add.1/Corr.1	05/02/2016	Not given	Tungsten filament lamps (HS 853931, 854370, 854089)
 United States	USA/1046/Add.1	05/04/2016	Not given	Fluorescent lamp ballasts - Fluorescent, hot cathode (HS 8539.31)
 United States	USA/1051/Add.1	05/17/2016	Not given	External power supplies
 United States	USA/1067/Add.3	05/17/2016	Not given	Import data collection
 United States	USA/1088/Add.1	05/10/2016	Not given	Electronic cigarette substance
 United States	USA/1117	05/02/2016	06/07/2016	Pipeline safety
 United States	USA/1117/Add.1	05/17/2016	Not given	Pipeline safety
 United States	USA/1118	05/02/2016	06/13/2016	Organic livestock and poultry
 United States	USA/1119	05/04/2016	05/31/2016	Transportation systems for liquids and slurries. Transport (ICS: 03.220), Fluid storage devices (ICS: 23.020), Pipeline components and pipelines (ICS: 23.040), Commercial vehicles (ICS: 43.080), Railway rolling stock (ICS: 4)
 United States	USA/1119/Corr.1	05/17/2016	Not given	Transportation systems for liquids and slurries
 United States	USA/1120	05/09/2016	08/02/2016	Firearm silencers and mufflers. Military engineering
 United States	USA/1121	05/09/2016	07/18/2016	Biological products
 United States	USA/1121/Add.1	05/12/2016	Not given	Biological products
 United States	USA/1122	05/09/2016	07/05/2016	Compressors
 United States	USA/1123	05/09/2016	07/05/2016	Anti-ejection glazing for bus portals
 United States	USA/1124	05/12/2016	07/08/2016	Commercial water heating equipment

Country	Notification	Date Issued	Final Date for Comments	Merchandise Covered
 United States	USA/1125	05/12/2016	06/20/2016	Shell eggs (HS 0407)
 United States	USA/1126	05/12/2016	06/11/2016	Voting systems
 United States	USA/1127	05/12/2016	05/31/2016	Commercial weighing and measuring instruments
 United States	USA/1128	05/12/2016	05/31/2016	Food and non-food products
 United States	USA/1129	05/17/2016	06/03/2016	Weighing and measuring devices
 United States	USA/1130	05/17/2016	06/15/2016	Chemical substances
 United States	USA/854/Add.3	05/09/2016	Not given	Commercial packaged boilers (HS Chapter 84)
 United States	USA/878/Add.2	05/04/2016	Not given	Hazardous materials
 United States	USA/904/Add.2	05/12/2016	Not given	Tobacco products (HS 2402, 2403)
 United States	USA/669/Add.2	05/20/2016	Not given	High density discharge lamps, test procedures
 United States	USA/1013/Add.1	05/24/2016	Not given	Chemical substances
 United States	USA/1021/Add.1	05/24/2016	Not given	Battery chargers
 United States	USA/1116/Corr.1	05/25/2016	Not given	Canned and bottled foods and beverages
 United States	USA/1131	05/20/2016	07/18/2016	Uninterruptible power supplies
 United States	USA/1132	05/20/2016	07/18/2016	Compressors

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 "TRS Number" or "Merchandise" listing to see full text of the posted ruling.

Date	TRS Number	Merchandise	Tariff Classification or FTA Eligibility and Basis
01-07-15	272932	Pipe clamp	8205.70.90.00 [GIR 1, 6; Sec. XV, Note 2; Sec. XVI Note 1(k); EN to 73.26]
09-04-15	271529	Metal Hanging Lantern with Lights #X99290	9405.40.90.00 [GIR 1, 6]
09-04-15	271404	Solid Plus Flooring, Canaries Oak	4411.14.00.92 [GIR 1, 6; EN 44.11]
10-07-15	271389	CUBE-iT PLUS® Cabinet System	9403.20.00.20 [GIR 1, 6; Chap. 94, LN 2(a); WCO Compendium*]
10-07-15	271134	GF-Series GlobalFrame® Gen 2 Cabinet System, Anixter part #585334	9403.20.00.20 [GIR 1, 6; Chap. 94, LN 2; WCO Compendium*]
11-03-15	272403	Nestle Gerber® organic oatmeal standard baby cereal	1901.10.10.00 [GIR 1,6]
11-17-15	272267	Boostcase Hybrid Battery Case (product # BCH1500IP5-BLK)	8504.40.90.91 [GIR 1, 3(b), 6]
01-07-16	271361	Porcelain Chick with Santa Hat #X90157	3926.40.10.00 [GIR 3(b)]

