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A Year-End Review of

IMPORT/EXPORT
DEVELOPMENTS

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NOVEMBER 18-19, 2015 | SANTA CLARA, CA

In keeping with tradition, Baker & McKenzie is pleased to invite you to our annual Year-End Review of Import/Export Developments. This year's two-day conference will be held Wednesday, November 18 through Thursday, November 19 at the Hyatt Regency in Santa Clara, California and via live webcast. Our international trade compliance lawyers from around the world will review the major global legislative, judicial and administrative activities and trends in export controls, trade sanctions, customs compliance, and import requirements.

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November 18-19, 2015
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Hyatt Regency Santa Clara
5101 Great America Pkwy
Santa Clara, CA 95054

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The conference will provide you with an overview of significant developments in the areas of anti-bribery, compliance, customs, export controls, international trade and sanctions.

We will bring together presenters from a number of our offices, including Amsterdam, London, Madrid, Moscow, San Francisco, Washington D.C. and Zurich. In addition we have invited corporate speakers who will be able to explain to you first hand how they deal with international compliance matters within their own companies.

[Program](#)

If you would like to attend our conference, please register by using the button below. Feel free to pass this invitation on to your colleagues.

[Register Now](#)

Attendance of this conference is free of charge. Please note that seating is limited. After registering for our conference you will receive an electronic confirmation of your participation.

Location: **Sheraton Amsterdam Airport, Schiphol Boulevard 101, 1118 BG Amsterdam**. For more information about this conference, please contact: [Claudia Wehmeijer](#), Events Manager, Tel: + 31 20 551 7481.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

The Amsterdam conference is CPD accredited for 13 hours for two days conference – SRA Authorisation Code 009/BAMC.

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

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World Trade Organization (WTO)

Trade Policy Reviews: Guyana, Angola

The third review of the trade policies and practices of Guyana took place on 15 and 17 September 2015. The basis for the review was a [report by the WTO Secretariat](#) and a [report by the Government of Guyana](#).

The second review of the trade policies and practices of Angola took place on 22 and 24 September 2015. The basis for the review was a [report by the WTO Secretariat](#) and a [report by the Government of Angola](#).

Lao PDR and New Zealand ratify Trade Facilitation Agreement

On 29 September 2015, the WTO [announced](#) that the Lao People's Democratic Republic has become the 18th WTO member to formally accept the WTO's *Trade Facilitation Agreement* (TFA). Mrs. Khemmani Pholsena, Minister of Industry and Commerce, submitted Lao PDR's instrument of acceptance of the TFA to WTO Director-General Roberto Azevêdo on 29 September. Lao PDR submitted a notification to the WTO on 15 September outlining which provisions of the TFA will be implemented immediately upon entry into force of the agreement. This "Category A" notification of Lao PDR and other WTO members can be found on the [WTO trade facilitation webpage](#).

On 29 September 2015, the WTO [also announced](#) that New Zealand has become the 19th WTO member to formally accept the WTO's TFA. Ambassador Vangelis Vitalis submitted New Zealand's instrument of acceptance of the TFA to WTO Director-General Roberto Azevêdo on 29 September.

Concluded at the WTO's 2013 Bali Ministerial Conference, the TFA contains provisions for expediting the movement, release and clearance of goods, including goods in transit. It also sets out measures for effective cooperation between customs and other appropriate authorities on trade facilitation and customs compliance issues. It further contains provisions for technical assistance and capacity building in this area.

The TFA will enter into force once two-thirds of the WTO membership has formally accepted the Agreement. In addition to Lao PDR, the following WTO members have accepted the agreement: Hong Kong China, Singapore, the United States, Mauritius, Malaysia, Japan, Australia, Botswana, Trinidad and Tobago, the Republic of Korea, Nicaragua, Niger, Belize, Switzerland, Chinese Taipei, China, and Liechtenstein.

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
DS498	India – Anti-Dumping Duties on USB Flash Drives From the Separate Customs Territory of Taiwan, Penghu, Kinmen and Matsu – Request for consultations (Complainant: Chinese Taipei)	24-09-15

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
DS397	European Communities – Definitive Anti-Dumping Measures on Certain Iron or Steel Fasteners from China, Recourse to Article 21.5 of the DSU by China	EU appeals compliance panel report	09-09-15
DS491	US — Anti-Dumping and Countervailing Measures on Certain Coated Paper from Indonesia (Complainant: Indonesia)	Panel established	28-09-15
DS495	Korea — Import Bans, and Testing and Certification Requirements for Radionuclides (Complainant: Japan)		
DS490	Indonesia — Safeguard on Certain Iron or Steel Products (Complainant: Chinese Taipei)		
DS497	Brazil — Certain Measures Concerning Taxation and Charges (Complainant: Japan)		
DS496	Indonesia — Safeguard on Certain Iron or Steel Products (Complainant: Vietnam)	Panel request rejected	
DS453	Argentina — Measures Relating to Trade in Goods and Services (Complainant: Panama)	Panel report issued	30-09-15

World Customs Organization (WCO)

56th Session Harmonized System Committee Concludes

On 30 September 2015, the WCO [announced](#) that the Harmonized System Committee (HSC) held its 56th Session from 16 to 25 September 2015 at the WCO headquarters in Brussels, where around 120 delegates representing 62 Contracting Parties to the HS Convention, three WCO Member administrations and five international organizations attended. The announcement stated:

The HSC took 27 classification decisions, adopted 3 sets of amendments to the Explanatory Notes and approved 26 new Classification Opinions. When deemed approved by the WCO Council at the end of November 2015, these classification decisions (except for those in respect of which requests for re-examination will be entered) and amendments to the Explanatory Notes and Compendium of Classification Opinions will be made available on the WCO website.

In the framework of the HS Nomenclature 2017 Edition that will enter into force on 1 January 2017, the HSC approved a new draft WCO Council Recommendation relating to the use of standard units of quantity to facilitate the collection, comparison and analysis of international statistics. The WCO recommends that its Member Customs administrations as well as Contracting Parties to the HS Convention report their import and export trade statistics to the United Nations Statistical Division (UNSD) as the world's premier depository for global statistics. In the context of the HS 2017 amendments, the HSC also approved modifications to the WCO Council Recommendation of 1996 on the insertion of subheadings for substances controlled under the Convention on the prohibition of the development, production, stockpiling and use of chemical weapons and on their destruction. Furthermore, the Committee adopted 11 sets of amendments to the Explanatory Notes consequential to the HS 2017 amendments and agreed to a modification to the Correlation Tables between the 2012 and 2017 editions of the Harmonized System for subheadings 1605.54 and 1605.59.

In addition, the HSC examined a series of general questions, including the status and challenges in relation to implementation of HS-2017.

A special half day session was dedicated to international trade statistics. It was a joint event from the members of the Task Force on International Trade Statistics. The objectives for the special session were to find ways for Customs administrations to support trade statistics and to promote good cooperation between Customs agencies and their national statistical agencies.

Announcements and news releases [dd-mm-yy]

Date	Title
01-09-15	WCO and WTO support TFA implementation in Costa Rica
	Malawi - National Workshop on Coordinated Border Management, Single Window & WCO Data Model
02-09-15	PICARD BAKU 2015
03-09-15	Launch of the UNODC-WCO Container Control Programme Women's Network
04-09-15	National tariff classification seminar in Norway
07-09-15	The 2015/2016 WCO Career Development Programme Commences
	WCO provide valuation assistance to Ghana Revenue Authority
	WCO Risk Management Workshop Vanuatu, Department of Customs and In-land Revenue
08-09-15	China Customs Delegation visits WCO Headquarters
	President Ilham Aliyev received WCO Secretary General Kunio Mikuriya
09-09-15	Azerbaijan's Dog Training Centre certified as a WCO Regional Centre
11-09-15	WCO PICARD Conference in Baku, Azerbaijan, closes on a high note
14-09-15	Joint Customs / Aviation pilot on AEOs and Regulated Agents / Known Con-signors in Vietnam
15-09-15	The WCO – WACAM Project enhances its support for the modernization of Human Resource Management in Central African states: Gabon is the first beneficiary
	The Customs Administration of Senegal has committed to modernize its Human Resource processes with the support of the WCO – WACAM project
16-09-15	Islamic Republic of Iran hosts sub-Regional WCO Valuation workshop
17-09-15	The WCO – WACAM Project reaffirms its support for the HRM modernization of Gambia's Revenue Authority
	UK experts pass the first step of the WCO Mercator Programme Advisors accreditation process in Lincoln, United Kingdom, 7-11 September 2015
18-09-15	Customs and tourism and air transport
18-09-15	Expansion of AEO Programme in Colombia
21-09-15	Dubai Customs foils attempt to smuggle 35m tramadol pills
	Launch of the 67th WCO Fellowship Programme
24-09-15	The Philippine Bureau of Customs will host the 2016 WCO PICARD Conference
24-09-15	WCO ESA Regional Workshop on TFA implementation held in South Africa
25-09-15	WCO ESA Regional Workshop on TFA implementation held in South Africa
25-09-15	The Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia prepares for TRS implementation
28-09-15	WCO announces the final results of Operation Westerlies 3
29-09-15	African Union Heads of Customs promote CBM support
30-09-15	Harmonized System Committee's Special Session on International Trade Statistics, the Harmonized System and Customs Declarations
	56th Session Harmonized System Committee Concludes
	50th anniversary of Customs of the Republic of Congo

Other International Matters

Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP)

USTR provides update on TPP negotiations

[NOTE: As we were “going to press,” the White House [announced](#) that on October 5, 2015, the twelve negotiating countries reached agreement on the remaining points. We will provide details in the November 2015 Update.]

On September 3, 2015, the Office of the U.S. Trade Representative (USTR) posted an [Update on the Trans-Pacific Partnership Negotiations](#) on its website. The update indicates that at the recent Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP) ministerial in Maui, the 12 participant countries resolved a number of issues and built consensus for a path forward on those issues which remain unsettled. Negotiators made substantial progress on rules related to financial services, state-owned enterprises (SOEs), legal issues, and trade in industrial goods, agriculture, and textiles. There was also substantial progress on intellectual property issues, where many previously-outstanding issues were resolved to the satisfaction of all parties after years of negotiations. There was also substantial progress on market access for goods, services, investment, and government procurement. Negotiators took significant steps toward completing an investment chapter that ensures that Americans do not face unfair discrimination when doing business abroad, while including safeguards that ensure our ability to continue to regulate in the U.S. public interest. Below are some excerpts from the USTR posting:

Trade in Goods : ***

At the recent Ministerial meeting, negotiators made progress toward:

- Eliminating tariffs, and other duties and charges on trade between each TPP country and the United States on the broadest possible basis, taking into account the need to obtain competitive opportunities for U.S. exports while addressing U.S. import sensitivities;
- Eliminating non-tariff barriers to U.S. exports, including permit and licensing barriers on agricultural and other products, restrictive administration of tariff-rate quotas, unjustified trade restrictions that affect new U.S. technologies, including biotechnology, and other trade restrictive measures;
- Disciplining state trading enterprises, state-owned enterprises and designated monopolies, as appropriate, to enhance transparency and eliminate market distortions;
- Reaffirming WTO commitments on sanitary and phytosanitary (SPS) measures and avoiding any SPS restrictions that are not based on science;
- Reaffirming WTO commitments on technical barriers to trade (TBT) and avoiding any unjustified TBT measures;
- Obtaining fully reciprocal access to TPP country markets and more open conditions of trade for U.S. textile and apparel products; and
- Ensuring that no commitments would require changes to U.S. antidumping and countervailing duty laws and practices or diminish the U.S. ability to effectively enforce those laws.

Customs Matters, Rules of Origin, and Enforcement Cooperation ***

At the recent Ministerial meeting, negotiators made progress toward:

- Establishing rules of origin, procedures for applying these rules, and provisions to address circumvention that ensure that preferential duty rates under the TPP Agreement apply only to goods eligible to receive such treatment, without creating unnecessary obstacles to trade; and
- Securing terms for cooperative efforts with the TPP countries regarding enforcement of customs rules and related issues, including in the areas of trade in textiles and apparel and agricultural products of concern.

Trade in Services ***

At the recent Ministerial meeting, negotiators made progress toward:

- Expanding market opportunities for U.S. services, as well as reducing barriers to international trade in services;

- Securing commitments from TPP countries to improve transparency and predictability in their respective regulatory procedures, specialized disciplines for financial services, and additional disciplines for telecommunications and other sectors; and
- Pursuing a comprehensive approach to market access, including improvements in access to the telecommunications and financial services sectors, as well as addressing the operation of any designated monopolies or state enterprises related to services or investment.

Investment ***

At the recent Ministerial meeting, negotiators made progress toward:

- Establishing rules that reduce or eliminate artificial or trade-distorting barriers to U.S. investment in TPP countries;
- Securing for U.S. investors in TPP countries important rights comparable to those that would be available under U.S. legal principles and practices, while ensuring that TPP country investors in the United States are not accorded greater substantive rights with respect to investment protections than U.S. investors in the United States;
- Ensuring that U.S. investors receive treatment as favorable as that accorded to domestic or other foreign investors in TPP countries and addressing unjustified barriers to the establishment and operation of U.S. investments in TPP countries; and
- Providing and maintaining procedures to resolve disputes between U.S. investors and the TPP countries that are in keeping with the goals of expeditious, fair, and transparent dispute settlement.

Digital Trade in Goods and Services and Cross-Border Data Flows ***

At the recent Ministerial meeting, negotiators made progress toward:

- Establishing requirements that support a single, global Internet, including ensuring cross-border data flows, consistent with governments' legitimate interest in protecting privacy;
- Establishing rules against localization requirements that force businesses to place computer infrastructure in each market in which they seek to operate, rather than allowing them to offer services from network centers that make business sense; and
- Securing commitments to provide reasonable network access for telecommunications suppliers through interconnection and access to physical facilities.

Intellectual Property ***

At the recent Ministerial meeting, negotiators made progress toward:

- Establishing standards to be applied in TPP countries that build on the foundations established in the WTO Agreement on Trade-Related Aspects of Intellectual Property Rights and other international intellectual property agreements, such as the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) Copyright Treaty, the WIPO Performances and Phonograms Treaty, and the Patent Cooperation Treaty;
- Securing fair, equitable, and nondiscriminatory market access opportunities for U.S. persons that rely on intellectual property protection;
- Establishing strong protections for patents, trademarks, copyrights, and trade secrets, including safeguards against cyber theft of trade secrets;
- Securing strong and fair enforcement rules to protect against trademark counterfeiting and copyright piracy, including rules allowing increased penalties in cases where counterfeit or pirated goods threaten consumer health or safety; and

- Providing strong protection for new and emerging technologies and new methods of transmitting and distributing products embodying intellectual property, including in a manner that facilitates legitimate digital trade
- Securing pharmaceutical IP provisions that promote innovation and the development of new, lifesaving medicines, create opportunities for robust generic drug competition, and ensure affordable access to medicines, taking into account levels of development among the TPP countries and their existing laws and international commitments;
- Rules that promote transparency and due process with respect to trademarks and geographical indications;

Government Procurement ***

At the recent Ministerial meeting, negotiators made progress toward:

- Expanding market access opportunities for U.S. goods, services, and suppliers of goods and services in the government procurement markets of the TPP countries.

Competition and State-Owned Enterprises (SOEs) ***

At the recent ministerial meeting, negotiators made progress toward:

- Establishing new and enforceable rules to ensure commercial SOEs do not cause harm to competitors as a result of subsidies or other advantages they receive from government owners or other SOEs; and
- Establishing new and enforceable rules to ensure that commercial SOEs operate on the basis of commercial considerations and do not discriminate against U.S. goods and services in their commercial purchases or sales.

Labor ***

At the recent Ministerial meeting, negotiators made progress toward:

- Obtaining appropriate and enforceable commitments from each TPP country with respect to internationally recognized labor rights, including child labor rights, and effectively enforcing their respective labor laws concerning those rights; and
- Establishing procedures for consultations and cooperative activities to strengthen the capacity to TPP countries, as appropriate, to promote respect for internationally recognized labor rights, including the principles embodied in the ILO Declaration on Fundamental Principles and Rights at Work and ILO Convention 182 on the Worst Forms of Child Labor.

Environment ***

At the recent Ministerial meeting, negotiators made progress toward:

- Obtaining appropriate and enforceable commitments from each TPP country to effectively enforce their environmental laws and undertake implementation of specific multilateral environmental agreements; and
- Encouraging conservation and obtaining commitments to help reduce threats to sustainable development, including the use of sustainable fisheries management systems and sustainable forest management.

Transparency, Anti-Corruption, and Regulatory Coherence ***

At the recent ministerial meeting, negotiators made progress toward:

- Securing commitments to make each TPP country's administration of its trade and investment regime more transparent and pursuing rules that will permit timely and meaningful public comment before a TPP country adopts trade and investment-related measures.

Dispute Settlement ***

At the recent Ministerial meeting, negotiators made progress toward:

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- Establishing provisions that treat all disciplines in the Agreement equally with respect to access to the dispute settlement provisions of the agreement, including with respect to remedies;
- Establishing fair, transparent, timely, and effective procedures to settle disputes arising under the TPP; and
- Establishing penalties on parties that encourage compliance and are appropriate in nature, subject matter, and scope to the violation.

Development and Capacity-Building ***

At the recent Ministerial meeting, negotiators made progress toward:

- Promoting capacity building and assistance by the United States and other developed TPP countries in order to aid developing TPP countries with implementation of trade commitments and obligations.

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
08-09-15	2015/052 Registration of operations that breed Appendix-I animal species in captivity for commercial purposes
14-09-15	2015/053 Sixty-sixth meeting of the Standing Committee
15-09-15	2015/054 Seventeenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties – Financial support for the Sponsored Delegates Project
	• Annex: Application Form for Financial Assistance
28-09-15	2015/055 Lao People's Democratic Republic – Withdrawal of a recommendation to suspend trade
	2015/056 Checklist of CITES species and Species+: Web services now available to pull data from the Checklist of CITES Species and Species+

The Americas - Central America

Nicaragua

Nicaraguan Classification Resolutions (Customs Rulings)

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

Documents

CT = Technical Circular

Date	Series and №	Subject
03-09-15	CT 090-2015	Changes In Tariff System (SAC), applicable to Nicaragua, according to Resolution No. 367-2015 (COMIECO LXXII).
04-09-15	CT 092-2015	Changes In Tariff System (SAC), applicable to Nicaragua
	CT 106-2015	Modification of the Traveler's Declaration Form.
22-09-15	CT 107-2015	Simplified Procedure For Temporary Parts, Spare Parts And Accessories Of International Transport Aircraft Passengers And Cargo.

Panama

Official Gazette

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

Publication Date	Title
03-09-15	Health: Resolution No. 390 (24 Aug. 2015) Implements new provisions for health registration of information on carriers must be added to the insert (leaflet) and monographs (sheets) of medicines for human use
	Economy and Finance: Resolution No. 201-14821 (28 Aug. 2015) Amending resolution no. 201-4425 of 20 march 2015, which is regulated by the delegation of signatures of resolutions grantee purchase and sale of alcohol, signing resolutions renew permits to purchase and sale of alcohol and resolutions on physical custody and placement security seals. and signing resolutions relating to the export of tobacco
28-09-15	Trade and Industry: Resolution № 25 (19 Aug. 2015) Designating members of the Commission for International Trade Negotiations
	Health: Resolution № 1661 (8 Sept. 2015) Approving and adopting five pictograms which must be printed on packages of snuff and cigarette packs when marketed in Panamanian territory.

Food Safety Standards

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

Publication Date	AUPSA-DINAN № and Date	Food and Origin
02-09-15	017-2015 18-05-15	Importing oranges (<i>citrus sinensis</i>) fresh, for human consumption and / or processing, originating In Israel.
25-09-15	039-2015 20-07-15	phytosanitary requirements for the import of mango (<i>mangifera indica</i>) fresh, for human consumption and / or processing originating in Brazil.

The Americas - North America

Canada

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
09-19-15	Environment: Order 2015-87-10-02 Amending the Non-domestic Substances List pursuant to subsections 87(1) and (5) of the Canadian Environmental Protection Act, 1999
23-09-15	Environment: Order 2015-87-10-01 Amending the Domestic Substances List (SOR/2015-216, Sept. 10, 2015) pursuant to the Canadian Environmental Protection Act, 1999

CBSA advance rulings

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

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

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
09-02-15	D8-2-11	Revised	Goods Returning to Canada After Being Altered or Worked on Outside Canada
09-03-15	D20-1-1	Revised	Export Reporting
09-08-15	D17-2-3	Revised	Importer Name/Account Number or Business Number Changes
	D14-1-8	Revised	Re-investigation Policy – Special Import Measures Act (SIMA)
	D8-2-10	Revised	Goods Returning to Canada Having Been Repaired Outside of Canada
	D8-2-26	Revised	Goods Returned After Repair or Alteration in the United States, Mexico, Chile, Israel or Another CIFTA Beneficiary, Colombia, Costa Rica, Peru, Jordan or Panama
	D8-2-4	Revised	Canadian Goods Abroad Program – Emergency Repairs
	D8-1-9	Revised	Application of the Imported Demonstration Aircraft Remission Order
09-16-15	D19-7-2	Revised	Requirements Concerning the Importation and Exportation of Ozone-depleting Substances and Products
	D8-2-5	Revised	Application of the Foreign Aircraft Servicing Equipment Remission Order
09-17-15	D13-4-5	Revised	Transaction Value Method for Related Persons
09-18-15	D4-3-7	Revised	Duty Free Shop – Contraventions and Penalties
09-22-15	D4-3-5	Revised	Duty Free Shop – Inventory Control and Sales Requirements
09-24-15	D14-1-3	Revised	Re-determinations and Appeals Under the Special Import Measures Act
	D8-3-7	Revised	Administration of the Printed Material for Foreign Carriers Remission Order
	D2-5-2	Revised	Facilities for Passengers Transiting at Canadian International Airports
09-25-15	D10-0-2	New	Punctuation in the Customs Tariff
09-28-15	D3-4-2	Revised	Highway Pre-arrival and Reporting Requirements
09-29-15	D17-1-1	Revised	Documentation Requirements for Commercial Shipments

Antidumping and countervailing duty cases

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

Mexico

Diario Oficial

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

Publication Date	Title
09-01-15	Economy: Acuerdo amending the Acuerdo establishing the classification and codification of goods and products whose import, export, or output inpatient care is subject to regulation by the Ministry of Health.
09-01-15	Economy: Resolution modifying paragraphs 2, subsection 4.1.1 b) and 4.3.1 of the Official Mexican Standard NOM-004-SCFI-2006, Commercial Information-Labelling of textiles, clothing, clothing accessories and house clothing, published on June 21, 2006 and its amendment published on December 23, 2011
09-07-15	Economy: Notice of extension of validity on the occasion of the expedition for the second time of the Emergency Norma Oficial Mexicana NOM-EM-015-SCFI-2015. Products: Terminal equipment connected or interconnected via a wireline network access to a public telecommunications.
09-09-15	Health: Proposed Official Mexican Standard NOM-059-SSA1- 2015, Good Manufacturing Practices for drugs
	Health: Draft Mexican Official Standard NOM-164-SSA1- 2015, Good Manufacturing Practices for pharmaceuticals
09-15-15	Economy: Acuerdo which discloses Decision No. 80 of the Administrative Committee of the Free Trade Agreement between the United Mexican States and the Republic of Colombia, adopted on August 4, 2015
09-23-15	Economy: Resolution disclosing the names and numbers holders Programs Industry Manufacturing, Maquiladora and Export Services that have been canceled.
	Economy: List of measuring instruments whose initial, regular or extraordinary verification is mandatory, as well as applicable rules for its conduct.
09-28-15	Economy: Notice disclosing for the month of September 2015, updating the amount of the maximum quota for exporting sugar to the United States, during the period from 1 October 2015 to 30 September 2016
09-29-15	Economy: Acuerdo amending the Acuerdo in which the Secretary of Economy issues rules and criteria of a general character regarding foreign Trade
09-30-15	Hacienda: Fourth Resolution modifying the General Rules of Foreign Trade for 2015 and its annexes 1, 14, 22, 27 and 30.

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; W=WITHDRAWAL. PLEASE NOTE: MEETINGS WHICH HAVE ALREADY TAKEN PLACE ARE GENERALLY NOT LISTED.]

Presidential documents

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

Date	Subject
09-11-15	Notice of September 10, 2015 - Continuation of the National Emergency With Respect to Certain Terrorist Attacks
09-16-15	Presidential Determination No. 2015-11 - Continuation of the Exercise of Certain Authorities Under the Trading With the Enemy Act
09-21-15	Presidential Determination No. 2015-12 of September 14, 2015 – Presidential Determination on Major Drug Transit or Major Illicit Drug Producing Countries for Fiscal Year 2016
09-22-15	Notice of September 18, 2015 - Continuation of the National Emergency With Respect to Persons Who Commit, Threaten to Commit, or Support Terrorism

President continues national emergency with respect to those who commit, threaten or support terrorism

On September 22, 2015, the *Federal Register* published Presidential [Notice of September 18, 2015 - Continuation of the National Emergency With Respect to Persons Who Commit, Threaten to Commit, or Support Terrorism](#) which extends for an additional year the national emergency first declared on September 23, 2001, by Executive Order 13224, to deal with the unusual and extraordinary threat to the national security, foreign policy, and economy of the United States constituted by the grave acts of terrorism and threats of terrorism committed by foreign terrorists, including the terrorist attacks on September 11, 2001, in New York and Pennsylvania and against the Pentagon, and the continuing and immediate threat of further attacks against United States nationals or the United States.

President continues certain authorities under the TWEA

On September 16, 2015, the *Federal Register* published [Presidential Determination No. 2015-11 - Continuation of the Exercise of Certain Authorities Under the Trading With the Enemy Act](#), which continues for an additional year certain authorities, as implemented by the *Cuban Assets Control Regulations*, 31 C.F.R. Part 515, with respect to Cuba under the Trading With the Enemy Act that were scheduled to terminate on September 14, 2015.

President continues national emergency for certain terrorist attacks

On September 11, 2015, the *Federal Register* published Presidential [Notice of September 10, 2015—Continuation of the National Emergency With Respect to Certain Terrorist Attacks](#), which extends for an additional year the national emergency first declared on September 14, 2001, in Proclamation 7463, with respect to the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001, and the continuing and immediate threat of further attacks on the United States.

USTR seeks comments for 2015 Notorious Markets List

On September 10, 2015, the Office of the United States Trade Representative (USTR) published in the *Federal Register* a [notice](#) [Docket No. USTR–2015–0016] requesting comments from the public identifying Internet and physical markets based outside the United States that should be included in the 2015 Notorious Markets List. In 2010, USTR began publishing the Notorious Markets List separately from the annual Special 301 Report as an “Out-of-Cycle Review.” The Notorious Markets List (List) identifies online and physical marketplaces that reportedly engage in and facilitate substantial copyright piracy and trademark counterfeiting.

The deadline for interested parties to submit written comments is 11:59 p.m. (EDT) on October 5, 2015. Interested parties who wish to provide rebuttal or other information to be considered during the review may do so through this docket until 11:59 p.m. (EDT) on October 12, 2015.

