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

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

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

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

### Webinar Dates and Topics:

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

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

## World Trade Organization (WTO)

### LDCs seek additional time on medical patents and other TRIPS issues

On 24-25 February 2015, the WTO [reported](#) that the least developed countries (LDCs) proposed extending their deadline for protecting and enforcing pharmaceutical patents and clinical data, and delegates exchanged information on their policies for boosting the role of women in innovation, when WTO members met as the intellectual property council on 24–25 February 2015. The report stated:

Least developed countries also benefit from a general extension of the deadline to protect intellectual property and implement other WTO intellectual property obligations, including for pharmaceuticals. This is now 1 July 2021 under a 2013 decision covering all intellectual property. Because the newly-tabled proposal was not on the meeting's agenda, but was mentioned under "other business" the discussion was brief, with a more substantial debate likely at the next meeting in June (details [here](#)).

The Council on Trade-Related Aspects of Intellectual Property Rights (TRIPS) did discuss at some length women and innovation, with members describing the benefits of gender equality for innovation and entrepreneurship — such as producing and marketing products that are more useful — and what they have done to overcome inequality (more [here](#)).

Members repeated their different positions on a number of issues. One is plain packaging for tobacco products — this time triggered by recent moves in Ireland and the UK (details [below](#)). Another is the question of whether "[non-violation](#)" complaints should be allowed for intellectual property (details [here](#)).

They [also repeated their positions](#) on a group of intellectual property issues related to biodiversity, where some called for the [post-Bali work programme](#) for completing the [Doha Round negotiations](#) to include their proposal [to amend the TRIPS Agreement](#) so that patent applicants would have to disclose the source of the genetic resources and related traditional knowledge used in their inventions. And they also continued to differ on whether the Secretariat should update three factual notes summarizing points raised in past discussions, and whether the Secretariat of the UN Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) should brief the council.

## Trade Policy Review: Brunei Darussalem

The third review of the trade policies and practices of Brunei Darussalem took place on 10 and 12 February 2015. The basis for the review was a [report by the WTO Secretariat](#) and a [report by the Government of Brunei Darussalem](#).

### Recent disputes

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

DS. No.	Case Name	Date
<a href="#">DS489</a>	China — Measures Related to Demonstration Bases and common Service Platforms Programmes (Complainant: United States) Request for consultations	11-02-15
<a href="#">DS490</a>	Indonesia — Safeguard on Certain Iron or Steel Products (Complainant: Chinese Taipei) Request for consultations	12-02-15

### DSB activities

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

DS No.	Case Name	Activity	Date
<a href="#">DS454</a> <a href="#">DS460</a>	China--Measures imposing anti-dumping duties on high-performance stainless steel seamless tubes (“HP-SSST”) – (Complainants: Japan, EU)	<a href="#">Panel reports issued</a>	13-02-15
<a href="#">DS487</a>	US — Conditional Tax Incentives for Large Civil Aircraft (Complainant: EU)	<a href="#">Panel established</a>	23-02-15
<a href="#">DS482</a>	Canada — Anti-Dumping Measures on Imports of Certain Carbon Steel Welded Pipe from The Separate Customs Territory of Taiwan, Penghu, Kinmen and Matsu (Complainant: Chinese Taipei)	<a href="#">Panels deferred</a>	
<a href="#">DS483</a>	China — Anti-Dumping Measures on Imports of Cellulose Pulp from Canada (Complainant: Canada)		
<a href="#">DS486</a>	EU — Countervailing Measures on Certain Polyethylene Terephthalate from Pakistan (Complainant: Pakistan)		

## World Customs Organization (WCO)

### Harmonized System Committee Agenda released

On February 11, 2015, U.S. Customs and Border Protection and the U.S. International Trade Commission published in the weekly [Customs Bulletin and Decisions](#) a notice setting forth the dates and draft agenda for the next session of the Harmonized System Committee (HSC) of the WCO. The next session of the HSC will be the fifty-fifth and it will be held from March 11, 2015 to March 20, 2015.

Article 6 of the International Convention on the Harmonized Commodity Description and Coding System (HS Convention) establishes a Harmonized System Committee (HSC), composed of representatives from each of the contracting par-

ties to the HS Convention. The HSC's responsibilities include issuing classification decisions on the interpretation of the Harmonized System. Those decisions may take the form of published tariff classification opinions concerning the classification of an article under the Harmonized System or amendments to the Explanatory Notes to the Harmonized System. The HSC also considers amendments to the legal text of the Harmonized System. The HSC meets twice a year in Brussels, Belgium.

Set forth in the notice is the draft agenda for the next session of the HSC. Copies of available agenda-item documents may be obtained from either U.S. Customs and Border Protection or the U.S. International Trade Commission, which represent the United States (along with the Census Bureau) at the HSC meetings. Comments on agenda items may be directed to Joan A. Jackson Paralegal Specialist, Tariff Classification and Marking Branch, U.S. Customs and Border Protection (202-325-0010), or Dan Shepherdson, Attorney Advisor, Office of Tariff Affairs and Trade Agreements, U.S. International Trade Commission (202-205-2598).

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

Date	Title
02-02-15	<a href="#">Further cooperation with Germany</a>
	<a href="#">German Dog Training Centre certified as WCO Regional Centre</a>
03-02-15	<a href="#">WCO MENA Heads of Customs regional meeting</a>
04-02-15	<a href="#">WCO Capacity Building support provided to Timor-Leste</a>
	<a href="#">West &amp; Central Africa: Meeting of Experts</a>
05-02-15	<a href="#">WCO Programme Global Shield continues fruitful cooperation with OSCE Border Management Staff College</a>
	<a href="#">First UNODC-WCO Container Control Programme Theoretical Training in Uzbekistan</a>
	<a href="#">Capacity Building in the Field of Customs Valuation Control for the Democratic Republic of the Congo Customs Administration</a>
06-02-15	<a href="#">Renewed commitment of Heads of Customs Administrations of the Asia/Pacific Region to WCO Strategies and Integrity Culture</a>
09-02-15	<a href="#">Lebanese Customs hosts a Risk Management Workshop</a>
	<a href="#">Enhancing connectivity and integration between Arab countries</a>
	<a href="#">ASEAN ARISE Workshop on Authorised Economic Operator (AEO) Programmes</a>
	<a href="#">Viet Nam joins the UNODC-WCO Container Control Programme</a>
11-02-15	<a href="#">Wildlife trafficking: targeting solutions in the transport sector</a>
	<a href="#">WCO-INAMA Project: Workshop on "Controlled Deliveries of Illegally Traded Wildlife Products"</a>
12-02-15	<a href="#">WCO-WTO cooperation at the Working Group on WTO Agreement on Trade Facilitation (TFA)</a>
16-02-15	<a href="#">Sub-Regional Workshop on Post-Clearance Audit (PCA) in Tbilisi, Georgia</a>
18-02-15	<a href="#">8th WCO – AMS / CB Regional Entities Strategic Meeting and 6th Annual WCO Regional Donor Meeting for the Americas and Caribbean</a>
	<a href="#">ESA Region, WCO and Finland Focus on Future</a>
	<a href="#">The WCO and the ECOWAS Commission commit to strengthen their institutional partnership</a>
19-02-15	<a href="#">WCO Asia Pacific Regional Workshop on Intelligence Management</a>
	<a href="#">WCO and Turkic Council reinforce cooperation through signing of a Memorandum of Understanding</a>
20-02-15	<a href="#">WCO and Agadir Technical Unit reinforce cooperation through signing of a Memorandum of Understanding</a>
	<a href="#">WCO Accreditation Workshop for Technical Operational Advisers on Combating Counterfeiting and Piracy (A/P Region)</a>
23-02-15	<a href="#">Dominican Republic inaugurated its new Customs Laboratory</a>
	<a href="#">WCO Leadership and Management Development Workshop in Seychelles</a>

## Other International Matters

### EUROPOL

#### Europol announces record seizures of counterfeit and sub-standard food and drink in Interpol-Europol operation

On 16 February 2015, Europol (the European Union's law enforcement agency) announced that more than 2500 tonnes of fake and sub-standard food (including mozzarella, strawberries, eggs, cooking oil and dried fruit) and drink have been seized in 47 countries around the world as part of an INTERPOL-Europol coordinated operation called Operation Opson IV. The operation involved police, customs, national food regulatory bodies and partners from the private sector, checks were carried out at shops, markets, airports, seaports and industrial estates.

Italian officials seized 31 tonnes of seafood being sold as fresh but which had been frozen before being doused with a chemical substance containing citric acid, phosphate and hydrogen peroxide to make the catch appear freshly caught. In South Sudan an unlicensed water bottling plant was shut down, and Egyptian authorities seized 35 tonnes of fake butter and dismantled a factory producing fake tea.

Of the nearly 275,000 litres of drinks recovered across all regions, counterfeit alcohol was among the most seized product, including in the UK, where a plant making fake brand-name vodka was raided. Officers discovered more than 20,000 empty bottles ready for filling, hundreds of empty five-litre antifreeze containers which had been used to make the counterfeit alcohol, as well as a reverse osmosis unit used to remove the chemical's colour and smell.

In Uganda, police seized bottles of fake whisky, and in Rwanda officers raided a shop selling fake beer where genuine bottles which had been previously collected were re-filled for sale with a locally brewed product.

An illegal slaughterhouse was shut down in Hungary, where officials also seized cars which had been modified to incorporate hidden compartments to smuggle fake alcohol. An investigation is ongoing in Norway following the seizure of counterfeit water bottles. The US Food and Drugs Administration focused efforts on dietary supplements sent by mail with inspections at Los Angeles Airport resulting in the seizure of illicit substances.

Some 85 tonnes of meat illegally imported into Thailand without testing to ensure they complied with health and safety regulations were destroyed, and police also dismantled a criminal network producing fake whisky and seized nearly 20,000 litres of the counterfeit alcohol.

Authorities in Colombia, Ecuador, Paraguay, Peru and Uruguay focused their efforts at border control points. In addition to attempting to evade paying duties, goods are often transported, packaged or stored in conditions which may pose health risks to consumers.

Operation Opson IV resulted in a number of arrests across the globe and investigations are continuing. Among the aims of the operation is to identify and disrupt the organized crime networks behind the trafficking in fake goods; enhance cooperation between the involved law enforcement and regulatory authorities; and to raise public awareness of the dangers posed by fake and sub-standard food and drink.

Countries which took part in Operation Opson IV: Austria, Belgium, Benin, Belarus, Botswana, Bulgaria, Burundi, Colombia, Côte d'Ivoire, Croatia, Czech Republic, Denmark, Ecuador, Egypt, Eritrea, Estonia, Finland, France, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Kenya, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, The Netherlands, Norway, Paraguay, Peru, Philippines, Portugal, Romania, Rwanda, South Korea, South Sudan, Spain, Sudan, Sweden, Tanzania, Thailand, Turkey, Uganda, Uruguay, United Kingdom, USA and Vietnam.

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## [Operation Opson IV - Case Stories](#)

### CITES Notification to Parties

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

Date	Title
03-02-15	2015/007 <a href="#">Celebration of World Wildlife Day 2015 – 2015 theme: Wildlife crime is serious</a>
24-02-15	2015/008 <a href="#">Registration of operations that breed Appendix-I animal species in captivity for commercial purposes</a>
	2015/009 <a href="#">Registration of operations that breed Appendix-I animal species in captivity for commercial purposes</a>
25-02-15	2015/010 <a href="#">Changes in staff of the Secretariat</a>

## The Americas - Central America

### Costa Rica

#### Customs Resolutions

Date	Series and №	Subject
16-02-15	<a href="#">RES-DGA-213-2014</a>	<a href="#">Modifications to the Tariff Schedule</a>
19-02-15	<a href="#">DGT-022-2014</a>	<a href="#">Free trade zone processing industry requirements</a>
25-02-15	<a href="#">Decree N° 38817-COMEX-MEIC-MAG</a>	<a href="#">Central American Technical Regulation RTCA 65.05.62.11 Botanical pesticides for agricultural use. Requirements for Registration</a>
26-02-15	Draft law	<a href="#">"Adoption of the Protocol for the Suppression of the Illicit Trade in Tobacco Goods"</a>

### El Salvador

#### Documents

Date	Series and №	Subject
13-02-15	<a href="#">003-2015 DGA Annex I</a>	Tariff preferences for merchandise from Costa Rica Elimination of certain requisites

### Nicaragua

#### Documents

Date	Series and №	Subject
09-02-15	<a href="#">CT 019-2015</a>	<a href="#">Modifications to Centroamerican Tariff System – version applicable to Nicaragua</a>
19-02-15	<a href="#">CT 021-2015</a>	<a href="#">Modifications to Centroamerican Tariff System – version applicable to Nicaragua Res. № 357-2014 (COMIECO-LXX)</a>
	<a href="#">CT 022-2015</a>	<a href="#">Modification of Customs Declaration Form provided by Traveler CT117-2013</a>

#### Nicaraguan Classification Resolutions (Customs Rulings)

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

the common Central American tariff known as [Sistema Arancelario Centroamericano](#).

## Panama

### Official Gazette

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

Publication Date	Title
03-02-15	Ministry of Health: <a href="#">Provisions for marketing products containing listed pharmaceutical ingredients Resolution № 645 through 647 (30 December) and 008 through 010 (23 and 26 January)</a>
09-02-15	National Customs Authority (NCA): Resolution No. 042 From January 30, 2015 <a href="#">Establishing the Internal Procedure for the Exercise of the Functions of Supervision, Vigilance and Control, Monitoring, Shipments of Valuable Merchandise Consigned to Free Zones of Diamonds, or Any Other Free Zone or Storage Place that Manages Valuable Merchandise or Shipments of Rough Diamonds Entering or Leaving the Country, and Other Provisions:</a>
	NCA: Resolution No. 419 of January 15, 2015 <a href="#">Amending Resolution No. 230 of 29 September 2011 and Other Provisions Concerning the Valuation of Goods</a>

## The Americas - North America

### Canada

#### Canada announces new Ukraine related Russian sanctions

On February 17, 2015, in response to the escalating violence in the Ukraine, Prime Minister Harper announced new sanctions against 37 Russian and Ukrainian individuals and 17 Russian and Ukrainian entities. The unofficial versions of the [Regulations Amending the Special Economic Measures \(Russia\) Regulations](#) (SOR/2015-39) and [Regulations Amending the Special Economic Measures \(Ukraine\) Regulations](#) (SOR/2015-40), were posted on the Foreign Affairs, Trade and Development Canada (DFATD) website and will be published in the *Canada Gazette* at a later date..

#### Miscellaneous laws, regulations and proposals

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

Publication Date	Title
02-07-15	Transport: <a href="#">Proposed Regulations Amending the Motor Vehicle Safety Regulations (Standards 207, 208, 209, 301.1, 301.2, 1106, 1201 and 1202) pursuant to the Motor Vehicle Safety Act</a> (PR)
02-11-15	Attorney General: <a href="#">Foreign Extraterritorial Measures Act, makes the annexed Certain Foreign Extraterritorial Measures (United States) Order, 2014 (SOR/2015-12, January 20, 2015) pursuant to the Foreign Extraterritorial Measures Act</a>
	Health: <a href="#">Hazardous Products Regulations (SOR/2015-17, January 30, 2015) pursuant to the Hazardous Products Act</a>

Publication Date	Title
	<p>Transport: <a href="#">Regulations Amending the Motor Vehicle Safety Regulations (Interpretation and Standards 108 and 131)</a> (SOR/2015-23, January 30, 2015) pursuant to the <a href="#">Motor Vehicle Safety Act</a></p> <p>Transport: <a href="#">Regulations Amending the Motor Vehicle Safety Regulations (Interpretation and Standards 101, 105, 122 and 135)</a> (SOR/2015-24, January 30, 2015) pursuant to the <a href="#">Motor Vehicle Safety Act</a></p> <p>Environment: <a href="#">Regulations Amending the New Substances Notification Regulations (Chemicals and Polymers) and the Export of Substances on the Export Control List Regulations</a> (SOR/2015-19, January 30, 2015) pursuant to the <a href="#">Canadian Environmental Protection Act, 1999</a></p>
02-14-15	<p>Environment: <a href="#">Notice of intent to amend the Domestic Substances List under subsection 112(3) of the Canadian Environmental Protection Act, 1999</a></p> <p>Environment: <a href="#">Significant New Activity Notice No. 15024 Rescinding Significant New Activity Notice (Section 85 of the Canadian Environmental Protection Act, 1999)</a></p> <p>Health/Environment: <a href="#">Publication of final decision after screening assessment of a living organism — Pseudomonas fluorescens ATCC11 13525 (P. fluorescens) — specified on the Domestic Substances List (subsection 77(6) of the Canadian Environmental Protection Act, 1999)</a></p> <p>Health/Environment: <a href="#">Publication of final decision after screening assessment of living organisms — Nitrococcus sp. strain 16972-7121 and Nitrosococcus sp. strain 16971-6 — specified on the Domestic Substances List (subsection 77(6) of the Canadian Environmental Protection Act, 1999)</a></p>
02-17-15	<p><a href="#">Tackling Contraband Tobacco Act</a> (Chap 23) [Bill C-10] (L)</p> <p><a href="#">An Act to Amend the Food and Drugs Act (Protecting Canadians From Unsafe Drugs Act (Vanessa's Law))</a> (Chap 24) [Bill C-17] (L)</p> <p><a href="#">Prohibiting Cluster Munitions Act</a> (Chap 27) [Bill C-6] (L)</p> <p><a href="#">Canada-Korea Economic Growth and Prosperity Act</a> (Chap 28) [Bill C-41] (L)</p> <p><a href="#">Combating Counterfeit Products Act</a> (Chap 32) [Bill C-8] (L)</p>
02-21-15	<p>Environment/Health: <a href="#">Publication of final decision after screening assessment of a substance — Ethanamine, 2-[4-[(1Z)-1,2-diphenyl-1-butenyl]phenoxy]-N,N-dimethyl- (tamoxifen), CAS RN 10540-29-1 — specified on the Domestic Substances List (subsection 77(6) of the Canadian Environmental Protection Act, 1999)</a></p> <p>Environment/Health: <a href="#">Publication of final decision after screening assessment of a substance — Fuel Oil, No. 2, CAS RN 68476-30-2 — specified on the Domestic Substances List (subsection 77(6) of the Canadian Environmental Protection Act, 1999)</a></p> <p>Environment/Health: <a href="#">Publication of final decision after screening assessment of a substance — Furo[3',4':6,7]naphtho[2,3-d]-1,3-dioxol-6(5aH)-one, 9-[[4,6-O-(1R)-ethylidene-β-D-glucopyranosyl]oxy]-5,8,8a,9-tetrahydro-5-(4-hydroxy-3,5-dimethoxyphenyl)-, (5R,5aR,8aR,9S)- (etoposide), CAS RN 33419-42-0 — specified on the Domestic Substances List (paragraphs 68(b) and (c) of the Canadian Environmental Protection Act, 1999)</a></p> <p>Environment/Health: <a href="#">Publication of final decision after screening assessment of a substance — 5,12-Naphthacenedione, 10-[(3-amino-2,3,6-trideoxy-α-L-lyxohexopyranosyl)oxy]-7,8,9,10-tetrahydro-6,8,11-trihydroxy-8-(hydroxyacetyl)-1-methoxy-, (8S-cis)- (doxorubicin), CAS RN 23214-92-8 — specified on the Domestic Substances List (paragraphs 68(b) and (c) of the Canadian Environmental Protection Act, 1999)</a></p> <p>Environment/Health: <a href="#">Continued Publication of final decision after screening assessment of two substances — Cyclosporin A, CAS RN 59865-13-3, and Cyclosporin E, CAS RN 63798-73-2 — specified on the Domestic Substances List (subsection 77(6) of the Canadian Environmental Protection Act, 1999)</a></p> <p>Environment/Health: <a href="#">Publication of final decision after screening assessment of 23 substances specified on the Domestic Substances List (paragraphs 68(b) and (c) of the Canadian Environmental Protection Act, 1999)</a></p>
02-28-15	<p>Environment: <a href="#">Waiver of information requirements for living organisms (subsec-</a></p>

Publication Date	Title
	<a href="#">tion 106(9) of the Canadian Environmental Protection Act, 1999)</a>
	Environment: <a href="#">Waiver of information requirements for substances (subsection 81(9) of the Canadian Environmental Protection Act, 1999)</a>
	Environment/Health: <a href="#">Publication after screening assessment of 275 substances specified on the Domestic Substances List (paragraphs 68(b) and (c) or subsection 77(1) of the Canadian Environmental Protection Act, 1999)</a>
	Environment/Health: <a href="#">Publication after screening assessment of 612 substances specified on the Domestic Substances List (paragraphs 68(b) and (c) or subsection 77(1) of the Canadian Environmental Protection Act, 1999)</a>

## Restrictive measures

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

Publication Date	Title
02-17-15	<a href="#">Regulations Amending the Special Economic Measures (Ukraine) Regulations (SOR/2015-40) (unofficial version) pursuant to the Special Economic Measures Act</a>
	<a href="#">Regulations Amending the Special Economic Measures (Russia) Regulations (SOR/2015-39) (unofficial version) pursuant to the Special Economic Measures Act</a>
02-25-15	Finance: <a href="#">Regulations Amending the Special Import Measures Regulations (SOR/2015-27, February 6, 2015) pursuant to the Special Import Measures Act</a>
	Finance: <a href="#">Regulations Amending the Special Import Measures Regulations (SOR/2015-33, February 6, 2015) pursuant to the Special Import Measures Act</a>

## D-Memoranda and CNs revised or cancelled

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

Date	Reference	Action	Title
02-04-15	<a href="#">CN 15-003</a>		Highway Sufferance Warehouse Closure (Kitchener, Ontario)
02-12-15	<a href="#">D8-1-7</a>	Revised	Use of A.T.A. Carnets and Canada/Chinese Taipei Carnets for the Temporary Admission of Goods
02-24-15	<a href="#">D2-5-3</a>	Revised	Travellers Requiring Mobility Assistance at Canadian International Airports
02-25-15	<a href="#">D2-5-1</a>	Revised	Charter Access to Airports
	<a href="#">D2-5-5</a>	Revised	Progressive Clearance at Airports
	<a href="#">D2-5-6</a>	Revised	Aircrew Reporting
02-26-15	<a href="#">D2-5-12</a>	New	Telephone Reporting for General Aviation and Marine Pleasure Craft

## Antidumping and countervailing duty cases

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

### Mexico

#### Measures imposed with respect to the importation of goods of the footwear and textile and apparel industries

On August 27 and December 3, 2014, the Mexican government announced that it would impose certain measures to promote the footwear and the textile and apparel industries. The announcement resulted in the implementation of several restrictive measures relating to the importation of these goods, as well as measures to avoid undervaluation practices.

These measures were established between August 2014 and January 2015. On August 29, 2014, the [Decree that Sets Measures for the Productivity, Competitiveness and Prevention of Undervaluation Practices in the Footwear Industry](#) was published in the *Diario Oficial de la Federacion* (the *Federal Official Gazette*) and on December 26, 2014 a [similar decree](#) was published for the Textile and Apparel Industry.

For your reference, below please find a brief summary on the implementation of such measures, as well as the dates when they became effective:

#### Specific Sectors of the Importer Registry.

By means of the amendments to Annex 10 to the *Foreign Trade General Rules for 2014* (the FTGR), importers of goods classified in Chapters 50 to 64 of the Tariff Schedule of the *Mexican General Import and Export Duties Law* (TIGIE) have the obligation of registering in the Specific Sectors of the Importer Registry.

- *Footwear*: Publication: [September 1, 2014](#); Effective date: October 1st, 2014
- *Textile and Apparel*: Publication: [December 26, 2014](#); Effective date: March 1, 2015\*

On January 5th, 2015 the Tax Administration Service published on its website [Bulletin P001](#) by means of which it clarified that registration in the Textile and Apparel Sector could be requested as of January 1st, 2015 and that such registration would be mandatory as of February 1st, 2015. \*On January 30, 2015 the [Seventh Resolution of Amendments to the FTGR](#) was published. By means of this publication, the enforcement date of such obligation was extended to March 1st, 2015.

#### Estimated Prices

By means of several amendments to Annexes 3 and 4 of the Resolution that sets the mechanism to guarantee the payment of taxes on goods subject to estimated prices set by the Ministry of Finance and Public Credit, estimated prices were set to most of the goods classified in Chapters 50 to 64 of the TIGIE.

As a result of the above, those who import goods at values lower than the estimated prices published by the Ministry of Finance and Public Credit must deposit in a customs account, the difference between the duties and antidumping duties paid and the ones that would have been paid if applying the estimated prices.

- *Footwear*: Publication: [September 5, 2014](#); Effective date: October 1st, 2014
- *Textile and Apparel*: Publication: [December 29, 2014](#) amended on [January 30, 2015](#); Effective date: February 12, 2015

### Advance “Notices” of Importations

In order to implement the Decree on the Textile and Apparel industry, the Ministry of Economy issued [rules](#) on February 5, 2015 establishing a monitoring system which will be administered through an electronic automatic import permit that requires advance information at the tariff level.

The Automatic Import Permits must be requested only when goods are imported on a definitive basis and the unit price of the goods is lower than the estimated price published by the Ministry of Finance and Public Credit.

Once the application for the Automatic Import Permit is filed, the system immediately issues a code which becomes effective 5 days after its issuance and must be declared in the corresponding import pedimento.

At the time of requesting the Automatic Import Permit, the applicant must file information and documents related to the nature, characteristics and value of the goods.

- *Footwear*: Publication: [January 8](#) and [February 5, 2015](#); Effective date: January 19, 2015
- *Textile and Apparel*: Publication: [February 5, 2015](#); Effective date: As of March 2 the Digital Window will be enabled for receiving the corresponding applications. The Automatic Import Permit will be mandatory 5 days after the Digital Window is enabled for this purpose.

### Splitting of Tariff Items to 10 Digits

Currently, the Tax Administration Service along with the Ministry of Economy and the Confederation of Customs Brokers Associations of Mexico (CAAAREM) are implementing a project for the addition of two digits to the tariff items for goods of the Footwear and Textile and Apparel Sectors. The splitting criteria can be found in the publications corresponding to Estimated Prices and Automatic Import Permits.

### Duty Phase-out Suspension

By means of the *Decree which establishes measures for the productivity, competitiveness and challenging of undervaluation practices for the footwear sector* published on August 29, 2014 and a similar one corresponding to the textile and apparel sector published on December 26, 2014, the *Decree that Modifies the Tariff of the General Import and Export Duties Law* was amended in order for the date of the duty phaseout of goods of the Footwear, Textile and Apparel Sector to become effective January 31, 2019.

- *Footwear*: Publication: [August 29, 2014](#); Effective date: August 30, 2014
- *Textile and Apparel*: Publication: [December 26, 2014](#); Effective date: December 27, 2014

## Exclusive Customhouses

In the case of the Footwear Sector, such goods can only be imported through the following customhouses:

- Mexico City International Airport;
- Ciudad Hidalgo;
- Lázaro Cárdenas;
- Manzanillo;
- México;
- Guadalajara;
- Nuevo Laredo;
- Tijuana; and,
- Veracruz.

*Footwear:* Publication: [September 1, 2014](#); Effective date: October 1, 2014

## Continuous Audit Programs

Finally, it is important to mention that the corresponding authorities announced the implementation of continuous audit programs related to the importation of goods of the Footwear and Textile and Apparel Industries.

For additional information regarding the implementation of the abovementioned measures, please do not hesitate to contact [Adriana Ibarra-Fernández](#), [Armando De Lille](#) or [José Hoyos-Robles](#) who wrote the [Client Alert](#) on this subject..

## 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
02-05-15	Economy: <a href="#">Acuerdo amending the Acuerdo issued by the Secretary of the Economy that promulgates the rules and criteria of a general nature in Foreign Trade</a>
02-06-15	Economy: <a href="#">Acuerdo – prior permission to export sugar [establishes a national mechanism for export to the United States, without the imposition of US compensatory duties]</a>
02-11-15	Economy: <a href="#">Notice announcing the amount of the maximum quota to export sugar to the United States</a>
02-24-15	Hacienda: <a href="#">Eighth Resolution amending the general rules on foreign trade for 2014 and its annexes 22 and 31</a>
02-25-15	Economy: <a href="#">Proposed Official Mexican Standard NOM-194-SCFI-2014 devices essential new-vehicle safety specifications</a>

## Antidumping and countervailing duty cases

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

## United States

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

### Presidential documents

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

Date	Subject
02-06-15	<a href="#">Notice of February 4, 2015 - Continuation of the National Emergency With Respect to the Situation in or in Relation to Côte d'Ivoire</a>
02-25-15	<a href="#">Presidential Determination No. 2015-04 of February 20, 2015 Determination and Waiver Pursuant to Section 1209 of the Carl Levin and Howard P. "Buck" McKeon National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2015 Regarding the Provision of Assistance to Appropriately Vetted Elements of the Syrian Opposition</a>
02-25-15	<a href="#">Notice of February 25, 2015 – Continuation of the National Emergency With Respect to Cuba and of the Emergency Authority Relating to the Regulation of the Anchorage and Movement of Vessels</a>

### President continues the national emergency with relating to Cuba and the anchorage and movement of vessels

On February 27, 2015, the *Federal Register* published [Presidential Notice of February 25, 2015 – Continuation of the National Emergency with Respect to Cuba and of the Emergency Authority Relating to the Regulation of the Anchorage and Movement of Vessels](#). The Notice continues the national emergency with respect to Cuba and the emergency authority relating to the regulation of the anchorage and movement of vessels set out in Proclamation 6867 (March 1, 1996) as amended by Proclamation 7757 (February 26, 2004), which was declared to address the disturbance or threatened disturbance of international relations caused by the February 24, 1996, destruction by the Cuban government of two unarmed U.S.-registered civilian aircraft in international airspace north of Cuba. Proclamation 7757, extended the national emergency and expanded its scope to deny monetary and material support to the Cuban government. The notice states that the Cuban government has not demonstrated that it will refrain from the use of excessive force against U.S. vessels or aircraft that may engage in memorial activities or peaceful protest north of Cuba. In addition, the unauthorized entry of any U.S.-registered vessel into Cuban territorial waters continues to be detrimental to the foreign policy of the United States.

### President continues national emergency with respect to Côte d'Ivoire

On February 6, 2015, the *Federal Register* published Presidential [Notice of February 4, 2015 - Continuation of the National Emergency with Respect to the Situation in or in Relation to Côte d'Ivoire](#). The national emergency was first declared on February 7, 2006, in Executive Order (EO) 13396 pursuant to the *International Emergency Economic Powers Act* (50 U.S.C. 1701–1706) to deal with the unusual and extraordinary threat to the national security and foreign policy of the United States constituted by the situation in or in relation to Côte d'Ivoire. EO 13396 ordered measures blocking the property of certain persons contributing to the con-

flict in Côte d'Ivoire which has resulted in the massacre of large numbers of civilians, widespread human rights abuses, significant political violence and unrest, and fatal attacks against international peacekeeping forces. While the Government of Côte d'Ivoire and its people continue to make progress toward peace and prosperity, the situation in or in relation to Côte d'Ivoire continues to pose an unusual and extraordinary threat to the national security and foreign policy of the United States and so the national emergency is being extended for an additional year.

### Canada, US announce agreement on new Windsor-Detroit crossing

On February 18, 2015, the [Department of Homeland Security \(DHS\)](#) and [Transport Canada](#) announced that the United States, Canada, and the State of Michigan concluded and signed an arrangement regarding the staffing and operation of the U.S. customs plaza at the proposed New International Trade Crossing (NITC) linking Detroit, Michigan and Windsor, Ontario. This arrangement results from several months of productive discussions among the U.S. Department of State, U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP), the U.S. General Services Administration (GSA), the State of Michigan, the Windsor-Detroit Bridge Authority (WDBA), and Transport Canada. Under the terms of the arrangement, the U.S. customs plaza will be procured as part of the NITC public-private partnership (PPP) that will finance, design, construct, operate and maintain the rest of the project. The costs of the NITC project will be repaid from future toll revenues.

