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The Joint Operation provides clients of both firms with an unprecedented platform to serve their international and PRC legal needs

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Our 2015 International Trade Compliance Webinar Series entitled, "**New Developments in Global Trade for 2015**" is well underway. This year is an exciting year, with many noteworthy developments in the trade regulation area. Completed webinar sessions have focused on U.S. export control regulation, Customs valuation and transfer pricing, and EU and LATAM import developments. The remaining webinars will focus on FCPA/anti-bribery and Asia export control developments. Terrie Gleason of our Washington DC office, Chair of the Global Customs Practice, will moderate these webinars.

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Webinar Dates and Topics:

Date	Topic
Original date: January 27	US Export Control Reform Speakers: Sylwia Lis (Washington, DC) and Paul Amberg (Chicago)
Original date: February 17	Intercompany Pricing and Customs Valuation (Canada, EU and US) Speakers: Paul Burns (Toronto), William Outman (San Francisco), Holly Files (Washington, DC), and Nicole Looks (Frankfurt)
Original date: March 17	Developments in Importing into EU Speakers: Jenny Revis (London) and Vanessa Dersch (Frankfurt)
Original date: April 21	Developments in Importing into LATAM Speakers: Adriana Ibarra (Mexico City) and Esteban Roppolo (Buenos Aires)
May 19	FCPA and Antibribery Developments US, Asia and LATAM Speakers: John McKenzie (San Francisco), Mini vandePol (Hong Kong) and Esther Flesch (Sao Paulo)
June 23	Export Control Developments in Asia 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 additional events and recorded presentations.

World Trade Organization (WTO)

Seychelles to become 161st WTO member

On 1 April 2015, the WTO [announced](#) that on 24 March, the National Assembly of the Republic of Seychelles ratified, unanimously, the *WTO Protocol of Accession of the Republic of Seychelles*. On 25 March, President James Michel signed the *Instrument of Acceptance of the Accession Protocol*, confirming its membership terms, at a plenary meeting of the Cabinet of Ministers in Mahé, Victoria, Seychelles. President Michel handed the Instrument to the Director of the WTO Accessions Division, who received it on behalf of WTO Director-General Roberto Azevêdo. By depositing the document with Director-General Roberto Azevêdo, Seychelles activated the 30-day countdown to its WTO membership, which will be

effective on 26 April 2015, when it will become a full-fledged member. Its accession commitments [may be found here](#).

Concerns raised about investment measures favouring local products

On 16 April 2015, the WTO [announced](#) that the Committee on Trade-Related Investment Measures (TRIMs), considered 14 complaints about investment measures that have raised concerns on allegedly favouring domestic over imported products through local-content requirements. Five of these complaints were made in relation to measures taken by Indonesia, three concerned measures of the Russian Federation, and two addressed measures taken by India. Six out of the 14 complaints were discussed for the first time at this meeting. Listed below are the countries and measures against which concerns were raised.

Country	Measures	Countries raising concerns
Indonesia	Draft 4G LTE spectrum draft regulations	US, Japan, Canada
	Telecommunication sector	Japan
	Energy sector — mining, oil and gas	EU, Japan, US
	Industry Law and Trade Law	
	Modern retail sector	
Russia	Local content requirements – possible extension to SOEs (procurement, covering medical devices, textiles, machinery, vehicles, and software)	US, EU, Canada, Japan
	Agricultural equipment	EU, US, Canada
	Automotive sector	
India	Solar power generation projects	EU
	Preferences to domestically manufactured electronic goods and telecommunications products	EU, Japan, Us, Canada
Nigeria	Nigerian content in the oil and gas industry	EU, US, Australia, Norway, Canada and Japan
China	Local-content requirements on information and telecommunications equipment used by the banking sector	US, Japan, EU, Canada
Turkey	Local content requirements in electricity generation	EU
US	Renewable energy sector	India

Members discuss how to set up import licensing notifications

The WTO [announced](#) that on 21 April 2015, at a meeting of the Committee on Import Licensing, WTO members welcomed proposals by the Chair on how to improve WTO members' compliance with notification requirements under the Agreement on Import Licensing Procedures. A workshop at the WTO headquarters was proposed as a means of tackling this issue.

WTO members reviewed 33 new notifications from members on measures related to import licensing and welcomed the first notifications from Montenegro and St Vincent and the Grenadines. Fourteen members are yet to notify the committee regarding their laws regulating import licences and their administrative practices.

The WTO [Agreement on Import Licensing Procedures](#) stipulates that administrative procedures for obtaining licences should be "simple, neutral, equitable and transparent" and import licensing should not obstruct trade unnecessarily. The Agreement obliges members to provide information via three types of notifications covering:

- domestic laws and regulations on import licensing
- new licensing procedures or changes in these procedures
- all information regarding the administration of import licensing regimes
- replies to an annual questionnaire on import licensing procedures.

Trade Policy Review: Australia

The seventh review of the trade policies and practices of Australia took place on 21 and 23 April 2015. The basis for the review was a [report by the WTO Secretariat](#) and a [report by the Government of Australia](#).

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
DS492	European Union — Measures Affecting Tariff Concessions on Certain Poultry Meat Products (Complainant: China)	08-04-15

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
DS429	United States — Anti-Dumping Measures on Certain Frozen Warmwater Shrimp from Viet Nam (Complainant: Viet Nam)	Appellate Body report issued	07-04-15
DS381	United States — Measures Concerning the Importation, Marketing and Sale of Tuna and Tuna Products (Complainant: Mexico)	Compliance panel issues report	14-04-15
DS489	China — Measures Related to Demonstration Bases and Common Service Platforms Programmes	Panel established	22-04-15

World Customs Organization (WCO)

Announcements and news releases [dd-mm-yy]

Date	Title
01-04-15	Cuba Customs supports implementation of WTO Trade Facilitation Agreement High Level Meeting with UNESCO partners on the implementation of UN Security Resolution 2199 and the Safeguarding of Iraqi and Syrian Heritage
02-04-15	WCO Publishes 2015 WCO Picard Conference Leaflet Joint WTO WCO Valuation Workshop
08-04-15	Directors General of Customs of Côte d'Ivoire, Burkina Faso, Mali and Senegal “Connect”
10-04-15	ICC highlights WCO Mercator Programme at international level

Date	Title
13-04-15	20th Meeting of the Governing Council of the ESA Region
14-04-15	International Consortium on Combating Wildlife Crime (ICCWC) high-level side event on "Wildlife and Forest Crime: A Serious Crime" Uzbekistan hosts national Workshop on the Harmonized System
15-04-15	WCO regional meeting of Americas and Caribbean Customs Directors General
17-04-15	MENA - Regional Accreditation Workshop for Expert Trainers in Customs Valuation
20-04-15	WCO Performance management mission to Qatar customs US ICE-Homeland Security Investigations pilots WCO IPM Mobile application in the USA
21-04-15	First Experts Group on Post-Clearance Audit meets to develop new WCO Tools WCO Leadership and Management Development Workshop in Maldives
22-04-15	Joint WCO/OECD programme on Customs Valuation and Transfer Pricing for Americas and Caribbean Customs and Tax administrations
23-04-15	WCO participates in the XXXVIth Meeting of COMALEP, attended by Directors General of Customs of Latin America, Spain and Portugal Meeting with Secretary-General of ACP Group Brussels WCO Europe Regional Heads of Customs Conference
24-04-15	French Customs makes the biggest cocaine seizure in its 200-years' history Stronger partnerships with the private sector for successful implementation of the WTO Trade Facilitation Agreement (Meeting of the Global Facilitation Partnership for Transportation and Trade)
27-04-15	Thailand seizes over seven tonnes of elephant ivory within a week The MENA Region prepares for implementation of the HS Nomenclature 2017 Edition
28-04-15	WCO and West African Economic and Monetary Union (WAEMU) conclude MOU
29-04-15	Opening of the WCO's 66th Fellowship Programme
30-04-15	Joint ICAO-WCO Regional Workshop on Air Cargo Security and Facilitation Zimbabwe hosts WCO ESA Regional Workshop on the Harmonized System

Other International Matters

Focus on Iran - Overview and significance of the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action

[The following article is reproduced from our recent [Sanctions Update Client Alert](#) on this subject]

On 2 April 2015, talks in Lausanne, Switzerland, ended between Iran and the E3+3 countries (i.e., China, France, Germany, the Russian Federation, the United Kingdom, the United States). These lengthy negotiations resulted in high-level agreement on the key parameters of a Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action (JCPOA). The JCPOA parties will continue drafting the final text of JCPOA, to be agreed by 30 June 2015. We previously reported on this development on our blog ([here](#)).

There was no common statement from the JCPOA parties on what was agreed regarding the key parameters or processes going forward. Information about the JCPOA comes from two key documents: the Joint Statement by EU High Representative Federica Mogherini and Iranian Foreign Minister Javad Zarif ([here](#)), and Parameters for a Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action Regarding the Islamic Republic of Iran's Nuclear Program issued by the US State Department ([here](#)).

These two key documents are not entirely consistent with each other, which highlights the fact that further negotiations will be required to reach a final agreement.

What we know

Iran's nuclear capabilities (i.e. enrichment capacity and levels, and stockpile) will be controlled and subject to monitoring by the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) for periods between 10 and 25 years.

The current UN Security Council Resolutions (UNSCRs) on Iran ([here](#)) will be revoked, with new UNSCRs being adopted to endorse the JCPOA and implement a dedicated "procurement channel" for certain nuclear-related and dual-use materials and technology for Iran's nuclear program.

The EU sanctions on nuclear related issues will be *terminated* immediately upon IAEA verification of Iran's key nuclear commitments. The US sanctions on nuclear related issues will be *suspended* once the IAEA verifies Iran's key nuclear commitments.

The EU also appears to be proposing the termination of its financial sanctions, but apparently the US Government is not publicly proposing the removal of its financial and economic sanctions. It remains to be seen whether the EU intends to terminate all sanctions on Iran, including, for example, those on the oil and gas sector. The US Government stated that "US sanctions on Iran for terrorism, human rights abuses, and ballistic missiles will remain in place under the deal." At this time, it is not clear which US sanctions are considered to be only "nuclear-related" and the EU statement refers to the cessation only of US "secondary" sanctions targeting Iran.

On this basis, EU and US sanctions targeting Iran will remain in place until at least 30 June 2015.

What we do not know

Once the JCPOA is finalized, the IAEA's process or timetable for verification of Iran's JCPOA commitments is unclear. The completion of this IAEA process is a critical trigger for the removal or suspension of sanctions. The Iranian delegation has made statements that suggest it believes that UN, US and EU sanctions would be lifted when the JCPOA is finalized, which is clearly not the position of the other JCPOA parties.

There is also the issue of the degree of "snap back", i.e. the degree to which sanctions can be re-imposed if Iran does not fulfil its JCPOA commitments. This issue may be significant with respect to UN sanctions, which were difficult to achieve in the first place between 2006 and 2010. If UN sanctions are terminated entirely, their re-imposition may be difficult if not impossible. The language of the new UNSCRs will be crucial in this regard, as well as the framework for the dedicated "procurement channel" for Iran's nuclear program.

What does this all mean?

Even after the agreement on key JCPOA parameters announced on 2 April, there are still questions about the feasibility or breadth of a final agreement, for the following reasons.

First, some elements of the JCPOA are still subject to ongoing negotiations that will likely be difficult, given the reported challenges to reach agreement on the key parameters announced on 2 April. Failure to reach agreement on these issues could mean the failure of the JCPOA process. In other words, there is no guarantee that the JCPOA will result in a final agreement by 30 June 2015.

Second, we do not know what the US Congress can or will do about the JCPOA. The JCPOA may be the subject of intense political activity in the United States. If Congress is able to review, amend, and/or approve the JCPOA, the agreement may fall apart.

Third, US sanctions targeting Iran will not be removed in their entirety, with the US Government committing only to the suspension of nuclear-related sanctions upon IAEA verification. The US Government has also said it will retain the architecture of the nuclear-related sanctions to allow for the snap-back of sanctions as may be necessary in the future.

Fourth, without action by Congress, non-US subsidiaries owned or controlled by US parent companies will remain subject to US sanctions under the *Iranian Transactions and Sanctions Regulations* (ITSR), and so any change in EU sanctions may not open the door to Iran for those entities. The ITSR have been codified to a large extent by Congress, which may mean the US President has limited authority to relax US sanctions under the ITSR.

Fifth, the position of non-US banks under JCPOA is uncertain. The major obstacle to European re-engagement with Iran is not, and has never been, EU sanctions, but rather heightened scrutiny and enforcement from the US Government on banks that process payments within US jurisdiction related to sanctioned countries like Iran. This has led many non-US banks to take a conservative approach to sanctioned countries, often because of the significant compliance costs and risks that are involved. Until this approach changes, Iran-related payments will likely remain difficult if not impossible.

What should you do?

As negotiations within the JCPOA forum are likely to be conducted with a high degree of secrecy, business has to accept that a prolonged period of uncertainty will continue until 30 June 2015, and likely thereafter while the IAEA undertakes its verification process.

In the mean time, companies should continue to comply with applicable US and EU sanctions. While some preparatory activity and contacts related to Iran is possible primarily under EU sanctions, such preparations and contacts will need to be carefully handled from a compliance perspective, particularly to the extent parties subject to US jurisdiction (e.g. non-US subsidiaries of US companies, US banks) are involved directly or indirectly.

Second, in any such preparatory activity, it is important to understand how any proposed commercial activity can be paid for, and it would be unwise to assume that EU or Western banks will be prepared to make or receive payments from Iran. This needs to be specifically confirmed with banks.

Third, if you intending to supply dual-use items to Iran, you cannot assume that this trade will be “free” because of the likelihood of the internationally monitored procurement channel for dual use goods. However, paradoxically, if this channel does permit supply of dual use items to Iran, then the payment chain is also likely to be approved, meaning that Western banks are more likely to consider making or accepting payments to or from Iran for these sensitive goods.

The foregoing is intended only to provide a general overview of recent developments regarding sanctions targeting Iran. Please do not hesitate to contact [Ross Denton](#) or [Sunny Mann](#) of our London Office or [Ed Dyson](#) or [Alex Lamy](#) of our Washington DC office or any member of Baker & McKenzie's International Trade Practice Group if you have any questions about how these changes might affect your company or if you require advice on any specific transactions or plans. A list of those attorneys may found on our Client Alert on this subject, [here](#).

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UN Security Council Resolutions

[Dates are dd-mm-yy]

Series and No	Date	Subject
S/RES/2215 (2015)	02-04-15	Liberia
S/RES/2216 (2015)	14-04-15	Middle East (Yemen)
S/RES/2217 (2015)	28-04-15	Central African Republic
S/RES/2218 (2015)		Western Sahara
S/RES/2219 (2015)		Côte d'Ivoire

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
02-04-14	2015/019 United States of America – Stricter domestic measures regarding import of certain snakes
09-04-15	2015/020 Trade in specimens of species and stocks of whales protected by the International Whaling Commission • Annex: International Convention for the Regulation of Whaling, 1946
15-04-15	2015/021 Democratic Republic of the Congo – Withdrawal of a recommendation to suspend trade
21-04-15	2015/022 List of valid Notifications • Annex: List of valid Notifications (total: 145)
22-04-15	2015/023 Slovenia – Security stamps
28-04-15	2015/024 Twenty-eighth meeting of the Animals Committee • Annex 1: Registration form

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Date	Title
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Annex 2: Procedure for the admission of observers from organizations and the private sector to meetings of the Animals Committee Annex 3: Invitation request for organizations and the private sector

The Americas - Central America

Nicaragua

Documents

Date	Series and Nº	Subject
09-03-15	CT 033-2015	Expansion module procedure pilot electronic payment of rights, duties, customs services and other obligations (petsâ).
26-03-15	CT 040-2015	Update CT-014-2015 Ban on import of vehicles under Law 891 law reform and additions to the law on tax consultation
31-03-15	CT 046-2015	Import tariff quota chicken in accordance MIFIC Ministerial Agreement No. 025-2015

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 2014 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
17-04-15	National Customs Authority (NCA): Resolution No. 904-04-175-OAL March 19, 2015 by which is declared and classified information restricted access in the National Customs Authority.
23-04-15	NCA: Resolution No. 128 In April 9, 2015 By Which Takes The Regulation Of The Special Fund Operating Authority Of The National Customs And Repeal A Legal Provision.
24-04-15	NCA: Resolution No. 904-04-251-OAL of April 21, 2015 Adopting the Design and Contents Report Called New Form of Counting Money.
28-04-15	Health: Resolution No. 158 from March 31, 2015 New Security Arrangements for the Marketing of Products Containing the Principal Active Ingredient Vare-nicline.

The Americas - North America

Canada

R&D expenses paid to the vendor of imported goods may need to be included in their entirety in the customs value for duty determination

The Canadian Federal Court of Appeal's (FCA) decision in [*Skechers USA Canada Inc. v. President of the Canada Border Services Agency*](#) (Skechers) now arguably broadens the scope of what research, design and development (R&D) costs must be included in the value for duty of imported goods determined under the transaction value method.¹ As a result, importers should review their R&D costs to determine whether they are dutiable in light of the FCA's Skechers decision.

Background

Skechers USA Inc. ("Skechers US") was responsible for designing various styles of footwear, and Skechers USA Canada Inc. ("Skechers Canada") purchased footwear from Skechers US for re-sale in Canada. Pursuant to their cost-sharing agreement, Skechers Canada paid Skechers US for costs that Skechers US incurred for activities necessary, among other things, to research, develop and design footwear. Skechers US developed 40,000 to 50,000 prototype samples of shoes every year, approximately 5,000 of which succeeded in becoming available for sale, and approximately 1,700 of which were typically marketed in Canada. Skechers Canada had included in the value for duty of the approximately 1,700 footwear styles it imported into Canada the R&D costs directly related to those styles.

The dispute with the Canada Border Services Agency (CBSA) was over the separate payments Skechers Canada made to Skechers US for compensation of the costs of the moulds and samples of unsuccessful shoe styles and the shoe styles that were not imported into Canada, and for general research and design costs such as the salaries of Skechers US's research and design staff. The CBSA's position was that these additional costs were incurred as part of the process to produce the approximately 1,700 successful footwear styles that were imported into Canada, and as such the payments by Skechers Canada to Skechers US for these additional costs were "in respect of" the footwear imported into Canada that should have been included in the value for duty determination under the transaction value method. Skechers Canada had conceded at the hearing before the Canadian International Trade Tribunal (CITT) and the FCA that the amount of these additional R&D costs were ascertainable at the time of importation.

The FCA Decision

The FCA affirmed the CITT's approach and indicated that in order to determine whether the additional R&D payment was "in respect of" the imported goods, "...the central question is whether a sufficient link exists between the payment and the goods in issue".

The FCA agreed with the CITT that, as the research, design, and development process for Skechers footwear was "a seamless, interrelated process, the whole

of which is required to produce the goods at issue”, there was a sufficient link between R&D costs for the product designs that never came to fruition or for goods that were never imported into Canada, and the footwear styles that were imported into Canada. As a result, the FCA found that the CITT’s conclusion that the additional R&D payments made by Skechers Canada to Skechers US for compensation of these costs should have been included in the value for duty of the footwear styles imported into Canada was reasonable and dismissed Skechers Canada’s appeal.

Conclusion

Importers should review their R&D payments to determine whether they are dutiable in light of the test set out in the Skechers decision. Even if R&D payments relate to goods that are never produced or to goods that are not imported into Canada, if there is a sufficient link between the R&D payments and the imported goods, the CBSA will likely take the position that these payments are in respect of the imported goods, and therefore dutiable.

Given the manner in which R&D payments are calculated and paid, it may be difficult for importers to quantify the amount of the R&D payments that are dutiable in a given year. Where uncertainty exists, importers may consider requesting named rulings from the CBSA to obtain certainty regarding the dutiable status of their R&D payments and how these payments are to be quantified and accounted for to the CBSA.

As a result of the Skechers decision, importers should expect an increased focus on the dutiable status of R&D payments by CBSA auditors.

1: The primary method for determining the value for duty of goods imported into Canada is the “transaction value” method. The transaction value of goods is determined by ascertaining “the price paid or payable” for the goods when the goods are sold for export to Canada to a purchaser in Canada, subject to certain adjustments. The “price paid or payable” is defined in the Customs Act (Canada) to mean “the aggregate of all payments made or to be made, directly or indirectly, in respect of the goods by the purchaser to or for the benefit of the vendor.”

For additional information, please contact [Paul Burns](#), [Brian Cacic](#) or [Jonathan Tam](#) of our Toronto office who wrote this Client Alert.

Canada and Chile modernize their FTA

On April 10, 2015, the Hon. Rob Nicholson, Canada’s Minister of Foreign Affairs, and Heraldo Muñoz, Chile’s Minister of Foreign Affairs, [announced](#) the conclusion of negotiations to modernize the *Canada-Chile Free Trade Agreement* (CCFTA). The announcement took place on the margins of the Seventh Summit of the Americas in Panama City.

The modernized agreement contains a new chapter on sanitary and phytosanitary measures that will strengthen bilateral cooperation and collaboration on SPS-related issues and formalize the existing CCFTA SPS Committee, established in 2001. It will also establish a new bilateral commitment to facilitate early and effective dialogue to resolve SPS-related issues affecting bilateral trade and help ensure that market access benefits under the CCFTA are not undermined by unjustified barriers to trade. Updates to the government procurement chapter aim to enhance administrative efficiency by allowing Canadian and Chilean procuring entities greater flexibility in setting tendering periods in cases where electronic

tendering is used. In addition, both countries agreed to bring amendments to CCFTA rules of origin into force as soon as possible. Amendments to CCFTA rules of origin will liberalize certain rules of origin, resulting in enhanced market access for Canadian goods such as chemical products and plastics, base metals, machinery and appliances.

Bonded Warehouse regulations amended

On April 7, 2015, the *Canada Gazette* published the [Regulations Amending the Customs Bonded Warehouses Regulations \(SOR/2015-70, March 27, 2015\)](#). The amendments to the Regulations include removing the annual fee for a licence to operate a Customs Bonded Warehouse (CBW). The removal of the annual licence fee will help facilitate and promote access to the CBW Program, contributing to the Government's 2013 budget commitment of enhancing Canada's Foreign Trade Zone (FTZ)-like programs.

The Duty Deferral Program (DDP), which is administered by the Canada Border Services Agency (CBSA), relieves customs duties on imported goods that are subsequently exported. This is Canada's main FTZ-like program, deferring or refunding approximately \$1 billion of duties and taxes per year to some 2 000 clients. A key component of the DDP includes the deferral of duties and taxes, generally for up to four years, through the CBW Program.

The amendments to the Regulations also replace the term "Minister" in the Regulations with "Minister of Public Safety and Emergency Preparedness." The term "Minister" was previously defined as the Minister of National Revenue.

The analysis accompanying the Regulation amendments states that:

By eliminating the fee associated with operating a CBW, businesses will have lower costs when attempting to access a CBW, which will help entrepreneurs in the development of manufacturing, and processing warehouse hubs in strategic locations through-out Canada. By reducing the costs to business in accessing Canada's DDPs, the implementation of these Regulations will enhance Canada's global business environment, providing a foundation that is more attractive to foreign investment in Canada while helping to create jobs for Canadians and fostering long-term economic growth.

List of Entities amended

On April 7, 2015, the *Canada Gazette* published the [Regulations Amending the Regulations Establishing a List of Entities \(SOR/2015-87, April 2, 2015\)](#). The Regulations support the Government of Canada's efforts to protect Canadians against the threat of terrorism. Section 1 of the Regulations Establishing a List of Entities is amended by adding "Islamic State–Sinai Province (ISSP)" to the list of terrorist entities and its aliases: "Ansar Bayt al-Maqdis," "Ansar Jerusalem," and "Islamic State–Sinai State."

The listing of terrorist entities facilitates the prosecution of perpetrators and supporters of terrorism and plays a key role in countering terrorist financing. The listing of an entity means that the entity's property can be the subject of seizure/restraint and/or forfeiture. In addition, institutions, such as banks and brokerages, are subject to reporting requirements with respect to an entity's property and must not allow those entities to access the property nor may these institutions deal with or otherwise dispose of the property.

Miscellaneous regulations and proposals

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

Publication Date	Title
04-04-15	Environment/Health: Publication of final decision after screening assessment of six azo metal complexes and other azo substances specified on the Domestic Substances List (subsection 77(6) of the Canadian Environmental Protection Act, 1999) (N)
	Environment/Health: Publication of final decision after screening assessment of 61 azo direct dyes and 8 azo reactive dyes specified on the Domestic Substances List (paragraphs 68(b) and (c) or subsection 77(6) of the Canadian Environmental Protection Act, 1999) (N)
	Environment/Health: Proposed Regulations Amending the Prohibition of Certain Toxic Substances Regulations, 2012 (PR)
04-08-15	Public Safety and Emergency Preparedness: Regulations Amending the Customs Bonded Warehouses Regulations (SOR/2015-70, March 27, 2015) pursuant to the Customs Tariff.
04-11-15	Transport: Technical Standards Document No. 120, Tire Selection and Rims for Motor Vehicles With a GVWR of More Than 4 536 kg — Revision 2 pursuant to the Motor Vehicle Safety Act (N)
04-18-15	Environment: Notice with respect to the Environmental Code of Practice for the Elimination of Fluorocarbon Emissions from Refrigeration and Air Conditioning Systems pursuant to the Canadian Environmental Protection Act, 1999
	Environment: Proposed notice requiring the preparation and implementation of pollution prevention plans in respect of halocarbons used as a refrigerant pursuant to the Canadian Environmental Protection Plan, 1999
	Health: Notice of intent to amend the Food and Drug Regulations pursuant to the Food and Drugs Act [personal or own-use importation of veterinary drugs and strengthen the control over the importation of veterinary active pharmaceutical ingredients (APIs)]
04-22-15	Agriculture: Regulations Amending Certain Regulations Administered and Enforced by the Canadian Food Inspection Agency (SOR/2015-78, April 1, 2015) pursuant to the Canada Agricultural Products Act and the Fish Inspection Act
	Environment/Health: Order 2015-87-04-01 Amending the Domestic Substances List (SOR/2015-73, March 30, 2015) pursuant to the Canadian Environmental Protection Act, 1999
	Public Safety and Emergency Preparedness: Regulations Amending the Imported Goods Records Regulations (SOR/2015-82, April 1, 2015) pursuant to the Customs Act
	Public Safety and Emergency Preparedness: Regulations Amending the Presentation of Persons (2003) Regulations (SOR/2015-83, April 1, 2015) pursuant to the Customs Act
04-25-15	Environment: Regulations Amending the Wild Animal and Plant Trade Regulations (SOR/2015-81, April 1, 2015) pursuant to the Wild Animal and Plant Protection and Regulation of International and Interprovincial Trade Act
	Environment: Ministerial Condition No. 17827 pursuant to paragraph 109(1)(a) of the Canadian Environmental Protection Act, 1999

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
04-07-15	Public Safety and Emergency Preparedness: Regulations Amending the Regulations Establishing a List of Entities (SOR/2015-87, April 2, 2015) pursuant to the Criminal Code (R)

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
04-01-15	CN 15-008		Clarification of the Business Number Requirements for Exporters
04-02-15	D10-15-24	Revised	Tariff Item No. 9979.00.00 – Goods Specifically Designed to Assist Persons With Disabilities
04-09-15	D8-2-6	Revised	The Outward Processing Remission Order (Textiles and Apparel) Program
	CN 15-009		Highway Sufferance Warehouse Closure and Licence Opportunity (Chicoutimi, QC)
	CN 15-010		Streamlining low-value payments to and from the Government of Canada
	CN 15-011		Marine Mode Carrier Code Eligibility
04-10-15	D11-5-13	New	Canada–Honduras Free Trade Agreement (CHFTA) Rules of Origin
04-13-15	CN 15-012	Changed procedure	Follow-up Notice to the Public Works and Government Services Canada's Cheque Standardization Initiative
			Joint Border Strategy: Way Forward Together (RCMP/CBSA)
04-17-15	CN 15-013	Replaces CN 14-008 CN 14-018	Changes to Transport Canada's Pre-clearance Program – Appendix G
	D10-14-51	Revised	Tariff Classification Policy: Tariff Item 9948.00.00
	D11-8-6	New	Interpretation of Section 3 of the <i>Imported Goods Records Regulations</i>
	D11-8-5	Revised	Conditional Relief Tariff Items
04-28-15	D13-3-5	New	Treatment of Transportation Costs for Goods Delivered to a Location Outside of Canada for Subsequent Importation
	D13-3-4	Revised	Place of Direct Shipment
	Report		Audit of Enterprise Risk Management (Dec. 2014)
04-30-15	CN 15-014		Implementation of the Single Window Initiative

Antidumping and countervailing duty cases

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

Mexico

Diario Oficial

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

appear to apply to international trade are listed. (An unofficial English translation is shown.) Dates are given in mm-dd-yy

Publication Date	Title
04-02-15	Foreign Affairs: Decree promulgating the Fourth Additional Protocol to Economic Complementation Agreement No. 51 between Mexico and Cuba, signed in Mexico City, the first of November 2013.
04-07-15	Hacienda: General Rules on Foreign Trade for 2015 and its annex 22 Section II, III, IV)
04-13-15	Foreign Affairs: Acuerdo releasing text of various UN Security Council Resolutions regarding N. Korea. [UNSCR 1718 (Oct. 14, 2006); 1874 (June 12, 2009); 2087 (January 22, 2013), and 2094 (March 7, 2013)]
04-16-15	Hacienda: Annex - Glossary of definitions and acronyms, 4, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 15, 16, 17, 19, 21, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30 and 31 of General Rules on Foreign Trade for 2015, released on April 7, 2015.
04-17-15	Economy: Acuerdo by which disclosed the quota to import rolled products of iron or non -alloy steel, plated or coated, originating in the Republic of Costa Rica.
	Hacienda: Annex 1 of the General Rules of Foreign Trade for 2015, released on April 7, 2015 (III, IV, V)
04-20-15	Foreign Affairs: Decree amending the Free Trade Agreement with Panama signed in Panama City April 3, 2014
	Hacienda: Regulation of the Customs Act
04-30-15	Economy: Acuerdo establishing the quota for imports of new, light vehicles from Brazil
	Economy: Acuerdo establishing the quota for imports of light vehicles from Argentina

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
04-02-15	Executive Order 13694 of April 1, 2015 - Blocking the Property of Certain Persons Engaging in Significant Malicious Cyber-Enabled Activities
	Notice of March 31, 2015 - Continuation of the National Emergency With Respect to South Sudan
04-10-15	Notice of April 8, 2015 - Continuation of the National Emergency With Respect to Somalia

President Obama proposes rescission of Cuba's designation as a State Sponsor of Terrorism

On April 14, 2015, President Obama [submitted](#) to the U.S. Congress a report and certification indicating the Administration's intent to rescind Cuba's designation as a State Sponsor of Terrorism. The rescission of Cuba's designation as a State Sponsor of Terrorism will become effective unless Congress enacts a joint resolution prohibiting the proposal within 45 days after receiving the report.

The proposal is part of the Obama Administration's efforts to establish diplomatic relations with Cuba and relax certain aspects of the U.S. embargo of Cuba, which we have discussed in various previous sanctions blog posts, including our posts [here](#) and [here](#).

While rescission of Cuba's designation as a State Sponsor of Terrorism would represent an important policy change and a further step towards normalizing U.S.-Cuba relations, it would not affect most trade and financial sanctions against Cuba. For example, the core restrictions on investment, trade, and financial transactions with Cuba and the ban on tourist travel to Cuba are imposed by statutes not linked to the State Sponsor of Terrorism designation, and will remain in place absent further Congressional action.

The limited changes which would result from the rescission of Cuba's State Sponsor of Terrorism designation include, among others (and subject to regulatory amendments): (i) eligibility for authorized exports to Cuba of a broader range of dual-use goods, software, and technology subject to U.S. jurisdiction; (ii) eligibility for certain U.S. federal assistance (e.g., humanitarian aid) to Cuba; and (iii) the elimination of the ability of U.S. citizens to pursue private claims against Cuba in U.S. courts.

President continues national emergency with respect to Somalia

On April 10, 2015, the *Federal Register* published Presidential [Notice of April 8, 2015 - Continuation of the National Emergency With Respect to Somalia](#), which continues for 1 year the national emergency originally declared in Executive Order (EO) 13536 of April 12, 2010 to deal with "the unusual and extraordinary threat to the national security and foreign policy of the United States constituted by the deterioration of the security situation and the persistence of violence in Somalia, acts of piracy and armed robbery at sea off the coast of Somalia, which have repeatedly been the subject of United Nations Security Council (UNSC) resolutions, and violations of the arms embargo imposed by the UNSC."

Additional steps were taken in EO 13620 of July 20, 2012 in view of UNSC Resolutions 2036 of February 22, 2012, and 2002 of July 29, 2011, and to address: exports of charcoal from Somalia, which generate significant revenue for al-Shabaab; the misappropriation of Somali public assets; and certain acts of violence committed against civilians in Somalia. The national emergency is being continued because the situation with respect to Somalia continues to pose an unusual and extraordinary threat to the national security and foreign policy of the United States.