Date	TRS Number	Merchandise	Tariff Classification or FTA Eligibility and Basis
01-07-16	273102	X96720, LED Acrylic Snowman Night Light	9405.40.90.00 [GIR 1, 6; EN (A) 95.05; LN 1(v) to Chap. 95]
01-07-16	272936	Non-Fat Dry Milk High Heat Kosher	0402.10.10.00 within access commitment or 0402.10.20.00 over access commitment [GIR 1,6; Chap 4 Note 1]
01-07-16	272882	Wilton 400 series C-Clamps	8205.70.90.00 [GIR 1, 6]
01-07-16	272701	FP-3706 Printed MDF Wall Décor	4911.91.00.90 [GIR 1, 6; Chap 49 EN]
01-07-16	273233	Fitted Protective Case for iPhone 5, product number COV-IPH5-109	4202.32.90.90 [GIR 1, 6; CITT AP-2010-057; AP-2011-023]
01-27-16	273397	Patio Heater, item #7011853	7321.81.00.00 [GIR 1, 6]
01-27-16	273005	Printed money envelopes	4817.10.00.00 [GIR 1, 6]
01-27-16	273327	Drill-Driven Aluminum Canister Multi-Forage Sampler	8207.60.00.00 [GIR 1, 6; Chap. 82 Note 1(a); EN (6) to 82.07]
01-27-16	273138	Standard Multi Forage (push type) 4 inch ABS Sampler	8201.90.90.00 [GIR 1,6; Chap 82, Note 1(a)]
01-27-16	272504	Diesel compression-ignition internal combustion engine generator sets (model #s 350REOZJ, 400REOZJ and 500REOZJ)	8502.13.00.00 [GIR 1, 6; EN (I) to 85.02]
02-23-16	273217	Suunto Ambit3	9102.12.00.00 [GIR 1,3(b), 6; Canadian Rule 1]
04-06-16	274310	Decorative Pillows [Advance Ruling for Origin Under Free Trade Agreements]	Entitled to preference: meets specific NAFTA rule of origin for 9404.90

[*WCO Compendium= Compendium of Classification Opinions]

CBP Rulings: Downloads and Searches

As US Customs and Border Protection (CBP) issues several thousand rulings a year, it is not practical to list each ruling. However, almost all rulings issued by US Customs or CBP from 1993 to the present and many issued before 1993 are available for search and downloading using the [CROSS search engine](#). Over 190,000 such rulings are in the database.

CBP Rulings: Revocations or Modifications

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

Published in CBP Bulletin (P) Proposed (A) Action	Product(s) or Issue(s)	Ruling(s) to be Modified (M) or Revoked (R)	Old Classification or Position	New Ruling	New Classification or Position	Comments Due (C) or Effective Date (E)
Proposed Revocations or Modifications						
(P) 05-04-16	Tariff classification of Dion® 9100	NY N051856 (R)	3907.91.50	HQ H116109	3907.20.00 [GRI 1,6]	(C) 06-03-16
	Tariff classification of shoe covers	NY N239495 (R)	6402.99.33	HQ H246161	6402.99.31 [GRI 1,6; Chap. 64, Notes 1,4(b)]	
	Tariff classification of a cast sock. [BRRPAW Foot Cast Cover]	NY N183637 (M)	6115.96.9020	HQ H194697	9021.10.00 [GRI 1]	
	Tariff classification of graduated compression	NY N235286 (R)	6115.30.9010	HQ H237738	6115.10.05 [GRI 1, 6]	