### State proposes to extent import restrictions on Italian archaeological material

On February 18, 2015, the State Department published in the *Federal Register* a [notice](#) [Public Notice 9039] proposing to extend the *Memorandum of Understanding Between the Government of United States of America and the Government of the Republic of Italy Concerning the Imposition of Import Restrictions on Categories of Archaeological Material Representing the Pre-Classical, Classical, and Imperial Roman Periods of Italy* (MOU) because The Government of the Republic of Italy has informed the Government of the United States of America of its interest in an extension of the MOU. Pursuant to 19 U.S.C. 2602(f)(2), the views and recommendations of the Cultural Property Advisory Committee regarding this proposal will be requested. A copy of the MOU, the Designated List of restricted categories of material, and related information can be found at the State Department [Cultural Heritage web site](#).

### USITC invites comments on Earned Import Allowance Program

On February 24, 2015, the United States International Trade Commission (USITC) published in the *Federal Register* a [notice of opportunity to provide written comments](#) in connection with the USITC's sixth annual review evaluating the effectiveness of Earned Import Allowance Program (EIAP) for certain apparel from the Dominican Republic. The EIAP authorizes certain apparel articles wholly assembled in the Dominican Republic to enter the United States free of duty if accompanied by a certificate that shows evidence of the purchase of certain U.S. fabric. More specifically, the program allows producers (in the Dominican Republic) that purchase a certain quantity of qualifying U.S. fabric to produce certain cotton bottoms in the Dominican Republic to receive a credit that can be used to ship a certain quantity of eligible apparel using third country fabrics from the Dominican Republic to the United States free of duty.

The USITC has announced its schedule, including deadlines for filing written submissions, in connection with the preparation of its sixth annual review in investigation No. 332–503, *Earned Import Allowance Program: Evaluation of the Effectiveness of the Program for Certain Apparel from the Dominican Republic, Sixth Annual Review*. See the notice for deadline dates.

## USITC proposes recommendations, seeks comments on HTS 2017

On February 18, 2015, the U.S. International Trade Commission (USITC) published in the *Federal Register* a [notice of proposed recommendations and solicitation of public comments](#) relating to modifications in the *Harmonized Tariff Schedule* to conform with amendments to the Harmonized System recommended by the World Customs Organization. Its recommendations have been posted on [its website](#).

On August 20, 2014, the USITC instituted Investigation No. 1205–11, *Recommended Modifications in the Harmonized Tariff Schedule to Conform with Amendments to the Harmonized System Recommended by the World Customs Organization, and to Address Other Matters*, pursuant to section 1205 of the *Omnibus Trade and Competitiveness Act of 1988* (the Trade Act of 1988) (19 U.S.C. 3005), for purposes of recommending to the President possible modifications in the *Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States* (HTS) (79 FR. 50943, Aug. 26, 2014).

The modifications under consideration concern: (1) The World Customs Organization's (WCO) [Recommendation of June 27, 2014](#) that Contracting Parties to the *International Convention on the Harmonized Commodity Description and Coding System* (Convention) modify their tariff schedules to conform with amendments to the Harmonized System expected to enter into force on January 1, 2017; and (2) whether one of the two HTS subheadings that apply to taro (also known as dasheen) should be deleted, and whether the HTS nomenclature for corned beef should be provided for under a superior subheading for cured meat of bovine animals.

Interested Federal agencies and the public are invited to submit written comments on the “proposed recommendations” by April 20, 2015. The USITC will transmit its report to the President on July 31, 2015.

## USITC proposes changes in its Rules of Practice and Procedure

On February 6, 2015, the USITC published in the *Federal Register* a [notice of proposed rulemaking](#) to amend provisions of its Rules of Practice and Procedure concerning the Freedom of Information Act, the Privacy Act, the Government in the Sunshine Act, certain investigations, and trade remedy assistance. The proposed amendments are part of the agency's retrospective analysis of its Rules that attempts to determine whether rules should be modified, streamlined, expanded, or repealed so as to make the agency's regulatory program more effective or less burdensome in achieving regulatory objectives. The USITC requests public comment both on the proposed amendments and on its rules in general. To be assured of consideration, written comments must be received by 5:15 p.m. on April 7, 2015.

## USITC institutes investigation of Cuban imports of goods and services and effects of U.S. restrictions

On February 4, 2015, the USITC published in the *Federal Register* a [notice](#) stating that following receipt on December 17, 2014, of a request from the Senate Committee on Finance (Committee) under section 332(g) of the *Tariff Act of 1930* (19 U.S.C. 1332(g)), the USITC instituted investigation No. 332-552, *Overview of Cuban Imports of Goods and Services and Effects of U.S. Restrictions*.

The notice states that the USITC will conduct an investigation and provide a report that provides an overview of recent and current trends in Cuban imports of goods and services, including from the United States, and an analysis of U.S. restrictions affecting such purchases, including restrictions on U.S. citizen travel to Cuba. The Committee asked that the report, to the extent possible, include the following:

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

The deadlines for submissions and requests to appear at a hearing as well the hearing schedule may be found in the notice. The USITC will transmit its report to the Committee on September 15, 2015.

## USITC investigations

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

Investigation. No. and title	Requested by:
<a href="#">Inv. No. 1205-11 Proposed Recommendations Relating to Recommended Modifications in the Harmonized Tariff Schedule to Conform with Amendments to the Harmonized System Recommended by the World Customs Organization, and to Address Other Matters – Notice of proposed recommendations and solicitation of comments</a>	
<a href="#">Inv. No. 332-552, Overview of Cuban Imports of Goods and Services and Effects of U.S. Restrictions (I/H)</a>	Sen. Finance
<a href="#">Inv. 332-503 Earned Import Allowance Program: Evaluation of the Effectiveness of the Program for Certain Apparel from the Dominican Republic, Sixth Annual Review</a> (RFC)	Statutory
<a href="#">Inv. 332-550 Trade and Investment Policies in India, 2014–2015</a> (H/Rescheduling)	

## CBP eases some insular possessions documentation requirements

On February 11, 2015, U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) published in the *Federal Register* a [final rule](#) [USCBP-2014-0001; CBP Dec. 15-04] that

amends the CBP regulations to eliminate the requirement that a customs official at the port of export verify and sign CBP Form 3229, *Certificate of Origin for U.S. Insular Possessions*, and to require only that the importer present this form, upon CBP's request, rather than with each entry as is currently required. The importer is still required to maintain CBP Form 3229 in its possession or may be subject to the assessment of a recordkeeping penalty if it cannot be produced. The new rule is effective March 13, 2015.

## CBP issues interim regulations implementing the US-Australia FTA

On February 10, 2015, U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) published in the *Federal Register* [interim regulations](#) [USCBP–2015–0007: CBP Dec. 15–03] that would amend the CBP regulations on an interim basis to implement the preferential tariff treatment and other customs-related provisions of the *United States-Australia Free Trade Agreement* (AFTA) entered into by the United States and the Commonwealth of Australia. CBP is soliciting comments on the interim regulations. Comments must be received by April 13, 2015.

On May 18, 2004, the United States and Australia (the “Parties”) signed the AFTA. On August 3, 2004, the President signed into law the *United States-Australia Free Trade Agreement Implementation Act* (the Act), Pub. L. 108–286, 118 Stat. 919 (19 U.S.C. 3805 note), which approved and made statutory changes to implement the AFTA. Section 207 of the Act requires that regulations be prescribed as necessary to implement the provisions of the AFTA.

On December 20, 2004, the President signed Proclamation 7857 (Proclamation) to implement the AFTA. The Proclamation, which was published in the *Federal Register* on December 23, 2004 (69 Fed. Reg. 77133), modified the *Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States* (HTSUS) as set forth in Annexes I and II of Publication 3722 of the U.S. International Trade Commission. The modifications to the HTSUS included the addition of new General Note 28, incorporating the relevant AFTA rules of origin as set forth in the Act, and the insertion throughout the HTSUS of the preferential duty rates applicable to individual products under the AFTA where the special program indicator “AU” appears in parenthesis in the “Special” rate of duty subcolumn. The modifications to the HTSUS also included a new Subchapter XIII to Chapter 99 to provide for temporary tariff-rate quotas and applicable safeguards implemented by the AFTA, as well as modifications to Subchapter XXII of Chapter 98. After the Proclamation was signed, CBP issued instructions to the field and the public implementing the Agreement by allowing the trade to receive the benefits under the AFTA.

CBP is responsible for administering the provisions of the AFTA and the Act that relate to the importation of goods into the United States from Australia. Those customs-related AFTA provisions which require implementation through regulation include certain tariff and non-tariff provisions within Chapter One (Establishment of a Free Trade Area and Definitions), Chapter Two (National Treatment and Market Access for Goods), Chapter Four (Textiles and Apparel), Chapter Five (Rules of Origin), and Chapter Six (Customs Administration).

The majority of the AFTA implementing regulations set forth in the interim regulations have been included within new Subpart L in Part 10 of the CBP regulations (19 C.F.R. part 10; 19 C.F.R. §10.721-10.748). However, in those cases in which AFTA implementation is more appropriate in the context of an existing regulatory provision, the AFTA regulatory text has been incorporated in an existing Part within the CBP regulations. In addition, this document sets forth several cross references and other consequential changes to existing regulatory provisions to clarify

the relationship between those existing provisions and the new AFTA implementing regulations. The regulatory changes are discussed in the *Federal Register* document in the order in which they appear in that document.

### **CBP modifies NCAP test to permit the combined filing of Cargo Release and Importer Security Filing (ISF) data**

On February 10, 2015, CBP published in the *Federal Register* a general notice that announces CBP's plan to modify the National Customs Automation Program (NCAP) test concerning Cargo Release in the Automated Commercial Environment (ACE) by modifying the name of one data element and allowing certain authorized importers and licensed customs brokers to submit the ACE Cargo Release entry and the Importer Security Filing (ISF) in a combined transmission to CBP.

The ACE Cargo Release Test modifications set forth in this document are effective on February 10, 2015. The ACE Cargo Release Test will run until approximately November 1, 2015.

### **CBP modifies NCAP test for EPA data submitted through ACE**

On February 4, 2015, CBP published in the *Federal Register* a [general notice](#) that announces CBP's plan to modify the NCAP test concerning the transmission of electronic filings through ACE, known as the Partner Government Agency (PGA) Message Set test. This modification expands the use of the ACE PGA Message Set to transmit Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Notice of Arrival of Pesticides and Devices (NOA) import data in the ocean and rail modes of transportation. PGA Message Set data may be submitted only for certain entries filed at certain ports.

This modified test is in furtherance of key CBP International Trade Data System (ITDS) initiatives as provided in the *Security and Accountability For Every Port Act (SAFE) of 2006* to achieve the vision of ACE as the single window for the Government and trade community by automating and enhancing the interaction between international trade partners, CBP, and PGAs by facilitating electronic collection, processing, sharing, and review of trade data and documents required by Federal agencies during the cargo import and export process. The initiatives will significantly increase efficiency and reduce costs over the manual, paper-based interactions that have been in place. The PGA Message Set will improve communication between agencies and filers regarding imports and when applicable, will allow test participants to submit the required data once rather than submitting data separately to each agency, resulting in quicker processing. During this test, participants will collaborate with CBP and EPA to examine the effectiveness of the single window capability.

The notice invites public comment concerning the test program, provides legal authority for the test, explains the purpose of the test and test participant responsibilities, identifies the regulations that will be waived under the test, provides eligibility and selection criteria for participation in the test, provides a link to a list of ports that are accepting PGA Message Set data under the test, explains the application process, and determines the duration of the test. The document also explains the repercussions and appeals process for misconduct under the test.

The modified PGA Message Set test will commence no earlier than April 15, 2015, and will continue until concluded by way of announcement in the *Federal Register*. Comments will be accepted through the duration of the test.

## Miscellaneous CBP Federal Register documents

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

F.R. Date	Subject
02-03-15	<a href="#">Agency Information Collection Activities: Crew Member's Declaration</a> (N) [CBP Form 5129]
	<a href="#">Agency Information Collection Activities: Crew's Effects Declaration</a> (N) [CBP Form 1304]
02-11-15	<a href="#">Accreditation and Approval of Coastal Gulf and International, Inc., as a Commercial Gauger and Laboratory</a> [Luling, LA] (N)
02-18-15	<a href="#">Agency Information Collection Activities: Application to Use the Automated Commercial Environment (ACE)</a>
	<a href="#">Accreditation and Approval of Intertek USA, Inc., as a Commercial Gauger and Laboratory</a> [Corpus Christi, TX]
	<a href="#">Accreditation and Approval of Intertek USA, Inc., as a Commercial Gauger and Laboratory</a> [Harvey, LA]
	<a href="#">Accreditation and Approval of SGS North America, Inc., as a Commercial Gauger and Laboratory</a> [Newport News, VA]
02-26-15	<a href="#">Accreditation and Approval of Inspectorate America Corporation, as a Commercial Gauger and Laboratory</a> [Savannah, GA ] (N)

## CBP posts procedures for importing merchandise from Cuba

U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) recently [posted](#) requirements for authorized imports under the Cuban Assets Control Regulations (CACR). The requirements are reproduced below:

**Importing Commercial Goods from Cuba:** Commercial imports authorized under [§ 515.582 of the Cuban Assets Control Regulations \(CACR\)](#), *Importation of Certain Goods and Services Produced by Independent Cuban Entrepreneurs*, must comply with all current CBP and other U.S. Government agency requirements. For the import of commercial goods, such as for retail sale in the United States, CBP generally requires a customs informal entry for goods valued under \$2,500, and a formal entry for goods exceeding \$2,500. Under the *2015 Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTSUS)*, Cuba is a Column 2 country, and is therefore subject to specific duty rates.

**Importing Goods for Personal Use from Cuba:** 31 C.F.R. § 515.582 authorizes importations of goods produced by independent Cuban entrepreneurs, as set forth on the [State Department's Section 515.582 List](#) without a limitation on the value of the goods. However, these goods are still subject to the applicable provisions of the HTSUS. Imports by private individuals authorized under § 515.582 of the CACR are allowed an \$800 exemption from customs duties in accordance with the HTSUS, if the goods are for personal use. The first \$1,000 above that \$800 will be assessed duty at rate of 4%, pursuant to the HTSUS. The \$800 exemption and the application of the 4% duty rate for the first \$1,000 above the \$800 exemption will be multiplied by the number of qualified family members traveling. So, for example, a qualified family of three would be eligible for a \$2,400 exemption from duty, and the \$3,000 above that would receive a 4% duty rate. Please be aware that CBP may deem goods accompanying passengers in excess of these values as a commercial shipment and treat them according to the commercial procedures in the above paragraph.

**Imports by authorized travelers of goods other than those authorized 31 C.F.R. § 515.582 are subject to the following:** For goods other than those authorized by 31 C.F.R. § 515.582, as described above, the CACR imposes specific limitations on the value of goods that may be imported. The value of merchandise purchased or otherwise acquired in Cuba that is imported as accompanied baggage under § 515.560 of the CACR cannot exceed \$400 per person, of which no more than \$100 of the merchandise may consist of alcohol or tobacco products (or a combination thereof), and

provided that the merchandise is imported for personal use only. The importation of Cuban origin information and informational materials is exempt from the prohibitions of the CACR, as described in 31 C.F.R. § 515.206.

Concerning the \$100 of alcohol or tobacco products limit, travelers must comply with all applicable laws and regulations. This includes the HTSUS limitations on personal exemptions and rates of duty extended to nonresidents and returning residents on quantity and value restrictions to alcohol and tobacco products. Imports of alcohol and tobacco quantities over the limits listed below and up to \$100 will be assessed the 4% flat rate pursuant to the HTSUS. Alcohol and tobacco over the \$100 limitation will be detained or seized, depending on the mitigating circumstances.

#### HTSUS Duty Free Exemptions for Alcohol and Tobacco:

**Not Returning Resident:** Articles imported by or for the account of any person arriving in the United States who is not a returning resident thereof:

9804.00.25 Not over 50 cigars, or 200 cigarettes, or 2 kilograms of smoking tobacco or a proportionate amount of each, and not over 1 liter of alcoholic beverages, when brought in by an adult nonresident for his own consumption.

9804.00.30 Not exceeding \$100 in value of articles (not including alcoholic beverages and cigarettes but including not more than 100 cigars) accompanying such person to be disposed of by him as bona fide gifts, if such person has not claimed an exemption under this subheading (9804.00.30) within the 6 months immediately preceding his arrival and he intends to remain in the United States for not less than 72 hours.

9804.00.40 Not exceeding \$200 in value of articles (including not more than 4 liters of alcoholic beverages) accompanying such a person who is in transit to a place outside United States customs territory and who will take the articles with him to such place.

**Returning Resident:** Articles imported by or for the account of any person arriving in the United States who is a returning resident, has attained the age of 21, after having remained beyond the United States for a period of not less than 48 hours, for his or her personal or household use, but not imported for the account of any other person nor intended for sale, if declared in accordance with regulations of the Secretary of the Treasury and if such person has not claimed, an exemption under subheadings 9804.00.65, 9804.00.70 and 9804.00.72 within 30 days preceding his arrival, and claims exemption under only one of such items on his arrival:

9804.00.80 Articles (including not over 50 cigars, or 300 cigarettes, or 2 kilograms of smoking tobacco or a proportionate amount of each, and not over 1 liter of alcoholic beverages), reasonable and appropriate, and intended exclusively, for the bona fide personal use of, and (except for articles consumed in use) to be taken out of the United States by, any person arriving in the United States who is leaving a vessel, vehicle or aircraft, engaged in international traffic, on which he or she is employed, with the intention of resuming such employment.

## CBP clarifies use of single transaction eBonds

On February 20, 2015, CBP issued [CSMS #15-000113, Clarification on Electronic Single Transaction Bond usage in ACE eBond](#). The CSMS states:

It has come to CBP's attention that there is confusion around the proper usage of electronic Single Transaction Bonds (STBs) in the eBond environment when used to secure Cargo Release. Electronic STB submitted through eBond for purposes of securing Cargo Release (Activity Type 1 bonds) should only be used when filing ACE Cargo Release. This includes ACE Entry Summary Certified for ACE Cargo Release. If Cargo Release is filed in ACS, use of electronic STBs in eBond is NOT allowed, including ACE Entry Summaries Certified for ACS Cargo Release. Processing for these circumstances should take place according to current procedures used at the ports. Filers should work with their surety to determine what type of STB is appropriate for their filing situation.

If a STB is submitted to eBond for a circumstance where a paper STB is required, the electronic STB should be voided and a bond should be issued for that transaction in

## Revocations or modifications of CBP rulings

[See separate section below.](#)

## CSMS messages

The following CBP Cargo Systems Messaging Service (CSMS) notices were issued during the period covered by this Update:

Date	CSMS#	Title
02-02-15	<a href="#">15-000068</a>	Updated ACE Development and Deployment Schedule Available on CBP.gov/ACE
	<a href="#">15-000069</a>	Local Closure RI MA
02-03-15	<a href="#">15-000070</a>	Three ACE ABI CATAIR items posted to CBP.gov
	<a href="#">15-000071</a>	Draft ACE CATAIR Chapter Posted on CBP.GOV
	<a href="#">15-000072</a>	Scheduled Weekly ACE Certification Outage for Wednesday, February 4, 2015
	<a href="#">15-000073</a>	Local Closure - Toledo Oh, 4105
	<a href="#">15-000074</a>	ACE Air Manifest Clarification of CSMS 15-000006
	<a href="#">15-000075</a>	January 2015 ACE Monthly Trade Update
	<a href="#">15-000076</a>	January 2015 ACE Monthly Trade Update
02-04-15	<a href="#">15-000077</a>	ACE Certification Environment Now Available!
02-06-15	<a href="#">15-000078</a>	Reminder: ACE Trade User Satisfaction Survey Now Available
	<a href="#">15-000079</a>	FDA System Issues February 6, 2015
	<a href="#">15-000080</a>	Weekly ACE Production Outage beginning Saturday February 7, 2015
	<a href="#">15-000081</a>	Port Of New Orleans Closure- February 17, 2015
	<a href="#">15-000082</a>	FDA System Issues February 6, 2015 Resolved
02-09-15	<a href="#">15-000083</a>	Reminder – Enhancements Forthcoming to Current ACE ESAR Transactions
	<a href="#">15-000084</a>	ACE ABI CATAIR “Download All” Files Now Available on CBP.GOV
	<a href="#">15-000085</a>	Local Closure (Snowday) Port of Boston, February 9, 2015
02-10-15	<a href="#">15-000086</a>	Delays in ISF Processing Resolved
	<a href="#">15-000087</a>	Scheduled Weekly ACE Certification Outage for Wednesday 2/11/2015
02-11-15	<a href="#">15-000088</a>	Reminder & Draft Agenda: March 3-4 Software Developer Session
	<a href="#">15-000089</a>	Reminder & Draft Agenda: March 3-4 Software Developer Session
	<a href="#">15-000090</a>	ACE Certification Environment Now Available!
	<a href="#">15-000091</a>	Reminder – Correct Use of the AD/CVD Special Value Fields
02-12-15	<a href="#">15-000092</a>	Reminder - Mexican Sugar Export License
02-13-15	<a href="#">15-000093</a>	Weekly ACE Production Outage beginning 2/14/2015
02-15-15	<a href="#">15-000094</a>	Update - Weekly ACE Production Outage beginning 2/14/2015
	<a href="#">15-000095</a>	ACE Certification Environment Now Available!
	<a href="#">15-000096</a>	ACE Production Environment Now Available!
02-17-15	<a href="#">15-000097</a>	Local closure - Port of Baltimore February 17, 2015
	<a href="#">15-000098</a>	Local Closure for the Port of Norfolk-Newport News, VA for February 17, 2015
	<a href="#">15-000099</a>	Scheduled Weekly ACE Certification Outage for Wednesday, February 18, 2015
	<a href="#">15-000100</a>	Local Closure for the Port of Richmond, VA for February 17, 2015
	<a href="#">15-000101</a>	ACE Certification Environment Now Available!
02-18-15	<a href="#">15-000102</a>	ACH Application Email Address Not working
	<a href="#">15-000103</a>	U.S. Department of Commerce Scope Ruling on Wooden Bedroom Furniture Chests

Date	CSMS#	Title
	<a href="#">15-000104</a>	ACE Outreach Conference - Pharr, Texas – February 19, 2015
	<a href="#">15-000105</a>	ACE Outreach Conference - Pharr, Texas – February 19, 2015
	<a href="#">15-000106</a>	Conferencia de ACE - Pharr, Texas - 19 de febrero 2015
	<a href="#">15-000107</a>	Conferencia de ACE - Pharr, Texas - 19 de febrero 2015
	<a href="#">15-000108</a>	NAFTA Certificate of Origin Enhancements and Use of Expired Certifications
02-19-15	<a href="#">15-000109</a>	ACE Certification Outage for Friday, 2/20/
	<a href="#">15-000110</a>	ACE Certification Environment Now Available!
	<a href="#">15-000111</a>	ACE ABI CATAIR Documents Now Posted to CBP.GOV
	<a href="#">15-000112</a>	ACE ABI CATAIR Draft Document Posted to CBP.GOV
	<a href="#">15-000113</a>	Clarification on Electronic Single Transaction Bond usage in ACE eBond
02-20-15	<a href="#">15-000114</a>	ACH Application Email Address Working
	<a href="#">15-000115</a>	FDA System Maintenance February 20, 2015 7:00PM to February 21, 2015 12:00PM
	<a href="#">15-000116</a>	Weekly ACE Production Outage beginning 02/21/2015
	<a href="#">15-000117</a>	Further guidance on reporting Mexican sugar export license information
02-21-15	<a href="#">15-000118</a>	Connection Issue Today, Saturday, 2/21/2015
02-23-15	<a href="#">15-000119</a>	Port of Dallas-Fort Worth, Texas, closed on Monday, February 23, 2015
	<a href="#">15-000120</a>	Upcoming ACE Air Import Manifest Webinar March 5, 2015
	<a href="#">15-000121</a>	Harmonized System Update (HSU) 1501 Created On February 3, 2015
02-24-15	<a href="#">15-000122</a>	Port of Dallas-Fort Worth, Texas, closed on Tuesday, February 24, 2015
	<a href="#">15-000123</a>	Scheduled Weekly ACE Certification Outage Wednesday February 25, 2015
	<a href="#">15-000124</a>	Correction: Upcoming ACE Air Import Manifest Webinar – March 5, 2015
	<a href="#">15-000125</a>	ACE Certification Environment Now Available!
02-25-15	<a href="#">15-000126</a>	Importer Security Filing Reports
	<a href="#">15-000127</a>	Boston Trade Day - May 6, 2015
	<a href="#">15-000128</a>	FDA's ITACS Document Repository Maintenance starting at 9 p.m. EDT 02/26/15
	<a href="#">15-000129</a>	Important - Event Status Update: 2015 ACE Software Developer Session March 3rd and 4th
02-26-15	<a href="#">15-000130</a>	Local Closure for the Ports of Norfolk-Newport News and Richmond for February 26, 2015
	<a href="#">15-000131</a>	Local Closure - Port Of Chattanooga, TN on February 26, 2015
	<a href="#">15-000132</a>	Problems with FDA's ITACS System
	<a href="#">15-000133</a>	ITACS Public Status Modification
	<a href="#">15-000134</a>	ACE Outreach Event, Portland, Oregon, March 10, 2015
	<a href="#">15-000135</a>	Weekly ACE Production Outage beginning February 28, 2015
02-27-15	<a href="#">15-000136</a>	Event Cancellation: 2015 ACE Software Developer Session Postponed Until Further Notice.

## DOE revises regulations governing assistance to foreign atomic energy activities including export and re-export rules

On February 23, 2015, the Department of Energy (DOE) published in the *Federal Register* a [final rule](#) revising 10 C.F.R. part 810. This the first comprehensive updating of regulations concerning Assistance to Foreign Atomic Energy Activities since 1986, reflecting a need to make the regulations consistent with current global civil nuclear trade practices and nonproliferation norms, and to update the activities and technologies subject to the Secretary of Energy's specific authorization and DOE reporting requirements. This rule also identifies destinations with

respect to which most assistance would be generally authorized and destinations that would require a specific authorization by the Secretary of Energy.

10 C.F.R. part 810 implements section 57b.(2) of the *Atomic Energy Act of 1954* (AEA), as amended by section 302 of the *Nuclear Nonproliferation Act of 1978* (NNPA). Part 810 controls the export of unclassified nuclear technology and assistance. It enables peaceful nuclear trade by helping to assure that nuclear technologies exported from the United States will not be used for non-peaceful purposes. Part 810 controls the export of nuclear technology and assistance by identifying activities that can be “generally authorized” by the Secretary, thereby requiring no further authorization under part 810. It also controls those activities that require “specific authorization” by the Secretary. Part 810 also delineates the process for applying for specific authorization from the Secretary and identifies the reporting requirements for activities subject to part 810.

While some revisions to part 810 were made in 1993 and 2000, part 810 has not been comprehensively updated since 1986. Since then, the global civil nuclear market has expanded, particularly in China, the Middle East, and Eastern Europe, with vendors from France, Japan, the Republic of Korea, Russia, and Canada emerging to serve customers in these markets. DOE believes the regulation should be updated to ensure that the part 810 nuclear export controls remain effective and efficient as the commercial nuclear market continues to expand. This means carefully determining which destinations and activities can be generally authorized and which will require a specific authorization, and assuring that the determinations are consistent with U.S. national security, diplomatic, and trade policy. The rule is effective March 25, 2015.

## Determination by State relating to Iran Sanctions

On February 26, 2015, the Department of State published in the *Federal Register* a [notice](#) [Public Notice 9046] informing the public that the Secretary of State determined on February 19, 2015, pursuant to Section 1245(d)(4)(D) of the *National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2012* (NDAA), (Pub. L. 112–81), as amended, that as of February 19, 2015, each of the following countries: Belgium, the Czech Republic, France, Germany, Greece, Italy, the Netherlands, Poland, Spain, Sri Lanka, and the United Kingdom have significantly reduced their crude oil purchases from Iran, or have maintained their crude oil purchases from Iran at zero, over the preceding 180-day period.

## State waives CBW proliferation sanctions against certain Chinese entities

On February 24, 2015, the U.S. Department of State published in the *Federal Register* a [notice](#) [Public Notice 9044] advising that a determination has been made, pursuant to Section 81(e) of the *Arms Export Control Act* and Section 11C(e) of the *Export Administration Act of 1979*, as amended, to waive nonproliferation sanctions originally imposed under these Acts on May 21, 1997 (62 Fed. Reg. 28304) on the following Chinese entities and their successors: Nanjing Chemical Industries Group (NCI); and Jiangsu Yongli Chemical Engineering and Technology Import/Export Company.

## State Department posts list of Cuban goods and services eligible for importation into the US

On Friday, February 13, 2015, the U.S. State Department [published](#) on its website the “[Section 515.582 List](#),” which describes the Cuban goods and services

eligible for importation into the United States. This announcement is the latest component of the U.S. Government's recent relaxation of the comprehensive US embargo of Cuba, which we described in our recent blog [post](#). The State Department also published a [Fact Sheet with FAQs](#) about the Section 515.582 List.

Under [Section 515.582](#) of the *Cuban Assets Control Regulations* (CACR), persons subject to U.S. jurisdiction are authorized to engage in all transactions (including payments) necessary to import certain goods and services produced by independent Cuban entrepreneurs, as determined by the State Department. The Section 515.582 List published by the State Department provides the current list of eligible and excluded Cuba goods and services. Independent Cuban entrepreneurs (e.g., self-employed individuals; private small businesses; private cooperatives) from which certain goods and services may be imported must (i) be independent of Cuba's state sector and (ii) provide documentary evidence that demonstrates their independent status (e.g., license to be self-employed issued by the Cuban Government; evidence that a private entity is not owned or controlled by the Cuban Government).

All services from independent Cuban entrepreneurs are eligible for importation into the United States. All goods, except for those contained in certain sections/chapters of the U.S. Harmonized Tariff Schedule (HTS) identified on the Section 515.582 List, are eligible for importation in the United States.

- Eligible goods are those in the following HTS sections/chapters: Section VI (Chapters 33-34, 37); Sections VII to X (all Chapters); Section XI (Chapters 50, 53-63); Sections XII to XIV (all Chapters); Section XV (Chapters 82-83); Section XVIII (all Chapters); and Sections XX to XXII (all Chapters).
- Excluded goods are those in the following HTS sections/chapters: Sections I to V (all Chapters); Section VI (Chapters 28-32, 35-36, 38); Section XI (Chapters 51-52); Section XV (Chapters 72-81); Sections XVI and XVII (all Chapters); and Section XIX (all Chapters).

Importation of eligible goods into the United States may be subject to applicable duties, taxes, and fees. *[Note that column 2 rates apply to merchandise originating in Cuba.]*

This latest US Government action authorizes persons subject to U.S. jurisdiction to import eligible Cuban goods or services *into the United States*. This new authorization does *not* extend to imports by persons subject to U.S. jurisdiction, such as non-U.S. entities owned or controlled by U.S. companies, of Cuban goods or services into other countries.

For additional information, please contact Alexandre Lamy (Washington), Eunkyung Kim Shin (Chicago) or any member of our Outbound practice with whom you have been working, or for HTS matters, Christopher Lucas (Washington) or any member of our inbound (Customs) practice. Check [www.bakermckenzie.com/sanctionsnews/](http://www.bakermckenzie.com/sanctionsnews/) for updates.

## Census clarifies use of EEI

On February 9, 2015, the Bureau of Census published in the *Federal Register* a [final rule](#) [Docket Number: 140626542-4999-02] amending the *Foreign Trade Regulations* (FTR) to reflect changes related to the implementation of the International Trade Data System (ITDS) and subsequent changes to access the Electronic Export Information (EEI). The ITDS was established to eliminate redundant information requirements, efficiently regulate the flow of commerce, and to effectively enforce laws and regulations relating to international trade by establishing a single portal system for the collection and distribution of standard electronic import and export data required by all participating federal agencies. The Automated

Export System (AES), which is a part of the Automated Commercial Environment (ACE), will include export information collected under other federal agencies' authority, which is subject to those agencies' disclosure mandates. This rule clarifies the confidentiality provisions of the EEI and facilitates the legitimate sharing of export data consistent with the goals for the ITDS. On August 22, 2014, the Census Bureau published this rule on an interim final basis. The Census Bureau is finalizing this rule without change.