Executive Order targeting malicious cyber-enabled activities issued

On April 1, 2015, President Obama issued [Executive Order 13694 of April 1, 2015 - Blocking the Property of Certain Persons Engaging in Significant Malicious Cyber-Enabled Activities](#) (the “Cyber EO”) authorizing the U.S. Treasury Department’s Office of Foreign Assets Control (OFAC) to designate as Specially Designated Nationals (SDNs) certain persons that have engaged in “significant malicious cyber-enabled activities.” No party has yet been designated under the Cyber EO. OFAC has stated in its Frequently Asked Questions ([FAQs](#)) that the Cyber EO is “intended to address situations where, for jurisdictional or other issues,” significant actors “may be beyond the reach of other authorities available to the U.S. government,” which is similar to the intent behind certain other OFAC programs, such as the Foreign Sanctions Evaders program.

U.S. Persons and persons otherwise subject to OFAC jurisdiction (e.g., non-U.S. persons that cause prohibited acts to occur in the United States or by U.S. Persons) are prohibited from dealing with SDNs, as well as their 50%-or-more owned entities (collectively, “Blocked Persons”). In addition, the property and interests in property of such Blocked Persons must be frozen if they come within the United States or the possession/control of a U.S. Person.

The Cyber EO targets a broad range of “cyber-enabled activities” that are “reasonably likely to result in, or have materially contributed to, a significant threat to the national security, foreign policy, or economic health or financial stability of the United States.” In particular, the Cyber EO authorizes designation of (i) parties “responsible for or complicit in or [who] have engaged in, directly or indirectly, cyber-enabled activities” that originate or are directed from outside the United States and that have the purpose or effect of:

- harming, or otherwise significantly compromising the provision of services by, a computer or network of computers that support one or more entities in a critical infrastructure sector;
- significantly compromising the provision of services by one or more entities in a critical infrastructure sector;
- causing a significant disruption to the availability of a computer or network of computers; or
- causing a significant misappropriation of funds or economic resources, trade secrets, personal identifiers, or financial information for commercial or competitive advantage or private financial gain.

In addition, the Cyber EO authorizes designation of (ii) parties “responsible for or complicit in or [who] have engaged in . . . the receipt or use for commercial or competitive advantage or private financial gain, or by a commercial entity, outside the United States of trade secrets misappropriated through cyber-enabled means, knowing they have been misappropriated,” as well as (iii) parties who have “materially” supported parties blocked pursuant to the Cyber EO, (iv) parties who are owned or controlled by, or acting or purporting to act on behalf of those blocked parties, and (v) parties that have attempted to engage in the targeted activities.

According to OFAC’s accompanying [FAQs](#), the term “cyber-related activities” will be further defined in forthcoming OFAC regulations. For current purposes, these activities include “deliberate activities accomplished through unauthorized access to a computer system, including by remote access; circumventing one or more

protection measures, including by bypassing a firewall; or compromising the security of hardware or software in the supply chain.” OFAC’s FAQs clarify that the Cyber EO is not meant to target:

- legitimate network defense or maintenance activities performed by computer security experts and companies as part of the normal course of business on their own systems, or systems they are otherwise authorized to manage;
- legitimate activities to ensure and promote the security of information systems, such as penetration testing and other methodologies;
- activities to prevent or interfere with legitimate cyber-enabled activities undertaken to further academic research or commercial innovation as part of computer security-oriented conventions, competitions, or similar “good faith” events; or
- unwitting owners of compromised computers.

For additional information, please contact [Maria H. van Wagenberg](#), [Lise S. Test](#) or [Janet K. Kim](#), of our Washington, DC office, or any member of our Outbound International Trade group with whom you normally work. Check our [Sanctions blog](#) for any updates.

South Sudan national emergency continued

President Obama’s [Notice of March 31, 2015 - Continuation of the National Emergency With Respect to South Sudan](#) published in the *Federal Register* on April 2, 2015, continues for an additional year, the national emergency first declared on April 3, 2014, by Executive Order 13664 because of the unusual and extraordinary threat to the national security and foreign policy of the United States constituted by the situation in and in relation to South Sudan, which has been marked by activities that threaten the peace, security, or stability of South Sudan and the surrounding region, including widespread violence and atrocities, human rights abuses, recruitment and use of child soldiers, attacks on peacekeepers, and obstruction of humanitarian operations.

Bipartisan Trade Promotion Authority bill introduced in Congress and reported out of House and Senate Committees

On April 16, 2015, Senate Finance Committee Chairman Orrin Hatch (R-Utah), Ranking Member Ron Wyden (D-Ore.) and House Ways and Means Chairman Paul Ryan (R-Wis.) introduced bipartisan, bicameral *Trade Promotion Authority* (TPA) legislation. According to the [announcement](#), the legislation “establishes concrete rules for international trade negotiations to help the United States deliver strong, high-standard trade agreements that will boost American exports and create new economic opportunities and better jobs for American workers, manufacturers, farmers, ranchers and entrepreneurs.” The announcement stated:

[The Bipartisan Congressional Trade Priorities and Accountability Act of 2015](#) (TPA-2015) outlines 21st century congressional negotiating objectives that any administration – Republican or Democratic – must follow when entering into and conducting trade talks with foreign countries while also increasing transparency by requiring that Congress have access to important information surrounding pending trade deals and that the public receive detailed updates and see the full details of trade agreements well before they are signed. When the trade agreement meets the United States’ objectives and Congress is sufficiently consulted, the legislation allows for trade deals to be submitted to Congress for an up-or-down vote, an incentive for negotiating nations to put their best offer forward for any deal. At the same time, the bill creates a new

mechanism to withdraw TPA procedures and hold the administration accountable should it fail to meet the requirements of TPA.

The TPA bill (S. 995/H.R. 1890) comes as the two of the most ambitious trade negotiations in the nation's history – the *Trans-Pacific Partnership* (TPP) and the *Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership* (T-TIP) - are underway. According to the announcement, together these two trade agreements would further open markets encompassing nearly 1.3 billion customers and approximately 60 percent of global gross domestic product. (Citing World Bank data)

TPA expired in 2007 and is needed for the United States to successfully conclude these negotiations. A summary the bill can be found [here](#), section-by-section summary of bill [here](#) and a copy of the bill text can be found [here](#).

On April 22, 2015, the Senate Finance Committee [approved](#) the TPA by a 20-6 vote, sending it to the full Senate. On April 23, 2015, the House Ways and Means Committee [approved](#) the TPA, amended to conform to the Senate's version as reported by Senate Finance, by a 25-13 vote.

Action on bipartisan trade preference bill (AGOA, GSP, Haiti) and other trade bills

On April 17, 2015, a bipartisan group of Representatives introduced [H.R. 1891, a Bill "To extend the African Growth and Opportunity Act, the Generalized System of Preferences, the preferential duty treatment program for Haiti, and for other purposes." \(the AGOA Extension and Enhancement Act of 2015\)](#) The bill would extend the African Growth and Opportunity Act (AGOA), which is scheduled to expire on September 30, 2015, until September 30, 2025. The bill will reinstate the *Generalized System of Preferences* (GSP) program which expired on July 31, 2013, until December 31, 2017 with retroactive treatment (without interest) for goods that would have qualified under the law as it existed prior to its expiration, provided a request (meeting the identification requirements in the bill) is filed with Customs and Border Protection not later than 180 days after enactment. The Haitian preference program would also be extended until September 30, 2025.

In order to pay for the extensions, the expiration of the merchandise processing fee would be extended from June 30, 2021 until June 30, 2025. There would also be user fee adjustments and internal revenue estimated payment adjustments.

On April 22, 2015, the Senate Finance Committee [approved](#) by voice vote a bill ([S.1009](#)) which would extend the *African Growth and Opportunity Act*, the *Generalized System of Preferences*, and the preferential duty treatment program for Haiti. The Senate bill contained an amendment to the GSP program which will eliminate the statutory exclusion of textile and leather travel goods. The AGOA portion included provisions requiring USTR to conduct an out-of-cycle review of South Africa's eligibility for AGOA benefits, and one that ensures that AGOA-eligible countries are making continual progress toward establishing policies that promote the role of women in social and economic development. There were other amendments allowing the administration to the discretion to "withdraw, suspend, or limit application of duty-free treatment" with respect to articles from a country that is in breach of its eligibility criteria (present law requires withdrawal of benefits), and some unrelated tariff amendments. On April 23, 2015, the House Ways and Means Committee held a mark-up on its AGOA bill ([H.R. 1891](#)) and

was ordered reported as introduced, without the Senate GSP and AGOA provisions discussed in the preceding sentences.

On April 22, 2015, the Senate Finance Committee also [approved S.1015](#), “a bill to reauthorize trade facilitation and trade enforcement functions and activities, and for other purposes.”

House Ways and Means Trade Subcommittee Chairman Pat Tiberi, along with co-sponsors Rep. Charles Boustany and Rep. Kevin Brady, introduced the [Trade Facilitation and Trade Enforcement Act of 2015 \(H.R. 1907\)](#). It was marked up on April 23, in the full Committee and was ordered reported, as amended.

State issues permit regarding Columbus land port of entry

On April 22, 2015, the Department of State (State) published in the *Federal Register* a [notice](#) [Public Notice 9106] stating that State issued a Presidential Permit to the General Services Administration (GSA) on April 14, 2015, allowing the GSA to replace, expand, operate and maintain the existing Columbus Land Port of Entry in Columbus, New Mexico. In making this determination, the Department provided public notice of the proposed permit (79 Fed. Reg. 68345, November 14, 2014), offered the opportunity for comment, and consulted with other federal agencies, as required by Executive Order 11423, as amended.

USTR issues notice with respect to countries denying fair market opportunities for government-funded airport construction projects

On April 24, 2015, the Office of the US Trade Representative (USTR) published in the *Federal Register* a [notice](#) Pursuant to section 533 of the *Airport and Airway Improvement Act of 1982*, as amended (49 U.S.C. 50104), stating that USTR has determined not to list any countries as denying fair market opportunities for U.S. products, suppliers, or bidders in foreign government-funded airport construction projects.

USTR seeks comments on WTO disputes

The Office of the US Trade Representative (USTR) published the following documents related to WTO disputes in the *Federal Register*:

F.R. Date	Matter	Comments Due
04-13-15	WTO Dispute Settlement Proceeding Regarding United States - Anti-Dumping Measures on Oil Country Tubular Goods from Korea [Dispute No. WTO/DS488]	05-01-15
04-20-15	WTO Dispute Settlement Proceeding Regarding United States – Anti-Dumping and Countervailing Measures on Certain Coated Paper From Indonesia [Dispute No. WTO/DS491/Docket No. USTR-2015-0005]	05-11-15

ITC investigations

The ITC initiated (I), terminated (T), requested information or comments (RFC), issued a report (R), or scheduled a hearing (H) regarding the following investigations (other than 337 and antidumping, countervailing duty or safeguards) this

month: (*Click on the investigation title to obtain details from the Federal Register notice or ITC Press Release*)

Investigation. No. and title	Requested by:
Inv. No. 332-227 Caribbean Basin Economic Recovery Act: Impact on U.S. Industries and Consumers and on Beneficiary Countries, 22nd Report (RFC)	Statutory Requirement

Commerce establishes Ready Applicant Pool for trade missions and Expedited Trade Mission procedures

On April 28, 2015, the International Trade Administration (ITA), Department of Commerce (Commerce) published in the *Federal Register* a [notice](#) announcing that the ITA is establishing a Ready Applicant Pool (RAP), for organizations and companies that would like to receive information directly from Commerce, when it organizes a trade mission aligned with the products, services, technologies, sectors, target markets or goals of the applicant. Applicants willing and interested to send a high-level representative to participate on an expedited trade mission to any location, at any time, on very short notice are especially encouraged to apply for the RAP. Applications to join the RAP can be [found here](#) and will be accepted at any time.

Applications will be evaluated quarterly and those accepted will be notified as soon as possible. Applicants will be selected for the current RAP term and will need to reapply when the term ends on December 31, 2016. Each term will last two years.

In a related matter, on April 28, 2015, the Commerce published in the *Federal Register* a [notice](#) announcing that ITA is establishing new procedures for Expedited Trade Missions. When the Secretary approves a Decision Memo justifying the use of expedited procedures, Commerce will endeavor to conduct recruitment and selection for the mission within 2–3 weeks. Applicants should be aware that mission statements for Expedited Trade Missions will not be notified in the Federal Register. Instead, they will be [posted online here](#). Applicants should also be aware that deadlines for applying for Expedited Trade Missions will be extremely short. The procedures for selecting participants for Expedited Trade Missions will be compressed. All interested parties that meet the conditions of participation are encouraged to apply, and all applicants will be evaluated on an equal basis with respect to the participation criteria. Expedited Trade Mission procedures are established as of April 28, 2015.

CBP/ICE release IPR seizure statistics

On April 2, 2015, U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) and U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement's Homeland Security Investigations (HSI) announced the [fiscal year 2014 results](#) of an aggressive enforcement program to protect the United States from counterfeit and pirated goods. CBP and HSI are the components within the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) responsible for the enforcement of intellectual property rights (IPR).

In fiscal year 2014, there were 23,140 intellectual property rights seizures with an estimated manufacturer's suggested retail price or MSRP of \$1.2 billion, the value of the goods had they been genuine. In addition, 144 shipments of circumvention

devices were seized for violation of the *Digital Millennium Copyright Act*. CBP also enforced 44 exclusion orders in fiscal year 2014. Since 2007, CBP has identified intellectual property rights enforcement as a priority trade mission. Although IPR seizures declined slightly in 2014 from 2013, CBP recorded its third busiest year for seizures since 2005.

CBP publishes quarterly IRS interest rates

On April 22, 2015, CBP published in the *Federal Register* a [notice](#) advising the public of the quarterly Internal Revenue Service interest rates used to calculate interest on overdue accounts (underpayments) and refunds (overpayments) of customs duties. For the calendar quarter beginning April 1, 2015, the interest rates for overpayments will be 2 percent for corporations and 3 percent for non-corporations, and the interest rate for underpayments will be 3 percent for both corporations and non-corporations. This notice is published for the convenience of the importing public and U.S. Customs and Border Protection personnel. The rates were effective April 1, 2015.

COAC meeting

On April 6, 2015, CBP published in the *Federal Register* a [notice](#) [Docket No. USCBP–2015–0011] announcing that the Advisory Committee on Commercial Operations to U.S. Customs and Border Protection (COAC) will meet on April 24, 2015, in Washington, DC. The meeting was open to the public. On April 29, 2015, after the COAC meeting, CBP issued a press release which stated in pertinent part:

The COAC, comprised of 20 appointed members from the international trade community, 12 of whom are new this term, were welcomed and sworn-in by CBP Commissioner R. Gil Kerlikowske, who co-chaired the proceedings. “On behalf of all of us at CBP, we’re very appreciative of your being here and the work, the support, and the help that you provide,” said Commissioner Kerlikowske.

The commissioner spoke about the previous session during his opening remarks. “The 13th term of COAC was challenging, but it also was very productive,” he said. “That term helped us take some important steps forward, identifying ways to improve our processes and programs, things that will benefit the economy and things that we hope will expedite our ability to do our job and hopefully help industry. A lot of people put a lot of time into those recommendations and into that work,” said Commissioner Kerlikowske.

The commissioner added the 14th term COAC members also will have lots of challenges. “Trade transformation efforts will continue and the role that you play is crucial,” he said. “As we continue to see international trade grow and the threats to our economy continue, the guiding principles of predictability, transparency, and flexibility will allow us to be better prepared to keep our economy safe and more effectively respond to the needs of global business.”

Timothy Skud, the deputy assistant secretary of tax, trade, and tariff policy for the U.S. Department of Treasury co-chaired the meeting and welcomed the new COAC members. “One area where the committee can be very helpful is providing advice on issues. We have issues on our plate that the government is grappling with,” he said. “But we’re also interested in other issues that concern you. Tell us what we don’t know, or what we might not appreciate the impact of, or what’s wrong. We look to this committee as a source of that kind of information.”

One of the two COAC member co-chairs, Julie Parks, who is the leader of Raytheon Company’s global trade organization, spoke on behalf of the group. “We welcome the opportunity to serve on the 14th COAC and to provide some good insight to the gov-

ernment on where we need to take some of the strategic initiatives without high impact to business, but really benefit facilitation and the compliance that customs is looking for,” said Parks.

Fellow COAC co-chair, Vincent Iacopella, the executive vice president and president of the West Coast region of The Janel Group, a global provider of integrated logistics services, also expressed the committee’s interest in assisting the government with trade initiatives. Iacopella spoke about the [Automated Commercial Environment](#), or ACE, CBP’s cargo processing system that is becoming a [Single Window](#) for the trade community to submit import and export documentation required by all federal agencies.

“The COAC continues to strongly support President Obama’s [executive order](#) on February 19, 2014, which streamlines the import/export process for America’s businesses, specifically through ACE,” said Iacopella. “We hope to support CBP through continued discussions, communication and metrics. We fully support the Single Window and ACE implementation ... and we are looking forward to working with CBP and partner government agencies to achieve this goal together.”

The meeting included updates on trade programs and COAC subcommittee work. The first topic discussed was ACE. “Our first mandatory use date for ACE implementation is right around the corner,” said Deborah Augustin, the acting executive director of CBP’s ACE Business Office. “We’re looking at the mandatory filing of electronic manifest on May 1st, which is just about a week away.”

“We have put firm timelines in place to reach our goals,” said Cynthia Whittenburg, CBP’s executive director of trade policy and programs. “We know that oftentimes these types of timelines seem painful, but in order to make real progress, this is something we need to do. We are open to hearing your thoughts on solutions and we will continue to come up with the best strategies.”

Another project that was discussed is a pilot that the Consumer Product Safety Commission plans to launch in early 2016 to test the electronic filing of certificates of conformity for products regulated by the commission. The certificates, which indicate compliance requirements have been met for CPSC regulated products, give consumers assurance that products purchased in the U.S. are safe. Electronic filing of the certificates will expedite the release of cargo into the marketplace. “We’re an independent agency not bound by the executive order, but at the same time we’re trying to facilitate trade on things that we regulate,” said Carol Cave, assistant executive director of CPSC’s Office of Import Surveillance.

The Trade Enforcement and Revenue Collection subcommittee talked about [E-bonds](#), one of the most important modernization efforts completed in the ACE cargo processing system. “We’ve been able to get a bond on file now in about five seconds, whereas before it took about five business days to process. The time savings has been amazing,” said Lisa Gelsomino, a new COAC member who is the president, CEO and partner of Avalon Risk Management, an insurance and surety provider for logistics firms.

In addition to time metrics, COAC co-chair Vincent Iacopella pointed out that “There is also a substantial reduction in transaction costs.”

The safe and expedited movement of cargo through the global supply chain was also discussed. “The 13th COAC was very ambitious and bilaterally we’ve had quite a few initiatives that required a great deal of effort legislatively in the United States and with our partner countries,” said Ana Hinojosa, the deputy assistant commissioner of CBP’s Office of International Affairs. “We’re starting to see some of the fruits of our labor from a lot of hard work. Hinojosa, who is currently a candidate for the World Customs Organization’s director of compliance and facilitation, noted that negotiations of a land, rail, marine and air pre-clearance agreement with Canada are finalized and pre-inspection pilots with Mexico are moving forward.

Earlier in the discussion, Commissioner Kerlikowske mentioned the World Economic Forum has found that removing supply chain barriers can increase the global economy up to six times more than removing all tariffs. “This underscores the value that COAC

can have, helping us modernize and streamline our operations to provide real benefit to the global economy," he said.

A total of nine recommendations were unanimously passed during the meeting. Six of the recommendations pertained to the CPSC Alpha Pilot. The remaining three focused on the implementation of the Single Window. All of the recommendations fell under the One U.S. Government at the Border Subcommittee's purview.

COAC is a 20-member advisory committee that was established by Congress in 1987. The committee provides advice and recommendations to CBP and the Department of the Treasury on the commercial operations of CBP and trade-related interdepartmental functions. Some of the issues that COAC focuses on include enhanced border and supply chain security, international efforts to harmonize customs practices and procedures, import safety, compliance, and modernization and automation processes used to facilitate trade.

The next COAC meeting is scheduled to be held in Chicago July 29..

CBP announces TRQ for Tuna for CY 2015

On April 20, 2015, CBP published in the *Federal Register* a [notice](#) [CBP Dec. 15-06] announcing the quota quantity of tuna in airtight containers for Calendar Year 2015 will be 15,954,733 kilograms. Each year, the tariff-rate quota for tuna described in subheading 1604.14.22 at 6%, *Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States* (HTSUS), is based on the apparent United States consumption of tuna in airtight containers during the preceding Calendar Year. Any such tuna which is entered, or withdrawn from warehouse, for consumption during the current calendar year in excess of this quota will be dutiable at the rate of 12.5 percent ad valorem under subheading 1604.14.30 HTSUS.

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
04-13-15	Accreditation and Approval of Intertek USA, Inc., as a Commercial Gauger and Laboratory [Carteret, NJ] (N)
	Accreditation of Nexeo Solutions LLC, as a Commercial Laboratory [Pasadena, TX] (N)
	Accreditation and Approval of Saybolt, LP, as a Commercial Gauger and Laboratory [Wilmington, NC] (N)
04-16-15	Agency Information Collection Activities: Arrival and Departure Record (Forms I-94 and I-94W) and Electronic System for Travel Authorization (N)
04-27-15	Agency Information Collection Activities: Importers of Merchandise Subject to Actual Use Provisions (N)
	Agency Information Collection Activities: Transfer of Cargo to a Container Station (N)
04-30-15	Agency Information Collection Activities: Ship's Store Declaration (N) [CBP Form 1303]
	Accreditation and Approval of SGS North America, Inc., as a Commercial Gauger and Laboratory [Carteret, NJ] (N)

CBP announces West Coast Trade Symposium

CBP has [announced](#) that it will convene the West Coast Trade Symposium in Tacoma, Washington on Wednesday, May 27, 2015. The West Coast Trade Symposium (“Advancing Trade Through Partnership and Enforcement”) will feature panel discussions involving agency personnel, members of the trade community, and other government agencies, on the agency’s role in international trade initiatives and programs. This marks CBP’s fourteenth year convening the Trade Symposium. Members of the international trade and transportation communities and other interested parties are encouraged to attend.

To obtain the latest information on the Trade Symposium and to register online, visit the [CBP Trade Symposium website](#). There is an \$81 registration fee.

ACE mandatory use dates

CBP is working to complete and deploy core trade processing capabilities in ACE by December 2016, a timeline supported by the White House Executive Order issued on February 19, 2014. As part of this transition, three mandatory dates have been established requiring trade users to begin filing electronic data to ACE in lieu of legacy systems: May 1, 2015; November 1, 2015; and October 1, 2016.

CBP states that with these dates approaching quickly, it is critical for members throughout the trade community to understand how they will be impacted and to prepare accordingly. CBP is encouraging everyone affected to begin transitioning as early as possible to ensure readiness well in advance of the mandatory dates. To determine any impacts to your business, please click on the information below to understand upcoming changes and how to prepare.

- [May 1, 2015: Mandatory use of ACE for all electronic manifest filings](#)
- [November 1, 2015: Mandatory use of ACE for all electronic cargo release/entry and related entry summary filings](#)
- [October 1, 2016: Mandatory use of ACE for all remaining electronic portions of the CBP cargo process](#)

For additional information, please see [CBP’s mandatory use dates webpage](#).

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
04-01-15	15-000199	ACE Certification Environment is now Available
	15-000200	ACE ABI CATAIR Documents Now Posted to CBP.GOV
	15-000201	Resolved: FDA ITACS System Document Uploads Failing Since March 29, 2015
04-02-15	15-000202	ACE Air Manifest Certification
	15-000203	ACE Air Manifest Certification
	15-000204	CBP’s Port of Laredo, Texas Trade ACE Outreach Event – April

Date	CSMS#	Title
		8, 2015
	15-000205	Evento Para el Comercio de ACE del Puerto de Laredo, TX - 8 de Abril del 2015
	15-000206	Updated ACE Development/Deployment Schedule posted to CBP.gov
04-03-15	15-000207	Weekly ACE Production Outage beginning Saturday 4/4/2015
04-06-15	15-000208	New Information on November 1, 2015 Mandatory Date Posted to CBP.gov
	15-000209	FDA Deletion of Center for Drug Evaluation and Research (CDER) Product Codes
04-07-15	15-000210	Scheduled Weekly ACE Certification Outage, April 8
04-08-15	15-000211	ACE Certification Environment Now Available!
	15-000212	February – March 2015 ACE Monthly Trade Update
04-09-15	15-000213	Request for Participants: APHIS Multi-Program Import (Non-Lacey Act) Working Group
	15-000214	The March 2015 Update to the ACEopedia Has Been Posted to CBP.gov.
04-10-15	15-000215	ACE Production and Certification Outages beginning Saturday 4/11/2015
	15-000216	FDA System Maintenance April 11, 2015
	15-000217	ACE Air Manifest, Are You Ready?
04-13-15	15-000218	NO New Software Required To Connect to ACE Air Manifest
04-15-15	15-000219	Scheduled Weekly ACE Certification Outage for Thursday 4/16/2015
04-16-15	15-000220	Migration and Certification Testing of Air In-Bond Messaging
	15-000221	ACE Certification Environment Now Available!
	15-000222	AIR Manifest Frequently Generated Errors
04-17-15	15-000223	Information Notice for the Trade Community - ACE Deployment E - April 18, 2015 Release
	15-000224	Information Notice for the Trade Community - ACE Deployment E - April 18, 2015 Release
	15-000225	Weekly ACE Production Outage beginning Saturday April 18, 2015
	15-000226	ACE Cargo/Manifest/Entry Release Query (CQ) Now available in CERTIFICATION
04-21-15	15-000227	ACE Air Manifest Implementation Webinar for Trade - April 29, 2015
	15-000228	Scheduled Weekly ACE Certification Outage, April 22, 2015
04-22-15	15-000229	Updated ACE Air Manifest Information Posted to CBP.gov
	15-000230	ACE Certification Environment Now Available!
	15-000231	Production Deployment April 23, 2013 starting 01:00AM ET
	15-000232	Attention Filers: Ensure you are ready for the November 1, 2015 ACE Mandatory Filing Date
	15-000233	Attention Filers: Ensure you are ready for the November 1, 2015 ACE Mandatory Filing Date
	15-000234	Attention Filers: Ensure you are ready for the November 1, 2015 ACE Mandatory Filing Date
04-23-15	15-000235	Harmonized System Update (HSU) 1502 Created on April 20, 2015
	15-000236	Request for Participants: TTB Working Group
	15-000237	Request for Participants: TTB Working Group
04-24-15	15-000238	Port of Charlotte, NC annual Trade Day
	15-000239	PGA Message Set Implementation Guidelines (IGs) Posted on CBP.GOV
04-27-15	15-000240	New AD/CVD Reports Launch on Monday, May 11, 2015
04-28-15	15-000241	FDA Extended Import Systems Maint. Downtime May 9, 2015 1:00 am - May 10 2015 1:00am EDT

Date	CSMS#	Title
	15-000242	Updated ACE Air-CAMIR Document Posted to CBP.gov
	15-000243	Current CBP Network Issue on April 28, 2015
	15-000244	Resolved - CBP Network Issue on April 28, 2015
04-29-15	15-000245	This CSMS provides an updated URL - Updated ACE Air-CAMIR Document Posted to CBP.gov
	15-000246	Port of Champlain's Trade Day, Tuesday, May 19, 2015
	15-000247	Reminder to Use the Correct ISO Country Codes
	15-000248	ACE Certification Outage for April 29, 2015
04-30-15	15-000249	Important Message on Air Manifest
	15-000250	Reminder: Procedures to submit Mexican Sugar Export Licenses
	15-000251	Reminder: Procedures to submit Mexican Sugar Export Licenses

CBP issues guidance on temporary export of personal firearms

On April 27, 2015, CBP [posted on its website](#) Guidance on Temporary Exportation of Firearms. According to the release, CBP officers throughout New England are providing guidance to assist cross-border travelers who intend to transport personal firearms and ammunition out of the country, temporarily. The Guidance stated that:

CBP will continue to follow the long standing practice of issuing and certifying a Certificate of Registration (CBP Form 4457) to ensure that no traveler attempting to legally take their firearm out of the country experiences significant delays or incurs additional cost due to the implementation of a new regulation requiring an electronic filing. CBP's enforcement focus is on those engaged in illegal exportation of firearms for use by overseas organizations and individuals wishing to cause harm.

When a traveler contacts CBP to report export of a firearm, CBP will provide a fact sheet about the regulation and how to comply. Additionally, CBP is working with our other government partners to modify existing data bases and the reporting process to make a more user-friendly experience for individual travelers.

CBP recommends that travelers allow a few hours for the declaration of the firearms to CBP and advises travelers to become familiar with the import requirements of the foreign country(s) that they may be traveling through or visiting. Other countries may have more restrictive laws and regulations regarding the use of firearms.

Current export regulations issued by the Department of State require the traveler to file electronic export information for temporary export of personally owned firearms via the Automated Export System (AES) prior to departure from the United States. AES has a free web-based internet application known as [AESDirect](#) that permits the traveling public to electronically report the Electronic Export Information for temporary export of their firearm(s).

AESDirect to migrate into ACE this fall

On April 10, 2015, the U.S. Census Bureau announced in an e-mail newsletter that the *AESDirect* export filing application will be migrated into the International Trade Data System's Automated Commercial Environment (ACE). In addition, a comprehensive export report feature will be available to filers and USPPIs to facilitate their business processes.

The migration is part of the Presidentially mandated single window system for exports and imports. ACE will be the hub to fulfill this directive (See [Executive Order](#)). Integrating *AESDirect* into AES/ACE will eliminate the need to maintain two data collection systems for exports.

The migration will occur in stages:

- Summer 2015: The account registration and export reports feature will be available. Filers and USPPI's can begin registering for ACE accounts and request approval for access to their export data.
- Fall 2015: The AESDirect application will be available for filer use. Those who have already registered for an ACE account will have access immediately and all others will need to submit an ACE account application form to access the new AESDirect filing system.
- Early 2016 (tentatively): AESDirect EDI Upload and Weblink functionality will be deployed following the release of the AESDirect filing application.

Details regarding account availability, the registration process and transitioning to the new system will be provided over the next few months. According to the Census Bureau, the new filing application will encompass all of the features inherent in both of the current online and offline filing applications (*AESDirect* & *AESPCLink*) as well as enhancements, to include: auto-save feature, saving partial shipments, saving complete shipments for later submission, option to view interface in Spanish, user administration and the creation of profiles and templates.

State publishes “§ 515.582” list in Federal Register

In accordance with the policy changes announced by the President on December 17, 2014, to further engage and empower the Cuban people, § 515.582 of the Department of the Treasury's *Cuban Assets Control Regulations*, 31 C.F.R. part 515 (CACR) authorizes the importation into the United States of certain goods and services produced by independent Cuban entrepreneurs as determined by the State Department as set forth on the § 515.582 List. On April 23, 2015, the Department of State published in the *Federal Register* a [notice](#) [Public Notice 9108] stating that on February 13, 2015, the Department of State published the initial publication of [list of goods and services](#) produced by Cuban independent entrepreneurs eligible for importation into the United State pursuant to § 515.582 of the CACR. The initial list was also reproduced in the *Federal Register* notice.

Persons subject to U.S. jurisdiction engaging in import transactions involving goods produced by an independent Cuban entrepreneur pursuant to § 515.582 must obtain documentary evidence that demonstrates the entrepreneur's independent status, such as a copy of a license to be self-employed issued by the Cuban government or, in the case of an entity, evidence that demonstrates that the entrepreneur is a private entity that is not owned or controlled by the Cuban government.

The list does not supersede or excuse compliance with any additional requirements in U.S. law or regulation, including the relevant duties as set forth on the *Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States*.

For travelers importing authorized goods into the United States pursuant to § 515.582 as accompanied baggage, the \$400 monetary limit set forth in § 515.560(c)(3) does not apply to such goods, but goods may be subject to applicable duties, fees, and taxes.

State renews provision of certain temporary Iran sanctions relief

On April 23, 2015, the Department of State published in the *Federal Register* a [notice](#) [Public Notice 9100] renewing temporary waivers of certain sanctions to allow for a discrete range of transactions related to the provision of satellite connectivity services to the Islamic Republic of Iran Broadcasting (IRIB). The U.S. government is renewing these waivers based on Iran's commitment to ensure that harmful uplink satellite interference does not emanate from its territory, and verification by the U.S. government that harmful uplink satellite interference is not currently emanating from the territory of Iran. The effective dates of these waiver actions are as described in the determinations set forth in the *Federal Register* notice.

State outlines actions taken to provide certain temporary and limited sanctions relief to continue JPOA

On April 16, 2015, the Department of State published in the *Federal Register* a [notice](#) [Public Notice: 9095] that outlines the U.S. Government (USG) actions taken to extend certain sanctions relief under the *National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2012* (NDAA) as part of the Joint Plan of Action (JPOA), that halts progress on Iran's nuclear program and rolls it back in key respects in exchange limited, temporary, and targeted sanctions relief to Iran by the P5+1 countries (U.S., France, the United Kingdom, Russia, China, and Germany).

The JPOA was renewed by mutual consent of the P5 + 1 and Iran on July 19, 2014, and again on November 24, 2014, extending the temporary sanctions relief provided under the JPOA to cover the period beginning on November 24, 2014, and ending June 30, 2015 (the Extended JPOA Period), in order to continue negotiations aimed at achieving a long-term comprehensive solution to ensure that Iran's nuclear program will be exclusively peaceful.