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	Tariff classification of printed circuit board switch assemblies from China	NY 202228 (M)	8536.50.9031	HQ H250002	8537.10.90 [GRI 1	
	Applicability of subheading 9802.00.50, HTSUS to certain relabeled computer keyboards	NY L83879 (M)	relabeling computer keyboards with new part numbers and UPC labels was not an eligible repair or alteration	HQ H268757	relabeling computer keyboards with new part numbers and UPC labels was an eligible repair or alteration entitled to duty free treatment	
(P) 05-18-16	The requirement that an original invoice reflecting the transaction under which merchandise actually began its journey to the US be provided for merchandise entered at multiple ports.	HQ H109795 (M)	Importer of record must provide original invoice	HQ H230176	original invoice is only required when merchandise transits from the port of exportation and is entered at the first port of entry.	(C) 06-17-16
	The country of origin for marking purposes of orthodontic brackets	NY B89079 (M)	Mexico	HQ H274096	United States (Marking) Mexico (duty)	
	Tariff classification of certain plastic garment hangers	NY N255930 (R)	3923.90.00 but with garments if imported with garments	HQ H258772	3923.90.00 {GRI 5(b)} whether with or w/out garments	
	Country of origin marking of bicycles	NY N269994 (R)	United States	HQ H273304	Country of origin is where frame originated	
Revocations or Modifications						
(A) 05-18-16	Whether a physical vacuum deposition (PVD) process is a "use" for purpose of same condition drawback pursuant to 19 U.S.C. § 1313(j)(1)	HQ H170624 (R)	PVD qualified as a "use" for purposes of same condition drawback pursuant to 19 U.S.C. § 1313(j)(1)	HQ H237075	The described PVD process on chromed brass plumbing fixtures did not qualify as a "use" for purposes of same condition drawback pursuant to 19 U.S.C. § 1313(j)(1)	(E) 07-18-16
	Country of origin marking of certain solar panels under NAFTA	NY R00721 (R) NY N047417 (R)	c/o Mexico Components from Japan, "Mfd in", or "Assembled in" Mexico"	HQ H266527	Past: Japan Future: Mexico due to NAFTA preference override	

Section 337 Actions

In the United States, section 337 of the Tariff Act of 1930 as amended (19 U.S.C. §1337) provides *in rem* relief from unfair practices in import trade, including unfair

methods of competition in the importation of articles, importation and sale in the United States of articles which infringe US patents, registered trademarks, copyrights or mask works. Listed below are 337 actions published during the past month by the US International Trade Commission, the independent United States agency charged with enforcement of section 337.

Ref. Number	Commodity	Action
337-TA-890	Certain sleep-disordered breathing treatment systems and components thereof	Commission's determination to suspend remedial orders issued in this investigation
337-TA-934	Certain windshield wiper devices and components [see below correction]	Commission final determination of violation of section 337; termination of investigation; issuance of limited exclusion order
337-TA-934	<i>CORRECTED CAPTION:</i> Certain Dental Implants:	Notice of correction concerning Commission final determination of violation of section 337; termination of investigation; issuance of limited exclusion order
337-TA-943	Certain wireless headsets	Commission determination to affirm with modification an initial determination, granting respondents' motion for summary determination of patent invalidity due to indefiniteness; termination of investigation
337-TA-949	Certain audio processing hardware and software and products containing same	Commission decision not to review an initial determination terminating Dell Inc.; and termination of the investigation
337-TA-951	Certain lithium metal oxide cathode materials, lithium-ion batteries for power tool products containing same, and power tool products with lithium-ion batteries containing same	Commission determination to review in part a final initial determination; deny certain motions; and grant a request for a Commission hearing; request for written submissions on the issues under review and on remedy, the public interest and bonding
337-TA-952	Certain electronic devices, including wireless communication devices, computers, tablet computers, digital media players, and cameras	Commission determination to affirm an initial determination granting a joint motion to terminate the investigation on the basis of settlement; termination of investigation
337-TA-957	Certain touchscreen controllers and products containing the same	Termination of an investigation on the basis of settlement
337-TA-967	Certain document cameras and software for use therewith	Commission's determination not to review an initial determination terminating Recordex USA, Inc.; request for written submissions on remedy, the public interest, and bonding
337-TA-993	Certain overflow and drain assemblies for bathtubs and components thereof	Institution of an investigation based on a complaint filed on behalf of WCM Industries, Inc. alleging patent infringement
337-TA-994	Certain portable electronic devices and components thereof	Institution of an investigation based on a complaint filed on behalf of Creative Technology Ltd. and Creative Labs, Inc. alleging patent infringement
337-TA-995	Certain electrical conductor composite cores and components thereof	Institution of an investigation based on a complaint filed on behalf of CTC Global Corporation alleging patent infringement
337-TA-996	Certain quartz slabs and portions thereof	Institution of an investigation based on a complaint filed on behalf of Cambria Company LLC alleging patent infringement
337-TA-997	Certain sleep-disordered breathing treatment systems and components thereof	Institution of an investigation based on a complaint filed on behalf of ResMed Corp.; ResMed Inc.; and ResMed Ltd alleging patent infringement
337-TA-998	Certain hybrid electric vehicles and components thereof	Institution of an investigation based on a complaint filed on behalf of Paice LLC and Abell Foundation, Inc. alleging patent infringement
337-TA-999	Certain air mattress bed systems and components thereof	Institution of an investigation based on a complaint filed on behalf of Select Comfort Corporation and Select Comfort SC Corporation alleging patent infringement
337-TA-1000	Certain motorized self-balancing vehicles	Institution of an investigation based on a complaint filed on behalf of Razor USA LLC; Inventist, Inc.; and Shane Chen alleging patent infringement; false advertising and misrepresentation and unfair competition
337-TA-1001	Certain digital video receivers and hardware	Institution of an investigation based on a complaint filed on behalf