### **OFAC adopts SSR amendments for software, hardware, services incident to personal communications**

On February 18, 2015, the Office of Foreign Assets Control (OFAC) published in the *Federal Register* a [final rule](#) amending the *Sudanese Sanctions Regulations* (SSR; 31 C.F.R. Part 538) by adding a general license pertaining to certain software, hardware, and services incident to personal communications. Transactions otherwise prohibited under the SSR but found to be consistent with U.S. policy may be authorized by one of the general licenses contained in subpart E of the SSR or by a specific license issued pursuant to the procedures described in subpart E of 31 C.F.R. part 501. OFAC also is making other technical and conforming changes OFAC is also making other technical and conforming changes.

In consultation with the Departments of State and Commerce, OFAC is expanding the scope of 31 C.F.R. 538.533 consistent with the U.S. Government's commitment to the advancement of the free flow of information and to facilitate communications by the Sudanese people, including during a national dialogue, and consistent with the Iran GL D-1 model. In view of its shared jurisdiction over certain export licensing authority with respect to Sudan, OFAC is issuing this amendment in coordination with the Department of Commerce, Bureau of Industry and Security (BIS). BIS concurrently is amending the EAR to, inter alia, revise the general licensing policy of denial to one of case-by-case licensing for exports and reexports to Sudan of telecommunications equipment and associated computers, software, and technology for civil end use, and to revise License Exception Consumer Communications Devices (CCD), which previously applied only to consumer communications devices to Cuba, to authorize exports and reexports of such devices to Sudan. OFAC.

### **BIS revises Sudan license exceptions for CCDs and civil telecoms-related items**

On February 18, 2015, the Bureau of Industry and Security (BIS) published in the *Federal Register* a [final rule](#) [Docket No. 140812661-4661-01] that amends the *Export Administration Regulations* (EAR) to revise the general licensing policy of denial to one of case-by-case licensing for exports and reexports to Sudan of telecommunications equipment and associated computers, software, and technology for civil end use, including items useful for the development of civil telecommunications network infrastructure. It also revises License Exception Consumer Communications Devices (CCD), which previously applied only to consumer communications devices to Cuba, to authorize exports and reexports of such devices to Sudan. Additionally, it makes minor technical changes to the list of items that are eligible for both Sudan and Cuba under the license exception. This rule also makes changes to License Exception Temporary Imports, Exports, Reexports and Transfers (in-country) (TMP) in light of the changes to License Exception CCD. Finally, it removes a license requirement for reexports to Sudan of certain telecommunications software. BIS is making these changes consistent with the U.S. Government's commitment to the advancement of the free flow of information to, from, and within Sudan, including during a national dialogue.

## BIS updates statements of EAR legal authorities

On February 18, 2015, the Bureau of Industry and Security (BIS) published in the *Federal Register* a [final rule](#) [Docket No. 150123073–5073–01] that updates the Code of Federal Regulations (C.F.R.) legal authority paragraphs in the *Export Administration Regulations* (EAR) to cite the Presidential Notice of January 21, 2015, 80 Fed. Reg. 3461 (January 22, 2015), which is the most recent notice continuing the national emergency established by Executive Order 12947 of January 23, 1995 – *Prohibiting Transactions With Respect to Terrorists Who Threaten To Disrupt the Middle East Peace Process*, an emergency declared pursuant to the *International Emergency Economic Powers Act*. This is a procedural rule that only updates authority paragraphs of the EAR. It does not alter any right, obligation or prohibition that applies to any person under the EAR.

## BIS revises Entity List

On February 18, 2015, the Bureau of Industry and Security (BIS) published in the *Federal Register* a [final rule](#) [Docket No. 141230999–4999–01] that amends the *Export Administration Regulations* (EAR) by adding eleven persons to the Entity List. The eleven persons who are added to the Entity List have been determined by the U.S. Government to be acting contrary to the national security or foreign policy interests of the United States. These eleven persons will be listed on the Entity List under the destinations of People’s Republic of China (China), Pakistan, and United Arab Emirates (U.A.E.).

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

## BIS issues foreign availability determination on anisotropic plasma dry etching equipment

On February 9, 2015, the Bureau of Industry and Security (BIS) published in the *Federal Register* a [notice](#) of foreign availability determination [Docket No. 150127079-5079-01] announcing that the Under Secretary for Industry and Security has determined that foreign availability exists for anisotropic plasma dry etching equipment controlled for national security reasons under Export Control Classification Number (ECCN) 3B001.c on the Commerce Control List. This foreign availability determination is in response to a submission from the Semiconductor Equipment and Materials International (SEMI) industry association which asserts that anisotropic plasma dry etch equipment of comparable quality to that subject to control under ECCN 3B001.c is available-in-fact from China in sufficient quantities to render the U.S. export control of the equipment ineffective.. After investigation, BIS has provided a proposal to the Department of State to submit to the *Wassenaar Arrangement on Export Controls for Conventional Arms and Dual-Use Goods and Technologies* to remove the 3.B.1.c control from the Arrangement’s Dual-Use List. This determination was made pursuant to Section 5(f) of the Export Administration Act of 1979, as amended, and Part 768 of the EAR.

## 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
02-03-15	OFAC: <a href="#">Additional Designations, Foreign Narcotics Kingpin Designation Act (N)</a>
02-05-15	OFAC: <a href="#">Unblocking of Specially Designated Nationals and Blocked Persons Pursuant to the Foreign Narcotics Kingpin Designation Act (N)</a>
	OFAC: <a href="#">Unblocking of Specially Designated Nationals and Blocked Persons Pursuant to Executive Order 12978 (N)</a>
02-06-15	OFAC: <a href="#">Designation of Individuals and Entities Pursuant to Executive Order 13660 (N)</a> [17 individuals, 7 entities]
02-18-15	BIS: <a href="#">Addition of Certain Persons to the Entity List; and Removal of Person from the Entity List Based on a Removal Request</a> [Docket No. 141230999-4999-01] (FR) [Adds 11 persons, removes 1]

### 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
02-02-15	FTC: <a href="#">Rules, Regulations, Statements of General Policy or Interpretation and Exemptions Under the Fair Packaging and Labeling Act (PR)</a>
02-03-15	CPSC: <a href="#">Substantial Product Hazard List: Extension Cords</a> [CPSC Docket No. CPSC-2015-0003] (PR)
	FTC: <a href="#">Regulatory Review Schedule (N)</a>

### TTB post FAQs about Cider on its website

The Alcohol and Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau (TTB) recently posted at [TTB.gov](http://TTB.gov) a set of [frequently asked questions \(FAQs\) about cider](#). These questions address topics that include: What qualifies as cider; How to label cider, including cider with added flavors; What tax rates apply to various types of cider; and How to import cider.

### 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
02-11-15	<a href="#">Food and Drug Administration Modernization Act of 1997: Modifications to the List of Recognized Standards, Recognition List Number: 039</a> [Docket No. FDA-2004-N-0451] (N)
02-18-15	<a href="#">Immediately in Effect Guidance Document: Classification and Requirements for Laser Illuminated Projectors; Guidance for Industry and Food and Drug Administration Staff: Availability</a> [Docket No. FDA-2014-D-2245] (N)
02-24-15	<a href="#">Partnership To Develop the Branded Food Products Database for Public Health (R01)</a> [Docket No. FDA-2015-N-0012] (N)
02-25-15	<a href="#">Over-the-Counter Sunscreen Drug Products--Regulatory Status of Ecamsule</a> [Docket No. FDA-2008-N-0474] (Proposed order/RFC)
	<a href="#">Over-the-Counter Sunscreen Drug Products--Regulatory Status of Encacamene</a> [Docket Nos. FDA-2003-N-0196 (formerly 2003N-0233), FDA-1978-N-0018 (formerly 1978N-0038 and 78N-0038), and FDA-1996-N-0006 (formerly 96N-0277)] (Proposed order/RFC)

## Implementation of phase V of revised Lacey Act provisions

On February 6, 2015, the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) published in the *Federal Register* a [notice](#) [Docket No. APHIS–2008–0119] to inform the public of the next phase (phase V) of the Federal Government’s enforcement schedule of the revised *Lacey Act* provisions.

The *Food, Conservation, and Energy Act of 2008* amended the *Lacey Act* to provide, among other things, that importers submit a declaration at the time of importation for certain plants and plant products. Enforcement of the declaration requirement began on April 1, 2009, and products requiring a declaration are being phased-in, as described in two notices APHIS published in the *Federal Register*, the first on February 3, 2009 (74 Fed. Reg. 5911–5913, Docket No. APHIS–2008–0119) and the second on September 2, 2009 (74 Fed. Reg. 45415–45418, Docket No. APHIS–2008–0119).

In its February 2009 notice, APHIS committed to providing affected individuals and industry with at least 6 months’ notice for any products that would be added to the phase-in schedule. The phased-in enforcement schedule began April 1, 2009. The most recent phase (IV) began on April 1, 2010. The enforcement schedule is available on the [APHIS Web site](#). APHIS continues to consider the applicability of the declaration requirement to products not included in the current phase-in schedule and invites public comment on how the declaration requirement should be enforced as to these products. Phase V of the enforcement schedule, which would begin on August 6, 2015, will cover the products listed below.

### *Ch. 44 Headings (Wood & Articles of Wood)*

- 4416003010—new casks, barrels, and parts of wood
- 4416003020—used assembled casks of wood
- 4416003030—used unassembled casks of wood
- 4416006010—new barrel staves of wood
- 4416006020—new barrel hoops of softwood
- 4416006030—new tight barrelheads of wood
- 4416006040—used barrels staves of softwood
- 4416006050—used hoops, tight barrelheads of softwood
- 4416009020—new other casks, barrels, wood
- 4416009040—used other cooper goods, wood

### *Ch. 82 Headings (Tools, Implements, Cutlery, Spoons and Forks, of Base Metal; Parts Thereof of Base Metal)*

- 8211926000—hunting knives with wood handles
- 8215992400—table barbeque forks with wood handles

### *Ch. 94 Headings (Furniture, etc.)*

- 9401612010—upholstered teak chair, household
- 9401612030—upholstered teak chairs, other
- 9401901500—parts of bent-wood seats
- 9403304000—bent-wood office furniture
- 9403404000—bent-wood kitchen furniture

- 9403504000—bent-wood bedroom furniture
- 9403604000—other bent-wood furniture

*Ch. 96 Headings (Miscellaneous Manufactured Articles)*

- 9614002100—rough wood blocks for smoking pipe manufacture

APHIS invites public comment on the products covered under this phase of the plan, as well as on whether any additional Harmonized Tariff Schedule (HTS) chapters should be included in the current phase-in schedule. Should there be additions to phase V, APHIS intends to provide at least 6 months' notice to persons and industries affected by those changes to facilitate compliance with the new requirements. Changes will be announced in the *Federal Register*. APHIS will consider all comments that we receive on or before April 7, 2015.

## APHIS and other USDA notices issued

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

F.R. Date	Subject
02-03-15	APHIS: <a href="#">Notice of Availability of an Evaluation of the Classical Swine Fever, Foot-and-Mouth Disease, Swine Vesicular Disease, and Rinderpest Status of Croatia</a> [Docket No. APHIS-2014-0042] (N)
02-05-15	AMS: <a href="#">National Organic Program</a> [Document Number AMS-NOP-14-0059; NOP-14-06] (Technical amendments)
02-06-15	APHIS: <a href="#">Establishing a Performance Standard for Authorizing the Importation and Interstate Movement of Fruits and Vegetables</a> [Docket No. APHIS-2010-0082] (PR/RO)
	APHIS: <a href="#">Implementation of Revised Lacey Act Provisions</a> [Docket No. APHIS-2008-0119] (N)
02-12-15	AMS: <a href="#">Honey Packers and Importers Research, Promotion, Consumer Education and Industry Information Order; Continuance Referendum</a> [Document Number AMS-FV-14-0097] Referendum Order [for first handlers and importers]
	AMS: <a href="#">Mango Promotion, Research and Information Order; Continuance Referendum</a> [Document Number AMS-FV-14-0086] Referendum Order
02-18-15	APHIS: <a href="#">Mexican Hass Avocado Import Program</a> [Docket No. APHIS-2014-0088] (PR)
02-19-15	AMS: <a href="#">Sorghum Promotion, Research, and Information Program: Referendum</a> [Doc.No. AMS-LPS-14-0044] (N) [for producers and importers]
02-23-15	FSIS: <a href="#">Document Reviews of Foreign Food Regulatory Systems: New Web-based Self-Reporting Tool</a> [Docket No. FSIS-2014-0039] (N)
02-24-15	FSIS: <a href="#">Codex Alimentarius Commission: Meeting of the Codex Committee on Pesticide Residues (CCPR)</a> [Docket No. FSIS-2015-0008] (N/H/RFC)
02-25-15	FSIS: <a href="#">Codex Alimentarius Commission: Codex Committee on General Principles</a> [Docket No. FSIS-2015-0007] (H/RFC)
02-26-15	APHIS: <a href="#">Exportation of Live Animals, Hatching Eggs, and Animal Germplasm From the United States</a> [Docket No. APHIS-2012-0049] (PR)
	APHIS: <a href="#">Cattle Fever Tick; Importation Requirements for Ruminants From Mexico</a> [Docket No. APHIS-2012-0073] (FR)
02-27-15	APHIS: <a href="#">Agricultural Bioterrorism Protection Act of 2002; Biennial Review and Republication of the Select Agent and Toxin List</a> [Docket No. APHIS-2014-0095] (ANPR/RFC)
	APHIS: <a href="#">Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza: Technical Amendment</a> [Docket No. APHIS-2006-0074] (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 - [The Canada-Korea Free Trade Agreement \(CKFTA\)](#)
- China - [China's National Food Safety Standard on Nut and Seed Food](#)
- China - [China's General Hygiene Regulation for Food Production \(GB14881\)](#)
- Costa Rica - [Costa Rica will increase residue testing](#)
- Ethiopia - [Africa Contemplates Establishing Continental Food Safety Body](#)
- Germany – [FAIRS - Narrative](#)
- Honduras – [FAIRS - Certification](#)
- Honduras – [FAIRS - Narrative](#)
- India - [Draft Amendment on Naturally Occurring Toxic Substances](#)
- India - [Draft Veterinary Certificate for Pork and Pork Products](#)
- India - [FSSAI Guidelines for Export or Re-export of Imported Food Items](#)
- Jordan – [FAIRS - Certification](#)
- Korea - [2015 Korea's Adjustment and Quota Tariffs Schedule](#)
- Kyrgyzstan - [Draft Law on Veterinary Medicine Notified to WTO](#)
- Lithuania – [FAIRS - Certification](#)
- Lithuania – [FAIRS - Narrative](#)
- Mexico - [Mexico Announced Guidelines for Sugar Export Licenses](#)
- Mexico - [Mexico Announces Maximum Sugar Export Quota to the United States](#)
- Poland - [Amendment to the Act on Genetically Engineered Organisms](#)
- Russia - [Eurasian Conformity Mark for Food Products](#)
- Taiwan - [New GE Regulatory Oversight and Changes to GE Labeling Proposal](#)
- Turkey - [Control Document Requirements for Bovine Ovine and Caprine](#)
- Turkey – [FAIRS - Narrative](#)
- Ukraine - [Controls Applied to Imported Food Products](#)
- Ukraine - [Ukraine Imposed Additional 5-10 Percent Duties on Import](#)
- Vietnam - [MOIT releases list of import and exports subject to MOIT regulation](#)

## Other 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
02-02-15	Environmental Protection Agency (EPA): <a href="#">Significant New Use Rules on Cer-</a>

F.R. Date	Subject
	<a href="#">tain Chemical Substances</a> [EPA-HQ-OPPT-2014-0714; FRL-9919-68] (FR)
02-04-15	Energy: <a href="#">Energy Conservation Program: Test Procedures for Fluorescent Lamp Ballasts</a> [Docket No. EERE-2009-BT-TP-0016] (FR)
	Energy: <a href="#">Energy Conservation Program: Energy Conservation Standards for High-Intensity Discharge Lamps</a> [Docket No. EERE-2010-BT-STD-0043] (RO)
	Energy: <a href="#">Energy Conservation Program: Test Procedures for Dehumidifiers</a> [Docket No. EERE-2014-BT-TP-0010] (Supp. PR)
	Energy: <a href="#">Energy Conservation Program for Certain Industrial Equipment: Energy Conservation Standards for Commercial Warm Air Furnaces</a> [Docket Number EERE-2013-BT-STD-0021] (PR/H)
	EPA: <a href="#">Difenoconazole; Pesticide Tolerances</a> [EPA-HQ-OPP-2013-0151; FRL-9920-98] (FR)
	EPA: <a href="#">Flutriafol; Pesticide Tolerances</a> [EPA-HQ-OPP-2014-0482; FRL-9922-06] (FR)
	EPA: <a href="#">Poly(oxy-1,2-ethanediyl), α-(3-carboxy-1-oxosulfo-propyl)-ω-hydroxy-, (C<sub>10</sub>-C<sub>16</sub>) - alkyl ethers, disodium salts; Exemption from the Requirement of a Tolerance</a> [EPA-HQ-OPP-2014-0514; FRL-9920-44] (FR)
	EPA: <a href="#">Pesticide Product Registration; Receipt of Applications for New Active Ingredients</a> [EPA-HQ-OPP-2015-0021; FRL-9921-97] (N)
	EPA: <a href="#">Pesticide Product Registration; Receipt of Applications for New Uses</a> [EPA-HQ-OPP-2015-0022; FRL-9921-98] (N)
02-05-15	EPA: <a href="#">Pesticide Emergency Exemptions; Agency Decisions and State and Federal Agency Crisis Declarations</a> [EPA-HQ-OPP-2014-0335; FRL-9921-86] (N)
02-09-15	Energy: <a href="#">Energy Conservation Program for Consumer Products: Energy Conservation Standards for Hearth Products</a> [Docket Number EERE-2014-BT-STD-0036] (PR)
02-10-15	National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA): <a href="#">Listing Endangered or Threatened Species; Amendment to the Endangered Species Act Listing of the Southern Resident Killer Whale Distinct Population Segment</a> [Docket No. 130321272-5109-03] (FR)
02-11-15	Energy: <a href="#">Energy Conservation Program: Energy Efficiency Standards for Manufactured Housing</a> [Docket Number EERE-2009-BT-BC-0021] (RFI)
	Energy: <a href="#">Energy Efficiency Program for Residential Products: Energy Conservation Standards for Miscellaneous Refrigeration Products</a> [Docket No. EERE-2011-BT-STD-0043] (RO)
	EPA: <a href="#">Pendimethalin; Pesticide Tolerances</a> [EPA-HQ-OPP-2013-0768; FRL-9921-89] (FR)
	EPA: <a href="#">Receipt of Several Pesticide Petitions Filed for Residues of Pesticide Chemicals in or on Various Commodities</a> [EPA-HQ-OPP-2015-0032; FRL-9921-94] (N)
	EPA: <a href="#">Methomyl; Cancellation Order for Amendments to Terminate Uses</a> [EPA-HQ-OPP-2010-0751; FRL-9922-14] (N)
	EPA: <a href="#">Diclofop-methyl; Notice of Receipt of Request to Voluntarily Cancel Certain Pesticide Registrations</a> [EPA-HQ-OPP-2014-0577; FRL-9922-11] (N)
02-13-15	EPA: <a href="#">Pyrimethanil; Pesticide Tolerances</a> [EPA-HQ-OPP-2014-0530; FRL-9922-07] (FR)
02-17-15	EPA: <a href="#">Receipt of Test Data under the Toxic Substances Control Act</a> [EPA-HQ-OPPT-2013-0677; FRL-9922-58] (N)
02-19-15	EPA: <a href="#">Amendments Related to: Tier 3 Motor Vehicle Emission and Fuel Standards, Nonroad Engine and Equipment Programs, and MARPOL Annex VI Implementation</a> [EPA-HQ-OAR-2011-0135; FRL 9922-32-OAR] (PR)
	EPA: <a href="#">Amendments Related to: Tier 3 Motor Vehicle Emission and Fuel Standards, Nonroad Engine and Equipment Programs, and MARPOL Annex VI Implementation</a> [EPA-HQ-OAR-2011-0135; FRL-9922-31-OAR] (Direct FR)
02-20-15	EPA: <a href="#">Bacillus subtilis strain IAB/BS03; Exemption from the Requirement of a Tolerance</a> [EPA-HQ-OPP-2013-0574; FRL-9920-62] (FR)

F.R. Date	Subject
	EPA: <a href="#">Dimethenamid; Pesticide Tolerances</a> [EPA-HQ-OPP-2013-0670; FRL-9922-08] (FR)
	EPA: <a href="#">Certain New Chemicals; Receipt and Status Information</a> [EPA-HQ-OPPT-2015-0120; FRL-9922-99] (N)
	Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA): <a href="#">Hazardous Materials; Transportation of Lithium Batteries</a> [Docket No. PHMSA-2009-0095 (HM-224F)] (FR/E)
	Energy: <a href="#">Energy Conservation Program for Consumer Products: Energy Conservation Standards for Hearth Products; Correction</a> [Docket Number EERE-2014-BT-STD-0036] (PR/H/C)
	Energy: <a href="#">Energy Efficiency Program for Residential Products: Energy Conservation Standards for Residential Dishwashers</a> [Docket No. EERE-2014-BT-STD-0021] (PR/RO)
02-23-15	EPA: <a href="#">Fomesafen; Pesticide Tolerance</a> [EPA-HQ-OPP-2012-0589; FRL-9922-82] (FR)
	EPA: <a href="#">Temporary Exemption from the Requirement of a Tolerance</a> [EPA-HQ-OPP-2014-0457; FRL-9922-53] (FR)
	EPA: <a href="#">Toluene Diisocyanates (TDI) and Related Compounds; Significant New Use Rule; Extension of Comment Period</a> [EPA-HQ-OPPT-2011-0976; FRL-9922-45] (PR/E)
02-24-15	Energy: <a href="#">Energy Conservation Program: Energy Conservation Standards for Walk-in Coolers and Freezers</a> [Docket Number EERE-2008-BT-STD-0015] (Determination)
	Energy: <a href="#">Energy Conservation Program: Test Procedures for Portable Air Conditioners</a> [Docket No. EERE-2014-BT-TP-0014] (PR)
02-25-15	EPA: <a href="#">Clothianidin; Pesticide Tolerances for Emergency Exemptions</a> [EPA-HQ-OPP-2014-0253; FRL-9919-59] (FR)
	EPA: <a href="#">Notice of Receipt of Requests for Amendments to Terminate Uses in Certain Pesticide Registrations</a> [EPA-HQ-OPP-2014-0888; FRL-9921-65] (N)
02-27-15	Energy: <a href="#">Energy Conservation Standards for Portable Air Conditioners: Public Meeting and Availability of the Preliminary Technical Support Document</a> [Docket No. EERE-2013-BT-STD-0033] (N/H)

## Antidumping and countervailing duty cases

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

## The Americas - South America

### Argentina

#### Boletin Oficial publications

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

BO Date	Subject
06-02-15	<a href="#">Law № 27086 Convention on the Prevention of Ownership, and Import, Export and Illicit Transfer of Ownership of Cultural Property signed in Colombia on 20 Sept. 2012. Adoption.</a>
09-02-15	Federal Administration of Public Revenue (AFIP): <a href="#">General Resolution № 3734 (5 Feb. 2015) Export destinations for consumption of natural gas. Determination of taxable value</a>
	AFIP: <a href="#">Gen. Res. 3736 (5 Feb. 2015) Value criterion of a preventive nature for</a>

BO Date	Subject
	<a href="#">imports. Gen. Res. № 2730 and its amendments. Additional rules</a>
	AFIP: <a href="#">Gen. Res. № 3737 (5 Feb. 2015) Tariff classification of goods in the MERCOSUR nomenclature, in accordance with the procedure laid down in the General Resolution No. 1,618</a>
10-02-15	AFIP: <a href="#">Gen. Res. № 3738 (5 Feb. 2015) Value criterion of a preventive nature for imports. General Resolution № 2730 and its amendments. Additional rules.</a>
18-02-15	Commerce: <a href="#">Resolution 17/2015 (13 Feb. 2015) "Monitoring System Supply and Availability of Goods and Supplies". Creation.</a>
24-02-15	AFIP: <a href="#">General Resolution 3742 (20-02-15) Computerized procedure for registration and cancellation of the suspensive destinations removed. General Resolution No. 1229, as amended. Modification.</a>
25-02-15	National Adm. of Medicine, Food and Medical Technology (ANMATM): <a href="#">Disposition № 1654/2015 (20 Feb. 2015) Prohibiting the sale or commercialization of a medical product</a>
26-02-15	ANMATM: <a href="#">Disposition № 1692/2015 (23 Feb. 2015) Prohibiting the sale or commercialization of a medical product</a>

## Bolivia

### Documents

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

Series and №	Date	Abstract
16/2015	16-01-15	<a href="#">Supreme Decree № 2246 of 14 Jan. 2015, Partial administrative agreement Economic Complementation Agreement № 70 (11 July 2013) between Bolivia, Cuba, Nicaragua, and Venezuela</a>
25/2015	27-01-15	<a href="#">Supreme Decree № 2251 reducing tariff temporarily on diesel until 30 April 2015 to 0% (Nandina Tariff 2710.19.21.00)</a>
31/2015	05-02-15	<a href="#">Letter SG/E/146/2015 from the Secretary of the Andean Community on officers in Colombia no longer authorized to sign certificates or origin</a>
32/2015		<a href="#">Letter SG/E/148/2015 from the Secretary of the Andean Community on officers in Colombia authorized to sign certificates or origin</a>
33/2015		<a href="#">Letter VCEI-045 001122 of 27 Jan. 2015 of the Vice Minister of Foreign Commerce Integration of the Ministry of Foreign relations on officials authorized to issue certificates of origin of Ecuador and Colombia</a>
35/2015	12-02-15	<a href="#">Adm. Res. № RA-PE 01-002-15 of 06 Feb. 2015 that excludes the restrictions set forth in Import Clearance Procedures from shipments of small quantities approved in RD-01-016-06 of 6 Oct. 2006 (Cir. № 254/2006)</a>
44/2015	27-02-15	<a href="#">Supreme Decree № 2275 of 25 Feb. 2015 Rule changes to the General Law of Customs approved Sup. Decree № 25870 of 11 August 2000</a>

## 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
01-30-15	<a href="#">CAMEX Resolution No 6 of 28 Jan. 2015 - Incorporates the Brazilian legal system Resolution n<sup>the</sup> 40/14 Group Mercosur Common Market.</a>
02-02-15	<a href="#">CAMEX Resolution No 7 of 30 Jan. 2015- Changes to 2% (two percent) the rates of import duty levied on Informatics and Telecommunications Goods, the ex-tariff condition</a>
	<a href="#">CAMEX Resolution No 8 of 30 Jan. 2015 - Changes to 2% (two percent) the rates of import duty levied on capital goods, the ex-tariff condition</a>
03-02-15	<a href="#">SECEX Ordinance No. 05, of 02 February 2015 - Closed special procedure for non-preferential origin verification with the qualification of Thailand origin for the product porcelain objects to the table, regardless of their degree of porosity (NCM 6911.10.10, 6911.10.90, 6911.90.00 and 6912.00.00), declared as produced by the company Quality Ceramic Co., Ltd .</a>
	<a href="#">SECEX Ordinance No. 06, of 02 February 2015. - Closed special procedure for non-preferential origin verification with disqualification Malaysian origin for the product "porcelain objects to the table, regardless of their level porosity" (NCM 6911.10.10, 6911.10.90, 6911.90.00 and 6912.00.00), declared as produced by the company Homset Healthy Ceramic Industries .</a>
	<a href="#">SECEX Ordinance No. 07, of 02 February 2015 - Closed special procedure for non-preferential origin verification with disqualification Malaysian origin for porcelain objects product to the table, regardless of their degree of porosity (NCM 6911.10.10, 6911.10.90, 6911.90.00 and 6912.00.00), declared as produced by the company Ceramico Industry.</a>
	<a href="#">SECEX Ordinance No. 08, of 02 February 2015 - End the non-preferential special procedure of verification of origin with disqualification Malaysian origin for the product "locks" (NCM 8301.10.00) declared as produced by the company Zinaco Industrial and Hardware Industries .</a>
18-02-15	<a href="#">SECEX Circular No. 06, of 12 February 2015 - Announces Proposed modifications of the Mercosur Common Nomenclature - NCM and the Common External Tariff - CET under analysis by the Department of International Negotiations ( DEINT), the Secretariat of Foreign Trade (SECEX), in order to gather elements for positioning scope in the Technical Committee 1, Rates, Commodity Classification and Nomenclature, Mercosur.</a>
23-02-15	<a href="#">SECEX Ordinance No. 09, of 20 February 2015 -. Ends the special procedure of non-preferential origin verification with disqualification Malaysian origin for porcelain objects product to the table, regardless of their level porosity (NCM 6911.10.10, 6911.10.90, 6911.90.00 and 6912.00.00), declared as produced by the company <i>Raise &amp; Roice Industries</i></a>
	<a href="#">SECEX Ordinance No. 10, of 20 February 2015 -. Ends the special procedure of non-preferential origin verification with disqualification Malaysian origin for porcelain objects product to the table, regardless of their level porosity (NCM 6911.10.10, 6911.10.90, 6911.90.00 and 6912.00.00), declared as produced by the company <i>Porcemic Tableware Industrial Factory</i> .</a>
	<a href="#">SECEX Ordinance No. 11, of 20 February 2015 -. Ends the special procedure of non-preferential origin verification with the disqualification of Thailand origin for porcelain objects product to the table, regardless of their level porosity (NCM 6911.10.10, 6911.10.90, 6911.90.00 and 6912.00.00), declared as produced by the company <i>STC Ceramic Co., Ltd</i> .</a>

## Antidumping and countervailing duty cases

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

## Chile

### National Customs postings and Diario Oficial

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

Date	Subject
12-02-15	Foreign Affairs: <a href="#">Decree 256 – Signs Decision № 30 adopted by the Free Trade Commission under the Central American FTA between Guatemala and Chile</a>
14-02-15	Hacienda: <a href="#">Decree № 43 Applicable rebates of customs duties for the import of wheat and wheat flour or meslin (merlin)</a>
17-02-15	Hacienda: <a href="#">Decree № 6 Declaration as International Fairs: Matelec 2015 and Generates Latin America Latin America 2015</a>
	Hacienda: <a href="#">Decree № 7 Declaration as an International Fair: 2015 Environmental Fair</a>
18-02-15	Hacienda: <a href="#">Law № 20.818.- Perfect mechanisms for prevention, detection, control, investigation and prosecution of money laundering</a>
	Foreign Affairs: <a href="#">Decree № 233. to implement resolutions 2127 (2013) and 2134 (2014) adopted by the United Nations Security Council concerning the situation in the Central African Republic</a>
	Foreign Affairs: <a href="#">Decree № 226. comply with resolution 1636 (2005) adopted by the United Nations Security Council on the attack that killed former Prime Minister Rafiq Hariri in Lebanon</a>
20-02-15	Foreign Affairs: <a href="#">Decree № 234. Compliance with Resolution No. 2140 (2014) UN Security Council For Political Transition Process In Yemen</a>
	Foreign Affairs: <a href="#">Decree Number 231. Compliance with Resolutions 1493 (2003), 1596 (2005), 1807 (2008), 2078 (2012) And 2136 (2014). Adopted By The UN Security Council on the Situation In the Democratic Republic of Congo</a>
21-02-15	NCS: <a href="#">Res. № 698 Amendment Compendium of Customs Regulations</a>
23-02-15	Foreign Affairs: <a href="#">Promulgates Decree No. 303. No. 16 Decision Free Trade Commission established in the Free Trade Agreement between the Republic of Chile and the Republic of Colombia</a>
	Foreign Affairs: <a href="#">Decree No. 255. promulgates the Additional Protocol to the Bilateral Agreement on Cooperation and Mutual Assistance in Customs Matters between the Governments of the Republic of Chile and the Republic of Peru</a>
27-02-15	Hacienda: <a href="#">Decree № 49 Applicable rebates of customs duties for the importation of raw sugar, refined sugar grade 1 and 2 and refined sugar grade 3 and 4, and substandard</a>

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

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

## Colombia

### TPTA information

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

### Tariff Classification Resolutions

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

### MinCIT, MinHacienda and DIAN Documents

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

Date	Subject
30-01-15	MinCIT: <a href="#">Decree № 0154 By which the Government adopts the recommendation issued by the Triple A Committee at its meeting 278 of 2014, in the sense of establishing the 10% tariff on the import of glass classified under tariff subheadings 7005.21.90.00 and 7005.29.90.00.</a>
30-01-15	MinCIT: <a href="#">Decree № 0156 Special measure for imports of animal or vegetable oil blends</a>
02-02-15	MinCIT: <a href="#">Circular 002 Modification of Circular 037 of 24 December 2014 relating to charges for hybrid and electric vehicles and charging stations.</a>
06-02-15	DIAN: Res. <a href="#">№ 5/2015 Enabling and prescribing the forms and formats for the completion of customs duties and exchange rate for the year 2015</a>
09-02-15	MinCIT: <a href="#">Circular 003 - Decree 0156 of January 30, 2015. Special measure for imports of animal or vegetable oil blends</a>
12-02-15	DIAN: Cir. 2001/2015 <a href="#">Ad-valorem levies applicable to agricultural products concerned, their substitutes, agro products or byproducts.</a>
13-02-15	MinCIT: <a href="#">Decree 0247 By which the Government adopts the recommendation issued by the Triple A Committee at its meeting 280 2014, incorporating the Colombian tariff modifications to the NANDINA laid down in Decision 798 of the Andean Community.</a>
18-02-15	MinCIT: <a href="#">Resolution 023 which the term of response to questionnaires is extended in an administrative investigation opened by Resolution 002 of 13 January 2015.</a>
	MinCIT: <a href="#">Resolution 027 of 2015. By which the term for preliminary adoption of open inquiry by Resolution 282 of 18 December 2014 extending determination.</a>
20-02-15	MinCIT: <a href="#">Circular 004 of 2015 Decree 0427 of 2015 tariff schedule is partially modified.</a>
	MinCIT: <a href="#">Circular 005 2015 2015. Resolution 0277 Technical Regulations applicable to plain steel wire, welded mesh and knurled.</a>
	MinCIT: <a href="#">Resolution 028 opening an administrative investigation in order to determine the existence, degree and effect on the industry of national production, of dumping on imports of high pressure decorative laminate originating in India.</a>
26-02-15	MinCIT: <a href="#">Circular 006, 2015. Resolution 00044 of 2015 - It regulates and administers 2015 the import quota cotton carded or combed.</a>
	DIAN: Cir. <a href="#">11/2015 Reference prices of agricultural products</a>
29-02-15	MinCIT: <a href="#">Resolution 029 which opening an administrative investigation A in order to determine the threat of injury to the domestic industry, for alleged</a>

Date	Subject
	<a href="#">dumping of imports of ceramic tiles and cladding, originating in China</a>

## Peru

### Tariff Classification database

A searchable [Tariff Classification Resolution \(ruling\) database](#) (from 2006 through the present) is available. It may be searched by the tariff number, resolution number, or description. The database currently has approximately 7400 resolutions, some with photographs.