Sanctions suspended under the NDAA are scheduled to resume on July 1, 2015 unless further action is taken by the P5+1 and Iran and subsequent waivers are issued by the USG. Companies engaging in activities covered by the temporary sanctions relief described below should expect sanctions to apply to any activities that extend beyond the current end date of the Extended JPOA Period, June 30, 2015. The temporary suspension of sanctions applies only to activities that begin and end during the period January 20, 2014 to June 30, 2015.

The Secretary of State in the national security interest of the United States waived the imposition of sanctions with respect to:

(1) foreign financial institutions under the primary jurisdiction of China, India, Japan, the Republic of Korea, the authorities on Taiwan, and Turkey, subject to the following conditions:

- a. this waiver shall apply to a financial transaction only for trade in goods and services between Iran and the country with primary jurisdiction over the foreign financial institution involved in the financial transaction (but shall not apply to any transaction for the sale, supply, or transfer to Iran of precious metals involving funds credited to an account described in paragraph (b));
- b. any funds owed to Iran as a result of such trade shall be credited to an account located in the country with primary jurisdiction over the foreign financial institution involved in the financial transaction; and

c. with the exception that certain foreign financial institutions notified directly in writing by the USG may engage in financial transactions with the Central Bank of Iran (CBI) in connection with the repatriation of revenues and the establishment of a financial channel, to the extent specifically provided for in the JPOA of November 24, 2013, as extended; and

(2) foreign financial institutions under the primary jurisdiction of Switzerland that are notified directly in writing by the USG, to the extent necessary for such foreign financial institutions to engage in financial transactions with the CBI: (i) within the scope of the waiver of Sections 1245(a)(1) and 1245(c) of the *Iran Freedom and Counter Proliferation Act of 2012* (subtitle D of title XXI of Public Law 112-239, 22 U.S.C. 8801 et seq.) (IFCA) issued on November 25, 2014 and any extension of that waiver; and (ii) in connection with the repatriation of revenues and the establishment of a financial channel as specifically provided for in the JPOA of November 24, 2013, as extended.

(3) Foreign financial institutions under the primary jurisdiction of Oman that are notified directly in writing by the USG, to the extent necessary for such foreign financial institutions to engage in financial transactions with the CBI in connection with the repatriation of revenues and the establishment of a financial channel as specifically provided for in the JPOA of November 24, 2013, as extended; and

(4) Foreign financial institutions under the primary jurisdiction of South Africa subject to the following conditions:

a. this waiver shall apply to a financial transaction only for trade in goods and services between Iran and South Africa (but shall not apply to any transaction for the purchase of crude oil from Iran or any transaction for the sale, supply, or transfer to Iran of precious metals involving funds credited to an account described in paragraph (b));

b. any funds owed to Iran as a result of such trade shall be credited to an account located in South Africa; and

c. with the exception of certain foreign financial institutions notified directly in writing by the USG to the extent necessary for such financial institutions to engage in financial transactions with the CBI within the scope of the waiver of Sections 1245(a)(1) and 1245(c) of IFCA issued on November 25, 2014 and any extension of that waiver.

State reorganizes DTCL.

The State Department has [announced](#) that, effective April 20, 2015, the Office of Defense Trade Controls Licensing (DTCL) will undergo reorganization. The announcement states that Export Control Reform (ECR) has caused a 36% drop in licensing volume and has created a disparity in the volume of cases among the current divisions. Since 2013, DTCL has also experienced some downsizing through attrition. The new organizational structure will be leaner and will appropriately balance personnel and commodity volume to reflect the post-ECR environment while enabling DTCL to work toward meeting the directorate's strategic goals.

In summary, DTCL will be reorganized into four operational divisions:

- Space, Missile, and Sensor Systems;
- Electronic and Training Systems;
- Sea, Land, and Air Systems; and
- Light Weapons and Personal Protective Equipment Systems.

In addition, a division for Plans, Personnel, Programs, and Procedures will consolidate many of the functions that were previously included in Division 7 as well

as those functions that were distributed across other parts of DTCL. The new organizational chart is depicted in the announcement. Other portions of the DDTC website will be updated the weekend prior to implementation.

D-Trade will be configured to automatically route cases to the proper division based on the USML commodities on the application; no action is required by industry to adjust applications as a result of this reorganization.

OFAC amends Syrian Sanctions Regulations

On April 13, 2015, the Office of Foreign Assets Control (OFAC) published in the *Federal Register* a [final rule](#) amending the *Syrian Sanctions Regulations* to authorize by general license certain activities relating to publishing, not already exempt from regulation, that support the publishing and marketing of manuscripts, books, journals, and newspapers in paper and electronic format.

OFAC releases advanced format for the Consolidated Non-SDN data files

On April 6, 2015, OFAC released a new format for OFAC's [Consolidated Sanctions List Data Files](#). This new sanctions list format was jointly developed by the United Nations (U.N.) and the Wolfsberg Group of International Banks in an effort to create a universal sanctions list format that can be efficiently used by governments worldwide and enhances sanctions compliance. The new format incorporates a variety of features that ensure maximum flexibility for sanctions list creators, while also limiting the need for future changes to the underlying data specification due to the standard's adaptability. OFAC previously released the [Specially Designated Nationals List \(SDN\) in the new advanced format](#). The Consolidated Sanctions List Data Files were last updated on December 17, 2014. The April 6 release adds a new format for the existing data.

For FAQs regarding the new format, please [click here](#).

OFAC posts guidance on Iran Plan

On April 3, 2015, OFAC issued [guidance relating to the April 2, 2015 announcement](#) of parameters for a Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action regarding the Islamic Republic of Iran's Nuclear Program. The guidance summary stated:

- The parameters announced on April 2, 2015 for a Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action (JCPOA) by the P5+1 and Iran do not immediately relieve, suspend or terminate any sanctions on Iran. The only sanctions relief in force is the relief provided pursuant to the Joint Plan of Action (JPOA) reached on November 24, 2013 and extended through June 30, 2015.
- The parameters announced on April 2, 2015 provide a path for sanctions on Iran to be suspended and eventually terminated in exchange for IAEA verified implementation by Iran of its key nuclear commitments.
- As of today and until a JCPOA is concluded, other than the sanctions relief provided under the JPOA, all U.S. sanctions remain in place and will continue to be vigorously enforced.
- The sanctions relief provided for under the JPOA reached on November 24, 2013 remains in effect, as described in [published Guidance](#) and Frequently Asked Questions

For additional information and updates, please see our [Sanctions blog](#).

BIS corrects C.F.R.

On April 17, 2015, the Bureau of Industry and Security, Commerce (BIS) published in the *Federal Register* the [following correction](#) to the Code of Federal Regulations:

In Title 15 of the Code of Federal Regulations, parts 300 to 799, revised as of January 1, 2015, on page 941, in supplement no. 1 to part 774, in ECCN 6C992, under the List of Items Controlled, correct the Items paragraph to read as follows: "Items: The list of items controlled is contained in the ECCN heading."

BIS revises EAR for 2014 Missile Technology Control Regime

On April 7, 2015, BIS published in the *Federal Register* a [final rule](#) [Docket No. 141204999-5186-01] that amends the *Export Administration Regulations* (EAR) to reflect changes to the *Missile Technology Control Regime (MTCR) Annex* that were agreed to by MTCR member countries at the September and October 2014 Plenary in Oslo, Norway, and pursuant to the 2014 Technical Experts Meeting in Prague, Czech Republic. This rule also makes conforming changes to correlate the Commerce Control List (CCL) (Supplement No. 1 to Part 774 of the EAR) with the current MTCR Annex. This final rule revises six Export Control Classification Numbers (ECCNs) to implement the changes that were agreed to at the meetings and to better align the MT controls on the CCL with the MTCR Annex.

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
04-02-15	OFAC: Additional Designations, Foreign Narcotics Kingpin Designation Act (N)
04-13-15	State: In the Matter of the Review of the Designation of Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia also known as FARC also known as Fuerzas Armadas Revolucionarias de Colombia as a Foreign Terrorist Organization pursuant to Section 219 of the Immigration and Nationality Act, as amended [Public Notice: 9092] (N)
04-14-15	OFAC: Sanctions Actions Pursuant to Executive Orders 13382, 13573, and 13582 (N)
04-15-15	OFAC: Supplemental Identification Information for 1 entity Designated Pursuant to Executive Order 13224 (N)
04-15-15	OFAC: Additional Designations, Foreign Narcotics Kingpin Designation Act, and unblocking of one individual blocked pursuant to Executive Order 13382 of June 28, 2005 (N)
04-16-15	State: In the Matter of the Designation of Ali Ouni Harzi also known as Ali Harzi aka Ali Bin Al-tahar Bin Al-falah Al-ouni Al-Harzi as a Specially Designated Global Terrorist pursuant to Section 1(b) of Executive Order 13224, as amended [Public Notice 9098] (N)
04-22-15	State: In the Matter of the Designation of Ahmed Diriye aka Ahmad Umar Abu Ubaidah aka Mahad Diriye aka Abu Ubaidah aka Ahmad Umar aka Ahmed Omar Abu Ubaidah aka Sheikh Ahmad Umar Abu Ubaidah aka Sheikh Ahmed Umar Abu Ubaidah aka Sheikh Omar Abu Ubaidaha aka Sheikh Ahmed Umar

F.R. Date	Applicable orders
	aka Sheikh Mahad Omar Abdikarim aka Abu Diriye as a Specially Designated Global Terrorist pursuant to Section 1(b) of Executive Order 13224, as amended [Public Notice: 9104] (N)
	In the Matter of the Designation of Mahad "Karate" aka Mahad Mohamed Ali "Karate" aka Mahad Warsame Qalley Karate aka Abdirahim Mohamed Warsame as a Specially Designated Global Terrorist pursuant to Section 1(b) of Executive Order 13224, as amended [Public Notice: 9103] (N)
04-23-15	BIS: Addition of Certain Persons to the Entity List [Docket No. 150318286-5286-01] (FR) [Eight persons under nine entries for China, Iran, Taiwan, and Turkey]
04-27-15	OFAC: Sanctions Actions Pursuant to Executive Order 13611 (N) [two individuals]
04-28-15	OFAC: Designation of One Individual and One Entity Pursuant to Executive Order 13581, "Blocking Property of Transnational Criminal Organizations" (N)
	State: In the Matter of the Designation of Christodoulos Xiros as a Specially Designated Global Terrorist Pursuant to Section 1(b) of Executive Order 13224, as Amended [Public Notice: 9112] (N)
	State: In the Matter of the Designation of Nikolaos Maziotis also known as Nikos Maziotis as a Specially Designated Global Terrorist pursuant to Section 1(b) of Executive Order 13224, as amended [Public Notice: 9113] (N)
04-29-15	OFAC: Unblocking of Specially Designated Nationals and Blocked Persons Pursuant to Executive Order 13448 (N) [one individual and two entities]

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
04-03-15	CPSC: Regulatory Flexibility Act Section 610 Review of the Standard for the Flammability (Open Flame) of Mattress Sets [Docket No. CPSC-2006-0011] (N)
04-07-15	CPSC: Recreational Off-Highway Vehicles (ROVs); Notice of Extension of Comment Period [Docket No. CPSC-2009-0087] (PR/E)
04-08-15	CPSC: Petition Requesting Rulemaking to Amend the Standard for the Flammability of Clothing Textiles [Docket No. CPSC-2015-0007] (N)

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
04-22-15	Administrative Detention of Drugs Intended for Human or Animal Use; Correction [Docket No. FDA-2013-N-0365] (FR/C)
	Providing Regulatory Submissions in Electronic and Non-Electronic Format--Promotional Labeling and Advertising Materials for Human Prescription Drugs [Docket No. FDA-2015-D-1163] (N)

APHIS and other USDA notices issued

During the past month, the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) and other US Department of Agriculture (USDA) agencies issued the following

Federal Register notices during the past month which may be of interest to international traders. [USDA=Office of the Secretary, FAS=Foreign Agricultural Service, AMS=Agricultural Marketing Service, FSIS=Food Safety Inspection Service, CCC=Commodity Credit Corporation]:

F.R. Date	Subject
04-07-15	CCC: Notice of Funds Availability: Inviting Applications for the Technical Assistance for Specialty Crops Program (N)
	CCC: Notice of Funds Availability: Inviting Applications for the Emerging Markets Program (N)
	CCC: Notice of Funds Availability: Inviting Applications for the Quality Samples Program (N)
	CCC: Notice of Funds Availability: Inviting Applications for the Foreign Market Development Cooperator Program (N)
	CCC: Notice of Funds Availability: Inviting Applications for the Market Access Program (N)
04-22-15	AMS: Irish Potatoes Grown in Colorado and Imported Irish Potatoes: Relaxation of the Handling Regulation for Area No. 2 and Import Regulations [Doc. No. AMS-FV-13-0073; FV13-948-3 FR] (FR)
	AMS: Avocados Grown in South Florida and Imported Avocados: Change in Maturity Requirements [Doc. No. AMS-FV-14-0051; FV14-915-1 FIR] (FR)
	AMS: Honey Packers and Importers Research, Promotion, Consumer Education and Information Order: Assessment Rate Increase [Document Number AMS-FV-14-0045] (FR)
	FSIS: Codex Alimentarius Commission: Meeting of the Codex Alimentarius Commission [Docket No. FSIS-2015-0011] (N/H/RFC)
04-23-15	APHIS: Importation of Apples From China [Docket No. APHIS-2014-0003] (FR)
	APHIS: Notice of Availability of a Treatment Evaluation Document: Hot Water Treatment of Oversized Mangoes [Docket No. APHIS-2015-0006] (N)
04-24-15	APHIS: Importation of Papayas From Peru [Docket No. APHIS-2012-0014] (FR)
	APHIS: Importation of Fresh Andean Blackberry and Raspberry Fruit From Ecuador Into the Continental United States [Docket No. APHIS-2014-0085] (PR)
	APHIS: Importation of Fresh Peppers From Ecuador Into the United States [Docket No. APHIS-2014-0086] (PR)
	APHIS: Importation of Fresh Peppers From Peru Into the Continental United States and the Territories [Docket No. APHIS-2014-0028] (PR)
04-28-15	AMS: National Organic Program: Origin of Livestock [Document Number AMS-NOP-11-0009; NOP-11-04PR] (PR)
	APHIS: Notice of Availability of a Pest Risk Analysis for the Importation of Fresh Pitahaya From Israel Into the Continental United States [Docket No. APHIS-2015-0012] (N)

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](#).

- Albania - [Doing Business in Albania Exporter Guide 2015](#)
- Armenia - [Transitional Import Tariffs for Armenia in EAEU until 2022](#)
- Barbados - [Barbados Sets New Import Requirements for Animal Products](#)
- Belgium/Luxembourg – [FAIRS - Narrative](#)

- Brazil - [Biofuels - Brazil Raises Federal Taxes and Blend Mandate](#)
- Canada - [GOC Repeals Limited Number of Container Size Regulations](#)
- Canada - [Ontario proposes restrictions on neonicotinoid-treated seeds](#)
- Chile - [Chile recognized the United States as negligible risk for BSE](#)
- Chile - [New Nutritional Labeling Regulation](#)
- EAEU - [Draft EAEU Regulation on Development of Sanitary Requirements](#)
- EAEU - [Draft EAEU Regulation on Identification of Animals and Products](#)
- Ethiopia - [Ethiopia's Taxes on Imported Food and Ag Commodities](#)
- India - [Draft Amendment on the Use of Lecithin as Food Additives](#)
- India - [Draft Amendments on Standards for Artificial Sweetener](#)
- India - [FSSAI Publishes Amendments to Standards and Additives Regulations](#)
- India - [FSSAI Publishes Draft Manuals on Sampling Methods and Analysis](#)
- India - [FSSAI Publishes Packaging and Labeling Amendment Regulations 2015](#)
- India - [Self-Declaration System to Replace Affidavits in FSSAI's FICS](#)
- Indonesia - [Indonesian Apple Imports Requirements Return to Normal](#)
- Indonesia - [MOA 4 2015 New FFPO Recognition Procedures](#)
- Mexico - [Mexico Increases Maximum Sugar Export Limit to the United States](#)
- Mexico - [Mexico Proposes Seed for Planting Labeling Requirements](#)
- Mexico - [Update Principal Border Entry Points for US Agricultural Exports](#)
- Netherlands - [FAIRS - Narrative](#)
- Netherlands - [Legislation on Biomass Sustainability Criteria](#)
- Peru - [Peru Imposes Steep Fines for not Complying with Biotech Moratorium](#)
- Poland - [Geographical Indications - Status and Procedures](#)
- Russia - [Temporary Export Ban on Some Hides and Skins](#)
- Sri Lanka - [Exporter Guide Sri Lanka – 2015](#)
- Thailand - [New Import Tariff Reduction on Wood](#)
- Vietnam - [Vietnam issued New Guidance on Food Safety Inspection of Imported Goods](#)
- WTO - [WTO Notified Draft Amendment on Naturally Occurring Toxic Substance](#)

CITA removes product from Annex 3.25 of CAFTA-DR

On April 8, 2015, the Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements (CITA) published in the *Federal Register* a [determination to remove a product](#) currently included in Annex 3.25 of the *Dominican Republic–Central America–U.S. Free Trade Agreement* (CAFTA-DR). CITA determined that certain three-thread circular knit fleece fabrics (HTS Subheading 6001.21.0000), more fully described in the *Federal Register*, are available in the CAFTA-DR countries in commercial quantities in a timely manner. The product, which is currently included in Annex 3.25 of the CAFTA-DR Agreement in unrestricted quantities, will be removed, effective 180 days (October 5, 2015) after publication of this notice.

ITA publishes quarterly update to subsidies on in-quota cheese

On April 20, 2015, the International Trade Administration, Department of Commerce, published in the *Federal Register* a [quarterly update](#) to the annual listing of foreign government subsidies on articles of cheese subject to an in-quota rate of duty, as required by Section 702 of the *Trade Agreements Act of 1979* (as amended) (the Act).

Country	Program(s)	Gross Subsidy (\$/lb)	Net Subsidy (\$/lb)
28 European Union Member States	European Union Restitution Payments	\$ 0.00	\$0.00
Canada	Export Assistance on Certain Types of Cheese	\$ 0.40	\$ 0.40
Norway	Indirect (Milk) Subsidy	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
	Consumer Subsidy	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
	Total	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Switzerland	Deficiency Payments	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00

NCBFFA petitions FMS to initiate rulemaking on NVOCC negotiated rate arrangements

On April 28, 2015, the Federal Maritime Commission published in the *Federal Register* a [notice](#) [Petition No. P2-15] stating that the National Customs Brokers and Forwarders Association of America, Inc. (NCBFFA), has petitioned the Commission pursuant to 46 C.F.R. §§ 502.51, 502.74 and 502.76 of the Commission's *Rules of Practice and Procedure*, to initiate a rulemaking to revise the Commission's regulations in 46 C.F.R. Part 532, Non-Vessel-Operating Common Carrier (NVOCC) Negotiated Rate Arrangements (NRAs) to: (1) allow inclusion of economic terms beyond rates in NRAs, and (2) permit NRAs to be modified at any time upon mutual agreement between an NVOCC and shipper; and revise 46 C.F.R. Part 531, NVOCC Negotiated Service Arrangements (NSAs), to either eliminate the filing and essential terms publication requirement of NSAs or eliminate 46 C.F.R. Part 531 in its entirety.

Interested persons are requested to submit views or arguments in reply to the Petition no later than June 8, 2015. Details are in the *Federal Register* notice.

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
04-01-15	Energy: Appliance Standards and Rulemaking Federal Advisory Committee: Notice of Intent to Establish the Commercial Package Air Conditioners and Heat Pumps and Commercial Warm Air Furnaces Working Group to Negotiate Potential Energy Conservation Standards [EERE-2013-BT-STD-0007; EERE-2013-BT-STD-0021] (N/H)
	Energy: Appliance Standards and Rulemaking Federal Advisory Committee: Notice of Intent to Establish the Fans and Blowers Working Group to Negotiate a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NOPR) for Energy Conservation Standards [EERE-2013-BT-STD-0006] (N/H)
	Energy: Appliance Standards and Rulemaking Federal Advisory Committee: Notice of Intent to Establish the Miscellaneous Refrigeration Products Working Group to Negotiate a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NOPR) for Energy Conservation Standards [EERE-2011-BT-STD-0043] (N/H)
	Energy: Energy Conservation Program: Test Procedure for Pumps [Docket No. EERE-2013-BT-TP-0055] (PR/H)
04-02-15	Energy: Energy Conservation Program: Energy Conservation Standards for Pumps [Docket Number EERE-2011-BT-STD-0031] (PR/H)
	Environmental Protection Agency (EPA): Difenoconazole; Pesticide Tolerances [EPA-HQ-OPP-2014-0149; FRL-9923-82] (FR)

F.R. Date	Subject
	US Patent and Trademark Office (PTO): Changes To Implement the Hague Agreement Concerning International Registration of Industrial Designs [Docket No.: PTO-P-2013-0025] (FR)
04-03-15	Energy: Energy Conservation Program for Consumer Products: Energy Conservation Standards for Residential Water Heaters [Docket No. EERE-2012-BT-STD-0022] (PR/Withdrawal) EPA: Extension of Tolerances for Emergency Exemptions (Multiple Chemicals) [EPA-HQ-OPP-2015-0125; FRL-9924-40] (FR)
04-06-15	EPA: Receipt of Several Pesticide Petitions Filed for Residues of Pesticide Chemicals in or on Various Commodities [EPA-HQ-OPP-2015-0032; FRL-9924-00] (N/RFC) EPA: Chemical Substances When Manufactured or Processed as Nanoscale Materials; TSCA Reporting and Recordkeeping Requirements [EPA-HQ-OPPT-2010-0572; FRL-9920-90] (PR)
04-08-15	Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA): Controlled Substances: Proposed Adjustments to the Aggregate Production Quotas for Difenoxin, Diphenoxylate (for conversion), and Marijuana [Docket No. DEA-411N] (N/RFC) Energy: Energy Conservation Program for Consumer Products: Definitions for Residential Water Heaters [Docket Number EERE-2014-BT-STD-0045] (PR) EPA: Notice of Receipt of Requests for Amendments to Terminate Uses in Certain Pesticide Registrations; Correction [EPA-HQ-OPP-2014-0888; FRL-9924-75] (N/C) EPA: Pesticide Experimental Use Permit; Receipt of Application; Comment Request [EPA-HQ-OPP-2015-0206; FRL-9924-90] (N)
04-09-15	EPA: Modification of Significant New Uses of Certain Chemical Substances [EPA-HQ-OPPT-2014-0649; FRL-9924-10] (PR) EPA: Pesticide Product Registration; Receipt of Applications for New Active Ingredients [EPA-HQ-OPP-2015-0021; FRL-9924-20] (N)
04-10-15	EPA: Secondary (C₁₃-C₁₇) Alkane Sulfonates; Exemption from the Requirement of a Tolerance [EPA-HQ-OPP-2013-0756; FRL-9923-64] (FR) EPA: Pyraclostrobin; Pesticide Tolerances [EPA-HQ-OPP-2013-0798; FRL-9925-02] (FR) US Coast Guard: Imposition of Conditions of Entry for Certain Vessels Arriving to the United States From Libya [Docket No. USCG-2014-0997] (N)
04-13-15	Energy: Energy Conservation Program for Consumer Products: Energy Conservation Standards for Hearth Products [Docket Number EERE-2014-BT-STD-0036] (PR) National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA): Tire Identification and Recordkeeping [Docket No. NHTSA-2014-0084] (FR)
04-14-15	Energy: Appliance Standards and Rulemaking Federal Advisory Committee: Notice of Open Meeting and Webinar [Docket No. EERE-2013-BT-NOC-0005] (N) Energy: Energy Conservation Program for Consumer Products and Certain Commercial and Industrial Equipment: Test Procedures for Consumer and Commercial Water Heaters [EERE-2015-BT-TP-0007] (PR) Energy: DOE Participation in Development of the International Energy Conservation Code [Docket No. EERE-2015-BT-BC-0002] (N) EPA: Receipt of Test Data under the Toxic Substances Control Act [EPA-HQ-OPPT-2013-0677; FRL-9925-21] (N)
04-15-15	EPA: Pesticide Product Registration; Receipt of Applications for New Uses [EPA-HQ-OPP-2015-0022; FRL-9924-89] (N)
04-16-15	EPA: Product Cancellation Order for Certain Pesticide Registrations [EPA-HQ-OPP-2010-0014; FRL-9925-44] (N)
04-17-15	EPA: Carbofuran; Reinstatement of Specific Tolerances and Removal of Expired Tolerances [EPA-HQ-OPP-2005-0162; FRL-9925-70] (FR/Order reestablishing and amending tolerances) EPA: Streptomycin Sulfate; Receipt of Application for Emergency Exemption, Solicitation of Public Comment [EPA-HQ-OPP-2015-0217; FRL-9925-43]

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	(N)
04-21-15	National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA): Endangered and Threatened Species; Identification of 14 Distinct Population Segments of the Humpback Whale (<i>Megaptera novaeangliae</i>) and Proposed Revision of Species-Wide Listing; Proposed Rule [Docket No. 130708594-5298-02] (PR)
04-22-15	Internal Revenue Service: Tax on Certain Foreign Procurement [REG-103281-11] (PR)
	EPA: Safinpyracil; Pesticide Tolerances [EPA-HQ-OPP-2014-0339; FRL-9923-57] (FR)
	EPA: Receipt of Several Pesticide Petitions Filed for Residues of Pesticide Chemicals in or on Various Commodities [EPA-HQ-OPP-2015-0032; FRL-9925-79](N)
	EPA: Certain New Chemicals; Receipt and Status Information [EPA-HQ-OPPT-2015-0183; FRL-9926-36] (N)
04-23-15	Energy: Energy Conservation Program: Test Procedure for Pumps [Docket No. EERE-2013-BT-TP-0055] (C)
	EPA: Bicyclopyrone; Pesticide Tolerances [EPA-HQ-OPP-2014-0355; FRL-9926-66] (FR)
04-24-15	Energy: Energy Conservation Program: Energy Conservation Standards for Pumps; Correction [Docket No. EERE-2011-BT-STD-0031] (PR/H/C)
	Energy: Energy Conservation Program: Test Procedure for Pumps; Correction [Docket No. EERE-2013-BT-TP-0055] (PR/H/C)
	EPA: Registration Review; Pesticide Dockets Opened for Review and Comment; Correction [EPA-HQ-OPP-2015-0057; FRL-9925-84] (N/C)
04-29-15	EPA: Phenol, 2-(2H-benzotriazol-2-yl)-6-dodecyl-4-methyl-; Exemption from the Requirement of a Tolerance [EPA-HQ-OPP-2014-0418; FRL-9925-78] (FR)
04-30-15	NMFS, NOAA: Presidential Task Force on Combating Illegal Unreported and Unregulated (IUU) Fishing and Seafood Fraud Action Plan Recommendations 14/15 Identifying Species "At Risk" of IUU Fishing and Seafood Fraud (N/RFC)
	NMFS, NOAA: Taking and Importing of Marine Mammals - affirmative finding annual renewal for the Government of El Salvador under the Marine Mammal Protection Act (MMPA) (N)
	NMFS, NOAA: Taking and Importing of Marine Mammals - affirmative finding 2-year renewal for the Government of Ecuador under the Marine Mammal Protection Act (MMPA) (N)
	NMFS, NOAA: Taking and Importing of Marine Mammals - affirmative finding annual renewal for the Government of Guatemala under the Marine Mammal Protection Act (MMPA) (N)
	NMFS, NOAA: Taking and Importing of Marine Mammals - affirmative finding 2-year renewal for the Government of Mexico under the Marine Mammal Protection Act (MMPA) (N)
	NMFS, NOAA: Taking and Importing of Marine Mammals - affirmative finding annual renewal for the Government of Spain under the Marine Mammal Protection Act (MMPA) (N)

Commerce seeks information on softwood lumber subsidies

On April 23, 2015, Enforcement and Compliance, International Trade Administration, Department of Commerce published in the *Federal Register* [a document](#) seeking public comment on any subsidies, including stumpage subsidies, provided by certain countries exporting softwood lumber or softwood lumber products to the United States during the period July 1, 2014 through December 31, 2014. Comments must be submitted within 30 days after publication of the notice.

Commerce publishes list of scope rulings and anti-circumvention determinations

On April 24, 2015, Enforcement and Compliance, International Trade Administration, Department of Commerce (Commerce) published in the *Federal Register* a [document](#) listing scope rulings and anticircumvention determinations made between October 1, 2014, and December 31, 2014, inclusive. Commerce intends to publish future lists after the close of the next calendar quarter. The rulings related to the following orders (*Numbers in parenthesis indicate the number of rulings for each case*):

A-201-504: Certain Circular Welded Non-Alloy Steel Pipe From Mexico (1)
A-570-967 and C-570-968: Aluminum Extrusions From the PR of China (11)
A-570-899: Artist Canvas From the PR of China (1)
A-570-827: Certain Cased Pencils From the PR of China (1)
A-570-901: Certain Lined Paper Products From the PR of China (1)
A-570-506: Porcelain-on-Steel Cooking Ware From the PR of China (1)
A-570-894: Tissue Paper Products From the PR of China (1)
A-570-890: Wooden Bedroom From the PR of China (2)
A-583-843: Polyethylene Retail Carrier Bags From Taiwan (1)

Commerce commencing URAA section 129 proceeding on many CVD cases due to WTO ruling

On April 27, 2015, Enforcement and Compliance, International Trade Administration, Department of Commerce (Commerce) published in the *Federal Register* a [document](#) stating that Commerce, pursuant to Section 129 of the *Uruguay Round Agreements Act* (URAA), 19 U.S.C. §3538, is commencing 15 separate proceedings to gather information, analyze record evidence, and consider the determinations which would be necessary to bring its measures into conformity with the recommendations and rulings of the Dispute Settlement Body (DSB) of the World Trade Organization (WTO) in *United States – Countervailing Duty Measures on Certain Products from China* (WTO/DS437). This dispute concerns the final determinations/amended final determinations issued in countervailing duty (CVD) investigations of various merchandise from the People's Republic of China.

On April 17, 2015, pursuant to consultations with USTR, Commerce opened segments in the 15 CVD investigations at issue to commence administrative actions to comply with the DSB's recommendations and rulings. Each segment will consist of a separate administrative record with its own administrative protective order. In accordance with 19 C.F.R. § 351.305(b), interested parties may request access to business proprietary information in the segment of the proceeding to which they are participating. For each of these section 129 segments, Commerce may request additional information and we may conduct verification of such information. Consistent with section 129(d) of the URAA, Commerce will make a preliminary determination in each of the section 129 segments, Commerce will provide interested parties with an opportunity to provide written comments on those preliminary determinations, and Commerce may hold a hearing.