Ref. Number	Commodity	Action
	and software components thereof	of Rovi Corporation and Rovi Guides, 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. No	Commodity	Complaint filed on behalf of:
DN 3144	Certain carbon and alloy steel products	United States Steel Corporation
DN 3135	Certain digital video receivers and hardware and software components thereof	Rovi Corporation and Rovi Guides, Inc.
DN 3136	Certain mobile and portable electronic devices incorporating haptics (including smartphones and laptops) and components thereof	Immersion Corporation
DN 3145	Certain composite aerogel insulation materials and methods for manufacturing the same	Aspen Aerogels, Inc.
DN 3147	Certain L-tryptophan, Ltryptophan products, and their methods of production	Immersion Corporation
DN 3148	Certain personal transporters, components thereof, and packaging and manuals therefor	Segway, Inc.; DEKA Products Limited Partnership; and Ninebot (Tianjin) Technology co., Ltd.
DN 3149	Certain inflatable products and processes for making the same	Intex Recreation Corp. and Intex Marketing Ltd.
DN 3150	Certain semiconductor devices, semiconductor device packages, and products containing same	Tessera Technologies, Inc.; Tessera, Inc. and Invensas Corporation

Antidumping, Countervailing Duty and Safeguards Investigations, Orders & Reviews

In order to assist our clients in planning, we are listing antidumping, countervailing duty and safeguards notices published or posted during the past month from the US, Canada, Mexico, the EU, Australia, India, Brazil, and occasionally other countries. (Click on blue text for link to official document.)

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



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

Case No	Merchandise/Country	Action
A-433-812 A-423-812 A-351-847 A-427-828 A-428-844 A-475-834 A-588-875 A-580-887 A-570-047 A-791-822 A-583-858 A-489-828	Certain carbon and alloy steel cut-to-length plate from Austria, Belgium, Brazil, France, Germany, Italy, Japan, S. Korea, China, South Africa, Taiwan, and Turkey	Initiation of LTFV investigations
C-351-848	Certain carbon and alloy steel cut-to-length plate	Initiation of CVD investigations