IPEC seeks comments for Joint Strategic Plan on IP Enforcement

On September 1, 2015, the Office of the U.S. Intellectual Property Enforcement Coordinator (IPEC), Executive Office of the President, published in the *Federal Register* a [request for written submissions](#) from the public to aid in developing its third Joint Strategic Plan on Intellectual Property Enforcement (Joint Strategic Plan'), which will cover the 3-year period of 2016–2019. By committing to common goals, the U.S. Government will more effectively and efficiently be able to combat intellectual property infringement.

IPEC was established by title III of the *Prioritizing Resources and Organization for Intellectual Property Act of 2008*, Public Law 110–403 (the “PRO IP Act”; see 15 U.S.C. 8111–8116). Pursuant to the PRO IP Act, IPEC is charged with developing, with certain Federal departments and agencies, a Joint Strategic Plan for submission to Congress every three years. In carrying out this mandate, IPEC chairs two interagency committees: (1) The Intellectual Property Enforcement Advisory Committee and (2) the Senior Intellectual Property Enforcement Advisory Committee..

The prior 3-year Joint Strategic Plans were issued in 2010 and 2013. To assist the IPEC and Federal agencies in its preparation of the third 3-year plan (for 2016–2019), IPEC requests input and recommendations from the public for improving the U.S. Government’s intellectual property enforcement efforts.

Submissions must be received on or before October 16, 2015.

USITC institutes investigation for WTO “green” goods agreement

On September 3, 2015, the U.S. International Trade Commission (USITC) published in the *Federal Register* a [notice](#) announcing that Following receipt of a request dated August 20, 2015 (received August 21, 2015) from the United States Trade Representative (USTR) under section 131 of the *Trade Act of 1974* (19 U.S.C. 2151), the U.S. International Trade Commission (USITC) instituted investigation No. TA–131–040, *WTO Environmental Goods Trade Negotiations: Advice on the Probable Economic Effect of Providing Duty-Free Treatment, Second List of Articles*.

As requested by the USTR, the USITC will, pursuant to section 131 of the Trade Act of 1974, provide a report containing its advice as to the probable economic effect of providing duty-free treatment for imports of these additional potential products (as identified in the list attached to the USTR’s letter) from all U.S. trading partners on (i) industries in the United States producing like or directly competitive products, and (ii) consumers. As requested, the report will provide analysis for each of the additional potential products for which U.S. tariffs remain, taking into account implementation of U.S. commitments in the WTO. The USITC’s advice will be based on the U.S. tariff nomenclature in effect during 2015 and trade data for 2014. As requested, the USITC will provide its report to the USTR by December 4, 2015.

The notice sets forth the deadlines for filing requests to appear at the hearing and for filing briefs and statements.

USITC proposes to amend its Rules of Practice

On September 24, 2015, the USITC published in the *Federal Register* a [notice of proposed rulemaking](#) to amend its *Rules of Practice and Procedure* (in 19 C.F.R. Parts 201 and 210) concerning rules of general application, adjudication, and enforcement. The amendments are necessary to make certain technical corrections, to clarify certain provisions, to harmonize different parts of the USITC's rules, and to address concerns that have arisen in USITC practice. The intended effect of the proposed amendments is to facilitate compliance with the USITC's Rules and improve the administration of agency proceedings.

To be assured of consideration, written comments must be received by 5:15 p.m. November 23, 2015.

USITC investigations

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

Investigation. No. and title	Requested by:
Inv. No. TA-131-040 WTO Environmental Goods Trade Negotiations: Advice on the Probable Economic Effect of Providing Duty- Free Treatment, Second List of Articles (I/H)	USTR
Inv. 332-552: Overview of Cuban Imports of Goods and Services and Effects of U.S. Restrictions (Expansion of scope; extension of deadline)	Senate Finance Committee
Inv. No. 332-227 Caribbean Basin Economic Recovery Act: Impact on U.S. Industries and Consumers and on Beneficiary Countries, Twenty-second Report, 2013-14 (USITC Pub. 4567) (R)	Statutory

ICE/HSI, CBP collaborate on textile fraud training

On September 4, 2015, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) posted a [news release](#) that indicated that personnel from ICE's Homeland Security Investigations (HSI) and U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) gathered to receive key training in the prevention of textile trade fraud that threatens the U.S. economy, restricts the competitiveness of U.S. industry and endangers the health and safety of the American public. The release stated:

The special agents from HSI and the import specialists from CBP graduated to members of Textile Production Verification Teams (TPVT), elite groups of individuals who deploy to foreign textile factories that export goods to the United States, in order to verify production and manufacturing capabilities.

The class received guidance from HSI's International Operations office on preparations for deployments and rules and regulations to follow overseas. They received instruction on how to interview personnel at foreign factories and how to properly analyze and review regulatory documents. And, industry representatives briefed the agents and specialists on why trade enforcement is critical.

"U.S. customs authorities enforce trade regulations by issuing penalties, refusing shipments and seizing goods, but they're not effective without the agents and officers on the ground," said Assistant Commissioner Brenda Smith, who leads CBP's Office of International Trade.

Smith noted there is language in trade agreements that allow HSI and CBP to visit foreign textile factories to ensure proper regulations are being followed.

HSI agents and CBP officers visit around 10 foreign countries and inspect hundreds of factories every year as part of the TPVT program. Findings of impropriety are reported back to analysts and program managers at headquarters so that appropriate measures can be taken in the field and at ports and mailing facilities.

The National Intellectual Property Rights Coordination Center, a task-force agency that responds to intellectual property theft and enforces international trade laws, created the three-day training and hosted agents and officers who came from across the country. HSI's Trade Enforcement Unit is stationed at the IPR Center and develops operations into trade crimes that present safety violations, counter U.S. economic interests and circumvent import duties.

CBP sets COAC meeting for Oct. 29, 2015 in Washington

On September 30, 2015, CBP published in the *Federal Register* a [notice](#) announcing that the Advisory Committee on Commercial Operations to U.S. Customs and Border Protection (COAC) [a Federal Advisory Committee] will meet on October 29, 2015 at the International Trade Commission building, in Courtroom B, 500 E Street, SW, Washington, DC 20436 in Washington, DC. The meeting will be open to the public. Meeting participants may attend either in person or via webinar after preregistering using a method indicated in the *Federal Register* notice.

To facilitate public participation, CBP is inviting public comment on the issues to be considered by the committee prior to the formulation of recommendations as listed below.

COAC will hear from the following subcommittees on the topics listed below and then will review, deliberate, provide observations, and formulate recommendations on how to proceed on those topics:

1. The Trade Modernization Subcommittee will discuss the progress of the Center of Excellence and Expertise (CEE) Working Group which is addressing the topics of uniformity and levels of service across all of the CEEs. The subcommittee will also discuss the formation of two new working groups, the International Engagement & Trade Facilitation Working Group and the Future Role of Global Supply Chain Parties Working Group.
2. The Global Supply Chain Subcommittee will discuss recommendations related to the use of electronic cargo security devices and their impact on CBP operations. The Pipeline Working Group will provide recommendations pertaining to clear definitions on in-transit pipeline movements and related topics. The subcommittee will also discuss Customs – Trade Partnership Against Terrorism (C-TPAT), land ports of entry (Canada and Mexico), ocean cargo, in-transit movements and the Air Cargo Advance Screening pilot (ACAS).
3. The Exports Subcommittee Manifest Working Group will continue its review of the Federal Register Notices for the Air and Ocean Export Manifest Cargo Tests, and further discuss one of the elements developed from the COAC export mapping exercise, the Progressive Filing Model and Air Environment. The Exports Subcommittee will provide recommendations stemming from the reviews.
4. The One U.S. Government Subcommittee will discuss progress of the Automated Commercial Environment (ACE) Single Window effort and the COAC recommendations. The subcommittee will provide input on trade readiness and partner government agencies' readiness for the upcoming November 1, 2015, ACE implementation of Single Window. There will also be an update from the North American Single Window Vision Working Group. In addition, the Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) and the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) will provide updates on previous COAC recommendations.
5. The Trade Enforcement and Revenue Collection Subcommittee will discuss the establishment of the 14th Term Intellectual Property Rights Working Group, the Trade

Enforcement Vision Working Group, and progress made on the Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Working Group.

6. The Trusted Trader Subcommittee will report on the Trusted Trader Pilot and discussions on the implementation of the second phase for testing U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) and partner government agency trade benefits.

Meeting materials will be available by October 26, 2015, at:

<http://www.cbp.gov/trade/stakeholder-engagement/coac/coac-public-meetings>.

CBP issues final IPR disclosure regulations

On September 17, 2015, CBP published in the *Federal Register* a [final rule](#) [Docket No. USCBP-2012-0011; CBP Dec. 15-12], which adopts with changes, interim amendments to the CBP regulations (77 Fed. Reg. 24375) pertaining to importations of merchandise bearing suspected counterfeit trademarks or trade names that are recorded with CBP. Specifically, the amendments allow CBP, for the purpose of obtaining assistance in determining whether merchandise bears a counterfeit mark, to disclose to a trademark or other mark owner information appearing on merchandise or its retail packaging that may otherwise be protected by the *Trade Secrets Act*.

This final rule also amends the CBP regulations to further enhance information-sharing procedures by requiring CBP to release to the importer an unredacted sample or image of the suspect merchandise or its retail packaging any time after presentation of the suspect goods for examination. This change is to reflect that an importer may not have complete information about the marks appearing on imported goods, and release of such unredacted information will assist the importer in providing CBP with a meaningful response to a detention notice. The amendments in this final rule also require CBP to release limited importation information to the mark owner no later than the time of issuance of the detention notice to the importer, rather than within 30 business days from the date of detention. Finally, these amendments require CBP to notify the mark owner that use of any information otherwise protected by the *Trade Secrets Act* that is disclosed by CBP to the mark owner is for the limited purpose of assisting CBP. The final rule is effective on October 19, 2015.

CBP to test ACE Export Manifest for Rail Cargo

On September 9, 2015, CBP published in the *Federal Register* a [general notice](#) announcing that CBP plans to conduct the Automated Commercial Environment (ACE) Export Manifest for Rail Cargo Test, a National Customs Automation Program (NCAP) test concerning ACE export manifest capability. The ACE Export Manifest for Rail Cargo Test is a voluntary test in which participants agree to submit export manifest data electronically at least 2 hours prior to loading of the cargo onto the rail car in preparation for departure from the United States or, for empty rail cars, upon assembly of the train. CBP regulations do not require carriers to submit a manifest for export rail shipments. This notice provides a description of the test, sets forth eligibility requirements for participation, and invites public comment on any aspect of the test.

The test will begin no earlier than October 9, 2015 and will run for approximately two years. CBP is accepting applications for participation in this planned test until CBP has received applications from nine parties that meet all test participant requirements. Comments concerning this notice and all aspects of the announced test may be submitted at any time during the test period.

NHTSA to allow importers to provide information to CBP electronically

On September 2, 2015, the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) published in the *Federal Register* an [interim final rule](#) [Docket No. NHTSA-2015-0076] that amends NHTSA's regulation on the importation of motor vehicles and motor vehicle equipment subject to Federal safety, bumper and theft prevention standards by allowing importers to provide information to CBP in either electronic or paper format. Presently, certain regulatory provisions require importers to provide documentation or information in a "written statement" or in ways that imply the submission of a paper document, including the phrases "in duplicate," "a copy of," a "document," and "accompanied by a statement." Over the course of the coming months, CBP plans to allow importers to file importation information in paper format only or electronic format only. To allow importers to choose their preferred format for filing information required by NHTSA, the agency is amending its importation regulations to specify that importers have the option to file all required information electronically, in addition to the paper option currently available.

The *Federal Register* document is being issued as an interim final rule to provide timely assistance to importers by allowing alternative methods of filing with CBP the importation information required by NHTSA. The amendments in this interim final rule do not create any new rights or obligations, nor impose any new reporting requirements. NHTSA requests comments on the rule and will publish a notice responding to comments received, if any, and will amend provisions of the regulation if appropriate.

The interim final rule was effective on publication. Comments are due no later than October 2, 2015.

Miscellaneous CBP Federal Register documents

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

F.R. Date	Subject
09-02-15	DHS: Privacy Act of 1974; Department of Homeland Security U.S. Customs and Border Protection—DHS/CBP—020 Export Information System (EIS) System of Records [Docket No. DHS—2015—0054] (N)
09-24-15	Accreditation and Approval of Amspec Services, LLC, as a Commercial Gauger and Laboratory (N) [New Haven, CT]
	Accreditation and Approval of Saybolt LP as a Commercial Gauger and Laboratory (N) [Texas City, TX]
09-30-15	Approval of SGS North America, Inc., as a Commercial Gauger (N) [Baton Rouge, LA]
	Accreditation and Approval of Camin Cargo Control, Inc., as a Commercial Gauger and Laboratory (N) [Linden, NJ]

CBP signs CMAA with Gabon

On September 3, 2015, CBP [announced](#) that the United States signed a *Customs Mutual Assistance Agreement* (CMAA) with Gabon on August 27, 2015 marking a significant milestone in collaboration on security and trade facilitation between the two countries. CBP International Affairs Assistant Commissioner Charles E. Stallworth, II signed the agreement on behalf of the United States and the Cus-

toms and Indirect Duties Director General Michel Ondinga Nguengoué signed on behalf of Gabon. The U.S.-Gabon CMAA was signed in Libreville, Gabon. The announcement said that -

The United States has now signed 76 CMAAs with other customs administrations across the world. CMAAs are bilateral agreements between countries and enforced by their respective customs administrations (for the United States this is CBP and U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement). They provide the legal framework for the exchange of information and evidence to assist countries in the enforcement of customs laws, including duty evasion, trafficking, proliferation, money laundering, and terrorism-related activities. CMAAs also serve as foundational documents for subsequent information sharing arrangements, including mutual recognition arrangements on authorized economic operator programs.

CBP issues final determinations in procurement cases

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

F.R. Date	Ruling Reference (Date Issued) and Product	Country of Origin
09-22-15	HQ H261693 (September 16, 2015) Solar panel modules manufactured in Korea and Poland	Malaysia or Korea (where solar cells are from)
09-24-15	HQ H265712 (September 18, 2015) Acetonitrile	Country of origin of the crude acetonitrile

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
09-01-15	15-000646	Update to PO Status Notification CATAIR document
	15-000647	ACE 03 Entry Summaries -Not Appearing on Statements in August 2015
	15-000648	The CBP Portal access issue reported on 8/30/2015 has been Resolved
09-02-15	15-000649	Updated ACE DEV and DEP Schedule and PGA Documentation Available on CBP.gov/ACE
	15-000650	ABI Software Vendor List Available on CBP.GOV
09-03-15	15-000651	Scheduled Weekly ACE CERTIFICATION Outage, Thursday, September 3, 2015
	15-000652	ACE Certification Environment Now Available!
	15-000653	Updated USDA APHIS ACE PGA Message Set Adapted Data Element Record Layout (Core) V4.6
	15-000654	ACE Certification Outage Tonight, September 3, 2015
09-04-15	15-000655	Request for Additional PGA Pilot Participants
	15-000656	ACE Certification Outage today, September 4, 2015
	15-000657	Automated Commercial Environment / Automated Export System Export Reports Webinar
	15-000658	ACE Reports Issue - September 4, 2015
	15-000659	FDA Soliciting Feedback on Upcoming Sampling Assignments

Date	CSMS#	Title
	15-000660	Weekly ACE Production Outage beginning September 5, 2015
	15-000661	ACE Certification Now Available
09-05-15	15-000662	ACE Reports Issue Has Been Resolved - September 5, 2015
09-07-15	15-000663	Unexpected ACE Outage
	15-000664	ACE is Available
09-08-15	15-000665	ACE Certification Outage Today 9/8/2015
	15-000666	ACE Certification Environment Now Available!
09-09-15	15-000667	ACE ABI CATAIR Document Posted to CBP.GOV - ACH Payment Authorization (PN)
	15-000668	Scheduled ACE Certification Outage 9/10/2015
	15-000669	ACE Production Outage 9/10/2015
	15-000670	ACE Export Manifest for Rail Cargo NCAP Test
09-10-15	15-000671	ACE Export Manifest for Rail Cargo NCAP Test
	15-000672	ACE Certification Environment Now Available!
	15-000673	CBP and Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) PGA Pilot Webinar
	15-000674	Scheduled ACE Certification Outage Today September 10, 2015 at 17:00PM ET
09-11-15	15-000675	Network issues affecting ACE
	15-000676	FDA Guidance for Products from Tianjin, CN
	15-000677	Continued Network Issues Affecting ACE
	15-000678	Scheduled ACE Certification Outage Today September 11, 2015 at 17:00PM ET
	15-000679	ACE Air Manifest reverting to AMS selectivity for conditional release of Cargo
	15-000680	Weekly ACE Production Outage beginning September 12, 2015
09-12-15	15-000681	FDA Addition of New and End-Dated Product Codes for Center for Tobacco Products
09-12-15	15-000682	Resolved - Network issue impacting ACE has been resolved
09-14-15	15-000683	Update to Appendix PGA document
	15-000684	ACE Certification Outage Today September 14, 2015
	15-000685	Updates to PE/PX CATAIR document
	15-000686	Air Manifest In-bond create issue
	15-000687	ACE ABI CATAIR Document Posted to CBP.Gov - Daily Statement
09-15-15	15-000688	Correction to CSMS 15-000676 FDA Guidance for Products from Tianjin, CN
	15-000689	Air Manifest Deployment Tuesday, September 15, 2015 at 6:30PM ET
	15-000690	ACE Cargo Release Chapter Updated
	15-000691	CBP Seeking Entry Filers for NHTSA Pilot
09-16-15	15-000692	Request for Participants: Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) Trade Working Group
	15-000693	ACE Certification Outage today, September 16,2015 at 1600 ET
	15-000694	ACE Production Outage Today September 16, 2015 1930PM ET
09-17-15	15-000695	Updated USDA APHIS Lacey Act CATAIR MS Instr. V2.9.1 & Lacey Act Dec. ACE Samples V2.9.1
	15-000696	Updated ATF Supplemental Guidance for ACE V1.8, September 10, 2015
	15-000697	Updated ATF Supplemental Guidance for ACE V1.8, September 10, 2015
	15-000698	ACE System Failures in ACE Production
09-18-15	15-000699	Weekly ACE Production Outage beginning September 19, 2015
	15-000700	RESOLVED - ACE System Failures In ACE Production
09-20-15	15-000701	ACE Production Outage will extend beyond 5am on 9/20/2015
	15-000702	ACE is estimated to be available by 0630 Eastern Time on 9/20/2015
	15-000703	ACE is Available - ACE Production System Maintenance has Completed
	15-000704	AES received ACE System Failure messages immediately after

Date	CSMS#	Title
		the outage
09-21-15	15-000705	Reminder: Request for Participants - Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) Trade Working
09-22-15	15-000706	FDA Prior Notice Contingency Scenario 1 on September 22, 2015
	15-000707	MQ Issues Affecting Trade Partners
	15-000708	ACE System Failure Resolved
	15-000709	UPDATE - MQ Issues Affecting Trade Partners
	15-000710	ACE SYSTEM FAILURES
	15-000711	FDA Prior Notice Contingency Scenario 1 Ended on September 22, 2015
	15-000712	Resolved - ACE System Failures
09-23-15	15-000713	Updated AMS CATAIR Guidelines V1.2, August 18, 2015
	15-000714	Updated AMS CATAIR Guidelines V1.2, August 18, 2015
	15-000715	ACE Production Outage Today September 23, 2015 1930PM ET
	15-000716	ACE Certification Outage Thursday, September 24, 2015 at 0600am ET
09-24-15	15-000717	Updated TTb PGA Message Set 7.1 Filing Instructions
	15-000718	Updated TTb PGA Message Set 7.1 Filing Instructions
	15-000719	ACE Certification Environment Is Now Available
	15-000720	ACE Production Outage Today September 24, 2015 1930PM ET
	15-000721	Cancelled - ACE Production Outage Today September 24, 2015 1930PM ET
09-25-15	15-000722	ACE Certification Outage, Today, September 25, 2015
	15-000723	ACE Production Outage Today September 25, 2015 1930PM ET
	15-000724	Weekly ACE Production Outage beginning September 26, 2015
	15-000725	Correction: ACE Production Outage Today September 25, 2015 1930PM ET
09-28-15	15-000726	ERR/199 Call CBP For Explanation
	15-000727	ACE Production Deployment today September 28, 2015 6:00pm EST
	15-000728	Update Regarding September 26, 2015 Deployment
	15-000729	ACE Production Outage Today September 28, 2015 1930PM ET
	15-000730	ACE Production Outage Today, Tuesday, September 29, 2015
09-29-15	15-000731	Updated ACE Entry Summary Create-Updated AE-AX CATAIR
	15-000732	New ACE Export Webinar Recording and Presentation Slides Available on CBP.gov
	15-000733	August - September 2015 ACE Monthly Trade Update
09-30-15	15-000734	ACE Certification Outage Starting Today, September 30, 2015 at 1700 ET
	15-000735	ACE Production Outage tomorrow, Thursday, October 1, 2015 at 0630 ET
	15-000736	GO Messages Not Generated in Air Manifest

Foreign Trade Zones

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

F.R. Date	Document
09-02-15	Foreign-Trade Zone 182 – Fort Wayne, Indiana - Application for Reorganization (Expansion of Service Area) under Alternative Site Framework (B-56-2015)
09-10-15	FTZ 77—Memphis, Tennessee Application for Expansion of Subzone 77E; Cummins, Inc., Memphis, Tennessee [S-125-2015]
	FTZ 133—Quad-Cities, Iowa/Illinois; Notification of Proposed Production Activity; CNH Industrial America, LLC; Subzone 133E, (Agricultural and Construction Equipment, Subassemblies and Kits), Burlington and West Burlington, Iowa [B-58-2015]

F.R. Date	Document
	FTZ 265— Conroe, Texas: Notification of Proposed Production Activity: Bauer Manufacturing Inc. (Stationary Oil/Gas Drilling Rigs), Conroe, Texas [B-57-2015]
09-14-15	Authorization of Production Activity Foreign-Trade Subzone 29F Hitachi Automotive Systems Americas, Inc. (Automotive Battery Management Systems) Harrodsburg, Kentucky [B-34-2015] FTZ 44 – Mount Olive, New Jersey Authorization of Production Activity Robertet, Inc. (Fragrance Compounds) Mount Olive, New Jersey [B-31-2015] FTZ 29 – Louisville, Kentucky Notification of Proposed Production Activity Custom Quality Services (Liquor Kitting) Louisville, Kentucky [B-59-2015] FTZ 84 – Houston, Texas Notification of Proposed Production Activity Mitsubishi Caterpillar Forklift America Inc. (Forklift Trucks) Houston, Texas [B-60-2015]
09-21-15	FTZ 119 – Minneapolis-St. Paul, Minnesota Notification of Proposed Production Activity CNH Industrial America, LLC (Agricultural Equipment and Related Subassemblies and Attachments) Benson, Minnesota [B-61-2015] FTZ 54 – Clinton County, New York Authorization of Production Activity Swarovski Lighting, Ltd. (Lighting Fixtures and Parts) Plattsburgh, New York [B-35-2015] FTZ 82 -- Mobile, Alabama Application for Subzone Outokumpu Stainless USA, LLC Calvert, Alabama [B-62-2015]
09-25-15	FTZ 122 – Corpus Christi, Texas Authorization of Production Activity voestalpine Texas, LLC Subzone 122T (Hot Briquetted Iron) Portland, Texas [B-36-2015] FTZ 230 – Piedmont Triad Area, North Carolina Notification of Proposed Production Activity Deere-Hitachi Construction Machinery Corporation (Hydraulic Excavators) Kernersville, North Carolina [B-64-2015] FTZ 33 – Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania Notification of Proposed Production Activity DNP Imagingcomm America Corporation Subzone 33E (Thermal Transfer Ribbon Master Rolls) Mount Pleasant, Pennsylvania [B-63-2015]
09-29-15	FTZ 149 -- Freeport, Texas: Application for Expansion under Alternative Site Framework [B-65-2015]

State announces meeting for Defense Trade Advisory Group

On September 23, 2015, the Department of State published in the *Federal Register* a notice [Public Notice: 9281] announcing that the Defense Trade Advisory Group (DTAG) will meet in open session from 1 p.m. until 5 p.m. on Thursday, October 29, 2015 at 1777 F Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. Entry and registration will begin at 12:30 p.m. The membership of this advisory committee consists of private sector defense trade representatives, appointed by the Assistant Secretary of State for Political-Military Affairs, who advise the Department on policies, regulations, and technical issues affecting defense trade. The purpose of the meeting will be to discuss current defense trade issues and topics for further study.

The following agenda topics will be discussed: (1) Trade Compliance Process. Review of the current Voluntary Disclosure (VD) process and recommendations for possible improvements or changes (including analysis of how to address “administrative” VDs as distinguished from other VDs) while ensuring that foreign policy and national security interests are met; (2) Cyber Products. Review of “cyber products” and recommendations for which products, if any, should be included on the U.S. Munitions List, and potential impact on cyber products resulting from such export controls; (3) DTAG Structure and Operations. Examination of whether DTAG could function similar to the Commerce Department’s Technical Advisory Committees (TACs), how DTAG could interface with such TACs, and whether State, Commerce and the Department of Defense should establish an interagency defense trade advisory group; and (4) Export Control Reform (ECR)

status. Report on US industry views regarding licensing flexibilities and efficiencies (including availability of license exception, Strategic Trade Authorization), unintended consequences, and areas of potential improvements, resulting from the transfer of certain items from the jurisdiction of the *International Traffic in Arms Regulations* (US Munitions List) to the jurisdiction of the *Export Administration Regulations* (Commerce Control List).

Members of the public may attend this open session and will be permitted to participate in the discussion in accordance with the Chair's instructions. Members of the public may, if they wish, submit a brief statement to the committee in writing.

FinCEN proposes reporting requirement for investment advisors

On September 1, 2015, the Financial Crimes Enforcement Network (FinCEN), Treasury Department, published in the *Federal Register* a [notice of proposed rulemaking](#) to prescribe minimum standards for anti-money laundering programs (AML) to be established by certain investment advisers and to require such investment advisers to report suspicious activity to FinCEN pursuant to the *Bank Secrecy Act* (BSA). FinCEN is taking this action to regulate investment advisers that may be at risk for attempts by money launderers or terrorist financiers seeking access to the U.S. financial system through a financial institution type not required to maintain AML programs or file suspicious activity reports (SARs).

The investment advisers FinCEN proposes to cover by these rules are those registered or required to be registered with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC). FinCEN is also proposing to include investment advisers in the general definition of "financial institution" in rules implementing the BSA. Doing so would subject investment advisers to the BSA requirements generally applicable to financial institutions, including, for example, the requirements to file Currency Transaction Reports (CTRs) and to keep records relating to the transmittal of funds. Finally, FinCEN is proposing to delegate its authority to examine investment advisers for compliance with these requirements to the SEC.