For the list of covered CVD cases, information on electronic submission, notices of appearances, administrative protective orders (APOs), submission of factual information, requests for extensions of time, certification requirements, notifications to interested parties, please see *Federal Register* notice

Antidumping and countervailing duty cases

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

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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
09-04-15	National Adm. of Medicine, Food and Medical Technology (ANMATM): Disp. No 2457/2015 (1 April 2015) Prohibiting the use and commercialization of cosmetic products
	ANMATM: Disp. No 2456/2015 (1 April 2015) Prohibiting the use and commercialization of medical products
	ANMATM: Disp. No 2458/2015 (1 April 2015) Prohibiting the use and commercialization of cosmetic products
	ANMATM: Disp. No 2459/2015 (1 April 2015) Prohibiting the use and commercialization of medical products
	ANMATM: Disp. No 2460/2015 (1 April 2015) Prohibiting the use and commercialization of medical products
	ANMATM: Disp. No 2461/2015 (1 April 2015) Prohibiting the use and commercialization of medical products
	ANMATM: Disp. No 2462/2015 (1 April 2015) Prohibiting the use and commercialization of domisanitary products
13-04-15	Decree 509/2015 (7 April 2015) exempting from import duties and taxes, products from countries participating in the "VIII Feria Expo Internacional Formosa"
	Federal Administration of Public Revenue (AFIP): Gen. Res. No 3760 (6 April 2015) Reference values of a preventive nature – Gen. Res. No 2716 – additional standard
	AFIP: Gen. Res. No 3761 (6 April 2015) Reference values of a preventive nature – Gen. Res. No 2716 – additional standard
	AFIP: Gen. Res. No 3762 (6 April 2015) Reference values of a preventive nature – Gen. Res. No 2716 – additional standard
	ANMATM: Disp. No 2543/2015 (7 April 2015) Prohibiting the use and commercialization of cosmetic products
14-04-15	Decree 557/2015 (13 Apr. 2015) exempting from import duties and taxes, products from countries participating in the "Gran Premio de la República Argentina Moto GP 2015"
17-04-15	Decree 632/2015 (15 Apr. 2015) exempting from import duties and taxes, products from countries participating in the "Cuadragésimo Primera Exposición Feria Internacional del Libro de Buenos Aires"
	AFIP: Gen. Res. No 3764 (15 April 2015) Special Services. General Resolution No. 665, as amended and supplemented. Modification.
	AFIP: Disp. 184/2015 (15 April 2015) Special services. Res. No 665, amended, additional regulations
	ANMATM: Disp. No 2823/2015 (15 April 2015) Prohibiting the use and commercialization of medical products. Closing
20-04-15	ANMATM: Disp. 2817 (2015) (14 April 2015) prohibition on marketing certain

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	food products
	ANMATM: Disp. 2821 (2015) (14 April 2015) prohibition on marketing certain food products
	ANMATM: Disp. 2818 (2015) (14 April 2015) prohibition on marketing and use of certain sanitary products
	ANMATM: Disp. 2819 (2015) (14 April 2015) prohibition on marketing and use of certain cosmetic products
	ANMATM: Disp. 2820 (2015) (14 April 2015) prohibition on marketing certain food products
	AFIP: Gen. Res. № 3765 (15 April 2015) Reference value criteria of a preventive nature. Gen Res. № 2730 and its amendments. Additional standard
22-04-15	AFIP: Gen. Res. 3766 (20 April 2015) Export destinations for consumption of natural gas. Determination of taxable value
	ANMATM: Disp. № 2843/2015 (16 April 2015) Prohibiting the commercialization of medical products.
23-04-15	ANMATM: Disp. 2875/2015 (17 April 2015) prohibition on marketing certain food products
	ANMATM: Disp. № 2880/2015 (17 April 2015) Prohibiting the use and commercialization of medical products.
	ANMATM: Disp. № 2878/2015 (17 April 2015) Prohibiting the use and commercialization of medical products.
24-04-15	ANMATM: Disp. № 2877/2015 (17 April 2015) Prohibiting the use and commercialization of medical products
	ANMATM: Disp. № 2896/2015 (20 April 2015) Prohibiting the use and commercialization of medical products
	ANMATM: Disp. № 2938/2015 (20 April 2015) Prohibiting the use and commercialization of medical products
	ANMATM: Disp. № 2931/2015 (20 April 2015) Prohibiting the use and commercialization of household products
28-04-15	Decree 646/2015 (27 April 2015) exempting from duties and taxes products originating in countries participating in the "IX Fiesta de las Colectividades y Artesanías del Mundo"
	Decree 647/2015 (27 April 2015) exempting from duties and taxes products originating in countries participating in "Expo ALADI 2015"
	ANMATM: Disp.3136/2015 (22 April 2015) prohibition on marketing certain food products
29-04-15	Decree 676/2015 (28 April 2015) exempting from import duties and taxes, products from countries participating in the "Feria Internacional del Norte Argentino - FERINOA 2015".
	ANMATM: Disp.3230/2015 (23 April 2015) prohibition on marketing certain food products
30-04-15	ANMATM: Disp.2879/2015 (17 April 2015) prohibition on marketing certain food products

Antidumping and countervailing duty cases

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

Bolivia

Documents

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

Date	Abstract
23-03-15	Cir. № 067/2015 – Adm. Res. № RA-PE-01-004-15 of 20-03-15 approving the procedure for registration and management of foreign trade operators
25-03-15	Cir. № 068/2015 – Adm. Res. № RA-PE-01-005-15 of 20-03-15 approving the “Regulation of Authorized Economic Operator Program”
01-04-15	Cir. № 073/2015 – Adm. Res. № RA-PE 01-006-15 of 23-03-15 approving the “Manual for Certification of Authorized Economic Operators”
06-04-15	Foreign Affairs: Cir. № 075/2015 – Letter VCEI-338 005200 of 12 Mar. 2015 Vice Minister of Foreign Trade and Integration of Min. of Foreign Affairs – Persons authorized and disabled from issuing Ecuador and Peru Certificates of Origin
13-04-15	Economy & Public Finance: Cir. № 078/2015 – Min. Res. № 154 of 09-04-15 approving the “Specific Regulations for the award and Subsequent Transfer and Delivery of Ajudicated Goods
	Economy & Public Finance: Cir. № 079/2015 – Min. Res. № 139 of 07-04-15 approving the List of Merchandise and the Respective Customs Border Administrations
14-04-15	Cir. № 080/2015 – Board Res. № RD 01-006-2015 Approving the Regulations for the Adjudication of Abandoned Goods, Auction and Destruction
16-04-15	Cir. № 083/2015 – Board Res. № RD 01-007-2015 Approving the Procedure for Entry and Exit of Tourist Personal Vehicles
22-04-15	Cir. № 086/2015 – Adm. Res. № RA-PE 01-008-15 of 21-04-15 Amending the Classification Annex to the List of Violations and Penalties, etc.

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
01-04-15	CAMEX Res. № 16 of 31 Mar. 2015 - Changes the constant auto parts list of Annexes to CAMEX Resolution 116 of December 18, 2014.
	CAMEX Res. № 17 of 31 Mar. 2015 - Changes the Brazilian Exceptions list the Common External Tariff of Mercosur
	CAMEX Res. № 18 of 31 Mar. 2015 - Changes the Brazilian Exceptions list the Common External Tariff of Mercosur
	CAMEX Res. № 19 of 31 Mar. 2015 - Changes the holder representatives of the Ministry of Planning, Budget and Management and substitute the Ministry of Development, Industry and Foreign Trade in the Export Financing and Guarantee Committee - COFIG.
	CAMEX Res. № 20 of 31 Mar. 2015 - Appoints the members of the Advisory Council of Private Sector - CONEX and amending art. 29 of the Annex to Resolution № 11 of 25 April 2005.
	CAMEX Res. № 21 of 31 Mar. 2015 - Changes to 2% (two percent) the rates of import duty levied on Informatics and Telecommunications Goods, the ex-tariff condition
	CAMEX Res. № 22 of 31 Mar. 2015 - Changes to 2% (two percent) the rates of import duty levied on capital goods, the ex-tariff condition.
02-04-15	SECEX Ordinance № 18 of 01 April 2015 - Provides for the distribution tariff export quotas to Mexico to in the Fifth Protocol to the Appendix Bilateral II “About Trade Sector Automotive between Brazil and Mexico, “the Economic Complementation Agreement 55 - MERCOSUR / Mexico.
06-04-15	SECEX Ordinance № 19, of 02 April 2015 -. Ends the special procedure of non-preferential origin verification with the qualification of Thailand origin for the

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	<p>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 Eastern Chinaware Co., Ltd. and the company Lam Thai Ceramic Co., Ltd - LTC.</p> <p>SECEX Ordinance № 20, of 02 April 2015 - Closed the special procedure of non-preferential origin verification with disqualification Malaysian origin for the product "porcelain objects to the table, regardless of their degree of porosity "(NCM 6911.10.10, 6911.10.90, 6911.90.00 and 6912.00.00), declared as produced by the company Wintax Porcelain & Ceramics.</p> <p>SECEX Ordinance № 21 of 02 April 2015 - Closed the special procedure of non-preferential origin verification with the disqualification of origin India 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 Varsha Transprint.</p>
07-04-15	<p>SECEX Ordinance № 22, of 06 April 2015 - Approves the 2nd Edition of the Drawback Exemption System Manual.</p>
09-04-15	<p>CAMEX Res. № 23, of 08 April 2015. - Grants temporary reduction in the rate of import duty under Resolution № 08/08 of the Common Market Group of MERCOSUR - GMC.</p>
10-04-15	<p>SECEX Ordinance № 23 of 09 April 2015 - Establishes criteria for quota allocation for imports, determined by CAMEX Resolution No. 23 of April 8, 2015.</p>
14-04-15	<p>CAMEX Res. № 24 of 13 April 2015 - Grants temporary reduction in the rate of import duty under Resolution № 08/08 of the MERCOSUR Common Market Group.</p> <p>CAMEX Res. № 25 of 13 April 2015 - Grants temporary reduction in the rate of import duty under Resolution № 08/08 of the Common Market Group of MERCOSUR - GMC.</p>
17-04-15	<p>SECEX Ordinance № 24 of 16 April 2015 - Establishes criteria for allocating quotas for imports, determined by CAMEX Resolution No. 24 of April 13, 2015</p> <p>SECEX Ordinance № 25 of 16 April 2015 - Establishes criteria for allocating quotas for imports, determined by CAMEX Resolution No. 24 of April 13, 2015</p> <p>SECEX Ordinance № 26 of 16 April 2015 - Establishes criteria for allocating quotas for imports, determined by CAMEX Resolution No. 24 of April 13, 2015</p> <p>SECEX Ordinance № 27 of 16 April 2015 - Establishes criteria for allocating quotas for imports, determined by CAMEX Resolution No. 24 of April 13, 2015</p>
20-04-15	<p>SECEX Ordinance № 28 of 17 April 2015 Closed the special procedure of non-preferential origin check with the qualification of India origin to the product porcelain objects to the table, regardless of their degree porosity, advert (NCM 6911.10.10, 6911.10.90, 6911.90.00 and 6912.00.00), declared as produced by the company Mudrika Ceramics (I) Ltd.</p> <p>SECEX Ordinance № 29 of 17 April 2015 - Closed the special procedure of non-preferential origin check with the disqualification of Thailand origin to the product porcelain objects to the table, regardless of their degree porosity (NCM 6911.10.10, 6911.10.90, 6911.90.00 and 6912.00.00), declared as produced by Meelarp Ceramic Ltd., Part.</p> <p>SECEX Ordinance № 30 of 17 April 2015 - Shutting down the special procedure for non-preferential origin check with disqualification Malaysian origin for the product "porcelain objects to the table, regardless of their degree of porosity "(NCM 6911.10.10, 6911.10.90, 6911.90.00 and 6912.00.00), declared as produced by the company Kuala Kangsar Ceramic Products.</p>
30-04-15	<p>CAMEX Res. № 27 of 29 April 2015 - Discipline under the Public Interest Assessment Technical Group (GTIP), the administrative procedures for claims analysis</p> <p>CAMEX Res. № 29 of 29 April 2015 - Changes to 2% (two percent) the rates of import duty levied on Informatics and Telecommunications Goods, the ex-tariff condition</p> <p>CAMEX Res. № 30 of 29 April 2015 - Changes to 2% (two percent) the rates of</p>

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	import duty levied on capital goods, the ex-tariff condition

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
07-04-15	Hacienda: Decree 68 Declaration of International Exhibition "Expo Food Process 2015"
13-04-15	NCS: Res. № 1662 Amending the Compendium of Customs Regulations established by Res. № 1300, 2006
16-04-15	Hacienda: Decree № 109 Exempt. 2015.- Rebates of customs duties for the import of wheat and wheat flour or meslin (Merlin)
	NCS: Res. № 1839 Amending Compendium of Customs Regulations (Norms)
20-04-15	NCS: Res. № 1934 Amending Compendium of Customs Regulations (Norms)
	NCS: Res. № 1810 Amending the Entry Into Force of the Provisions of Resolution No. 7.263, of 2014
23-04-15	Agriculture: Res. № 3653 - Resolution No. 3,653 exempt in 2014.- Amendment to Resolution No. 4,893, of 2013, establishing phytosanitary import requirements for potato tubers (Solanum tuberosum L.) for consumption from Uruguay
	Agriculture: Res. № 2052 - Resolution No. 2,052 exempt in 2015.- Modifies Resolution No. 2,858, of 2008, which establishes phytosanitary requirements for the importation of seeds kind of industrial farming origins indicating
28-04-15	Hacienda: Decree 121 Applicable rebates of customs duties for the import of raw sugar, refined sugar grades 1 and 2, and refined sugar grades 3 and 4, and substandard
30-04-15	NCS: Res. № 2244 Amending the Compendium of Customs Regulations (Norms)
	NCS: Res. № 2227 Amending Resolution № 3.061, 2008
	NCS: Res. № 2052 Amending the Compendium of Customs Regulations (Norms)

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. For prior years, please see 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
25-03-15	MinCIT: Resolution 000031 of the Tax and Customs. For which a quota for the importation of alcoholic beverages in the Area of Special Maicao, Manaure Uribía and Customs Regime is assigned, and requirements and controls are established to ensure its proper use. (According as published in the Official Gazette No. 49465 of 26 March 2015).
26-03-15	MinCIT: Resolution 051, which the preliminary administrative investigation initiated with Resolution No. 282 of December 18, 2014 determination is adopted.[Dumping]
	MinCIT: Resolution 052 2015. Por which the term is extended to respond to questionnaires in the open administrative investigation through Resolution 09, February 20, 2015 [Dumping]
01-04-15	DIAN: Cir. № 2058/2015 Ad-valorem levies applicable to agricultural products concerned, their substitutes, agro products or byproducts.
13-04-15	MinCIT: Resolution 057 of 2015. Through which the minimum descriptions of the goods being imported are indicated.
	MinCIT: Resolution 058 which direct a request for partial revocation is resolved. [Dumping]
13-04-15	DIAN: Cir. № 2072/2015 Ad-Valorem charges applicable to agricultural products concerned, their substitutes, agro products or byproducts.
14-04-15	DIAN: Cir. 000018/2015 Reference Prices of Agricultural Products.
17-04-15	MinCIT: Resolution 063 which ordered an official administrative review.[Dumping]
24-04-15	MinCIT: Circular 010 of 2015. Resolution 000086 of 2015. The import quota for products originating in the Swiss Confederation and the Principality of Liechtestein is regulated
	MinCIT: Circular 011 000087 2015 Resolution 2015 - Regulates import quota of other undenatured ethyl alcohol by 2015
	MinCIT: Circular 012 000088 2015 Resolution 2015 - Regulates import quota of other foods for dogs and cats 2015.

Peru

Tariff Classification database

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

SUNAT and *El Peruano* publications

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

Date	Subject
01-04-15	Foreign Affairs: Min. Res. № 0231/RE-2015 summary of the substantive paragraphs of the preamble and operative parts of UN Security Council Res. 2206 (2015) respecting the situation in South Sudan
02-04-15	Agriculture: Dir. Res. № 0029-2015-MINAGRI-SENASA-DIAIA Approved method of labeling pesticides for agricultural use
	Agriculture: Dir. Res. № 0030-2015-MINAGRI-SENASA-DIAIA Approved document labels pictograms for pesticides for agricultural use
03-04-15	Foreign Affairs: Min. Res. № 0237/RE-2015 summary of the substantive paragraphs of the preamble and operative parts of UN Security Council Res. 2207 (2015) regarding non-proliferation – Democratic People’s Republic of Korea
08-04-15	Economy: Vice Min. Res. № 007-2015-EF/15.01 CIF reference prices for the application of additional variable duty or tariff reduction referred to in DS № 115-2001-EF on imports of corn, sugar, rice and whole milk powder
12-04-15	INDECOPI: Res. № 047-2015/CFD-INDECOPI Changed , orcircumstances review of definitive ADD imposed by Res. № 017-2004/CDS-INDECOPI on imports of flat weave fabrics, poplin polyester/cotton, printed, unbleached, bleached, dyed or of yarns of different colors
14-04-15	SUNAT: Res. № 07-2015/SUNAT/5C0000 Modify the general procedure “Authorization and Accreditation of Foreign trade Operators” INTA-PG 24 (ver.2)
16-04-15	SUNAT: Res. № 08-2015-SUNAT/5C0000 Specifying the date of entry into force in certain municipalities of various National Customs Administration resolutions relating to manner of release
	SUNAT: Res. № 00031-2015-SUNAT/300000 Frequent importers substitution approved with Nacional Adjunta de Aduanas N° 002-2014-SUNAT/300000
21-04-15	INDECOPI: Res. № 049-2015/CFD-INDECOPI – Resolution applying dumping duties on imports of steel pipes LAC from China for period of three years
23-04-15	Agriculture: Dir. Res. № 0009-2015-MINAGRI SENASA –DSA – Specific health requirements for the importation of cattle for breeding, exhibition or fair, or fattening from the US
	Agriculture: Dir. Res. № 0024-2015-MINAGRI-SENASA-DSV – Phytosanitary requirements for the importation of brown grain rice originating in the US
	Agriculture: Dir. Res. № 0008-2015-MINAGRI-SENASA-DSA Specific health requirements for the importation of pork and pork products from the US
	Agriculture: Dir. Res. № 0023-2015-MINAGRI-SENASA-DSV – Phytosanitary requirements for the importation of grain rice originating in the US
	INDECOPI: Res. № 37-2015/CNB-INDECOPI – Approved Peruvian standards relating to furniture, enamels, paints and varnishes, conformity assessment, cocoa and chocolate, giant gingerbread, power cables and fiber optics.
29-04-15	Agriculture: Dir. Res. № 0010-2015-MINAGRI-SENASA-DSA suspending imports of live poultry, hatching eggs, SPF eggs, poultry and other products capable of transmitting or serving as a vehicle for avian flu from various US states.

Venezuela

Official Gazette and other notices

Date	Subject
Effective 05-04-15	Common External Tariff (AEC) contained in Column 5 of Art. 40 of Decree № 9430 (19.03.13) published in Off. Gazette № 6,097 Extraordinary (25.03.15) enters into effect.

Asia-Pacific

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

Australia

Australian expanded sanctions for Russia have commenced

[This article was originally issued as a [Legal Alert](#) by our Australian offices]

[Australian autonomous sanctions](#) relating to Russia, Crimea and Sevastopol for sanctioned exports, imports, services and commercial activities took effect on 31 March 2015.

This adds to Australia's targeted financial sanctions and travel bans relating to Russia against designated persons and entities that were made in June and September 2014. For details of the targeted financial sanctions, please see our earlier client alerts [here](#) and [here](#).

Who will the expanded sanctions impact?

The expanded sanctions are primarily focussed on sectors. They will impact dealings involving Russia, Crimea and Sevastopol in the defence, oil and gas, energy, mining, transport and telecommunications sectors and related commercial and investment activities.

The expanded sanctions differ to existing Australian autonomous sanctions by:

- applying to only part of a country, being Crimea and Sevastopol;
- introducing new types of sanctions for commercial and investment activities; and
- introducing some sanctions which are multi-layered, setting out the primary sanctioned conduct as well as exceptions.

As with the existing designated person and entity sanctions, the new sanctions apply to conduct engaged in by Australian citizens and Australian incorporated entities no matter where in the world they are located (as well as to conduct relating to Australia).

The prohibitions in the Regulations for sanctioned exports, imports, services and commercial activities all make a body corporate liable for sanctioned conduct en-

gaged in by entities over which the body corporate has effective control (no matter where incorporated or located). This increases the potential exposure of companies if they control special purpose vehicles or subsidiaries that could engage in activities that falling within the new sanctions.

What are the expanded sanctions?

Key aspects of the new sanctions are summarised below. Please note that this is a simplified summary and may not identify all details of sanctioned conduct relevant to a transaction.

Sanctioned Exports and Imports

- Export to and import from Russia of “arms or related materiel” (this term is treated as generally including dual-use (as well as military) items listed on the Defence and Strategic Goods List).
- Export to Russia of specified items suited for use in particular categories of petroleum exploration and production.
- Export to Crimea and Sevastopol of specified items relating to infrastructure for the transport, telecommunications, energy and oil, gas and mineral reserve exploration sectors.
- All imports from Crimea and Sevastopol (unless verified by Ukrainian authorities).

Sanctioned Services

- Providing broadly described services for use in Russia in connection with a military activity or arms or related material.
- Providing a listed service for use in Russia (including its Exclusive Economic Zone and Continental Shelf) in certain types of oil exploration and production. Listed services are drilling, well-testing, logging and completion services and supply of specialised floating vessels.
- Providing broadly described services for use in Crimea or Sevastopol in connection with the manufacture, maintenance or use of export sanctioned goods.
- Providing broadly described services if this relates to engaging in a sanctioned commercial activity for Crimea or Sevastopol.
- Providing an investment service assisting with or relating to a sanctioned commercial activity for Russia, Crimea or Sevastopol. “Investment service” is a newly defined term covering a broad range of investment advice, portfolio activities and dealing with financial instruments.

Sanctioned Commercial Activities / Investments

- For Russia:
 - Dealing with bonds, equity, transferable securities, money-market instruments or similar financial instruments issued by an entity identified by instrument with a maturity period in excess of 30 days. Exceptions apply.
 - Making or being part of an arrangement to make loans or credit if made by an entity identified by instrument with a maturity period in excess of 30 days. Exceptions apply.

The entities are identified in 3 categories to align with the Regulations. The entities listed are not already listed as designated entities subject to targeted financial sanctions.

These sanctions also cover an entity over 50% owned by a listed entity and an entity acting on behalf of or at the direction of a listed or covered entity.

- For Crimea and Sevastopol, granting a financial loan or credit or establishing a joint venture relating to infrastructure in the transport, telecommunications or energy sectors in Crimea or Sevastopol or exploring oil, gas or mineral resources as specified by instrument.

How do the expanded sanctions align with other countries?

The expanded sanctions are intended to align with sanctions implemented by the EU, Canada and the US. Several amendments to the draft regulations and instrument were made to more closely align with the EU approach.

Are pre-existing contracts and investments protected?

There is a 30 day transition period for sanctioned exports that are the subject of agreements in place before the new laws commenced.

There are limited exemptions for some sanctioned commercial activities for Russia. For example, some pre-existing loans made by entities listed for Russia are exempted where the “terms and conditions” (as defined) are fixed.

The Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT) has also announced a 90 day period for people with a pre-existing legal obligation to apply for an authorisation to engage in what would otherwise be sanctioned activity.

What are some of the key issues?

Key issues businesses will need to address for the expanded sanctions include:

- Understanding the complexity of these new sanctions. Care is needed to ensure potentially sanctioned conduct is identified and that available exceptions are not overlooked. Businesses who have already worked through the similar EU requirements may find the process easier.
- If importing from Crimea or Sevastopol, understanding the Ukrainian authorities' verification process.
- For sanctioned investment and commercial activities, understanding the scope and impact of the new terms and the interplay with sanctioned services.
- Implementing updated processes to screen for potentially sanctioned conduct. Where relevant, screening against lists of designated persons and entities should be supplemented to include the new entities specified for the sanctioned commercial activities for Russia.
- Identifying arrangements that may have the benefit of the pre-existing agreement protections.
- Identifying arrangements which may require authorisations from DFAT.

Details of the new sanctions can be found [here](#).

For additional information, please contact [Anne Petterd](#) or [Andrew Emmerson](#) of our Sydney office. Baker & McKenzie has set up a unique blog concerning the broader sanctions being applied in other jurisdictions, which can be accessed [here](#).

Defence Trade Controls Amendment Bill 2015 receives Royal Assent

On 2 April 2015, the *Defence Trade Controls Amendment Bill 2015* (DTC Amendment Bill) which amends the *Defence Trade Controls Act 2012* (DTC Act) received Royal Assent.

According to an [announcement](#) by the Defence Export Control Office (DECO):

The offence provisions of the [Defence Trade Controls Act 2012](#) – for supplying and publishing DSSL technology and for brokering DSSL goods and technology – will not come into force until the end of a 12-month implementation period that will expire on 1 April 2016.

Individuals and organisations do not need to seek permits for any activities that will occur during this implementation period. Individuals and organisations will be able to apply for permits from 16 May 2015 in preparation for the offence provisions coming into force on 2 April 2016.

Defence will work closely with stakeholders as they establish internal compliance arrangements by providing significant implementation support through outreach and engagement sessions. Detailed guidance, tools and training will be available on DECO's website shortly.

A summary of the key changes to the DTC Act that will be introduced by the DTC Amendment Bill is available in the [Guide to the DTC Bill](#).

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
xx-03-15	Fact Sheets	Legislative Changes to Export Controls
		Refunds of Customs import duty
		Temporary Imports
xx-04-15		Importing and Exporting Rough Diamonds

Australian Gazettes

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

Date	Matter	Date	Matter
01-04-15	TC15-13	22-04-15	TC15-15
15-04-15	TC15-14	29-04-15	TC15-16

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)

Baker & McKenzie and FenXun Partners receive the first approval for a Joint Operation in the China (Shanghai) Free Trade Zone

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Baker & McKenzie was the first international law firm licensed to practice law in China when it opened in Beijing in 1993 and is the leading international law firm in China. It opened its Shanghai office in 2003. FenXun Partners was founded in Beijing in 2009. The application to form the Joint Operation is the first approved by the Shanghai Justice Bureau. The announcement was made at a ceremony at the Baker & McKenzie FenXun (FTZ) Joint Operation offices in the Shanghai Free Trade Zone.

The Joint Operation is a historic step for both firms, providing them with a unique platform through which they can offer both international and PRC law advice to their clients.

FenXun Partners advises multinational corporations, Chinese companies, financial institutions and PRC government authorities on corporate investment and financing activities, asset securitization, funds, mergers and acquisitions, company restructuring and listing, foreign investment in China, anti-monopoly, banking and finance and derivatives matters. The Firm has an office in Beijing and a branch office in the Shanghai Free Trade Zone.

Danian Zhang, Baker & McKenzie's Chief Representative in Shanghai, said,

We are extremely pleased to be the very first firm to be granted approval for Joint Operation by the Shanghai Justice Bureau, and are looking forward to this close collaboration with FenXun Partners. We are particularly delighted to make this announcement not long after celebrating the 20th year of our presence in China in Beijing, and the 10th anniversary of opening our Shanghai office. Our Firm has a long-term commitment to China and to excellence in serving our clients' international legal needs. We welcome and look forward to the new opportunities that this Joint Operation affords.

Yingzhe Wang, Managing Partner and Co-Founding Partner of FenXun Partners, said,

We are delighted to enter into this Joint Operation with the premier global law firm, Baker & McKenzie. FenXun Partners' mission has always been to deliver results that help our clients' achieve their strategic and commercial objectives. In this respect, we share with Baker & McKenzie common values and a common approach to our client relationships. The Joint Operation with Baker & McKenzie will better enable us to serve our PRC clients' international legal needs.

Eduardo Leite, Chairman of Baker & McKenzie's Executive Committee, commented,

The announcement today is a very exciting one for our Firm. Baker & McKenzie has been committed to China for more than 40 years and being the first and only firm to be approved for Joint Operation in the China Pilot (Shanghai) Free Trade Zone again

demonstrates our leadership in seizing new market opportunities to enhance our offering to our clients. We welcome working closely and productively with the partners and lawyers at FenXun Partners.

The Joint Operation will permit collaborative responses to client needs, joint execution of client matters, secondments of lawyers between the firms, exchanges of know-how and also for each firm to excel in its respective areas of legal services. Baker & McKenzie and FenXun Partners will remain structurally separate and independent.

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
07-04-15	GAC Order № 226	Decision on Abolishing Some General Administration of Customs Regulations
13-04-15	GAC Ann. № 11, 2015	Expansion of the regional customs clearance integration reform in Guangdong Province
	GAC Decree № 226	Decision on Abolishing Some General Administration of Customs Regulations (03-04-15)
14-04-15	GAC Ann. № 12, 2015	Abolishing "People's Republic of China Customs bonded factories processing trade management approach
20-04-15	MOFCOM № 12, 2015	Free trade pilot area of foreign investment record management (Trial)
23-04-15	GAC Ann. № 13, 2015	Decision to repeal some of the goods classified announcement
27-04-15	GAC Ann. № 14, 2015	About canceling the plot of export goods declaration form of export tax rebate announcement
29-04-15	GAC Ann. № 15, 2015	Audited dutiable value on the revision of the relevant provisions of the pricing formula for the imported goods

Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Cases

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

India

Government sets up Customs Clearance Facilitation Committee

On 13 April 2015, the Ministry of Finance, Department of Revenue (Central Board of Excise and Customs) issued [Circular No. 13/2015-Customs](#) announcing the setting up of a Customs Clearance Facilitation Committee (CCFC) at every major seaport and airport. The CCFC would be headed by the Chief Commissioner of Customs/Commissioner of Customs in charge of the seaport and airport concerned. Its membership would include the senior-most functionary of the following departments/agencies/stakeholder at the particular seaport/airport:

- Food Safety Standards Authority of India/Port Health Officer (PHO)
- Plant Quarantine Authorities
- Animal Quarantine Authorities

- Drug Controller of India (CDSO)
- Textile Committee
- Port Trust / Airport Authority of India / Custodians
- Wild Life Authorities
- Railways/CONCOR
- Pollution Control Board
- Any other Department / Agency / stakeholder to be co-opted on need basis.

The Terms of Reference for the CCFC are as follows:

- Ensuring and monitoring expeditious clearance of imported and export goods in accordance with the timeline specified by the parent ministry/Department concerned;
- Identifying and resolving bottlenecks, if any, in the clearance procedure of imported and export goods;
- Initiating Time Release Studies for improvement in the clearance time of imported and export goods;
- Having internal consultations to speed up the clearance process of imported and export goods and recommending best practices thereto for consideration of CBEC / Departments / Agencies concerned; and
- Resolving grievances of members of the trade and industry in regard to clearance process of imported and export goods.

The CCFC shall meet once a week or more frequently, if considered necessary by the chair. The Circular states that The first meeting of the CCFC would take place on 1 May 2015. Chief Commissioners of Customs/Customs and Central Excise are also required to periodically review the working of the CCFC and its impact on reducing delays in the Customs clearance time of imported and export goods and in resolving related trade grievances. The outcome of the first such review should be reported to the Board latest by 5 June 2015 and thereafter on quarterly basis.

Other CBEC and DGFT notifications, circulars and instructions

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

Date	Series and No	Subject
01-04-15	Cir. 11/2015-Cus	Facility for <i>suo moto</i> payment of customs duty in case of <i>bona fide</i> default in export obligation under the Advance / EPCG authorisations
08-04-15	24/2015-Cus (T)	Exempts certain goods when imported into India against a duty credit scrip issued by the Regional Authority under the Merchandise Exports from India Scheme
	25/2015-Cus (T)	Exempts goods when imported into India against a Service Exports from India Scheme duty credit scrip issued by the Regional Authority
09-04-15	26/2015-Cus (T)	Goods, required for the Airborne Early Warning and Control (AEW&C) System Programme of Ministry of Defence

Date	Series and №	Subject
	Cir.12/2015-Cus	Regarding 4% SAD refund claim
13-04-15	Cir.13/2015-Cus	Setting up of 'Customs Clearance Facilitation Committee' (CCFC)
16-04-15	39/2015-Cus (NT)	Further amendments in notification No.44/91-Customs(N.T.) dated the 30 th May, 1991
	40/2015-Cus (NT)	further amendments in notification No. 110/2014 - Customs (N.T.) dated the 17 th November, 2014
20-04-15	Cir. 14/2015-Cus	Foreign Trade Policy 2015 - 2020 –Salient changes in Schemes of reward or incentive / advance authorization or DFIA / EPCG or post export EPCG
30-04-15	28/2015-Cus (T)	Further amendments in notification No. 12/2012-Customs, dated the 17 th March, 2012
	29/2015-Cus (T)	Further amendments in notification No. 39/96-Customs, dated the 23 rd July, 1996
	30/2015-Cus (T)	Further amendments in notification No. 27/2011-Customs, dated the 1 st Mar. 2011
	42/2015-Cus (NT)	Amendment in notification No. 36/2001-Customs (N.T.), dated the 3 rd August, 2001- re substitution of tables for the tariff value of various commodities (inc. precious metals)

Antidumping and countervailing duty cases

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

Indonesia

The use of letters of credit for certain goods - Is this a form of export control mechanism?

[This article originally appeared as a [Client Alert](#)]

On 5 January 2015, the Ministry of Trade (MOT) issued Regulation of Minister of Trade No. 04/M-DAG/PER/1/2015 on Provisions on The Use of Letters of Credit for Certain Goods (Regulation 4). Regulation 4 came into effect on 1 April 2015.

I. Background of Regulation

In theory, Regulation 4 was issued to support efforts to conserve natural resources, encourage increased added value to the national economy and the development of industry, improve business in an orderly and effective implementation of certain goods export policy by making payment by Letter of Credit ("**L/C**") a requirement of export. In addition, to increase the optimization and accuracy of foreign exchange earnings from exports and stabilize the increase export prices of certain goods which are natural resources in the international market and need to ensure business certainty by using L/C as a payment instrument of export of certain goods.

II. Definition of L/C

Regulation 4 provides a specific definition of L/C. Article 1.2 defines L/C as a promise from the issuing bank to pay the recipient if the recipient submits to the issuing bank documents in accordance with the requirements of the L/C.

III. Would it be a Form of Export Control?

Despite the theoretical background mentioned above, one may argue that Regulation 4 may be a form of export control simply because it is not common for payment using L/C for certain goods listed below.

Regulation 4 stipulates that payment for the export of certain goods must be done through L/C and the prices listed in the L/C must be equal to the lower of world's market prices. The payment must also be received through a Foreign Exchange Banks in domestic country. Exporters that export the certain goods stipulated in Regulation 4 must include the L/C method of payment in the Export Declaration (*Pemberitahuan Ekspor Barang*).

The surveyor appointed by the Minister must check the document on the payment of L/C to export certain goods which required to be equipped with the surveyor report. The surveyor may only issue a report if the export of certain goods has fulfilled the document on the payment of L/C and the surveyor's report should state that payment would be made using an L/C.

There is no restriction on types of L/C that can be used for payment for certain goods. Exporters can use a generally available form of LC. Furthermore, there is no reporting requirement for use of the L/C because the payment will be included in the Export Declaration that will be checked at the time of export.

With regard to the implementation of Regulation 4, MOT has socialized Regulation 4 in its office and Customs & Excise has prepared for the implementation by publicizing Regulation 4 in all of its offices in Indonesia. As a consequence, if goods that will be exported do not comply with the requirement to have payment made by L/C and mention payment by L/C the its Export Declaration, then the goods can not be exported.