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

Case No	Merchandise/Country	Action
C-570-048 C-580-888	from Brazil, China, and S. Korea	
A-580-867	Large power transformers from S. Korea	Amended final results of ADD administrative review; 2013-2014
A-560-822 A-557-813 A-570-886 A-583-843 A-549-821 A-552-806 C-552-805	Polyethylene retail carrier bags from Indonesia, Malaysia, China, Taiwan, Thailand, and Vietnam	Continuation of ADD orders and CVD order
C-533-862 C-570-025	Certain polyethylene terephthalate resin from India and China	CVD order (India) and amended final affirmative CVD determination and CVD order (China)
A-122-855 A-533-861 A-523-810 A-570-024	Certain polyethylene terephthalate resin from Canada, China, India, and Oman	Amended final affirmative AD determination (Oman) and ADD orders
C-533-821	Certain hot-rolled carbon steel flat products from India	Implementation of determinations under Section 129 of the Uruguay Round Agreements Act
A-489-815	Light-walled rectangular pipe and tube from Turkey	Final results of ADD administrative review; 2014-2015
A-533-823	Silicomanganese from India	Preliminary results of ADD administrative review; 2014-2015
A-122-853	Citric acid and certain citrate salts from Canada	Final results of ADD administrative review; 2014-2015
A-533-86	Welded stainless pressure pipe from India	Affirmative preliminary determination of sales at LTFV and postponement of final determination
C-552-813	Steel wire garment hangers from Vietnam	Rescission of CVD administrative review; 2015
A-570-893	Certain frozen warmwater shrimp from China	Rescission of ADD administrative review; 2015-2016
A-570-983	Drawn stainless steel sinks from China	Preliminary results of the ADD administrative review and preliminary determination of no shipments; 2014 - 2015
A-570-033	Large residential washers from China	Postponement of preliminary determination of ADD investigation
A-570-932	Certain steel threaded rod from China	Preliminary results and partial rescission of the ADD administrative review; 2014-2015
A-580-809	Circular welded non-alloy steel pipe from S. Korea	Initiation and preliminary results of ADD changed circumstances review
A-821-811	Solid fertilizer grade ammonium nitrate from the Russian Federation	Preliminary results of ADD administrative review; preliminary determination of no shipments; 2014- 2015
C-570-968	Aluminum extrusions from China	Notice of correction to amended final results of CVD administrative review; 2013
A-351-838	Certain frozen warmwater shrimp from Brazil	Rescission of antidumping duty administrative review; 2015 – 2016
A-201-830	Carbon and certain alloy steel wire rod from Mexico	Final results of ADD administrative review; 2013-2014
A-570-888	Floor-standing, metal-top ironing tables and certain parts thereof from China	Notice of court decision not in harmony with final results and notice of amended final results of the ADD administrative review; 2009-2010
A-570-888		Harmony With Final Results and Notice of Amended Final Results of the Antidumping Duty Administrative Review; 2007-2008
C-570-971	Multilayered wood flooring from China	Final results and partial rescission of countervailing duty administrative review; 2013
C-570-030	Certain cold-rolled steel flat products from China	Final affirmative VD determination and final partial affirmative critical circumstances determination
A-588-873	Certain cold-rolled steel flat products from Japan	Final affirmative determination of sales at LTFV and final affirm-


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

Case No	Merchandise/Country	Action
		ative determination of critical circumstances
A-570-029	Certain cold-rolled steel flat products from China	Final affirmative determination of sales at LTFV and final affirmative determination of critical circumstances
A-570-831	Fresh garlic from China	Preliminary intent to rescind the new shipper review of Jinxiang Huameng Imp & Exp Co., Ltd.
A-570-979	Crystalline silicon photovoltaic cells, whether or not assembled into modules from china	Initiation and preliminary results of ADD changed circumstances review
A-552-801	Certain Frozen Fish Fillets From Vietnam	Notice of court decisions not in harmony with final results of administrative review and notice of amended final results of ADD administrative review
A-570-504	Certain petroleum wax candles from China	Continuation of ADD order
A-533-861	Certain polyethylene terephthalate resin from India	Notice of correction to ADD order
A-570-970	Multilayered wood flooring from China	Preliminary rescission of 2014-2015 ADD new shipper reviews


United States International Trade Commission (USITC)

Case No	Merchandise/Country	Action
731-TA-808	Hot-rolled flat-rolled carbon-quality steel products from Russia	(Third Review) Institution of a five-year review
701-TA-531-532 731-TA-1270-1273	Polyethylene terephthalate resin from Canada, China, India, and Oman	(Final) Determinations that an industry in the United States is materially injured by reason of imports that have been found by Commerce to be sold in the United States at LTFV with respect to Canada, China, India, and Oman and have been found by Commerce to be subsidized by the governments of China and India
701-TA-534-538 731-TA-1274-1278	Certain corrosion-resistant steel products from China, India, Italy, Korea, and Taiwan	(Final) Revised hearing schedule
731-TA-1315	Ferrovandium from Korea	(Preliminary) Determination that 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
731-TA-282	Petroleum wax candles from China	(Fourth Review) Determination that revocation of the ADD order would be likely to lead to continuation or recurrence of material injury to an industry in the United States within a reasonably foreseeable time
701-TA-558 731-TA-1316	1-Hydroxyethylidene-1, 1-diphosphonic acid from China	(Preliminary) Determinations that there is a reasonable indication that an industry in the United States is threatened with material injury by reason of imports that are alleged to be sold in the United States at LTFV and are allegedly subsidized by the government of China.
731-TA-298	Porcelain-on-steel cooking ware from China	(Fourth Review) Scheduling of an expedited five-year review
731-TA-1071	Alloy magnesium from China	(Second Review) Scheduling of an expedited five-year review
701-TA-548 731-TA-1298	Welded stainless steel pressure pipe from India	(Final) Scheduling of the final phase of CVD and ADD investigations
701-TA-559-561 731-TA-1317-1328	Certain carbon and alloy steel cut-to-length plate from Austria, Belgium, Brazil, China, France, Germany, Italy, Japan, Korea, South Africa, Taiwan, and Turkey	(Preliminary) Determinations that there is a reasonable indication that 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 and that are alleged to be subsidized by the governments of China and Korea. Determination that allegedly