Written comments on the notice of proposed rulemaking must be submitted on or before November 2, 2015.

State imposes non-proliferation sanctions on two North Korean entities

On September 24, 2015, the State Department published in the *Federal Register* a [notice](#) [Public Notice: 9285] announcing that a determination has been made that North Korean entities have engaged in activities that require the imposition of measures pursuant to the *Arms Export Control Act* (AECA), as amended, and the *Export Administration Act of 1979* (EAA), as amended (as carried out under Executive Order (EO) 13222 of August 17, 2001). The U.S. Government determined on September 11, 2015 that the following foreign persons have engaged in missile technology proliferation activities that require the imposition of the sanctions described in Sections 73(a)(2)(B) and (C) of the AECA [22 U.S.C. 2797b(a)(2)(B) and (C)] and Sections 11B(b)(1)(B)(ii) and (iii) of the EAA [50 U.S.C. app. 2410b(b)(1)(B)(ii) and (iii)] on these entities: Korea Mining and Development Corporation (KOMID) (North Korea) and its sub-units and successors. Hesong Trading Corporation (North Korea) and its sub-units and successors. Accordingly, the following sanctions are being imposed on these entities for two years:

(A) Denial of all new individual licenses for the transfer to the sanctioned entities of all items on the U.S. Munitions List and all items the export of which is controlled under the Export Administration Act;

(B) Denial of all U.S. Government contracts with the sanctioned entities; and

(C) Prohibition on the importation into the U.S. of all products produced by the sanctioned entities. With respect to items controlled pursuant to the Export Administration Act of 1979, the above export sanction only applies to exports made pursuant to individual export licenses.

Additionally, because North Korea is a country with a non-market economy that is not a former member of the Warsaw Pact (as referenced in the definition of “person” in section 74(8)(B) of the AECA), the following sanctions shall be applied for two years to all activities of the North Korean government relating to the development or production of missile equipment or technology and all activities of the North Korean government affecting the development or production of electronics, space systems or equipment, and military aircraft:

(A) Denial of all new individual licenses for the transfer to the government activities described above of all items on the U.S. Munitions List;

(B) Denial of all U.S. Government contracts with the government activities described above; and

(C) Prohibition on the importation into the U.S. of all products produced by the government activities described above.

These measures shall be implemented by the responsible departments and agencies of the United States Government as provided in EO 12851 of June 11, 1993.

In a separate [notice](#) [Public Notice: 9286] also published in the *Federal Register* on September 24, 2015, the State Department announced that the U.S. Government has determined that the same two North Korean entities have engaged in proliferation activities that warrant the imposition of measures pursuant to EO 12938 of November 14, 1994, as amended by EO 13094 of July 28, 1998 and EO 13382 of June 28, 2005.

Pursuant to the authorities vested in the President by the Constitution and the laws of the United States of America, including the *International Emergency Economic Powers Act* (50 U.S.C. 1701 et seq.) (IEEPA), the *National Emergencies Act* (50 U.S.C. 1601 et seq.), the AECA (22 U.S.C. 2751 et seq.), and Section 301 of title 3, United States Code, and EO 12938 of November 14, 1994, as amended, the U.S. Government determined on August 17, 2015 that the following two North Korean entities have engaged in proliferation activities that warrant the imposition of measures pursuant to sections 4(b), 4(c), and 4(d) of Executive Order 12938: Hesong Trading Corporation (North Korea) Korea Mining and Development Corporation (KOMID) (North Korea) Accordingly, pursuant to the provisions of Executive Order 12938, the following measures are imposed on these entities, and their subunits and successors, for two years:

1. No departments or agencies of the United States Government shall procure or enter into any contract for the procurement of any goods, technology, or services from these entities including the termination of existing contracts;

2. No departments or agencies of the United States government shall provide any assistance to these entities, and shall not obligate further funds for such purposes;

3. The Secretary of the Treasury shall prohibit the importation into the United States of any goods, technology, or services produced or provided by these entities, other than

information or informational materials within the meaning of section 203(b)(3) of the IEEPA (50 U.S.C. 1702(b)(3)). These measures shall be implemented by the responsible departments and agencies as provided in EO 12938.

In addition, pursuant to section 126.7(a)(1) of the International Traffic in Arms Regulations (ITAR), it is deemed that suspending the above-named entities from participating in any activities subject to Section 38 of the AECA would be in furtherance of the national security and foreign policy of the United States. Therefore, for two years, the Department of State is hereby suspending all licenses and other approvals for: (a) Exports and other transfers of defense articles and defense services from the United States to the above-named entities; (b) transfers of U.S.-origin defense articles and defense services from foreign destinations to the above-named entities; and (c) temporary import of defense articles to or from the above-named entities.

Moreover, it is the policy of the United States to deny licenses and other approvals for exports and temporary imports of defense articles and defense services destined for the above-named entities.

State imposes non-proliferation measures and bans U.S. government procurement

On September 2, 2015, the State Department published in the *Federal Register* a [notice](#) [Public Notice: 9251] that on August 21, 2015, a determination has been made that a number of foreign persons have engaged in activities that warrant the imposition of measures pursuant to Section 3 of the *Iran, North Korea, and Syria Nonproliferation Act*. The Act provides for penalties on foreign entities and individuals for the transfer to or acquisition from Iran since January 1, 1999; the transfer to or acquisition from Syria since January 1, 2005; or the transfer to or acquisition from North Korea since January 1, 2006, of goods, services, or technology controlled under multilateral control lists (*Missile Technology Control Regime, Australia Group, Chemical Weapons Convention, Nuclear Suppliers Group, Wassenaar Arrangement*) or otherwise having the potential to make a material contribution to the development of weapons of mass destruction (WMD) or cruise or ballistic missile systems. The latter category includes (a) items of the same kind as those on multilateral lists but falling below the control list parameters when it is determined that such items have the potential of making a material contribution to WMD or cruise or ballistic missile systems, (b) items on U.S. national control lists for WMD/missile reasons that are not on multilateral lists, and (c) other items with the potential of making such a material contribution when added through case-by-case decisions.

The following measures are imposed on the persons listed in the notice:

1. No department or agency of the United States Government may procure or enter into any contract for the procurement of any goods, technology, or services from these foreign persons, except to the extent that the Secretary of State otherwise may determine;
2. No department or agency of the United States Government may provide any assistance to these foreign persons, and these persons shall not be eligible to participate in any assistance program of the United States Government, except to the extent that the Secretary of State otherwise may determine;
3. No United States Government sales to these foreign persons of any item on the United States Munitions List are permitted, and all sales to these persons of any defense articles, defense services, or design and construction services under the Arms Export Control Act are terminated; and

4. No new individual licenses shall be granted for the transfer to these foreign persons of items the export of which is controlled under the Export Administration Act of 1979 or the Export Administration Regulations, and any existing such licenses are suspended.

These measures shall be implemented by the responsible departments and agencies of the United States Government and will remain in place for two years from the effective date, except to the extent that the Secretary of State may subsequently determine otherwise.

OFAC issues Cuban Assets Control Regulations amendments

On September 21, 2015, the Office of Foreign Assets Control (OFAC) published in the *Federal Register* a [final rule](#) amending the *Cuban Assets Control Regulations* (31 C.F.R. Part 515) to further implement elements of the policy announced by the President on December 17, 2014 to engage and empower the Cuban people. Among other things, these amendments further facilitate travel to Cuba for authorized purposes (including authorizing by general license the provision of carrier services by vessel), expand the telecommunications and internet-based services general licenses, authorize certain persons subject to U.S. jurisdiction to establish a physical presence in Cuba, allow certain additional persons subject to U.S. jurisdiction to open and maintain bank accounts in Cuba to use for authorized purposes, allow certain additional financial transactions (including removing the limit on donative remittances to Cuba and unblocking certain previously blocked remittances and funds transfers), authorize all persons subject to U.S. jurisdiction to provide goods and services to Cuban national individuals located outside of Cuba, and allow a number of other activities related to, among other areas, legal services, imports of gifts sent to the United States, and educational activities. These amendments also implement certain technical and conforming changes. OFAC has also published a number of [new and updated Frequently Asked Questions](#) pertaining to this CACR regulatory amendment. These amendments are being coordinated with the Bureau of Industry and Security (see below). The amendments were effective on publication.

On September 22, 2015, our [Sanctions blog](#) published [additional information and an analysis](#) of the OFAC and BIS (see below) regulations. Follow the [Sanctions blog](#) for additional updates on Cuba and other sanctions programs.

BIS amends EAR to enhance support for Cuban People

On September 21, 2015, the Bureau of Industry and Security (BIS) published in the *Federal Register* a [final rule](#) [Docket No. 150825774-5774-01] amending the *Export Administration Regulations* (EAR) to expand the scope of License Exception Support for the Cuban People (SCP) to facilitate engagement between the U.S. and Cuban people; the free flow of information to, from, and among the Cuban people; and independent economic activity generated by Cuba's private sector. It also makes temporary sojourns of most vessels to Cuba eligible for License Exception Aircraft, Vessels and Spacecraft (AVS). Additionally, this rule creates a case-by-case review policy of license applications to export and reexport to Cuba items to ensure the safety of civil aviation and safe operation of commercial passenger aircraft. Finally, it amends the deemed export and deemed reexport license requirements for releases of technology and source code to Cuban nationals; removes certain unintended restrictions on exports and reexports under License Exception SCP and License Exception Consumer Communications Devices (CCD); and makes certain technical corrections to License Exception Agricultural Commodities (AGR). The amendments were effective on publication.

BIS corrects errors implementing Australia Group decisions

On September 18, 2015, BIS published in the *Federal Register* a [final rule](#) [Docket No. 141229999-5828-02] to correct typographical errors contained in a final rule published on June 16, 2015 (80 Fed. Reg. 34266), which amended the *Export Administration Regulations* (EAR) to implement the recommendations presented at the November 2013 Australia Group (AG) intersessional implementation meeting and later adopted pursuant to the AG silent approval procedure. The typographical errors appear in a Note to ECCN 1C351.a, which includes viruses identified on the AG “List of Human and Animal Pathogens and Toxins for Export Control.” This rule also identifies another typographical error in the June 16, 2015, final rule involving the “Reason for Control” paragraph for ECCN 1E351. This error does not require a correction at this time, but is being identified to provide clarification to the public.

BIS seeks comments on effects of extending foreign policy-based export controls

On September 14, 2015, BIS published in the *Federal Register* a [request for comments](#) [Docket No. 150902803-5803-01] on the effect of existing foreign policy-based export controls in the *Export Administration Regulations* (EAR). Section 6 of the *Export Administration Act of 1979*, as amended, (50 U.S.C. app. sections 2401-2420 (2000)) (EAA) requires annual extensions and requires BIS to consult with industry on the effect of such controls and to report the results of the consultations to Congress. BIS is conducting the consultations through this request for public comments. Comments from all interested persons are welcome. All comments will be made available for public inspection and copying and included in a report to be submitted to Congress.

Foreign policy-based controls in the *EAR* are implemented pursuant to section 6 of the EAA. The current foreign policy-based export controls maintained by BIS are set forth in the EAR (15 C.F.R. parts 730-774), including in parts 742 (CCL Based Controls), 744 (End-User and End-Use Based Controls) and 746 (Embargoes and Other Special Controls). These controls apply to a range of countries, items, activities and persons, including:

- Entities acting contrary to the national security or foreign policy interests of the United States (§ 744.11);
- Certain general purpose microprocessors for “military end-uses” and “military endusers” (§ 744.17);
- Significant items (SI): Hot section technology for the development, production, or overhaul of commercial aircraft engines, components, and systems (§ 742.14);
- Encryption items (§ 742.15);
- Crime control and detection items (§ 742.7);
- Specially designed implements of torture (§ 742.11);
- Certain firearms and related items based on the Organization of American States Model Regulations for the Control of the International Movement of Firearms, their Parts and Components and Ammunition included within the Inter-American Convention Against the Illicit Manufacturing of and Trafficking in Firearms, Ammunition, Explosives, and Other Related Materials (§ 742.17);
- Regional stability items (§ 742.6);
- Equipment and related technical data used in the design, development, production, or use of certain rocket systems and unmanned air vehicles (§§ 742.5 and 744.3);

- Chemical precursors and biological agents, associated equipment, technical data, and software related to the production of chemical and biological agents (§§ 742.2 and 744.4) and various chemicals included on the list of those chemicals controlled pursuant to the Chemical Weapons Convention (§ 742.18);
- Communication intercepting devices, software and technology (§ 742.13);
- Nuclear propulsion (§ 744.5);
- Aircraft and vessels (§ 744.7);
- Restrictions on exports and reexports to certain persons designated as proliferators of weapons of mass destruction (§ 744.8);
- Certain cameras to be used by military end-users or incorporated into a military commodity (§ 744.9);
- Countries designated as Supporters of Acts of International Terrorism (§§ 742.8, 742.9, 742.10, 742.19, 746.4, 746.7, and 746.9);
- Certain entities in Russia (§ 744.10);
- Individual terrorists and terrorist organizations (§§ 744.12, 744.13 and 744.14);
- Certain persons designated by Executive Order 13315 (“Blocking Property of the Former Iraqi Regime, Its Senior Officials and Their Family Members”) (§ 744.18);
- Certain sanctioned entities (§ 744.20);
- Embargoed countries (Part 746); and
- U.S. and U.N. arms embargoes (§ 746.1 and Country Group D:5 of Supplement No. 1 to Part 740).

In addition, the EAR imposes foreign policy-based export controls on certain nuclear related commodities, technology, end-uses and end-users (§§ 742.3 and 744.2), in part, implementing section 309(c) of the *Nuclear Non-Proliferation Act* (42 U.S.C. 2139a).

Comments must be received by October 14, 2015

BIS corrects revisions to license exception availability

On September 2, 2015, BIS published in the *Federal Register* a [final rule](#) [Docket No. 150720622-5622-01] to correct an error in License Exception Temporary imports, exports, reexports, and transfers (in-country) (TMP) to make certain consumer communications devices and related software eligible for temporary export and reexport to Sudan as “tools of trade.” This error was introduced in a final rule published in February 2015 that amended the *Export Administration Regulations* (EAR) to authorize License Exception Consumer Communications Devices (CCD) for use in Sudan and made changes to License Exception TMP. BIS is publishing this rule to facilitate use of employer owned devices such as cell phones, Wi-Fi-equipped computers and tablets by persons engaged in humanitarian efforts in Sudan.

BIS updates statements of legal authority for EAR

On September 2, 2015, BIS published in the *Federal Register* a [final rule](#) [Docket No. 150813713-5713-01] that updates the Code of Federal Regulations (C.F.R.) legal authority paragraphs in the *Export Administration Regulations* (EAR) to cite the most recent Presidential notice (August 7, 2015) extending an emergency declared in Executive Order 13222 of August 17, 2001, pursuant to the *International Emergency Economic Powers Act*. This is a procedural rule that only updates authority paragraphs of the EAR. It does not alter any right, obligation or prohibition that applies to any person under the EAR.

BIS expands Entity List

On September 2, 2015, BIS published in the *Federal Register* a [final rule](#) [Docket No. 150604505–5505–01] that amends the *Export Administration Regulations* (EAR) by adding twenty-nine persons under thirty-three entries to the Entity List. The twenty-nine persons who are added to the Entity List have been determined by the U.S. Government to be acting contrary to the national security or foreign policy interests of the United States. BIS is taking this action to ensure the efficacy of existing sanctions on the Russian Federation (Russia) for violating international law and fueling the conflict in eastern Ukraine. These persons will be listed on the Entity List under the destinations of Crimea region of Ukraine, Cyprus, Finland, Romania, Russia, Switzerland, Ukraine, and the United Kingdom. This final rule also revises the reference to Crimea (occupied) on the Entity List to conform to other references in the EAR that refer to the Crimea region of Ukraine.

For updates and a full discussion, please see our [Sanctions blog](#).

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
09-02-15	OFAC: Removal of Specially Designated Nationals and Blocked Persons Pursuant to the Cuban Assets Control Regulations (N) [21 individuals, 36 entities, and three vessels]
	OFAC: Unblocking of Specially Designated Nationals and Blocked Persons (N) [five individuals and five entities; update on ID of two SDNs] (Narcotics traffickers)
	OFAC: Unblocking of Specially Designated Nationals and Blocked Persons Pursuant to the Foreign Narcotics Kingpin Designation Act (N) [five individuals and three entities; update to ID of one SDN]
	OFAC: Additional Designations, Foreign Narcotics Kingpin Designation Act (N) [four individuals and two entities]
	BIS: Addition of Certain Persons to the Entity List [Docket No. 150604505-5505-01] (FR) [adding twenty-nine persons under thirty-three entries]
	State: Imposition of Nonproliferation Measures Against Foreign Persons, Including a Ban on U.S. Government Procurement [Public Notice: 9251] (N) [See above for details]
09-09-15	OFAC: Unblocking of Specially Designated Nationals and Blocked Persons Pursuant to Executive Order 13288, as Amended by Executive Order 13469, and Executive Order 13391 (N)
	State: In the Matter of the Designation of Yahya Ibrahim Hassan Sinwar; Also Known as (aka) Yehya al-Sinwar; aka Yehya Sinwar; aka Yehia Sinwar; aka Yehiyeh Sinwar; as a Specially Designated Global Terrorist Pursuant to Section 1(b) of Executive Order 13224, as Amended [Public Notice: 9260] (N)
	State: In the Matter of the Designation of Muhammed Deif; aka Muhammad al-Dayf; aka Mohammed al-Masri as a Specially Designated Global Terrorist Pursuant to Section 1(b) of Executive Order 13224, as Amended [Public Notice: 9259] (N)
	State: In the Matter of the Designation of Samir Kuntar aka Samir Quntar; aka Sameer Kantar; aka Samir Al-Kuntar; aka Samir Qantar; aka Samir Kintar; aka Samir Qintar; aka Samir Cantar; as a Specially Designated Global Terrorist Pursuant to Section 1(b) of Executive Order 13224, as Amended [Public Notice: 9262] (N)
	State: In the Matter of the Designation of Rawhi Mushtaha as a Specially Des-

F.R. Date	Applicable orders
	ignated Global Terrorist Pursuant to Section 1(b) of Executive Order 13224, as Amended [Public Notice: 9261] (N)
09-10-15	State: 'Ubaydah Yusuf al 'Anabi, aka Yusuf Abu-'Ubaydah al-Anabi, aka Abou Obeida Youssef al-Annabi, aka Abu- Ubaydah Yusuf al-Inabi, aka Mebrak Yazid, aka Youcef Abu Obeida, aka Mibrak Yazid, aka Yousif Abu Obayda Yazid, aka Yazid Mebrak, aka Yazid Mabrak, aka Yusuf Abu Ubaydah, aka Abou Youcef, as a Specially Designated Global Terrorist Pursuant to Section 1(b) of Executive Order 13224, as Amended [Public Notice 9264] (N)
09-15-15	OFAC: Sanctions Actions Pursuant to Executive Order 13224 (N) [<i>four individuals and one entity</i>]
09-23-15	OFAC: Additional Designations, Foreign Narcotics Kingpin Designation Act (N)
09-24-15	State: Imposition of Missile Proliferation Sanctions on Two North Korean Entities [Public Notice: 9285] (N)
	State: Imposition of Missile Proliferation Sanctions on Two North Korean Entities [Public Notice: 9286] (N)
09-30-15	State: In the Matter of the Amendment of the Designation of Ansar Bayt al-Maqdis aka Ansar Jerusalem aka Supporters of Jerusalem aka Ansar Bayt al-Maqdes aka Ansar Beit al-Maqdis aka Jamaat Ansar Beit al-Maqdis aka Jamaat Ansar Beit al-Maqdis fi Sinaa aka Supporters of the holy place as a Foreign Terrorist Organization pursuant to Section 219 of the Immigration and Nationality Act, as amended [Public Notice: 9301] (N)
	State: In the Matter of the Amendment of the Designation of Ansar Bayt al-Maqdis aka Ansar Jerusalem aka Supporters of Jerusalem aka Ansar Bayt al-Maqdes aka Ansar Beit al-Maqdis aka Jamaat Ansar Beit al-Maqdis aka Jamaat Ansar Beit al-Maqdis fi Sinaa aka Supporters of the holy place as a Specially Designated Global Terrorist pursuant Section 1(b) of Executive Order 13224 [[Public Notice: 9302] (N)
	State: In the Matter of the Designation of Boubaker Ben Habib Ben Ali Hakim Boubakeur al-Hakim Boubakeur el-Hakim Boubaker el Hakim Abou al Moukatel Abou Mouqatel Abu-Muqatil al-Tunisi as a Specially Designated Global Terrorist pursuant to Section 1(b) of Executive Order 13224, as amended [Public Notice: 9300] (N)
	State: In the Matter of the Designation of Emilie Konig as a Specially Designated Global Terrorist pursuant to Section 1(b) of Executive Order 13224, as amended [Public Notice: 9296] (N)
	State: In the Matter of the Designation of Gulmurod Khalimov as a Specially Designated Global Terrorist pursuant to Section 1(b) of Executive Order 13224, as amended [Public Notice: 9295] (N)
	State: In the Matter of the Amendment of the Designation of Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant aka Islamic State aka ISIL aka ISIS as a Specially Designated Global Terrorist pursuant Section 1(b) of Executive Order 13224 [Public Notice: 9291] (N)
	State: In the Matter of the Amendment of the Designation of Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant aka Islamic State aka ISIL aka ISIS as a Foreign Terrorist Organization pursuant to Section 219 of the Immigration and Nationality Act, as amended [Public Notice: 9290] (N)
	State: In the Matter of the Designation of Jaysh Rijal al-Tariq al-Naqshabandi aka Army of the Men of the Naqshbandi Order aka Armed Men of the Naqshbandi Order aka Naqshbandi Army aka Naqshabandi Army aka Men of the Army of al-Naqshbandia Way aka Jaysh Rajal al-Tariqah al-Naqshbandia aka JRTN aka JRN aka AMNO as a Foreign Terrorist Organization pursuant to Section 219 of the Immigration and Nationality Act, as amended. [Public Notice: 9299] (N)
	State: In the Matter of the Designation of Jaysh Rijal al-Tariq al-Naqshabandi aka Army of the Men of the Naqshbandi Order aka Armed Men of the Naqshbandi Order aka Naqshbandi Army aka Naqshabandi Army aka Men of the Army of al-Naqshbandia Way aka Jaysh Rajal al-Tariqah al-Naqshbandia aka JRTN aka JRN aka AMNO as a Specially Designated Global Terrorist pursuant to Section 1(b) of Executive Order 13224, as amended [Public Notice: 9298] (N)
	State: In the Matter of the Designation of Maxime Hauchard aka Abou Abdallah

F.R. Date	Applicable orders
	Al Faransi as a Specially Designated Global Terrorist pursuant to Section 1(b) of Executive Order 13224, as amended [Public Notice: 9292] (N)
	State: In the Matter of the Designation of Mujahidin Indonesia Timur (MIT) aka Mujahideen Indonesia Timur aka Mujahidin of Eastern Indonesia aka Mujahidin Indonesia Barat aka Mujahidin Indonesia Timur aka Mujahidin of Western Indonesia (MIB) as a Specially Designated Global Terrorist entity pursuant to Section 1(b) of Executive Order 13224, as amended [Public Notice: 9294] (N)
	State: In the Matter of the Designation of Peter Cherif aka Peter Cheraf, aka Abu Hamza Cheraf, as a Specially Designated Global Terrorist pursuant to Section 1(b) of Executive Order 13224, as amended [Public Notice: 9297] (N)
	State: In the Matter of the Designation of Sally-Anne Frances Jones aka Sally Anne Jones, aka Sally Jones, aka Umm Hussain al-Britani, aka Sakinah Hussain, as a Specially Designated Global Terrorist pursuant to Section 1(b) of Executive Order 13224, as amended [Public Notice: 9293] (N)

FTC and CPSC Federal Register documents

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

F.R. Date	Subject
09-02-15	CPSC: Safety Standard for Automatic Residential Garage Door Operators [Docket No. CPSC-2015-0025] (PR)
09-10-15	CPSC: Toys; Determination Regarding Heavy Elements Limits for Unfinished and Untreated Wood [Docket No. CPSC-2011-0081] (Withdrawal of Direct FR)
09-21-15	FTC: Statement of Enforcement Principles Regarding "Unfair Methods of Competition" Under Section 5 of the Federal Trade Commission Act (Policy Statement)
09-24-15	CPSC: Protection of Human Subjects (PR)

TTB announcements and Federal Register documents

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

Date	Subject
09-15-15	Return of Wine to Bonded Premises [Docket No. TTB-2015-0013; T.D. TTB-130] (FR)

FDA adopts administrative destruction of certain drugs refused admission

On September 15, 2015, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) published in the *Federal Register* a [final rule](#) [Docket No. FDA-2014-N-0504] implementing its authority to destroy a drug valued at \$2,500 or less (or such higher amount as the Secretary of the Treasury may set by regulation) that has been refused admission into the United States under the *Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act* (the FD&C Act), by issuing a rule that provides to the owner or consignee notice and an opportunity to appear and introduce testimony to the Agency prior to destruction. This regulation is authorized by amendments made to the FD&C Act by the *Food and Drug Administration Safety and Innovation Act* (FDASIA). Implementation of this authority will allow FDA to better protect the public health by providing an administrative process for the destruction of certain refused drugs, thus increasing the integrity of the drug supply chain.

This rule is effective October 15, 2015.

FDA provides guidance for products from Tianjin, China

CBP's [CSMS# 15-000676](#) dated September 11, 2015 provides guidance from the FDA for products from Tianjin, China. FDA is informing US importers of intended increased surveillance of certain FDA-regulated products imported from the industrial center Binhai New Area in Tianjin, China. The guidance states:

On August 12, 2015 a chemical explosion occurred at the Tianjin Dongjiang Port Rui Hai International Logistics Co., at the industrial center named Binhai New Area. Tianjin Dongjiang Port Rui Hai International Logistics Co. Ltd. was a storage and distribution center of containers with hazardous chemicals: sodium cyanide (NaCN), toluene diisocyanate (TDI) and calcium carbide (CaC₂), all of which pose direct threats to human health on contact. NaCN in particular is highly toxic.

In order to verify the products are not contaminated from the explosion, FDA will be requiring submission of entry and shipping documents (bills of lading, air waybills, commercial invoices, etc.) for entries of human and animal food products, human and animal drug products, and medical devices which are indicated as having originated from, stored in, or transited through the industrial center Binhai New Area in Tianjin, China. FDA will review the documents to determine if the shipment was in the Tianjin, China area on or after August 12, 2015. Products that left the Tianjin, China before August 12, 2015 should need no additional review other than the routine FDA admissibility review.