### SUNAT and *El Peruano* publications

The following documents of interest to international traders were posted during the past month by [SUNAT](#) (National Customs Superintendent and Tax Administration) or in the legal standards section of [El Peruano](#) (the Official Gazette) (dd-mm-yy):

Date	Subject
06-02-15	Economy: <a href="#">Vice. Min. Res. № 003-2015-EF/15.01 CIF Reference Prices for the application of additional variable duty or tariff reduction referred to in Supreme Decree № 115-2001-EF on imports of corn, sugar, rice and whole milk powder.</a>
09-02-15	Health: <a href="#">Min. Res. № 066-2015/MINSA Approves "sanitary standards for food storage for human consumption"</a>
10-02-15	SUNAT: <a href="#">Resolution No. 045-2015 / SUNAT Establish communication to 4.2 in Article 4 of the Superintendency Resolution No. 375-2013 / SUNAT this refers exclusively through Virtual SUNAT</a>
13-02-15	Agriculture: <a href="#">Dir. Res. № 0003-2015-MINAGRI-SENASA-DSV Amending annex I of Exec. Res. № 002-2012-AG-SENASA-DSV which established categories of phytosanitary risks for plants, plant products and other regulated articles</a>
	Agriculture: <a href="#">Dir. Res. № 0004-2015-MINAGRI-SENASA-DSV Phytosanitary requirements for importing kaki plants from Spain</a>
	Agriculture: <a href="#">Dir. Res. № 0005-2015-MINAGRI-SENASA-DSV Phytosanitary requirements for importing walnut floors from Chile</a>
	Agriculture: <a href="#">Dir. Res. № 0006-2015-MINAGRI-SENASA-DSV Phytosanitary requirements for importing green wood (dry) cedar from Bolivia</a>
18-02-15	Agriculture: <a href="#">Dir. Res. № 0007-2015-MINAGRI-SENASA-DSV Phytosanitary requirements for importing green wood (dry) Anne Capri, huayo, tahuari, shihuahuaco and huayruro from Bolivia</a>
	Foreign Affairs: <a href="#">Min. Res. № 0123/RE-2015 Summary and operative parts of UN Sec. Council Res. 2196 (2015) on the situation in the Central African Republic.</a>
19-02-15	Agriculture: <a href="#">Dir. Res. № 0005-2015-MINAGRI-SENASA-DSA Establishing specific health requirements on livestock imports of certain goods from Mexico, USA and Argentina</a>
	Agriculture: <a href="#">Dir. Res. № 0006-2015-MINAGRI-SENASA-DSA establishing specific health requirements on the import of blood/plasma/porcine hemoglobin powder for human and animal consumption from Belgium</a>
	Foreign Trade: <a href="#">Min. Res. № 051-2015-MINCETUR – National Strategic Exports Plan 2015</a>
21-02-15	Economy: <a href="#">Vice Min. Res. № 004-2015-EF/15.01 CIF reference prices for the application of additional variable duty or tariff reduction on imports of maize, sugar, rice and whole milk powder</a>
	SUNAT: <a href="#">Res. № 053-2015/SUNAT Approving amendment to the Rules of Organization and Functions of the National Customs and Tax Administration (SUNAT)</a>

Date	Subject
25-02-15	Foreign Affairs: <a href="#">Publication of UNSC Res. No 2199 (2015) relating to threats to international peace and security caused by terrorist acts</a>
26-02-15	Agriculture: <a href="#">Dir. Res. No 0008-2015-MINAGRI-SENASA-DSV establishing phytosanitary requirements for the importation of cranberry plants from Australia</a>
	Agriculture: <a href="#">Dir. Res. No 0009-2015-MINAGRI-SENASA-DSV establishing phytosanitary requirements for the importation of sorghum seed from Australia</a>
	Agriculture: <a href="#">Dir. Res. No 0010-2015-MINAGRI-SENASA-DSV establishing phytosanitary requirements for the importation of in vitro coffee plants from Nicaragua</a>
	Agriculture: <a href="#">Dir. Res. No 0011-2015-MINAGRI-SENASA-DSV establishing phytosanitary requirements for the importation of strawberry plants from Chile</a>
	Foreign Affairs: <a href="#">Min. Res. No 0138/RE-2015 UNSC Res. 2200 (2015) relating to the situation in Sudan and South Sudan</a>

## Asia-Pacific

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

### Australia

#### ACBP releases draft Customs (International Obligations) Regulation 2015 for comment

Australian Customs and Border Protection (ACBP) [Notice No. 2015/07](#) (12 Feb. 2015) announced that ACBP has released an “[exposure draft](#)” of *Customs (International Obligations) Regulation 2015* for public comment. The *Customs (International Obligations) Regulation 2015* will complement the *Customs Regulation 2015* by covering the customs provisions related to Australia’s international obligations. These provisions are exempt any future sunseting requirements and this is best facilitated by placing them in a separate instrument.

The exposure draft also proposes changes to the *Customs Regulations 1926* to significantly improve its operation, including repealing redundant provisions, simplifying language and restructuring provisions that are difficult to navigate. Further details are contained in the [Explanatory Statement](#).

Industry and the community’s views are now sought on the draft *Customs (International Obligations) Regulation 2015*. Submissions close midnight 2 March 2015.

#### Auditor General releases report on the administration of the Tariff Concession System

On 5 February 2015, the Australian National Audit Office (ANAO) released its report on the [Administration of the Tariff Concession System](#) by the Australian Customs and Border protection Service (ANAO Report No 20 2014-15).

#### Re-draft of Customs Regulations available for comment

Australian Customs and Border Protection (ACBP) [Notice No. 2015/05](#) (3 Feb. 2015) announced that ACBP has released an “[exposure draft](#)” of *Customs Regulation, 2015* (the Regulation) for public comment. The 2015 Regulation will re-

place the *Customs Regulations 1926*. Comments are due by 25 February 2015. An [Explanatory Statement](#) was also released.

The *Legislative Instruments Act 2003* (LIA) provides that all legislative instruments, other than exempt instruments, progressively 'sunset' according to the timetable set out in the LIA. Legislative instruments made before 1930 that were registered on the *Federal Register of Legislative Instruments* on 1 January 2005, such as the *Customs Regulations 1926*, sunset on 1 April 2015. When a legislative instrument sunsets, it is automatically repealed under section 50 of the LIA.

According to the *Explanatory Statement*, the Regulation remakes the *Customs Regulations 1926*, and makes significant improvements to the existing provisions by repealing redundant provisions, simplifying language and restructuring provisions that have become difficult to navigate because of multiple amendments over the past 89 years. Consistent with the Government's deregulation agenda, the key changes are:

- the circumstances where a refund, remission or rebate may be available have been simplified and included in a table in Schedule 6 to the Regulation to facilitate navigation and amendment;
- the provisions regarding duty-free shops have been restructured to make them easier to understand and navigate;
- redundant provisions and forms have been removed including in relation to securities and aircraft stores;
- provisions have been expressed in a way that is easier to understand to reduce compliance costs; and
- a number of provisions have been removed and will be placed into a separate Customs (International Obligations) Regulation to ensure Australia's international obligations are not subject to sunset requirements under the LIA.

## ACBP notices and advices

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

Date	Series and No	Title
03-02-15	<a href="#">ACN 2015/05</a>	<i>Customs Regulation 2015</i> – Exposure Draft
12-02-15	<a href="#">ACN 2015/07</a>	<i>Customs (International Obligations) Regulation 2015</i> – Exposure Draft
27-02-15	<a href="#">ACN 2015/08</a>	Biannual indexation of certain excise-equivalent customs and excise duty rates for tobacco and tobacco products – 3 March 2015

## Australian Gazettes

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

Date	Matter	Date	Matter
04-02-15	<a href="#">TC15-05</a>	18-02-15	<a href="#">TC15-07</a>
11-02-15	<a href="#">TC15-06</a>	25-02-15	<a href="#">TC15-08</a>

## Australian Tariff Precedents

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

## Antidumping and countervailing duty cases

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

## China (including Hong Kong SAR)

### MOFCOM and GAC notices

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

Date	Series and №	Subject
29-01-15	<a href="#">GAC 3, 2015</a>	<a href="#">Special safeguards on imports originating in New Zealand</a>
30-01-15	<a href="#">GAC 4, 2015</a>	<a href="#">About batteries, paint import consumption tax levy</a>
03-02-15	<a href="#">GAC 5, 2015</a>	<a href="#">To further clarify the applicability date of the exchange rate of taxation levied On import and export goods</a>

## Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Cases

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

## India

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

The following Central Board of Excise and Customs (CBEC) Customs notifications (NT-non tariff, T-tariff), circulars (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
06-02-15	<a href="#">109(RE-2013) / 2009-2014 (DGFT)</a>	Amendment in import policy conditions of cardamoms under ITC (HS) 0908 31 of Chapter 09 of ITC (HS), 2012 (Import Policy)
	<a href="#">110(RE-2013) / 2009-2014 (DGFT)</a>	Regarding :Prohibition on export of Shark fins of all species of Shark.
10-02-15	<a href="#">20/2015-Cus. (NT)</a>	Customs, Central Excise Duties and Service Tax Drawback (Amendment) Rules, 2015
11-02-15	<a href="#">Cir. 06/2015 - Cus.</a>	Regarding Amendments to certain All Industry Rates of Duty Drawback
12-02-15	<a href="#">Cir. 07/2015 - Cus.</a>	Documents required to pick up Courier shipments under "Know Your Customer (KYC)" norms
13-02-15	<a href="#">22/2015-Cus. (NT)</a>	Tariff values for various commodities
20-02-15	<a href="#">112(RE-2013) / 2009-2014 (DGFT)</a>	Removal of Minimum Export Price (MEP) on export of Potato
	<a href="#">111(RE-2013) / 2009-2014 (DGFT)</a>	Amendment in import policy conditions of Shark fins under ITC (HS) 0305 71 00 of Chapter 03 of ITC (HS), 2012 (Import Policy)

Date	Series and No	Subject
27-02-15	<a href="#">26/2015-Cus. (NT)</a>	Tariff values for various commodities

## Antidumping and countervailing duty cases

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

## Indonesia

### Regulations and other legal documents

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

Date	Reference	Matter
26-02-15	<a href="#">19 / M-DAG/PER/2/2015 (T)</a>	<a href="#">Pricing Benchmark Upper Mining Products Export Processing Results Subject to Levy</a>
	<a href="#">18 / M-DAG/PER/2/2015 (T)</a>	<a href="#">Pricing Benchmark Export Agriculture and Forestry Top Products Subject to Export Duty</a>

## Malaysia

### Federal Government Gazette

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

Date	Matter
04-02-15	<a href="#">P.U. (B) 32/2015 - Notification of Values of Crude Palm Oil Under Section 12 - Customs Act 1967</a>
05-02-15	<a href="#">P.U. (B) 33/2015 - Notification of Values of Crude Petroleum Oil Under Section 12 - Customs Act 1967</a>
12-02-15	<a href="#">P.U. (A) 24/2015 - Customs (Anti-Dumping Duties) Order 2015 - Countervailing and Anti-Dumping Duties Act 1993 and - Customs Act 1967</a>
13-02-15	<a href="#">P.U. (B) 38/2015 Notice of Affirmative Final Determination of an Anti-Dumping Duty Investigation With Regard to the Imports of Hot Rolled Coils Originating or Exported From the People's Republic of China And Republic of Indonesia - Countervailing And Anti-dumping Duties Act 1993</a>
	<a href="#">P.U. (B) 39/2015 - Notice of Negative Final Determination of an Anti-Dumping Duty Investigation With Regard to the Imports of Hot Rolled Coils Originating or Exported From the Republic of Korea - Countervailing And Anti-dumping Duties Act 1993</a>
18-02-15	<a href="#">P.U. (B) 44/2015 - Notification of Values of Crude Petroleum Oil Under Section 12 - Customs Act 1967</a>
27-02-15	<a href="#">P.U. (B) 59/2015 - Notification of Values of Crude Palm Oil Under Section 12 - Customs Act 1967</a>
	<a href="#">P.U. (B) 64/2015 - Notification of Values of Palm Kernel Under Section 12 - Customs Act 1967</a>

### Customs rulings

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

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

## New Zealand

### New Zealand Gazette

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

Date	Matter
03-02-15	<a href="#">Tariff Concession Approvals, Withdrawals and Declines Notice (No. 04) 2015</a>
10-02-15	<a href="#">Tariff Concession Approvals, Withdrawals and Declines Notice (No. 05) 2015</a> <a href="#">Tariff Concession (Advertisement) Notice No. 2015/05</a>
24-02-15	<a href="#">Tariff Concession Approvals, Withdrawals and Declines Notice (No. 06) 2015</a> <a href="#">Tariff Concession (Advertisement) Notice No. 2015/06</a>
26-02-15	<a href="#">Customs (Outward Cargo Report) Amendment Rules 2015</a> <a href="#">Customs (Application for JBMS User Registration) Rules 2015</a>

## Philippines

### Customs Orders

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

Date	Reference	Matter
01-07-15	CMC 04-2015	<a href="#">Department of Agriculture's Temporary Lifting of the Imposition of Special Safeguard (SSG) Duty (Supplemental to CMC No.131-2014)</a>

## Singapore

### Notices, circulars, etc.

Date	Reference	Matter
01-02-15	<a href="#">Cir. 03/2015</a>	<a href="#">Implementation Of The United States-Singapore Mutual Recognition Arrangement</a>
03-02-15	<a href="#">Not. 01/2015</a>	<a href="#">Invitation to Workshop on Suspicious Transaction Reports Filing</a>
23-02-15	<a href="#">Cir. 04/2015</a>	<a href="#">Notification of Tariff Changes</a>
27-02-15	<a href="#">Cir. 05/2015</a>	<a href="#">Removal of Sampling Requirement for Importation of Denatured Ethyl Alcohol</a>

## Vietnam

### Vietnam, Laos launch “one-stop-shop” at border

On February 7, 2015, [Vietnam.net reported](#) that on February 6, 2015, Vietnamese Deputy Prime Minister Nguyen Xuan Phuc and his Lao counterpart Somsavath Lengsavath cut the ribbon to launch the “one-stop-shop” model at the Lao Bao (Quang Tri)-Densavan (Savannakhet) international border gate. The article said that

Previously, the border gate involved numerous steps, stages, and stops to cross, losing time and reducing efficiency. Within the new model, border officials from both na-

tions will work together in one gate checkpoint, simplifying immigration and customs procedures.

This is the first time the model has been applied in a border gate along the East-West Economic Corridor as well as between the Greater Mekong Sub-region (GMS) and ASEAN countries.

The “one-stop-shop” model is part of the two countries’ joint efforts to “create a smooth business environment and increase border trade and investment between the two countries, contributing to the formation of an ASEAN Community by the end of this year.” The model is expected to help Quang Tri and Sananakheth provinces “utilise their role as bridgeheads of the two nations, maximising their potential and contributing to socio-economic growth of both localities.”

It is hoped that the model will benefit import-export and entrance-exit activities, while contributing to increased transparency and decreased tax loss in State management of the gates.

## Government documents

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

Date	Reference and Matter
04-02-15	<a href="#">Decision No. 281 / QD-GDC dated 02.04.2015 of the General Administration of Customs on the establishment of a bonded warehouse</a>
	<a href="#">Official Letter No. 1014 / 02.04.2015 of GDC-GSQL General Administration of Customs v / v imported wood from Cambodia</a>
	<a href="#">Official Letter No. 1015 / GDC-old GSQL 04/02/2015 General Administration of Customs v / v extension of goods in bonded warehouses</a>
05-02-15	<a href="#">Official Letter No. 1018 / 02.04.2015 of GDC-GSQL General Administration of Customs v / v procedures tea exports</a>
	<a href="#">Official Letter No. 1082 / 02.05.2015 of GDC-GSQL General Administration of Customs v / v monitor re-exports through customs clearance points Quan Cao Bang Na</a>
06-02-15	<a href="#">Official Letter No. 1090 / 02.05.2015 of GDC-GSQL General Administration of Customs v / v determine the date of export of goods to be transported across the land border</a>
	<a href="#">Decision No. 485 / QD-BNN dated 06.02.2015 of the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development to suspend imports of peanuts from India</a>
	<a href="#">Decision No. 299 / QD-GDC dated 06.02.2015 of the General Administration of Customs on the recognition gathering place, check the exports and imports at the border gate economic zones of Cao Bang</a>
	<a href="#">Official Letter No. 1111 / GDC-TXNK day of the General Administration of Customs 06/02/2015 v / v of duty free items of airline</a>
	<a href="#">Official Letter No. 1116 / 02.06.2015 of GDC-GSQL General Administration of Customs v / v customs procedures for building materials, fuel and construction service for Chrey Thom / Long Binh side Cambodia</a>
	<a href="#">Official Letter No. 1117 / 02.06.2015 of GDC-GSQL General Administration of Customs v / v customs formalities for the import of construction materials</a>
	<a href="#">Official Letter No. 1121 / 02.06.2015 of GDC-GSQL General Administration of Customs v / v applied tariffs on imported goods business originating Vietnam</a>
	<a href="#">Official Letter No. 1186 / GDC-TXNK day of the General Administration of Customs 06/02/2015 v / v classified automotive components tractors</a>
	<a href="#">Official Letter No. 1187 / GDC-DTCBL day of the General Administration of Customs 02/06/2015 v / v strengthen the fight against smuggling, commercial fraud and counterfeiting in the Lunar New Year 2015</a>
09-02-15	<a href="#">Official Letter No. 1259 / 02.09.2015 of GDC-GSQL General Administration of Customs v / v customs procedures for goods in transit</a>
11-02-15	<a href="#">Official Letter No. 1366 / 02.11.2015 of GDC-GSQL General Administration of</a>

Date	Reference and Matter
	<a href="#">Customs v / v strengthen the control of the procedures for goods imported biofuel E5</a>
13-02-15	<a href="#">Decree No. 12/2015 / ND-CP dated 12/2/2015 of the Government detailing the implementation of the Law amending and supplementing a number of articles of the Law on tax and amending and supplementing some articles of the Decree on taxes</a>
	<a href="#">Official Letter No. 2454 / BTC-TCHQ 02.13.2015 of the Ministry of Finance v / v guiding customs procedures and tax policy for the shipbuilding sector</a>
	<a href="#">Official Letter No. 1487 / GDC-TXNK day of the General Administration of Customs 02/13/2015 v / v alloy welding wire</a>
	<a href="#">Official Letter No. 1488 / GDC-TXNK day of the General Administration of Customs 02/13/2015 v / v export tax incentives</a>
14-02-15	<a href="#">Official Letter No. 2533 / BTC-TCHQ 02.14.2015 of the Ministry of Finance v / v classification rules for HS and some seafood</a>
	<a href="#">Official Letter No. 1514 / GDC-TXNK day of the General Administration of Customs 02/14/2015 v / v HS codes for goods coffee flavor</a>
26-02-15	<a href="#">Official Letter No. 2635 / BTC-TCHQ 02.26.2015 of the Ministry of Finance v / v temporarily not collect sales tax and import VAT</a>

## Europe

### European Union and EFTA

#### EU opens public consultation on controls of cash entering or leaving the EU

On 27 February 2015, the European Commission announced the opening of a public consultation on a review of [Regulation \(EC\) № 1889/2005](#) of the European Parliament and of the Council of 26 October 2005 “on controls of cash entering or leaving the Community”. The consultation will close on 1 June 2015 and would impact several policy areas, notably Customs, Taxation, Trade, Home Affairs, Justice, Internal Market. The target groups are public authorities, organisations (including SMEs) and citizens (both inside and outside the European Union). According to the announcement -

The objective of this consultation is to gain stakeholder and public input regarding a review of Regulation 1889/2005 “on controls of cash entering or leaving the Community”.

Regulation 1889/2005 on the controls of cash entering and leaving the Community came into force in 2007. It establishes a framework in line with the present FATF recommendation 32 on cash couriers. It imposes, inter alia, an obligation for physical persons entering or leaving the European Union who carry cash or cash-equivalents of 10 000 Euro or more to file a declaration with customs or other competent authorities. It enables competent authorities to temporarily hold the cash in case of non-declaration or incorrect declaration pending further investigation and possible confiscation/forfeiture after judiciary intervention. It provides for the possibility of sharing information with competent authorities in other Member States, with the Commission or with third countries under certain circumstances. Finally, the Regulation imposes Member States to provide for penalties in case of non-declaration, even if after investigation there are no indications of illicit activity. Regulation 1889/2005 does not apply to natural persons carrying cash or cash equivalents between two Member States.

Pursuant to Article 10 of Regulation 1889/2005, the Commission submitted a report to the Council and the European Parliament on the application of the Regulation in 2010. The report concluded that generally, the Regulation is meeting its objective and adequately transposes FATF recommendation 32 in EU law. However, possible improvements in several areas were mentioned.

Discussions with Member State experts in cash controls on the implementation of the Regulation as well as international developments lead the Commission to believe that

there may be a scope for improvement in the regulatory framework and/or the implementation procedures.

In order to judge the desirability of potential actions and policy options and to obtain new insights, the Commission Services would like to receive the views of stakeholders on the possible action to be taken to address the identified gaps

The consultation document is an [online survey](#). In the interests of transparency, organisations (including, for example, NGOs, trade associations and commercial enterprises) are invited to provide the public with relevant information about themselves by registering in the Transparency Register and subscribing to its Code of Conduct. Please refer to the relevant section in the consultation questionnaire for additional information.

Received contributions will be published on the Internet. It is important to read the specific privacy statement attached to this consultation for information on how personal data and the contribution of submissions will be dealt with.

The [full consultation questionnaire is also available as a pdf file](#).

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## 49 legal acts incorporated into EEA Agreement

On 25 February 2015, the European Free Trade Association (EFTA) [announced](#) that the EEA Joint Committee adopted 33 decisions by written procedure, incorporating 49 legal acts into the EEA Agreement. Among these acts was the directive on certain permitted uses of orphan works.

The Orphan Works Directive sets out common rules to make the digitisation and online display of orphan works legally possible. Orphan works are works such as books, newspaper and magazine articles, and films that are still protected by copyright but whose authors are unknown or cannot be located. These works are part of the collections held by European libraries, museums, archives, and film and audio heritage institutions. Lack of data on their ownership has often been an obstacle to making them available online. Through this directive, an online EU-wide database for orphan works has been established, which is managed by the Office for Harmonization in the Internal Market (OHIM).

Also adopted were a revised regulation on tractors to strengthen safety and cut red tape, and a regulation on the provision of information regarding gluten in food. The latter regulation does not change the rules on using the terms “gluten free” and “very low gluten”, but also makes them apply to non pre-packed food such as dishes served in restaurants, which previously fell outside the scope of the rules. In addition, the new regulation will clarify how operators can inform gluten-intolerant consumers of the difference between foods that are naturally free of gluten and those that are specially created for them.

The EEA Joint Committee, chaired this semester by the European Union, is responsible for the day-to-day management of the EEA Agreement. It provides a forum for the EEA EFTA States and the EU to exchange views and take decisions by consensus to incorporate EU legislation into the EEA Agreement.

- [Full list of EEA Joint Committee Decisions adopted on 25 February 2015](#).

## European Union and Myanmar/Burma conclude first round of talks

On 12 February 2015, the Commission [announced](#) that the first round of negotiations on the investment protection agreement between the European Union and Myanmar/Burma took place between 9 and 12 February in Yangon. This round offered the EU the opportunity to present its text proposal and to have a first exchange of views on the text with Myanmar/Burma. This agreement is the first standalone agreement on investment protection negotiated by the EU. Moreover, it would cover investors from all 28 Member States, as no Member State currently has concluded an investment protection agreement with Myanmar/Burma. The next round will take place in May.

## EU, US complete 8<sup>th</sup> round of TTIP negotiations

On 5 February 2015, the EU Chief Negotiator to the *Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership* (TTIP) negotiations, Ignacio Garcia Bercero, [outlined the substance](#) of the 8<sup>th</sup> round of negotiations of the TTIP. Bercero indicated in December 2014, U.S. Trade Representative Froman and EU Commissioner Malmstrom agreed on a political direction for the negotiations throughout 2015 to intensify the talks and make as much progress as possible this year. Bercero's remarks are paraphrased below.

The negotiators have agreed on an intense work schedule for upcoming months. Starting with round 8 in Brussels, the negotiators plan to meet for two additional comprehensive rounds of negotiations between now and the summer break. In addition, intersessional discussions between some of the negotiating teams will also be organised between formal rounds. This would be the case, for example, in the area of sectoral regulatory discussions.

The 8<sup>th</sup> round involved intense and comprehensive discussions in nearly all the areas (except notably on ISDS/investment protection). All market access issues (tariffs, services and public procurement) were discussed.

In the regulatory area, negotiators have spent a total of up to 8 full days discussing both horizontal and sector-specific regulatory issues. The regulatory work is fundamentally different from the EU's classical trade negotiations, because it is framed in a process of cooperation and engagement between regulators from both sides rather than led purely by trade negotiators. Bercero said this is particularly the case when it relates to sector-specific discussions, such as on chemicals, cosmetics, medical devices, cars, pharmaceuticals or engineering, to name some of them. It also goes beyond what either the EU or the U.S. have done in prior trade agreements. Proposals from both sides have been made in regulatory cooperation, technical barriers to trade (i.e. standards and conformity assessment) and sanitary and phytosanitary measures (SPS)

Negotiators have continued their intense discussions so as to identify in each sector what are the concrete outcomes that could be achieved in TTIP. In addition, wide ranging discussions also took place on the rules front, including sustainable development / labour and the environment.

Bercero said that other areas on the agenda included state-to-state dispute settlement, trade facilitation, intellectual property, rules of origin or energy and raw materials. The negotiators also continued our discussions on the SMEs chapter.

## European Commission publishes EU proposal on regulatory cooperation in TTIP

On 10 February 2015, the European Commission published the EU's draft proposal for a legal text on regulatory cooperation for the *Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership (TTIP) Agreement*. The text is the latest in a series of draft proposals the Commission has published. Regulatory cooperation would see EU and US regulators working together so as to make better use of their scarce resources and produce more effective regulation at lower cost to all concerned, both the regulators and the regulated.

The documents published include the following:

- [Introduction to the EU legal text on Regulatory Cooperation in TTIP](#) (10 Feb. 2015)
- [TTIP and Regulation – An Overview](#)
- [The draft proposal](#)

The proposal was provided to US negotiators the previous week during the 8th round of talks.

## Commission issues tariff classification regulations

[See separate section below](#) for tariff classification regulations issued by the European Commission during the period covered by this Update. In addition certain tariff classification regulations have been modified or repealed as indicated below.

### Commission modifies Regulation (EC) No 635/2005 regarding classification of a dried, pre-cooked noodle dish

On 7 February 2015, the Official Journal published [Commission Implementing Regulation \(EU\) 2015/183 of 2 February 2015](#) amending Regulation (EC) No 635/2005 concerning the classification of certain goods in the Combined Nomenclature. The Implementing Regulation stated:

Pursuant to Commission Regulation (EC) No 635/2005 (2), a product comprised of dried, pre-cooked wheat flour noodles and spices, put up for retail sale in a bowl, being ready for consumption after adding boiling water to it, was classified under heading 1902 of the Combined Nomenclature. Classification of the product under heading 2104 of the Combined Nomenclature was excluded on the grounds that the addition of water into the bowl is not sufficient to prepare a soup or broth but gives the product the characteristics of a noodle dish.

Pursuant to Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) No 767/2014 (3), a sufficiently similar product consisting of a block of dried pre-cooked noodles, a sachet of seasoning, a sachet of edible oil and a sachet of dried vegetables, put up for retail sale as a set, being ready for consumption after adding boiling water to it, was classified under heading 1902 of the Combined Nomenclature. Classification of the product under heading 2104 of the Combined Nomenclature was excluded on the grounds that the product is a set for retail sale within the meaning of General Rule 3(b) for the interpretation of the Combined Nomenclature and the essential character of the set is given by the noodles considering that they constitute the largest proportion of it.

Although the classification of both products is identical, the reasons for excluding classification of each of those products under heading 2104 of the Combined Nomenclature are different. The reasons regarding the first product make the classification dependent on the quantity of water added to it, whereas the reasoning for the second product depends on the quantity of the noodles it contains. However, making the added quantity of water a criterion for the classification of such products may lead to divergences in their classification that would be unjustified given the same objective characteristics and properties of both products. The sole applicable criterion should therefore be the quantity of noodles contained in the product.

Since item 1 in the table set out in the Annex to Regulation (EC) No 635/2005 has become redundant owing to changes to the description of product described therein and the reasons given for its classification, it should be deleted.

As a consequence, it is appropriate to amend Regulation (EC) No 635/2005 in order to avoid potential divergences in tariff classification and to ensure the uniform application of the Combined Nomenclature within the Union.

Regulation (EC) No 635/2005 should therefore be amended.

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The row corresponding to item 1 in the table set out in the Annex to Regulation (EC) No 635/2005 is deleted

## Commission repeals CIR (EU) No 827/2011 regarding classification of certain dyes diluted in solvents

On 7 February 2015, the *Official Journal* published [Commission Implementing Regulation \(EU\) 2015/182 of 2 February 2015](#) repealing [Implementing Regulation \(EU\) No 827/2011](#) concerning the classification of certain goods in the Combined Nomenclature. Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) No 827/2011 classified blue polymethine dye (fluorescent dye) diluted in a mixture of the solvents ethylene glycol and methanol, used in automatic blood analysers for staining leukocytes by means of fluorescent marking after they have undergone a specific preparatory treatment, under heading 3212 of the Combined Nomenclature as dye and other colouring matter. Classification of the product under heading 3822 of the Combined Nomenclature was excluded on the grounds that colouring matter of heading 3204 put up for retail sale is classified under heading 3212.