IV. Exports Goods For Which Payment Must Be Made Through L/C

a. minerals

No	Products	Pos Tariff/HS Code
1.	Iron Concentrate (hematite, magnetite, pyrite) with $\geq 62\%$ Fe	ex. 2601.11.00.00 ex. 2601.12.00.00
2.	Iron Concentrate (goethite/laterite) with $\geq 51\%$ Fe and $(Al_2O_3+SiO_2) \geq 10\%$	ex. 2601.11.00.00 ex. 2601.12.00.00
3.	Manganese Concentrate with $\geq 49\%$ Mn	ex. 2602.00.00.00
4.	Copper Telluride	ex. 2620.30.00.00
5.	Copper Concentrate with $\geq 15\%$ Cu	ex. 2603.00.00.00
6.	Lead Concentrate with $\geq 57\%$ Pb	ex. 2607.00.00.00
7.	Zinc Concentrate $\geq 52\%$ Zn	ex. 2608.00.00.00
8.	Ilmenite Concentrate Fe $\geq 58\%$ (sand shape) and Fe $\geq 56\%$ (pellets shape)	ex. 2614.00.10.00
9.	Anode Slime	ex. 7112.99.90.00
10.	Smelter grade alumina $\geq 98\%$ Al_2O_3	ex. 2818.20.00.00

11.	Chemical Grade Alumina $\geq 90\%$ Al ₂ O ₃	ex. 2818.20.00.00
12.	Chemical Grade of Aluminum Hydroxide $\geq 90\%$ Al(OH) ₃	ex. 2818.30.00.00
13.	Nickel hydroxide - Mix Hydroxide Precipitate (MHP) $\geq 25\%$ Ni	ex. 2825.40.00.00
14.	NiS $\geq 40\%$ Ni in powder	ex. 2830.90.90.00 ex. 7501.10.00.00
15.	Nickel Oxide (NiO) with Ni $\geq 70\%$	ex. 2825.40.00.00
16..	Nickel Sulfide - Mix Sulfide Precipitate	ex. 2830.90.90.00
17.	Silver in powder form with $\geq 99\%$ Ag	ex. 7106.10.00.00
18.	Silver in the form of lumps, ingots or cast	ex. 7106.91.00.00
19.	Gold in powder form $\geq 99\%$ Au	ex. 7108.11.00.00
20.	Gold in the form of lumps with $\geq 99\%$ Au	ex. 7108.12.00.10
21.	Gold in the form of ingots or cast bars	ex. 7108.12.00.10
22.	Nickel Pig Iron in the form of lumps with \geq	ex. 7201.50.00.00
23.	Nickel Pig Iron in the form of ingots with \geq	ex. 7201.50.00.00
24.	Sponge Ferro Nickel (FeNi) $\geq 4\%$ Ni	ex. 7202.60.00.00
25.	Nickel in the form of lumps, nuggets,	ex. 7202.60.00.00
26.	Nickel Pig Iron (NPI) in the form of ingots	ex. 7202.60.00.00
27.	Ferro Nickel (FeNi) in the form of lumps	ex. 7202.60.00.00
28.	Ferro Nickel (FeNi) in the form of ingots	ex. 7202.60.00.00
29.	Copper in the form of cathode with $\geq 99\%$	ex. 7403.11.00.00
30.	Copper in the form of ingots or cast bars	ex. 7403.19.00.00
31.	Copper in the form of slabs $\geq 99\%$ Cu	ex. 7403.19.00.00
32.	Copper in the form of powder (non-	ex. 7406.10.00.00
33.	Copper in the form of powder (lamellar	ex. 7406.20.00.00
34.	Ni Mate in the form of lumps with Ni \geq	ex. 7501.10.00.00
35.	Ni Mate in the form of powder Ni $\geq 70\%$	ex. 7501.10.00.00
36.	Ni Mate in the form of granules Ni $\geq 70\%$	ex. 7501.10.00.00
37.	Ni Mate in the form of ingots or cast bars	ex. 7501.10.00.00
38.	Ni Mate in the form of slab with Ni $\geq 70\%$	ex. 7501.10.00.00
39.	Nickel in the form of powder Ni $\geq 93\%$	7504.00.00.00
40.	Metal Al $\geq 99\%$ in the form of ingots or	ex. 7601.10.00.00
41.	Pure Tin content no bars with Stannum	8001.10.00.00
42.	Tin Solder containing Stannum (Sn) not	8003.00.10.00
43.	Alloys Tin content no solder containing	8001.20.00.00

b. Coals

No	Products	Pos Tariff/HS Code
	Coal; briquettes, ovoid and such solid fuel made from coal.	27.01
	Coal, whether or not ground, but not agglomerated:	
1.	- - Anthracite	2701.11.00.00
	- - Bituminous coal	2701.12
2.	- - - Coal fuel	2701.12.10.00
3.	- - - Others	2701.12.90.00

No	Products	Pos Tariff/HS Code
4.	- - Others coal	2701.19.00.00
5.	- Briquettes, ovoid and such solid fuels made from coal	2701.20. 00.00
	Lignite, whether or not agglomerated, excluding jet	27.02
6.	- Lignite, whether or not ground, but not agglomerated	2702.10.00.00
7.	- Lignite agglomerated	2702.20.00.00

c. Petroleum and Natural Gas

No	Products	Pos Tariff/HS Code
1.	Crude Oil	2709.00.10.00
2.	Condensate	2709.00.20.00
3.	Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG)	2711.11.00.00
4.	Compressed Natural Gas (CNG)	2711.21.10.00
5.	Vacuum residue	ex. 2713.90.00.00

d. Palm Oil

No	Products	Pos Tariff/HS Code
1.	Crude Palm Oil (CPO)	1511. 10.00. 00
2.	Crude Palm Kernel Oil (CPKO)	1513.21.10.00

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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
17-03-15	55/PMK.04/2015 (F)	Procedures for Collection and Recovery of Duty in the Context of Anti-dumping Measures, Measures fee would, and Trade Security Measures
27-03-15	24/M-DAG/PER/3/2015 (T)	Pricing Benchmark Export of Agricultural and Forestry Over subjected Levy
30-03-15	26/M-DAG/PER/3/2015 (T)	Special Provisions Implementation Using Letter Of Credit To Export of Certain Goods

Malaysia

Federal Government Gazette

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

Date	Matter
01-04-15	P.U. (B) 143/2015 Notification of Values of Crude Palm Oil Under Section 12 - Customs Act 1967
	P.U. (B) 144/2015 Notification of Values of Crude Petroleum Oil Under Section 12 - Customs Act 1967
	P.U. (B) 145/2015 Notification of Values of Palm Kernel Under Section 12 - Customs Act 1967
16-04-15	P.U. (B) 166/2015 Notification of Values of Crude Petroleum Oil Under Section 12 - Customs Act 1967
24-04-15	P.U. (B) 186/2015 Free Zones (Amendment) Notification 2015 - Free Zones Act 1990
	P.U. (B) 187/2015 Free Zones (Declared Area) Notification 2015 - Free Zones Act 1990
28-04-15	P.U. (B) 207/2015 Notice of Initiation of an Anti-Dumping Duty Investigation With Regard to the Imports of Prepainted, Painted or Colour Coated Steel Coils Originating or Exported From China and Viet Nam - Countervailing And Anti-dumping Duties Act 1993
	P.U. (B) 208/2015 Notice of Initiation of an Anti-Dumping Duty Investigation With Regard to the Imports of Cold Rolled Stainless Steel in Coils, Sheets or any Other Form Originating or Exported From Chinese Taipei, Finland, France, Hong Kong, Japan, China, Indonesia, S.Korea and Viet Nam - Countervailing And Anti-dumping Duties Act 1993
30-04-15	P.U. (B) 213/2015 Notification of Values of Crude Petroleum Oil Under Section 12 - Customs Act 1967
	P.U. (B) 214/2015 Notification of Values of Crude Palm Oil Under Section 12 - Customs Act 1967
	P.U. (B) 215/2015 Notification of Values of Palm Kernel Under Section 12 - Customs Act 1967

Customs rulings

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

New Zealand

New Zealand Gazette

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

Date	Matter
02-04-15	2015 Reassessment of Anti-dumping Duty: Galvanised Wire From Malaysia
14-04-15	Tariff Concession Approvals, Withdrawals and Declines Notice (No. 12) 2015
	Tariff Concession (Advertisement) Notice No. 2015/12
21-04-15	Tariff Concession Approvals, Withdrawals and Declines Notice (No. 13) 2015
	Tariff Concession (Advertisement) Notice No. 2015/13
28-04-15	Tariff Concession Approvals, Withdrawals and Declines Notice (No. 14) 2015
	Tariff Concession (Advertisement) Notice No. 2015/14

Fact Sheets issued, revised

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

- [Fact Sheet 15 - Customs value of imported goods \(March 2015\)](#)

Singapore

Notices, circulars, etc.

Date	Reference	Matter
08-04-15	Notice 03/2015	Enhancement to Permit Listing Service in Tradenet®
17-04-15	Notice 04/2015	Launch Of A New Training Programme - SC 111 Hands-On TradeNet® Declaration

Vietnam

Guidance on import duty exemption for medical equipment

The Ministry of Finance promulgated the [Circular No. 10/2015/TT-BTC](#) (Jan. 29, 2015) detailing the implementation of the [Decision No. 54/2014/QĐ-TTg](#) dated September 19, 2014 by the Prime Minister on duty exemption for imported components used for manufacturing, assembling medical equipment which are given priority in researching and production.

The duty exemption is applied to components such as imported electronic components, semi-conducting parts, and mechanic parts to assemble the complete products with the conditions as follows:

- The goods are imported for manufacturing, assembling medical equipment with fundamental technical specifications mentioned in the annex of the Decision No. 54/2014/QĐ-TTg.
- Imported components have been not manufactured domestically as stipulated in [Circular No. 04/2012/TT-BKHĐT](#) dated August 13, 2012 by the Ministry of Planning and Investment and related guidance by this Ministry.
- Imported components have been not produced domestically for manufacturing and assembling medical equipment which are prioritized in researching and manufacturing under the projects as regulated the annex of the Decision No. 54/2014/QĐ-TTg permitting import duty exemption for 5 years since the projects start producing and assembling products.

Once the projects start their operation, the determination of duty-free deadline is made in accordance with the guidance regulated in the item No. 15, Article No. 100 of [Circular No.128/2013/TT-BTC](#) dated September 10, 2013 by the Ministry of Finance.

The dossiers of registering the list of duty- free imports, dossiers of duty exemption and of drawing the balance sheet and regulations on using imported medical components are carried out in the light of the Circular No.128/2013/TT-BTC. Circular No. 10/2015/TT-BTC came into force March 3, 2015.

Government documents

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

Date	Reference and Matter
01-04-15	Official Letter No. 2823 / GDC-DTCBL day of the General Administration of Customs 04/01/2015 v / v increased control fertilizer
02-04-15	Official Letter No. 2925 / GDC-TXNK day of the General Administration of Customs 04/02/2015 v / v classification of goods
03-04-15	Official Letter No. 498 / 03.04.2015 of the day TXNK-CST General Administration of Customs v / v imported goods DA investment incentives Official Letter No. 2940 / GDC-TXNK day of the General Administration of Customs 03/04/2015 v / v VAT items of machinery, tools, medical equipment
06-04-15	Official Letter No. 2992 / GDC-TXNK day of the General Administration of Customs 06/04/2015 v / v import duty equipment and machinery Official Letter No. 3030 / GDC-TXNK day of the General Administration of Customs 06/04/2015 v / v handling of goods destroyed
08-04-15	Official Letter No. 3152 / GDC-KTSTQ day of the General Administration of Customs 08/04/2015 v / v sanctioning of administrative violations in the field of customs
10-04-15	Official Letter No. 3222 / GDC-TXNK day of the General Administration of Customs 04/10/2015 v / v classification semis Official Letter No. 4622 / BTC-TCHQ 10.04.2015 of the Ministry of Finance v / v refunds for exports but to rejoining than 365 days
13-04-15	Decision No. 1057 / QD-GDC dated 13.04.2015 of the General Administration of Customs on the establishment of a bonded warehouse Official Letter No. 3257 / GDC-TXNK day of the General Administration of Customs 13/04/2015 v / v classification of goods Official Letter No. 3263 / GDC-TXNK day of the General Administration of Customs 13/04/2015 v / v goods declaration and apply HS code name for the goods of heading 94.05 Circular No. 48/2015 / TT-BTC dated 04/13/2015 of the Ministry of Finance on the amendment and supplement products and the import tariff preferences for certain petroleum products, oil of heading 27.10 at preferential import tariff.
14-04-15	Official Letter No. 3341 / GDC-TXNK day of the General Administration of Customs 04/14/2015 v / v classification of goods Official Letter No. 3328 / GDC-TXNK day of the General Administration of Customs 04/14/2015 v / v follow the instructions in the document 4582 / BCT-Dispatch and 3415 Import and Export / Import Export BCT of the Ministry of Industry and Trade Official Letter No. 3319 / GDC-TXNK day of the General Administration of Customs 04/14/2015 v / v ammonium chloride classified items
17-04-15	Official Letter No. 3466 / 04.17.2015 day of GDC-TXNK General Administration of Customs on the classification of goods Decree No. 36/2015 / ND-CP of the Government dated 04.17.2015 prescribed criteria for the establishment of the provincial and inter-provincial cities directly under the Central Government; organization, tasks and activities of the Customs at all levels
20-04-15	Official Letter No. 335 / 04.20.2015 GSQL-GQ1 days of General Administration of Customs of the organization designated assessor certified quality steel Official Letter No. 3487 / GDC-IT 20.04.2015 day of the General Department of Customs official expansion OSS countries at international ports
21-04-15	Official Letter 3551 / GDC-GSQL 21/04/2015 General Department of Customs on import of wood through side gate 751 Dak Nong Province
23-04-15	Official Letter No. 3661 / 23.04.2015 of GDC-GSQL General Administration of Customs on foreign goods in bonded warehouses for imports into the domestic Official Letter No. 3665 / 23.04.2015 GDC-TXNK day of the General Customs tax

Date	Reference and Matter
	exemption

Europe

European Union and EFTA

EU adjusts CDSOA retaliatory duties against certain US products

On 30 April 2015, the *Official Journal* published [Commission Delegated Regulation \(EU\) 2015/675 of 26 February 2015 amending Council Regulation \(EC\) No 673/2005 establishing additional customs duties on imports of certain products originating in the United States of America](#). Council Regulation (EC) No 673/2005 of 25 April 2005 originally established additional customs duties of 15% on imports of certain products originating in the United States because of the U.S. failure to bring the *Continued Dumping and Subsidy Offset Act* (CDSOA, also known as the 'Byrd Amendment') in compliance with its obligations under the WTO agreements and dispute resolution decisions. These additional duties are subject to annual review and must be adjusted to reflect the level of nullification or impairment caused by the CDSOA to the EU.

The CDSOA disbursements for the most recent year for which data are available relate to the distribution of anti-dumping and countervailing duties collected during the Fiscal Year 2014 (1 October 2013-30 September 2014). On the basis of the data published by the U.S. Customs and Border Protection, the level of nullification or impairment caused to the Union is calculated at USD 3 295 333. Although the level of nullification or impairment has increased, the level of suspension cannot be adjusted to the level of nullification or impairment by adding or removing products from the list in Annex I to Regulation (EC) No 673/2005. The four products listed in Annex I (0710 40 00, 9003 19 30, 8705 10 00, and 6204 62 31) will therefore be maintained on the list and the rate of additional import duty will be amended and set at 1,5 %, which, over a one year period, should not exceed the USD 3 295 333. The adjusted additional duties apply from 1 May 2015.

EFTA publishes annual report

On 29 April 2014, the European Free Trade Association (EFTA) [announced](#) that the [54th Annual Report of the European Free Trade Association](#) has been published. The report contains an overview of the functions and activities of EFTA throughout 2014 in the areas of managing the EEA Agreement, EFTA's worldwide network of free trade agreements and the EFTA Convention. The announcement stated:

Among the highlights of EFTA's work was the introduction of new procedures that contributed to a significant reduction in the number of EU legal acts awaiting incorporation into the EEA Agreement. The EEA Joint Committee adopted 291 decisions incorporating 627 legal acts in 2014, more than in any year since the late 1990s.

EFTA continued its ambitious pursuit of a worldwide network of free trade agreements (FTAs), with EFTA Ministers signing a joint declaration on cooperation with the Philippines, setting the stage for the launch of free trade negotiations in 2015. They also met with representatives of Guatemala to discuss the development of closer trade relations in view of Guatemala's forthcoming accession to the EFTA-Central America FTA, which entered into force in 2014. The FTA with the States of the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) also entered into force in 2014, and by the end of the year, EFTA's

network of preferential trade relations extended to 57 partners outside the EU through various means of engagement.

EFTA parliamentarians support stronger trade relations between EFTA and MERCOSUR

On 23 April 2015, EFTA [announced](#) that a delegation from the EFTA Parliamentary Committee visited Brazil from 15 to 17 April 2015 to support stronger trade relations between MERCOSUR and EFTA. The delegation met with the Ministry of Development, Industry and Foreign Trade, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, and representatives of the Brazilian Parliament and business community. The announcement stated:

The main purpose of the visit by parliamentarians from the EFTA countries was to support the EFTA-MERCOSUR trade dialogue, as well as to strengthen its parliamentary dimension.

Brazil is the largest economy in Latin America and currently holds the presidency of MERCOSUR, whose Member States also include Argentina, Paraguay, Uruguay and Venezuela. EFTA and MERCOSUR launched a trade dialogue 15 years ago, which was recently strengthened by a [Joint Committee meeting](#) in March 2015.

MERCOSUR is EFTA's most important trading partner in Latin America, and trade and investments between EFTA and MERCOSUR have increased progressively over the last decade. For the EFTA States, it is important to develop this relationship further.

The EFTA Parliamentary Committee is a forum for parliamentarians from the four Member States: Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway and Switzerland. The Committee follows issues related to EFTA's third-country relations and other aspects of free trade, such as sustainable development policies in free trade agreements.

EEA Joint Parliamentary Committee adopts resolution on TTIP

On 22 April 2015, EFTA [announced](#) that in order to ensure homogeneity of the EEA, state Members of the European Parliament and parliamentarians from the EEA EFTA States in a [resolution adopted by the EEA Joint Parliamentary Committee](#) (EEA JPC) in March 2015 stated that it is important to increase the dialogue between the EU and the EEA EFTA States on developments in the TTIP negotiations. The announcement stated:

TTIP is a comprehensive free trade and investment agreement currently being negotiated between the European Union and the United States. By reducing tariffs and non-tariff barriers to trade and strengthening regulatory cooperation, TTIP is expected to make it easier for firms on both sides of the Atlantic to do business together and possibly increase overall trading activity.

The EEA JPC [resolution](#) "TTIP and its possible implications for the EEA EFTA States" welcomes the negotiations and acknowledges the potential positive effects that TTIP could have on the EEA through increased demand for goods and services. Since the EEA EFTA States are closely integrated in the EU's Single Market through the EEA Agreement and therefore apply the same Single Market rules, any impact that TTIP may have on the Single Market is likely to affect the EEA EFTA States.

The EEA JPC therefore urges the European Commission to increase the dialogue with the EEA EFTA States' governments and parliaments with regard to important developments in the negotiations, in particular keeping in mind the need to ensure the homogeneity of the EEA.

The full resolution text and the report adopted by the EEA JPC can be [found here](#).

To access the report, [click here](#).

Commission opens consultation on EU Timber Regulation

On 15 April 2015, the European Commission opened a public consultation on the evaluation of [Regulation \(EU\) 995/2010](#) (the EU Timber Regulation; the EUTR) two years after its entry into application.

The EUTR establishes a prohibition on the placing on the EU market of illegally harvested timber. It also requires “operators” to exercise “due diligence” to minimise the risk of illegally harvested timber entering their supply chain. According to the Regulation ‘illegally harvested’ means harvested in contravention of the applicable legislation in the country of harvest. A “light” obligation exists for EU “traders” to keep records of their suppliers and customers so as to facilitate traceability. The Regulation applies to both domestically produced and imported timber and timber products.

The consultation, which will remain open until 3 July 2015, seeks gain stakeholder and public input regarding a review of the EUTR. The review will provide essential elements for the mandatory report to be submitted by the Commission by 3 December 2015 to the European Parliament and the Council. The report may be accompanied, if necessary, by appropriate legislative proposals.

The consultation document is an [online survey](#).

Commission issues tariff classification regulations

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

Amendments to the CN Explanatory Notes

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

Binding Tariff Information

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

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

It should be noted that Binding Tariff Information ceases to be valid if it becomes incompatible with the interpretation of the customs nomenclature from the day of publication in the *Official Journal* as a result of the following international tariff measures: Amendments to the Harmonised System Explanatory Notes and the Compendium of Classification Opinions, approved by the Customs Cooperation Council. The latest such publication may be found in the *Official Journal* of 1 April

2015 in a [Communication in accordance with Article 12\(5\)\(a\) of Council Regulation \(EEC\) No 2913/92 on the information provided by the customs authorities of the Member States concerning the classification of goods in the customs nomenclature \(2015/C 111/02\)](#).

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* (dd-mm-yy):

OJ Date	Subject
01-04-15	Commission Regulation (EU) 2015/537 of 31 March 2015 amending Annex II to Regulation (EC) No 1333/2008 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards the use of aluminium lakes of cochineal, carminic acid, carmines (E 120) in dietary foods for special medical purposes
	Commission Regulation (EU) 2015/538 of 31 March 2015 amending Annex II to Regulation (EC) No 1333/2008 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards the use of benzoic acid — benzoates (E 210-213) in cooked shrimps in brine
	Commission Regulation (EU) 2015/539 of 31 March 2015 authorising a health claim made on foods, other than those referring to the reduction of disease risk and to children's development and health and amending Regulation (EU) No 432/2012
	Council Decision (EU) 2015/541 of 24 March 2015 repealing Decision 2011/492/EU concerning the conclusion of consultations with the Republic of Guinea-Bissau under Article 96 of the ACP-EU Partnership Agreement
	Decision No 1/2015 of the EU-Switzerland Joint Committee of 20 March 2015 amending Tables III and IV(b) of Protocol No 2 to the Agreement between the European Economic Community and the Swiss Confederation of 22 July 1972 as regards the provisions applicable to processed agricultural products [2015/542]
	Communication in accordance with Article 12(5)(a) of Council Regulation (EEC) No 2913/92 on the information provided by the customs authorities of the Member States concerning the classification of goods in the customs nomenclature [2015/C 111/02]
02-04-15	Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2015/543 of 1 April 2015 approving the active substance COS-OGA, 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
	Commission Implementing Decision (EU) 2015/545 of 31 March 2015 authorising the placing on the market of oil from the micro-algae <i>Schizochytrium</i> sp. (ATCC PTA-9695) as a novel food ingredient under Regulation (EC) No 258/97 of the European Parliament and of the Council (notified under document C(2015) 2082)
	Commission Implementing Decision (EU) 2015/546 of 31 March 2015 authorising an extension of use of DHA and EPA-rich oil from the micro-algae <i>Schizochytrium</i> sp. as a novel food ingredient under Regulation (EC) No 258/97 of the European Parliament and of the Council (notified under document C(2015) 2083)
	Commission Decision (EU) 2015/547 of 1 April 2015 on the safety requirements to be met by European standards for alcohol-powered flueless fireplaces pursuant to Directive 2001/95/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council on general product safety
08-04-15	Commission Regulation (EU) 2015/552 of 7 April 2015 amending Annexes II, III

OJ Date	Subject
	<p>and V to Regulation (EC) No 396/2005 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards maximum residue levels for 1,3-dichloropropene, bifenoX, dimethenamid-P, prohexadione, tolylfluanid and trifluralin in or on certain products</p> <p>Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2015/553 of 7 April 2015 approving the active substance cerevisane, in accordance with Regulation (EC) No 1107/2009 of the European Parliament and of the Council concerning the placing of plant protection products on the market, and amending the Annex to Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) No 540/2011</p> <p>Commission Implementing Decision (EU) 2015/557 of 31 March 2015 amending Annex I to Decision 2004/211/EC as regards the entry for China in the list of third countries and parts thereof from which imports into the Union of live equidae and semen, ova and embryos of the equine species are authorised (<i>notified under document C(2015) 2070</i>)</p> <p>Commission Implementing Decision (EU) 2015/558 of 1 April 2015 amending Implementing Decision 2014/709/EU concerning animal health control measures relating to African swine fever in certain Member States (<i>notified under document C(2015) 2160</i>)</p> <p>Corrigendum to Commission communication in the framework of the implementation of Council Directive 89/686/EEC of 21 December 1989 on the approximation of the laws of the Member States relating to personal protective equipment (<i>Publication of titles and references of harmonised standards under Union harmonisation legislation</i>) (OJ C 445, 12.12.2014) [2015/C 113/07]</p>
09-04-15	<p>Commission Regulation (EU) 2015/562 of 8 April 2015 amending Regulation (EU) No 347/2012 implementing Regulation (EC) No 661/2009 of the European Parliament and of the Council with respect to type-approval requirements for certain categories of motor vehicles with regard to advanced emergency braking systems</p> <p>Commission Directive (EU) 2015/566 of 8 April 2015 implementing Directive 2004/23/EC as regards the procedures for verifying the equivalent standards of quality and safety of imported tissues and cells</p> <p>Commission Implementing Decision (EU) 2015/567 of 7 April 2015 amending Annex I to Decision 2003/467/EC as regards the declaration of Lithuania as an officially tuberculosis-free Member State as regards bovine herds (<i>notified under document C(2015) 2161</i>)</p> <p>Commission Implementing Decision (EU) 2015/569 of 7 April 2015 amending the Annexes to Implementing Decision 2011/630/EU as regards the equivalence between officially tuberculosis-free bovine herds in Member States and in New Zealand and the information in the model animal health certificate on the quantity of semen (<i>notified under document C(2015) 2187</i>)</p>
10-04-15	<p>Commission Delegated Directive (EU) 2015/573 of 30 January 2015 amending, for the purposes of adapting to technical progress, Annex IV to Directive 2011/65/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards an exemption for lead in polyvinyl chloride sensors in in-vitro diagnostic medical devices</p> <p>Commission Delegated Directive (EU) 2015/574 of 30 January 2015 amending, for the purposes of adapting to technical progress, Annex IV to Directive 2011/65/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards an exemption for mercury in intravascular ultrasound imaging systems</p> <p>Corrigendum to Commission Regulation (EU) 2015/552 of 7 April 2015 amending Annexes II, III and V to Regulation (EC) No 396/2005 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards maximum residue levels for 1,3-dichloropropene, bifenoX, dimethenamid-P, prohexadione, tolylfluanid and trifluralin in or on certain products (OJ L 92, 8.4.2015)</p> <p>Commission Directive (EU) 2015/559 of 9 April 2015 amending Council Directive 96/98/EC on marine equipment</p>
11-04-15	<p>Council Decision (EU) 2015/575 of 17 December 2014 on the signing, on behalf of the European Union, and provisional application of the Protocol to the Euro-</p>

OJ Date	Subject
	<p>Mediterranean Agreement establishing an association between the European Communities and their Member States, of the one part, and the Republic of Tunisia, of the other part, on a Framework Agreement between the European Union and the Republic of Tunisia on the general principles for the participation of the Republic of Tunisia in Union programmes</p> <p>Protocol to the Euro-Mediterranean Agreement establishing an association between the European Communities and their Member States, of the one part, and the Republic of Tunisia, of the other part, on a Framework Agreement between the European Union and the Republic of Tunisia on the general principles for the participation of the Republic of Tunisia in Union programmes</p>
15-04-15	<p>Commission communication in the framework of the implementation of the Commission Regulation (EC) No 278/2009 implementing Directive 2005/32/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council with regard to ecodesign requirements for no-load condition electric power consumption and average active efficiency of external power supplies (Publication of titles and references of harmonised standards under Union harmonisation legislation) [2015/C 120/02]</p>
16-04-15	<p>Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2015/595 of 15 April 2015 concerning a coordinated multiannual control programme of the Union for 2016, 2017 and 2018 to ensure compliance with maximum residue levels of pesticides and to assess the consumer exposure to pesticide residues in and on food of plant and animal origin</p> <p>Decision No 1/2015 of the CARIFORUM-EU Special Committee on Customs Cooperation and Trade Facilitation of 10 March 2015 on a derogation from the rules of origin laid down in Protocol I to the Economic Partnership Agreement between the CARIFORUM States, of the one part, and the European Community and its Member States, of the other part, to take account of the special situation of the Dominican Republic with regard to certain textiles products [2015/600]</p>
17-04-15	<p>Commission Regulation (EU) 2015/603 of 13 April 2015 amending Annexes II, III and V to Regulation (EC) No 396/2005 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards maximum residue levels for 2-naphthyloxyacetic acid, acetochlor, chloropicrin, diflufenican, flurprimidol, flutolanil and spinosad in or on certain products</p> <p>Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2015/604 of 16 April 2015 amending Annexes I and II to Regulation (EU) No 206/2010 as regards animal health requirements for bovine tuberculosis in the models of veterinary certificates BOV-X and BOV-Y and the entries for Israel, New Zealand and Paraguay in the lists of third countries, territories or parts thereof from which the introduction into the Union of live animals and fresh meat is authorised</p> <p>Commission communication in the framework of the implementation of the Directive 1999/5/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 9 March 1999 on radio equipment and telecommunications terminal equipment and the mutual recognition of their conformity (Publication of titles and references of harmonised standards under Union harmonisation legislation) [2015/C 125/01]</p> <p>Commission communication in the framework of the implementation of Directive 2006/95/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 12 December 2006 on the harmonisation of the laws of Member States relating to electrical equipment designed for use within certain voltage limits (Publication of titles and references of harmonised standards under Union harmonisation legislation) [2015/C 125/02]</p>
18-04-15	<p>Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2015/608 of 14 April 2015 amending Regulation (EC) No 798/2008 as regards the entries for Ukraine and Israel in the list of third countries, the approval of the control programme of Ukraine for <i>Salmonella</i> in laying hens, the veterinary certification requirements concerning Newcastle disease and processing requirements for egg products</p> <p>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 126/06]</p>

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21-04-15	Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2015/619 of 20 April 2015 fixing the allocation coefficient to be applied to the quantities on which applications for import licences and applications for import rights lodged from 1 to 7 April 2015 are based and establishing the quantities to be added to the quantity fixed for the sub-period from 1 October to 31 December 2015 under the tariff quotas opened by Regulation (EC) No 616/2007 for poultrymeat
	Regulation No 118 of the Economic Commission for Europe of the United Nations (UNECE) — Uniform technical prescriptions concerning the burning behaviour and/or the capability to repel fuel or lubricant of materials used in the construction of certain categories of motor vehicles [2015/622]
	Common Military List of the European Union (equipment covered by Council Common Position 2008/944/CFSP defining common rules governing the control of exports of military technology and equipment) (updating and replacing the Common Military List of the European Union adopted by the Council on 17 March 2014)(CFSP) [2015/C 129/01]
22-04-15	Council Decision (EU) 2015/627 of 20 April 2015 on the position to be taken, on behalf of the European Union, at the seventh meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants as regards the proposals for amendments to Annexes A, B and C
23-04-15	Information concerning the signature of the Protocol to the Euro-Mediterranean Agreement establishing an association between the European Community and its Member States, of the one part, and Tunisia, of the other part, on a Framework Agreement between the European Union and Tunisia on the general principles for the participation of Tunisia in Union programmes
	Information concerning the signature of the Protocol to the Euro-Mediterranean Agreement establishing an association between the European Community and its Member States, of the one part, and the Republic of Lebanon, of the other part, 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
	Commission Regulation (EU) 2015/628 of 22 April 2015 amending Annex XVII 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 lead and its compounds
	Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2015/630 of 22 April 2015 amending Implementing Regulation (EU) No 498/2012 on the allocation of tariff-rate quotas applying to exports of wood from the Russian Federation to the European Union
	Council Decision (EU) 2015/633 of 20 April 2015 on the submission, on behalf of the European Union, of a proposal for the listing of additional chemicals in Annex A to the Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants
	Commission Implementing Decision (EU) 2015/636 of 22 April 2015 terminating the examination procedure concerning the measures imposed by the separate customs territory of Taiwan, Penghu, Kinmen and Matsu ('Chinese Taipei') affecting patent protection in respect of recordable compact disks
24-04-15	Commission Regulation (EU) 2015/639 of 23 April 2015 amending Annex III to Regulation (EC) No 1333/2008 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards the use of silicon dioxide (E 551) in polyvinyl alcohol-polyethylene glycol-graft-co-polymer (E 1209)
	Commission Implementing Decision (EU) 2015/646 of 23 April 2015 pursuant to Article 3(3) of Regulation (EU) No 528/2012 of the European Parliament and of the Council on bacterial cultures intended to reduce organic solids and to be placed on the market for that purpose
27-04-15	Commission Regulation (EU) 2015/647 of 24 April 2015 amending and correcting Annexes II and III to Regulation (EC) No 1333/2008 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards the use of certain food additives (Text with EEA relevance)
	Commission Regulation (EU) 2015/648 of 24 April 2015 amending Annex I to