United States International Trade Commission (USITC)

Case No	Merchandise/Country	Action
		subsidized imports from Brazil are negligible and its CVD investigation with regard to Brazil is thereby terminated


Canadian International Trade Tribunal (CITT)

Ref. Number	Merchandise/Country	Action
NQ-2015-002	Certain carbon and alloy steel line pipe originating in or exported from China	Reasons issued as modified
RR-2015-002	Dumping of certain flat hot-rolled carbon and alloy steel sheet and strip, originating in or exported from Brazil, China, Chinese Taipei, India and Ukraine; Subsidizing of such products originating in or exported from India	Revised notice of expiry review of order
PI-2015-003	Welded large diameter carbon and alloy steel line pipe originating in or exported from China and Japan	Preliminary determination of injury issued


Canada Border Services Agency (CBSA)

Ref. Number	Merchandise/Country	Action
No activity reported		


NAFTA Panels

Ref. Number	Merchandise/Country	Action
No activity reported		


Mexico - Ministry of Economy

Ref. Number	Merchandise/Country	Action
E.C. 03/15	Partially hydrogenated fatty acid, originating in the United States, regardless of country of export	Final resolution of the examination of validity of the AD imposed .
E.C. 04/15	Stearic acid originating in the United States, regardless of country of export	Final resolution of the examination of validity of the AD imposed
E.C. 05/16	Mushrooms of the genus <i>Agaricus</i> originating in China and Chile, regardless of country of export.	Resolution approving the start of the review of ADD imposed
6 May 2016	Synthetic rubber polybutadiene emulsion styrene originating in Brazil, regardless of country of export	Notice elimination of the final ADD imposed.
Rev. 25/15	Cold rolled steel, originating in the Republic of Korea, regardless of country of export	Resolution initiating the review of the commitments made by the exporters declared POSCO and Hyundai Hysco Co. Ltd.
Rev. 19/14	Ether monobutyl ethylene glycol, originating in the United States, regardless of country of export	Final Resolution of the ADD imposed


European Union

Ref. Number	Merchandise/Country	Action
2016/C 167/8	Melamine originating in China	Notice of initiation of an expiry review of the AD measures
(EU) 2016/703	Certain ring binder mechanisms originating in China	Commission Implementing Regulation imposing a definitive ADD on imports following an expiry review
(EU) 2016/704	Citric acid originating in China	Commission Implementing Regulation withdrawing the acceptance of the undertaking for two exporting producers and amending Implementing Decision (EU) 2015/87 accepting the undertakings offered in connection with the AD proceeding
2016/C 172/5	Zeolite A powder originating in exported from Bosnia and Herzegovina	Notice of the expiry of certain anti-dumping measures on 15.05-2016
2016/C 172/6	Certain coated fine paper originating in China	Notice of initiation of an expiry review of the AD measures
2016/C 172/7	Certain coated fine paper originating in China	Notice of initiation of an expiry review of the CV measures
2016/C 172/8	Certain hot-rolled flat products of iron, non-alloy or other alloy steel originating in China	Notice of initiation of an anti-subsidy proceeding
2016/C 180/02	Steel ropes and cables originating in, or exported from, China, Ukraine, Morocco, Moldova and S. Korea	Notice of the impending expiry of certain AD measures 10-02-17
(EU) No 1039/2012	Aluminium radiators originating in China	Corrigendum to Council Implementing Regulation imposing a definitive ADD and collecting definitively the provisional duty imposed on imports of (OJ L 310, 9.11.2012)


Australian Anti-Dumping Commission

Ref. №	Merchandise/Country	Action
2016/49	Aluminium road wheels from China	Findings in relation to an accelerated review of AD measures
2016/50	Grinding balls from China	Addition of tariff classification
2016/51	Various	Status report as at 30 April 2016
2016/52	Hollow structural sections from China, Korea, Malaysia, and Taiwan	Findings in relation to exemption inquiry
2016/53	Deep drawn stainless steel sinks from China	Initiation of a review of anti-dumping measures
2016/54	Resealable can end closures from India, Malaysia, the Philippines and Singapore	Initiation of an investigation into alleged dumping
2016/55	Tomatoes from Italy	Initiation of a review of AD measures