Human and animal food products, human and animal drug products, and medical devices that left the Tianjin, China area on or after August 12, 2015, will require additional information in order to make an admissibility decision. FDA is requesting importers (or their entry filers) submit the following information related to the products they are importing:

1. If you are not the end commercial user of the product, provide information identifying all known recipients of the product.
2. Explain the physical disposition of the product at the time of the explosion and for the time between the explosion and when it left the city of Tianjin, including the following:
 - (a) Where was the product located (geographical location) at the time of the explosion and in the aftermath of the explosion through the present?
 - (b) How was the product packaged (primary, secondary packaging, wrapped pallet, shipping container, etc.) at the time of the explosion and in the aftermath through the present?
3. Explain whether your firm conducted a risk assessment to determine the impact of the August 12 explosion on the safety of your product. And, if so, explain your methodology and the outcome of your assessment.
4. Explain what testing has been conducted or is planned to be conducted on the product to identify contamination associated with the August 12 explosion?

Importers are advised that it may speed FDA's review process if entry documentation is provided in a timely manner; and, for those shipments indicated for examination or sampling, if location and availability information is provided in a timely manner.

To facilitate receipt and review of information, FDA strongly recommends submission of documents via electronic means. FDA's Import Trade Auxiliary Communication System (ITACS) is designed to improve communication between FDA and the import trade community and facilitate the electronic submission of documents to FDA.

Instructions on how to use ITACS to submit documentation and information to the FDA can be found at the following link:

<http://www.fda.gov/ForIndustry/ImportProgram/ucm296314.htm>. Questions or comments on how to submit documents, or about ITACS in general, can be directed to itacssupport@fda.hhs.gov.

Questions regarding this action by FDA can be directed to Division of Import Operations, 12420 Parklawn Drive, ELEM Room 3109, Rockville, MD 20857 telephone: (301) 796-0356 [corrected number from CSMS# 15-000688].

Questions related to the entry processing of specific entries should be directed to the FDA District covering the port of entry.

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
09-01-15	International Cooperation on Harmonisation of Technical Requirements for Registration of Veterinary Medicinal Products; Electronic Exchange of Documents; Electronic File Format; Guidance for Industry; Availability [Docket No. FDA-2014-D-1177] (N)
09-10-15	Animal Food; Export Certificates; Food and Drug Administration Food Safety Modernization Act of 2011; Certification Fees [Docket No. FDA-2015-N-3106] (N)
	International Conference on Harmonisation; Guidance on Q3D Elemental Impurities; Availability [Docket No. FDA-2013-D-1156] (N)
	Distributor Labeling for New Animal Drugs; Draft Guidance for Industry; Availability [Docket No. FDA-2015-D-3056] (N)
09-15-15	Food Labeling: Revision of the Nutrition and Supplement Facts Labels; Administrative Docket Update; Availability [Docket No. FDA-2012-N-1210] (PR/N)
	Administrative Destruction of Certain Drugs Refused Admission to the United States [Docket No. FDA-2014-N-0504] (FR)
09-17-15	Current Good Manufacturing Practice, Hazard Analysis, and Risk-Based Preventive Controls for Food for Animals [Docket No. FDA-2011-N-0922] (FR)
	Current Good Manufacturing Practice, Hazard Analysis, and Risk-Based Preventive Controls for Human Food [Docket No. FDA-2011-N-0920] (FR)
09-21-15	Draft Compliance Policy Guide <i>Crotalaria</i> spp. Seeds in Grains; Availability [Docket No. FDA-2015-D-2994] (N)
09-22-15	The Food and Drug Administration Food Safety Modernization Act: Final Rules To Establish Requirements for Current Good Manufacturing Practice, Hazard Analysis, and Risk-Based Preventive Controls for Human and Animal Food; Public Meeting [Docket No. FDA-2015-N-0001] (N/H)
09-24-15	National Environmental Policy Act; Environmental Assessments for Tobacco Products; Categorical Exclusions [Docket No. FDA-2013-N-1282] (FR)
	Use of Investigational Tobacco Products; Draft Guidance for Industry and Investigators; Availability [Docket No. FDA-2014-D-1939] (N)
09-25-15	Clarification of When Products Made or Derived From Tobacco Are Regulated as Drugs, Devices, or Combination Products; Amendments to Regulations Regarding "Intended Uses" [Docket No. FDA-2015-N-2002] (PR)
09-29-15	E6(R2) Good Clinical Practice; International Conference on Harmonisation; Draft Guidance for Industry; Availability [Docket No. FDA-2015-D-3327] (N)
09-30-15	Listing of Color Additives Exempt From Certification; Mica-Based Pearlescent Pigments [Docket No. FDA-2015-C-1154] (FR)

Lacey Act Declaration now required for 20 additional plant products

On August 6, 2015, the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) added 20 wood products, such as casks, barrels, barrelheads, tableware and kitchenware to APHIS' [Schedule of Enforcement](#) for the *Lacey Act* Plant and Plant Product Declaration requirement. Additionally, APHIS has updated this Schedule of Enforcement to correct a typographical error in the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTSUS) for "used assembled casks of wood". The correct HTSUS number is 4416003020.

Importations of product types listed under the Schedule of Enforcement are subject to the *Lacey Act* Plant and Plant Product Declaration (PPQ Form [505](#)) requirement. Failure to file a declaration for the listed product types containing plant material may result in civil or criminal penalties and forfeiture of shipments.

APHIS oversees the collection and enforcement of *Lacey Act* declarations as part of an effort to combat illegal timber imports and protect global natural resources.

To receive the latest information from APHIS about the *Lacey Act* Schedule of Enforcement and other topics, please subscribe to the [APHIS Stakeholder Registry](#) and visit the [Lacey Act Web site](#).

APHIS and other USDA notices issued

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

F.R. Date	Subject
09-01-15	FSIS: Codex Alimentarius Commission: Meeting of the Codex Committee on Nutrition and Foods for Special Dietary Uses [Docket No. FSIS-2015-0031] (N/H)
09-02-15	FSIS: U.S. Standards for Grades of Fresh Fruits and Vegetables, Fruits and Vegetables for Processing, Nuts, and Specialty Crops [Doc. Number AMS-FV-14-0090, FV-15-327] (N)
09-03-15	AMS: Cotton Board Rules and Regulations: Adjusting Supplemental Assessment on Imports (2015 Amendments) [Doc. # AMS-CN-15-0013] (PR)
	AMS: Cotton Board Rules and Regulations: Adjusting Supplemental Assessment on Imports (2015 Amendments) [Doc. # AMS-CN-14-0098] (Direct FR)
	AMS: Blueberry Promotion, Research and Information Order: Expanding the Membership of the U.S. Highbush Blueberry Council and Other Changes [Document Number AMS-FV-14-0089] (FR) [This rule increases the number of Council members from 16 to 20, adding two producers, one importer, and one exporter]
09-09-15	APHIS: Notice of Decision To Authorize the Importation of Fresh Cranberries From Chile Into the Continental United States [Docket No. APHIS-2015-0001] (N)
09-14/15	APHIS: Importation of Fresh Peppers from Peru into the Continental United States and the Territories [Docket No. APHIS-2014-0028] (FR)
	APHIS: Importation of Citrus From Peru; Expansion of Citrus-Growing Area [Docket No. APHIS-2015-0005] (FR)
09-17-15	APHIS: Importation of Kiwi from Chile into the United States [Docket No. APHIS-2014-0002] (FR)
09-18-15	FSIS: Eligibility of Namibia to Export Meat Products to the United States [Docket No. FSIS-2012-0028] (PR)
09-24-15	AMS: Sorghum Promotion, Research, and Information Program [AMS-LPS-15-0055]
	APHIS: Changes to Requirements for Field Testing Regulated Genetically Engineered Wheat [Docket No. APHIS-2015-0070] (N/RFC)

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 lim-

its). Information about, and access to, other GAIN reports may be found at the FAS [GAIN reports website](#).

- Russia - [Draft EAEU SPS Measure on Testing Notified to WTO](#)
- Russia - [Draft Amendments to CU Technical Regulation on Milk Safety](#)
- India - [WTO Notified Draft Standards for Metal Contaminants](#)
- India - [WTO Notified Draft Standards for Biotoxins](#)
- Russia - [Draft EAEU SPS Measure on Joint Inspections Notified to WTO](#)
- China - [China Announces Upgrade to Foreign Food Importer and Exporter](#)
- India - [WTO Notified – Microbiological Standards for Meat and Meat Products](#)
- India - [Amendments on Trans Fatty Acid Levels](#)
- India - [WTO Notified – Microbiological Standards for Milk and Milk Products](#)
- India - [Amendments in Regulations Relating to Phytosterols](#)
- Russia - [Draft EAEU Phytosanitary Requirements Notified to WTO](#)
- Russia - [Government Import Substitution Measures in Agriculture](#)
- Russia - [Russian Agricultural Policy and Situation Bi-Weekly Update](#)
- Russia - [Draft GOR Decrees on Distribution of TRQs for 2016](#)
- Mexico - [Antidumping Petition Against Imported HFCS Denied by GOM](#)
- Ukraine - [Ukraine Amendments to Plant Quarantine Law](#)
- Turkey - [Alcohol Legislation and Taxes in Turkey](#)
- China - [Food Processing Ingredients](#)
- Barbados - [Barbados Subjects More Food Items to a 15 Percent VAT](#)
- Russia - [Russian Agricultural Policy and Situation Bi-Weekly Update 14](#)
- Australia - [Draft Biosecurity Regulation Released for Comment](#)

CITA sets FY2016 limits on duty- and quota-free imports from sub-Saharan African countries

On September 25, 2015, the Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements (CITA) published in the *Federal Register* a [document](#) providing the new limitations of duty- and quota-free imports of apparel articles assembled in beneficiary sub-Saharan African countries from regional and third-country fabric.

Section 112(b)(3) of the *Trade and Development Act of 2000* (TDA 2000) provides duty- and quota-free treatment for apparel articles wholly assembled in one or more beneficiary sub-Saharan African countries from fabric wholly formed in one or more beneficiary sub-Saharan African countries from yarn originating in the United States or one or more beneficiary sub-Saharan African countries. This preferential treatment is also available for apparel articles assembled in one or more lesser-developed beneficiary sub-Saharan African countries, regardless of the country of origin of the fabric used to make such articles, subject to quantitative limitation. P.L. 114-27 extended this special rule for lesser-developed countries through September 30, 2025.

For the one-year period, beginning on October 1, 2015, and extending through September 30, 2016, the aggregate quantity of imports eligible for preferential treatment under these provisions is 1,935,096,830 square meters equivalent. Of this amount, 967,548,415 square meters equivalent is available to apparel articles imported under the special rule for lesser-developed countries. Apparel articles entered in excess of these quantities will be subject to otherwise applicable tariffs.

Government procurement: Waiver for certain defense items produced in the UK

On September 21, 2015, the Defense Acquisition Regulations System published in the *Federal Register* a [notice](#) stating that The Under Secretary of Defense (Acquisition, Technology, and Logistics) is waiving the statutory limitation of 10 U.S.C. §2534 for certain defense items produced in the United Kingdom (UK). United States Code, Title 10, section 2534, limits DoD procurement of certain items to sources in the national technology and industrial base. The waiver will permit procurement of enumerated items from sources in the UK, unless otherwise restricted by statute.

This waiver is effective beginning October 6, 2015 until October 4, 2016.

Government procurement: DoD proposes additional rule on detection and avoidance of counterfeit electronic parts

On September 21, 2015, the Defense Acquisition Regulations System published in the *Federal Register* a [proposed rule](#) [Docket No. 2015-0038; DFARS Case 2014-D005] to amend the *Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement* (DFARS) to further implement a requirement of the *National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2012*, as modified by a section of the *National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2015*, that addresses required sources of electronic parts for defense contractors and subcontractors.

The rule proposes amendments to DFARS 246.870 and a new clause at DFARS 252.246-70XX, Sources of Electronic Parts, to further implement paragraph (c)(3) of section 818 of the NDAA for FY 2012, as modified by section 817 of the NDAA for FY 2015, which requires DoD to issue regulations establishing requirements that DoD and DoD contractors and subcontractors, except in limited circumstances, shall acquire electronic parts from trusted suppliers in order to further address the avoidance of counterfeit electronic parts.

Comments on the proposed rule should be submitted in writing to the address shown in the *Federal Register* on or before November 20, 2015.

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
09-01-15	Energy: Energy Conservation Program: Energy Conservation Standards for Battery Chargers [Docket Number EERE-2008-BT-STD-0005] (sup PR)
	Energy: Energy Conservation Program: Test Procedures for Small, Large, and Very Large Air-Cooled Commercial Package Air Conditioning and Heating Equipment [Docket No. EERE-2015-BT-TP-0015] (N/H)
	Federal Communications Commission: Reporting Requirements for U.S. Providers of International Telecommunications Services [IB Docket No. 04-112 (Terminated); DA 15-711] (FR/dismiss petition for reconsideration)
	Financial Crimes Enforcement Network (FinCEN): Anti-Money Laundering Program and Suspicious Activity Report Filing Requirements for Registered Investment Advisers (PR)
	Bureau of Industry and Security (BIS): National Defense Stockpile Market Impact Committee Request for Public Comments on the Potential Market Impact of the Proposed Fiscal Year 2017 Annual Materials Plan [Docket No. 150821763-5764-01] (N/RFC)

F.R. Date	Subject
09-02-15	Environmental Protection Agency (EPA): Significant New Use Rule on Substituted Cyclosiloxane; Removal [EPA-HQ-OPPT-2015-0220; FRL-9932-56] (FR)
09-03-15	EPA: Oxathiapiprolin; Pesticide Tolerances [EPA-HQ-OPP-2014-0114; FRL-9931-18] (FR)
09-08-15	EPA/ National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA): Greenhouse Gas Emissions and Fuel Efficiency Standards for Medium- and Heavy-Duty Engines and Vehicles— Phase 2; Extension of Comment Period [EPA-HQ-OAR-2014-0827; NHTSA-2014-0132; FRL-9933-57-OAR] (PR/E)
09-08-15	EPA: Receipt of Several Pesticide Petitions Filed for Residues of Pesticide Chemicals in or on Various Commodities [EPA-HQ-OPP-2015-0032; FRL-9933-26] (N)
	EPA: Cyprodinil; Pesticide Tolerances [EPA-HQ-OPP-2014-0506; FRL-9930-04] (FR) EPA: Propylene Glycol Monomethyl Ether; Exemption from the Requirement of a Tolerance [EPA-HQ-OPP-2015-0143; FRL-9932-06] (FR)
09-10-15	Energy: Appliance Standards and Rulemaking Federal Advisory Committee: Notice of Open Meetings for the Walk-In Cooler and Freezer Refrigeration Systems Working Group To Negotiate Energy Conservation Standards [Docket Number EERE-2015-BT-STD-0016] (N/H)
	Energy: Appliance Standards and Rulemaking Federal Advisory Committee: Notice of Open Meetings for the Central Air Conditioners and Heat Pumps Working Group To Negotiate a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NOPR) for Energy Conservation Standards [Docket Number EERE-2014-BT-STD-0048] (N/H)
09-11-15	Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA): Schedules of Controlled Substances: Removal of [¹²³]lloflupane from Schedule II of the Controlled Substances Act [Docket No. DEA-415F] (FR)
	EPA: Tetraethylene Glycol; Exemption from the Requirement of a Tolerance [EPA-HQ-OPP-2015-0214; FRL-9933-35] (FR)
	NHTSA: Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards; Electronic Stability Control Systems for Heavy Vehicles; Correction [Docket No. NHTSA-2015-0056] (FR/C) NHTSA: Notice of Public Information Meeting and Comment Deadline in the Coordinated Remedy Program Proceeding for the Replacement of Certain Takata Air Bag Inflators [Docket No. NHTSA-2015-0055] (N/H) Oct. 22, 2015
09-14-15	Energy: Energy Conservation Program for Consumer Products: Energy Conservation Standards for Residential Furnaces [Docket Number EERE-2014-BT-STD-0031] (N)
09-14-15	NHTSA: Defect and Noncompliance Notification [Docket No. NHTSA-2015-0048] (FR)
09-16-15	DEA: Schedules of Controlled Substances: Temporary Placement of the Synthetic Cannabinoid MAB-CHMINACA into Schedule I [Docket No. DEA-421N] (N)
	DEA: Final Adjusted Aggregate Production Quotas for Schedule I and II Controlled Substances and Assessment of Annual Needs for the List I Chemicals Ephedrine, Pseudoephedrine, and Phenylpropanolamine for 2015 [Docket No. DEA-418F] (Final Order)
	EPA: Certain New Chemicals; Receipt and Status Information for July 2015 [EPA-HQ-OPPT-2015-0502; FRL-9933-34] (N)
09-16-15	NHTSA: List of Nonconforming Vehicles Decided to be Eligible for Importation [Docket No. NHTSA-2015-0087] (FR)
09-17-15	Energy: Energy Conservation Program: Test Procedures for Small, Large, and Very Large Air-Cooled Commercial Package Air Conditioning and Heating Equipment [Docket No. EERE-2015-BT-TP-0015] (PR/RO)
	EPA: Halosulfuron-methyl; Pesticide Tolerances [EPA-HQ-OPP-2014-0574; FRL-9933-00] (FR)
09-18-15	EPA: Fluensulfone; Pesticide Tolerances [EPA-HQ-OPP-2015-0375; FRL-9933-02] (FR)
	EPA: Product Cancellation Order for Certain Pesticide Registrations [EPA-HQ-OPP-2015-0452; FRL-9933-46] (N)
09-21-15	Energy: Energy Conservation Program: Energy Conservation Standards for

F.R. Date	Subject
	Packaged Terminal Air Conditioners and Packaged Terminal Heat Pumps; Correction [Docket Number EERE-2012-BT-STD-0029] (FR/C)
	NHTSA: Civil Penalty Procedures and Factors [Docket No. NHTSA-2015-0090] (PR)
09-22-15	EPA: Pesticides; Revised Fee Schedule for Registration Applications [EPA-HQ-OPP-2015-0614; FRL-9933-75] (N)
	EPA: Product Cancellation Order and/or Amendments to Terminate Uses for Certain Pesticide Registrations [EPA-HQ-OPP-2015-0296; FRL-9933-58] (N)
09-23-15	Energy: Energy Conservation Program: Energy Conservation Standards for Single Package Vertical Air Conditioners and Single Package Vertical Heat Pumps [Docket Number EERE-2012-BT-STD-0041] (FR)
	EPA: Significant New Use Rule for Hexabromocyclododecane and 1,2,5,6,9,10-Hexabromocyclododecane [EPA-HQ-OPPT-2011-0489; FRL-9927-44] (FR)
09-25-15	EPA: Recommendations for Specifications, Environmental Performance Standards, and Ecolabels for Federal Procurement [EPA-HQ-OPPT-2013-0579; FRL-9930-38] (N)
	EPA: Receipt of Test Data under the Toxic Substances Control Act [EPA-HQ-OPPT-2003-0010; FRL-9934-12] (N)
	Labor: United States-Peru Trade Promotion Agreement - Notice of Determination Regarding Review of Submission #2015-01 (N)
09-30-15	EPA: Acibenzolar-S-methyl; Pesticide Tolerances [EPA-HQ-OPP-2014-0840; FRL-9933-27] (FR)

Commerce publishes list of Scope Rulings

On September 23, 2015, Enforcement and Compliance, International Trade Administration, Department of Commerce (Commerce) published in the *Federal Register* a [list of scope rulings and anticircumvention determinations](#) made between April 1, 2015, and June 30, 2015, inclusive. Commerce intends to publish future lists after the close of the next calendar quarter. The Scope Rulings cover (number in parenthesis represent the number of rulings for the order):

- A-570-967, C-570-968: Aluminum Extrusions From China (7)
- A-570-899: Certain Artist Canvas from China (1)
- A-570-910, C-570-911: Circular Welded Carbon-Quality Steel Pipe from China (1)
- A-570-891: Hand Trucks and Certain Parts Thereof From China (2)
- A-570-890: Wooden Bedroom from China (1)
- A-469-805: Stainless Steel Bar from Spain (1)
- A-469-807: Stainless Steel Wire Rod from Spain (1)

ITC revises AD/CVD rules of practice

On September 1, 2015, the U.S. International Trade Commission (ITC) published in the *Federal Register* a [final rule](#) [Docket No. MISC-013] amending a provision of its *Rules of Practice and Procedure* concerning the conduct of antidumping and countervailing duty investigations and reviews. The amendment is designed to facilitate the collection of information and reduce the burden on petitioning parties to provide detailed information concerning lost sales and lost revenue allegations in petitions filed with the ITC..

The regulation is effective October 1, 2015, and is applicable to all petitions filed with the ITC after October 1, 2015.

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] (dd-mm-yy).

BO Date	Subject
02-09-15	National Administration of Medicines, Food and Medical Technology (ANMATM): Disp. № 6915/2015 (28-08-15) prohibiting the use and marketing of certain medical products
04-09-15	Federal Administration of Public Revenue (AFIP): Gen. Res. № 3796 (31-08-15) Exportation. Reference values of a preventative character. Gen. Res. № 2716 additional norms.
	AFIP: Gen. Res. № 3797 (31-08-15) Export destinations for natural gas. Determination of value.
07-09-15	ANMATM: Disp. 6979/2015 (02-09-15) Prohibition on the use or commercialization of Medical Products
	ANMATM: Disp. 6980/2015 (02-09-15) Prohibition on the use or commercialization of Medical Products
	ANMATM: Disp. 6981/2015 (02-09-15) Prohibition on the use or commercialization of Cosmetic Products
	ANMATM: Disp. 6982/2015 (02-09-15) Prohibition on the commercialization of Food Products
	ANMATM: Disp. 6983/2015 (02-09-15) Prohibition on the commercialization of Food Products
10-09-15	ANMATM: Disp. 7080/2015 (04-09-15) Prohibition on the commercialization of Medical Products
	ANMATM: Disp. 7081/2015 (04-09-15) Prohibition on the commercialization of Food Products
	ANMATM: Disp. 7082/2015 (04-09-15) Prohibition on the use or commercialization of Medical Products
15-09-15	ANMATM: Disp. 7308/2015 (09-09-15) Prohibition on the commercialization of Food Products
	ANMATM: Disp. 7309/2015 (09-09-15) Prohibition on the commercialization of Food Products
	ANMATM: Disp. 7310/2015 (09-09-15) Prohibition on the commercialization of Food Products
	ANMATM: Disp. 7311/2015 (09-09-15) Prohibition on the commercialization of Food Products
	ANMATM: Disp. 7312/2015 (09-09-15) Prohibition on the commercialization of Food Products
	ANMATM: Disp. 7313/2015 (09-09-15) Prohibition on the commercialization of Food Products
17-09-15	AFIP: Gen. Res. № 3798. (15-09-15) Exportation. Reference values of a preventative character – additional Gen. Res. № 2716
	AFIP: Gen. Res. № 3799 (15-09-15) Importation. Reference values of a preventative character – additional Gen. Res. № 2730
22-09-15	Law № 27173 of Sept. 21, 2015 on Customs – Creating new office
	Law № 27174 of Sept. 21, 2015 on Customs – Creating new office
25-09-15	Decree № 2006/2015 (24-09-15) Exempting from the payment of duties and

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	taxes products originating and coming from countries participating in the "International Tourism Fair of Latin America - FIT 2015"
	ANMATM: Disp. 7608/2015 (18-09-15) Prohibition on the commercialization of Food Products
	ANMATM: Disp. 7609/2015 (18-09-15) Prohibition on the commercialization of Food Products
	ANMATM: Disp. 7610/2015 (18-09-15) Prohibition on the commercialization of Food Products
	ANMATM: Disp. 7625/2015 (22-09-15) Prohibition on the use and commercialization of Cosmetic Products
	ANMATM: Disp. 7628/2015 (22-09-15) Prohibition on the commercialization of Medical Products
	ANMATM: Disp. 7606/2015 (18-09-15) Prohibition on the use and commercialization of Household Products
	ANMATM: Disp. 7632/2015 (22-09-15) Prohibition on the use and commercialization of Medical Products
	ANMATM: Disp. 7634/2015 (22-09-15) Prohibition on the use and commercialization of Medical Products
	Decree № 2012/2015 (24-09-15) Exempting from the payment of duties and taxes products originating and coming from countries participating in the "VIII Expo Productos y Artesanías del Mundo"
	ANMATM: Disp. 7637/2015 (22-09-15) Prohibition on the use and commercialization of Medical Products
	ANMATM: Disp. 7639/2015 (22-09-15) Prohibition on the commercialization of Food Products
	ANMATM: Disp. 7641/2015 (22-09-15) Prohibition on the use and commercialization of Medical Products
28-09-15	ANMATM: Disp. 7643/2015 (22-09-15) Prohibition on the use and commercialization of Cosmetic Products
	ANMATM: Disp. 7645/2015 (22-09-15) Prohibition on the commercialization of Food Products
	ANMATM: Disp. 7646/2015 (22-09-15) Prohibition on the commercialization of Food Products
	ANMATM: Disp. 7648/2015 (22-09-15) Prohibition on the commercialization of Food Products
	ANMATM: Disp. 7650/2015 (22-09-15) Prohibition on the commercialization of Food Products
30-09-15	Decree 2008 / 2015 (24-09-15) Voluntary Externalization Tenure of Foreign Currency at Home and Abroad Law No. 26.860. Extension.

Antidumping and countervailing duty cases

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

Brazil

Brazil opens public consultations on FTAs with EFTA, Canada, Lebanon and Tunisia

On 24 September 2015, the Ministry of Development, Industry and Foreign Trade (MDIC) [announced](#) that it has opened a public consultation to the private sector about free trade agreements between Mercosur and the countries of the European Free Trade Association (EFTA), Canada, Lebanon and Tunisia. Representative associations and private sector entities can forward comments until November 5, 2015.

The consultation objective is to know in detail the position of the Brazilian private sector on trade agreements with these partners in order to guide the

government's actions aimed at expanding Brazilian exports. The negotiation of new agreements is one of the goals of the pillar of access to the National Export Plan markets, launched in June this year. For additional information see the FTA consultation [webpage here](#).

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
01-09-15	SECEX Ordinance Nº 62 (31-08-15) establishes criteria for quota allocation for imports, determined by CAMEX Resolution No. 80 of August 28, 2015.
02-09-15	SECEX Ordinance Nº 63 (01-09-15) Closed the special procedure of 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 Remco Ceramic Industries
	SECEX Ordinance Nº 64 (01-09-15) voids SECEX Ordinance No. 41 and No. 47, 2011; # 3, # 4, and No. 31, 2012; and No. 18, 2014, concerning the special procedure of non-preferential origin verification that disqualified the Chinese Taipei origin for the product "graphite pencils and crayons, characterized as wooden pencils with a diameter of 7-8 mm" (NCM 9609.10.00), declared as produced respectively by the companies Maslino Trading CO, Chang Jia Technology, Liberty Stationery Corporation, Something New Stationery, Sans Souci International and Ratex Industrial Co. Ltd
	CAMEX Resolution No. 84, (01-09-15) - Extending the tariff reduction for the code of the Mercosur Common Nomenclature - NCM 8701.20.00, included in the List of Exceptions to the Common External Tariff - LETEC
	CAMEX Resolution No. 85 (01-09-15) - Changes to 2% (two percent) the rates of import duty levied on Informatics and Telecommunications Goods, the ex-tariff condition.
	CAMEX Resolution No. 86 (01-09-15) - Changes to 0% and 2% (zero and two percent) the rates of import duty levied on capital goods, the ex-tariff condition.
25-09-15	CAMEX Resolution No. 87 (24-09-15) - Changes the principal representative of the Ministry of Development, Industry and Foreign Trade in the Export Financing and Guarantee Committee - COFIG.
	CAMEX Resolution No. 88 (24-09-15) - Changes to 2% (two percent) the rates of import duty levied on Informatics and Telecommunications Goods, the ex-tariff condition.
	CAMEX Resolution No. 89 (24-09-15) - Changes to 2% (two percent) the rates of import duty levied on capital goods, the ex-tariff condition
	CAMEX Resolution No. 92 (24-09-15) - Extending the expiry dates of the Exception List of the Common External Tariff, the Information Technology Asset Whitelist and Telecommunications and other measures
	CAMEX Resolution No. 93 (24-09-15) Requests for suspension or amendment of definitive anti-dumping and countervailing measures, as well as non application of provisional anti-dumping and countervailing measures, for reasons of public interest.