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	<p>Regulation (EC) No 1334/2008 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards removal from the Union list of the flavouring substance of N-Ethyl (2E,6Z)-nonadienamide (Text with EEA relevance)</p> <p>Commission Regulation (EU) 2015/649 of 24 April 2015 amending Annex II to Regulation (EC) No 1333/2008 of the European Parliament and of the Council and the Annex to Commission Regulation (EU) No 231/2012 as regards the use of L-leucine as a carrier for table-top sweeteners in tablets (Text with EEA relevance)</p> <p>Commission Implementing Decision (EU) 2015/655 of 23 April 2015 pursuant to Article 3(3) of Regulation (EU) No 528/2012 of the European Parliament and of the Council on a polydimethylsiloxane-based formulation placed on the market to control mosquitoes (Text with EEA relevance)</p>
28-04-15	<p>Corrigendum to Council Decision 2013/744/EU of 9 December 2013 on the signing, on behalf of the European Union, of the Protocol to Eliminate Illicit Trade in Tobacco Products to the World Health Organisation's Framework Convention on Tobacco Control, as regards its provisions on obligations related to judicial cooperation in criminal matters, the definition of criminal offences, and police cooperation (OJ L 333, 12.12.2013)</p>
29-04-15	<p>Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2015/661 of 28 April 2015 concerning the authorisation of the preparation of endo-1,4-beta-xylanase and endo-1,3(4)-beta-glucanase produced by <i>Talaromyces versatilis</i> sp. nov. IMI CC 378536 and <i>Talaromyces versatilis</i> sp. nov. DSM 26702 as a feed additive for chickens for fattening, chickens reared for laying and minor poultry species for fattening and reared for laying (holder of the authorisation Adisseo France S.A.S.)</p> <p>Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2015/662 of 28 April 2015 concerning the authorisation of L-carnitine and L-carnitine L-tartrate as feed additives for all animal species</p> <p>Decision No 1/2014 of the EU-Republic of Moldova Association Council of 16 December 2014 adopting its Rules of Procedure and those of the Association Committee and of subcommittees [2015/671]</p> <p>Decision No 2/2014 of the EU-Republic of Moldova Association Council of 16 December 2014 on the establishment of two subcommittees [2015/672]</p> <p>Decision No 3/2014 of the EU-Republic of Moldova Association Council of 16 December 2014 on the delegation of certain powers by the Association Council to the Association Committee in Trade configuration [2015/673]</p> <p>Corrigendum to Commission Implementing Decision (EU) 2015/655 of 23 April 2015 pursuant to Article 3(3) of Regulation (EU) No 528/2012 of the European Parliament and of the Council on a polydimethylsiloxane-based formulation placed on the market to control mosquitoes (OJ L 107, 25.4.2015)</p>
30-04-15	<p>Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2015/675 of 26 February 2015 amending Council Regulation (EC) No 673/2005 establishing additional customs duties on imports of certain products originating in the United States of America</p> <p>Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2015/678 of 29 April 2015 amending Implementing Regulation (EU) No 543/2011 as regards the trigger levels for additional duties on tomatoes, cucumbers, table grapes, apricots, cherries, other than sour, peaches, including nectarines, and plums</p> <p>Commission Implementing Decision (EU) 2015/681 of 29 April 2015 on the publication of the references of standard EN ISO 4210, parts 1-9, for city and trekking bicycles, mountain bicycles and racing bicycles, and of standard EN ISO 8098 for bicycles for young children in the Official Journal of the European Union pursuant to Directive 2001/95/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council</p> <p>Commission Recommendation (EU) 2015/682 of 29 April 2015 on the monitoring of the presence of perchlorate in food</p> <p>Various Commission Implementing Decisions authorizing the placing on the market of a genetically modified product pursuant to Regulation (EC) No 1829/2003 of the European Parliament and of the Council</p>

Restrictive measures established, amended, corrected

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

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08-04-15	Council Decision (CFSP) 2015/555 of 7 April 2015 amending Decision 2011/235/CFSP concerning restrictive measures directed against certain persons and entities in view of the situation in Iran
	Council Decision (CFSP) 2015/556 of 7 April 2015 amending Council Decision 2010/413/CFSP concerning restrictive measures against Iran
	Council Implementing Regulation (EU) 2015/548 of 7 April 2015 implementing Regulation (EU) No 359/2011 concerning restrictive measures directed against certain persons, entities and bodies in view of the situation in Iran
	Council Implementing Regulation (EU) 2015/549 of 7 April 2015 implementing Regulation (EU) No 267/2012 concerning restrictive measures against Iran
11-04-15	Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2015/576 of 10 April 2015 amending for the 229th time Council Regulation (EC) No 881/2002 imposing certain specific restrictive measures directed against certain persons and entities associated with the Al-Qaeda network
21-04-15	Council Regulation (EU) 2015/612 of 20 April 2015 amending Regulation (EC) No 314/2004 concerning certain restrictive measures in respect of Zimbabwe
	Council Decision (CFSP) 2015/620 of 20 April 2015 amending Decision 2010/788/CFSP concerning restrictive measures against the Democratic Republic of the Congo
	Council Regulation (EU) 2015/613 of 20 April 2015 amending Regulation (EC) No 1183/2005 imposing certain specific restrictive measures directed against persons acting in violation of the arms embargo with regard to the Democratic Republic of the Congo, and repealing Regulation (EC) No 889/2005
	Council Regulation (EU) 2015/613 of 20 April 2015 amending Regulation (EC) No 1183/2005 imposing certain specific restrictive measures directed against persons acting in violation of the arms embargo with regard to the Democratic Republic of the Congo, and repealing Regulation (EC) No 889/2005
	Council Implementing Decision (CFSP) 2015/621 of 20 April 2015 implementing Decision 2010/656/CFSP renewing the restrictive measures against Côte d'Ivoire
	Council Implementing Regulation (EU) 2015/615 of 20 April 2015 implementing Regulation (EC) No 560/2005 imposing certain specific restrictive measures directed against certain persons and entities in view of the situation in Côte d'Ivoire
	Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2015/617 of 20 April 2015 amending for the 230th time Council Regulation (EC) No 881/2002 imposing certain specific restrictive measures directed against certain persons and entities associated with the Al-Qaeda network
29-04-15	Council Decision (CFSP) 2015/666 of 28 April 2015 amending Decision 2013/184/CFSP concerning restrictive measures against Myanmar/Burma

Antidumping and countervailing duty cases

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

Individual EU-EFTA Countries

France

Notices to importers

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

Release Date	Ref. No. and Subject
01-04-15	2015/16-Notice to importers of certain iron fasteners or steel originating in China or consigned from Malaysia
02-04-15	2015/17-Notice to importers of cold rolled flat products of stainless steel from China and Taiwan
03-04-15	Administrative Decision 15-018 (Official Bulletin № 7060) Trade defense instruments Anti-dumping duties - Countervailing duties (anti-subsidy)
07-04-15	2015/18-Notice to stainless steels son importers from India
13-04-15	2015/19-Notice to importers of certain stainless steel bars from India
17-04-15	Decree No. 2015-427 of 15 April 2015 concerning the placing of retaining alleged infringing goods by the customs administration
21-04-15	2015/20-Notice to importers of Dominican Republic clothing
29-04-15	Administrative Decision 15-024 (Official Bulletin № 7064) Circular on duties and taxes applicable to energy products from 1 May 2015
30-04-15	2015/21-glazed solar Notice to importers from the People's Republic of China

United Kingdom

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
31-03-15	CIP 13 (2015): format of the Master Unique Consignment Reference
02-04-15	CIP 14 (2015): Community System of Duty Reliefs (CSDR) - notification of future implementation of Article 123 of EC Regulation 1186/2009 by HMRC and Border Force
	CIP 15 (2015): Serbia and the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia - accession to the Common Transit Convention
10-04-15	CIP 16 (2015): Notice 366 - approved commodities for non-commercial research and future notice review
13-04-15	CIP 17 (2015): AEO application and auditing process
20-04-15	BIS 04/2088 Open general export licence (Government of Sierra Leone - acts likely to promote the supply or delivery of arms and related material to the Government of Sierra Leone) [licence revoked]
	BIS/13/1096, 13/999 Guidance: Revoked open general export licences (military goods, software and technology)
	CIP 18 (2015): removing goods from the Community under a Transit procedure

New Export Control Order came into effect 17 April

[Notice to Exporters 2015/16: amendment to the *Export Control Order 2008* \('the main Order'\) – changes to Schedule 1, 2 and 3](#) announced that [the *Export Control \(Amendment\) \(No 2\) Order 2015*](#) (S.I. 2015 No: 940) came into effect on 17 April 2015. The Notice makes the following points:

- [Notice to Exporters 2015/15](#) of 27 March (paragraph 7) gave prior warning that a further amendment of the *Export Control Order 2008* would be required. This has

been necessary to correct a mistake in the Export Control Office (ECO) controls on firearms created by that amendment Order.

- A new national control (PL9010) covering firearms considered to be 'Non Military' has been introduced in Schedule 3 (UK controlled dual-use goods, software and technology) to the Order (see Article 2(7) of the new amendment Order). Some new definitions related to the new firearms control have also been added.
- This new control entry provides for a clearer alignment of the various controls on firearms found in the [UK Military List](#) (Schedule 2 to The Order) with that of the Common Military List of the EU (CFSP 2014/C 107/1). This will improve the implementation of [Regulation \(EU\) No.258/2012](#). These changes do not introduce any new controls on firearms.
- As a result of the creation of this new entry in Schedule 3, and items being realigned from Schedule 2, a number of consequential changes to Schedule 1 of the Order have been necessary (see Articles 2(2)-(4)). A new paragraph 10a has been added to ensure that trade controls continue to be applied to firearms in Schedule 3 PL9010 (see Article 2(5)).

The amendment Order has also allowed correction of small errors in some Schedule 2 control entries to ensure consistency with the EU Common Military List (see Article 2(6)). These amendments also include appropriate cross references to the control entries: ML1, ML2 and ML3 in Schedule 2 and the new PL9010 control in Schedule 3.

- The [UK Strategic Export Control Lists](#) have been updated to reflect the above changes.

Exporters should ensure that they are familiar with the changes made to the scope of the controls and the respective Schedules.

ECO Notices to Exporters

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

Date	Notice No. and Subject
17-04-15	Notice to Exporters 2015/16: amendment to the Export Control Order 2008 ('the main Order') – changes to Schedule 1, 2 and 3
	Notice to Exporters 2015/16: note on 'Non Military Firearms' added

Other EU-EFTA Notices

Import-export related measures

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

Date*	Measure
France	
14-04-15	Ecology: Notice to dealers on the update of the three-year plan for evaluating chemicals shares (CoRAP) pursuant to Regulation (EU) 1907/2006, says REACH for the period 2015-2017
16-04-15	Finance: Decree No. 2015-418 of 14 April 2015 laying down detailed rules for applying Articles 265 and 265 f cq of the Customs Code concerning repayment

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	<p>of part of the domestic consumption tax on diesel used by some road vehicles</p> <p>Finance: Decree No. 2015-419 of 14 April 2015 laying down detailed rules for the application of Article 265 sexies of the Customs Code concerning repayment of part of the domestic consumption tax on fuel used by taxi operators</p> <p>Finance: Decree of 14 April 2015 specifying the repayment terms of the general tax on polluting activities referred to in Articles 266 sexies and following of the Customs Code</p> <p>Finance: Decree of 14 April 2015 specifying the terms of repayment of the domestic consumption tax on energy products as part of the arrangements referred to in Articles 265 C, 265a and 265 of the Customs Code nonies</p>
28-04-15	<p>Law 2015-472 of 27 April 2015 authorizing the ratification of the Association Agreement between the European Union and the European Atomic Energy Community and its Member States, of the one part, and the Republic of Moldova the other</p>
Iceland	
09-04-15	<p>№ 331/2015 Regulation on (1) amending Regulation No. 970/2013 on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer.</p>
13-04-15	<p>№ 339/2015 Regulation amending Regulation no. 155/2007 on the size and weight of vehicles.</p>
16-04-15	<p>№ 350/2015 Regulation on the entry into the European Union regulations on the definition, description and presentation of certain alcoholic beverages (II).</p>
	<p>№ 352/2015 Regulation on (5) amending Regulation No. 577/2013 of cosmetics.</p>
17-04-15	<p>№ 354/2015 Regulation on (1) amending Regulation No. 167/2015 of pharmacologically active substances and their classification as regards maximum residue levels in food of animal origin.</p>
	<p>№ 355/2015 Regulation on (72) amending Regulation No. 340/2001 on the control of feed.</p>
	<p>№ 356/2015 Regulation on (3) amending Regulation No. 835/2010 on the entry into force of Regulation (EC) No. 669/2009 implementing Regulation (EC) No. 882/2004 as regards the increased level of official controls on imports of certain feed and food of non-animal origin.</p>
	<p>№ 357/2015 Regulation on (2) amending Regulation No. 1012/2010 of the entry into force of Regulation (EC) No. 152/2009 on the methods of sampling and analysis for the official control of feedingstuffs</p>
	<p>№ 358/2015 Regulation on (9) amending Regulation No. 265/2010 on the entry into force of Regulation (EC) No. 1881/2006 setting maximum levels for certain contaminants in foodstuffs.</p>
	<p>№ 359/2015 Regulation on (1) amending Regulation No. 234/2014 on the entry into force of Commission Regulation (EU) No. 211/2013 requirements for issuing certificates for imports into the Union during germination and seeds intended for the production of spiral.</p>
	<p>№ 360/2015 Regulation on the methods of sampling and analysis for the control of the content of dioxins, dioxin-like PCBs and ódíoxínlíkra PCBs in certain foodstuffs.</p>
	<p>№ 361/2015 Regulation on uniform surveillance for the years 2015, 2016 and 2017 to ensure compliance with maximum levels for pesticide residues and to assess the consumer exposure for by pesticide residues in and on foodstuffs of plant and animal origin.</p>
	<p>№ 362/2015 Regulation on (10) amending Regulation No. 978/2011 on the entry into force of Regulation (EC) No. 1333/2008 on food additives.</p>
	<p>№ 363/2015 Regulation on (5) 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) No. 1333/2008.</p>
27-04-15	<p>№ 364/2015 Regulation on (5) amending Regulation No. 189/1990 on the import and export of plants and plant products.</p>
	<p>№ 385/2015 Regulation of entry into force of the old Commission Regulation</p>

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	(EU) No. 574/2014 amending III. Annex no. 568/2014 amending Annex V to Regulation (EU) No. 305/2011 as regards the assessment of performance of construction products, verification of stability, and the model to be used in making statements about the performance of construction products.
29-04-15	№ 397/2015 Regulation on (2) amending Regulation. 415/2014 on the classification, labeling and packaging of substances and preparations. № 398/2015 Regulation on (2) amending Regulation. 496/2013 on test methods pursuant to Regulation No. 750/2008 on the registration, evaluation, authorization and restrictions as regards the content ("REACH").
Ireland (Eire)	
03-04-15	S.I. No. 113/2015 European Union (Origin Labelling of Meat) Regulations 2015
07-04-15	S.I. No. 119/2015 - Animal Health and Welfare (Bovine Movement) (Amendment) Regulations 2015
17-04-15	S.I. No. 125/2015 - European Communities (Official Controls on the Import of Food of Non-Animal Origin) (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 2015
24-04-15	S.I. No. 138/2015 - European Union (Emergency Measures Regarding Unauthorised Genetically Modified Rice in Rice Products for Food Use Originating in or Consigned from China) Regulations 2015.
Liechtenstein	
09-04-15	№ 102 Exchange of notes between the Principality of Liechtenstein and the European Union on the adoption of the Commission Implementing Decision of 16 March 2015 establishing the list of submitted by visa applicants in Angola, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Cuba and Palestine documents (development of the Schengen acquis) № 103 Exchange of notes between the Principality of Liechtenstein and the European Union on the adoption of the Commission of 16 March 2015 establishing the testing requirements for Member States in the Schengen Information System II (SIS II) implementing decision to include or her directly associated national systems substantially change (development of the Schengen acquis)
23-04-15	№ 113 Act of March 4, 2015 relating to the amendment of the Act on the marketability of goods
27-04-15	№ 120 Promulgation of 21 April 2015, the applicable due to the Customs Treaty in the Principality of Liechtenstein Swiss legislation (Annexes I and II)
Luxembourg	
15-04-15	Mem. A. № 69 - Law of 12 April 2015 approving the Association Agreement between the European Union and the European Atomic Energy Community and its Member States, of the one part and Georgia, of the other part, signed in Brussels, June 27, 2014 – Law of 12 April 2015 approving the Association Agreement between the European Union and the European Atomic Energy Community and its Member States, on the one hand, and Moldova, on the other hand, signed in Brussels June 27, 2014 –Law of 12 April 2015 approving the Association Agreement between the European Union and the European Atomic Energy Community and its Member States, of the one part and Ukraine of the other part, signed in Brussels, 27 June 2014. Mem. A. № 70 – Ministerial Regulation of 14 April 2015 amending Annex I C 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
20-04-15	Mem. A № 76 Grand Ducal Regulation of 12 April 2015 relating a) prohibition of the use of the active substance S-metolachlor and b) prohibition or restriction of the use of the active substance Grand Ducal
Norway	
07-04-15	FOR 2015-03-25-313 Ministry of Health Regulation amending the Regulation on

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	nutrition and health claims made on foods
10-04-15	FOR 2015-03-23-323 Ministry of Health Regulation amending the Regulation on feed additives
	FOR 2015-03-23-324 Ministry of Health Regulation amending the Regulation on aroma and food ingredients with flavoring properties rewarding to use in and on foods (aroma Regulations)
	FOR 2015-03-27-329 Ministry of the Environment Regulations amending the REACH Regulation (approval for the use of DEHP and DBP)
	FOR 2015-03-30-334 Industry and Fisheries Ministry of Agriculture and Food, Ministry of Health Regulation amending the Regulation on public oversight of compliance with legislation on feed, food and health and welfare of animals (control regulations)
14-04-15	FOR 2015-02-26-340 Ministry of Health Regulation amending the Regulation on feed additives
	FOR 2015-04-07-344 Agriculture and Food Regulation amending the Regulation on animal health conditions for importation and exportation of swine
	FOR 2015-04-07-346 Agriculture and Food Regulation amending the Regulation on the import and transit of poultry and certain poultry products from third countries and regulations on the importation of cooked meat, meat products, treated stomachs, bladders and intestines from third countries
17-04-15	FOR 2015-03-31-361 Agriculture and Food, Ministry of Justice, Labour and Social Affairs, Ministry of the Environment Regulation amending the Regulation on classification, labeling and packaging of substances and mixtures (CLP)
	FOR 2015-04-13-373 Agriculture and Food Regulation amending the Regulation on animal health conditions for importation and exportation of equidae
	FOR 2015-04-13-374 Agriculture and Food, Industry and Fisheries Ministry of Health and Care Services Decision amending the delegation of authority to the FSA under the Food Act
	FOR 2015-04-14-375 Ministry of Health, Agriculture and Food Regulations amending the TSE Regulation
21-04-15	FOR 2015-04-17-383 Industry and Fisheries Ministry Regulation amending the Regulation on the control of exports of fish and fish products
	FOR 2015-04-20-387 Agriculture and Food Regulation amending the Regulation on imports from third countries of certain live animals, bees, bumblebees and fresh meat of certain animals
	FOR 2015-04-20-388 Ministry of the Environment Regulation amending the Regulation on the restriction of use of hazardous chemicals and other products (Product Regulations)
24-04-15	FOR 2015-04-21-396 Labour and Social Affairs Regulation amending the Regulation on classification, labeling and packaging of substances and mixtures (CLP)
28-04-15	FOR 2015-03-27-401 Agriculture and Food Regulation amending the Regulation on fertilizer marketed as EC fertilizer
	FOR 2015-04-22-402 Labour and Social Affairs, Ministry of the Environment Regulation amending the Regulation on biocides (Biocide)
	FOR 2015-04-24-403 Agriculture and Food Regulations on sales of timber and timber products originating in Norway
	FOR 2015-04-24-406 Ministry of the Environment Regulations on sales of timber and timber products originating outside Norway
Poland	
01-04-15	№ 465 Announcement of the President of the Council of Ministers of 12 March 2015. On the uniform text of the Council of Ministers on state aid granted to entrepreneurs operating under a permit to conduct business activity in special economic zones
02-04-15	№ 474 Regulation of the Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development dated 23 March 2015. On the detailed requirements of the commercial quality of some drinks
03-04-15	№ 481 Regulation of the Minister of Health of 26 March 2015. On mail order

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	sales of medicinal products № 482 Regulation of the Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development dated 27 March 2015. Amending the regulation on fees for services provided by the State Inspectorate of Plant Health and Seed, and for issuing passports forms of plants and plant passports
08-04-15	№ 491 Statement of the Minister of Infrastructure and Development of 19 March 2015. On the publication of the consolidated text of the Regulation of the Minister of Infrastructure and Development on the authorization of international carriage of goods by road and cabotage № 494 Act of 6 February 2015. On the ratification of the Association Agreement between the European Union and the European Atomic Energy Community and its Member States, of the one part, and Georgia, on the other hand, signed in Brussels on 27 June 2014.
09-04-15	№ 504 Regulation of the Minister of Finance dated 27 March 2015. On changes in the free zone area of the Airport them. Frederic Chopin № 505 Council of Ministers of 17 March 2015. Amending the Regulation on Warmia-Mazury Special Economic Zone
13-04-15	№ 516 Regulation of the Minister of Infrastructure and Development of 19 March 2015. On the border of the sea port in Leba
14-04-15	№ 518 Statement of the Minister of Finance dated 25 March 2015. On the publication of the consolidated text of the Regulation of the Minister of Finance on deferring the date of payment of customs duties
24-04-15	№ 569 Statement of the Minister of Economy of 7 April 2015. On the publication of the consolidated text of the Regulation of the Minister of Economy on the establishment of a development plan of the Special Economic Zone Euro-Park Mielec
30-04-15	№ 592 Regulation of the Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development dated 8 April 2015. On the list of border crossing, which is made of commercial quality control of agricultural and food products imported from abroad № 594 Proclamation of the Marshal of the Polish Sejm on 8 April 2015. On the publication of the consolidated text of the Law on food safety and nutrition
Spain	
03-04-15	Foreign Affairs: 2013 Amendments to the International Convention for Safe Containers, 1972 (CSC), adopted in London on June 21, 2013 by Resolution MSC.355 (92). (BOE-A-2015-3604)
08-04-15	Economy: Resolution of 21 March 2015, Spain ICEX Export and Investment, laying 2015 calls for aid through the ICEX-NEXT program to support the internationalization of the nonexport or unconsolidated Spanish exporting SMEs. (BOE-A-2015-3776)
10-04-15	Development: Resolution of 19 December 2014, the Directorate General of Civil Aviation amending Annex 18 to the Chicago Convention on International Civil Aviation (Chicago 1944) concerning the "Transport of Dangerous Goods by Air" is published, and Technical Instructions for the Safe Transport of Dangerous Goods by Air (ICAO Document 9284 / AN / 905). (BOE-A-2015-3832)
11-04-15	Corrigendum to Royal Decree 126/2015 of 27 February, the general rule on food information foods are offered unpackaged for sale to the final consumer and to institutions, packaged approved in points of sale at the request of the buyer, and packaged by the owners of retail.(BOE-A-2015-3904)
14-04-15	Foreign Affairs: Of the Agreement between the Government of the Kingdom of Spain and the Government of the Kingdom of Morocco on the international road transport of passengers and goods and its application protocol, done at Rabat on October 3, 2012. (BOE-A-2015-3989)
16-04-15	Foreign Affairs: Amendments to Annexes A and B of the European Agreement concerning the International Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Road (ADR 2015), adopted in Geneva on July 1, 2014. (BOE-A-2015-4093)
25-04-15	Foreign Affairs: Agreement between the Government of Spain and the Government of Japan on cooperation and mutual assistance in customs matters, made in Tokyo on October 3, 2013. (BOE-A-2015-4517)

Date*	Measure
	Agriculture: Royal Decree 320/2015 of 24 April, amending the Royal Decree 1075/2014, of December 19, 1076/2014, of December 19, 1077/2014, of December 19, and 1078/2014 of December 19, taught for application in Spain of the Common Agricultural Policy. (BOE-A-2015-4521)
29-04-15	Industry: Resolution of April 10, 2015, the Directorate General of Industry and Small and Medium Enterprises, for which the European standards that have been ratified during the month of March 2015 as Spanish rules are published. (BOE-A-2015-4722)
	Industry: Resolution of April 10, 2015, the Directorate General of Industry and Small and Medium Enterprises, for which the UNE standards annulled by the Spanish Association for Standardization and Certification during the month of March 2015 is published. (BOE-A-2015-4723)
	Industry: Resolution of April 10, 2015, the Directorate General of Industry and Small and Medium Enterprises, for which the list of UNE standards approved by the Spanish Association for Standardization and Certification during the month of March 2015 is published.(BOE-A-2015-4724)
Switzerland	
02-04-15	Ordinance of 31 March 2015 on the control of the import and transit of animals and animal products (Ordinance on controls, OITE)
	Ordinance of 1 April 2015 on controlling the import and transit of animals and animal products (Ordinance on controls, OITE)
09-04-15	Ordinance of the FDF on goods subject to customs relief as their use (Ordinance on customs relief, OADou) (RS 631.012)
	Order OFAG the import ban on certain fruits and vegetables from India (916.207.142.3)
	DFI Ordinance on controlling the import and transit of animals and animal products (Ordinance on controls, OITE) (RS 916.443.106)
14-04-15	Ordinance of the FDF on the variable component for the import of processed agricultural products (RS 632.111.722.1)
	OFAG Order 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)
21-04-15	DFI Ordinance on controlling the import and transit of animals and animal products (Ordinance on controls, OITE) (RS 916.443.106)
	Ordinance of the OSAv establishing measures to prevent the introduction in Switzerland of avian influenza from Hungary (RS 916.443.102.6)
	Ordinance of the OSAv establishing measures to prevent the introduction of African swine fever present in some member states of the European Union (RS 916.443.107)
28-04-15	Ordinance on the import of agricultural products (Ordinance on agricultural imports, OIAgr) (RS 916.01)
	DFI Ordinance on controlling the import and transit of animals and animal products (Ordinance on controls, OITE) (RS 916.443.106)
	Decision № 1/2015 of the EU-Switzerland Joint Committee of 20 March 2015 amending Tables III and IV b) of Protocol o 2 of the Agreement between the European Economic Community and the Swiss Confederation of 22 July 1972 concerning the provisions applicable to processed agricultural products (RS 0.632.401.2)
United Kingdom	
01-04-15	SR 2015/192 - The Common Agricultural Policy (Control and Enforcement) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2015
	SR 2015/191 - The Common Agricultural Policy Basic Payment and Support Schemes Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2015
08-04-15	SSI 2015/167 - The Common Agricultural Policy Non-IACS Support Schemes (Appeals) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2015
24-04-15	SI 2015/777 - The Plant Health (Fees) (Wales) (Amendment) Regulations 2015 /

Date*	Measure
	Rheoliadau Iechyd Planhigion (Ffioedd) (Cymru) (Diwygio) 2015

Restrictive measures established, amended, corrected

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

Date*	Restrictive Measure
Liechtenstein	
03-04-15	№ 100 Decree of 2 April 2015 on the amendment of the ordinance on measures against persons and organizations with links to the Taliban
10-04-15	№ 104 Order of 8 April 2015 concerning amendment of the ordinance on measures against persons and organizations with ties to the "Al-Qaeda"
16-04-15	№ 105 Decree of 14 April 2015 concerning amendment of the ordinance on measures against persons and organizations with ties to the "Al-Qaeda"
	№ 106 Decree of 14 April 2015 concerning amendment of the ordinance on measures against the Islamic Republic of Iran
	№ 107 Decree of 14 April 2015 concerning amendment of the ordinance on measures against Liberia
	№ 108 Decree of 14 April 2015 concerning the amendment of the Regulation on Sanctions against Libya
30-04-15	№ 125 Ordinance of 28 April 2015 relating to the modification of the ordinance on measures against Côte d'Ivoire
	№ 126 Ordinance of 28 April 2015 relating to the modification of the ordinance on measures against Syria
	№ 127 Ordinance of 28 April 2015 relating to the modification of the ordinance on measures against Yemen
Luxembourg	
03-04-15	Mem. A № 66 Ministerial Regulation of 2 April 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 the financing of terrorism.
10-04-15	Mem. A № 68 Ministerial Regulation of 9 April 2015 amending Annex IV 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 the financing of terrorism.
Norway	
17-04-15	FOR 2015-04-14-376 Foreign Affairs Regulation amending the Regulation on restrictive measures regarding actions that undermine or threaten Ukraine's territorial integrity, sovereignty, independence and stability
Switzerland	
09-04-15	Ordinance on Measures against persons and entities associated with Usama bin Laden, the group "Al Qaeda" and the Taliban (RS 946.203)
	Ordinance on measures to prevent the circumvention of international sanctions in connection with the situation in Ukraine (RS 946.231.176.72)
22-04-15	Order of 22 April 2015 on measures against Syria
28-04-15	Ordinance on Measures against persons and entities associated with Usama bin Laden, the group "Al Qaeda" and the Taliban (RS946.2013)

Date*	Restrictive Measure
	Ordinance on measures against Liberia (RS 946.231.16)

Non EU-EFTA European Countries

Turkey

Safeguard investigation on porcelain and ceramic tableware, kitchenware launched

On 28 April 2015, the WTO announced that Turkey notified the WTO's Committee on Safeguards that it initiated on 25 April 2015 a safeguard investigation on porcelain and ceramic tableware, kitchenware. In the notification, Turkey indicated as follows:

"Those who fill out the "İlgili Taraf Basvuru Formu" (application form) in Turkish and send to the investigating authority within the period of 20 days after the promulgation of the related Communiqué are accepted as interested parties in the investigation. The application form is available at the [internet address](#) cited in Article 3."

Further information is available in [G/SG/N/6/TUR/21](#).

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 that are of interest to international traders were posted on the Parliamentary (*Верховної Ради*) website during the period of coverage of this Update:

Date	Subject
16-04-15	On the establishment of the National Anti-Corruption Bureau of Ukraine Decree of the President of Ukraine of 04.16.2015 № 217/2015

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

Decisions and recommendations of the Eurasian Economic Commission

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

Publication Date	Title
Council (Совета) of the Eurasian Economic Commission	
28-04-15	Decision № 5 of 23 April 2015 On the draft decision of the Supreme Eurasian Economic Council "On amendments to paragraph 1 of decision of the Supreme Eurasian Economic Council on October 10, 2014 № 79"
Recommendations of the Board (Коллегии) of the EEC	
18-03-15	Recommendation № 5 of 17 Mar. 2015 On amendments to Volume VI Explanations for Single Commodity Nomenclature of Foreign Trade of the Eurasian Economic Union
16-04-15	Recommendation № 6 of 14 April 2015 - On amendments to Volume VI Explanations for Single Commodity Nomenclature of Foreign Trade of the Eurasian Economic Union
22-04-15	Recommendation № 7 of 21 April 2015 – On amendments to Volume VI Explanations for Single Commodity Nomenclature of Foreign Trade of the Eurasian Economic Union
Decisions of the Board (Коллегии) of the EEC	
11-03-15	Decision № 15 of March 10, 2015 № 15 “On the application of anti-dumping measures by the introduction of anti-dumping duty in respect of citric acid originating in the People’s Republic of China and imported into the customs territory of the Eurasian Economic Union” - comes into force on April 10, 2015
	Decision № 16 of March 10, 2015 № 16 “On establishment of import duties of the Common Customs Tariff of the Eurasian Economic Union on turboprop engines up to 1100 kW for civil aircraft” - comes into force on April 10, 2015
	Decision № 17 of March 10, 2015 “On establishment of import duties of the Common Customs Tariff of the Eurasian Economic Union in respect of industrial fatty alcohols” (TR CU 008/2011) “ - comes into force on April 10, 2015
18-03-15	Decision № 18 of 17 Mar. 2015 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 coronary stents
25-03-15	Decision № 19 of 24 Mar. 2015 on the implementation of the obligations to provide information on state support for agriculture in 2013
	Decision № 20 of 24 Mar. 2015 On Amending the statistical work program of the Eurasian Economic Commission for 2015
	Decision № 21 of 24 Mar. 2015 On Amendments to the Decision of the Board of the Eurasian Economic Commission on December 2, 2013 № 283
01-04-15	Decision № 22 of 31 Mar. 2015 About the Agreement on the methodology of formation of indicative (forecast) balances of gas, oil and petroleum products within the Eurasian Economic Union
	Decision № 23 of 31 Mar. 2015 On the order of entry in the Eurasian Economic Commission and the preparation of the Eurasian Economic Commission proposals for the introduction or cancellation of common non-tariff regulation
	Decision № 24 of 31 Mar. 2015 - On Amendments to the single list of goods subject to bans or restrictions on the importation or exportation of states - members of the Customs Union within the Eurasian Economic Community in trade with third countries
02-04-15	Decision № 25 of 31 Mar. 2015 - Workgroup Eurasian Economic Commission for conducting regulatory impact assessment of draft decisions of the Eurasian

Publication Date	Title
	Economic Commission
15-04-15	Decision № 26 of 14 April 2015 - On Amendments to the development programs (amendment, revision) of interstate standards, as a result of which, on a voluntary basis, compliance with the technical regulations of the Customs Union "On the safety of perfumery and cosmetic products" (TR CU 009/2011), as well as interstate standards containing rules and methods of researches (tests) and measurements, including the rules of sampling required for the application and implementation of technical regulations of the Customs Union "On the safety of perfumery and cosmetic products" (TR CU 009/2011) and implementation of assessment (confirmation) products
16-04-15	Decision № 27 of 14 April 2015 - About the Agreement on the management of copyright and related rights on a collective basis
	Decision № 28 of 14 April 2015 - On the introduction of technical regulations of the Customs Union in the Republic of Armenia
	Decision № 29 of 14 April 2015 - On the list of common processes within the Eurasian Economic Union and amendments to the decision of the Board of the Eurasian Economic Commission on August 19, 2014 № 132
22-04-15	Decision № 30 of 14 April 2015 - On measures of non-tariff regulation
	Decision № 31 of 21 April 2015 - On establishing the import duties of the Common Customs Tariff of the Eurasian Economic Union on lead ores and concentrates with a lead content of at least 45 wt. %
	Decision № 32 of 21 April 2015 - On establishing the rates of import customs duties of the Common Customs Tariff of the Eurasian Economic Union on waste and scrap of precious metals
	Decision № 33 of 21 April 2015 - On Amendments to the single commodity nomenclature of foreign economic activity of the Eurasian Economic Union and the Common Customs Tariff of the Eurasian Economic Union on the impregnating liquid for the production of power capacitors
	Decision № 34 of 21 April 2015 - On approval of the list of non-SI units of measurements used in the development of technical regulations of the Eurasian Economic Union, including their relations with the International System of Units (SI)
	Decision № 35 of 21 April 2015 - About the Order of informing participants of foreign trade activities of states - members of the Eurasian Economic Union to prepare a draft decision on the introduction, application, renewal or cancellation of common non-tariff regulation and consultation
28-04-15	Decision № 36 of 27 April 2015 About the Advisory Committee on social security, respect for the pension rights, health care and professional activities of the workers - members of the Eurasian Economic Union
	Decision № 37 of 27 April 2015 The representation of the report on the volume of sales (purchase) in cash in US dollars for the amount of import duties in the national currency of the country - members of the Eurasian Economic Union
	Decision № 38 of 27 April 2015 On amendments to some decisions of the Commission of the Customs Union and the Board of the Eurasian Economic Commission

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

The Eurasian Economic Commission has posted a table which provides a collection of [preliminary decisions of the Customs authorities](#) of Russia, Belarus and Kazakhstan which involve the tariff classification of goods. 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*). It may be searched by tariff code or description (in Russian).