In Case C-480/13 *Sysmex Europe GmbH v Hauptzollamt Halburg-Hafen*, the Court of Justice of the European Union ruled that a product, composed of solvents and of a polymethine-based substance should be classified under heading 3822 of the Combined Nomenclature as laboratory reagents. The Court considered, based on the information submitted, that the use of that product as a colouring matter is no more than a purely theoretical possibility.

As the product examined by the Court in case C-480/13 is identical to the product the classification of which is laid down in Implementing Regulation (EU) No 827/2011, Implementing Regulation (EU) No 827/2011 is repealed in order to avoid potential divergences in tariff classification of blue polymethine dye (fluorescent dye) diluted in a mixture of the solvents ethylene glycol and methanol and to ensure the uniform application of the Combined Nomenclature within the Union.

## 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
03-02-15	<a href="#">Commission Implementing Decision (EU) 2015/164 of 2 February 2015 on a derogation from the rules of origin set out in Council Decision 2013/755/EU as regards raw cane sugar from Curaçao</a>
04-02-15	<a href="#">Commission Regulation (EU) 2015/165 of 3 February 2015 amending Annex IV to Regulation (EC) No 396/2005 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards maximum residue levels for lactic acid, <i>Lecanicillium muscarium</i> strain Ve6, chitosan hydrochloride and <i>Equisetum arvense</i> L. in or on certain products</a>
	<a href="#">Commission Regulation (EU) 2015/166 of 3 February 2015 supplementing and amending Regulation (EC) No 661/2009 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards the inclusion of specific procedures, assessment methods and technical requirements, and amending Directive 2007/46/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council, and Commission Regulations (EU) No 1003/2010, (EU) No 109/2011 and (EU) No 458/2011 [Vehicle type approvals]</a>
	<a href="#">Decision No 1/2014 of the EU-Montenegro Stabilisation and Association Council of 12 December 2014 replacing Protocol 3 to the Stabilisation and Association Agreement between the European Communities and their Member States, of the one part, and the Republic of Montenegro, of the other part, concerning the definition of the concept of 'originating products' and methods of administrative cooperation [2015/169]</a>
	<a href="#">Corrigendum to Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) No 1287/2014 of 28 November 2014 amending and correcting Regulation (EC) No 1235/2008 laying down detailed rules for implementation of Council Regulation (EC) No 834/2007 as regards the arrangements for imports of organic products from third countries ( OJ L 348, 4.12.2014 )</a>
	<a href="#">Update of reference amounts for the crossing of the external borders, as referred to in Article 5(3) of Regulation (EC) No 562/2006 of the European Parliament and of the Council establishing a Community Code on the rules governing the movement of persons across borders (Schengen Borders Code) [2015/C 038/07]</a>
05-02-15	<a href="#">Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2015/170 of 4 February 2015 repealing Regulation (EC) No 1135/2009 imposing special conditions governing the import of certain products originating in or consigned from China</a>
	<a href="#">Corrigendum to Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) No 780/2013 of 14 August 2013 amending Commission Regulation (EU) No 206/2010 laying down lists of third countries, territories or parts thereof authorised for the introduction into the European Union of certain animals and fresh meat and the veterinary certification requirements ( OJ L 219, 15.8.2013 )</a>
	<a href="#">Position (EU) No 1/2015 of the Council at first reading with view to the adoption of a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Council Directive 96/53/EC laying down for certain road vehicles circulating within the Community the maximum authorised dimensions in national and international traffic and the maximum authorised weights in international traffic Adopted by the Council on 16 October 2014 [2015/C 040/01]</a>
	<a href="#">Statement of the Council's reasons: Position (EU) No 1/2015 of the Council at first reading with view to the adoption of a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Council Directive 96/53/EC laying down for cer-</a>

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	<p><a href="#">tain road vehicles circulating within the Community the maximum authorised dimensions in national and international traffic and the maximum authorised weights in international traffic [2015/C 040/02]</a></p> <p><a href="#">Six-Monthly Progress Report on the implementation of the EU Strategy against the Proliferation of Weapons of Mass Destruction (2014/II) [2015/C 041/01]</a></p>
06-02-15	<p><a href="#">Commission Regulation (EU) 2015/174 of 5 February 2015 amending and correcting Regulation (EU) No 10/2011 on plastic materials and articles intended to come into contact with food</a></p> <p><a href="#">Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2015/175 of 5 February 2015 laying down special conditions applicable to the import of guar gum originating in or consigned from India due to contamination risks by pentachlorophenol and dioxins</a></p> <p><a href="#">Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2015/176 of 5 February 2015 Approving non-minor amendments to the specification for a name entered in the register of traditional specialities guaranteed [Prekmurska gibanica (TSG)]</a></p> <p><a href="#">Council Decision (EU) 2015/178 of 27 January 2015 on the position to be taken on behalf of the European Union within the Sanitary and Phytosanitary Sub-Committee, the Customs Sub-Committee and the Geographical Indications Sub-Committee established by the Association Agreement between the European Union and the European Atomic Energy Community and their Member States, of the one part, and the Republic of Moldova, of the other part, as regards the adoption of decisions of the Sanitary and Phytosanitary Sub-Committee, the Customs Sub-Committee and the Geographical Indications Sub-Committee on their Rules of Procedure</a></p> <p><a href="#">Commission Implementing Decision (EU) 2015/179 of 4 February 2015 authorising Member States to provide for a derogation from certain provisions of Council Directive 2000/29/EC in respect of wood packaging material of conifers (Coniferales) in the form of ammunition boxes originating in the United States of America under the control of the United States Department of Defence (notified under document C(2015) 445)</a></p>
07-02-15	<p><a href="#">Commission Regulation (EU) 2015/186 of 6 February 2015 amending Annex I to Directive 2002/32/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards maximum levels for arsenic, fluorine, lead, mercury, endosulfan and Ambrosia seeds</a></p> <p><a href="#">Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2015/187 of 6 February 2015 amending Regulation (EU) No 185/2010 as regards the screening of cabin baggage</a></p>
10-02-15	<p><a href="#">Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2015/198 of 6 February 2015 amending Annex I to Regulation (EC) No 798/2008 as regards the entry for Canada in the list of third countries, territories, zones or compartments from which certain poultry commodities may be imported into or transit through the Union in relation to highly pathogenic avian influenza</a></p> <p><a href="#">Council Decision (EU) 2015/201 of 27 January 2015 on the position to be taken on behalf of the European Union within the Sanitary and Phytosanitary Sub-Committee, the Customs Sub-Committee and the Geographical Indications Sub-Committee established by the Association Agreement between the European Union and the European Atomic Energy Community and their Member States, of the one part, and Georgia, of the other part, as regards the adoption of decisions of the Sanitary and Phytosanitary Sub-Committee, the Customs Sub-Committee, and the Geographical Indications Sub-Committee on their Rules of Procedure</a></p> <p><a href="#">Commission Implementing Decision (EU) 2015/204 of 6 February 2015 amending Annex II to Decision 2007/777/EC as regards the entry for Canada in the list of third countries or parts thereof from which the introduction of meat products and treated stomachs, bladders and intestines into the Union is authorised in relation to highly pathogenic avian influenza (notified under document C(2015) 554)</a></p> <p><a href="#">Commission Implementing Decision (EU) 2015/205 of 6 February 2015 amending Decision 2006/415/EC on protective measures in relation to an outbreak of highly pathogenic avian influenza of the subtype H5N1 in poultry in Bulgaria (notified under document C(2015) 699)</a></p>

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	<a href="#">Commission Implementing Decision (EU) 2015/206 of 9 February 2015 on the approval of the Daimler AG efficient exterior lighting using light emitting diodes as an innovative technology for reducing CO2 emissions from passenger cars pursuant to Regulation (EC) No 443/2009 of the European Parliament and of the Council</a>
11-02-15	<a href="#">Commission Regulation (EU) 2015/210 of 10 February 2015 amending Annexes II and III to Regulation (EC) No 110/2008 of the European Parliament and of the Council on the definition, description, presentation, labelling and the protection of geographical indications of spirit drinks</a>
12-02-15	<a href="#">Council Implementing Decision (EU) 2015/215 of 10 February 2015 on the putting into effect of the provisions of the Schengen <i>acquis</i> on data protection and on the provisional putting into effect of parts of the provisions of the Schengen <i>acquis</i> on the Schengen Information System for the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland</a>
	<a href="#">Commission Implementing Decision (EU) 2015/216 of 10 February 2015 amending Decision 2000/572/EC as regards the reference to the Harmonised System (HS) in the model certificate for meat preparations and amending Decision 2007/777/EC as regards the entry for Israel in the list of third countries or parts thereof from which the introduction of meat products and treated stomachs, bladders and intestines into the Union is authorised (notified under document C(2015) 438)</a>
	<a href="#">Decisions of the EEA Joint Committee for which the constitutional requirements under Article 103 of the EEA Agreement have been fulfilled and related Decisions [2015/C 049/06]</a>
	<a href="#">Position (EU) No 2/2015 of the Council at first reading with a view to the adoption of a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Directive 98/70/EC relating to the quality of petrol and diesel fuels and amending Directive 2009/28/EC on the promotion of the use of energy from renewable sources Adopted by the Council on 9 December 2014 [2015/C 050/01]</a>
	<a href="#">Statement of the Council's reason: Position (EU) No 2/2015 of the Council at first reading with a view to the adoption of a directive of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Directive 98/70/EC relating to the quality of petrol and diesel fuels and amending Directive 2009/28/EC on the promotion of the use of energy from renewable sources [2015/C 050/02]</a>
13-02-15	<a href="#">Information note — Council Regulation (EC) No 428/2009 setting up a Community regime for the control of exports, transfer, brokering and transit of dual-use items: Information on measures adopted by Member States in conformity with Articles 5, 6, 8, 9, 10, 17 and 22 [2014/C 051/08]</a>
	<a href="#">List of approved facilities for the treatment of foods and food ingredients with ionising radiation in the Member States (According to Article 7(4) of Directive 1999/2/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council on the approximation of the laws of the Member States concerning foods and food ingredients treated with ionising radiation) (This text cancels and replaces the text published in the OJ C 265, 1.9.2012, p. 3.) [2014/C 051/09]</a>
14-02-15	<a href="#">Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2015/231 of 11 February 2015 amending Implementing Regulation (EU) No 720/2014 on the allocation of import rights for applications lodged for the period 1 July 2014 to 30 June 2015 under the tariff quota opened by Regulation (EC) No 431/2008 for frozen meat of bovine animals and providing for additional quantities to be allocated</a>
	<a href="#">Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2015/232 of 13 February 2015 amending and correcting Implementing Regulation (EU) No 540/2011 as regards the conditions of approval of the active substance copper compounds</a>
	<a href="#">Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2015/234 of 13 February 2015 amending Regulation (EEC) No 2454/93 as regards the temporary importation of means of transport intended to be used by a natural person resident in the customs territory of the Union</a>
	<a href="#">Commission Implementing Decision (EU) 2015/237 of 12 February 2015 amending Implementing Decision 2014/237/EU on measures to prevent the introduction into and the spread within the Union of harmful organisms as regards certain fruits and vegetables originating in India (notified under document</a>

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	<p><a href="#">C(2015) 662</a></p> <p><a href="#">Corrigendum to Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) No 668/2014 of 13 June 2014 laying down rules for the application of Regulation (EU) No 1151/2012 of the European Parliament and of the Council on quality schemes for agricultural products and foodstuffs ( OJ L 179, 19.6.2014 )</a></p>
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17-02-15	<p><a href="#">Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2015/243 of 13 February 2015 amending Annex I to Regulation (EC) No 798/2008 as regards the entry for the United States in the list of third countries, territories, zones or compartments from which certain poultry commodities may be imported into or transit through the Union in relation to highly pathogenic avian influenza</a></p>
	<p><a href="#">Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2015/244 of 16 February 2015 concerning the authorisation of Quinoline Yellow as a feed additive for non food-producing animals</a></p>
	<p><a href="#">Commission Implementing Decision (EU) 2015/249 of 10 February 2015 extending the validity of Decision 2006/502/EC requiring Member States to take measures to ensure that only lighters which are child-resistant are placed on the market and to prohibit the placing on the market of novelty lighters (notified under document C(2015) 603)</a></p>
	<p><a href="#">Commission Implementing Decision (EU) 2015/251 of 13 February 2015 amending Implementing Decision 2014/709/EU concerning animal health control measures relating to African swine fever in certain Member States (notified under document C(2015) 710)</a></p>
	<p><a href="#">Commission Implementing Decision (EU) 2015/252 of 13 February 2015 amending Annex II to Decision 2007/777/EC as regards the entry for the United States in the list of third countries or parts thereof from which the introduction of meat products and treated stomachs, bladders and intestines into the Union is authorised in relation to highly pathogenic avian influenza (notified under document C(2015) 714)</a></p>
	<p><a href="#">Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2015/208 of 8 December 2014 supplementing Regulation (EU) No 167/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council with regard to vehicle functional safety requirements for the approval of agricultural and forestry vehicles</a></p>
18-02-15	<p><a href="#">Council Decision (CFSP) 2015/259 of 17 February 2015 in support of activities of the Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons (OPCW) in the framework of the implementation of the EU Strategy against Proliferation of Weapons of Mass Destruction</a></p>
	<p><a href="#">Commission Implementing Decision (EU) 2015/217 of 10 April 2014 authorising Member States to adopt certain derogations pursuant to Directive 2008/68/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council on the inland transport of dangerous goods (notified under document C(2014) 2292)</a></p>
	<p><a href="#">Commission Implementing Decision (EU) 2015/219 of 29 January 2015 replacing the Annex to Implementing Decision 2013/115/EU on the Sirene Manual and other implementing measures for the second generation Schengen Information System (SIS II) (notified under document C(2015) 326)</a></p>
19-02-15	<p><a href="#">Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2015/264 of 18 February 2015 concerning the authorisation of neohesperidine dihydrochalcone as a feed additive for sheep, fish, dogs, calves and certain categories of pigs</a></p>
	<p><a href="#">Commission Implementing Decision (EU) 2015/267 of 17 February 2015 amending Annex II to Decision 2007/777/EC as regards the entry for Japan in the list of third countries or parts thereof from which the introduction of certain meat products and treated stomachs, bladders and intestines into the Union is authorised (notified under document C(2015) 738)</a></p>
	<p><a href="#">Corrigendum to Decision No 1/2008 (2008/786/EC) of the EC-EFTA Joint Committee on Common Transit of 16 June 2008 amending the Convention of 20 May 1987 on a common transit procedure ( OJ L 274, 15.10.2008 )</a></p>
20-02-15	<p><a href="#">Council Decision (EU) 2015/268 of 17 December 2014 on the signing, on behalf of the European Union, and provisional application of the Protocol to the Euro-Mediterranean Agreement establishing an Association between the European Community and its Member States, of the one part, and the Republic of Lebanon, of the other part, on a Framework Agreement between the European</a></p>

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	<p><a href="#">Union and the Republic of Lebanon on the general principles for the participation of the Republic of Lebanon in Union programmes</a></p> <p><a href="#">-Protocol to the Euro-Mediterranean Agreement establishing an Association between the European Community and its Member States, of the one part, and the Republic of Lebanon, of the other part, on a Framework Agreement between the European Union and the Republic of Lebanon on the general principles for the participation of the Republic of Lebanon in Union programmes</a></p> <p><a href="#">Commission Implementing Decision (EU) 2015/278 of 18 February 2015 amending Decision 2010/221/EU as regards national measures for preventing the introduction of certain aquatic animal diseases into parts of Ireland, Finland, and the United Kingdom (notified under document C(2015) 791)</a></p> <p><a href="#">Commission Implementing Decision (EU) 2015/279 of 19 February 2015 on the approval of the battery charging Asola solar roof as an innovative technology for reducing CO2 emissions from passenger cars pursuant to Regulation (EC) No 443/2009 of the European Parliament and of the Council (1)</a></p>
21-02-15	<p><a href="#">Commission Regulation (EU) 2015/282 of 20 February 2015 amending Annexes VIII, IX and X to Regulation (EC) No 1907/2006 of the European Parliament and of the Council on the Registration, Evaluation, Authorisation and Restriction of Chemicals (REACH) as regards the Extended One-Generation Reproductive Toxicity Study</a></p> <p><a href="#">Council Decision (EU) 2015/284 of 17 February 2015 on the position to be adopted, on behalf of the European Union, in the EEA Joint Committee concerning an amendment to Protocol 4 of the EEA Agreement on rules of origin (Croatia Enlargement)</a></p> <p><a href="#">Council Decision (EU) 2015/285 of 17 February 2015 on the position to be adopted on behalf of the European Union within the EEA Joint Committee established by the Agreement on the European Economic Area, as regards the replacement of Protocol 4 to that Agreement, on rules of origin, by a new Protocol which is aligned to the Regional Convention on pan-Euro-Mediterranean preferential rules of origin</a></p>
24-02-15	<p><a href="#">Commission Implementing Decision (EU) 2015/261 of 6 February 2015 amending Decisions 2010/470/EU and 2010/471/EU as regards the animal health certification requirements for trade in and for imports into the Union of semen, ova and embryos of animals of the equine species (notified under document C(2015) 548)</a></p>
25-02-15	<p><a href="#">Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2015/292 of 24 February 2015 approving carbon dioxide as an active substance for use in biocidal products for product-type 15</a></p> <p><a href="#">Commission Implementing Decision (EU) 2015/295 of 24 February 2015 on the approval of the MELCO GXi efficient alternator as an innovative technology for reducing CO2 emissions from passenger cars pursuant to Regulation (EC) No 443/2009 of the European Parliament and of the Council</a></p> <p><a href="#">Notice to producers and importers of hydrofluorocarbons and to new undertakings intending to place hydrofluorocarbons in bulk on the market in the European Union in 2016 [2015/C 067/10]</a></p>
27-02-15	<p><a href="#">Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2015/306 of 26 February 2015 renewing the approval of the active substance <i>Isaria fumosorosea</i> strain Apopka 97 in accordance with Regulation (EC) No 1107/2009 of the European Parliament and of the Council concerning the placing of plant protection products on the market, and amending the Annex to Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) No 540/2011</a></p> <p><a href="#">Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2015/307 of 26 February 2015 amending Implementing Regulation (EU) No 540/2011 as regards the conditions of approval of the active substance triclopyr</a></p> <p><a href="#">Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2015/308 of 26 February 2015 amending Implementing Regulation (EU) No 540/2011 as regards the conditions of approval of the active substance Z,Z,Z,Z-7,13,16,19-docosatetraen-1-yl isobutyrate</a></p> <p><a href="#">Commission Implementing Decision (EU) 2015/315 of 25 February 2015 concerning certain protective measures in relation to highly pathogenic avian influ-</a></p>

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	<a href="#">enza of subtype H5N8 in Germany (notified under document C(2015) 1004)</a>
	<a href="#">List of ports in EU Member States where landings and transshipment operations of fishery products are allowed and port services are accessible for third country fishing vessels, in accordance with Article 5(2) of Council Regulation (EC) No 1005/2008 [2015/C 070/06]</a>
	<a href="#">Summary of European Union decisions on marketing authorisations in respect of medicinal products from 1 October 2014 to 31 October 2014 (Published pursuant to Article 13 or Article 38 of Regulation (EC) No 726/2004 of the European Parliament and of the Council) [2015/C 071/01]</a>
	<a href="#">Summary of European Union decisions on marketing authorisations in respect of medicinal products from 1 January 2015 to 31 January 2015 (Published pursuant to Article 13 or Article 38 of Regulation (EC) No 726/2004 of the European Parliament and of the Council) [2015/C 071/02]</a>
	<a href="#">Summary of European Union decisions on marketing authorisations in respect of medicinal products from 1 January 2015 to 31 January 2015 (Decisions taken pursuant to Article 34 of Directive 2001/83/EC or Article 38 of Directive 2001/82/EC) [2015/C 071/03]</a>
28-02-15	<a href="#">Commission Implementing Decision (EU) 2015/321 of 26 February 2015 amending Decision 2008/989/EC authorising Member States, in accordance with Council Directive 1999/105/EC, to take decisions on the equivalence of the guarantees afforded by forest reproductive material to be imported from certain third countries (notified under document C(2015) 1045)</a>
	<a href="#">Update of the list of border crossing points referred to in Article 2(8) of Regulation (EC) No 562/2006 of the European Parliament and of the Council establishing a Community Code on the rules governing the movement of persons across borders (Schengen Borders Code) [2015/C 072/11]</a>

### Restrictive measures established, amended, corrected

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

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04-02-15	<a href="#">Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2015/167 of 3 February 2015 amending for the 225th time Council Regulation (EC) No 881/2002 imposing certain specific restrictive measures directed against certain persons and entities associated with the Al Qaida network</a>
10-02-15	<a href="#">Council Regulation (EU) 2015/192 of 9 February 2015 amending Regulation (EC) No 174/2005 imposing restrictions on the supply of assistance related to military activities to Côte d'Ivoire</a>
	<a href="#">Council Decision (CFSP) 2015/202 of 9 February 2015 amending Decision 2010/656/CFSP renewing the restrictive measures against Côte d'Ivoire</a>
13-02-15	<a href="#">Corrigendum to Council Regulation (EU) No 1351/2014 of 18 December 2014 amending Regulation (EU) No 692/2014 concerning restrictive measures in response to the illegal annexation of Crimea and Sevastopol ( OJ L 365, 19.12.2014 )</a>
14-02-15	<a href="#">Council Decision (CFSP) 2015/236 of 12 February 2015 amending Decision 2010/413/CFSP concerning restrictive measures against Iran</a>
	<a href="#">Council Regulation (EU) 2015/229 of 12 February 2015 amending Regulation (EU) No 267/2012 concerning restrictive measures against Iran</a>
	<a href="#">Council Implementing Regulation (EU) 2015/230 of 12 February 2015 implementing Regulation (EU) No 267/2012 concerning restrictive measures against Iran</a>
16-02-15	<a href="#">Council Implementing Regulation (EU) 2015/240 of 9 February 2015 implementing Regulation (EU) No 269/2014 concerning restrictive measures in respect of actions undermining or threatening the territorial integrity, sovereignty and independence of Ukraine</a>
	<a href="#">Council Decision (CFSP) 2015/241 of 9 February 2015 amending Decision 2014/145/CFSP concerning restrictive measures in respect of actions undermin-</a>

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	<a href="#">ing or threatening the territorial integrity, sovereignty and independence of Ukraine</a>
20-02-15	<a href="#">Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2015/274 of 19 February 2015 amending for the 226th time Council Regulation (EC) No 881/2002 imposing certain specific restrictive measures directed against certain persons and entities associated with the Al Qaida network</a>
	<a href="#">Council Decision (CFSP) 2015/277 of 19 February 2015 amending Decision 2011/101/CFSP concerning restrictive measures against Zimbabwe</a>
	<a href="#">Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2015/275 of 19 February 2015 amending Council Regulation (EC) No 314/2004 concerning certain restrictive measures in respect of Zimbabwe</a>
21-02-15	<a href="#">Corrigendum to Council Implementing Decision 2014/488/CFSP of 22 July 2014 implementing Decision 2013/255/CFSP concerning restrictive measures against Syria ( OJ L 217, 23.7.2014 )</a>

## Antidumping and countervailing duty cases

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

## Individual Countries

### France

#### Notices to importers

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

Release Date	Ref. No. and Subject
04-02-15	DA № <a href="#">15-010 National implementation of the amendment "security and safety" of the Community Customs Code. The import control system: Import Control System (ICS)</a>
06-02-15	<a href="#">2015/09-Notice to raw cane sugar importers Curacao</a>
	DA № <a href="#">15-012 Circular on duties and taxes applicable to energy products as of February 11, 2015 – repeals 14-037</a>
13-02-15	DA № <a href="#">15-013 Sale to travelers residing in a country outside the European Union or in a overseas community of the Republic of the Procedure of export sales slips</a>

## United Kingdom

### BIS releases list of suspension and quota applications round: 1 July 2015

On 27 February 2015, the Department for Business, Innovation & Skills (BIS) released the publication, [List of suspension and quota applications round: 1 July 2015](#) (BIS/14/P101F) which provides a list and status of applications (as of 11 February) for the 1 July 2015 round of the [European Union \(EU\) temporary duty suspensions and tariff quotas scheme](#).

This scheme allows the duty free importation into the EU of raw materials, components and semi-finished products which cannot be supplied (or supplied in sufficient quantities) from EU or Turkish manufacturers and are used in a process to make another product.

Applications may be filed by::

- a business established in the EU
- an EU manufacturing user of the component in question
- a distributor applying on behalf of EU manufacturing customers
- EU company subsidiaries outside of the EU or Turkey
- an agent (lawyer, accountant or consultant) representing one of the above

Successful duty suspensions requests are valid for 5 years. After 5 years they are reviewed under the 'prolongation' scheme where they can be renewed for a further 5 years. Tariff quotas are valid for 12 months and automatically renewed for the same quantity each year. Objections to tariff suspensions or quotas can be made at anytime during the validity period.

## The Export Control (Amendment) Order 2015

On 25 February 2015, [legislation.gov.uk](http://legislation.gov.uk) posted [SI 2015/351 - The Export Control \(Amendment\) Order 2015](#).

The Order implements [Directive 2014/108/EU](#) amending [Directive 2009/43/EC](#) of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards the list of defence related products (OJ L 359, 16.12.14, p.117) (the "amending Directive"). [Directive 2009/43/EC](#) (OJ L 146, 10.6.09, p.1) simplifies the terms and conditions of transfers within the Union of defence related products listed in the Annex which corresponds to the list in the Common Military List of the Union (the "CML"). The CML was updated in 2014 and the amending Directive makes the necessary changes to the Annex to [Directive 2009/43/EC](#) to incorporate these changes.

The Order replaces Schedule 2 to the Export Control Order 2008 which lists military goods, software and technology which are subject to export controls ("the UK list"). The content of the UK list derives partly from an international export control regime known as the Wassenaar Arrangement adopted in the EU through the CML, as well as from domestic UK controls. The substituted text of the Schedule reflects the changes. The Order also amends a UK national control (PL5001) in Schedule 2 to the Export Control Order 2008 in order to ensure consistency with changes introduced by Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) No 775/2014 (OJ L 210, 17.7.2014, p.1).

## The Export Control (Various Amendments) Order 2015

On 3 February 2015, [legislation.gov.uk](http://legislation.gov.uk) posted [SI 2015/97 - The Export Control \(Various Amendments\) Order 2015](#). According to the [Explanatory Note](#) accompanying the posting:

This Order makes provision for the enforcement of amended trade restrictions against Russia specified in Council Regulation (EU) No 1290/2014 (OJ No L 349, 5.12.2014, p20) which amends Council Regulation (EU) No 833/2014 concerning restrictive measures in view of Russia's actions destabilising the situation in Ukraine (OJ No L 229, 31.7.2014, p1) (the "Russia Sanctions Regulation"). The Order also provides for the enforcement of new trade and investment restrictions in Crimea and Sevastopol specified in Council Regulation (EU) No 1351/2014 (OJ No L 365, 19.12.2014, p46) which amends Council Regulation (EU) No 692/2014 concerning restrictive measures in response to the illegal annexation of Crimea and Sevastopol (OJ No L 183, 24.6.2014, p9) (the "Crimea and Sevastopol Regulation").

The Order also makes provision for the enforcement of new trade restrictions against Syria related to jet fuel and fuel additives specified in Council Regulation (EU) No 1323/2014 (OJ No L 358, 13.12.2014, p1) which amends Council Regulation (EU) No 36/2012 concerning restrictive measures in view of the situation in Syria (OJ No L 16, 19.1.2012, p1) (the "Syria Sanctions Regulation").

The Order amends the Export Control (Russia, Crimea and Sevastopol Sanctions) Order 2014 (S.I. 2014/2357) (the “Russia, Crimea and Sevastopol Sanctions Order”) which makes provision for the enforcement of all current trade restrictions against Russia and those in view of the illegal annexation of Crimea and Sevastopol. The Order also amends the Export Control (Syria Sanctions) Order 2013 (S.I. 2013/2012) (the “Syria Sanctions Order”), which makes provision for the enforcement of all current trade restrictions against Syria.

The measures against Russia that have been amended relate to: (i) the sale etc. of items listed in Annex II of the Russia Sanctions Regulation and related technical assistance, brokering services and financial assistance; and (ii) the provision of certain associated services for certain types of oil exploration and production.

Article 2 of the Order amends the Russia, Crimea and Sevastopol Sanctions Order to create offences and provide the penalties for contravention of the amended prohibitions set out in new Articles 3(1), 3a(1) and 4(3)(a) and (b) of the Russia Sanctions Regulation.

The new trade and investment measures in view of the illegal annexation of Crimea and Sevastopol include: (i) a ban on all foreign investments and related investment services in Crimea or Sevastopol; (ii) a broadening of the former export prohibition on goods and technology suited for use in the sectors of transport, telecommunications, energy and the prospection, exploration and production of oil, gas and mineral resources, and associated technical assistance, brokering services and financial assistance; (iii) a ban on the provision of technical assistance, or brokering, construction or engineering services relating to infrastructure in Crimea or Sevastopol in those sectors; and (iv) a ban on the provision of services directly related to tourism activities in Crimea or Sevastopol, including a ban on ships providing cruise services and flying a Member State flag or owned or operated by a Union shipowner calling at certain ports in the Crimean Peninsula.

Article 2 of the Order amends the Russia, Crimea and Sevastopol Sanctions Order to create offences and provide the penalties for contravention of the new prohibitions set out in new Articles 2a, 2b, 2c and 2d of the Crimea and Sevastopol Regulation.

The new restrictive measures against Syria prohibit the sale etc. of jet fuels and fuel additives to any person, entity or body in Syria and for use in Syria and the provision of related financial assistance and brokering services.

Article 3 of the Order amends the Syria Sanctions Order to create offences and provide the penalties for contravention of the new prohibitions set out in Article 7a of the Syria Sanctions Regulation.

Article 4 of the Order makes a minor amendment to the Export control (Sudan, South Sudan and Central African Republic Sanctions) Regulations 2014 by inserting the word “South” in regulation 5 of those Regulations.