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
Diario Oficial de la República de Chile	
01-09-15	Foreign Affairs: Decree № 79 Signs Agreement on Cooperation and Mutual Assistance in Customs Matters Between the Government of the Republic of Chile and the Government of the Republic Of Turkey
03-09-15	Foreign Affairs: Decree № 92 Entry Into Force With the Republic of Paraguay the Sixth Additional Protocol to the Agreement on Economic Complementation No. 35, Held Between the Mercosur Party States and the Government of the Republic of Chile
	NCS: Res. № 4559 Amendments to the Compendium of Customs Regulations
25-09-15	Finance: Decree 263 Declares as an International Fair, the Port Authorities Congress XXIV "AAPA 2015"
26-09-15	Finance: Decree 292 Applicable Rebates of Customs Duties for the Import of Refined Sugar Grades 1 And 2, And Refined Sugar Grades 3 and 4, and Sub-standard, Except for Raw or Raw Sugar
NCS Website	
21-09-15	NCS: Resolution N ° 5784 – (21-09-15) Convene the 2016 application process for the allocation of the total sugar quota
	NCS: Resolution N ° 5785 – (21-09-15) Adds to paragraph 2.2.3 of Chapter III of Payments Manual, a new final paragraph
	NCS: Resolution N ° 5786 – (21-09-15) Replace paragraph fifty-five, the numeral 1110 observations, Annex 18, the Compendium of Customs Regulations
	NCS: Resolution N ° 5787 – (21-09-15) Amends Chapter III, Chapter IV and Annex 35, the Compendium of Customs Regulations
	NCS: Resolution N ° 5804 – (22-09-15) Observations added to paragraph 11.10 of Annex 18, the Compendium of Customs Regulations, a new validation
24-09-15	NCS: Resolution N ° 5898 – (09-24-15) Amend Chapter IV and Annex 42, the Compendium of Customs Regulations
28-09-15	NCS: Resolution N ° 5965 – (28-09-15) Replace paragraph 13.4, Electric Power, Chapter IV of the Compendium of Customs Regulations, and hereby added to Annex 51-49, Codes Advanced Border, Paso Sico Laguna Antofagasta, Code 110

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
01-09-15	MinCIT: Decree 1750 whereby dumping duties are regulated
14-09-15	DIAN: Circular 000035 2015 (10-09-15) Reference Prices of agricultural products.
15-09-15	DIAN: Circular 2183 2015 (15-09-15) Ad valorem taxes applicable to agricultural products concerned, their substitutes, agro-products or by-products.
	DIAN: Circular 000036 2015 (18-09-15) Actions and measures taken by DIAN against the closure of national borders with the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela
18-09-15	MinCIT: Resolution 3023 of 2015 "Whereby Resolution 1950 of July 17, 2009 is modified". [Related to WTO Document G/TBT/N/COL/86/Add.4]
	MinCIT: Resolution 3024 of 2015 "Whereby Resolution 933 of April 21, 2008 is modified". [Related to WTO Document G/TBT/N/COL/45/Add.4]
22-09-15	MinCIT: Circular 022/2015 Distribution and Administration of the WTO export quota of raw sugar and brown sugar to the United States for the period 2015-2016
29-09-15	MinCIT: Resolution 166 of 29 Sept. 2015 By which the preliminary determination in the administrative investigation initiated by Resolution No. 126 adopted in 2015 relating to a dumping investigation of 7213.91.90.10, 7213.91.10.10, 7227.90.00 originating in China
30-09-15	Circular 000039 2015 (29-09-15) Reference Prices of Agricultural Products
	Circular 2190 2015 (30-09-15) Ad valorem taxes applicable to agricultural products concerned, their substitutes, agro-products or by-products.

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
02-09-15	Agriculture: Dir. Res. № 0040-2015-MINAGRI-SENASA-DSV Approving the procedure for certification to export fresh onion plants (<i>allium cepa</i>)
	External Affairs: Ministerial Resolution No. 0775/2015-RE Publishing a summary of the substantive paragraphs of the preambular and operative parts of UN

Date	Subject
	Security Council Resolution 2211 (2015) relating to the situation concerning the Democratic Republic of Congo 02/09/2015
05-09-15	Agriculture: Dir. Res. № 0034-2015-MINAGRI-SENASA-DSV – Phytosanitary requirements for imported banana plants in vitro originating in Honduras
08-09-15	Economy: Vice. Min. Res. № 017-2015-EF/15.01 CIF reference prices for the application of additional variable duty or tariff reduction referred to in Supreme Decree № 115-2001-EF
10-09-15	Agriculture: Dir. Res. № 0039-2015-MINAGRI-SENASA-DSV – Phytosanitary requirements for Gmelina plants (Gmelina spp.) originating in and imported from Costa Rica
11-09-15	Agriculture: Dir. Res. № 0035-2015-MINAGRI-SENASA-DSV – Phytosanitary requirements for blueberry cuttings originating in and imported from USA
	Agriculture: Dir. Res. № 0036-2015-MINAGRI-SENASA-DSV – Phytosanitary requirements for cotton gin waste originating in and imported from USA
12-09-15	Commission for Promotion of Peru for Export and Tourism: Resolution No. 188-2015-PROMPERU / SG approves sale prices and the method of payment for various activities promoting exports 09/12/2015
19-09-15	SUNAT: Res. № 255-2015/SUNAT – Superintendent Resolution regulating movement of goods using the electronic System: Sistema de Emisión Electrónica
26-09-15	Health: Min. Res. № 587-2015/MINSA Establishes new health warnings to be addressed in the packaging and advertising of cigarettes and other tobacco products

Venezuela

Official Gazette

Date	Subject
10-09-15	National Autonomous Service for Standardization, Quality, Metrology and Technical Regulations : Order No. DG-OLA-028-2015, by which supersedes the Administrative Order No. DG-013/2014, dated March 20, 2014, which is delegated to the regional coordinators of this organization, competition and after fulfilling the corresponding signature validation of 15 acts and documents listed therein, and attribution specified therein. (Certificate of Registration Statement for Energy Efficiency (Resolution 089), Certificates of Registration Required National Manufacturers and Importers of apparel (textiles), Certificates of Registration Required National Manufacturers and Importers of apparel (shoes), Records of Records of companies in the field Lifts, etc.).

Asia-Pacific

[Please note that material pertaining to the Eurasian Economic Union (EAEU) is shown under EUROPE.]

Australia

DIBP notices and advices

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

Date	Series and №	Title
30-09-15	DIBP No.2015/33	First Protocol to the ASEAN-Australia-New Zealand Free Trade Agreement - Entry into Force 1 October 2015

Australian Gazettes

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

Date	Matter	Date	Matter
02-09-15	TC 15-34	23-09-15	TC 15-37
09-09-15	TC 15-35	30-09-15	TC 15-38
16-09-15	TC 15-36		

Australian Tariff Precedents

The Department of Immigration and Border Protection (DIBP) and one of its predecessors, Australian Customs and Border Protection Service (ACBP) publish and post its [Tariff Precedent Files](#). Tariff Precedents are considered statements from Customs made to provide guidance on various classification issues. The last update of this file was 21 September 2015.

The DIBP published or revised the following Tariff Classification Guides in August and September 2015:

- [Applying tolerances in Tariff Concession Orders](#)
- [Classifying cases and covers for portable electronic devices](#)
- [Classifying functional units](#)
- [Classifying incomplete vehicles](#)
- [The meaning of 'household' and 'domestic' when classifying goods](#)
- [Identifying and classifying tractors of heading 8701](#)

Antidumping and countervailing duty cases

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

China (including Hong Kong SAR)

MOFCOM and GAC notices

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

Date	Series and №	Subject
14-09-15	GAC № 41, 2015	Concerning commodity classification administrative rulings published in 2015 (II)
15-09-15	GAC № 45, 2015	On a clear liquid chemical and gas regulatory matters related announcement

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India

Other CBEC and DGFT notifications, circulars and instructions

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

Date	Series and No	Subject
03-09-15	Cir. 22/2015	Regarding delay in furnishing reply to the Queries raised by the Department
04-09-15	85/2015-Cus (NT)	Amendment in Principal Notification No. 12/97-Customs(N.T.) dated 02.04.1997
15-09-15	92/2015-Cus (NT)	Tariff Notification in respect of fixation of T V of Edible oil, Brass, Poppy seed, Areca nut, gold and Sliver
17-09-15	46/2015-Cus,(T)	Seeks to further amend Notification No.12/2012-Customs dated 17.03.2012
22-09-15	47/2015-Cus (T)	Seeks to further amend Notification No.12/2012-Customs dated 17.03.2012
29-09-25	Cir. 23/2015	Regarding Refund/Claim of Safeguard Duties as Duty Drawback
30-09-15	48/2015-Cus (T)	seeks to further amend notification No. 12/2012-Customs dated 17.03.2012 so as to: •extend zero import duty regime for all pulses except gram [CTH 0713 20 00] and lentil [CTH 0713 40 00] without an end date •.extend zero import duty regime for gram [CTH 0713 20 00] and lentils [CTH 0713 40 00] only up to 31.12.2015
	96/2015-Cus (NT)	Tariff Notification in respect of fixation of T V of Edible oil, Brass, Poppy seed, Areca nut, Gold and Sliver

Antidumping and countervailing duty cases

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Indonesia

Regulations and other legal documents

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

Date	Reference	Matter
01-09-15	(F) PMIK-165/PMK.010/2015	About Imposition of Safeguard Measures Against Imported Products Coated Paper and Paper Board
16-09-15	(CE) SE-16/BC/2015	Guidelines for Filing in the Environment Directorate General of Customs and Excise
28-09-15	(T) 68/M-DAG/PER/9/2015	Pricing Benchmark Top Export of Agricultural and Forestry subjected Duty
	(T) 69/M-DAG/ PER/9/2015	Pricing Benchmark Over Mining Products Export Processing Results subjected Duty
	(T) 73/M-DAG/ PER/9/2015	Obligations Labeling In Indonesian In Goods
	(T) 75/M-DAG/ PER/9/2015	Upon revocation Kepmenperindag No. 528 / MPP / Kep / 7/2002 on Imports of cloves
	(T) 76/M-DAG/PER/9/2015	Upon revocation of the Regulation No. 11/M-DAG/ PER/3/2010 About the Import of Machinery, Machine

Date	Reference	Matter
		Tools ...
	(T) 77/M-DAG/PER/9/2015	Upon revocation of the Regulation No. 41 / M-DAG / PER / 12/2011 On the Import Sodium tripolyphosphate
	(T) 78/M-DAG/PER/9/2015	Upon revocation of the Regulation No. 45 / M-DAG / 6/2015 About the Import Ban
30-09-15	(F) 1994/KM.4/2015	Pricing for Calculation of Export Levy

Japan

Export of Japanese Caviar

The Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry (METI) and the Fisheries Agency (FAJ) [jointly announced](#) that they have introduced a system for the export of caviar based on a resolution of the Conference of the Parties to the *Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora* (CITES), recognizing that the sturgeon aquaculture business in Japan has developed sufficiently and the export of caviar is being considered.

The introduction of this system makes it possible to export Japanese caviar.

All of the species of the order Acipenseriformes are regulated by CITES. In addition, regarding the international trade in processed unfertilized eggs of species of the order Acipenseriformes (caviar), one resolution of the Conference of the Parties to CITES recommends that parties (1) establish a registration system for caviar processing plants (including aquaculture operations), (2) implement the universal labelling system for caviar, including affix non-reusable labels to primary containers for caviar, and (3) not accept shipments of caviar without non-reusable labels.

Japan had not introduced a system for items (1) and (2) above based on the resolution, since the export of caviar had not previously been seen as a realistic possibility. However, with the development of the sturgeon aquaculture business in Japan in recent years, the export of caviar has become a realistic business and therefore METI and FAJ have cooperated and decided to introduce a system for items (1) and (2) from September 18, 2015.

Specifically, the FAJ approved the Guidelines for Facilities (Aquaculture Operations, Processing Plants, and Repacking Plants) Registration for the Export/Re-export of Caviar and has introduced a system in which facilities are registered after the examination of their management systems for sturgeon and caviar, and systems for affix non-reusable labels. METI will issue export permits after confirming (1) non-reusable labels are applied to primary containers for caviar at the registered facilities and (2) the information on the non-reusable labels based on the resolution is given on the export permit.

For details, see the 18 September [Japanese language press release](#).

Malaysia

Safeguard investigation on hot rolled coils launched

On 11 September 2015, Malaysia notified the WTO's Committee on Safeguards that it initiated on 11 September 2015 a safeguard investigation on hot rolled coils.

In the notification, Malaysia indicated as follows:

“Any interested party shall identify themselves within 15 days from the date of publication of the notice in the Government Gazette of Malaysia. Any importer requesting for a questionnaire shall do so within 15 days from the date of publication of the notice in

the Government Gazette of Malaysia.
[...]

All submissions, questionnaire responses, correspondences and requests must be made officially in writing and sent by e-mail, post or facsimile and with clear indication of the name, address, e-mail address, telephone and facsimile numbers of the interested parties to:

Trade Practices Section
Ministry of International Trade and Industry (MITI)
Level 14, Block 8, Government Offices Complex
Jalan Tuanku Abdul Halim 50622 Kuala Lumpur
Malaysia

Telephone Number : (603) 6200-0119/0123

Facsimile Number : (603) 6201 6394

Email Address : alltps@miti.gov.my

Further information is available in WTO Document [G/SG/N/6/MYS/3](#).

Federal Government Gazette

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

Date	Matter
01-09-15	P.U. (B) 343/2015 - Notification of Values of Crude Palm Oil Under Section 12 - Customs Act 1967
	P.U. (B) 344/2015 - Notification of Values of Palm Kernel Under Section 12 - Customs Act 1967
03-09-15	P.U. (B) 349/2015 - Notification of Values of Crude Petroleum Oil Under Section 12 - Customs Act 1967
10-09-15	P.U. (B) 366/2015 - Notice of Initiation of Investigation for the Determination of Safeguard Measure With Regard to Hot Rolled Coils Products Imported Into Malaysia - Safeguards Act 2006
17-09-15	P.U. (B) 371/2015 - Notification of Values of Crude Petroleum Oil Under Section 12 - Customs Act 1967
22-09-15	P.U. (B) 376/2015 - Notice of Affirmative Preliminary Determination of an Anti-Dumping Duty Investigation With Regard to the Imports of Prepainted, Painted or Colour Coated Steel Coils Originating or Exported From China and Viet Nam - Countervailing and Anti-dumping Duties Act 1993
	P.U. (B) 377/2015 - Notice of Negative Preliminary Determination 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
23-09-15	P.U. (A) 218/2015 - Customs (Provisional Anti-Dumping Duties) Order 2015 - Countervailing and Anti-Dumping Duties Act 1993 and Customs Act 1967
30-09-15	P.U. (A) 220/2015 - Customs Duties (Goods Under the Agreement Establishing the ASEAN-Australia-New Zealand Free Trade Area) (Amendment) Order 2015 - 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

ASEAN-Australia-New Zealand Free Trade Area (AANZFTA) First Protocol implemented

The New Zealand Customs Service [announced](#) that Member countries have agreed on a Protocol that will amend the *Agreement establishing the ASEAN-Australia-New Zealand Free Trade Area (AANZFTA)* to make it more business-friendly, transparent, and improve administrative efficiency. The announcement stated:

The First Protocol does not change preferential access under the Agreement but removes some unnecessary information requirements in the certification of origin.

In particular, the certificate will no longer require the free on board (FOB) value of the consignment to appear unless origin qualification is based on the regional value content of the good.

The First Protocol will enter into force for New Zealand and nine of the 12 AANZFTA Parties on 1 October 2015; and the remaining two Parties (Cambodia and Indonesia) are targeting implementation on 1 January 2016.

The ten Parties who are implementing the First Protocol on 1 October 2015 have advised they will accept either the original certificate of origin or the version changed by the Protocol up to 31 March 2016.

Further information on the Protocol changes, and the [‘Guide for business: using the First Protocol’](#), can be accessed [here](#) via the New Zealand Customs website.

Guidance issued on classification of gold, silver, or platinum bars, ingots, or rounds

The New Zealand Customs Service *Customs Release* of 25 September 2015 provides [guidance on the tariff classification of gold, silver, or platinum bars, ingots, or rounds](#). The article states:

Minted or investment bars, ingots or rounds of fine gold, fine silver, or platinum are generally bars of precious metal or rolled into strips and stamped out (struck, or minted), although some types may be made by casting.

The bars and ingots are generally rectangular in shape, marked on one side with the assayed purity of the gold, silver or platinum, the name and weight of the particular metal in grams or troy ounces, marked with a serial number, a hallmark, a manufacturer’s name and origin. However, they are not confined to the rectangular shape and are also manufactured in a variety of forms or shapes eg, square, oval, donut etc, and some incorporate a hole or hanger so they may be worn.

The “rounds” or “round bars” have the appearance of a coin but are not legal tender, and are not marked with a nominal value. They are generally marked with their assayed purity, type and weight of the particular metal, hallmark, logo, and name of manufacturer.

These types of goods are mainly traded as investment items of precious metal and are considered to be finished articles and not the semi-manufactured bars etc, that are classified in Tariff heading 71.06 “Silver (including silver plated with gold or platinum), unwrought or in semi-manufactured forms, or in powder form”, Tariff heading 71.08 “Gold (including gold plated with platinum) unwrought or in semi-manufactured forms, or in powder form”, or in Tariff heading 71.10 “Platinum, unwrought or in semi-manufactured forms, or in powder form”.

Customs considers that investment or minted bars and the like, are classified in Tariff heading 71.14 “Articles of goldsmiths’ or silversmiths’ wares and parts thereof, of precious metal or of metal clad with precious metal”, under Tariff item 7114.11.09 00A (silver), or Tariff item 7114.19.09 00H (gold or platinum).

Should further advice be required please note that Customs provides a pre-importation classification ruling service. This service is outlined in Fact Sheet 23, Pre-Importation Rulings Service for Tariff Classification and Concession Applicability, on our [website](#).

New FernMark Licence Programme launches for exporters

On 25 September 2015, the weekly New Zealand Customs Service *Customs Release* announced that New Zealand Story, a government initiative to develop and grow New Zealand's international marketing brand, has recently launched the new FernMark Programme for New Zealand exporters.



The FernMark is the government's official trademarked silver fern developed for exporters. Through the FernMark Licence Programme businesses that meet the eligibility criteria will be able to use the FernMark on their products.

The mark is intended to give New Zealand companies a competitive advantage overseas by giving products an immediate connection to the story of New Zealand and its associated reputation and credibility.

In order to carry the FernMark exporters must meet the licence criteria. It requires a business to be connected to New Zealand from a financial, regulatory, governance and personnel perspective. The company's products must also meet minimum requirements for being considered as made, grown or designed in New Zealand.

New Zealand businesses will pay between \$1,500 and \$5,000 per annum for a FernMark licence – regardless of the number of products that are licenced.

Press Release supplied by [New Zealand Trade and Enterprise](#). Read more about the Programme on the [Fernmark website](#).

Online GST discussion document

On 18 September 2015, the Revenue Minister [released](#) a discussion document on the collection of the Goods and Services Tax (GST) for online purchases, [GST: Cross-border services, intangibles and goods](#), which seeks feedback on proposals for the collection of GST on online purchases of services and intangibles. It also discusses work that Customs has underway on the collection of GST on low-value imported goods, and outlines the way forward for improving the collection of GST on all goods.

Proposals cover a wide range of services purchased by New Zealand residents from overseas suppliers. They include both digital services such as internet downloads and online services, as well as more traditional services such as legal and accounting services supplied remotely. The document discusses some of the options and asks for feedback. A separate consultation paper on the *de minimis* threshold will be released in the near future and submissions will be able to be made as part of that process.

Submissions close on 25 September 2015. See the [media statement](#).

New Zealand Gazette

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

Date	Matter
01-09-15	Tariff Concession (Advertisement) Notice No. 2015/28
08-09-15	Tariff Concession Approvals, Withdrawals and Declines Notice (No. 29) 2015
	Tariff Concession (Advertisement) Notice No. 2015/29
15-09-15	Tariff Concession Approvals, Withdrawals and Declines Notice (No. 30) 2015
22-09-15	Tariff Concession Approvals, Withdrawals and Declines Notice (No. 31) 2015
	Tariff Concession (Advertisement) Notice No. 2015/31
29-09-15	Tariff Concession Approvals, Withdrawals and Declines Notice (No. 32) 2015
	Tariff Concession (Advertisement) Notice No. 2015/32

Philippines

Customs Orders

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

Date	Reference	Matter
03-10-15	CAO 3-2015	Amended and Consolidated Guidelines and Procedures for the Imposition of Penalties Arising From Post-Entry Audits

Singapore

Singapore revises Strategic Goods Control List, Brokering Order, and Transhipment and Transit Controls

On 4 September 2015, Singapore Customs issued [Circular 12/2015](#) announcing that the new [Strategic Goods \(Control\) Order 2015](#) (SGCO 2015) (first discussed in [Notice 12/2015](#) dated 19 August 2015) has been gazetted on 4 September 2015, and will come into effect from 2 November 2015. You may access the SGCO 2015 via [Singapore Customs website](#). Edited excerpts from the Circular are given below:

The SGCO 2015 brings Singapore's strategic goods control list up to date with the *2014 Wassenaar Arrangement Munitions List*, and the *2014 European Union's List of Dual-Use Items* (EUDL). The EUDL contains dual-use items controlled by the four multilateral export control regimes (the Wassenaar Arrangement, the Missile Control Technology Regime, the Australia Group, and the Nuclear Suppliers Group).

The SGCO 2015 will incorporate revisions such as new entries, deletions, re-categorisation, as well as editorial changes for consistency and clarity of controls. The highlights of key changes to the strategic goods control list can be found via our website.

Singapore Customs will be holding a series of awareness briefings in September 2015 on the changes to the strategic goods control list. Traders, including exporters, carriers, cargo agents and freight forwarders, are encouraged to attend the briefings to familiarise themselves with the updates to ensure continuity in business compliance. You may refer to [Notice No. 12/2015](#) for the registration details.

Highlights of key changes to the SGCO 2015 may be [found here](#).

Changes to the Brokering Order

Some strategic goods subject to brokering controls will be re-categorised by the updated strategic goods control list. These technical changes will be reflected in the [Strategic Goods \(Control\) \(Brokering\) \(Amendment\) Order 2015](#).

The [Strategic Goods \(Control\) \(Brokering\) \(Amendment\) Order 2015](#) will come into effect from 2 November 2015. A summary of changes to the Brokering Order can be found in Annex A to Circular 12/2015.

Changes to Transshipment & Transit Controls

A strategic goods permit will be required for the transshipment and transit of strategic goods prescribed in the 4th and 5th Schedules to the [Strategic Goods \(Control\) Regulations](#) (SGCR) respectively. With the updated strategic goods control list, some of the strategic goods in these Schedules will be re-categorised and new goods will be added to the existing categories of strategic goods subject to transshipment and transit controls. These changes will be reflected in the [Strategic Goods \(Control\) \(Amendment\) Regulations 2015](#).

The [Strategic Goods \(Control\) \(Amendment\) Regulations 2015](#) will come into effect from 2 November 2015. A summary of changes to the 4th and 5th Schedules to the SGCR can be found in Annex A to Circular 12/2015.

For a detailed discussion of this subject, please see our Client Alert: [Singapore Export Controls Updates: Strategic Goods \(Control\) Order 2015](#). For additional information, please contact [Eugene Lim](#), [Ken Chia](#), [Shih Hui Lee](#), [Zhixiang Ke](#), [Thuy Nguyen](#) or [Randeep Singh](#).

Singapore issues Advisory on combating terrorism financing and proliferation financing

On 28 August 2015, Singapore Customs issued Circular 10/2015 entitled, [Advisory: On Combating Terrorism Financing and Proliferation Financing](#) which pointed out that as a member of the United Nations (UN), Singapore is committed to give effect to the requirements under the UN Security Council Resolutions. The requirements are made through legally binding Regulations issued pursuant to the UN Act (“UN Regulations”). Edited excerpts from the Circular are given below:

All persons in Singapore have to comply with the UN Regulations (except for financial institutions regulated by the Monetary Authority of Singapore (MAS), which have to comply with corresponding MAS Regulations). Among other provisions, the UN Regulations prohibit persons in Singapore from dealing with the UN-designated individuals and entities. Any breach of the Regulations could subject an individual to a fine not exceeding S\$500,000 or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding 10 years or to both; or in any other case, to a fine not exceeding S\$1 million.

For more information on your obligations under the UN Regulations, please refer to the [“Targeted Financial Sanctions – For Non-Financial Institutions and Natural Persons in Singapore”](#) section on the Monetary Authority of Singapore’s (MAS) webpage.

To facilitate compliance with the UN Regulations, traders and declaring agents are strongly encouraged to subscribe to the [“Anti-Money Laundering/Countering the Financing of Terrorism and Targeted Financial Sanctions”](#) section of the MAS website. Doing so will alert you to changes to the lists of UN-designated individuals and entities, and help you stay abreast of other relevant announcements, such as jurisdictions with strategic Anti-Money Laundering/Countering the Financing of Terrorism deficiencies identified by the Financial Action Task Force.

A list of Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) is attached to Circular 10/2015 as Annex A for your reference.

Notices, circulars, etc.

Date	Reference	Matter
19-08-15	Notice 12/2015	Awareness Briefings on Changes to the Strategic Goods Control List
28-08-15	Cir. 10/2015	Advisory: Combating Terrorism Financing And Proliferation Financing

Date	Reference	Matter
31-08-15	Cir. 11/2015	Advisory: Sharing of TRADENET® User ID Is Not Allowed
04-09-15	Cir. 12/2015	Changes to the Strategic Goods Control List, Brokering Order, and Transhipment & Transit Controls [Strategic Goods (Control) Order 2015 (“SGCO 2015”)] [Highlights of Key Changes to SGCO 2015]

Vietnam

Vietnam launches safeguard investigation on MSG

On 4 September 2015, Vietnam [notified](#) the WTO’s Committee on Safeguards that it initiated on 1 September 2015 a safeguard investigation on monosodium glutamate (MSG). In the notification, Vietnam indicated as follows:

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

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

Vietnam Competition Authority (Trade Remedies Investigation Division)
25 Ngo Quyen Street, Ha Noi, Viet Nam
Tel: (84 4) 22205002 ext.1038 Fax: (84 4) 22205003
Email: ninhht@moit.gov.vn; hungnth@moit.gov.vn”.