Russian Federation

Russia introduces quality and sanitary tests of products originating from Ukraine

On April 3, 2015, it was announced that the Russian Federal Service for Surveillance on Consumer Rights Protection and Human Wellbeing (Rospotrebnadzor) circulated an e-mail to its regional subdivisions demanding to perform quality and sanitary tests of products originating from Ukraine. The quality and sanitary tests should be performed with respect to 15 specifically listed types of products: cosmetic products, soap, perfumes (HS code 330300), household chemicals (HS code 340220), wallpaper (HS codes 481420 and 481490), furniture, bedding, toiletry goods, diapers (HS code 961900) etc. Distributors and retailers should be ready that in the course of the nearest days their warehousing and retail premises would be visited by specialists of Rospotrebnadzor that would withdraw products for further tests.

In case the results of such tests would confirm that that the tested samples do not comply with the quality and sanitary requirements, distribution and importation into Russia of the relevant products originating from Ukraine would be prohibited. The initiated testing procedures might have significant impact on the logistics and distribution of the companies (including multinationals) with manufacturing facilities located in Ukraine.

For additional information, please contact [Alexander Bychkov](#) of our Moscow office.

Preliminary decisions on tariff classification

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

Legislation (acts, resolutions, orders, etc.)

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

R.G. Date of Publication	Subject
31-03-15	Russian Federation Government Resolution №295 from March 31, 2015

R.G. Date of Publication	Subject
	"On Amending Resolution of the Government of the Russian Federation dated November 1, 2014 № 1137" (Amendments to the Decree of the Government of the Russian Federation dated November 1, 2014 № 1137 "On export duty on gas supplies from Russia to Ukraine . "Until June 30, 2015 extended preferential treatment of supplies of natural gas (HS code 2711 TS 21000 0) from the territory of the Russian Federation on the territory of Ukraine)
06-04-15	Federal List of Extremist Materials
	Unified federal list of organizations, including foreign and international organizations recognized in accordance with the legislation of the Russian Federation as terrorist
08-04-15	Federal List of Extremist Materials
	Federal Law of the Russian Federation on April 6, 2015 N 70-FZ "On Amendments to the Federal Law" On Customs Regulation in the Russian Federation "in terms of improving the customs operations connected with the temporary storage of goods"
16-04-15	Federal Law of the Russian Federation on April 6, 2015 N 73-FZ "On Amendments to the Federal Law" On Customs Regulation in the Russian Federation "
27-04-15	Federal List of Extremist Materials
	Federal Law of the Russian Federation on April 20, 2015 N 91-FZ "On ratification of the Agreement on the protection of confidential information and responsibility for its disclosure in the implementation of the Eurasian Economic Commission powers to monitor compliance with uniform rules on competition"
	Additions to the List of Extremist Organizations and Individuals

Africa

Egypt

Egypt launches safeguard investigation on white sugar

On 15 April 2015, Egypt notified the WTO's Committee on Safeguards that it would initiate on 16 April 2015 a safeguard investigation on white sugar. Interested parties must make themselves known to the Investigating Authority within a period of 30 days after the initiation of the investigation.

Any information, which the interested parties may wish to submit to the Investigating Authority, should be submitted in writing; and any request for a hearing should be submitted within 30 days following the initiation of this investigation.

Further information is available in WTO document: [G/SG/N/6/EGY/12](#).

South Africa

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

Publication Date	Publication Details	Subject	Implementation Date
06-03-15	GG 38521 R.178	Amendment of rules under sections 59A and 60 - Persons who may apply for registration or licensing now include a public officer appointed in terms of section 246 of the Tax	06-03-15

Publication Date	Publication Details	Subject	Implementation Date
		Administration Act, 2011 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Notice R.178 	
20-03-15	GG 38575 R.226	Insertion of rules for section 47 - Compulsory tariff determinations for alcoholic beverages <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Notice R.226 Note: Compulsory determinations must be obtained from 1 April 2015 within the specific periods or time frames that are prescribed in the rules	29-03-15
	GG 38575 R.225	Amendment of rules under section 21A - Alignment of rules made pertaining to Industrial Development Zones (IDZ) with new Special Economic Zones (SEZ) legislation to be implemented by the Department of Trade and Industry <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Notice R.225 	On the date that the regulations under the Special Economic Zones Act, 2014 come into effect
23-03-15		Customs & Excise Rules, 1995 (updated through 20-03-15)	
27-03-15	GG 38603 R.246	Amendment of rules under section 77H - Internal appeal process with specific reference to the reporting line of the tariff and valuation section <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Notice R.246 	01-09-14
10-04-15	GG 38681 R.308	Part 1 of Schedule No. 1 - Substitution of tariff subheading 8507.10 and insertion of tariff subheadings 8507.10.05 and 8507.10.10 to increase the rate of customs duty on lead acid batteries of a kind used for starting piston engines from 5% to 15% - ITAC Report 491 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Notice R.308 	10-04-15
	GG 38681 R.307	Part 1 of Schedule No. 1 - Reduction in the rate of customs duty on lithium batteries classifiable in tariff subheading 8506.50.25 from 10% to "free" - ITAC Report 493 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Notice R.307 	

Other African Countries

Date	Subject
Botswana	
04-15	Non-acceptance by Botswana Unified Revenue Service of cheques that are not bank-certified or guaranteed after 15 April 2015

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

The links below will take you to official press releases and summaries of administrative and judicial trade compliance enforcement actions (arrests, indictments, penalties, seizures, convictions, debarments, etc.) involving U.S. and foreign import, export, FCPA/anti-bribery, IPR border enforcement and related matters.

Child pornography, controlled substance and currency related seizures and arrests will not be listed, unless connected to trade violations. [Foreign government cases are preceded by the letter (F) in parenthesis].

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

Date of Release	Subject
04-01-15	Jun Yang: Debarment Order for importation of food [Docket No. FDA-2014-N-0964]
	Foreign Corporation and its Managers Plead Guilty to Export Violations (DOJ, ICE, DoD)
	Former Owner of Defense Contracting Businesses Pleads Guilty to Illegally Exporting Military Blueprints to India Without a License (DOJ, DoD, DHS)
04-02-15	Order Denying Export Privileges In the Matter of: Brian Keith Bishop (BIS)
	Order Renewing Order Temporarily Denying Export Privileges: X-TREME Motors LLC, et al. (BIS)
	Order Denying Export Privileges In the Matter of: Erik Antonio Perez-Bazan (BIS)
	Order Denying Export Privileges In the Matter of: Ivon Castaneda (BIS)
	In the Matter of: Precision Image Corporation, Order Denying Export Privileges (BIS)
	Order Denying Export Privileges In the Matter of: Ronald Alexander Dobek, a/k/a Alexander M. Rovegno (BIS)
	Medical Devices Company to Pay \$4.41 Million to Resolve Allegations that it Unlawfully Sold Medical Devices Manufactured Overseas (DOJ, VA, DoD)
Four Charged in International Uganda-Based Cyber Counterfeiting Scheme (DOJ, USSS, IRS, State, USPIS, FBI, ICE, CBP)	
04-03-15	In the Matter of: Yavuz Cizmeci: Order Approving Settlement Terms [\$50,000 penalty and 20 year denial of privileges] (BIS)
04-07-15	Four Texas-Based Recreational Vehicle Importers and an Affiliated Chinese Manufacturer Settle with EPA Over Illegal Imports of Off-Road Vehicles (EPA)
	CBP seizes Ammo Slated for Export (CBP)
04-09-15	Former defense contractor admits defrauding US military with foreign aircraft parts (ICE, DOD, DOJ)
04-10-15	Halifax man arrested in movie leaks investigation (ICE, MPAA, London (UK) Police)
	First Jamaican Man Extradited to the United States in Connection with International Lottery Scheme Pleads Guilty (DOJ, ICE, USPIS, USMS)
04-15-15	Company Settles Potential Civil Liability for Alleged Violations of the Foreign Narcotics Kingpin Sanctions Regulations [\$23,336] (OFAC)
	French Bank Sentenced to Forfeiture of Nearly \$8.9 Billion in Penalties Following Guilty Plea to Criminal Charges (OFAC, DOJ, New York DA, Fed. Reserve Bd., NYS Dept of Financial Services)
04-17-15	Four Companies and Five Individuals Indicted for Illegally Exporting Technology to Iran - Seven Foreign Nationals and Companies Placed on Department of Commerce's Entity List (DOJ, FBI, BIS, IRS)

Date of Release	Subject
	CBP Special Operation Interrupts Smuggling Network of Illicit Agriculture Goods (CBP)
	Houston woman sentenced to a year in prison for selling counterfeit batteries (DOJ, ICE)
04-21-15	ICE issues Geographic Targeting Order to 700 Miami-based businesses Permits law enforcement to look for trade-based money laundering schemes (ICE)
04-22-15	ICE returns ancient artifacts to Egypt at National Geographic Society (CBP, ICE)
04-23-15	Chinese Nationals Sentenced in New Mexico for Conspiring to Violate Arms Export Control Act (DOJ, ICE, FBI, DoD)
04-27-15	San Diego Jury Finds Former Iranian National Guilty of Illegal Scheme to Export Sensitive US Technology to Iran (DOJ, ICE, DoD)
	Florida Man and Company Sentenced for Violating the International Emergency Economic Powers Act and US Department of Commerce Denial Order (DOJ, ICE, DoD, BIS)

Newsletters, Reports, Articles, Etc.

Baker & McKenzie Global VAT/GST Newsletter

Baker & McKenzie's [February 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:

- [Jan Snel \(Steering Committee, Global VAT Group\)](#)
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- [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 and updates released during the period of coverage of this *Update* may be of interest to you:

Subject
International Trade, Tax and Anti-corruption
Global International Trade Compliance Update April 2015
Global International Trade Sanctions Update Client Alert: Focus on Iran - Overview and Significance of the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action
Canada International Trade Client Alert: R&D Expenses Paid to the Vendor of Imported Goods May Need to be Included in their Entirety in the Customs Value for Duty Determination
Canadian Fraud Law: Fighting importation of counterfeit products into Canada
Australia Trade & Customs Legal Alert: Australian expanded sanctions for Russia have commenced

Subject
Jakarta Corporate/Trade Client Alert: The Use of Letters of Credit for Certain Goods - Is This a Form of Export Control Mechanism?
Tokyo Tax and Transfer Pricing Client Alert: Japan to Impose Consumption Tax on Digital Services Provided by Foreign Service Providers to Japanese Purchasers
Asia Pacific Tax Legal Alert: New Tax Incentives in the Malaysian Budget 2015
Kyiv Tax/Banking and Finance Legal Alert: Ukraine Readies to Sign FATCA Intergovernmental Agreement with the U.S. (Eng.); Україна готова укласти договір з урядом США про виконання положень FATCA (Ukr.); Украина готова подписать договор с правительством США о выполнении положений FATCA (Russ.)
Other Practices
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Kyiv IP Client Alert: Removal of Franchising (Commercial Concession) Agreements Registration Requirement (Eng.); Виключено вимогу про реєстрацію франчайзингових договорів (договорів комерційної концесії) (Ukr.); Исключено требование о регистрации франчайзинговых договоров (договоров коммерческой концессии) (Russ.)
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Original date: February 17	Intercompany Pricing and Customs Valuation (Canada, EU and US) Speakers: Paul Burns (Toronto), William Outman (San Francisco), Holly Files (Washington, DC), and Nicole Looks (Frankfurt)
Original date March 17	Developments in Importing into EU Speakers: Jenny Revis (London) and Vanessa Dersch (Frankfurt)

Original date April 21	Developments in Importing into LATAM Speakers: Adriana Ibarra (Mexico City) and Esteban Roppolo (Buenos Aires)
May 19	FCPA and Antibribery Developments US, Asia and LATAM Speakers: John McKenzie (San Francisco), Mini vandePol (Hong Kong) and Esther Flesch (Sao Paulo)
June 23	Export Control Developments in Asia Speakers: Eugene Lim (Singapore), Daisuke Tatsuno (Tokyo), Meng Yew (Malaysia), and Anne Petterd (Australia)

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- [FCPA Enforcement Trends – US, EU and Asia](#) - Speakers: Joan Meyer (Washington, DC), Maria McMahon (Washington, DC), Sunny Mann (London) and Michelle Gon (Shanghai) – [Original broadcast: January 14] [Presentation only](#)
- [Voluntary Self-Disclosures in Export Compliance Cases in the US, EU and China](#) - Speakers: John McKenzie (San Francisco), Ross Denton (London), Julia Pfeil (Frankfurt) and Eugene Lim (Singapore) Moderator: John McKenzie (San Francisco) [Original broadcast: February 11, 2014] [Presentation only](#)
- [Customs Valuation Issues and Updates – US, Mexico, EU and China](#) - Speakers: Terrie Gleason (Washington, DC), Edmundo Elias (Guadalajara), Jennifer Revis (London) and William Marshall (Hong Kong) – [Original broadcast: March 11, 2014] [Presentation only](#)
- [Country of Origin Rules for Marking and Government Procurement Purposes – US, EU and China](#) - Speakers: Stuart Seidel (Washington, DC), Holly Files (Washington, DC), Jasper Helder (Amsterdam) and William Marshall (Hong Kong) – [Original Broadcast: April 15, 2014] [Presentation](#).
- [Product-Related Environmental Restrictions and Compliance - EU, Russia/CIS and China](#) - Speakers: Ulrich Ellinghaus (Frankfurt), Alexander Bychkov (Mos-

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cow) and Scott Silverman (Beijing) – [Original broadcast: May 20, 2014] [Presentation only](#).

- [The Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement \(CETA\), The Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership \(TTIP\) and The Trans-Pacific Partnership \(TPP\)](#) - Speakers: Paul Burns (Toronto), Diane MacDonald (Chicago) and Fred Burke (Ho Chi Minh City) [Original broadcast: June 17, 2014] [Presentation only](#).
- [Import and Export of Used and/or Refurbished Goods in Asia](#) - Speakers: Eugene Lim (Singapore), Chen Ying (Hong Kong), Daisuke Tatsuno (Tokyo) and Panya Sittisakonsin (Bangkok) [Original broadcast: July 22, 2014] [Presentation only](#).

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

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- [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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Country	Notification	Date Issued	Final Date for Comments	Merchandise Covered
 Bahrain, Kingdom of	BHR/381	4/8/2015	6/8/2015	Additives permitted for use in foodstuffs
 Bahrain, Kingdom of	BHR/382	4/8/2015	6/8/2015	Cocoa powders (cocoas) and dry mixtures of cocoa and sugars
 Bahrain, Kingdom of	BHR/383	4/8/2015	6/8/2015	Maximum limits of pesticides residues and contaminants in organic food
 Bahrain, Kingdom of	BHR/384	4/8/2015	6/8/2015	White pepper, whole and ground
 Brazil	BRA/336/Add.3	3/30/2015	Not given	Fire extinguishers (HS 8424)
 Brazil	BRA/458/Add.3	4/23/2015	Not given	Lead-acid batteries (HS 8507.10)
 Brazil	BRA/461/Rev.1/Add.1	3/31/2015	Not given	Systems and equipment for water heating using solar energy (HS 8419)
 Brazil	BRA/507/Add.1	4/29/2015	Not given	Personal care products, cosmetics and perfumes for children
 Brazil	BRA/596/Add.1	3/30/2015	Not given	Vehicle platform lift (HS 8428)
 Brazil	BRA/604/Add.1	4/8/2015	Not given	School furniture - Set of chairs and tables for individual students
 Brazil	BRA/610/Add.1	3/30/2015	Not given	Vehicle platform lift (HS 8428)
 Brazil	BRA/633	4/15/2015	6/15/2015	Over-the-counter (OTC) drugs
 Brazil	BRA/634	4/22/2015	6/19/2015	UV filters allowed for toiletries, cosmetics and perfumes
 Brazil	BRA/634/Add.1	4/29/2015	Not given	UV filters allowed for toiletries, cosmetics and perfumes
 Brazil	BRA/635	4/22/2015	Not given by country	(HS: 87) Vehicles, Tractors; (HS: 84) mechanical appliances for agricultural machinery, etc. Nuclear Reactors, Boilers, Machinery and Mechanical Appliances; Parts thereof (HS: 84), Vehicles Other Than Railway or Tramway Rolling-Stock, and Parts and Accessories thereof (HS: 87)
 Canada	CAN/405/Rev.1/Add.2	4/13/2015	Not given	Drugs and Medical Devices
 Canada	CAN/441	4/13/2015	7/3/2015	Radiocommunications
 Canada	CAN/442	4/17/2015	6/4/2015	Ozone-depleting substances (ODSs) and hydrofluorocarbons (HFCs)

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 Canada	CAN/443	4/24/2015	6/18/2015	Toxic substances
 Canada	CAN/444	4/24/2015	Not given	Veterinary drugs
 Chile	CHL/299	3/31/2015	5/31/2015	Microwave ovens
 Chile	CHL/300	4/10/2015	6/10/2015	Rigid metallic conduits and conduit systems for cables in electrical installations
 Colombia	COL/191/Add.3	3/30/2015	Not given	Food products
 Czech Republic	CZE/170/Add.1	4/2/2015	Not given	Electronic non-contact ocular tonometers (HS 9027.80)
 Czech Republic	CZE/171/Add.1	4/2/2015	Not given	Mechanical and electronic contact ocular tonometers (HS 9027.80)
 Czech Republic	CZE/172/Add.1	4/2/2015	Not given	Instruments for measuring water flow quantity - water meters which are intended for use in residential and commercial areas, as well as in light industry' (HS 9025.80)
 Czech Republic	CZE/173/Add.1	4/2/2015	Not given	Breath-alcohol analysers (HS 9031.80)
 Czech Republic	CZE/175/Add.1	4/2/2015	Not given	Speed indicators and tachometers; stroboscopes (HS 9029.20)
 Czech Republic	CZE/176/Add.1	4/2/2015	Not given	Instruments and systems measuring the flow volume of compressed natural gas - compressed natural gas dispensers; Gas meters (HS 9028.10)
 Czech Republic	CZE/177/Add.1	4/2/2015	Not given	Systems used for detecting the presence of ionising radiation sources in illegal or unauthorised transport - monitors for road or rail vehicles; - monitors for road or rail vehicles. - Other monitors: (HS 85285), - Instruments and apparatus for measuring or detecting ionising radiations (HS 9030.10)
 Czech Republic	CZE/178/Add.1	4/2/2015	Not given	Luxmeter
 Ecuador	ECU/101/Add.2	3/31/2015	Not given	Safety glass for motor vehicles (HS 7007.11, 7007.19, 7007.21, 7007.29, 8708.29)
 Ecuador	ECU/109/Add.2	4/17/2015	Not given	Pressure-reducing valves (HS 8481.10.00.00, 8481.20.00.00, 8481.30.00.00, 8481.80.10.00, 8481.80.20.00, 8481.80.30.00, 8481.80.40.00, 8481.80.51.00, 8481.80.59.00, 8481.80.70.00, 8481.80.80.00, 8481.80.91.00 and 8481.90.10.00)
 Ecuador	ECU/122/Add.3	4/17/2015	Not given	Sound or visual signalling equipment (HS 8531.10, 8531.20, 8531.80 and 8531.90)
 Ecuador	ECU/160/Add.3	4/28/2015	Not given	Ignition wiring sets (HS 8544.30.00)
 Ecuador	ECU/245/Add.2	4/28/2015	Not given	Hair clippers and similar items (HS 8510.20.10 and 8510.20.20)
 Ecuador	ECU/274/Add.1	4/17/2015	Not given	Stainless steel tubing (HS 7306.40.00, 7306.61.00 and 7306.69.00)
 Ecuador	ECU/3/Add.4	4/28/2015	Not given	Household refrigerating appliances (HS 8418)
 Ecuador	ECU/32/Add.8	4/1/2015	Not given	Motor vehicles (HS 9900)

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 Ecuador	ECU/97/Add.1	3/30/2015	Not given	Road signs
 European Union	EU/278	3/30/2015	5/30/2015	Vehicles (category M 1 or N 1 defined in Annex IIA to Directive 70/156/EEC, and three wheel motor vehicles as defined in Directive 92/61/EEC, but excluding motor tricycles)
 European Union	EU/279	4/2/2015	7/2/2015	Veterinary medicinal products (see description of the detailed proposed scope in Article 2 of the proposal)
 European Union	EU/280	4/16/2015	6/16/2015	Textile articles which contain NPE (nonylphenol ethoxylates)
 France	FRA/162	4/15/2015	6/15/2015	Tobacco products
 Indonesia	IDN/99	3/31/2015	5/31/2015	Knapsack Sprayers (HS 8424.81.30.00, 8424.81.40.00)
 Indonesia	IDN/100	3/31/2015	5/31/2015	Raw material crusher of fertilizers (HS 8479.82.10.00, HS 8436.80.11.00)
 Japan	JPN/484	4/7/2015	Not given	Substances with probable effects on the central nervous system
 Korea, Republic of	KOR/570	4/10/2015	6/10/2015	Pharmaceuticals
 Korea, Republic of	KOR/571	4/10/2015	6/10/2015	Cosmetics
 Korea, Republic of	KOR/572	4/10/2015	6/10/2015	Cosmetics
 Korea, Republic of	KOR/573	4/15/2015	6/15/2015	Electrical appliances
 Korea, Republic of	KOR/574	4/15/2015	6/15/2015	Pharmaceuticals
 Korea, Republic of	KOR/575	4/15/2015	6/15/2015	Quasi-drugs
 Korea, Republic of	KOR/576	4/15/2015	6/15/2015	Quasi-drugs
 Korea, Republic of	KOR/577	4/24/2015	6/24/2015	Quasi-drugs
 Korea, Republic of	KOR/578	4/27/2015	6/27/2015	Veterinary medicinal devices
 Korea, Republic of	KOR/580	4/27/2015	6/27/2015	Digital private mobile radio equipment
 Korea, Republic of	KOR/581	4/27/2015	6/27/2015	Biological products
 Korea, Republic of	KOR/582	4/27/2015	6/27/2015	Cosmetics
 Korea, Republic of	KOR/583	4/27/2015	6/27/2015	Cosmetics
 Korea, Republic of	KOR/584	4/27/2015	6/27/2015	Veterinary medicinal devices
 Korea, Republic of	KOR/585	4/27/2015	6/27/2015	Veterinary medicinal devices
 Kuwait	KWT/269	4/28/2015	6/28/2015	Extraction solvents and it's residue limits in the production foodstuffs and food ingredients
 Kuwait	KWT/270	4/28/2015	6/28/2015	Labeling of food
 Mexico	MEX/254/Add.2	3/27/2015	Not given	Alcoholic beverages (HS 2203, 2206, 2207, 2204, 2205, 2208.20.01, 2208.20.02, 2208.20.99, 2208.30.01, 2208.30.03, 2208.30.04, 2208.30.99, 2208.40, 2208.50, 2208.60, 2208.70 and 2208.90).

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 Moldova	MDA/25	4/10/2015	7/1/2015	Electrical equipment designed for use within certain voltage limits
 Moldova	MDA/26	4/10/2015	7/1/2015	Technical regulation activity
 Moldova	MDA/27	4/10/2015	6/1/2015	Simple pressure vessels
 Moldova	MDA/28	4/22/2015	7/1/2015	Measuring instruments
 New Zealand	NZL/71	4/15/2015	6/15/2015	Hazardous substances
 Nicaragua	NIC/31/Add.1	3/30/2015	Not given	Veterinary products
 Nicaragua	NIC/144	4/15/2015	6/15/2015	Urban housing and housing developments
 Oman	OMN/199/Corr.1	4/10/2015	Not given	Specific certificates for animal: animal products (meat and its derivatives); Birds products and derivatives products; Fish and products and their derivatives; Phytosanitary: plant products and their derivatives and products
 Oman	OMN/205	4/10/2015	6/10/2015	Canned mangoes
 Paraguay	PRY/81	3/27/2015	5/27/2015	Pineapple (Ananas comosus)
 Paraguay	PRY/71/Add.1	4/23/2015	Not given	Watermelons (HS 0807.11)
 Paraguay	PRY/74/Add.1	4/23/2015	Not given	Garlic (Allium sativum (HS 0703.20)
 Peru	PER/69	4/15/2015	7/8/2015	Pharmaceutical products: biological products: biotech products, classified under Chapter 30
 Peru	PER/70	4/15/2015	7/8/2015	Pharmaceutical products: similar biological products, classified under Chapter 30
 Philippines	PHL/191	3/30/2015	5/30/2015	The jewellery industry and trade shall recognize four categories of pearl: (a) The rare natural pearls that are produced naturally by various saltwater (bivalve and univalve) and freshwater molluscs; (b) Cultured pearls which may encompass both nacreous and non-nacreous and a wide range of beaded or non-beaded products. These may be further subdivided into (i) freshwater cultured pearls that are available in considerable quantities and wide range of values, and the less plentiful (ii) saltwater cultured pearls. Cultured pearls that have not been treated by e.g., bleaching may be considered uncommon (c) Composite cultured pearls, and (d) The common imitation pearls.
 Qatar	QAT/57/Add.1	4/8/2015	Not given	Cigarettes
 Qatar	QAT/385	4/24/2015	6/24/2015	Extraction solvents and its residue limits in the production foodstuffs and food ingredients
 Saudi Arabia	SAU/846	4/15/2015	6/15/2015	Extraction solvents and its residue limits in the production foodstuffs and food ingredients
 South Africa	ZAF/176/Add.1	3/31/2015	Not given	Dairy produce; birds' eggs; natural honey; edible products of animal origin, not elsewhere specified or included (HS 04)
 South Africa	ZAF/178/Add.1	4/29/2015	Not given	Frozen fish, frozen marine molluscs and frozen products derived therefrom (HS 03)
 South Africa	ZAF/180/Add.1	4/29/2015	Not given	Shrimps and prawns (HS 030613), Crabs (HS 030614)

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 South Africa	ZAF/187	4/29/2015	6/29/2015	Footwear incorporating a protective metal toe-cap (HS 640110)
 Taiwan Economy	TPKM/203	4/2/2015	6/2/2015	Non-ducted air conditioning machines (CCCN 8415.10, 8415.90, 8415.81, 8415.82)
 Taiwan Economy	TPKM/204	4/16/2015	6/16/2015	Motorcycle tyres (HS 401140)
 Thailand	THA/437/Add.1	4/27/2015	Not given	Alcohol Beverages (HS 2203, 2204, 2205, 2206, 2207, 2208)
 Trinidad and Tobago	TTO/114	4/2/2015	5/15/2015	Portland cement and similar hydraulic cements (HS 2523)
 Turkey	TUR/62	4/28/2015	7/1/2015	Vegetable oil
 Uganda	UGA/470	4/27/2015	6/27/2015	Fresh grape
 Uganda	UGA/471	4/27/2015	6/27/2015	Fresh Lemon
 Uganda	UGA/472	4/27/2015	6/27/2015	Fresh Tangerine
 Uganda	UGA/473	4/27/2015	6/27/2015	Fresh Watermelon
 Uganda	UGA/474	4/27/2015	6/27/2015	Fresh Headed Cabbage
 Uganda	UGA/475	4/27/2015	6/27/2015	Fresh Passion Fruit
 Uganda	UGA/476	4/27/2015	6/27/2015	Fresh Mangoes
 Uganda	UGA/477	4/27/2015	6/27/2015	Fresh Mushroom
 Uganda	UGA/478	4/27/2015	6/27/2015	Fresh Papaya
 Uganda	UGA/479	4/27/2015	6/27/2015	Fresh Jackfruit ?
 Uganda	UGA/480	4/27/2015	6/27/2015	Fresh Pineapple
 Uganda	UGA/481	4/27/2015	6/27/2015	Fruits, vegetables and derived products in general (ICS: 67.080.01)
 Uganda	UGA/482	4/27/2015	6/27/2015	Fresh Carrot
 United States	USA/245/Add.1	4/23/2015	Not given	School buses (HS 8705, 8707)
 United States	USA/293/Add.7	4/23/2015	Not given	Sunscreen Drug Products (HS 3304.10-99)
 United States	USA/798/Add.1	4/10/2015	Not given	Residential water heaters (HS 8516.10)
 United States	USA/908/Add.3	4/1/2015	Not given	Appliance labeling
 United States	USA/909/Add.1	4/29/2015	Not given	Avocados (HS 0804.40)
 United States	USA/916/Add.1	4/22/2015	Not given	Tires (HS 4011, 4012)
 United States	USA/922/Add.1/Corr.1	4/29/2015	Not given	Avocados
 United States	USA/922/Add.2	4/28/2015	Not given	Avocados
 United States	USA/928/Add.1	4/28/2015	Not given	Irish potatoes (HS 0701)
 United States	USA/939/Add.3	4/15/2015	Not given	Recreational off-highway vehicles (ROVs)
United States	USA/965/Add.1	4/22/2015	Not given	Hearth products (HS 8516)
United States	USA/972/Add.1	4/10/2015	Not given	Information and communication technology

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 United States	USA/977/Add.1	4/15/2015	Not given	Metal salts of complex inorganic oxyacids
 United States	USA/978	4/10/2015	6/1/2015	Residential boilers (HS 8403.10)
 United States	USA/979	4/10/2015	4/3/2015	Portable gasoline containers
 United States	USA/980	4/10/2015	4/15/2015	Pumps
 United States	USA/980/Corr.1	4/28/2015	Not given	Pumps
 United States	USA/980/Corr.2	4/28/2015	Not given	Pumps
 United States	USA/981	4/10/2015	6/1/2015	Pumps
 United States	USA/981/Corr.1	4/28/2015	Not given	Pumps
 United States	USA/982	4/10/2015	5/4/2015	Fuel and fuel additives
 United States	USA/982/Add.1	4/15/2015	Not given	Fuel and fuel additives
 United States	USA/983	4/17/2015	7/6/2015	Certain chemical substances
 United States	USA/984	4/17/2015	5/8/2015	Residential water heaters (HS 84191, 8516)
 United States	USA/985	4/17/2015	5/11/2015	Certain chemical substance
 United States	USA/986	4/22/2015	6/29/2015	Fluoroscopic equipment
 United States	USA/986/Add.1	4/28/2015	Not given	Fluoroscopic equipment
 United States	USA/987	4/22/2015	5/14/2015	Commercial water heaters (HS 84191, 841911, 8516, 851610)
 United States	USA/988	4/22/2015	6/15/2015	Curbside mailboxes
 United States	USA/989	4/23/2015	5/15/2015	Light-sport aircraft
 Viet Nam	VNM/59	3/30/2015	5/30/2015	Petroleum products

CBP Rulings: Downloads and Searches

Because US Customs and Border Protection issues several thousand rulings a year, it is not practical to list each ruling. However, rulings are made available for downloading in self extracting files approximately every two weeks at:

http://www.cbp.gov/xp/cgov/trade/legal/rulings/downloadable_rulings/. In addition, almost all rulings issued by US Customs or US Customs and Border Protection from 1993 to the present and many issued before 1993 are available for search and downloading using the CROSS search engine at <http://rulings.cbp.gov>.