## HMRC and BIS updates

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

Release Date	Ref. No. and Subject
02-02-15	<a href="#">BIS/15/14 Guidance: Open general export licence (international non-proliferation regime decontrols: dual-use items)</a>
	<a href="#">BIS/15/15 Guidance: Open general export licence (Turkey)</a>
	<a href="#">BIS/15/57 Guidance: Open general export licence (oil and gas exploration: dual-use items)</a>
	<a href="#">BIS/15/58 Guidance: Open general export licence (technology for dual-use items)</a>
	<a href="#">CIP 5 (2015): new arrangements for the presentation of Import entries subject to Trading Standards controls</a>
13-02-15	<a href="#">BIS/15/118 Guidance: OIELs: new applications process</a>
	<a href="#">BIS/15/P97A ECO Training Bulletin No 15, January to July 2015 (Updated)</a>

Release Date	Ref. No. and Subject
18-02-15	<a href="#">CIP 6 (2015): outward clearance requirements for vessels leaving UK ports</a>
	Ref: BIS/14/729 <a href="#">Guidance: Open general export licence (access overseas to software and technology for military goods: individual use only)</a>
	Ref: BIS/14/729 <a href="#">Guidance: Open general export licence (export for exhibition: military goods)</a>
	Ref: BIS/14/733 <a href="#">Guidance: Open general export licence (export after re-pair/replacement under warranty: military goods)</a>
	Ref: BIS/14/726 <a href="#">Guidance: Open general export licence (export for re-pair/replacement under warranty: military goods)</a>
26-02-15	<a href="#">BIS/14/1041 Guidance: Open general export licence (historic military goods)</a>
	<a href="#">BIS/14/731 Guidance: Open general export licence (military goods: for demonstration)</a>
	Ref: BIS/14/1042 <a href="#">Guidance: Open general export licence (military surplus vehicles)</a>
	<a href="#">BIS/14/728 Guidance: Open general export licence (software and source code for military goods)</a>
	Ref: BIS/14/895 <a href="#">Guidance: Open general export licence (technology for military goods)</a>

## ECO Notices to Exporters

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

Date	Notice No. and Subject
02-02-15	<a href="#">Notice to Exporters 2015/07: Five OGELs amended</a>
06-02-15	<a href="#">Notice to Exporters 2015/08: changes to OIEL application process</a>
11-02-15	<a href="#">Notice to Exporters 2015/09 – clarification of Section 5 (1) of Military Goods, Software and Technology OGEL</a>
13-02-15	<a href="#">Notice to Exporters 2015/10: OIEL application process now updated</a>

## Other EU-EFTA Notices

### Import-export related measures

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

Date*	Measure
<b>France</b>	
04-02-15	<a href="#">No 15 Decree of 3 February 2015 on the storage conditions for the issuance, delivery and traceability plasmas transfusion purposes in the production involving an industrial process enjoying an import authorization</a>
05-02-15	<a href="#">No 115 Notice to importers and exporters on approval of the customs agent (288th list)</a>
09-02-15	Economy : <a href="#">Notice to manufacturers, importers and distributors of culinary use siphons</a>
10-02-15	<a href="#">Decree of 6 February 2015 laying down the conditions of communication of their list of non-domestic customers by the suppliers of natural gas, coal, lignite, coke and electricity to the Customs and Excise, under sections 266 d 266 d and 266 d C B of the Customs Code</a>
11-02-15	<a href="#">Decree of 30 January 2015 repealing the Order of 20 March 2003 on the health</a>

Date*	Measure
	<a href="#">conditions governing the use, marketing, trade, import and export of certain products of animal origin intended for food and manufacturing feed livestock or other animals and uses the order of 4 August 2005 on health conditions governing intra-Community trade, imports and exports of certain products containing or made from animal materials intended for Food and food manufacturing pets</a>
14-02-15	<a href="#">Decree No. 2015-162 of 11 February 2015 concerning the publication of the Framework Agreement on Comprehensive Partnership and Cooperation between the European Community and its Member States, of the one part, and the Republic of Indonesia, on the other (all final act), signed in Jakarta November 9, 2009 (1)</a>
19-02-15	Finance : <a href="#">Decree No. 2015-184 of 17 February 2015 concerning the conditions of application of the exemption from excise duty on sales of alcohol, alcoholic beverages and tobacco products in retail counters, in shops sales on board as part of the fueling</a>
20-02-15	<a href="#">Decree of 11 February 2015 on the approval of specifications "New uses and new textile processes" and "Innovative products for safe, healthy and sustainable - functional foods and customized"</a>
21-02-15	<a href="#">Notice to operators concerning the applicability of the Implementing Regulation (EU) 2015/175 of the Commission on 5 February 2015 laying down special conditions for imports of guar gum originating in or consigned from India due contamination risks by pentachlorophenol and dioxins</a>
<b>Iceland</b>	
03-02-15	<a href="#">№ 109/2015 Regulation on the allocation of tariff quotas under a special agreement between Iceland and Norway on trade between countries.</a>
04-02-15	<a href="#">№ 110/2015 Regulation on (1) amending Regulation No. 1139/2014 on the allocation of tariff quotas for imports of agricultural products under Annex IVA and IVB to Customs</a>
05-02-15	<a href="#">№ 118/2015 Regulation on (6) amending Regulation No. 141/2011 on the marketing of proprietary medicinal products, labeling and package leaflets.</a>
06-02-15	<a href="#">№ 7/2015 - Law amending the legislation on labeling and information on the energy consumption of household appliances, etc., №. 72/1994, as amended (Directive implementation and penalty provisions).</a>
09-02-15	<a href="#">№ 123/2015 Regulation on (5) amending Regulation No. 822/2010, the transfer of waste between countries.</a>
	<a href="#">№ 125/2015 Regulation on (12) amending Regulation No. 750/2008 on the registration, evaluation, authorization and restrictions with respect to the content ("REACH").</a>
12-02-15	<a href="#">№ 138/2015 Regulation on (1) amending Regulation No. 1294/2014 on the dissemination of information on foods to consumers.</a>
16-02-15	<a href="#">№ 144/2015 Regulation on the allocation of public tariff quotas for beef.</a>
23-02-15	<a href="#">№ 167/2015 Regulation of pharmacologically active substances and their classification as regards maximum residue levels in food of animal origin.</a>
	<a href="#">№ 168/2015 Regulation on (3) amending Regulation No. 374/2012 on the entry into force of Commission Regulation (EU) No. 10/2011 on materials and plastic parts are intended to come into contact with foodstuffs</a>
	<a href="#">№ 169/2015 Regulation on (5) amending Regulation No. 168/2011 on the criteria and requirements for issuing health certificates for marketing fishery farmed animal, their products and their importation into the EEA area and a list of the types of vectors</a>
	<a href="#">№ 170/2015 Regulation on the entry into force of Regulation (EC) No. 470/2009 laying down Community procedures for the determination of the reference values for residues of pharmacologically active substances in foodstuffs of animal origin.</a>
	<a href="#">№ 171/2015 Regulation on (9) amending Regulation No. 978/2011 on the entry into force of Regulation (EC) No. 1333/2008 on food additives.</a>
	<a href="#">№ 172/2015 Regulation on (71) amending Regulation No. 340/2001 on the control of feed.</a>
	<a href="#">№ 173/2015 Regulation on (19) amending Regulation No. 672/2008 on maximum levels for pesticide residues in food and feed.</a>
	<a href="#">№ 174/2015 Regulation on (4) amending Regulation No. 397/2013 on the entry into force of Commission Regulation (EU) No. 231/2012 laying down detailed definitions of food additives listed in Annex II. and III. Annex to Regulation (EC)</a>

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	<a href="#">No. 1333/2008</a>
24-02-15	<a href="#">№ 181/2015 Regulation on (2) amending Regulation No. 1294/2014 on the dissemination of information on foods to consumers.</a>
	<a href="#">№ 182/2015 Regulation on (6) amending Regulation No. 135/2010 on the entry into force of Regulation (EC) No. 2073/2005 on microbiological criteria for foodstuffs, as well as any amendments thereto.</a>
	<a href="#">№ 183/2015 Regulation on (2) amending Regulation No. 270/2010 on the entry into force of Regulation (EC) No. 401/2006 on the methods of sampling and analysis for the official control of the levels of mycotoxins content in foodstuffs.</a>
	<a href="#">№ 184/2015 Regulation on (8) amending Regulation No. 265/2010 on the entry into force of Regulation (EC) No. 1881/2006 setting maximum levels for certain contaminants in foodstuffs.</a>
	<a href="#">№ 185/2015 Regulation on (8) amending Regulation No. 105/2010 on the entry into force of Regulation (EC) No. 854/2004 laying down specific rules for the organization of official controls on products of animal origin intended for human consumption</a>
	<a href="#">№ 187/2015 Regulation on flavorings and certain food ingredients with flavoring properties for use in and on foods.</a>
	<a href="#">№ 188/2015 Regulation on (12) amending Regulation No. 104/2010 on the entry into force of Regulation (EC) No. 853/2004 laying down specific rules on the hygiene of food of animal origin.</a>
	25-02-15
<b>Ireland (Eire)</b>	
03-02-15	<a href="#">S.I. No. 31/2015 - European Communities (Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Road and Use of Transportable Pressure Equipment) (Amendment) Regulations 2015.</a>
<b>Luxembourg</b>	
16-02-15	<a href="#">Mem. A № 27 Grand Ducal Regulation of 12 February 2015 implementing the law of 14 April 1934 laying down the procedures for obtaining a biometric passport, biometric travel documents for foreigners, stateless persons and refugees and establishing a chancery case for legalization acts</a>
18-02-15	<a href="#">Mem. A № 29 Grand Ducal Regulation of 12 February 2015 determining the fee structure and terms of payment of fees associated with the eco-label.</a>
<b>Malta</b>	
03-02-15	<a href="#">№ 39 of 2015 - Restriction of Use of Hazardous Substances in Electrical and Electronic Equipment (Amendment) Regulations, 2015 - Government Gazette of Malta No. 19,377 – 03.02.2015</a>
13-02-15	<a href="#">№ 45 of 2015 - Transfer of Personal Data to Third Countries (Amendment) Order, 2015 Government Gazette of Malta No. 19,382 – 13.02.2015</a>
	<a href="#">№ 49 of 2015 - Pressure Equipment (Amendment) Regulations, 2015 Government Gazette of Malta No. 19,382 – 13.02.2015</a>
<b>Norway</b>	
10-02-15	FOR 2015-02-09-93 Ministry of the Environment <a href="#">Regulations amending the REACH Regulation (Amendment of the REACH Regulation Annex XIV)</a>
13-02-15	FOR 2015-02-06-110 Ministry of Health <a href="#">Regulation amending the Regulation on specific hygiene rules for food of animal origin (animaliehygieneforskriften)</a>
	FOR 2015-02-11-112 Agriculture and Food <a href="#">Regulation amending the Regulation on quota for milk</a>
	FOR 2015-02-11-114 Ministry of Health <a href="#">Regulations repealing regulations on special safeguard measures on imports of products from China that may contain melamine</a>
	FOR 2015-02-11-115 Ministry of Health <a href="#">Regulations on special safeguard measures on imports of certain fishery and aquaculture products from Thailand</a>
17-02-15	FOR 2015-02-12-121 Ministry of the Environment <a href="#">Regulation amending the Regulation on the restriction of use of hazardous chemicals and other products (Product Regulations)</a>
	FOR 2015-02-13-124 Foreign Affairs <a href="#">Regulation amending the Regulation on export of defense, multi-purpose products, technologies and services</a>

Date*	Measure
24-02-15	FOR 2015-02-18-139 Ministry of Health <a href="#">Regulations on voluntary labeling of foodstuffs with Keyhole</a>
	FOR 2015-02-19-140 Ministry of Health <a href="#">Regulation amending the Regulation on imports from third countries of certain live animals, bees, bumblebees and fresh meat of certain animals (extension of protection measures against epidemic diarrhea in swine with regard to imports)</a>
	FOR 2015-02-20-144 Agriculture and Food <a href="#">Regulation amending the Regulation on administrative tariff reductions for agricultural and regulations concerning the distribution of tariff quotas for agricultural products</a>
27-02-15	FOR 2015-02-26-157 Agriculture and Food <a href="#">Regulation amending the Regulation on animal health conditions for imports and exports of semen, ova and embryos of certain animal species</a>
<b>Poland</b>	
02-02-15	<a href="#">№ 175 Regulation of the Minister of Finance dated 27 January 2015. Amending Regulation on information on vacancies official in the Customs Service and the qualification procedure for the Customs Service</a>
10-02-15	<a href="#">№ 198 Regulation of the Minister of Economy of 30 January 2015. Amending the Regulation on the essential requirements for toys</a>
12-02-15	<a href="#">№ 208 Notice of the Minister of Health of 12 January 2015. On the publication of the consolidated text of the Regulation of the Minister of Health on the criteria and classification of chemical substances and mixtures</a>
	<a href="#">№ 209 Council of Ministers of 10 February 2015. Amending Regulation on the implementation of the Agricultural Market Agency tasks related to the establishment of further temporary emergency support measures for producers of certain fruit and vegetables because of the prohibition of imports from the European Union to the Russian Federation</a>
	<a href="#">№ 211 The Act of 15 January 2015. Amending the Law on Customs Service, the law on tax offices and chambers and some other acts</a>
20-02-15	<a href="#">№ 237 Regulation of the Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development of 6 February 2015. Amending Regulation on the border of wood packaging phytosanitary inspection carried out on a random basis</a>
	<a href="#">№ 240 Regulation of the Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development of 6 February 2015. Amending Regulation on the list of entry points through which you can make the plants, plant products or other objects</a>
23-02-15	<a href="#">№ 242 Proclamation of the Marshal of the Polish Sejm on 6 February 2015. On the publication of the consolidated text of the Law on biocides</a>
	<a href="#">№ 244 Regulation of the Minister of Economy of 11 February 2015. Amending the Regulation on the essential requirements for pressure equipment and assemblies of pressure equipment</a>
27-02-15	<a href="#">№ 274 Regulation of the Minister of Internal Affairs on 11 February 2015. On community interviews conducted by officers of the Border Guard in proceedings against foreigners</a>
	<a href="#">№ 277 The Act of 15 January 2015. Amending the Act on genetically modified organisms and certain other acts</a>
<b>Spain</b>	
11-02-15	Hacienda: <a href="#">Corrigendum to the Order HAP / 50/2015, of 21 January laying down thresholds relating to the trading of goods between Member States of the European Union are set. (BOE-A-2015-1318)</a>
21-02-15	Foreign Affairs: <a href="#">Internal Agreement between the Representatives of the Governments of the Member States of the European Union, meeting within the Council, on the financing of EU aid granted under the multiannual financial framework for 2014-2020 in accordance with the ACP-EU Partnership Agreement and the allocation of financial assistance to countries and territories to which Part Four of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, made in Luxembourg and Brussels applies, June 24 2013 and June 26, 2013, respectively. (BOE-A-2015-1760)</a>
	Ag., Food and Environment: <a href="#">Royal Decree 110/2015, of February 20, on waste electrical and electronic equipment. (BOE-A-2015-1762)</a>
23-02-15	Foreign Affairs: <a href="#">Amendments to the Regulations concerning the International Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Rail (RID 2015), Annex to the Convention con-</a>

Date*	Measure
	<a href="#">cerning International Carriage by Rail (COTIF), done at Berne on May 9, 1980, adopted by the Committee of Experts for transport dangerous in its 53rd session in Bern on May 22, 2014 goods. (BOE-A-2015-1786)</a>
<b>Switzerland</b>	
03-02-15	<a href="#">Ordinance of the FDF on goods subject to customs relief based on their use (Ordinance on customs relief, OADou) (RS 631.012)</a>
	<a href="#">Ordinance of the OSAv establishing measures to prevent the introduction of avian influenza from Italy (RS 916.443.102.4)</a>
10-02-15	<a href="#">Ordinance on the technical requirements for road vehicles (VTS) (RS 741.41)</a>
	<a href="#">Ordinance on technical requirements for motor vehicles and their trailers transport (VTS 1) (RS 741.412)</a>
	<a href="#">Ordinance on the technical requirements for motorcycles, light quadricycles motor quadricycles and motor tricycles (VTS 3) (RS 741.414)</a>
	<a href="#">Ordinance on the control of chemicals used for civilian and military purposes (Ordinance on the control of chemicals, OCPCh) (RS 946.202.21)</a>
17-02-15	<a href="#">Federal Order approving and implementing the exchange of notes between Switzerland and the European Union on the resumption of Regulation (EU) No 1051/2013 amending the Schengen Borders Code in order to establish common rules on the temporary reintroduction of control at internal borders (Development of the Schengen acquis) (RS 142.20)</a>
	<a href="#">Order OFAG Fixing periods and deadlines as well as permission to parts of the tariff quota of fresh vegetables, fresh fruit and fresh cut flowers (Ordinance authorizing imports on the OIELFP) (RS 916.121.100)</a>
	<a href="#">DFI Ordinance on controlling the import and transit of animals and animal products (Ordinance on controls, OITE) (RS 916.443.106)</a>
	<a href="#">DFI Ordinance on controlling the import and transit of animals and animal products (Ordinance on controls, OITE) (RS 916.443.106)</a>
	<a href="#">Federal Decree approving the treaty on arms trade</a>
	<a href="#">Arms Trade Treaty (RS 0.518.61)</a>
24-02-15	<a href="#">Ordinance on the import of agricultural products (Ordinance on agricultural imports, OIAgr) (RS 916.01)</a>
	<a href="#">Ordinance of the OSAv establishing measures to prevent the introduction in Switzerland of avian influenza from Bulgaria (RS 916.443.102.5)</a>
	<a href="#">DFI Ordinance on controlling the import and transit of animals and animal products (Ordinance on controls, OITE) (RS 916.443.106)</a>
	<a href="#">DFI Ordinance on controlling the import and transit of animals and animal products (Ordinance on controls, OITE) (RS 916.443.106)</a>
<b>United Kingdom</b>	
03-02-15	<a href="#">SI 2015/97 - The Export Control (Various Amendments) Order 2015</a>
11-02-15	<a href="#">SI 2015/168 - The Ozone-Depleting Substances Regulations 2015</a>
12-02-15	<a href="#">SI 2015/180 - The Companies (Cross-Border Mergers) (Amendment) Regulations 2015</a>
17-02-15	<a href="#">SSI 2015/58 - The Common Agricultural Policy (Direct Payments etc.) (Scotland) Regulations 2015</a>
25-02-15	<a href="#">SI 2015/351 - The Export Control (Amendment) Order 2015</a>
26-02-15	<a href="#">SI 2015/368 - The Excise Goods (Aircraft and Ship's Stores) Regulations 2015</a>
27-02-15	<a href="#">SI 2015/399 - The Pressure Equipment (Amendment) Regulations 2015</a>
	<a href="#">SI 2015/382 - The Plant Health (Export Certification) (England) (Amendment) Order 2015</a>

### Restrictive measures established, amended, corrected

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

Date*	Restrictive Measure
<b>France</b>	
22-02-15	Finance : <a href="#">Decree No. 2015-198 of 20 February 2015 concerning the conditions of application of the asset freezing measures</a>
<b>Iceland</b>	
16-02-15	<a href="#">№ 143/2015 Regulation of coercive measures for Cote d'Ivoire (Ivory Coast).</a>
23-02-15	<a href="#">№ 160/2015 Regulation of coercive measures regarding the People's Republic of Korea.</a>
<b>Liechtenstein</b>	
05-02-15	<a href="#">№ 52 Regulation of 3 February 2015 concerning amendment of the Regulation on Sanctions against Syria</a>
16-02-15	<a href="#">№ 53 Decree of 12 February 2015 concerning amendment of the ordinance on measures against persons and organizations with ties to the "Al-Qaeda"</a>
18-02-15	<a href="#">№ 54 Decree of 12 February 2015 concerning the amendment of the Regulation on Sanctions against Syria</a>
	<a href="#">№ 55 Decree of 12 February 2015 concerning amendment of the ordinance on measures against the Democratic Republic of the Congo</a>
	<a href="#">№ 56 Exchange of notes between the Principality of Liechtenstein and the European Union on the adoption of the Commission of 29 January 2015 replacing the Annex to Implementing Decision 2013/115 / EU Commission Implementing Decision on the SIRENE Manual and other detailed rules for the Schengen Information System II ( SIS II) (development of the Schengen acquis)</a>
26-02-15	<a href="#">№ 58 Decree of 24 February 2015 concerning amendment of the ordinance on measures against persons and organizations with ties to the "Al-Qaeda"</a>
	<a href="#">№ 59 Decree of 24 February 2015 concerning the amendment of the Ordinance on measures to prevent circumvention of international sanctions in connection with the situation in Ukraine</a>
	<a href="#">№ 60 Decree of 24 February 2015 concerning amendment of the ordinance on measures against the Islamic Republic of Iran</a>
<b>Luxembourg</b>	
11-02-15	<a href="#">Mem. A № 23 - Ministerial Regulation of 3 February 2015 amending Annex IC of the Grand Ducal Regulation of 29 October 2010 on the implementation of the law of 27 October 2010 on the implementation of resolutions of the United Nations Security Council and acts adopted by the European Union with restrictive prohibitions and measures in financial matters against certain persons, entities and groups in the context of the fight against terrorist financing</a>
16-02-15	<a href="#">Mem. A № 27 Ministerial Regulation of 13 February 2015 amending Annex IC of the Grand Ducal Regulation of 29 October 2010 on the implementation of the law of 27 October 2010 on the implementation of UN Security Council resolutions and acts adopted by the European Union with restrictive prohibitions and measures in financial matters against certain persons, entities and groups in the context of the fight against terrorist financing</a>
<b>Norway</b>	
13-02-15	FOR 2015-02-09-111 Foreign Affairs <a href="#">Regulation amending the Regulation on sanctions against Al Qaeda</a>
<b>Switzerland</b>	
03-02-15	<a href="#">Ordinance on Measures against persons and entities associated with Usama bin Laden, the group "Al Qaeda" and the Taliban (RS 946.203)</a>
	<a href="#">Ordinance on measures against the Central African Republic (RS 946.231.123.6)</a>
	<a href="#">Ordinance on measures against Somalia (RS 946.231.169.4)</a>
24-02-15	<a href="#">Ordinance on Measures against persons and entities associated with Usama bin Laden, the group "Al Qaeda" and the Taliban (RS 946.203)</a>
	<a href="#">Ordinance on measures against Syria (RS 946.231.172.7)</a>
<b>United Kingdom</b>	
18-02-15	<a href="#">SI 2015/218 - The Yemen (Sanctions) (Overseas Territories) Order 2015</a>
	<a href="#">SI 2015/213 - The Russia, Crimea and Sevastopol (Sanctions) (Overseas Territories) (Amendment) Order 2015</a>

## Non EU-EFTA European Countries

### Ukraine

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

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

Date	Subject
04-02-15	<a href="#">On amendments to paragraph 3 of the Regulation on the procedure for inspection activities under the Convention on the Prohibition of the Development, Production, Stockpiling and Use of Chemical Weapons and on their Destruction</a> Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine of 02.04.2015 number 37
	<a href="#">On approval prepared by the Ministry of Education plan the implementation of Directive 2009/41 / EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 6 May 2009 on the use of genetically modified organisms in a closed system</a> Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine on 2/4/2015 number 74-p
05-02-15	<a href="#">On adopting a draft Law of Ukraine on Amendments to the Law of Ukraine "On peculiarities of state regulation of business activities related to the implementation and export timber" on a moratorium on the export of forest and wood in the rough</a> resolution of the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine on 05/02/2015 number 16R-VIII
18-02-15	<a href="#">On closing checkpoints across the state border</a> Cabinet of Ukraine ; Dispositions, list of 2/18/2015 number 106-p

### CEFTA

The [CEFTA Trade Portal](#) was created by the CEFTA 2006 signatories with the support of Germany and Albania. It provides general information for each member country (Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Macedonia, Moldova, Montenegro, Serbia and Kosovo), links to government websites and detailed information for each country in each of the following areas:

- Customs
- Licensing
- Sanitary, Phytosanitary & Veterinary Regulation
- Technical Requirements
- Border Police Control
- Trade Regime
- Public Procurement

### *Eurasian Economic Union (EAEU)*

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

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

Publication Date	Title
<b>Board (Коллегии) of the Eurasian Economic Commission</b>	
21-01-15	<a href="#">Decision № 1 (20-01-15) On Amendments to the single commodity nomenclature of foreign economic activity of the Eurasian Economic Union and the Common Customs Tariff of the Eurasian Economic Union in respect of fresh and dried figs</a>
	<a href="#">Decision № 2 (20-01-15) On Amendments to the single commodity nomenclature of foreign economic activity of the Eurasian Economic Union and the Common Customs Tariff of the Eurasian Economic Union in respect of certain types of railcars and for certain types of separators</a>
27-01-15	<a href="#">Decision № 3 (20-01-15) On the extension of the anti-dumping measures against steel forged rolls for rolling mill originating from Ukraine and imported into the customs territory of the Eurasian Economic Union</a>
28-01-15	<a href="#">Decision № 4 (27-01-15) On Amendments to the single commodity nomenclature of foreign economic activity of the Eurasian Economic Union and the Common Customs Tariff of the Eurasian Economic Union on jade and respect diammonium hydrogenorthophosphate (diammonium phosphate) and some of the decisions of the Eurasian Economic Commission</a>
	<a href="#">Decision № 5 (27-01-15) On approval of rules of electronic data interchange in the integrated information system of foreign and mutual trade</a>
04-02-15	<a href="#">Decision № 6 (03-02-15) On amendments to subparagraph 12 (2) of paragraph 12 of instructions on the use of transport (shipping), commercial and (or) other documents as the Declaration of the goods</a>
	<a href="#">Decision № 7 (03-02-15) On Amendments to the list of products (goods) in respect of which the customs declaration is accompanied by a presentation of the evaluation (confirmation) of conformity with technical regulations of the Customs Union "On the safety of toys" (TR CU 008/2011)</a>
	<a href="#">Decision № 8 (03-02-15) On Amendments to the Customs Union Commission Decision of 9 December 2011 № 879</a>
	<a href="#">Decision № 9 (03-02-15) On Amendments to the Customs Union Commission Decision of 9 December 2011 № 875</a>
	<a href="#">Decision № 10</a>
04-02-15	<a href="#">Decision № 11 (03-02-15) On Amendments to the Customs Union Commission Decision of 15 July 2011 № 710</a>
13-02-15	<a href="#">Decision № 12 (10-02-15) On Amendments to the Decision of the Board of the Eurasian Economic Commission on December 11, 2012 № 269</a>
	<a href="#">Decision № 13 (10-02-15) On Amendments to the Decision of the Board of the Eurasian Economic Commission on December 11, 2012 № 270</a>
<b>Council (Совета) of the Eurasian Economic Commission</b>	
10-02-15	<a href="#">Decision № 1 (04-02-15) On the implementation of decisions of the Supreme Eurasian Economic Council on 10 October 2014 number 88 and the Decision of the Council of the Eurasian Economic Commission on April 28, 2014 № 28</a>
13-02-15	<a href="#">Decision № 2 (04-02-15) On the list of performance indicators of development of agriculture states - members of the Eurasian Economic Union</a>
	<a href="#">Decision № 3 (04-02-15) About the decision of the Supreme Eurasian Economic Council "On the Action Plan to implement the Guidelines for the development of the mechanism of" single window "in the system of regulation of foreign economic activity"</a>
	<a href="#">Decision № 4 (04-02-15) On the detailed plans for 2015 for the implementation of the action plan for the implementation of the Guidelines for the development of the mechanism of "single window" in the regulation of foreign economic activity</a>

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

The Commission of the Customs Union has posted a table which provides a collection of [preliminary decisions of the Customs authorities](#) of Russia, Belarus and Kazakhstan which involve the tariff classification of goods as of December. The

tables list the tariff codes, a description, rationale (GRIs) for the decision and country that issued the decision.

## Belarus

### 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 31 January 2015. It may be searched by tariff code or description (in Russian).

## Russian Federation

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

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

R.G. Date of Publication	Subject
04-02-15	<a href="#">Federal List of Extremist Materials</a>
06-02-15	<a href="#">Federal Law of the Russian Federation on February 3, 2015 N 1-FZ "On ratification of the Treaty on the termination of the Eurasian Economic Community"</a>
18-02-15	<a href="#">List supplemented: Organizations and individuals with extremist activities or terrorism</a>

## Africa

### South Africa

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

Publication Date	Publication Details	Subject	Implementation Date
06-02-15	GG 38442 R.69	Part 1 of Schedule No. 1 - Substitution of tariff subheading 7320.20 and insertion of tariff subheadings 7320.20.10 and 7320.20.90 to increase the rate of customs duty on certain helical springs from 5% to 30% - ITAC Report 488 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><a href="#">Notice R.69</a></li> </ul>	06-02-15
	GG 38442 R.68	Part 1 of Schedule No. 1 - Substitution of tariff subheadings 7313.00, 7314.31 and 7314.41 to increase the rate of customs duty on certain wire products from 5% to 15% - ITAC Report 487 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><a href="#">Notice R.68</a></li> </ul>	
	GG 38442 R.67	Part 1 of Schedule No. 1 - Substitution of tariff subheadings 4810.13.20, 4810.13.90, 4810.14.10, 4810.19.90 and 4810.29.90 to reduce the rate of customs duty on coated fine	

Publication Date	Publication Details	Subject	Implementation Date
		paper from 5% to "free" - ITAC Minute M07/2014 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><a href="#">Notice R.67</a></li> </ul>	
25-02-15	n/a	Taxation Proposals as tabled by the Minister in his Budget Review 2015 at 14h59 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><a href="#">Taxation Proposals</a></li> </ul>	25-02-15
27-02-15	GG 38514 R.173	Part 1 of Schedule No. 1 - Substitution of tariff subheadings 1701.12, 1701.13, 1701.14, 1701.91 and 1701.99 to increase the rate of customs duty on sugar from 142,5c/kg to 207,1c/kg in terms of the existing variable tariff formula - Minute M08/2014 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><a href="#">Notice R.173</a></li> </ul>	27-02-15
	GG 38493 R.126	Part 1 of Schedule No. 2 - Insertion of items 201.02/0207.14.9/02.07, 201.02/0207.14.9/03.07, 201.2/0207.14.9/04.07, 201.02/0207.14.9/05.07, 201.02/0207.14.9/06.07, 201.02/0207.14.9/07.07 and 201.02/0207.14.9/08.07 to give effect to the final determination on the alleged dumping of frozen bone-in portions of fowls of the species Gallus Domesticus, originating in or imported from Germany, the Netherlands and the United Kingdom - ITAC Report 492 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><a href="#">Notice R.126</a></li> </ul>	

## Other African Countries

Date	Subject
<b>Seychelles</b>	
27-01-14	<a href="#">SI 8 of 2014 - Customs Management (Origin of Goods) Regulations, 2013</a>
26-01-15	<a href="#">SI 3 of 2015 - Customs Management (Tariff and Classification of Goods) (Amendment) Regulations, 2015</a>
<b>Zimbabwe</b>	
30-01-15	<a href="#">Statutory Instrument 15 Customs and Excise (Clothing Manufacturers) (Rebate) (Amendment) Regulations of 2015 (No.1)</a>
	<a href="#">Statutory Instrument 16 of 2015 (Unbeneficiated hides Export Regulations)</a>

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

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

[Agency abbreviations: US agencies - APHIS= Animal & Plant Health Inspection Service; ATF=Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives; BIS= Bureau of Industry and Security, Office of Export Enforcement (Commerce); CBP=US Customs and Border Protection; CPSC=Consumer Product Safety Commission; DDTC= State Dep't Directorate of Defense Trade Controls; DOJ=Department of Jus-

tice, including US Attorneys; DEA=Drug Enforcement Administration; DoD=Dep't of Defense components [NCIS, DCIS, CID, etc.]; FBI=Federal Bureau of Investigation; FDA= US Food and Drug Administration; FTC= Federal Trade Commission; FWS= US Fish & Wildlife Service; GSA= General services Administration; HSI=US Immigration and Customs Enforcement, Homeland Security Investigations; NOAA=National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration; OFAC=Office of Foreign Assets Control (Treasury); SEC=Securities and Exchange Commission; USCG= US Coast Guard; USPIS=Postal Inspection Service; USDA= US Department of Agriculture; ; DSS= Diplomatic Security Service. Local agencies - PD = Police departments; Non-US agencies - CBSA= Canada Border Services Agency; RCMP= Royal Canadian Mounted Police; SAT=Mexican Customs; Europol; Interpol.]