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

Ref. №	Merchandise/Country	Action
MOFCOM 18, 2016	Neoprene originating in Japan, the U.S. and the EU	Filing of expiry review of AD measures
MOFCOM 16, 2016 MOFCOM 14, 2016	Solar-grade polycrystalline silicon originating in the EU	Filing of expiry review of AD measures
MOFCOM 15, 2016	Optical fibers originating in the U.S. and the EU	Filing of expiry review of AD measures
MOFCOM 4, 2016	Polyamide-6 originating in the U.S., the EU, Russia and Taiwan Region	Ruling on expiry review of AD measures – continuation of ADD
GAC № 27, 2016	Unbleached sack kraft paper originating in the US, the EU and Japan	ADD notice – imposition of ADD for five years – method of calculation


Government of India Ministry of Finance (Department of Revenue)

Reference	Merchandise/Country	Action
16/2016-Cus (ADD)	Measuring tapes originating in, or exported from Chinese Taipei, Malaysia, Thailand and Vietnam	Levies definitive ADD on imports for a period of five years.
17/2016-Cus (ADD)	Digital Versatile Discs-Recordable (DVD-R) originating in, or exported from Vietnam and Thailand	Levies definitive ADD on imports for a period of five years.
18/2016-Cus (ADD)	Certain seamless tubes, pipes & hollow profiles of iron, alloy or non-alloy steel (other than cast iron and stainless steel), whether hot finished or cold drawn or cold rolled originating in or exported from China	Levies provisional ADD for a period not exceeding six months
19/2016-Cus (ADD)	Metronidazole originating in, or exported from China	Amends notification No. 40/2012 -Customs (ADD) dated 30-08-12, so as to amend, for the purposes of levy of ADD, the name of the exporter
20/2016-Cus (ADD)	Coumarin of all types, originating in or exported from China	Imposes ADD for a period of five years (unless revoked, superseded or amended earlier).
21/2016-Cus (ADD)	Dichloromethane (methylene chloride) of all types originating in or exported from China or Russia	Imposes ADD for a period of five years (unless revoked, superseded or amended earlier), from the date of imposition of the provisional ADD i.e. from 08-12-15.
22/2016-Cus (ADD)	Methyl acetoacetate, originating in or exported from USA or China	Imposes definitive ADD for a period of five years (unless revoked, superseded or amended earlier).


Brazil Ministry of Development, Industry and Trade

Reference	Merchandise/Country	Action
SECEX Cir. № 24	Iron or steel rods connected or not connected, (category CA- 50) originating in Turkey	Terminate investigation to ascertain the existence of dumping
SECEX Cir. № 25	PET films originating in Bahrain and Peru	Extends the deadline for completion of the dumping practices research
SECEX Cir. № 26	Automotive glass tempered and laminated from China.	Extending the deadline for completion of the dumping investigation [Corrected in the <i>Official Gazette</i> 05.13.2016]
SECEX Cir. № 27	Citric acid, sodium citrate, potassium citrate, calcium citrate and mixtures	Price undertakings by various companies and the closure of the application of price undertaking for other companies
SECEX Cir. № 28	N-butanol originating in South Africa and Russia	Extends the deadline for completion of the dumping practices research
SECEX Cir. № 29	Vinyl ploricloreto resin obtained by suspension process (PVC-S), originating in the USA and Mexico	Sets deadlines that will serve as parameters for remaining AD review
SECEX Cir. № 30	Jute bags originating in India and Bangladesh	Extends deadline for final review

Opportunity to Request Administrative Review

In a May 2, 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 May anniversary dates:

AD/CVD Proceedings - Country/ Merchandise	Case No.	Period
Antidumping Duty Proceedings		
Belgium: Stainless Steel Plate in Coils	A-423-808	5/1/15-4/30/16
Brazil: Iron Construction Castings	A-351-503	5/1/15-4/30/16
Canada: Citric Acid and Citrate Salt	A-122-853	5/1/15-4/30/16
India: Silicomanganese Certain Welded Carbon Steel Standard Pipes and Tubes	A-533-823 A-533-502	5/1/15-4/30/16 5/1/15-4/30/16
Indonesia: Polyethylene Retail Carrier Bags	A-560-822	5/1/15-4/30/16
Japan: Gray Portland Cement and Cement Clinker Diffusion-Annealed Nickel-Plated Flat-Rolled Steel Products	A-588-815 A-588-869	5/1/15-4/30/16 5/1/15-4/30/16
Kazakhstan: Silicomanganese	A-834-807	5/1/15-4/30/16
Republic of Korea: Polyester Staple Fiber	A-580-839	5/1/15-4/30/16
SR of Vietnam: Polyethylene Retail Carrier Bags	A-552-806	5/1/15-4/30/16
South Africa: Stainless Steel Plate in Coils	A-791-805	5/1/15-4/30/16
Taiwan: Polyester Staple Fiber Certain Circular Welded Carbon Steel Pipes and Tubes	A-583-833 A-583-008	5/1/15-4/30/16 5/1/15-4/30/16
Polyethylene Retail Carrier Bags	A-583-843	5/1/15-4/30/16
Stainless Steel Plate in Coils	A-583-830	5/1/15-4/30/16
Stilbenic Optical Brightening Agents	A-583-848	5/1/15-4/30/16
The PR of China: Aluminum Extrusions Circular Welded Carbon Quality Steel Line Pipe	A-570-967 A-570-935	5/1/15-4/30/16 5/1/15-4/30/16
Citric Acid and Citrate Salt	A-570-937	5/1/15-4/30/16
Iron Construction Castings	A-570-502	5/1/15-4/30/16
Oil Country Tubular Goods	A-570-943	5/1/15-4/30/16
Pure Magnesium	A-570-832	5/1/15-4/30/16
Stilbenic Optical Brightening Agents	A-570-972	5/1/15-4/30/16
Turkey: Light-Walled Rectangular Pipe and Tube Circular Welded Carbon Steel Pipes and Tubes	A-489-815 A-489-501	5/1/15-4/30/16 5/1/15-4/30/16
United Arab Emirates: Steel Nails	A-520-804	5/1/15-4/30/16
Venezuela: Silicomanganese	A-307-820	5/1/15-4/30/16
Countervailing Duty Proceedings		
Brazil: Iron Construction Castings	C-351-504	1/1/15-12/31/15
SR of Vietnam: Polyethylene Retail Carrier Bags	C-552-805	1/1/15-12/31/15
South Africa: Stainless Steel Plate in Coils	C-791-806	1/1/15-12/31/15
The PR of China: Aluminum Extrusions Citric Acid and Citrate Salt	C-570-968 C-570-938	1/1/15-12/31/15 1/1/15-12/31/15
Suspension Agreements		
None		

Requested Reviews

In a May 2, 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 March anniversary dates. See actual notices for companies requesting review:

AD/CVD Proceedings - Country/ Merchandise	Case No.	Period
Antidumping Duty Proceedings		

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AD/CVD Proceedings - Country/ Merchandise	Case No.	Period
Spain: Stainless Steel Bar	A-469-805	3/1/15-2/29/16
Thailand: Circular Welded Carbon Steel Pipes and Tubes	A-549-502	3/1/15-2/29/16
The PR of China: Glycine	A-570-836	3/1/15-2/29/16
Countervailing Duty Proceedings		
Turkey: Circular Welded Carbon Steel Pipes and Tubes	C-489-502	1/1/15-12/31/15
Suspension Agreements		
None		

Initiation of Sunset Reviews

In a May 2, 2016, *Federal Register* [notice](#), the US Department of Commerce advised that it was automatically initiating a five-year (“Sunset”) review of the anti-dumping and countervailing duty orders listed below.

AD/CVD DOC Case No.	ITC Case No.	Country	Merchandise
A-821-809	731-TA-808	Russia	Certain Hot-Rolled Carbon Steel Flat Products (3rd Review).

Advance Notification of Sunset Reviews

In a May 2, 2016, *Federal Register* [notice](#), the US Department of Commerce advised that the following cases were scheduled for five-year (“Sunset”) reviews for June.

AD/CVD Proceedings - Merchandise/Country	Case No.
Antidumping Duty Proceedings	
Cased Pencils from China	A-570-827 (4 th Review)
Paper Clips from China	A-570-826 (4 th Review)
Granular Polytetrafluoroethylene Resin from Italy	A-475-703 (4 th Review)
Countervailing Duty Proceedings	
None	
Suspension Agreements	
None	

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