CBP Rulings: Revocations or Modifications


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



Published in CBP Bulletin (P) Proposed (A) Action	Product(s) or Issue(s)	Ruling(s) to be Modified (M) or Revoked (R)	Old Classification or Position	New Ruling	New Classification or Position	Comments Due (C) or Effective Date (E)
(P) 04-08-15	Tariff classification of certain footwear	NY N161242 (R)	6402.99.2790	HQ H185722	6402.99.31	(C) 05-08-15
	Tariff classification of the LumiKNIFE™ hobby knife set with LED light	NY R04558 (R)	8211.92.9060	HQ H257274	8211.93.00	
	Tariff classification of certain patient lifts	NY 871935 (M) NY 865148 (M) NY D83377 (M) NY C81648 (M) NY B87708 (M) NY 868691 (M)	9402.90.0020 9402.90.00 9402.90.00* 9402.90.00* 9402.90.00* 9402.90.00* 9402.90.00* (*secondary eligibility for 9817.00.96)	HQ H235507	8428.90.02 8428.90.02 8428.90.02* 8428.90.02* 8428.90.02* 8428.90.02* 8428.90.02* (*secondary eligibility for 9817.00.96)	
	Tariff classification of printed stickers from China	NY N056183 (R) NY N056197 (M)	4821.10.20 4821.90.20	HQ H072717 HQ H072718	4823.90.86 4911.99.60 4823.90.86	
	Tariff classification of a sand timer	HQ 957780 (R)	7020.00.00	HQ H136475	7013.49.20	
	Tariff classification of certain two-piece umbrellas	NY N242418 (R) NY N242443 (R)	6601.91.00	HQ H248132	6601.10.00	
	(A) 04-08-15	Tariff classification of a textile sponge containing talc	NY 875045 (M)	5603.00.30	HQ H258156	
(P) 04-22-15	Tariff classification of certain small glass yard stakes	NY N248093 (R)	7013.99.50	HQ H251139	8306.29.00	(C) 05-22-15
	Tariff classification of cat toys	NY N056253 (R) NY D83727 (R) NY M87177 (M)	8543.70.9650 8543.89.9695 8543.89.9795	HQ H259644	8479.89.98	
	Tariff classification of a multi-channel measurement device	NY N184613 (R)	9033.00.00	HQ H244110	9031.80.80	
	Tariff classification of data recorders	NY 861163 (R)	9033.00.0000	HQ H126636	9031.80.80	
	Tariff classification of components of data recorders	HQ 952499 (R) NY 881722 (R) NY H80308 (R)	9033.00.0000	HQ H219316	9031.90.90	
	Tariff classification of certain ice hockey memorabilia sweaters	NY N198401 (M)	6110.11.0015 6110.11.0070 9705.00.0070	HQ H213716	9705.00.0070	
	Tariff classification of chocolate with hazelnuts	NY N007869 (R)	1806.20.81	HQ H105330	1806.20.99	
	Tariff classification of sliced and diced potatoes	HQ 966202 (M) NY I89048 (M) HQ 954208 (M)	2005.20.00	HQ H243645	0712.90.30	
	Tariff classification of cycling shoes	NY N170022 (M)	6402.19.90	HQ H237638	6402.19.15	
	Tariff classification of certain passenger boarding bridges	NY D85781 (R) NY B88222 (R) NY D88830 (R)	8428.90.0090 8428.90.8085 8428.90.0090	HQ H108235	8479	

Published in CBP Bulletin (P) Proposed (A) Action	Product(s) or Issue(s)	Ruling(s) to be Modified (M) or Revoked (R)	Old Classification or Position	New Ruling	New Classification or Position	Comments Due (C) or Effective Date (E)
	Tariff classification of battery packs	NY N233902 (R) NY N231545 (R) NY N004618 (R) NY N232914 (R) NY N233370 (M)	8504.40.8500 8504.40.8500 8504.40.9530 8504.40.8500 8504.40.8500	HQ H249299	8507.60.00	
(A) 04-22-15	Tariff classification of DVDs and Blu-ray discs	NY N058455 (R) HQ H083275 (M)	8523.49.50 8523.49.40	HQ H236026	8523.49.40	(E) 06-22-15
	Tariff classification of plush animals with gel packs	NY L83691 (R) NY L82259 (R) NY F85438 (M) NY G80850 (M)	Former 9503.49.00 Current 9503.00.00	HQ H253885	6307.90.98	
(P) 04-29-15	Tariff classification of boot uppers	NY N110715 (R)	6406.10.90	HQ H165759	6406.10.40	(C) 05-29-15
	Tariff classification of contact lens buttons	NY N035645 (R) NY M80655 (R) NY J85736 (R)	9001.30.0000	HQ H050836	3926.90.99	
	Tariff classification of Makedo kits	NY N103196 (R)	3926.90.9980	HQ H122351	9503.00.00	
	tariff classification of Thymoglobulin ® [Anti-thymocyte Globulin (Rabbit)] Sterile Lyophilized Preparation from France	NY L80355 (R)	3004.90.9115	HQ H250457	3002.10.02	
(A) 04-29-15	Tariff classification of 3 truck tents: fiberglass and cloth carrier for the roof; collapsible nylon tent with aluminum poles; plastic tent, used to cover the bed of a pickup	NY F83566 (R) NY H80029 (R) NY 818424 (R)	8708.29.5060	HQ H242603	6306.22.9030	(E) 06-29-15

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
(EU) 2015/676 23 Apr. 2015	An article in the form of a sleeve, approximately 20 cm long, made of knitted textile material with thin foam padding on the palm surface. It includes one slightly curved palmar aluminium splint of approximately 2 cm width, which can be manually bent, and two flexible dorsal stabilisers made of plastic of approximately 1 cm width. The splint and the stabilisers go through stitched-on tunnels of a contrasting material which run the entire length of the article and they can be	6307 90 10  A	Classification is determined by general rules 1, 3(b) and 6 for the interpretation of the Combined Nomenclature (GIR) and by the wording of CN codes 6307, 6307 90 and 6307 90 10. The article cannot be adjusted to a specific handicap of a patient, but has a multi-function use. In that respect, the article does not display characteristics which distinguish it by the method of operation or the adjustability to a patient's specific handicaps from ordinary supports for general

Commission Implementing Regulation	Description of the goods	Classification (CN code)	Reasons
	<p>removed.</p> <p>At both ends of the article there are two 'velcro-type' straps of 2 cm width to adjust the article to the hand and to the wrist. In the middle of the article there is a wider textile strap of 5 cm width with a 'velcro-type' fastening which is wrapped around the wrist to achieve the desired limitation of the movement of the wrist.</p> <p>The textile straps together with the bendable aluminium splint make the movement of the wrist more difficult. The flexibility of the wrist depends on the tightness of the straps.</p> <p>The article is presented as a wrist stabiliser.</p> <p>(See photographs A + B) which are purely for information</p>	 <p>B</p>	<p>use (see Note 6 to Chapter 90 and the judgment in Joined Cases C-260/00 to C-263/00, <i>Lohmann GmbH & Co. KG and Medi Bayreuth Weihermüller & Voigtmann GmbH & Co. KG v Oberfinanzdirektion Koblenz</i>, ECLI:EU:C:2002:637). Classification under heading 9021 as an orthopaedic appliance is therefore excluded.</p> <p>The knitted textile material of the sleeve and the strap confers the essential character of the article within the meaning of GIR 3(b), because its presence is predominant in quantity and because of its important role in relation to the use of the article. In particular, the textile strap in the middle of the article is essential for the desired limitation of the movement of the wrist.</p> <p>The article is therefore to be classified under CN code 6307 90 10 as other made-up articles.</p>
<p>(EU) 2015/677 23 Apr. 2015</p>	<p>An article consisting of four table legs of base metal, fixed with screws to four metal plates holding them together.</p> <p>In order to avoid sliding and to protect the floor, the bottom end of each table leg is covered with rubber.</p> <p>The top ends of the table legs have holes for screws to allow for fixing a tabletop.</p> <p>See image which is purely for information</p>	<p>9403 90 10</p> 	<p>Classification is determined by general rules 1 and 6 for the interpretation of the Combined Nomenclature and by the wording of CN codes 9403, 9403 90 and 9403 90 10.</p> <p>Classification as complete furniture is excluded because the article is missing an essential component, the tabletop.</p> <p>The article is therefore to be classified under CN code 9403 90 10 as metal parts of furniture.</p>

Amendments to the CN Explanatory Notes

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

Official Journal	CN code or page	Description of Articles
2015/C 143/04	CN page 155	after the table belonging to point 3 of the Additional note 1 to Chapter 30, a new point 4 with text is inserted

Section 337 Actions

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

Ref. Number	Commodity	Action
337-TA-883	Certain opaque polymers	Commission decision affirming grant of default and sanctions; finding a violation of section 337; issuing remedial orders and terminating the investigation
337-TA-887	Certain crawler cranes and components thereof	Commission's final determination; issuance of a limited exclusion order and cease and desist order; termination of the investigation
337-TA-908	Certain soft-edged trampolines and components thereof	Notice of final determination of no violation; termination of the investigation
337-TA-914	Certain Sulfentrazone, Sulfentrazone compositions, and processes for making Sulfentrazone	Notice of request for statements on the public interest
337-TA-952	Certain electronic devices, including wireless communication devices, computers, tablet computers, digital media players, and cameras	Institution of an investigation based on a complaint filed on behalf of Ericsson Inc. of Plano, Texas and Telefonaktiebolaget LM Ericsson of Sweden alleging patent infringement
337-TA-953	Certain wireless standard compliant electronic devices, including communication devices and tablet computers	Institution of an investigation based on a complaint filed on behalf of Ericsson Inc. of Plano, Texas and Telefonaktiebolaget LM Ericsson of Sweden alleging patent infringement
337-TA-954	Certain variable valve actuation devices and automobiles containing the same	Institution of an investigation based on a complaint filed on behalf of Jacobs Vehicle Systems, Inc. alleging patent infringement
337-TA-955	Certain protective cases for electronic devices and components thereof	Institution of an investigation based on a complaint filed on behalf of Otter Products, LLC alleging patent infringement

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

Ref. №	Commodity	Complaint filed on behalf of:
DN 3065	Certain recombinant factor VIII products	Baxter International Inc.; Baxter Healthcare Corporation and Baxter Healthcare SA
DN 3066	Certain touchscreen controllers and products containing the same	Synaptics Incorporated

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-570-018	Boltless steel shelving units prepackaged for sale from China	Preliminary determination of sales at LTFV


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

Case No	Merchandise/Country	Action
A-570-801	Certain frozen fish fillets from Vietnam	Initiation of ADD new shipper review; 2014-2015
A-570-879	Polyvinyl alcohol from China	Rescission of ADD administrative review; 2013- 2014
A-570-863	Honey from China	Rescission of ADD administrative review; 2013- 2014
A-201-838	Seamless refined copper pipe and tube from Mexico	Rescission, in part, of ADD administrative review; 2013-2014
A-570-890	Wooden bedroom furniture from China	Notice of initiation of changed circumstances review, and consideration of revocation of the ADD order in part
A-570-932	Steel threaded rod from China	Notice of court decision not in harmony with the final results of scope ruling on ADD order and notice of amended final results of scope ruling on ADD order
A-549-502	Circular welded carbon steel pipes and tubes from Thailand	Preliminary results of ADD administrative review; 2013-2014
A-428-602	Brass sheet and strip from Germany	Preliminary results of ADD administrative review and preliminary determination of no shipments; 2013-2014
C-570-025 C-533-862 C-523-811	Certain polyethylene terephthalate resin from China, India, and Oman	Initiation of CVD investigations
A-533-843	Certain lined paper products from India:	Notice of final results of ADD changed circumstances review
C-580-837	Certain cut-to-length carbon-quality steel plate from S. Korea	Initiation of CVD new shipper review
A-533-861 A-570-024 A-122-855 A-523-810	Certain polyethylene terephthalate resin from Canada, China, India, and Oman	Initiation of LTFV investigations
A-570-890	Wooden bedroom furniture from China	Final results of changed circumstances review, and revocation of ADD order, in part
A-570-943	Certain oil country tubular goods from China	Final Results of expedited first sunset review of the ADD order
A-428-840	Lightweight thermal paper from Germany	Final results of the ADD administrative review; 2012 - 2013
A-428-840	Lightweight thermal paper from Germany	Rescission of ADD administrative review; 2013-2014
A-475-601	Brass sheet and strip from Italy	Preliminary results of ADD administrative review; 2013-2014
A-570-909	Certain steel nails from China	Final results of ADD administrative review; 2012-2013
C-489-502	Circular welded carbon steel pipes and tubes from Turkey	Preliminary results of CVD administrative review and preliminary intent to rescind in part; calendar year 2013
A-570-933	Frontseating service valves from China	Preliminary results of ADD administrative review; 2013-2014
A-570-836	Glycine from China	Preliminary results of ADD administrative review and preliminary intent to rescind, in part; 2013-2014
A-570-891	Hand trucks and certain parts thereof from China	Final results of ADD changed circumstances review and revocation, in part
A-570-827	Certain cased pencils from China	Final results of ADD changed circumstances review
A-405-803	Purified carboxymethylcellulose from Finland	Preliminary results of ADD administrative review; 2013-2014
A-821-801	Solid urea from the Russian Federation	Preliminary results of ADD administrative review; 2013-2014
A-570-601	Tapered roller bearings and parts thereof, finished and unfinished, from China	Notice of final results of changed circumstances review
A-533-843	Certain lined paper products from India	Final results of ADD administrative review; 2012-2013
C-570-944	Certain oil country tubular goods from China	Final results of expedited first sunset review of the CVD order
A-520-803	Polyethylene terephthalate film, sheet and strip from the United Arab Emirates	Partial rescission of ADD administrative review; 2013-2014
A-201-805	Certain circular welded non-alloy steel pipe	Final results of ADD administrative review


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

Case No	Merchandise/Country	Action
	from Mexico	
C-533-844	Certain lined paper products from India	Final results of CVD administrative review; calendar year 2012
A-583-844	Narrow woven ribbons with woven selvedge from Taiwan	Final results of ADD administrative review; 2012-2013
A-570-954	Certain magnesia carbon bricks from China	Final results and final partial rescission of the ADD administrative review; 2012-2013
A-583-844	Narrow woven ribbons with woven selvedge from Taiwan	Rescission, in part, of ADD administrative review; 2013-2014
A-520-803	Polyethylene terephthalate film, sheet, and strip from the United Arab Emirates	Final results of ADD administrative review; 2012-2013
A-570-912	Certain new pneumatic off-the-road tires from China	Final results of ADD administrative review; 2012-2013
A-570-887	Tetrahydrofurfuryl alcohol from China	Continuation of ADD order
C-570-015	53-Foot domestic dry containers from China	Final affirmative CVD determination
A-570-822	Helical spring lock washers from China	Amended final results of ADD administrative review; 2012-2013
A-570-014	53-Foot domestic dry containers from China	Final determination of sales at LTFV; final negative determination of critical circumstances
A-570-018	Boltless steel shelving units prepackaged for sale from China	Amended preliminary determination of sales at LTFV and postponement of final determination
C-570-021	Melamine from China	Preliminary affirmative CVD determination, and alignment of final determination with final ADD determination
C-274-807	Melamine from Trinidad and Tobago	Preliminary affirmative CVD determination, and alignment of final determination with final ADD determination
A-570-979	Crystalline silicon photovoltaic cells, whether or not assembled into modules, from China	Preliminary rescission of 2013 – 2014 ADD new shipper review
A-570-916	Laminated woven sacks from China	Final results of ADD administrative review; 2013-2014
A-489-815	Light-walled rectangular pipe and tube from Turkey	Preliminary results of ADD administrative review; 2013-2014
C-122-854	Supercalendered paper from Canada	Postponement of preliminary determination in the CVD investigation
A-351-837 A-533-828 A-588-068 A-580-852 A-201-831 A-549-820 C-533-829	Prestressed concrete steel wire strand from Brazil, India, Japan, S. Korea, Mexico, and Thailand	Continuation of the AD finding/orders and CVD order
A-552-812	Steel wire garment hangers from Vietnam	Rescission of ADD administrative review; 2014-2015
A-580-836	Certain cut-to-length carbon-quality steel plate products from S. Korea	Final results of ADD administrative review; 2013-2014
C-570-921 C-570-931 C-570-936 C-570-938 C-570-940 C-570-942 C-570-944 C-570-946 C-570-955 C-570-957	Various products covered by WTO dispute DS437 : “United States – Countervailing Duty Measures on Certain Products from China” [See full list in Federal Register notice]	Notice of commencement of compliance proceedings pursuant to section 129 of the <i>Uruguay Round Agreements Act</i>


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

Case No	Merchandise/Country	Action
C-570-959 C-570-966 C-570-968 C-570-978 C-570-980		
A-570-848	Freshwater crawfish tail meat from China	Rescission of ADD administrative review in part and rescission of new shipper review; 2013-2014
A-533-848 C-533-849	Commodity matchbooks from India	Continuation of AD and CVD orders


United States International Trade Commission (USITC)

Case No	Merchandise/Country	Action
701-TA-437 731-TA-1060, 1061	Carbazole violet pigment 23 from China and India	(Second Review) Institution of five-year reviews
731-TA-130	Chloropicrin from China	(Fourth Review) Institution of a five-year review
731-TA-1070A	Crepe paper from China	(Second Review) Institution of a five-year review
701-TA-463 731-TA-1159	Oil country tubular goods from China	(Review) Scheduling of expedited five-year reviews
701-TA-462 731-TA-1156-1158 731-TA-1043-1045	Polyethylene Retail Carrier Bags From China, Indonesia, Malaysia, Taiwan, Thailand, and Vietnam	(First Review of 462, 11565-1158) Institution of five-year reviews (Second Review of 1043-1045) Institution of five-year reviews
731-TA-1013	Saccharin from China	(Second Review) Notice of commission determination to conduct a portion of the hearing <i>in camera</i>
731-TA-1046	Tetrahydrofurfuryl alcohol 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 w/in reasonably foreseeable time
731-TA-1269	Silicomanganese from Australia	(Preliminary) Determination that there is a reasonable indication that an industry in the United States is materially injured by reason of imports that are alleged to be sold in the United States at LTFV
701-TA-432 731-TA-1024-1028 AA1921-188	Prestressed Concrete Steel Wire Strand from Brazil, India, Japan, Korea, Mexico, and Thailand	(Second Review – TAA cases; Fourth Review of AA case) Determinations that revocation of the CVD order on prestressed concrete steel wire strand (“PC strand”) from India, the ADD orders on PC strand from Brazil, India, Korea, Mexico, and Thailand, as well as the ADD finding on PC strand from Japan, would be likely to lead to continuation or recurrence of material injury to an industry in the United States within a reasonably foreseeable time.
701-TA-459 731-TA-1155	Commodity matchbooks from India	(Review) Determination that revocation of the CVD order and ADD order would be likely to lead to continuation or recurrence of material injury to an industry in the United States within a reasonably foreseeable time
701-TA-530	Supercalendered paper from Canada	(Preliminary) Determination that there is a reasonable indication that an industry in the United States is materially injured by reason of imports of supercalendered paper, that are alleged to be subsidized by the government of Canada
701-TA-531-533 731-TA-1270-1273	Certain polyethylene terephthalate resin from Canada, China, India, and Oman	(Preliminary) Determinations that there is a reasonable indication that an industry in the United States is materially injured by reason of imports of the subject goods that are alleged to be sold in the


United States International Trade Commission (USITC)

Case №	Merchandise/Country	Action
		United States at LTFV, and that are allegedly subsidized by the governments of China, India, and Oman


Canadian International Trade Tribunal (CITT)

Ref. Number	Merchandise/Country	Action
NQ-2014-002	Oil country tubular goods originating in or exported from Chinese Taipei, India, Indonesia, The Philippines, S. Korea, Thailand, Turkey, Ukraine and Vietnam	Finding issued: the volumes of subsidized goods are negligible. CITT terminates its inquiry regarding the subsidizing of the above-mentioned goods originating in or exported from India, Indonesia and Vietnam; that the dumping of the above-mentioned goods originating or exported from Chinese Taipei, India, Indonesia, the Philippines, S. Korea, Thailand, Turkey, Ukraine and Vietnam has not caused injury but is threatening to cause injury to the domestic industry.
NQ-2014-003	Dumping and subsidizing: Certain photovoltaic modules and laminates consisting of crystalline silicon photovoltaic cells, etc, originating in or exported from China	Order issued requiring Hanwha Solar Canada Inc. to file written return
PB-2014-001	Dumping and subsidizing: Concrete reinforcing bar from China, S. Korea and Turkey	Notice of commencement of public interest inquiry


Canada Border Services Agency (CBSA)

Ref. Number	Merchandise/Country	Action
RR-2014-004	Certain whole potatoes originating in or exported from the United States of America, for use or consumption in the province of British Columbia	Expiry review decision


NAFTA Panels

Ref. Number	Merchandise/Country	Action
None		


Mexico - Ministry of Economy

Ref. Number	Merchandise/Country	Action
E.A. 25/14	Aluminum cookware, originating in China, regardless of country of origin	Acceptance of application from interested party and initiation of AD investigation
E.C.03/14	Aluminum collapsible tubular containers originating in Venezuela, regardless of country of origin.	Resolution concluding ADD examination


European Union

Ref. Number	Merchandise/Country	Action
2015/C 111/04	Certain stainless steel wires originating in India	Notice concerning the AD and CV measures in force: change of name of one company subject to an individual AD and CVD rate
2015/C 117/04	Certain stainless steel bars and rods originating in India	Notice concerning the CV measures in force; change of name of one company subject to an individual countervailing duty rate
(EU) 2015/588	Solar glass originating in China	Commission Implementing Regulation amending Implementing Regulation imposing a definitive ADD and collecting definitively the provisional duty imposed
2015/C 137/05	Crystalline silicon photovoltaic modules and key components (i.e. cells) from China	Notice of the impending expiry undertakings and of CVD on 7 Dec. 2015
2015/C 137/06	Crystalline silicon photovoltaic modules and key components (i.e. cells) from China	Notice of the impending expiry of undertakings and ADD on 7 Dec. 2015
2015/C 143/13	High fatigue performance steel concrete reinforcement bars originating in China	Notice of initiation of an AD proceeding


Australian Anti-Dumping Commission

Ref. №	Merchandise/Country	Action
2015/45	Hollow structural sections from China	Initiation of review of measures
2015/46	Aluminium extrusions from China	Continuation inquiry
2015/47	Rod in coil from Indonesia, Taiwan and Turkey	Extension of time to issue final report
2015/48	Silicon metal from China	Extension of time to issue final report
2015/53	Various	Status report at 31 March 2015


China Ministry of Commerce (MOFCOM)

Ref. №	Merchandise/Country	Action
9, 2015	Unbleached paper sack originating in EU, US and Japan	Initiation of ADD investigation
10, 2015	Nylon originating in the US, EU, Russia, and Taiwan	Final review of ADD investigation
11, 2015	Grain oriented electrical steel, originating in the United States, and Russia	Termination of AD and CVD measures


Government of India Ministry of Finance (Department of Revenue)

Reference	Merchandise/Country	Action
08/2015-Cus (ADD)	Coumarin originating in, or exported from, China	Extension of ADD for a further period of one year,
11/2015-Cus (ADD)	Electrical insulators of glass or ceramics/porcelain, whether assembled or unassembled originating in, or exported from China	Imposition of definitive ADD
12/2015-Cus (ADD)	Recordable Digital Versatile Disc [DVD] originating in, or exported from Thailand and Vietnam	Extension of ADD for a further period of one year with amendments


Government of India Ministry of Finance (Department of Revenue)

Reference	Merchandise/Country	Action
13/2015-Cus (ADD)	Acetone originating in, or exported from Chinese Taipei and Saudi Arabia	Imposition of definitive ADD
14/2015-Cus (ADD)	Phenol originating in, or exported from, Thailand and Japan	Extension of anti-dumping duty for a further period of one year (18 April, 2016, unless revoked earlier)
15/2015-Cus (ADD)	Barium carbonate originating in, or exported from, China	Extension of anti-dumping duty for a further period of one year (22 Mar. 2016, unless revoked earlier)
16/2015-Cus (ADD)	Acetone originating in, or exported from, Japan and Thailand	Extension of anti-dumping duty for a further period of one year (8 April, 2016, unless revoked earlier)


Argentina Ministry of Economy and Public Finance

Ref. Number	Merchandise/Country	Action
Res. № 244/2015	Electric steam irons originating in China	Procedure terminating review and changed circumstances and application of a definitive AD measure in the form of a specific duty
Res. № 243/2015	Non self priming centrifugal electric pump from China	Procedure closing the investigation and imposing a definitive AD measure in the form of specific ADD – 5 yrs


Brazil Ministry of Development, Industry and Trade

Reference	Merchandise/Country	Action
CAMEX Res. № 14	Butyl acrylate, originating in Germany, South Africa and Chinese Taipei.	Apply provisional ADD for a period of up to six (6) months,
CAMEX Res. № 15	Adipic acid from Germany, US, France, Italy and China	Applies definitive antidumping duty for a period of five (5) years
SECEX Cir. № 21	Dental panoramic X-ray machines, analog or digital from Germany	Closes the investigation into the existence of dumping
SECEX Cir. № 22	Cuticle pliers originating in China and Pakistan	Announces end of a preliminary affirmative determination of dumping without a recommendation provisional duties
SECEX Cir. № 23	Ferrite magnets from China and South Korea.	Extends for up to eight months, the deadline for completion of the dumping investigation
SECEX Cir. № 24	Radial construction tires, rims 20 ", 22" and 22.5 ", for use in buses and trucks originating in China	Extends for up to two months, the deadline for completion of the review of the ADD
SECEX Cir. № 25	Elastomeric rubber tubes from Germany, the S. Korea, the United Arab Emirates, Israel, Italy and Malaysia	Extends for up to eight months, the deadline for completion of the dumping investigation
SECEX Cir. № 26	Elastomeric rubber tubes from S. Korea	Closes the investigation to determine the existence of dumping
SECEX Cir. № 27	PET films originating in China, Egypt and India	Extends for up to eight months, the period for closure of the investigation to determine the existence of dumping
SECEX Cir. № 28	Synthetic fiber blankets originating China	Begins review of the ADD
SECEX Cir. № 29	Manufactured ballpoint pens the basis of plastic resins unique body monobloc or collapsible, retractable or not with or without grip, with gel ink or oil-based originating in China	Begins review of the ADD



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Reference	Merchandise/Country	Action
CAMEX Res. № 26	Plastic tubes for vacuum blood collection, originating in Germany, the US, the UK and China	Apply definitive ADD for a period of five (5) years
CAMEX Res. № 28	Cutlery originating in China	Determines that the high standard of cutlery that do not fit the definitions fork, spoon or knife, as contained in CAMEX Resolution No. 87 of December 5, 2012, including all kitchen utensils used to cut, mix, serve or lead the food to his mouth, fully made of stainless steel, AISI 304 or AISI 430, are subject to the ADD

Eurasian Economic Union

Ref. Number	Merchandise/Country	Action
№ 2015/5/AD17	Crawler tractors with non-rotating angledozers up to 250 hp originating in China	Notification of the Department to protect the domestic market of the Eurasian Economic Commission for a public hearing as part of an anti-dumping investigation

Opportunity to Request Administrative Review

In an April 1, 2015 *Federal Register* [notice](#), the US Department of Commerce announced that it will receive requests to conduct administrative reviews of various antidumping (AD) and countervailing duty (CVD) orders and findings with April anniversary dates:

AD/CVD Proceedings - Country/ Merchandise	Case No.	Period
Antidumping Duty Proceedings		
India: 1-Hydroxyethylidene-1, 1-Diphosphonic Acid (HEDP)	A-533-847	4/1/14 - 4/27/14
Russia: Ammonium Nitrate	A-821-811	4/1/14 - 3/31/15
PR of China: Activated Carbon	A-570-904	4/1/14 - 3/31/15
1-Hydroxyethylidene-1, 1-Diphosphonic Acid (HEDP)	A-570-934	4/1/14 - 4/27/14
Drawn Stainless Steel Sinks	A-570-983	4/1/14 - 3/31/15
Magnesium Metal	A-570-896	4/1/14 - 3/31/15
Frontseating Service Valves	A-570-933	4/1/14 - 4/27/14
Non-Malleable Cast Iron Pipe Fittings	A-570-875	4/1/14 - 3/31/15
Steel Threaded Rod	A-570-932	4/1/14 - 3/31/15
Countervailing Duty Proceedings		
PR of China:: Drawn Stainless Steel Sinks	C-570-984	1/1/14 - 12/31/14
Suspension Agreements		
None		

Requested Reviews

In an April 3, 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 February anniversary dates. See actual notices for companies requesting review:

AD/CVD Proceedings - Country/ Merchandise	Case No.	Period
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AD/CVD Proceedings - Country/ Merchandise	Case No.	Period
Antidumping Duty Proceedings		
Brazil: Stainless Steel Bar	A-351-825	2/1/14-1/31/15
India: Certain Preserved Mushrooms	A-533-813	2/1/14-1/31/15
Stainless Steel Bar	A-533-810	2/1/14-1/31/15
Italy: Stainless Steel Butt-Weld Pipe Fittings	A-475-828	2/1/14-1/31/15
Mexico: Large Residential Washers	A-201-842	2/1/14-1/31/15
S. 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
SR of 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
The PR of China: Certain Cased Pencils*	A-570-827	12/1/13-11/30/14
Certain Preserved Mushrooms	A-570-851	2/1/14-1/31/15
Frozen Warmwater Shrimp	A-570-893	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
[* Correction to 80 Fed. Reg. 6041 (February 4, 2015)]		
Countervailing Duty Proceedings		
S. Korea: Large Residential Washers	C-580-869	1/1/14-12/31/14
Certain Cut-to-Length Carbon-Quality Steel Plate	C-580-837	1/1/14-12/31/14
SR of Vietnam: Steel Wire Garment Hangers	C-552-813	1/1/14-12/31/14
The PR of China: Utility Scale Wind Towers	C-570-982	1/1/14-12/31/14
Suspension Agreements		
None		

In an April 30, 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 March anniversary dates. See actual notices for companies requesting review:

AD/CVD Proceedings - Country/ Merchandise	Case No.	Period
Antidumping Duty Proceedings		
France: Brass Sheet and Strip	A-427-602	3/1/14 - 2/28/15
Germany: Brass Sheet and Strip	A-428-602	3/1/14 - 2/28/15
Italy: Brass Sheet and Strip	A-475-601	3/1/14 - 2/28/15
Spain: Stainless Steel Bar	A-469-805	3/1/14 - 2/28/15
Thailand: Circular Welded Carbon Steel Pipes and Tubes	A-549-502	3/1/14 - 2/28/15
The PR of China: Glycine	A-570-836	3/1/14 - 2/28/15
Countervailing Duty Proceedings		
S. Korea: Large Residential Washers	C-580-869	1/1/14 - 12/31/14
Suspension Agreements		
None		

Initiation of Sunset Reviews

In an April 1, 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-533-838	731-TA-1061	India	Carbazole Violet Pigment 23 (2 nd Review)
A-560-822	731-TA-1156	Indonesia	Polyethylene Retail Carrier Bags (1 st Rev.)
A-557-813	731-TA-1044	Malaysia	Polyethylene Retail Carrier Bags (2 nd Rev.)
A-570-892	731-TA-1060	PRC	Carbazole Violet Pigment 23 (2 nd Review)
A-570-002	731-TA-130	PRC	Chloropicrin (4 th Review)
A-570-895	731-TA-1070-A	PRC	Crepe Paper (2 nd Review)
A-570-886	731-TA-1043	PRC	Polyethylene Retail Carrier Bags (2 nd Rev.)
A-583-843	731-TA-779	Taiwan	Polyethylene Retail Carrier Bags (1 st Rev.)
A-549-821	731-TA-1045	Thailand	Polyethylene Retail Carrier Bags (2 nd Rev.)
A-552-806	731-TA-1158	Vietnam	Polyethylene Retail Carrier Bags (1 st Rev.)
C-533-839	701-TA-437	India	Carbazole Violet Pigment 23 (2 nd Review)
C-552-805	701-TA-462	Vietnam	Polyethylene Retail Carrier Bags (1 st Rev.)
No suspension Agreements			

Advance Notification of Sunset Reviews

In an April 1, 2015, *Federal Register* [notice](#), the US Department of Commerce advised that the following cases were scheduled for five-year (“Sunset”) reviews for May 2015.

AD/CVD Proceedings - Merchandise/Country	Case No.
Antidumping Duty Proceedings	
Barium Chloride from China	A-570-007 (4 th Review)
Floor-Standing Metal–Top Ironing Tables and Parts Thereof from China	A-570-888 (2 nd Review)
Prestressed Concrete Steel Wire Strand from China	A-570-945 (1 st Review)
Stainless Steel Wire Rod from Italy	A-475-820 (3 rd Review)
Stainless Steel Wire Rod from Japan	A-588-843 (3 rd Review)
Stainless Steel Wire Rod from Republic of Korea	A-580-829 (3 rd Review)
Stainless Steel Wire Rod from Spain	A-469-807 (3 rd Review)
Stainless Steel Wire Rod from Taiwan	A-583-828 (3 rd Review)
Countervailing Duty Proceedings	
Prestressed Concrete Steel Wire Strand from China	C-570-946 (1 st Review)
Suspended Investigations	
No Sunset Review of suspended investigations is scheduled for initiation in May 2015.	

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