Further information is available in [G/SG/N/6/VNM/3](#).

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
01-09-15	Decision No. 2548 / QĐ-TCHQ dated 09/01/2015 promulgating Regulation on exercising democracy in the activities of the customs service
04-09-15	Circular No. 141/2015 / TT-BTC dated 04/9/2015 of the stop implementation of Circular No. 63/2015 / TT-BTC dated 06/5/2015 of the Minister of Finance revised export tax rate for cassava export goods of heading 07.14 in the export tariff Official Letter No. 8078 / 09.04.2015 of TCHQ-TXNK day expanding state budget revenues through electronic payment gateway Customs on a national scope
08-09-15	Official Letter No. 8154 / 08.09.2015 of TCHQ-GSQL check scrap imports no national environmental QCKT Official Letter No. 8166 / 08.09.2015 of TCHQ-GSQL confirm Agents customs supervision as prescribed in Circular No. 47/2015 / TT-BTC dated 10/04/2015 of the Ministry of Finance
14-09-15	Official Letter No. 8329 / 09.14.2015 of TCHQ-TXNK day management coordination of imports VAT refunding wrongly paid or overpaid Official Letter No. 8338 / TCHQ-DTCBL date 09.14.2015 on strengthening the supervision and control of coal products Official Letter No. 8352 / TCHQ-TXNK date of its classification 09.14.2015 Ammonium chloride
15-09-15	Decision No. 2688 / QĐ-TCHQ dated 09/15/2015 prescribing duties, powers and organizational structure of the Bureau of Customs supervision under the Department DTCBL online
17-09-15	Official Letter No. 8512 / 17.09.2015 of TCHQ-GSQL duty-free allowance, the tax exemption, not subject to tax on imported goods sent via express mail service Official Letter No. 8538 / 17.09.2015 of TCHQ-TXNK day tax treatment for goods imported to introduce products

Date	Reference and Matter
18-09-15	Official Letter No. 8541 / 18.09.2015 of TCHQ-TXNK date customs declaration and taxation of imports then re-exported to 3rd country Document No. 12987 / BTC-TCHQ dated 18.09.2015 on customs declarations for those individuals or organizations diplomats, international organizations in Vietnam
21-09-15	Official Letter No. 8597 / TCHQ-TXNK date of classification of goods 21/09/2015 Official Letter No. 8603 / TCHQ-TXNK reply dated 21.09.2015 on problems
24-09-15	Official Letter No. 8747 / 09.24.2015 of TCHQ-TXNK day named its classification declared "floats"
25-09-15	Official Letter No. 8818 / 25.09.2015 of TCHQ-TXNK day processing wood products for re-export tax than 365 days
29-09-15	Official Letter No. 8922 / TCHQ-TXNK date of its classification 09/29/2015 "Mintai Flavor"

Europe

European Union and EFTA

EEA EFTA Comment on Better Regulation

The European Free Trade Association (EFTA) [announced](#) that on 28 September 2015, Iceland, Liechtenstein and Norway submitted a joint comment on the European Commission's *Communication on Better Regulation for Better Results – An EU Agenda*. The announcement said:

The EEA EFTA States welcome the EU's Better Regulation agenda, which corresponds to ongoing efforts in the EEA EFTA States to cut red tape and create a more business friendly environment, without lowering standards.

[In their comment](#), the EEA EFTA States emphasise the EEA dimension of the Internal Market, noting that a large portion of EU acquis to be adopted under the Better Regulation rules will also be incorporated into the EEA Agreement. Given that citizens and businesses in the EEA EFTA States will generally be subject to the same conditions as their counterparts in the EU, it is important that stakeholders in the EEA EFTA States have the same possibility to contribute to policy making through the EU's improved consultation processes. Furthermore, allowing the EEA EFTA States to participate in the newly established REFIT Platform would be beneficial to the further development of the Internal Market as a whole and strengthen the competence of the Platform.

EU- New Zealand Customs agreement initialed

The European Commission [announced](#) that The Commission has successfully completed the negotiations of an agreement between EU and New Zealand on customs cooperation and mutual administrative assistance. On 23 September 2015 the EU - New Zealand customs agreement was initialed, marking the end of the negotiation process which was launched back in July 2013.

The announcement said that after it has been signed and concluded, the agreement will provide the EU and New Zealand with the legal basis for a cooperation framework which aims at securing the supply chain and facilitating legitimate trade, as well as enabling information exchange to ensure the proper application of customs legislation and the prevention, investigation and combating of breaches of customs legislation.

EFTA and Albania add new chapter to free trade agreement

The EFTA [announced](#) that representatives of the four EFTA States and Albania met on 18 September in Geneva to sign a protocol adding a chapter on trade and sustainable development to the *EFTA-Albania Free Trade Agreement (FTA)*. Under the new chapter to the FTA, both parties undertake to provide for and encourage high levels of environmental and labour protection.

The *EFTA-Albania FTA* entered into force on 1 November 2010 in Albania, Liechtenstein and Switzerland; on 1 August 2011 in Norway; and on 1 October 2011 in Iceland. Merchandise trade between the EFTA States and Albania has doubled over the last ten years, peaking at USD 56 million in 2013. Since the entry into force of the FTA in 2010, Albania's exports to EFTA have more than tripled and now account for almost USD 20 million. EFTA's main merchandise imports from Albania consist of woven apparel (40%), footwear (20%) and electrical machinery (15%). On the export side, pharmaceutical products account for the majority of EFTA's exports to Albania (60%), followed by printed materials (10%) and tobacco products (6%).

EU extends the validity of sanctions over actions against Ukraine's territorial integrity.

[Council Decision \(CFSP\) 2015/1524](#) of 14 September 2015, which amends [Decision 2014/145/CFSP](#) concerning restrictive measures in respect of actions undermining or threatening the territorial integrity, sovereignty and independence of Ukraine, extends sanctions for another 6 months, until 15 March 2016. The [Decision](#) also de-lists one person and updates the entries for 149 people and 1 entity.

Please check our [Sanctions blog](#) for further updates.

Commission puts importers on notice of improper application of GSP rules for imports of open mesh fabric of glass fibres

On 23 September 2015, the *Official Journal* published [Notice to importers — Imports of open mesh fabrics of glass fibres into the European Union from GSP beneficiary countries belonging to the regional cumulation group I and group III \(2105/C 314/6\)](#). The text is as follows (with the footnotes converted to a parenthetical phrase and a link):

The European Commission informs European Union operators that there are reasonable doubts concerning the proper application of the preferential treatment and the applicability of proofs of origin presented in the Union for open mesh fabrics of glass fibres of HS subheadings 7019 40, 7019 51 and 7019 59 imported from GSP beneficiary countries belonging to the regional cumulation group I and group III. (*The list of countries is set out in Article 86 of Commission Regulation (EEC) No 2454/93 laying down provisions for the implementing of Council Regulation (EEC) No 2913/92 establishing the Community Customs Code. At the time of the publication of this notice, the following beneficiary countries belong to the groups: Group I – Cambodia, Indonesia, Laos, Philippines, Vietnam, Myanmar/Burma; Group III – Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Nepal, Pakistan, and Sri Lanka.*)

Following a number of investigations, it would appear that significant quantities of open mesh fabrics of glass fibres of HS subheadings 7019 40, 7019 51 and 7019 59, consigned to the EU generally from Singapore, are being declared for release for free circulation in the Union as having the preferential origin of one of the countries belonging to the regional cumulation group I or III, without being entitled to it.

European Union operators declaring origin and/or presenting proofs of origin for the products mentioned above are therefore advised to take all necessary precautions as the release of the goods in question for free circulation may give rise to a customs debt, lead to fraud and, consequently, negatively affect the European Union's financial interests. When the possible subsequent entry in the accounts of a customs debt re-

sults from the abovementioned circumstances the person liable may not plead good faith in accordance with the fifth subparagraph of Article 220(2)(b) of Council Regulation [\(EEC\) No 2913/92 of 12 October 1992 establishing the Community Customs Code](#).

Council decision on EU position in WTO Trade in Services Council on preferences for suppliers of least developed members

On 22 September 2015, the *Official Journal* published [Council Decision \(EU\) 2015/1570 of 18 September 2015 establishing the position to be taken on behalf of the European Union within the Council for Trade in Services of the World Trade Organization on the approval of preferential treatment notified by WTO Members, other than the Union and its Member States, as regards services and service suppliers of least-developed country Members, on the application of measures other than those described in Article XVI of the GATS](#), which indicates that the position of the Union within the Council on the Trade in Services (CTS) shall be to support the approval of the preferential treatment notified by WTO Members, other than the Union and its Member States, as regards services and service suppliers of least-developed country (LDC) Members, on the application of measures other than those described in Article XVI of the *General Agreement on Trade in Services* (GATS), in accordance with the decision of 7 December 2013 of the WTO Ministerial Conference.

EFTA and Georgia hold first round of free trade negotiations

On 7 September 2015, the European Free Trade Association (EFTA) [announced](#) that a first round of negotiations on a Free Trade Agreement (FTA) between the EFTA States and Georgia was held from 1 to 4 September 2015 in Tbilisi, Georgia. The announcement states:

Mr Mikheil Janelidze, Deputy Minister of Economy and Sustainable Development, led the Georgian delegation, while Mr Jan Farberg, Director-General of the Ministry of Trade, Industry and Fisheries of Norway, acted as the EFTA Spokesperson.

Expert working groups convened to discuss draft texts in areas such as trade in goods (including rules of origin, technical barriers to trade, sanitary and phytosanitary measures, trade remedies and trade facilitation), trade in services, investment, intellectual property rights, competition, trade and sustainable development, government procurement, and legal and institutional issues. The negotiations were held in a very constructive and efficient atmosphere and substantial progress could be achieved in all areas.

The negotiations towards an FTA were preceded by the signing of a Joint Declaration on Cooperation (JDC) between the Parties on 28 June 2012, as well as discussions in September 2014 and February 2015 on the modalities of negotiations in the framework of the Joint Committee established under the JDC. The date for the second round of negotiations will be agreed shortly.

The total value of commodity trade between the EFTA States and Georgia has almost doubled since 2010, peaking at USD 66 million in 2013. The stock of foreign direct investment in Georgia's economy originating from the EFTA States has also grown significantly, reaching USD 411 million in 2012.

EFTA States and Palestine hold fifth Sub- and Joint Committee meeting

On 2 September 2015, the European Free Trade Association (EFTA) [announced](#) that Delegations from the EFTA States and Palestine met on 27 August in Geneva for a fifth Sub- and Joint Committee meeting under their Interim Agreement. The announcement states:

The Parties exchanged views on the economic developments in the EFTA States and in Palestine since their last meeting in 2012, and discussed issues linked to their trade agreements such as trade in goods including trade in agricultural goods, customs-related issues, sanitary and phytosanitary measures, technical barriers to trade, intellectual property rights, sustainable development, government procurement, services and investment, and cooperation to further strengthen trade between the Parties.

The EFTA delegation was headed by Ambassador Didier Chambovey from Switzerland, while Deputy Minister Dr Taisir Amre from the Ministry of National Economy led the delegation from Palestine.

The [Interim Agreement on free trade between the EFTA States and the Palestinian Authority](#), as well as bilateral agreements on trade in agricultural products, was concluded in 1998 and remains one of EFTA's oldest free trade agreements. In 2014 merchandise trade between EFTA and Palestine amounted to USD 27 million. EFTA's main exports to Palestine consist of pharmaceutical products; tobacco; optical, medical and surgical instruments; and machinery. The primary exports from Palestine to the EFTA States are fats and oils, as well as fruits and nuts.

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](#).

Official Journal documents

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

OJ Date	Subject
02-09-15	Summary of European Commission Decisions on authorisations for the placing on the market for the use and/or for use of substances listed in Annex XIV to Regulation (EC) No 1907/2006 of the European Parliament and of the Council concerning the Registration, Evaluation, Authorisation and Restriction of Chemicals (REACH) (Published pursuant to Article 64(9) of Regulation (EC) No 1907/2006) [2015/C 288/04]
	Summary of European Commission Decisions on authorisations for the placing

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	on the market for the use and/or for use of substances listed in Annex XIV to Regulation (EC) No 1907/2006 of the European Parliament and of the Council concerning the Registration, Evaluation, Authorisation and Restriction of Chemicals (REACH) (Published pursuant to Article 64(9) of Regulation (EC) No 1907/2006) [2015/C 288/05]
03-09-15	Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2015/1486 of 2 September 2015 concerning the authorisation of canthaxanthin as feed additive for certain categories of poultry, ornamental fish and ornamental birds Various decisions of the EEA Joint Committee
04-09-15	Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2015/1489 of 3 September 2015 concerning the authorisation of the preparation of <i>Lactobacillus plantarum</i> NCIMB 30238 and <i>Pediococcus pentosaceus</i> NCIMB 30237 as a feed additive for all animal species Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2015/1490 of 3 September 2015 concerning the authorisation of the preparation of carvacrol, cinnamaldehyde and capsicum oleoresin as a feed additive for chickens for fattening (holder of the authorisation Pancosma France S.A.S.) Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2015/1491 of 3 September 2015 amending Regulation (EU) No 37/2010 as regards the substance 'virginiamycin' Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2015/1492 of 3 September 2015 amending Regulation (EU) No 37/2010 as regards the substance 'tylvalosin'
05-09-15	Information concerning the entry into force of the renewal of the agreement on cooperation between the European Community and Ukraine Commission Regulation (EU) 2015/1494 of 4 September 2015 amending Annex XVII to Regulation (EC) No 1907/2006 of the European Parliament and of the Council concerning the Registration, Evaluation, Authorisation and Restriction of Chemicals (REACH) as regards benzene Summary of European Commission Decisions on authorisations for the placing on the market for the use and/or for use of substances listed in Annex XIV to Regulation (EC) No 1907/2006 of the European Parliament and of the Council concerning the Registration, Evaluation, Authorisation and Restriction of Chemicals (REACH) (Published pursuant to Article 64(9) of Regulation (EC) No 1907/2006) [2015/C 293/02]
08-09-15	Information concerning the extension of the Grains Trade Convention, 1995 Information concerning the extension of the International Sugar Agreement, 1992 Corrigendum to 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-naphthylxyacetic acid, acetochlor, chloropicrin, diflufenican, flurprimidol, flutolanil and spinosad in or on certain products (OJ L 100, 17.4.2015)
15-09-15	Directive (EU) 2015/1513 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 9 September 2015 amending Directive 98/70/EC relating to the quality of petrol and diesel fuels and amending Directive 2009/28/EC on the promotion of the use of energy from renewable sources Council Decision (EU) 2015/1522 of 14 September 2015 establishing the position to be taken on behalf of the European Union within the Committee on Government Procurement on the accession of the Republic of Moldova to the Revised Agreement on Government Procurement
17-09-15	Directive (EU) 2015/1535 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 9 September 2015 laying down a procedure for the provision of information in the field of technical regulations and of rules on Information Society services Corrigendum to Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2015/131 of 23 January 2015 amending Regulation (EC) No 1235/2008 laying down detailed rules for implementation of Council Regulation (EC) No 834/2007 as regards the arrangements for imports of organic products from third countries (OJ L 23, 29.1.2015) Medicinal products — List of marketing authorisations granted by the EEA EFTA States for the first half of 2014 [2015/C 306/08] Medicinal products — List of marketing authorisations granted by the EEA EFTA States for the second half of 2014 [2015/C 306/09]

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18-09-15	Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2015/1538 of 23 June 2015 supplementing Regulation (EU) No 1308/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council with regard to import licence applications, release for free circulation and proof of refining of sugar products of CN code 1701 under preferential agreements, for the marketing years 2015/16 and 2016/17 and amending Commission Regulations (EC) No 376/2008 and (EC) No 891/2009
	Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2015/1550 of 17 September 2015 laying down rules for the application of Regulation (EU) No 1308/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards the import and refining of sugar products of CN code 1701 under preferential agreements, for the marketing years 2015/2016 and 2016/2017
	Regulation (EU) 2015/1525 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 9 September 2015 amending Council Regulation (EC) No 515/97 on mutual assistance between the administrative authorities of the Member States and cooperation between the latter and the Commission to ensure the correct application of the law on customs and agricultural matters
	Corrigendum to Regulation (EU) No 1007/2011 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 27 September 2011 on textile fibre names and related labelling and marking of the fibre composition of textile products and repealing Council Directive 73/44/EEC and Directives 96/73/EC and 2008/121/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council (OJ L 272, 18.10.2011)
	Corrigendum to Regulation (EU) No 654/2014 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 15 May 2014 concerning the exercise of the Union's rights for the application and enforcement of international trade rules and amending Council Regulation (EC) No 3286/94 laying down Community procedures in the field of the common commercial policy in order to ensure the exercise of the Community's rights under international trade rules, in particular those established under the auspices of the World Trade Organization (OJ L 189, 27.6.2014)
19-09-15	Corrigendum to Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) No 518/2014 of 5 March 2014 amending Commission Delegated Regulations (EU) No 1059/2010, (EU) No 1060/2010, (EU) No 1061/2010, (EU) No 1062/2010, (EU) No 626/2011, (EU) No 392/2012, (EU) No 874/2012, (EU) No 665/2013, (EU) No 811/2013 and (EU) No 812/2013 with regard to labelling of energy-related products on the internet (OJ L 147, 17.5.2014)
	Information relating to the entry into force of the Agreements between the European Union and the Republic of Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Montenegro, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, the Republic of Serbia and the Republic of Turkey on the participation of, respectively, Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Montenegro, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Serbia and Turkey in the Union programme 'Horizon 2020 — the Framework Programme for Research and Innovation (2014-2020)'
22-09-15	Council Decision (EU) 2015/1570 of 18 September 2015 establishing the position to be taken on behalf of the European Union within the Council for Trade in Services of the World Trade Organization on the approval of preferential treatment notified by WTO Members, other than the Union and its Member States, as regards services and service suppliers of least-developed country Members, on the application of measures other than those described in Article XVI of the GATS
23-09-15	Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2015/1576 of 6 July 2015 amending Regulation (EC) No 606/2009 as regards certain oenological practices and Regulation (EC) No 436/2009 as regards the registering of those practices in the wine sector registers
	Commission Implementing Decision (EU) 2015/1554 of 11 September 2015 laying down rules for the application of Directive 2006/88/EC as regards requirements for surveillance and diagnostic methods (notified under document C(2015) 6188). [Aquatic animals]
	Notice to importers — Imports of open mesh fabrics of glass fibres into the European Union from GSP beneficiary countries belonging to the regional cumulation group I and group III [2015/C 314/6]
24-09-15	Commission Decision (EU) 2015/1603 of 13 August 2015 on a measure taken

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	by Spain in accordance with Article 7 of Council Directive 89/686/EEC withdrawing from the market a type of buoyant aids for swimming instructions
25-09-15	Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2015/1607 of 24 September 2015 amending Annex I to Regulation (EC) No 669/2009 implementing Regulation (EC) No 882/2004 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards the increased level of official controls on imports of certain feed and food of non-animal origin
	Commission Regulation (EU) 2015/1608 of 24 September 2015 amending Annex IV to Regulation (EC) No 396/2005 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards maximum residue levels for capric acid, paraffin oil (CAS 64742-46-7), paraffin oil (CAS 72623-86-0), paraffin oil (CAS 8042-47-5), paraffin oil (CAS 97862-82-3), lime sulphur and urea in or on certain products
	Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2015/1609 of 24 September 2015 approving propiconazole as an existing active substance for use in biocidal products for product-type 7
	Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2015/1610 of 24 September 2015 approving <i>Pythium oligandrum</i> strain M1 as an active substance for use in biocidal products for product-type 10
	Summary of European Union decisions on marketing authorisations in respect of medicinal products from 1 August 2015 to 31 August 2015 (Published pursuant to Article 13 or Article 38 of Regulation (EC) No 726/2004 of the European Parliament and of the Council) [2015/C 318/1]
	Summary of European Union decisions on marketing authorisations in respect of medicinal products from 1 August 2015 to 31 August 2015 (Decisions taken pursuant to Article 34 of Directive 2001/83/EC or Article 38 of Directive 2001/82/EC) [2015/C 318/2]
	29-09-15
Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2015/1726 of 28 September 2015 approving 2-methylisothiazol-3(2H)-one as an existing active substance for use in biocidal products for product-type 13	
Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2015/1727 of 28 September 2015 approving 5-Chloro-2-(4-chlorophenoxy)phenol as an existing active substance for use in biocidal products for product-types 1, 2 and 4	
Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2015/1728 of 28 September 2015 approving IPBC as an existing active substance for use in biocidal products for product-type 13	
Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2015/1729 of 28 September 2015 approving potassium sorbate as an existing active substance for use in biocidal products for product-type 8	
Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2015/1730 of 28 September 2015 approving hydrogen peroxide as an existing active substance for use in biocidal products for product-types 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6	
Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2015/1731 of 28 September 2015 approving medetomidine as an active substance for use in biocidal products for product-type 21	
Commission Implementing Decision (EU) 2015/1735 of 24 September 2015 on the precise position of the general warning and the information message on roll-your-own tobacco marketed in pouches (notified under document C(2015) 6455)	
Commission Implementing Decision (EU) 2015/1736 of 28 September 2015 not approving triflumuron as an existing active substance for use in biocidal products for product-type 18	
Commission Implementing Decision (EU) 2015/1737 of 28 September 2015 postponing the expiry date of approval of bromadiolone, chlorophacinone and coumatetralyl for use in biocidal products for product-type 14	
30-09-15	Commission Regulation (EU) 2015/1739 of 28 September 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

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	the use of the iron tartrate as an anti-caking agent in salt and its substitutes
	Commission Regulation (EU) 2015/1711 of 17 September 2015 establishing for 2015 the 'Prodcum list' of industrial products provided for by Council Regulation (EEC) No 3924/91

Restrictive measures established, amended, corrected

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

OJ Date	Restrictive Measure
03-09-15	Council Implementing Regulation (EU) 2015/1485 of 2 September 2015 implementing Article 17(1) of Regulation (EU) No 224/2014 concerning restrictive measures in view of the situation in the Central African Republic
	Council Implementing Decision (CFSP) 2015/1488 of 2 September 2015 implementing Decision 2013/798/CFSP concerning restrictive measures against the Central African Republic
15-09-15	Council Decision (CFSP) 2015/1524 of 14 September 2015 amending Decision 2014/145/CFSP concerning restrictive measures in respect of actions undermining or threatening the territorial integrity, sovereignty and independence of Ukraine
	Council Implementing Regulation (EU) 2015/1514 of 14 September 2015 implementing Regulation (EU) No 269/2014 concerning restrictive measures in respect of actions undermining or threatening the territorial integrity, sovereignty and independence of Ukraine
	Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2015/1517 of 11 September 2015 amending for the 236th time Council Regulation (EC) No 881/2002 imposing certain specific restrictive measures directed against certain persons and entities associated with the Al-Qaeda network
	Council Decision (CFSP) 2015/1521 of 14 September 2015 repealing Decision 2013/320/CFSP in support of physical security and stockpile management activities to reduce the risk of illicit trade in small arms and light weapons (SALW) and their ammunition in Libya and its region
30-09-15	Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2015/1740 of 29 September 2015 amending for the 237th time Council Regulation (EC) No 881/2002 imposing certain specific restrictive measures directed against certain persons and entities associated with the Al Qaida network

Antidumping and countervailing duty cases

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

Individual Countries

France

Notices to importers

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

Release Date	Ref. No. and Subject
11-09-15	2015/39 - Notice to importers of photovoltaic modules in crystalline silicon and key components thereof originating in or from China

Release Date	Ref. No. and Subject
	2015/40 - Notice to importers of certain son of stainless steel from India
	2015/41 - Notice to importers of cold rolled flat products of stainless steel from China and Taiwan
14-09-15	2015/42 - Notice to importers of certain tissues fiber open mesh glass shipped from India
	2015/43 - Notice to importers of ductile iron pipes and tubes from India
25-09-15	2015/44 - Notice to importers of biodiesel originating in the United States or shipped from Canada

United Kingdom

BIS issues guide to packaging requirements

On 16 September 2015, the Department for Business, Innovation & Skills (BIS) released guidance entitled, [Packaging \(Essential Requirements\) Regulations: government guidance notes](#) (BIS/15/460, dated October 2015) for those involved in the placing of packaged goods on the market. It explains the requirements of the [Packaging \(Essential Requirements\) Regulations](#) (“the Regulations”, SI 2015/1640) on business, how to comply with the law and gives sources of further information. The Regulations (which consolidate and revoke all earlier Regulations) implement those provisions of the European Parliament and Council Directive on Packaging and Packaging Waste (94/62/EC) (“the Directive”) that relate to the essential requirements for packaging. The Regulations also implement relevant provisions of EU instruments amending the Directive: Directives 2004/12/EC, 2013/2/EU and (EU) 2015/720 and Commission Decisions 1999/177/EC, 2001/171/EC, 2006/340/EC and 2009/292/EC.

SFO issues annual report

In July, the UK Serious Fraud Office (SFO) posted its [Annual Report and Accounts 2014 – 15 \(for year ended 31 March 2015\)](#). The report shows that SFO opened 16 new investigations in the year. The conviction rate over the year was 78% by defendant, and 18 defendants in 9 cases were successfully prosecuted. The SFO has made considerable investment in its proceeds of crime activity. This has resulted in £26.5m in confiscation orders, and recovery of £13.7m. 30 defendants in 7 cases have been charged and await their trial.

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
08-09-15	CIP 33 (2015): Union Customs Code - adoption of the Delegated Act and publication of the final text of the Implementing Act
16-09-15	Packaging (Essential Requirements) Regulations: government guidance notes (BIS/15/460) [Note: dated October 2015]
21-09-15	Open general trade control licence (maritime anti-piracy): list of registered companies [Updated list with companies registered and approved to use the licence as of 1 September 2015.]