Date of Release	Subject
02-04-15	<a href="#">Jury convicts owner, operator of Silk Road website</a> (DOJ, HSI,
02-10-15	<a href="#">Europol supports Hungarian authorities to shut down massive illegal cigarette factory</a> (Europol, Hungarian Tax and Customs)
02-12-15	<a href="#">In the Matter of Maple Pacific Corp and Andrew Hsu Order Denying Export Privileges</a> (BIS) <a href="#">Three Importers to Pay Over \$3 Million to Settle False Claims Act Suit Alleging Evaded Customs Duties</a> (DOJ, CBP, HSI, Commerce, private individual)
02-16-15	<a href="#">Record seizures of fake food and drink in INTERPOL-Europol operation</a> (Europol, Interpol and 47 countries police and Customs services)
02-17-15	<a href="#">Criminal network smuggling cigarettes and alcohol thwarted in Germany</a> (Europol, German Police)
02-18-15	<a href="#">Florida man sentenced to 110 months in prison for sale and smuggling of deadly toxins and for his role in an international murder conspiracy</a> (DOJ, HSI, FBI, USPIS, UK and local PDs)
02-19-15	<a href="#">Manufacturer Agrees to \$3.5 Million Civil Penalty, Internal Compliance Program for Failure to Report Defective Ranges and Dishwashers [Settlement]</a> (CPSC) <a href="#">Chicago-area company, owner charged with illegally exporting, importing military articles</a> (DOJ, HSI, IRS, DoD)
02-20-15	<a href="#">In the Matter of Ernesto Salgado-Guzman Order denying export Privileges</a> (BIS)
02-25-15	<a href="#">19 cultural treasures returned to the government of Italy</a> (CBP, HSI, Italian Carabinieri, DOJ) <a href="#">Former Connecticut Resident Pleads Guilty to Attempting to Send Sensitive Military Documents to Iran</a> (DOJ, HSI, FBI, DoD, CBP)

## Newsletters, Reports, Articles, Etc.

### Baker & McKenzie Global VAT/GST Newsletter

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

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

## Publications, Alerts, Newsletters

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

Subject
<b>International Trade, Tax and Anti-corruption</b>
Global <a href="#">International Trade Compliance Update – February 2015</a>
Mexico International Trade and Customs: <a href="#">Measures Imposed to the Importation of Goods of the Footwear and Textile and Apparel Industries</a> (Eng.); <a href="#">Medidas Impuestas a la Importación de Bienes de las Industrias del Calzado y Textil y del Vestido</a> (Span.)
Beijing/Hong Kong/Shanghai Tax – Client Alert: <a href="#">Breaking News: China Issues Long Awaited Indirect Transfer Regulation Replacing Notice 698</a>
Beijing/Hong Kong/Shanghai Client Alert: <a href="#">Draft Foreign Investment Law will Overhaul Regulation of Foreign Investment in China</a>
Buenos Aires Public Law / Trade & Commerce Newsletter: <a href="#">Creating the “Monitoring System Supply and Availability of Goods and Supplies” (“SIMONA”)</a> (Eng.); <a href="#">Creación del “Sistema de Monitoreo de Abastecimiento y Disponibilidad de Bienes e Insumos” (“SIMONA”)</a> (Span.)
Buenos Aires Public Law / Trade & Commerce Newsletter: <a href="#">Appointing Enforcement Authority of Supply Law</a> (Eng.); <a href="#">Designación de Autoridad de Aplicación de la Ley de Abastecimiento</a> (Span.)
<b>Other Practices</b>
<a href="#">Product &amp; Operational Risk PG: 2014 Annual Review Newsletter</a>
Global IT & Communications Industry & Practice Group - <a href="#">LegalBytes for February 2015</a>
European Pharmaceuticals & Healthcare <a href="#">Newsletter February 2015</a>
Buenos Aires Oil & Gas Alert: <a href="#">Incentives Program for Crude Oil Production and Exports</a> (Eng.); <a href="#">Programa de Incentivos Para la Producción y Exportación de Petróleo Crudo</a> (Span.)
Kyiv Corporate Law Client Alert: <a href="#">Quorum for holding general shareholders meetings of joint stock companies has been decreased to 50%+1 share</a> (Eng.); <a href="#">Кворум загальних зборів акціонерних товариств знижено до 50%+1 акція</a> (Ukr.); <a href="#">Кворум общего собрания акционерных обществ снижен до 50%+1 акция</a> (Russ.)
Kyiv Banking & Finance Client Alert: <a href="#">Ukraine Facilitates the Capitalization and Restructuring of Troubled Banks</a> (Eng.); <a href="#">Україна спрощує капіталізацію та реструктуризацію проблемних банків</a> (Ukr.); <a href="#">Украина упрощает капитализацию и реструктуризацию проблемных банков</a> (Russ.)
Kyiv Employment & Migration Client Alert: <a href="#">Work permits for foreigners: new rules</a> (Eng.); <a href="#">Зміни до порядку отримання дозволу на працевлаштування</a> (Ukr.); <a href="#">Изменение порядка получения разрешения на трудоустройство</a> (Russ.)
London IP Client Alert: <a href="#">Court of Appeal confirms that use of a celebrity’s image on clothing without permission can amount to passing off</a>
Global IT & Communications Industry & Practice Group Legal Bytes Special Edition: <a href="#">Brazil’s Internet Legal Framework Regulation and Draft Bill for Privacy Law Open to Public Consultation</a>
Hong Kong/Beijing/Shanghai Dispute Resolution Client Alert: <a href="#">CIETAC Update: Local Courts Rule In Support of SHIAC and SCIA</a>

## Published Articles

The following article by Baker & McKenzie attorneys may be of interest to you:

Subject
Kenneth Jull and Cherrine Chow, <a href="#">Corruption of Foreign Public Officials Act Overview</a> , Published January 21, 2015 in Practical Law (Subscription)

## Webinars, Meetings, Seminars, Etc.

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

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

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

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

#### Webinar Dates and Topics:

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

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## 2014 International Trade Compliance Webinar Series

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

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

- [FCPA Enforcement Trends – US, EU and Asia](#) - Speakers: Joan Meyer (Washington, DC), Maria McMahon (Washington, DC), Sunny Mann (London) and Michelle Gon (Shanghai) – [Original broadcast: January 14] [Presentation only](#)
- [Voluntary Self-Disclosures in Export Compliance Cases in the US, EU and China](#) - Speakers: John McKenzie (San Francisco), Ross Denton (London), Julia Pfeil (Frankfurt) and Eugene Lim (Singapore) Moderator: John McKenzie (San Francisco) [Original broadcast: February 11, 2014] [Presentation only](#)
- [Customs Valuation Issues and Updates – US, Mexico, EU and China](#) - Speakers: Terrie Gleason (Washington, DC), Edmundo Elias (Guadalajara), Jennifer Revis (London) and William Marshall (Hong Kong) – [Original broadcast: March 11, 2014] [Presentation only](#)
- [Country of Origin Rules for Marking and Government Procurement Purposes – US, EU and China](#) - Speakers: Stuart Seidel (Washington, DC), Holly Files (Washington, DC), Jasper Helder (Amsterdam) and William Marshall (Hong Kong) – [Original Broadcast: April 15, 2014] [Presentation](#).
- [Product-Related Environmental Restrictions and Compliance - EU, Russia/CIS and China](#) - Speakers: Ulrich Ellinghaus (Frankfurt), Alexander Bychkov (Moscow) and Scott Silverman (Beijing) – [Original broadcast: May 20, 2014] [Presentation only](#).
- [The Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement \(CETA\), The Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership \(TTIP\) and The Trans-Pacific Partnership \(TPP\)](#) - Speakers: Paul Burns (Toronto), Diane MacDonald (Chicago) and Fred Burke (Ho Chi Minh City) [Original broadcast: June 17, 2014] [Presentation only](#).
- [Import and Export of Used and/or Refurbished Goods in Asia](#) - Speakers: Eugene Lim (Singapore), Chen Ying (Hong Kong), Daisuke Tatsuno (Tokyo) and Panya Sittisakonsin (Bangkok) [Original broadcast: July 22, 2014] [Presentation only](#).

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

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

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

- [Union Customs Code: What to expect from the draft Implementing Provisions and how to take part in the negotiations](#). Guest speaker: Jim Repper from HM Revenue & Customs [Original date: February 27] [Presentation only](#)
- [Anti-Bribery and Corruption: Insight into SFO/ DOJ and update on the introduction of Deferred Prosecutions Agreements \(DPAs\) in the UK and lessons learnt from DPAs in the US](#) [Original date: March 27:] [Presentation only](#)

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- [EU Trade Sanctions Update](#) [Original date: April 10] [Presentation only](#)
- [How to conduct M&A due diligence in the areas of International Trade and Anti-Bribery and Corruption](#) [Original date: May 8] [Presentation only](#)
- [Customs: How to classify and value your products](#) [Original date: June 26] [Presentation only](#)
- [US and EU Russian Sanctions Update](#) [Original date: September 17]
- [Customs: How to determine the origin of your products](#) [Original date: September 25] [Presentation only](#)
- [Fundamentals and Pitfalls of EU Export Controls](#) [Original date: October 23] [Presentation only](#)
- [Investigations and Voluntary Disclosures in International Trade and Anti-Bribery and Corruption](#) [Original date: November 20] [Presentation only](#):
- [Anti-Bribery and Corruption: Key Developments](#) [Original date: December 11] [Presentation only](#)

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- [Successfully Implementing a Cross-Border Transaction](#)
- [Brazil M&A: Seizing Opportunities Today](#)
- [China M&A: Seizing Opportunities Today](#)
- [Winning Strategies in Cross-Border Deals: Tips for Success](#)
- [Joint Ventures: Tackling the Unique Challenges in a Cross-Border JV](#)
- [India M&A: Seizing Opportunities Today](#)
- [Compliance: Navigating the Regulatory Minefield in a Cross-Border Transaction](#)
- [Technology & IP: Winning Strategies in Cross-Border Deal Making](#)
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- [New Curbs on Hiring Contingent Workers - Presentation](#)
- [Hot Topics in China Disputes - Presentation](#)
- [Protecting Your Inventions and Trade Secrets – Presentation](#)
- [Navigating the Shanghai Pilot Free Trade Zone – Presentation](#)
- China Supply Chain Compliance (Not yet available)
- Increase in China Antitrust Enforcement – Why and How to be Prepared (Not yet available)
- Effective E-Commerce Strategies in China
- China Wages War on Pollution

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

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

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Our EU Compliance, International Trade and Customs Groups brought together their considerable local knowledge and on the ground experience to deliver their second webinar series. 2013's series covered a range of customs, export control, trade sanctions and anti-bribery and corruption topics.

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

- [EU Trade Sanctions](#) [Original broadcast: March 21] [PowerPoint only](#)
- [Anti-Bribery and Corruption : M&A Due Diligence](#) [Original broadcast: April 18] [PowerPoint only](#)
- [May 23: Third Party Supply Chain Risks \(Customs, Export Controls and Anti-Bribery\)](#) [Original broadcast: May 23] [PowerPoint only](#)
- [June 20: Customs Valuation: Focus on Intercompany Transactions](#) [Original broadcast: June 20] [PowerPoint only](#)
- [Import and Export Controls for Encryption Items](#) [Original broadcast: September 5] [PowerPoint only](#)
- [Customs Tariff Classification Update](#) [Original broadcast: September 19] [PowerPoint only](#)
- [Fundamentals and Pitfalls in EU Export Controls](#) [Original broadcast: October 24] [PowerPoint only](#)
- [Customs: Free Trade Agreements / Origin](#) [Original broadcast: November 21] [PowerPoint only](#)
- [Anti-Bribery and Corruption: Key Developments](#) [Original broadcast : December 12] [PowerPoint only](#)










## WTO TBT Notifications

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
























Country	Notification	Date Issued	Final Date for Comments	Merchandise Covered
 Albania	ALB/67	1/23/2015	3/23/2015	Drugs and pharmaceutical services
 Brazil	BRA/384/Add.5	2/17/2015	Not given by country	Helmets; Safety headgear (HS 6506)

Country	Notification	Date Issued	Final Date for Comments	Merchandise Covered
 Brazil	BRA/408/Rev.1/Add.2	1/28/2015	Not given	Parts and accessories for motor vehicles (brakes, radiators, mufflers, exhaust pipes, clutches, steering wheels, etc.) (HS 8708)
 Brazil	BRA/588/Add.1	2/11/2015	Not given	Dental bleaching agents classified as medical devices
 Brazil	BRA/599/Rev.1	1/29/2015	Not given	Fire extinguishing powder
 Brazil	BRA/616	1/28/2015	3/21/2015	Cotton (HS Chapter 52)
 Brazil	BRA/616/Corr.1	2/5/2015	Not given	Cotton (HS Chapter 52)
 Brazil	BRA/617	2/5/2015	3/4/2015	Products subject to health surveillance
 Brazil	BRA/618	2/5/2015	3/6/2015	Pharmaceutical substances under special control and medicines containing them
 Brazil	BRA/619	2/5/2015	3/30/2015	Jewels, their parts and accessories (HS 7111, 78, 81)
 Brazil	BRA/620	2/5/2015	3/28/2015	Weighing machines (HS 8423)
 Brazil	BRA/621	2/5/2015	3/30/2015	Instruments & apparatus for measuring, level pressure (HS 9026.20, 90.14, 90.15, 90.28 or 90.32)
 Brazil	BRA/622	2/9/2015	3/5/2015	Diet and low calories drinks (HS 2202)
 Brazil	BRA/623	2/17/2015	4/13/2015	(HS Chapter 84 & 85)
 Brazil	BRA/78/Rev.1	2/5/2015	Not given	Cotton (Gossypium herbaceum, G. arboreum, G. hirsutum and G. barbadense) (HS Chapter 52)
 Canada	CAN/435/Add.1	2/20/2015	Not given	Prescription status of medicinal ingredients for human use (HS 3004.90)
 Canada	CAN/438	2/12/2015	4/10/2015	Synthetic cannabinoids
 Canada	CAN/439	2/20/2015	6/14/2015	Radiocommunications
 Chile	CHL/294	2/2/2015	4/2/2015	Gas-fired instantaneous water heaters for the production of domestic hot water.
 Chile	CHL/295	2/2/2015	4/2/2015	Gas-fired domestic cooking appliances
 Chile	CHL/296	2/2/2015	4/2/2015	Halogen lamps
 Chile	CHL/297	2/2/2015	4/2/2015	Washing machines
 China	CHN/216/Rev.1	2/13/2015	Not given	Domestic gas instantaneous water heater and gas fired heating and hot water combi-boiler (HS 8419)
 China	CHN/261/Add.1	2/13/2015	Not given	Motor vehicle lamps (HS 8512.20)
 China	CHN/724/Add.1	2/13/2015	Not given	Vehicles and their trailers
 China	CHN/1066	2/13/2015	4/13/2015	Marine compression ignition engines fitted in inland vessels, coastal vessels, river-sea ships and channel ships (HS: 8408, 8901, 8902, 8903, 8904, 8905)
 China	CHN/1067	2/13/2015	4/13/2015	Interior materials used in vehicles of category M3 such as curtains and blinds (and/or other hanging materials)

















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 China	CHN/1068	2/13/2015	4/13/2015	Light-duty vehicle (HS 87)
 China	CHN/1069	2/13/2015	4/13/2015	Motor vehicle lamps (HS 8512.20.10)
 China	CHN/1070	2/13/2015	4/13/2015	Motor vehicles entering the P.R.C. (HS 8701~8709)
 Colombia	COL/211	1/27/2015	4/23/2015	LPG cylinders
 Colombia	COL/212	2/4/2015	5/4/2015	Air conditioners; refrigerators and/or freezers; electromagnetic ballasts; electronic ballasts; single-phase squirrel-cage induction electric motors (60Hz); three-phase squirrel-cage induction electric motors (60Hz); electric washing machines; electric storage water heaters; gas-fired storage water heaters; gas-fired continuous flow water heaters; freestanding or built-in work tables; table-top and built-in cookers; work tables with grill; and table-top cookers and ovens.
 Colombia	COL/200/Add.1	2/20/2015	Not given	Plain and deformed steel wire and electrically welded mesh (7213100000 and 7314200000)
 Czech Republic	CZE/163/Add.1	2/4/2015	Not given	Devices for measuring the gas flow volume of heating gas (either high-velocity or with rotary pistons) which are intended for use in residential and commercial zones and light industry (HS 9026.80)
 Czech Republic	CZE/164/Add.1	2/4/2015	Not given	Meters and measuring systems for liquefied gas flow (HS 9026.80)
 Czech Republic	CZE/165/Add.1	2/4/2015	Not given	Measuring devices and measuring systems for measuring the flow of liquids other than water or liquefied gases - fuel dispensers (HS 9026.90)
 Czech Republic	CZE/166/Add.1	2/4/2015	Not given	Graduated flasks, burettes and pipettes used to check volume (HS 9026.90)
 Czech Republic	CZE/167/Add.1	2/5/2015	Not given	Gas-volume conversion devices intended for use in residential, commercial and light-industrial environments (HS 9028.10)
 Czech Republic	CZE/168/Add.1	2/5/2015	Not given	Measuring equipment for measuring the length of wound goods (HS 9017.80)
 Czech Republic	CZE/169/Add.1	2/5/2015	Not given	Machines for measuring the surface area of leather (HS 9031.80)
 Denmark	DNK/97	2/18/2015	5/9/2015	Construction products in contact with drinking water
 Ecuador	ECU/174/Add.1	1/21/2015	Not given	Tapered roller bearings (HS 8482.20.00)
 Ecuador	ECU/7/Add.7	1/22/2015	Not given	Labelling and marking of textiles, articles of apparel, footwear and accessories thereof
 Ecuador	ECU/142/Add.1	1/26/2015	Not given	Ball and roller bearings (HS 8482.10, 8482.30, 8482.40, 8482.50, 8482.80, 8482.91, and 8482.99)
 Ecuador	ECU/193/Add.1	1/26/2015	Not given	Leather (HS 4202.11.10, 4202.11.90, 4202.12, 4202.12.10, 4202.12.90, 4202.21.00, 4202.22.00, 4202.29.00,



































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				4202.31.00, 4202.32.00, 4202.39.00, 4202.91.10, 4202.91.90, 4202.92.00, 4202.99.10 and 4202.99.90)
 Ecuador	ECU/213/Add.1	1/21/2015	Not given	Mattresses (HS 9404.21 and 9404.29)
 Ecuador	ECU/257/Add.1	1/21/2015	Not given	Valves for industrial use (HS 8481.10.00, 8481.30.00, 8481.80.40, 8481.80.51, 8481.80.59, 8481.80.60, 8481.80.70 and 8481.10)
 Ecuador	ECU/262/Add.1	1/21/2015	Not given	Industrial pumps (HS 8413.70.11, 8413.70.19)
 Ecuador	ECU/265/Add.1	1/22/2015	Not given	Insulated power cables (HS 8544.60.10, 8544.60.90)
 Ecuador	ECU/270/Add.1	1/21/2015	Not given	Plywood panels (HS 4412.10.00, 4412.31.00, 4412.32.00, and 4412.39.00)
 Ecuador	ECU/291	1/21/2015	4/16/2015	Protective fire-fighting clothing 40151990, 40159090, 42032900, 42034000, 61169300, 61169900, 611780, 61178090, 62031200, 62031900, 62032300, 620329, 62032990, 62033300, 62033900, 62034300, 62034900, 620590, 62059090, 62113300, 621139, 62113990, 621149, 62114990, 621600, 62160010, 62160090, 64011000, 64019200, 64019900, 64029100, 640299, 64029910, 64029990, 64035100, 64035900, 640391, 64039190, 640399, 64039990, 64051000, 64052000, 64059000, 65061000 and 68129100.
 Ecuador	ECU/292	1/22/2015	4/19/2015	Sparking plugs (HS 8511.10.90)
 Ecuador	ECU/293	1/22/2015	4/19/2015	Protective footwear and safety footwear 64011000, 64019200, 64019900, 64021900, 64029100, 64029910, 64029990, 64034000, 64035100, 64035900, 64039190, 64039990, 64041900, 64051000, 64052000 and 64059000
 Ecuador	ECU/294	1/22/2015	4/20/2015	Self-adhesive tape 39191000, 39199011, 39199019, 39199090 and 48114190
 Ecuador	ECU/295	1/22/2015	4/20/2015	Insulating electrical tape 39191000, 39199011, 39199019 and 39199090.
 Ecuador	ECU/296	1/22/2015	4/20/2015	Knives and cutlery 71141190, 71141900, 71142000, 73239310, 82111000, 82119100, 82119200, 82151000, 82152000, 82159100, 82159900, 83062100 and 83062900
 Ecuador	ECU/297	1/22/2015	4/20/2015	Stationary training equipment 95069100
 Ecuador	ECU/298	1/22/2015	4/20/2015	Kitchen sinks 73241000
 Ecuador	ECU/299	1/22/2015	4/20/2015	Protective gloves 39269090, 40151910, 40151990, 40159010, 40159090, 42032100, 42032900, 42034000, 61161000, 61169100, 61169200, 61169300, 61169900, 61178090,













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				62160010, 62160090 and 68129100
 Ecuador	ECU/52/Add.5	2/16/2015	Not given	Bicycles (HS 8714)
 Ecuador	ECU/78/Add.5	2/16/2015	Not given	Cast iron
 Ecuador	ECU/90/Add.2	2/18/2015	Not given	Street lighting
 Ecuador	ECU/307	2/24/2015	5/21/2015	Electric water dispensers (HS 8418.69.92 and 8516.10.00)
 Ecuador	ECU/308	2/24/2015	5/21/2015	LED modules, luminaires and LED lamps (HS 8543.70.90, 8531.80.00, 8541.40.90, 9405.40.19 and 9405.40.90)
 El Salvador	SLV/179	1/27/2015	3/27/2015	Natural honey
 El Salvador	SLV/180	1/27/2015	3/27/2015	Food fortification
 El Salvador	SLV/181	1/27/2015	3/27/2015	Fishery products
 European Union	EU/260	1/21/2015	3/21/2015	Biocidal products
 European Union	EU/261	1/21/2015	3/21/2015	Biocidal products
 European Union	EU/262	1/21/2015	3/21/2015	Biocidal products
 European Union	EU/263	1/21/2015	3/21/2015	Biocidal products
 European Union	EU/264	1/21/2015	Not given by country	Biocidal products
 European Union	EU/265	1/22/2015	3/22/2015	Biocidal products
 European Union	EU/266	2/12/2015	4/12/2015	Benzene in natural gas
 European Union	EU/267	2/19/2015	4/19/2015	Chemical substances placed on the EU market
 France	FRA/161	2/4/2015	Not given	Tobacco products
 Georgia	GEO/89	1/30/2015	Not given	Water
 Honduras	HND/86	2/4/2015	4/4/2015	Zip lines
 Hong Kong, China	HKG/47	1/29/2015	4/17/2015	Infant formula, follow-up formula, and prepackaged foods for infants and young children under the age of 36 months
 Indonesia	IDN/97	1/28/2015	3/28/2015	Reciprocating internal combustion engines (Ex. 8408.10.20.00; Ex. 8408.10.10.00; Ex. 8408.90.10.00; Ex. 8408.90.99.90)
 Indonesia	IDN/8/Add.2	2/2/2015	Not given	Electrical
 Indonesia	IDN/98	2/17/2015	4/17/2015	· Meat of bovine (HS: Ex 02.01.20.00.00; ex 02.01.30.00.00; ex 02.02.20.00.00; ex 02.02.30.00.00; 02.06.10.00.00; ex 02.06.21.00.00; ex 02.06.29.00.00); · Carcass and/or meat of non bovine, and processed meat (HS: 02.03.11.00.00; 02.03.12.00.00; 02.03.19.00.00; 02.03.21.00.00; 02.03.22.00.00; 02.03.29.00.00; 02.04.10.00.00; 02.04.21.00.00; 02.04.22.00.00; 02.04.23.00.00; 02.04.30.00.00; 02.04.41.00.00;

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				02.04.42.00.00; 02.04.43.00.00; ex 02.04.50.00.00; ex 02.07.11.00.00; Ex 02.07.12.00.00; ex 02.07.24.00.00; ex 02.07.25.00.00; ex 02.07.41.00.00; Ex 02.07.42.00.00; ex 02.08.90.90.00); · Processed meat (HS: Ex 16.01.00.10.00; Ex 16.01.00.90.00; Ex 16.02.10.10.00; Ex 16.02.10.90.00; Ex 16.02.20.00.00; 16.02.41.10.00; 16.02.41.90.00; 16.02.42.10.00; 16.02.42.90.00; 16.02.49.11.00; 16.02.49.19.00; 16.02.49.91.00; 16.02.49.99.00; 16.02.50.00.00; 16.02.90.10.00; Ex 16.02.90.90.00)
 Japan	JPN/480	2/2/2015	Not given	Substances with probable effects on the central nervous system
 Kenya	KEN/442	1/30/2015	3/30/2015	Tobacco products (HS 2402)
 Korea, Republic of	KOR/547	1/29/2015	3/29/2015	Chemical products (products used by general consumers mainly as household items and biocides)
 Korea, Republic of	KOR/548	1/30/2015	2/18/2015	Cosmetics
 Korea, Republic of	KOR/549	1/30/2015	2/18/2015	Cosmetics
 Korea, Republic of	KOR/550	2/3/2015	4/3/2015	Livestock products
 Korea, Republic of	KOR/551	2/3/2015	4/3/2015	Medical devices
 Korea, Republic of	KOR/552	2/5/2015	4/5/2015	Pharmaceuticals
 Korea, Republic of	KOR/553	2/6/2015	4/6/2015	Telecommunications equipments and electrical appliances
 Korea, Republic of	KOR/554	2/11/2015	4/12/2015	Children's products
 Korea, Republic of	KOR/555	2/11/2015	4/11/2015	Aquatic equipment for children, playground equipment for children, child restraint systems, BB guns for children
 Korea, Republic of	KOR/556	2/19/2015	4/19/2015	17 children's products for safety confirmation like toys
 Korea, Republic of	KOR/557	2/19/2015	4/19/2015	15 children's products for supplier confirmation like children's jewellery
 Korea, Republic of	KOR/558	2/19/2015	4/19/2015	Mobile telecommunications radio equipment
 Korea, Republic of	KOR/559	2/19/2015	4/19/2015	Medical devices
 Korea, Republic of	KOR/560	2/19/2015	4/19/2015	Quasi-drugs
 Korea, Republic of	KOR/561	2/20/2015	4/20/2015	Organic processed foods
 Korea, Republic of	KOR/562	2/20/2015	4/20/2015	Veterinary medicinal products
 Kuwait	KWT/259	2/3/2015	4/3/2015	Wheat flour
 Kuwait	KWT/260	2/3/2015	4/3/2015	Fruit juices and nectars
 Kuwait	KWT/261	2/18/2015	4/18/2015	Dried okra
 Kuwait	KWT/262	2/18/2015	4/18/2015	Honey
 Kuwait	KWT/263	2/18/2015	4/18/2015	Canned mangoes

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 Kuwait	KWT/264	2/18/2015	4/18/2015	Peanut butter
 Kuwait	KWT/265	2/18/2015	4/18/2015	Fresh beef, buffalo, mutton, goat and camel meat
 Malaysia	MYS/53	2/2/2015	4/2/2015	Parts and accessories of motor vehicles (HS 8708)
 Malaysia	MYS/54	2/2/2015	4/2/2015	Parts and accessories of motor vehicles (HS 8708)
 Malaysia	MYS/55	2/2/2015	4/2/2015	Road Vehicles - Safety helmet (HS 6506)
 Mexico	MEX/268/Add.1	1/21/2015	Not given	Cream
 Mexico	MEX/276/Add.1	1/23/2015	Not given	Genetically modified organisms
 Mexico	MEX/276/Add.2	1/23/2015	Not given	Genetically modified organisms
 Mexico	MEX/251/Add.2	1/22/2015	Not given	Motor vehicles using gasoline, liquefied petroleum gas (LPG), natural gas or other alternative fuels
 Mexico	MEX/268/Add.2	1/30/2015	Not given	Cream
 Mexico	MEX/279	1/22/2015	2/17/2015	Vehicles other than railway or tramway rolling-stock, and parts and accessories thereof (HS 87)
 Mexico	MEX/280	1/23/2015	3/14/2015	Inputs and infrastructure for the manufacture of cosmetics
 Mexico	MEX/281	1/23/2015	3/2/2015	Lead batteries
 Mexico	MEX/282	1/28/2015	Not given	All the products in Chapter 87 ("Vehicles other than railway or tramway rolling stock, and parts and accessories thereof") of HS12 that are operated on general communication routes under federal jurisdiction in the United Mexican States.
 Mexico	MEX/268/Add.1/Corr.1	2/5/2015	Not given	Cream
 Mexico	MEX/268/Add.2/Corr.1	2/5/2015	Not given	Cream
 Mexico	MEX/278	1/19/2015	2/20/2015	Products of iron or steel (HS Chapters 72 and 73)
 Myanmar	MMR/2	1/21/2015	Not given	To strengthen the National Quality Infrastructure for Standards, Technical Regulations and Conformity Assessment
 Pakistan	PAK/69	1/21/2015	3/21/2015	Wafer biscuits
 Peru	PER/66	1/15/2015	4/7/2015	Clinical electrical thermometers (HS 9025.19.90.00)
 Peru	PER/67	1/21/2015	4/19/2015	Labelling of packages containing chemical inputs and products, by-products and derivatives thereof
 Philippines	PHL/188	2/19/2015	4/17/2015	Halal Feeds
 Philippines	PHL/189	2/19/2015	4/17/2015	semi-gloss latex paint, white and light tints for exterior and interior use intended for application by brush, roller, airless spray or any appropriate technology on properly prepared plaster, masonry and primed wood and other architectural surfaces.
 Qatar	QAT/378	2/12/2015	4/12/2015	Dried okra

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 Qatar	QAT/379	2/12/2015	4/12/2015	Canned mangoes
 Qatar	QAT/380	2/12/2015	4/12/2015	Peanut butter
 Qatar	QAT/381	2/12/2015	4/12/2015	Honey
 Qatar	QAT/382	2/18/2015	4/18/2015	Fresh beef, buffalo, mutton, goat and camel meat
 Saudi Arabia	SAU/830	2/3/2015	4/3/2015	Fruit juices and nectars
 Singapore	SGP/23	2/4/2015	4/4/2015	Energy labeling for lamps (HS 8539 21xx, HS 8539 22xx, HS 853929 xx: Non-directional incandescent lamp for the illumination of an area, of power rating between 25 watts and 200 watts, with either Edison screw or bayonet lamp cap, that is designed to be connected to 230 volts mains voltage by means of a socket or lamp connector; HS: 853931 xx, HS 853939 xx: Compact fluorescent lamp with integrated ballast (CFLi) for the illumination of an area, of power rating up to 60 watts, with either Edison screw or bayonet lamp cap that is designed to be connected to 230 volts mains voltage by means of a socket or lamp connector; HS 854370 xx: Non-directional light emitting diode (LED) lamp with integrated ballast for illumination of an area, of power rating up to 60 watts, with either Edison screw or bayonet lamp cap that is designed to be connected to 230 volts mains voltage by means of a socket or lamp connector.)
 South Africa	ZAF/185	2/11/2015	4/11/2015	Electrical apparatus for switching or protecting electrical circuits, or for making connections to or in electrical circuits (for example, switches, relays, fuses, surge suppressors, plugs, sockets, lamp-holders, junction boxes), for a voltage not exceeding 1,000 volts (HS 8536)
 South Africa	ZAF/186	2/24/2015	4/24/2015	Safety headgear (HS 6506.10)
 Sri Lanka	LKA/33/Add.1	2/25/2015	Not given	Products covered and HS Codes are given in the Gazette Notification No. 1844/49.
 Taiwan Economy	TPKM/197	1/21/2015	2/4/2015	Polyvinyl chloride pipes
 Taiwan Economy	TPKM/198	1/28/2015	3/28/2015	Health food
 Taiwan Economy	TPKM/199	1/28/2015	3/28/2015	Health food
 Taiwan Economy	TPKM/164/Add.2	2/2/2015	Not given	Prepackaged vitamin and mineral tablets and capsules
 Taiwan Economy	TPKM/200	2/25/2015	4/25/2015	Helmets products (refer to attachment)
 Thailand	THA/447	2/23/2015	Not given	Volatile alkyl nitrate (HS 2920.90.90)
 Thailand	THA/448	2/23/2015	Not given	Intaglio printing machinery (HS 8443.19.00) and Color copier machines (HS 8443.32.90, 8443.39.11,

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				8443.39.20, 8443.39.90)
 Turkey	TUR/59	2/13/2015	Not given	Veterinary medicinal products
 Uganda	UGA/456	2/10/2015	4/10/2015	Alcoholic beverages
 Uganda	UGA/453/Corr.1	2/17/2015	Not given	Drinking water
 Uganda	UGA/454/Corr.1	2/17/2015	Not given	Drinking water
 Uganda	UGA/455/Corr.1	2/17/2015	Not given	Drinking water
 Ukraine	UKR/99	2/6/2015	4/6/2015	Bottles used as measuring containers
 United Arab Emirates	ARE/252	1/21/2015	3/21/2015	Milk and milk products
 United Arab Emirates	ARE/253	1/26/2015	3/26/2015	Paints and varnishes
 United Arab Emirates	ARE/254	2/2/2015	4/2/2015	Solar energy engineering
 United States	USA/438/Add.4	2/5/2015	Not given	Respirators (HS 9020)
 United States	USA/521/Add.2	2/18/2015	Not given	Manufactured housing (HS 8716)
 United States	USA/565/Add.4	2/11/2015	Not given	Plants, plant products (HS 6-1, 44)
 United States	USA/644/Add.1	1/23/2015	Not given	Electric-powered vehicles (HS 8703)
 United States	USA/661/Add.3	2/18/2015	Not given	Non-compressor residential refrigeration products (HS 8418)
 United States	USA/799/Add.3	2/5/2015	Not given	Lamps (HS 9405)
 United States	USA/800/Add.3	2/11/2015	Not given	Lamps (HS 9405)
 United States	USA/874/Add.3	2/5/2015	Not given	General service lamps (HS 8512.90)
 United States	USA/898/Add.2	2/5/2015	Not given	Automatic commercial ice makers, Other (HS 8418.69)
 United States	USA/900/Add.1	2/9/2015	Not given	Packaging and labelling
 United States	USA/907/Add.1	2/11/2015	Not given	Dehumidifiers
 United States	USA/932/Add.2	2/11/2015	Not given	Fluorescent lamp ballasts (HS 853931)
 United States	USA/937/Add.1	2/11/2015	Not given	Mobile off shore drilling units
 United States	USA/939/Add.2	2/5/2015	Not given	Recreational off-highway vehicles (ROVs)
 United States	USA/941/Add.1	1/23/2015	Not given	Organic products
 United States	USA/946/Add.1	2/11/2015	Not given	Hearing aid compatible devices (HS 9021.40)
 United States	USA/954	1/23/2015	3/16/2015	Toluene Diisocyanates (TDI)
 United States	USA/955	1/23/2015	3/17/2015	Corded window coverings (HS 6303)
 United States	USA/956	2/5/2015	3/23/2015	Long-chain perfluoroalkyl carboxylate (LCPFAC) chemical substances
 United States	USA/957	2/6/2015	3/9/2015	Boilers (HS 8402, 8403.10, 8404.10)
 United States	USA/958	2/6/2015	3/9/2015	Boilers and process heaters (HS 8402, 8403.10, 8404.10)
 United States	USA/959	2/6/2015	3/24/2015	Child restraint anchorage systems
 United States	USA/960	2/6/2015	3/24/2015	Hazardous materials
 United States	USA/961	2/9/2015	4/20/2015	Extension cords domestic safety
 United States	USA/962	2/9/2015	3/4/2015	Chemical substances

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 United States	USA/963	2/11/2015	4/6/2015	Commercial warm air furnaces
 United States	USA/964	2/17/2015	4/10/2015	Wine labeling (HS 2204)
 United States	USA/965	2/17/2015	4/10/2015	Hearth products (HS 8516)
 Uruguay	URY/7	1/27/2015	3/27/2015	Household sanitary and related products for the general cleaning of inanimate surfaces and objects, fabrics and spaces in homes, vehicles, industry and public or private premises or establishments.
 Uruguay	URY/8	1/27/2015	3/27/2015	Household sanitary and related products for the general cleaning of inanimate surfaces and objects, fabrics and spaces in homes, vehicles, industry and public or private premises or establishments, in accordance with Annex I.
 Uruguay	URY/9	1/28/2015	3/27/2015	Companies specialized in disinfestation, disinfection, sanitation and cleaning services.
 Uruguay	URY/10	1/28/2015	3/27/2015	Household sanitary products
 Viet Nam	VNM/54	1/21/2015	3/21/2015	Toilet tissue paper products
 Viet Nam	VNM/55	1/21/2015	3/21/2015	Napkin paper products
 Viet Nam	VNM/56	2/10/2015	4/10/2015	Explosive TNP-1 used for opencast mines
 Viet Nam	VNM/57	2/10/2015	4/10/2015	Primer
 Viet Nam	VNM/58	2/10/2015	4/10/2015	Emulsion explosive

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<a href="#">(P) 02-04-15</a>	Eligibility of pheremone Lures for preferential	NY N233747 (M)	Preference denied because	HQ H237563	Denied. However, outdated	(C) 03-05-15


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	treatment DR-CAFTA		CAFTA-DR rules had not been updated to include 2007 HS revisions		tariff shift rules will not effect preference in the future. Pre-2007 rules should be used	
	Tariff classification of self-propelled modular transporters	HQ H122237 (R) HQ H123524 (R) NY 086210 (R) HQ 955231 (R) HQ 952400 (R)	8709.23.00 8709.23.00 8709.19.0030 8709.19.0030 8709.19.00	HQ H180102	8427.20.80	
<a href="#">(A) 02-18-15</a>	Tariff classification of certain parts of a paint mixing unit.	NY I89639 (R) NY R01329 (M)	9403.90.80	HQ H250136	8479.90.94	(E) 04-20-15
	Tariff classification of landfill compactors	NY J89586 (M) NY N064482 (R) NY A89554 (R)	8479.89.98	HQ H255319	8479.10.00	
<a href="#">(P) 02-25-15</a>	Tariff classification of "truck tents"	NY F83566 (R) NY H80029 (R) NY 818424 (R)	8708.29.5060	HQ H242603	6306.22.9030	(C) 03-27-15
	Tariff classification of Bergazid OA-4000	NY N237986 (R)	3824.90.4140	HQ H254695	3823.19.20	
	Tariff classification of certain "gazebos."	NY N230084 (R) NY N236254 (R)	7308.90.95	HQ H262026	3926.90.99	
<a href="#">(A) 02-25-15</a>	Tariff classification of phosphor plate barrier envelopes	NY N050327 (M)	3926.90.99 as to one product	HQ H061207	9022.90.60	(E) 04/27/15

## European Classification Regulations

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

Commission Implementing Regulation	Description of the goods	Classification (CN code)	Reasons
<a href="#">(EU) 2015/181 30-01-15</a>	<p>A product in the form of fine white-yellowish powder packed in 25 kg bags, made from hydrogenated vegetable oil with added mono- and diglycerides from a different vegetable oil. The added mono- and diglycerides from a different vegetable oil constitute 10 % by weight.</p> <p>The product is presented to be used as an emulsifier in the food industry.</p> <p>The dropping point is 58 °C and viscosity at 68 °C is less than 1 Pa.s.</p>	3404 90 00	<p>Classification is determined by the General Rules 1 and 6 for the interpretation of the Combined Nomenclature, note 5 to Chapter 34 and the wording of CN codes 3404 and 3404 90 00.</p> <p>Classification under heading 1516 is excluded as other ingredients are added (10 % mono- and diglycerides of fatty acids).</p> <p>Classification under heading 1517 is also excluded as the product has a waxy character which is not covered by the scope of heading 1517.</p> <p>The product is a chemically produced organic product of waxy character that is not water-soluble (see note 5 to Chapter 34) and which also fulfils the criteria of an artificial wax (see also the Harmonized System Explanatory Notes</p>

Commission Implementing Regulation	Description of the goods	Classification (CN code)	Reasons
			to heading 3404, in particular letter A). The product is therefore to be classified in CN code 3404 90 00 as other artificial waxes and prepared waxes.
<a href="#">(EU) 2015/184</a> <a href="#">02-02-15</a>	Silicon dioxide (also called 'silica gel') in the form of small transparent granules of 0,5 to 1,5 mm in diameter and packed in paper sachets or in plastic capsules that are water-vapour-permeable.  The silicon dioxide absorbs moisture and is presented to be used, for example, to protect and preserve medicines or to keep goods dry during shipment.	3824 90 96	Classification is determined by the General Rules 1 and 6 for the interpretation of the Combined Nomenclature and the wording of CN codes 3824, 3824 90 and 3824 90 96.  Classification under heading 2811 is excluded because the silica gel, packed in paper sachets or in plastic capsules, is intended for a specific use rather than general use and therefore cannot be considered a separate chemically defined compound of Chapter 28.  It is therefore to be classified in CN code 3824 90 96 as other chemical products not elsewhere specified or included.
<a href="#">(EU) 2015/185</a> <a href="#">02-02-15</a>	A red, viscous product containing strawberries (whole fruits and pieces thereof), consisting of (% by weight):  – strawberries 38 – sugar 48 – water 13  and small quantities of pectin and citric acid.  During the production process the ingredients are mixed and boiled under reduced pressure to reduce the water content.  The product is presented in a 2 kg plastic bag and is used as a sauce e.g. for desserts.	2103 90 90	Classification is determined by the general rules 1 and 6 for the interpretation of the Combined Nomenclature and the wording of CN codes 2103, 2103 90 and 2103 90 90.  The product is excluded from classification in Chapter 20 because it is a preparation based on fruit which is used as a sauce (see also the Harmonized System Explanatory Notes to heading 2103, letter (A), third paragraph).  The product is therefore to be classified under CN code 2103 90 90 as a sauce.
<a href="#">(EU) 2015/221</a> <a href="#">10-02-15</a>	A new, four-wheel drive utility vehicle with a compression-ignition internal combustion piston engine (diesel) of a cylinder capacity of 720 cm <sup>3</sup> , with a net weight (including fluids) of approximately 630 kg, an unbraked towing capacity of 750 kg and with dimensions of approximately 300 × 160 cm.  The vehicle has an open cabin with two seats (including the driver) fitted with a full roll-over protection frame, a cargo bed constructed of a strong steel frame with a sturdy flat-bed tipping body, with a manual tipper and of a capacity of 0,4 m <sup>3</sup> or, approximately, 400 kg. It has a high ground clearance (27 cm) and a wheel base of 198 cm.  It is equipped with off-road earth moving tyres, wet-type disc brakes, a coupling device and a front hitch. The vehicle has a limited speed of 25 km/h, and a high brake	8407 21 91	Classification is determined by general rules 1 and 6 for the interpretation of the Combined Nomenclature and by the wording of CN codes 8704, 8704 21 and 8704 21 91.  The vehicle is designed as a multipurpose vehicle that can be used for a range of functions in different environments. It has objective characteristics of motor vehicles for transport of goods of heading 8704. (See also the Harmonised System Classification Opinions 8704.31/3 and 8704 90/1.)  The vehicle is not a dumper designed for off-highway use. It is not sturdily built with a tipping or bottom opening body, designed for the transport of excavated or other materials (see also the Harmonised System Explanatory Notes to heading 8704, sixth paragraph, point (1)). Classification under subheading 8704 10 is therefore excluded.

Commission Implementing Regulation	Description of the goods	Classification (CN code)	Reasons
	<p>capacity.</p> <p>The vehicle is designed for off-road use, particularly in very rough terrain. The vehicle is presented to be used for a range of functions, for example, pushing, hauling trailers, moving animals, transporting plants, boxes, water and equipment, carrying munitions and transporting feed for animals.</p> <p>See image which is purely for information.</p>		<p>The product is therefore to be classified under CN code 8704 21 91 as a new motor vehicle for the transport of goods.</p> 

## Section 337 Actions

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

Ref. №	Commodity	Action
<a href="#">337-TA-613</a> (Remand)	Certain 3G mobile handsets and components thereof	Commission determination not to review an initial determination granting a motion of complainants Interdigital Communications Corp. and Interdigital Technology Corp. to substitute parties
<a href="#">337-TA-895</a>	Certain multiple mode outdoor grills and parts thereof	Commission's final determination finding a violation; issuance of a limited exclusion order and cease and desist orders; termination of the investigation
<a href="#">337-TA-899</a>	Certain vision-based driver assistance system cameras and components thereof	Notice of a Commission determination not to review an initial determination granting complainant's motion to terminate the investigation based on a withdrawal of complaint
<a href="#">337-TA-908</a>	Certain soft-edged trampolines and components thereof	Notice of Commission determination to review the final initial determination in part; schedule for filing written submissions on the issues under review and on remedy, public interest, and bonding
<a href="#">337-TA-924</a>	Certain light reflectors and components, packaging, and related advertising thereof	Notice of Commission determination not to review initial determinations granting motions to terminate the investigation as to the remaining respondents; termination of the investigation in its entirety
<a href="#">337-TA-930</a>	Certain laser abraded denim garments	Notice of commission decision amending the notice of investigation and extending the target date
<a href="#">337-TA-936</a>	Certain footwear products	Notice of a Commission determination not to review granting New Balance Athletic Shoe, Inc.'s motion to intervene as a respondent
<a href="#">337-TA-947</a>	Certain light-emitting diode products and components thereof	Initiation of an investigation based on a complaint filed on behalf of Cree, Inc. alleging patent infringement and false advertising

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

Ref. №	Commodity	Complaint filed on behalf of:
<a href="#">DN 3054</a>	Certain toy figurines and toy sets containing the same	LEGO A/S, LEGO System A/S, and LEGO Systems, Inc.
<a href="#">DN 3055</a>	Certain audio processing hardware and software and products containing same	Andrea Electronics Corp.
<a href="#">DN 3056</a>	Certain electronic products, including products with Near Field Communication (“NFC”) System-level functionality and/or battery power-up functionality, components thereof, and products containing same	NXP B.V. and NXP Semiconductors USA, Inc
<a href="#">DN 3058</a>	Certain lithium metal oxide cathode materials, lithium-ion batteries containing same, and products with lithium-ion batteries containing same	BASF Corporation and UChicago Argonne LLC

## Antidumping, Countervailing Duty and Safeguards Investigations, Orders & Reviews

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

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



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

Case №	Merchandise/Country	Action
<a href="#">C-533-844</a>	Certain lined paper products from India	Notice of rescission of CVD administrative review: 2013
<a href="#">A-570-601</a>	Tapered roller bearings and parts thereof, finished and unfinished, from China	Rescission, in part, of ADD administrative review; 2013-2014
<a href="#">A-570-849</a>	Certain cut-to-length carbon steel plate from China	Final results of the expedited third sunset review of the ADD order
<a href="#">A-821-808</a> <a href="#">A-823-808</a>	Certain cut-to-length carbon steel plate from the Russian Federation and Ukraine	Final results of the expedited third sunset reviews of the suspension agreements
<a href="#">A-570-939</a>	Certain lawn groomers and certain parts thereof from China	Continuation of ADD order
<a href="#">A-351-841</a> <a href="#">A-520-803</a> <a href="#">A-570-924</a>	Polyethylene terephthalate film, sheet, and strip from Brazil, China, and the United Arab Emirates	Continuation (China, UAE) and revocation (Brazil) of ADD orders
<a href="#">A-570-890</a>	Wooden bedroom furniture from China	Preliminary results of changed circumstances review, and intent to revoke ADD order in part
<a href="#">A-520-804</a>	Certain steel nails from the United Arab Emirates	Preliminary results of ADD administrative review; 2013-2014
<a href="#">A-570-001</a>	Potassium permanganate from China	Preliminary results of ADD administrative review; 2013
<a href="#">A-570-890</a>	Wooden bedroom furniture from China	Preliminary results of antidumping duty administrative review and new shipper reviews; 2013
<a href="#">A-522-801</a>	Certain frozen fish fillets from Vietnam	Notice of court decisions not in harmony with final results of administrative and new shipper reviews and notice of amended final results of ADD administrative review
<a href="#">A-570-970</a>	Multilayered wood flooring from China	Initiation and preliminary results of ADD changed circumstances review
<a href="#">A-570-880</a>	Barium carbonate from China	Continuation of ADD order


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

Case №	Merchandise/Country	Action
<a href="#">A-427-818</a>	Low Enriched Uranium from France	Initiation of expedited changed circumstances review, and preliminary results of changed circumstances review
<a href="#">A-201-805</a>	Certain circular welded non-alloy steel pipe from Mexico	Notice of amended final results of ADD administrative review pursuant to settlement
<a href="#">A-583-853</a>	Certain crystalline silicon photovoltaic products from Taiwan	ADD order
<a href="#">A-570-010</a> <a href="#">C-570-011</a>	Certain crystalline silicon photovoltaic products from China	ADD order; and amended final affirmative CVD determination and CVD order
<a href="#">A-475-818</a>	Pasta from Italy	Final results of ADD administrative review; 2012-2013
<a href="#">C-570-023</a> <a href="#">C-560-829</a>	Certain uncoated paper from China and Indonesia	Initiation of CVD investigations
<a href="#">C-570-980</a>	Crystalline silicon photovoltaic cells, whether or not assembled into modules, from China	Notice of correction to preliminary results of CVD administrative review; 2012 and Partial Rescission of CVD administrative review
<a href="#">A-570-873</a> <a href="#">A-791-815</a>	Ferrovandium from China and South Africa	Continuation of ADD orders
<a href="#">A-570-918</a>	Steel wire garment hangers from China	2013-2014; Partial rescission of the sixth ADD administrative review
<a href="#">A-602-807</a> <a href="#">A-351-842</a> <a href="#">A-570-022</a> <a href="#">A-560-828</a> <a href="#">A-471-807</a>	Certain uncoated paper from Australia, Brazil, China, Indonesia, and Portugal	Initiation of LTFV investigations
<a href="#">A-570-601</a>	Tapered roller bearings and parts thereof, finished and unfinished, from China	Rescission, in part, of ADD administrative review; 2013 - 2014
<a href="#">A-570-928</a>	Uncovered innerspring units from China	Preliminary results of ADD administrative review; 2013-2014
<a href="#">A-412-801</a>	Ball bearings and parts thereof from the UK	Amended Final Results of ADD Administrative Review; 2010-2011
<a href="#">A-570-912</a>	Certain new pneumatic off-the-road tires from China	Partial rescission of ADD administrative review; 2013-2014
<a href="#">A-583-837</a>	Polyethylene terephthalate film, sheet, and strip from Taiwan	Final results of ADD administrative review; 2012-2013
<a href="#">A-570-827</a>	Certain cased pencils from China	Notice of initiation and preliminary results of ADD changed circumstances review
<a href="#">A-570-910</a>	Circular welded carbon quality steel pipe from China	Rescission of ADD administrative review; 2013- 2014


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

Case №	Merchandise/Country	Action
<a href="#">731-TA-986-987</a>	Ferrovandium from China and South Africa	(Second Review) Determinations that revocation of the ADD orders would be likely to lead to continuation or recurrence of material injury to an industry in the U.S. within a reasonably foreseeable time.
<a href="#">701-TA-456</a> <a href="#">731-TA-1151-1152</a>	Citric acid and certain citrate salts from Canada and China	Revised schedule for full five-year reviews
<a href="#">731-TA-1014, 1016, 1017</a>	Polyvinyl alcohol from China, Japan, and Korea	(Second Review) Revised schedule for full five-year reviews
<a href="#">731-TA-1020</a>	Barium carbonate from China	(Second 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


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

Case №	Merchandise/Country	Action
<a href="#">701-TA-511</a> <a href="#">731-TA-1246-1247</a>	Certain crystalline silicon photovoltaic products from China and Taiwan	(Final) Determination that an industry in the United States is materially injured that have been found by the Department of Commerce to be sold in the United States at LTFV and subsidized by the government of China
<a href="#">701-TA-513</a> <a href="#">731-TA-1249</a>	Sugar from Mexico	(Final) Cancellation of hearing scheduled for Tuesday, March 17, 2015
<a href="#">701-TA-459</a> <a href="#">731-TA-1155</a>	Commodity matchbooks from India	(Review) Scheduling of expedited five-year reviews
<a href="#">701-TA-522</a> <a href="#">731-TA-1258</a>	Certain passenger vehicle and light truck tires from China	(Final) Scheduling of the final phase of CVD and ADD investigations
<a href="#">701-TA-432</a> <a href="#">731-TA-1024-1028</a> <a href="#">AA1921-188</a>	Prestressed concrete steel wire strand from Brazil, India, Japan, Korea, Mexico and Thailand	(Second Review –TA; Fourth Review - AA) Scheduling of expedited five-year reviews
<a href="#">731-TA-1046</a>	Tetrahydrofurfuryl alcohol from China	(Second Review) Scheduling of an expedited five-year review
<a href="#">731-TA-1269</a>	Silicomanganese from Australia	(Preliminary) Institution of ADD investigation and scheduling of preliminary phase investigation
<a href="#">701-TA-458</a> <a href="#">731-TA-1154</a>	Certain kitchen appliance shelving and racks from China	(Review) Determination that revocation of the existing AD and CVD orders would be likely to lead to continuation or recurrence of material injury to a U.S. industry producing refrigeration shelving and a U.S. industry producing oven racks within a reasonably foreseeable time.


**Canadian International Trade Tribunal (CITT)**

Ref. Number	Merchandise/Country	Action
<a href="#">RR-2014-005</a>	Greenhouse bell peppers originating in or exported from the Netherlands	Notice of expiry review of finding
<a href="#">PI-2014-003</a>	Photovoltaic modules and laminates originating in or exported from China	Preliminary determination of injury
<a href="#">RR-2014-002</a>	Hot-rolled carbon steel plate and high strength low-alloy steel plate originating in or exported from Ukraine	Order continuing its finding in respect of the subject, but excludes the goods described in the appendix attached to the order
<a href="#">RR-2014-006</a>	<i>Dumping:</i> Refined sugar, refined from sugar cane or sugar beets, in granulated, liquid and powdered form originating in or exported from the USA, Denmark, Germany, the Netherlands and the UK. <i>Subsidizing:</i> same product, originating in or exported from the European Union	Notice of expiry review of orders


**Canada Border Services Agency (CBSA)**

Ref. Number	Merchandise/Country	Action
<a href="#">RR-2014-005</a>	Greenhouse bell peppers originating in or exported from the Netherlands	Initiation of expiry review investigation



## NAFTA Panels

Ref. Number	Merchandise/Country	Action
None this month		



## Mexico - Ministry of Economy

Ref. №	Merchandise/Country	Action
<a href="#">E.C. 01/14</a>	Plastic atomizers, originating in China, regardless of country of origin.	Final resolution of the review of the ADD
<a href="#">E.A. 22/14</a>	Prestressed products originating in China, Spain and Portugal regardless of country of origin	Resolution approving the acceptance of a request of a party and starting the ADD investigation on imports
<a href="#">E.A. 06/14</a>	Ammonium sulfate originating in the USA and China regardless of country of origin	Resolution in the preliminary AD investigation



## European Union

Ref. Number	Merchandise/Country	Action
<a href="#">2015/C 047/03</a>	Sodium gluconate from China	Notice of the impending expiry of certain AD measures 29 Oct. 2015
<a href="#">2015/C 047/04</a>	Certain aluminium road wheels from China	Notice of the impending expiry of certain AD measures 29 Oct. 2015
<a href="#">2015/C 058/08</a>	Certain tube and pipe fittings of iron or steel originating, inter alia, in S. Korea	Notice of initiation of a partial interim review of the anti-dumping measures
<a href="#">2015/C 067/09</a>	Certain ring binder mechanisms originating in China and extended to Vietnam and Lao People's Democratic Republic	Notice of initiation of an expiry review of the AD measures
<a href="#">(EU) 2015/309</a>	Certain rainbow trout originating in Turkey	Commission Implementing Regulation imposing a definitive CVD and collecting definitively the provisional duty imposed
<a href="#">(EU) 2015/316</a>	Certain rainbow trout originating in Turkey	Commission Implementing Decision terminating the AD proceeding



## Australian Anti-Dumping Commission

Ref. №	Merchandise/Country	Action
<a href="#">2015/13</a>	Steel reinforcing bar from Korea, Malaysia, Singapore, Spain, Taiwan, Thailand and Turkey	Extension of time granted to issue Statement of Essential Facts (SEF)
<a href="#">2015/14</a>	Sodium hydrogen carbonate (sodium bicarbonate) from China	Findings in relation to revocation review of anti-dumping measures
<a href="#">2015/15</a>	Hollow structural sections (HSS) from Thailand	Extension of time granted to issue SEF
<a href="#">2015/16</a>	Deep drawn stainless steel sinks from China	Termination of part of investigation
<a href="#">2015/17</a>	Certain aluminium extrusions from China	Findings in relation to an anti-circumvention inquiry
<a href="#">2015/18</a>	Various	Status Report at January 31 2015
<a href="#">2015/19</a>	Zinc coated (galvanised) steel from Korea	Extension of time granted to issue SEF
<a href="#">2015/20</a>	Aluminium zinc coated steel from Korea	Extension of time granted to issue SEF
<a href="#">2015/22</a>	Silicon metal from China	Preliminary affirmative determination and imposition of securities
<a href="#">2015/23</a>	Rod in coil from Indonesia and Taiwan	Preliminary affirmative determination and imposition of securities
<a href="#">2015/24</a>	PVC flat electric cables from China	Extension of time granted to issue SEF


**China Ministry of Commerce (MOFCOM)**

Ref. Number	Merchandise/Country	Action
<a href="#">6, 2015</a>	Pyridine from India and Japan	Kyrgyzstan Union Life Sciences Ltd.- Mid-term review of dumping and dumping margin


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

Reference	Merchandise/Country	Action
<a href="#">03/2015-Cus (ADD)</a>	Sodium nitrate originating in, or exported from, European Union, China, Ukraine and S. Korea	Imposition of definitive ADD
<a href="#">04/2015-Cus (ADD)</a>	Graphite Electrodes of all diameters originating in, or exported from China	Imposition of definitive ADD
<a href="#">05/2015-Cus (ADD)</a>	Acetone originating in or exported from Korea	there is continued dumping, causing injury to the domestic industry which is likely to continue and intensify if the ADD is revoked, imposition of the ADD


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

Reference	Merchandise/Country	Action
<a href="#">SECEX Cir 01/2015</a>	Wooden pencil with graphite mine and color mine from China	Review; closed, without extending the ADD measure
<a href="#">SECEX Cir 02/2015</a>	Citric acid, sodium citrate, potassium citrate, calcium citrate and mixtures thereof from China	Announces update the undertaking price
<a href="#">CAMEX Res. 4/2015</a>	Galvanized wires, originating in Sweden	Applies definitive ADD for a period of five (5) years
<a href="#">CAMEX Res. 5/2015</a>	Smaller graphite electrodes originating in China	Extending definitive ADD for a period of five (5) years <a href="#">Correction</a>
<a href="#">SECEX Cir. 03/2015</a>	BOPP film originating in Argentina , Chile, Colombia, India, Peru and Chinese Taipei	Ends the investigation into the existence of dumping
<a href="#">SECEX Cir. 04/2015</a>	Coarse salt that is not intended for animal consumption, including human originating in Chile	Updates the price undertaking to support Brazilian imports of, manufactured and exported by the company K + S Chile SA
<a href="#">SECEX Cir. 05/2015</a>	Porcelain objects to table originating in China	Corrects price undertaking values manufactured by the companies associated with the Industrial Association of China Ceramics - CCIA and exported directly or through their respective trading companies
<a href="#">SECEX Cir. 07/2015</a>	Porcelain objects from China	Announces the terms of validity of the new price CIF to be observed for imports of porcelain objects manufactured by the companies associated with the Industrial Association of China Ceramics - CCIA and exported to Brazil, directly or through their respective trading companies.
<a href="#">SECEX Cir. 08/2015</a>	cutlery entirely made of stainless steel exported from China	Starts AD review applied to the scope

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## Opportunity to Request Administrative Review

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

AD/CVD Proceedings - Country/ Merchandise	Case No.	Period
<b>Antidumping Duty Proceedings</b>		
Brazil: Frozen Warmwater Shrimp	A-351-838	2/1/14-1/31/15
Stainless Steel Bar	A-351-825	2/1/14-1/31/15
France: Uranium	A-427-818	2/1/14-1/31/15
India: Certain Preserved Mushrooms	A-533-813	2/1/14-1/31/15
Certain Cut-to-Length Carbon-Quality Steel Plate	A-533-817	2/1/14-1/31/15
Frozen Warmwater Shrimp	A-533-840	2/1/14-1/31/15
Stainless Steel Bar	A-533-810	2/1/14-1/31/15
Indonesia: Certain Preserved Mushrooms	A-560-802	2/1/14-1/31/15
Certain Cut-to-Length Carbon-Quality Steel Plate	A-560-805	2/1/14-1/31/15
Italy: Stainless Steel Butt-Weld Pipe Fittings	A-475-828	2/1/14-1/31/15
Japan: Carbon Steel Butt-Weld Pipe Fittings	A-588-602	2/1/14-1/31/15
Stainless Steel Bar	A-588-833	2/1/14-1/31/15
Malaysia: Stainless Steel Butt-Weld Pipe Fittings	A-557-809	2/1/14-1/31/15
Mexico: Large Residential Washers	A-201-842	2/1/14-1/31/15
Philippines: Stainless Steel Butt-Weld Pipe Fittings	A-565-801	2/1/14-1/31/15
R. of Korea: Large Residential Washers	A-580-868	2/1/14-1/31/15
Certain Cut-to-Length Carbon-Quality Steel Plate	A-580-836	2/1/14-1/31/15
Vietnam: Frozen Warmwater Shrimp	A-552-802	2/1/14-1/31/15
Steel Wire Garment Hangers	A-552-812	2/1/14-1/31/15
Utility Scale Wind Towers	A-552-814	2/1/14-1/31/15
Thailand: Frozen Warmwater Shrimp	A-549-822	2/1/14-1/31/15
The P.R. of China: Certain Preserved Mushrooms	A-570-851	2/1/14-1/31/15
Frozen Warmwater Shrimp	A-570-893	2/1/14-1/31/15
Heavy Forged Hand Tools, With or Without Handles	A-570-803	2/1/14-1/31/15
Small Diameter Graphite Electrodes	A-570-929	2/1/14-1/31/15
Uncovered Innerspring Units	A-570-928	2/1/14-1/31/15
Utility Scale Wind Towers	A-570-981	2/1/14-1/31/15
<b>Countervailing Duty Proceedings</b>		
India: Certain Cut-to-Length Carbon-Quality Steel Plate	C-533-818	1/1/14-12/31/14
Prestressed Concrete Steel Wire Strand	C-533-829	1/1/14-12/31/14
Indonesia: Certain Cut-to-Length Carbon-Quality Steel Plate	C-560-806	1/1/14-12/31/14
R. of Korea: Certain Cut-to-Length Carbon-Quality Steel Plate	C-580-837	1/1/14-12/31/14
Large Residential Washers	C-580-869	1/1/14-12/31/14
Vietnam: Steel Wire Garment Hangers	C-552-813	1/1/14-12/31/14
The P.R. of China: Utility Scale Wind Towers	C-570-982	1/1/14-12/31/14
<b>Suspension Agreements</b>		
None.		

## Opportunity to Request Administrative Review

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

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

## Requested Reviews

In a February 4, 2015 *Federal Register* [notice](#), the US Department of Commerce announced that it has received timely requests to conduct administrative reviews of various antidumping and countervailing duty orders and findings with December anniversary dates. See actual notices for companies requesting review:

AD/CVD Proceedings - Country/ Merchandise	Case No.	Period
<b>Antidumping Duty Proceedings</b>		
India: Certain Hot-Rolled Carbon Steel Flat Products	A-533-820	12/1/13 - 11/30/14
R. of Korea: Welded ASTM A-312 Stainless Pipe	A-580-810	12/1/13 - 11/30/14
Taiwan: Steel Wire Garment Hangers	A-583-849	12/1/13 - 11/30/14
The PR of China: Crystalline Silicon Photovoltaic Cells, Whether Or Not Assembled into Modules	A-570-979	12/1/13 - 11/30/14
Hand Trucks and Parts Thereof	A-570-891	12/1/13 - 11/30/14
Honey	A-570-863	12/1/13 - 11/30/14
Multilayered Wood Flooring	A-570-970	12/1/13 - 11/30/14
<b>Countervailing Duty Proceedings</b>		
The PR of China: Crystalline Silicon Photovoltaic Cells, Whether Or Not Assembled into Modules	C-570-980	1/1/13 - 12/31/13
Multilayered Wood Flooring	C-570-971	1/1/13 - 12/31/13
<b>Suspension Agreements</b>		
None		

## Initiation of Sunset Reviews

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

AD/CVD DOC Case No.	ITC Case No.	Country	Merchandise
A-337-804	731-TA-776	Chile	Certain Preserved Mushrooms (3 <sup>rd</sup> Rev)
A-533-813	731-TA-778	India	Certain Preserved Mushrooms (3 <sup>rd</sup> Rev)
A-560-802	731-TA-779	Indonesia	Certain Preserved Mushrooms (3 <sup>rd</sup> Rev)
A-475-059	AA1921-167	Italy	Pressure Sensitive Plastic Tape (4 <sup>th</sup> Rev)
A-570-851	731-TA-777	PRC	Certain Preserved Mushrooms (3 <sup>rd</sup> Rev.)
A-570-891	731-TA-1059	PRC	Hand Trucks (2 <sup>nd</sup> Review)
No CVD			

## Advance Notification of Sunset Reviews

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

AD/CVD Proceedings - Merchandise/Country	Case No.
<b>Antidumping Duty Proceedings</b>	
Certain Preserved Mushrooms from Chile	A-337-804 (3 <sup>rd</sup> Review)
Certain Preserved Mushrooms from China	A-570-851 (3 <sup>rd</sup> Review)
Hand Trucks from China	A-570-891 (2 <sup>nd</sup> Review)
Certain Preserved Mushrooms from India	A-533-813 (3 <sup>rd</sup> Review)
Certain Preserved Mushrooms from Indonesia	A-560-802 (3 <sup>rd</sup> Review)
Pressure Sensitive Plastic Tape from Italy	A-475-059 (4 <sup>th</sup> Review).
No Countervailing Duty cases	
No Suspension cases	

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