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	
12-09-15	Notice to importers and exporters on the amenities of customs agents (290th list)
15-09-15	Social Affairs, Health and Women's Rights : Decree of 8 September 2015 amending the Decree of 22 February 1990 on the exemption to the regulation of poisonous substances for human medicine
25-09-15	Social Affairs, etc.: Opinion on the granting of parallel import licenses for medicinal products
29-09-15	Social Affairs, etc.: Decree of 24 September 2015 amending the Decree of 22 February 1990 establishing the list of substances classified as narcotics
30-09-15	Foreign Affairs : Decree of 18 September 2015 amending the Decree of 12 May 2010 appointing the President of the Interministerial Committee on dual-use goods
Germany	
25-09-15	Fifth regulation amending EU legal references in the Medicines Act (02-09-15) from no. 36 of 09.25.2015, page 1571
Ireland (Eire)	
18-09-15	S.I. No. 391/2015 - Firearms (Restricted Firearms and Ammunition) (Amendment) Order 2015.
25-09-15	S.I. No. 402/2015 - Animal Health and Welfare (Brucellosis in Cattle) Regulations 2015
	S.I. No. 404/2015 - European Communities (Labelling of Beef and Beef Products) (Amendment) Regulations 2015.
Luxembourg	
07-09-15	Mem. A № 173 Ministerial Regulation of 4 September 2015 amending Annex IC of grand-ducal regulation of 29 October 2010 implementing the law of 27 October 2010 on the implementation of UN Security Council resolutions and acts adopted by EU including prohibitions and restrictive measures in financial matters against certain persons, entities and groups in the context of the fight against terrorist financing.
10-09-15	Mem. A. № 176 - Grand Ducal regulation of 25 August 2015 concerning consumer information on food, nutrition and health claims and the marking of batch number.
	Mem. A № 177 - Act of September 4, 2015 a) on certain rules for applying the sanctions and of Regulation (EU) No 528/2012 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 22 May 2012 concerning the making available on the market and use of biocidal products; b) relating to the registration of manufacturers and sellers; c) repealing the amended law of 24 December 2002 on biocidal products - Grand-Ducal Regulation of 4 September 2015 determining the processing fees for biocidal products
Malta	
15-09-15	№ 293 of 2015 – Plant Quarantine (Harmful Organisms)(Amendment) Regulations, 2015 - Government Gazette of Malta No. 19,474 – 15.09.2015
	№ 294 of 2015 - Seeds of Agricultural Plants and Vegetables (Amendment) Regulations, 2015 - Government Gazette of Malta No. 19,474 – 15.09.2015
	№ 296 of 2015 - Waste Management (Waste Batteries and Accumulators) (Amendment) Regulations, 2015 - Government Gazette of Malta No. 19,474 – 15.09.2015

Date*	Measure
18-09-15	№ 297 of 2015 - Control of Fireworks and other Explosives (Amendment) Regulations, 2015 - Government Gazette of Malta No. 19,475 – 18.09.2015
25-09-15	№ 306 of 2015 - Return of Cultural Objects Unlawfully Removed from the Territory of a Member State of the European Union (Amendment) Regulations, 2015 Government Gazette of Malta No. 19,478 – 25.09.2015
Norway	
08-09-15	FOR-2015-09-03-1025 Ministry of Health, Ministry of Agriculture, Industry and Fisheries Ministry Regulation amending the list of third countries approved residue control program
11-09-15	FOR-2015-09-09-1042 Climate and Environment Ministry Regulation amending the Regulation on the recycling of waste (Waste)
15-09-15	FOR-2015-09-14-1046 Climate and Environment Ministry Regulations amending the REACH regulation (approvals for use of diarsen trioxide)
18-09-15	FOR-2015-09-08-1051 Finance Regulations amending the Regulations to the law on customs and movement of goods (Customs Regulations)
	FOR-2015-09-15-1053 Labour and Social Affairs, Ministry of Justice Regulation amending the Regulation on pressure equipment
22-09-15	FOR-2015-09-18-1058 Finance Regulations amending the Regulations to the law on customs and movement of goods (Customs Regulations)
	FOR-2015-09-18-1064 Ministry of Justice Regulation on amendments to five regulations in connection with the entry into force of the 2005 Penal Code [includes export of strategic goods]
25-09-15	FOR-2015-09-16-1077 Climate and Environment Ministry Regulation amending the Regulation on quotas and trading quotas for greenhouse gas emissions (Greenhouse Gas Emission Regulations)
	FOR-2015-09-25-1087 Ministry of Health Regulations amending the Regulations of 2 November 2004 no. 1441 relating to the manufacture and import of medicines
29-09-15	FOR-2015-09-22-1091 Ministry of Health Entry into force of Regulation of 7 November 2013 no. 1303 amending the regulations concerning the manufacture and import of medicines
	FOR-2015-09-22-1092 Industry and Fisheries Ministry Regulation amending the Regulation on export credit scheme
Poland	
04-09-15	№ 1306 Announcement of the President of the Council of Ministers of 13 August 2015. On the uniform text of the Council of Ministers on Tarnobrzeg special economic zone
07-09-15	№ 1312 Regulation of the Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development dated 4 August 2015. On the requirements, the conditions under which the plant Mangifera L., originating in the Republic of India may be placed on Polish territory
	№ 1315 Regulation of the Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development dated 4 August 2015. Amending the regulation on banning the territory of the Republic of Polish plant Mangifera L., Momordica L., Trichosanthes L., Solanum melongena L., Colocasia Schott originating in the Republic of India
	№ 1319 Council of Ministers of 4 August 2015. Amending the regulation on Tarnobrzeg special economic zone
08-09-15	№ 1329 The Minister of Environment dated 24 August 2015. On a model certificate of collected waste portable batteries or accumulators portable batteries and records of certificates collected waste portable batteries or accumulators waste portable
09-09-15	№ 1336 Act of 9 July 2015. Amending the Law on the Border Guard and some other acts
10-09-15	№ 1352 Announcement of the President of the Council of Ministers of 10 July 2015. On the uniform text of the Council of Ministers of the Katowice Special Economic Zone
17-09-15	№ 1411 Regulation of the Minister of Finance dated 11 September 2015. On the model form cash payment and transfer orders on account of the customs authority
25-09-15	№ 1473 Announcement of the President of the Council of Ministers of 8 September 2015. On the uniform text of the Council of Ministers on criteria that al-

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	<p>lows the inclusion of certain land a special economic zone</p> <p>№ 1475 Statement of the Minister of Infrastructure and Development of 24 August 2015. On announcing single text of the Regulation of the Minister of Transport, Construction and Maritime Economy on type-approval of motor vehicles and trailers, and their items of equipment or parts</p>
29-09-15	<p>№ 1490 Regulation of the Minister of Finance dated 15 September 2015. On uniforms of customs officers</p> <p>№ 1491 Regulation of the Minister of Finance dated 15 September 2015. On determining the list of diseases and handicaps and the categories ability to perform his duties by customs officers at some posts business</p> <p>№ 1492 Regulation of the Minister of Finance dated 22 September 2015. Amending the Regulation on jurisdiction of customs offices and customs chambers in matters relating to excise stamps</p> <p>№ 1493 Regulation of the Minister of Finance dated 22 September 2015. Amending the Regulation on jurisdiction of customs offices and customs chambers under the tax mineral extraction</p> <p>№ 1494 Regulation of the Minister of Finance dated 15 September 2015. Amending the Regulation on the Customs Service to designate a body competent to carry out certain tasks of the Customs Service and to determine the territorial scope of its activities</p> <p>№ 1496 Regulation of the Minister of Finance dated 23 September 2015. Amending the Regulation on jurisdiction of customs offices and customs chambers in the field of excise duties</p>
30-09-15	<p>№ 1500 Regulation of the Minister of Finance dated 23 September 2015. On the jurisdiction of customs offices and customs chambers with regard to the tax on games</p>
	<p>№ 1501 Regulation of the Minister of Health on 17 September 2015. On communicable diseases, the diagnosis or suspicion may form the basis for refusal of entry foreigner on the Polish territory</p>
Spain	
02-09-15	<p>Royal Decree 709/2015 of 24 July that the essential safety requirements for the marketing of pressure equipment are set. (BOE-A-2015-9527)</p>
03-09-15	<p>Order AAA / 1771/2015, of August 31, the Annex of Royal Decree 139/2011, of 4 February, for the development of the List of Wild Species under Special Protection Catalog Spanish and amending Species You threatened. (BOE-A-2015-9550)</p>
23-09-15	<p>Royal Decree 791/2015 of 4 September, amending Royal Decree 488/2010 of 23 April, which regulates animal health products. (BOE-A-2015-10199)</p>
25-09-15	<p>Foreign Affairs: Entry into force 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 "ad referendum" in Rabat on October 3, 2012. (BOE-A-2015-10302)</p>
28-09-15	<p>Industry, Energy and Tourism: Resolution of 10 September 2015, of the Directorate General of Industry and Small and Medium Enterprises, for which the European standards that have been ratified during the month of August 2015 is published as Spanish standards. (BOE-A-2015-10384)</p> <p>Industry, etc.: Resolution of 10 September 2015, the Directorate General of Industry and Small and Medium Enterprises, for which the UNE annulled by the Spanish Association for Standardization and Certification during the month of August 2015 is published. (BOE-A-2015-10385)</p>
Switzerland	
01-09-15	<p>DFI Ordinance on controlling the import and transit of animals and animal products (Ordinance on controls OITE) (RS 916.443.106)</p> <p>Ordinance of the OSAV establishing measures to prevent the introduction of African swine fever present in certain Member States of the European Union (RS 916.443.107)</p> <p>Convention of 26 June 1990 on the temporary admission (RS 0.631.24)</p>
08-09-15	<p>Ordinance on War Material (OMG) (RS 514.511)</p> <p>Ordinance of the FDF on goods benefiting from customs relief according to their use (Ordinance on customs relief, OADou) (RS 631.012)</p>

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	Ordinance of the FOAG on fixing periods and deadlines as well as the authorization of parts tariff quota of fresh vegetables, fresh fruit and fresh cut flowers (Ordinance authorizing imports on the OIELFP) (RS 916.121.100)
	Ordinance of the OSAv establishing measures to prevent the introduction of African swine fever present in certain Member States of the European Union (RS 916.443.107)
	Ordinance on Protection against Dangerous Substances and Preparations (Chemicals Ordinance, ChemO) (RS 813.11)
15-09-15	DFI Ordinance on implementing rules for the Ordinance on biocidal products (implementing DFI Ordinance on Biocidal Products) (RS 813.121)
	Order reducing the rate of customs duty on the whole plant corn for animal feed (RS916.112.232)
	Ordinance regulating the placing on the market of products manufactured using foreign technical regulations and market surveillance of these (Ordinance on the placing on the market of products manufactured according to foreign regulations, OPPEtr) (RS 946.513.8)
22-09-15	DFI Ordinance on foreign substances and components in foodstuffs (Ordinance on foreign substances and components, OSEC) (RS 817.021.23)
	DFI Ordinance on additives permitted in foodstuffs (Ordinance on additives, OAdd) (RS 817.022.31)
	DFI Ordinance on edible oils and fats and their derivatives (RS 817.022.105)
	DFI Ordinance on Toy Safety (Ordinance on toys, OSJo) (RS 817.023.11)
	DFI Ordinance on Cosmetics (Ocos) (RS 817.023.31)
	Ordinance of the OSAv governing imports of guar gum originating in or consigned from India (RS 817.026.1)
	Ordinance on the import of agricultural products (Ordinance on agricultural imports, OIAgr) (RS 916.01)
30-09-15	Ordinance on using Swiss indications of source for foodstuffs (OIPSD) (RS 232.112.1)
	Ordinance on the register of designations of origin and geographical indications for non-agricultural products (Ordinance on PDO and PGI non-agricultural) (RS 232.112.2)
	Ordinance on external trade statistics (RS 632.14)
	Ordinance on the import of agricultural products (Ordinance on agricultural imports, OIAgr) (RS 916.01)
United Kingdom	
04-09-15	SI 2015/1640 - The Packaging (Essential Requirements) Regulations 2015
11-09-15	SI 2015/1669 - The Organic Products (Amendment) Regulations 2015
18-09-15	SR 2015/332 - The Animal By-Products (Enforcement) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2015
	SI 2015/1697 - The Counter-Terrorism and Security Act 2015 (Risk of Being Drawn into Terrorism) (Guidance) Regulations 2015
	SI 2015/1698 - The Counter-Terrorism and Security Act 2015 (Commencement No. 2) Regulations 2015
21-09-15	SI 2015/1691 - The Nagoya Protocol (Compliance) (Amendment) Regulations 2015
25-09-15	SR 2015/340 - The Brucellosis Control (Amendment) Order (Northern Ireland) 2015
	SR 2015/339 - The Genetically Modified Organisms (Contained Use) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2015
29-09-15	SI 2015/1726 - The Consumer Rights Act 2015 (Consequential Amendments) Order 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, unoffi-

cial translations.] *The date shown may be the signature date, release date or publication date, depending on local practice.

Date*	Restrictive Measure
Ireland (Eire)	
11-09-15	S.I. No. 379/2015 - European Union (Restrictive Measures concerning Libya) (No. 3) Regulations 2015.
	S.I. No. 380/2015 - European Union (Restrictive Measures concerning Belarus) (No. 2) Regulations 2015.
	S.I. No. 381/2015 - European Union (Restrictive Measures concerning Afghanistan) (No. 2) Regulations 2015.
Liechtenstein	
09-09-15	№ 242 Decree of September 4, 2015 concerning amendment of the ordinance on measures against individuals and entities with links to the grouping "Al Qaeda"
17-09-15	№ 243 Decree of September 15, 2015 concerning amendment of the ordinance on measures against individuals and entities with links to the grouping "Al Qaeda"
	№ 244 Decree of September 15, 2015 concerning amendment of the ordinance on measures against Liberia
25-09-15	№ 247 Decree of 22 September 2015 concerning amendment of the ordinance on measures against Yemen
	№ 248 Decree of 22 September 2015 concerning amendment of the ordinance on measures to avoid the circumvention of international sanctions in connection with the situation in Ukraine
Luxembourg	
22-09-15	Mem. A. № 184 Ministerial Regulation of 22 September 2015 amending Annex IC of grand-ducal regulation of 29 October 2010 implementing the law of 27 October 2010 on the implementation of resolutions of the UN Security Council and of acts adopted by the European Union including prohibitions and restrictive measures in financial matters against certain persons, entities and groups in the context of the fight against terrorist financing.
Norway	
04-09-15	FOR-2015-08-27-1012 Foreign Affairs Regulation amending the Regulation on restrictive measures against persons deemed responsible for the misappropriation of public funds, as well as persons who are considered to have participated in human rights violations in Ukraine
22-09-15	FOR-2015-09-18-1061 Foreign Affairs Regulations on sanctions and restrictive measures concerning the situation in Central African Republic
Switzerland	
03-09-15	Amendment of 2 September 2015 to the Ordinance on Measures against the Central African Republic (RS 946.231.123.6)
08-09-15	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 against Libya (RS 946.231.149.82)
15-09-15	Ordinance on measures against the Central African Republic (RS 946.231.123.6)
	Ordinance on measures against the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (RS 946.231.127.6)
24-09-15	Ordinance on measures against Yemen (RS 946.231.179.8)
29-09-15	Ordinance on Measures against persons and entities associated with Usama bin Laden, the group "Al Qaeda" and the Taliban (RS 946.2013)

Non EU-EFTA European Countries

Ukraine

Ukraine removes safeguard duties on imported automobiles

The *Government Courier* (Урядовий кур'єр) reported that Commission Decision № SP-335/2015 / 4442-06 of 10 September 2015, eliminated the safeguard measures on motor vehicles effective September 30, 2015.

The Government of Ukraine had been imposing additional duties on motor vehicles as safeguard measures (6.46% on vehicles with a 1,000–1,500 cc displacement and 12.95% on those with a 1,500–2,200 cc displacement).

Based on the government of Japan's request, the WTO established a panel under the WTO Agreements (DS 468) in March and through the panel meetings, the WTO released the panel report which held that Ukraine's safeguard measures were inconsistent with the GATT and the Safeguards Agreement.

Ukraine imposes sanctions for supporting Russian aggression

The Kyiv International Trade practice has issued a [Client Alert](#) announcing that Ukraine has imposed sanctions against 388 individuals and 105 companies in connection with Russian aggression in Eastern Ukraine and Crimea.

The sanctions are introduced for a period of one year and were enacted on 16 September 2015 when the President of Ukraine enacted the decision of the National Security and Defense Council of Ukraine of 2 September 2015 ([Presidential Decree No. 549/2015](#) approving the Decision of the National Security and Defense Council of Ukraine dated 2 September 2015 (the "Decree").

The Security Council introduced personal economic sanctions against specifically named individuals and legal entities. No sectoral sanctions were introduced.

Various types of sanctions apply to specific legal entities and individuals. The list of sanctions includes such measures as freezing assets, restrictions on trade operations, restrictions on exit of capital from Ukraine, suspension of performance of economic and financial obligations, prohibition on participation in public procurement, denial and cancellation of visas, prohibition on entering Ukraine and other restrictions.

Individuals

The sanctions were introduced against citizens of Russia, Ukraine, Poland, the United Kingdom, Italy, Greece, Serbia, Spain, France, Bulgaria, Israel, etc. The list of individuals includes MPs, high ranking government and state officials of Russia, MPs from Greece, Italy, Serbia, Hungary, etc.

Corporations and Organizations

The sanctions apply to 105 legal entities, mostly Russian legal entities and some illegal militarized organizations operating in Eastern Ukraine.

The sanctions applicable to Russian legal entities and their subsidiaries in Ukraine extend to the following sectors:

- **Banking and finance:** Moscow Bank, Gazprom Bank, Genbank, Adelantbank, Smartbank, Marshall Capital Partners, Russian National Commercial Bank, Tempbank and others;
- **Aviation:** Aeroflot, Transaero, Ural Airlines, Gazprom Avia, Sirius-Aero, Rossiya Airlines, Yamal, Rusline, Donavia, Polet and others;

- **Telecommunication:** NTV, Rossiya 24, RTR Planeta, Pervyy Channel and others;
- **IT:** Dr. Web, Kaspersky Lab; and
- **Military-industrial complex:** Russian Helicopters, Almaz-Antey, Helicopter Service Company, Ulan-Ude Aviation Plant and others.

A full list of legal entities and individuals subject to sanctions is given in the annexes to the Decree.

Any counterparty dealing with entities or individuals on the sanctions list must carefully assess the exact scope of sanctions imposed and the implications of dealing with such entities and individuals.

As previously announced, Baker & McKenzie has set up a dedicated blog, accessible at <http://www.bakermckenzie.com/sanctionsnews/>, to provide real-time updates on international sanctions and critical developments in the Ukraine crisis from an international trade compliance perspective. Please check it often.

Legislation (laws, resolutions, orders, etc.)

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

Date	Subject
02-09-15	On submission for ratification of the Protocol on the application Ukraine Agreement on free trade area by October 18, 2011 between the Parties and the Republic of Uzbekistan - Order of the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine from 02.09.2015 № 896-p
	Representation in Ukraine ratification of the Protocol between the Government of Ukraine and the Government of the Republic of Tajikistan to withdraw certain goods from free trade regime to the Agreement between the Government of Ukraine and the Government of the Republic of Tajikistan on free trade on July 6, 2001 - Order of the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine from 02.09.2015 № 897-p
08-09-15	On amendments to paragraph 13 Typical technological scheme of crossing the state border of persons, road, water, railway and air vehicles and carriers of goods carried by them - Resolution of the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine from 08.09.2015 № 679
08-09-15	Some issues of implementation of the funding for the program "Support for Border Management Sector Policy in Ukraine" - Resolution of the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine from 08.09.2015 № 697
16-09-15	On the decision of the National Security and Defense Council of Ukraine on September 2, 2015 "On application of special economic personal and other restrictive measures (sanctions)" - Decree of the President of Ukraine from 16.09.2015 № 549/2015
	Change of the delegation of the Government of Ukraine to participate in negotiations on signing the Free Trade Agreement between the Government of Ukraine and the Government of the Republic of Serbia - Order of the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine from 16.09.2015 № 933-p
17-09-15	On amending Annex 1 to the decision of the National Security and Defense Council of Ukraine on September 2, 2015 "On application of special economic personal and other restrictive measures (sanctions)" - The National Security Council; Decision from 17.09.2015
18-09-15	On the decision of the National Security and Defense Council of Ukraine of 17 September 2015 "On amendments to Annex 1 to the decision of the National

Date	Subject
	Security and Defense Council of Ukraine on September 2, 2015" On application of special economic personal and other restrictive measures (sanctions) " - Decree of the President of Ukraine from 18.09.2015 № 550/2015

Eurasian Economic Union (EAEU)

EAEU to reduce customs duties for more than four thousand products

On September 2, 2015, *Rossiyskaya Gazeta* [reported](#) that the Eurasian Economic Union will reduce customs duties for more than four thousand products, including furniture, kitchenware, household appliances, textile fabric, paper, and accessories for aircraft and shipbuilding, precious metals and seafood. Most of the products will decline by two to five percent.

This decision was made by the Eurasian Economic Commission (EEC), in accordance with Russia's obligations under the accession protocol when it joined the World Trade Organization.

Decisions and recommendations of the Eurasian Economic Commission

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

Publication Date	Title
Board (Коллегии) of the Eurasian Economic Commission	
02-09-15	Decision № 102 (01-09-15) On classifying several types of aqueous solutions for hemodialysis according to the Single Commodity Nomenclature of Foreign Economic Activity of the Eurasian Economic Union.
	Decision № 103 (01-09-15) On amending some Decisions of the Customs Union Commission.
	Decision № 104 (01-09-15) On the procedure of amending the Customs Union Technical Regulation on Fat and Oil Products" (CU TR 024/2011)
	Decision № 105 (01-09-15) On the process documentation regulating the informational cooperation in the implementation of the general process "Formation, Maintenance and Use of the General Register of Customs Representatives"
	Decision № 106 (01-09-15) On amending chapter II of section 22 of the Single sanitary, epidemiological and hygienic requirements for goods, subject to sanitary and epidemiological supervision (control.)
	Decision № 107 (01-09-15) On Amendments to the Resolution Board of the Eurasian Economic Commission on April 27th, 2015 № 37
	Decision № 108 (01-09-15) On amending the Single Commodity Nomenclature of Foreign Economic Activity of the Eurasian Economic Union and the Common Customs Tariff of the Eurasian Economic Union, as well as the list of sensitive products, in respect of which a decision to change the rate of the import customs duty is adopted by the Council of the Eurasian Economic Commission, in regard to pentane-hexane fraction.
03-09-15	Decision № 110 (01-09-15) On amending some decisions of the Customs Union Commission, the Eurasian Economic Commission and the Supreme Eurasian Economic Council due to changes in a Single Commodity Nomenclature of Foreign Economic Activity of the Eurasian Economic Union.
04-09-15	Decision № 111 (01-09-15) On amending Decision No. 290 of the Board of the Eurasian Economic Commission, dated December 10, 2013.

Publication Date	Title
	Decision № 112 (01-09-15) On approval of the Procedure for development and maintaining the common register of authorized authorities (organizations) of the Member States of the Eurasian Economic Union, and the manufacturers of vehicles (vehicles chassis), self-propelled machines and other machines, which are engaged in issue of registration certificate (electronic registration certificates) for vehicles (vehicles chassis), self-propelled machines and other machines
11-09-15	Decision № 113 (10-09-15) On amending the Single Commodity Nomenclature of Foreign Economic Activity of the Eurasian Economic Union and the EAEU Common Customs Tariff applied to certain types of sinking and cleaning machines
	Decision № 114 (10-09-15) On repeal of certain decisions of the Board of the Eurasian Economic Commission
	Decision № 115 (10-09-15) On classifying a professional construction foam gun according to the Single Commodity Nomenclature of Foreign Economic Activity of the Eurasian Economic Union
15-09-15	Decision № 116 (15-09-15) On amending the List of categories of goods, in respect of which longer time limits for temporary import than that stipulated by the Customs Code of the Customs Union are set
23-09-15	Decision № 117 (22-09-15) On Clarification of the CN of FEA EAEU in the Protocol dated May 8, 2015 on the Terms and Transitional Provisions for Application by the Kyrgyz Republic of the Treaty on the Eurasian Economic Union of May 29, 2014, and Other International Treaties Forming a Part of the Law of the Eurasian Economic Union and Acts of the Bodies of the Eurasian Economic Union due to Accession of the Kyrgyz Republic to the Treaty on the Eurasian Economic Union of May 29, 2014
	Decision № 118 (22-09-15) On Approval of the Accounting Rules for Interest Payments in Determining the Customs Value of Goods
	Decision № 119 (22-09-15) On the Pharmacopoeia Harmonization Concept of the Eurasian Economic Union Member States
25-09-15	Decision № 120 (22-09-15) Draft Agreement on navigation
28-09-15	Decision № 121 (22-09-15) On the Regulation of the Pharmacopoeia Committee of the Eurasian Economic Union
	Decision № 122 (22-09-15) On approval of the operation of electronic passports vehicles (ePassports chassis vehicles) and electronic passports self-propelled vehicles and other equipment
29-09-15	Decision № 123 (28-09-15) On the method of assessing the state of development of national mechanisms for the "single window"
	Decision № 124 (28-09-15) On the organizational structure of the mechanism for the implementation of the action plan to implement the main directions of development of the mechanism of "single window" in the system of foreign trade regulation
	Decision № 125 (28-09-15) On approval of provisions on the exchange of electronic documents in the cross-border cooperation of public authorities - members of the Eurasian economic union among themselves and with the Eurasian Economic Commission
	Decision № 126 (28-09-15) On the technological documents regulating the implementation of information interaction means an integrated information system of foreign and mutual trade in the overall process of "formation, maintenance and use of a common register of owners of temporary storage"
	Decision № 127 (28-09-15) On the establishment of import duties of the Common Customs Tariff of the Eurasian Economic Union in respect of certain types of parts for hydraulic turbines capacity of over 25,000 kW, and certain types of goods for civilian aircraft and on amendments to some decisions of the Eurasian Economic Commission
	Decision № 128 (28-09-15) About the Advisory Committee on Tax Policy and Administration
Board Распоряжение	
02-09-15	№ 82 (01-09-15) On the Draft Disposition of the Council of the Eurasian Economic Commission "On the approaches in revising the Draft Decision of the

Publication Date	Title
	<p>Council of the Eurasian Economic Commission "On the approval of the list of conditions of manufacturing and technological operations, required to recognise a product manufactured (produced) using foreign goods, placed under the customs procedure of the free customs zone or under the customs procedure of free storage, as a product of the Eurasian Economic Union</p> <p>№ 83 (01-09-15) On the Draft Disposition of the Council of the Eurasian Economic Commission "On the Draft Protocols for amending the Agreement on the Procedure of moving by individuals the goods for personal use over the customs border of the Customs Union and the completion of customs operations related to their release, dated 18 July 2010."</p> <p>№ 84 (01-09-15) On the Draft Disposition of the Council of the Eurasian Economic Commission "On approving of the list of questions, according to which the Board of the Eurasian Economic Commission is obliged to conduct a consultation within the framework of the Advisory Committee on the technical regulation, application of sanitary, veterinary and phytosanitary measures before accepting the Decision of the Board of the Council of the Eurasian Economic Commission"</p>
04-09-15	<p>№ 85 (01-09-15) On the Draft Decision of the Council of the Eurasian Economic Commission "On approving the Requirements for the material and technical outfitting and equipping the Plant Quarantine Areas (phytosanitary control posts -PCP) and amending the Single standard requirements for the equipping and material and technical outfitting buildings, premises and facilities, required for the organization of border, customs, sanitary and quarantine, veterinary, phytosanitary quarantine and transport control, carried out at checkpoints at the external border of the Customs Union."</p> <p>№ 86 (01-09-25) On the Draft Decision of the Council of the Eurasian Economic Commission "On the Procedure of formation and maintenance of a unified list of products in respect of which mandatory requirements within the Eurasian Economic Union are determined."</p>
07-09-15	<p>№ 87 (01-09-25) On the Draft Disposition of the Council of the Eurasian Economic Commission "On the list of events in the implementation of the key milestones of the macroeconomic policy of the Member States of the Eurasian Economic Union for 2015-2016."</p>
11-09-15	<p>№ 88 (10-09-25) On the line-up of the Consultative Committee on Competition and Antitrust Regulation, Price Control and State (Municipal) Procurement</p> <p>№ 89 (10-09-25) On the draft decision of the Council of the Eurasian Economic Commission "On the draft decision of the Supreme Eurasian Economic Council "On approving Regulation on external audit (control) in Eurasian Economic Union bodies"</p>
17-09-15	<p>№ 90 (15-09-25) On the Draft Decision of the Council of the Eurasian Economic Commission 'On the draft disposition of the Eurasian Intergovernmental Council 'On the procedures for organizing and financing joint research and development activities in the field of the agroindustrial complex of the Eurasian Economic Union Member States'.</p>
23-09-15	<p>№ 91 (22-09-25) On the draft decision of the Council of the Eurasian Economic Commission "On the Draft Agreement on Methodology for Formation of Indicative (Forecast) Balances of Gas, Oil and Petroleum Products within the Eurasian Economic Union"</p> <p>№ 92 (22-09-25) On the Draft Memorandum on Interaction Between the Eurasian Economic Commission and the Regional Commonwealth in the Field of Communications</p>
24-09-15	<p>№ 93 (22-09-25) Draft decision of the Council of the Eurasian Economic Commission "On amendments to some decisions of the Commission of the Customs Union"</p>
25-09-15	<p>№ 94 (22-09-25) About the order of the Council of the Eurasian Economic Commission "On the administration of the treatment of certain categories of motor vehicles"</p>
30-09-15	<p>№ 95 (28-09-25) Draft decision of the Council of the Eurasian Economic Commission "On the establishment of import duties of the Common Customs Tariff of the Eurasian Economic Union on the oxide and hydroxide of beryllium"</p>

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	№ 96 (28-09-25) On the composition of the working group on improving the transit system and a single unified guarantee mechanisms for customs transit
	№ 97 (28-09-25) On the composition of the Advisory Committee on Tax Policy and Administration
	№ 98 (28-09-15) Draft Memorandum of Understanding between the Eurasian Economic Commission and the Government of the Republic of Peru
	№ 99 (28-09-25) Draft decision of the Council of the Eurasian Economic Commission "On Approval of the Procedure for consideration by the Eurasian Economic Commission for notification states - members of the Eurasian Economic Union on the adoption of acts on the establishment by Member States of exemptions from national treatment in the sphere of state (municipal) procurement requests from Member States for the abolition of acts and decisions adopted by the Commission on the need to abolish such acts "
Board Recommendations	
02-09-15	№ 21 (01-09-15) On Amendments to volume VI of the Explanatory Notes to the Single Commodity Nomenclature of Foreign Trade of the Eurasian Economic Union
	№ 22 (01-09-15) On Amendments to volume VI of the Explanatory Notes to the Single Commodity Nomenclature of Foreign Trade of the Eurasian Economic Union
11-09-15	№ 23 (10-09-15) On introduction of changes in the volume VI of the Explanatory Notes to the Single Commodity Nomenclature of Foreign Trade of the Eurasian Economic Union

Preliminary classification decisions issued by the Customs Authorities of the States

The Commission of the Customs Union has posted a table which provides a collection of [preliminary decisions of the Customs authorities](#) of Russia, Belarus and Kazakhstan which involve the tariff classification of goods as of October 6, 2015. The tables list the tariff codes, a description, rationale (GRIs) for the decision and country that issued the decision.

Russian Federation

Legislation (acts, resolutions, orders, etc.)

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

R.G. Date of Publication	Subject
23-09-15	The federal list of extremist materials
28-09-15	Resolution of the Government of the Russian Federation on September 19, 2015 N 995 Moscow "On approval of the Rules of the customs authorities control the export of regulated products of the Russian Federation"
	Order of the Federal Customs Service (FCS of Russia) on August 26th, 2015 N 1737 Moscow "On the reduction of the list of documents submitted for customs declaration of goods"
	Order of the Federal Customs Service (FCS of Russia) on June 22, 2015 N1217 Moscow "On the reduction of the list of documents submitted for customs declaration of goods"

R.G. Date of Publication	Subject
	Order of the Federal Customs Service (FCS of Russia) on June 22, 2015 N 1219 Moscow "On the reduction of the list of documents submitted for customs declaration of goods"
29-09-15	The federal list of extremist materials

Africa

South Africa

South Africa and US Agree on protocol to address agricultural issues

On 15 September 2015, the Departments of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries and Trade and Industry (dti) [announced](#) that veterinary experts from both countries met on 14 September 2015, in Pretoria, to take stock and advance the technical discussions on the Animal Health issues related to the imports of poultry, pork and beef meat from the United States. The announcement stated:

On the poultry protocol and poultry certificate the Vets from the two sides agreed as follows:

"The parties agree to finalize a protocol for export of poultry meat and day old chicks based on surveillance compliant with the OIE chapter on Avian influenza in a specified area, biosecurity measures in specified premises and traceability of products to slaughter establishments. South Africa and the United States will finalize terms and conditions and the USDA FSIS poultry certificate for export by 15th October 2015 to enable contracting and shipments of US poultry exports to entire RSA prior to the end of 2015."

The poultry protocol will provide the technical basis to allow for the continued import of poultry from the non-affected areas in the US in the event of renewed outbreaks of avian influenza.

On beef, South Africa had already removed the ban on the imports of US beef and had communicated this officially to the US. The vets from the two sides agreed on the technical issues required, and further information needed, to expedite the issuing of the necessary animal health certificate to allow for the import of beef meat from the US.

On pork, while the South African market for pork is open to the US, the two sides shared information on the technical requirements for the importation of cuts that were of interest to the US.

South Africa also discussed some issues where it had an ongoing interest in exporting its own animal products to the US, including beef and ostrich meat. The US provided South Africa with information on the technical requirements for access to the US market and agreed to expedite and facilitate the process towards obtaining the necessary health certificates for these products.

In addition the dti agreed that:

"South Africa shall implement the TRQ of 65 000 metric tons as agreed in the Paris meeting in June 2015 as soon as possible with a view to completing the administrative justice process that needs to be followed by the end of 2015".

South Africa stated that it remained committed to fully implementing the letter and spirit of the Agreement reached in Paris by the US and South Africa on the issues related to AGOA. The process is irreversible.

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

Publication Date	Publication Details	Subject	Implementation Date
04-09-15	GG 39173 Notice R.816	Part 1 of Schedule No. 2 - Insertion of items 215.02/8716.80.10/01.08, 215.02/8716.80.10/02.08 and 215.02/8716.80.10/03.08 for the imposition of anti-dumping on wheelbarrows originating in or imported from China - ITAC Report 502 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Notice R.816 	06-03-15
18-09-15	GG 39219 Notice R.601	Schedule No. 1 - insertion of Seychelles to General Note K.6 as requested by the Minister of Trade and Industry following the accession of Seychelles to the SADC Protocol on Trade. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Notice R.601 	With retrospective effect from 01-04-15
	GG 39219 Notice R.602	Part 1 of Schedule No. 3 - Deletion of rebate item 316.17/85.29/02.04 which provides for partial rebate on display panels for the manufacture of television sets - ITAC Report 498. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Notice R.602 	18-09-15
25-09-15	GG 39235 Notices R.894 and R.895	Part 1 of Schedule No. 1 - Substitution of tariff sub-headings 1001.91, 1001.99, 1101.00.10 and 1101.00.90 to increase the rates of customs duty on wheat and wheaten products from 51.06c/kg and 76.59c/kg to 91.12c/kg and 136.68c/kg respectively <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Notice R.895 Part 1 of Schedule No. 1 - Substitution of tariff sub-headings 7210.41, 7210.49, 7210.61, 7210.70, 7210.90, 7212.30, 7212.40 and 7225.99 to increase the rates of customs duty on these steel products from "free" to 10% <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Notice R.894 	25-09-15

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

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

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

Date of Release	Subject
09-01-15	Norfolk CBP Intercepts Destructive Pest Never Seen Before in U.S. (CBP)
09-02-15	South Carolina Company, Affiliates and Officers Fined \$3.5 Million for Illegal Exports to Multiple Countries (BIS)
	ICE deports diaper importer wanted in Korea for embezzling millions (ICE)
	Order Relating to Air Bashkortostan, LTD. (BIS)
	Two Individuals Agree to Pay \$435,000 to Settle False Claims Act Suit Alleging Evaded Customs Duties (DOJ, CBP, ICE, Commerce)
09-04-15	Baltimore CBP Finds Protected Plant Species in Passenger Baggage from Spain (CBP, APHIS)
	CBP Intercepts First-in-Nation Pest on Pineapples at Miami Seaport (CBP, APHIS)
	CBP Conducts Rail Operation - Agriculture specialists find invasive pests in container shipments (CBP)
09-09-15	CBP Seizes 30K Smart Phones [IPR violations involving fraudulent UL logos] (CBP)
09-11-15	phil&teds USA, Inc., Provisional Acceptance of a Settlement Agreement and Order [\$3,500,000, with \$3,300,000 of the total suspended] (CPSC)
09-18-15	Renewal of Order Temporarily Denying Export Privileges: Flider Electronics, LLC a/k/a Flider Electronics d/b/a Trident International Corporation d/b/a Trident International d/b/a Trident International Corporation, LLC, Pavel Semenovich Flider a/k/a Pavel Flider, and Gennadiy Semenovich Flider a/k/a Gennadiy Flider (BIS)
09-22-15	ICE El Dorado Task Force investigation leads to charges against 6 in contraband cigarette probe (ICE, IRS, DOJ)
09-24-15	CBP Seizes Military Trucks Set for Export (CBP)
09-24-15	Order Relating to Aiman Ammar, Rashid Albuni, Engineering Construction & Contracting Co., Advanced Tech Solutions, and iT Wave FZCO [\$7,000,000 civil penalty, \$6,750,000 suspended for two years, loss of export privileges] (BIS)
	San Diego-area business owner admits trafficking counterfeit cell phone parts (ICE, DOJ, IRS, USFIS)
09-29-15	Recovered Picasso painting welcomed home in Paris (ICE)

Newsletters, Reports, Articles, Etc.

Baker & McKenzie Global VAT/GST Newsletter

Baker & McKenzie's [July 2015 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. For feedback and questions about this newsletter, please contact:

- [Jochen Meyer-Burrow, Partner, Tax](#)
- [Roger van de Berg, Senior Associate, Tax](#)

Articles

The following articles written by Baker & McKenzie practitioners may be of interest to you.

Publication
An End-Use, End-User Approach to Cyber Controls, by Ryan Fayhee, <i>Export Practitioner</i> (September 2015)

Publications, Alerts, Newsletters

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

Subject
International Trade, Tax, IPR and Anti-corruption
Global: International Trade Compliance Update – September 2015
Australia Tax Client Alert: Going it alone: Australia broadens its multinational anti-avoidance law
Kyiv International Trade Client Alert: Ukraine Imposes Sanctions for Supporting Russian Aggression
Singapore Indirect Tax, Trade and Diagnostics Client Alert: Singapore Export Controls Updates: Strategic Goods (Control) Order 2015
Litigation & Government Enforcement Client Alert: Anticipating New French Anti-Corruption Rules: France Signals Willingness to Strengthen Legislation to Combat Bribery and Corruption
Other Practices
Kyiv Employment & Migration Client Alert: Effects of Martial Law Regime on Employers in Ukraine (Eng.); Вплив режиму воєнного стану на роботодавців в Україні (Ukr.); Влияние режима военного положения на работодателей в Украине (Russ.)
Kyiv E-Commerce Client Alert: Ukraine Adopts E-Commerce Law (Eng.); Україна приймає закон про електронну комерцію (Ukr.); Украина принимает закон об электронной коммерции (Russ.)
Kyiv Real Estate and Construction Client Alert: Quicker but More Expensive: CMU Introduces New Shortened Terms for Registration of Property Rights to Real Estate (Eng.); Швидше, але дорожче: КМУ встановив нові строки прискореної реєстрації речових прав на нерухоме майно (Ukr.); Быстрее, но дороже: КМУ установил новые сроки ускоренной регистрации вещных прав на недвижимое имущество (Russ.)
Kyiv Banking and Finance Client Alert: NBU Extends Capital Control Restrictions (Eng.); НБУ продовжив дію обмежень на рух капіталу (Ukr.); НБУ продлил действие ограничений на движение капитала (Russ.)
Australia Client Alert: Telecommunications Regulatory Update - August 2015
US Labor and Employee Relations Franchise and Distribution Client Alert: Strategies to Minimize Joint Employer Liability Post <i>Browning-Ferris</i>

Webinars, Meetings, Seminars, Etc.

2014 International Trade Compliance Webinar Series

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

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

- [FCPA Enforcement Trends – US, EU and Asia](#) - Speakers: Joan Meyer (Washington, DC), Maria McMahon (Washington, DC), Sunny Mann (London) and Michelle Gon (Shanghai) – [Original broadcast: January 14] [Presentation only](#)
- [Voluntary Self-Disclosures in Export Compliance Cases in the US, EU and China](#) - Speakers: John McKenzie (San Francisco), Ross Denton (London), Julia Pfeil (Frankfurt) and Eugene Lim (Singapore) Moderator: John McKenzie (San Francisco) [Original broadcast: February 11, 2014] [Presentation only](#)

- [Customs Valuation Issues and Updates – US, Mexico, EU and China](#) - Speakers: Terrie Gleason (Washington, DC), Edmundo Elias (Guadalajara), Jennifer Revis (London) and William Marshall (Hong Kong) – [Original broadcast: March 11, 2014] [Presentation only](#)
- [Country of Origin Rules for Marking and Government Procurement Purposes – US, EU and China](#) - Speakers: Stuart Seidel (Washington, DC), Holly Files (Washington, DC), Jasper Helder (Amsterdam) and William Marshall (Hong Kong) – [Original Broadcast: April 15, 2014] [Presentation](#).
- [Product-Related Environmental Restrictions and Compliance - EU, Russia/CIS and China](#) - Speakers: Ulrich Ellinghaus (Frankfurt), Alexander Bychkov (Moscow) and Scott Silverman (Beijing) – [Original broadcast: May 20, 2014] [Presentation only](#).
- [The Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement \(CETA\), The Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership \(TTIP\) and The Trans-Pacific Partnership \(TPP\)](#) - Speakers: Paul Burns (Toronto), Diane MacDonald (Chicago) and Fred Burke (Ho Chi Minh City) [Original broadcast: June 17, 2014] [Presentation only](#).
- [Import and Export of Used and/or Refurbished Goods in Asia](#) - Speakers: Eugene Lim (Singapore), Chen Ying (Hong Kong), Daisuke Tatsuno (Tokyo) and Panya Sittsakonsin (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](#)

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

- Investigations and Voluntary Disclosures in International Trade and Anti-Bribery and Corruption [Original date: November 20] not yet available:
- Anti-Bribery and Corruption: Key Developments [Original date: December 11] not yet available

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Recorded Webinars:

- [Southeast Asia M&A: Seizing Opportunities Today](#)
- [Successfully Implementing a Cross-Border Transaction](#)
- [Brazil M&A: Seizing Opportunities Today](#)
- [China M&A: Seizing Opportunities Today](#)
- [Winning Strategies in Cross-Border Deals: Tips for Success](#)
- [Joint Ventures: Tackling the Unique Challenges in a Cross-Border JV.](#)
- [India M&A: Seizing Opportunities Today](#)
- [Compliance: Navigating the Regulatory Minefield in a Cross-Border Transaction](#)
- [Technology & IP: Winning Strategies in Cross-Border Deal Making](#)
- [Planning Ahead for a Successful Post-Acquisition Integration](#)
- [Africa M&A: Seizing Opportunities Today](#)
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- [Hot Topics in China Disputes - Presentation](#)
- [Protecting Your Inventions and Trade Secrets – Presentation](#)
- [Navigating the Shanghai Pilot Free Trade Zone – Presentation](#)

- China Supply Chain Compliance (Not yet available)
- Increase in China Antitrust Enforcement – Why and How to be Prepared (Not yet available)
- Effective E-Commerce Strategies in China
- China Wages War on Pollution

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

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

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






















Country	Notification	Date Issued	Final Date for Comments	Merchandise Covered
 Albania	ALB/73	9/18/2015	11/17/2015	Chemicals
 Albania	ALB/74	9/21/2015	11/20/2015	Dangerous substances
 Albania	ALB/75	9/21/2015	11/20/2015	Certain chemicals and certain dangerous articles
 Albania	ALB/76	9/21/2015	11/20/2015	Substance of very high concern (SVHC)
 Argentina	ARG/292	9/22/2015	Not given by country	Medicinal preparations for human use
 Brazil	BRA/590/Add.1	9/2/2015	Not given	In vitro diagnosis products
 Brazil	BRA/607/Add.1	9/2/2015	Not given	Labelling of medical devices containing natural rubber latex
 Brazil	BRA/645	9/4/2015	11/3/2015	Water with salt added
 Brazil	BRA/599/Add.1	9/16/2015	Not given	Fire extinguishing powder





















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 Brazil	BRA/646	9/17/2015	10/1/2015	Cribs and cradles for domestic use (HS 9403)
 Brazil	BRA/339/Add.5	9/15/2015	Not given	Toys; also their parts and accessories
 Brazil	BRA/474/Add.4	9/30/2015	Not given	Baby carriages (HS 8715)
 Brazil	BRA/477/Add.2	9/30/2015	Not given	Baby carriages (HS 8715)
 Brazil	BRA/512/Add.3	9/30/2015	Not given	High feeding chairs, with or without trays (HS 9403)
 Brazil	BRA/519/Add.3	9/30/2015	Not given	Children's feeding chairs (HS 9403)
 Brazil	BRA/639/Add.1	9/30/2015	Not given	Prepared or preserved fish (HS 1604)
 Canada	CAN/455	7/1/2015	9/30/2015	Flavoured tobacco products
 Canada	CAN/456	7/1/2015	9/10/2015	Tampering of prescription drugs
 Chile	CHL/320	9/3/2015	11/2/2015	Valves and fittings for portable welded steel cylinders for LPG-powered forklifts
 Chile	CHL/321	9/3/2015	11/2/2015	Modified living plant organisms for propagation
 Chile	CHL/322	9/3/2015	11/2/2015	Portable general purpose luminaires
 Chile	CHL/323	9/23/2015	11/22/2015	Excess flow valves for indoor gas installations (safety devices)
 Chile	CHL/324	9/23/2015	11/22/2015	Dedicated liquefied petroleum gas (LPG) patio heaters
 China	CHN/1131	9/2/2015	11/1/2015	Hydrogen producing system by water electrolysis
 China	CHN/1132	9/2/2015	11/1/2015	Petrochemical centrifugal pumps. Pumps for liquids, whether or not fitted with a measuring device; liquid elevators (HS 8413)
 China	CHN/1133	9/2/2015	11/1/2015	Self-contained commercial refrigerated cabinets. Refrigerators, freezers and other refrigerating or freezing equipment, electric or other; heat pumps other than air conditioning machines of heading 84.15 (HS 8418)
 China	CHN/1134	9/2/2015	11/1/2015	Water chiller. Air conditioning machines, comprising a motor-driven fan and elements for changing the temperature and humidity, including those machines in which the humidity cannot be separately regulated (HS 8415)
 China	CHN/1135	9/2/2015	11/1/2015	Ballasts of metal-halide lamps. Electrical transformers, static converters (for example, rectifiers) and inductors (HS 8504)
 China	CHN/1136	9/2/2015	11/1/2015	Metal-halide lamps. Electric filament or discharge lamps, including sealed beam lamp units and ultra-violet or infra-red lamps; arc-lamps (HS 8539)
 China	CHN/1137	9/2/2015	11/1/2015	Electric rice cookers. Electric instantaneous or storage water heaters and immersion heaters; electric space heating apparatus and soil heating apparatus; electro-thermic hair-dressing apparatus

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				(for example, hair dryers, hair curlers, curling tong heaters) and hand dryers; electric smoothing irons; other electro-thermic appliances of a kind used for domestic purposes; electric heating resistors, other than those of heading 85.45 (HS 8516)
 China	CHN/1138	9/21/2015	11/20/2015	Cosmetics (HS 33)
 Colombia	COL/58/Add.12	9/18/2015	Not given	Tyres
 Colombia	COL/95/Add.1	9/22/2015	Not given	Bovine, bubaline, avian, porcine, equine, ovine, caprine and aquatic species
 Colombia	COL/214	9/18/2015	12/14/2015	Detergents and soaps (HS 3401, 3402 and 3405.40)
 Czech Republic	CZE/174/Corr.1	9/7/2015	Not given	Diaphragm sensors for measuring transmission media flow (HS 9031.80)
 Czech Republic	CZE/183/Corr.1	9/7/2015	Not given	Milk and milk products, Ice cream and ice confectionery, Edible oils and fats, Oilseeds
 Egypt	EGY/96	9/24/2015	11/23/2015	Furniture
 Egypt	EGY/97	9/24/2015	11/23/2015	Hardwood round timber
 Egypt	EGY/98	9/24/2015	11/23/2015	Iron and steel products
 Egypt	EGY/99	9/24/2015	11/23/2015	Iron and steel products
 Egypt	EGY/100	9/24/2015	11/23/2015	Iron and steel products
 Egypt	EGY/101	9/24/2015	11/23/2015	Office furniture - Office work chair
 Egypt	EGY/102	9/24/2015	11/23/2015	Road vehicles
 Egypt	EGY/103	9/24/2015	11/23/2015	Road vehicles
 Egypt	EGY/104	9/24/2015	11/23/2015	Road vehicles
 El Salvador	SLV/182	9/21/2015	Not given	Pharmaceutical products
 European Union	EU/307	9/2/2015	11/30/2015	Energy-related products
 European Union	EU/308	9/14/2015	11/13/2015	Biocidal products
 European Union	EU/309	9/14/2015	11/13/2015	Biocidal products
 European Union	EU/310	9/15/2015	11/14/2015	Biocidal products
 European Union	EU/311	9/15/2015	11/14/2015	Biocidal products
 European Union	EU/312	9/15/2015	11/14/2015	Biocidal products
 European Union	EU/313	9/15/2015	11/14/2015	Biocidal products
 European Union	EU/314	9/15/2015	11/14/2015	Biocidal products
 European Union	EU/315	9/15/2015	11/14/2015	Biocidal products
 European Union	EU/316	9/18/2015	11/17/2015	3-decen-2-one (pesticide active substance)
 Finland	FIN/50	9/7/2015	11/26/2016	Tobacco products (for example, the

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				products under CCCN 2401, 2402 and 2403); Electronic cigarettes and refill containers defined in Articles 2(16) and 2(17) of the Directive 2014/40/EU; Nicotine containing and nicotine-free liquids for electronic cigarettes (for example, the products under CCCN 8543 70 90, 3824 90/ 18, 3824 90/ 19 and 8543 70/5)
 France	FRA/165	9/4/2015	11/3/2015	Household chemical products liable to represent a significant health and environmental risk
 Indonesia	IDN/1/Add.3	9/15/2015	Not given	Wheat flour for foodstuff
 Indonesia	IDN/102	9/18/2015	11/17/2015	Food
 Japan	JPN/499	9/16/2015	9/24/2015	Pharmaceutical products (HS 30)
 Japan	JPN/500	9/21/2015	Not given	Substances with probable effects on the central nervous system
 Korea, Republic of	KOR/598	9/2/2015	11/1/2015	Environment-friendly agricultural and fishery products, processed organic foods and materials for organic farming
 Korea, Republic of	KOR/599	9/2/2015	11/1/2015	Forest products (fire retardant treated wood, wood plastic composite, and oriented strand board)
 Korea, Republic of	KOR/600	9/2/2015	11/1/2015	Integration public network radio equipment
 Korea, Republic of	KOR/601	9/4/2015	11/3/2015	Biological products
 Korea, Republic of	KOR/602	9/14/2015	11/13/2015	EMC (Electromagnetic Compatibility) Regulation
 Korea, Republic of	KOR/603	9/22/2015	11/21/2015	Cosmetics
 Korea, Republic of	KOR/604	9/22/2015	11/21/2015	Foods, livestock products
 Korea, Republic of	KOR/605	9/24/2015	11/23/2015	Man over board (MOB) equipment
 Kuwait	KWT/277/Rev.1	9/21/2015	Not given	Labelling of pre-packaged food stuffs
 Kuwait	KWT/281	9/21/2015	11/20/2015	ICS: 67.120.10
 Kuwait	KWT/282	9/21/2015	11/20/2015	Halal food
 Lithuania	LTU/26	9/7/2015	11/6/2015	Construction products
 Lithuania	LTU/27	9/21/2015	11/20/2015	Construction products
 Mexico	MEX/84/Add.4	9/9/2015	Not given	Textile products, articles of apparel and clothing accessories
 Mexico	MEX/156/Add.1	9/21/2015	Not given	Nuclear power plants
 Mexico	MEX/287/Add.1	9/16/2015	Not given	Terminal equipment connected or interconnected via wireline access to a public telecommunications network (Heading 84.71)
 Mexico	MEX/292	9/16/2015	10/19/2015	Electrical machinery and equipment and parts thereof; sound recorders and reproducers, television image and sound recorders and reproducers, and parts and accessories of such articles (Chapter 85)

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 Mexico	MEX/293	9/18/2015	Not given	Medicaments (HS 3004)
 Mexico	MEX/294	9/18/2015	Not given	Pharmaceutical products (Chapter 30)
 New Zealand	NZL/72	9/16/2015	11/1/2015	Any manufactured products containing any type of asbestos, including, but not limited to: textiles; asbestos-cement products; insulating materials; friction materials; plaster boards and spray-on coatings
 Saudi Arabia	SAU/854	7/9/2015	9/7/2015	Biscuits
 Saudi Arabia	SAU/855	7/9/2015	9/7/2015	Vitamins and minerals permitted for use in foodstuff
 Saudi Arabia	SAU/856	7/9/2015	9/7/2015	Poultry Sausage
 Saudi Arabia	SAU/860	9/21/2015	11/20/2015	Plugs and sockets
 Saudi Arabia	SAU/859	9/21/2015	11/20/2015	Marketing breast milk substitutes
 Singapore	SGP/24	7/9/2015	9/7/2015	Miscellaneous products
 South Africa	ZAF/84/Rev.1	7/28/2015	Not given	Fresh pears (HS 0808)
 South Africa	ZAF/88/Rev.1	9/16/2015	Not given	Maize, maize seed (HS 1005)
 South Africa	ZAF/193	9/22/2015	11/21/2015	Fresh fruits and vegetables, dried beans, wheat and wheat products, maize and maize products, malting barley, groundnuts, sorghum, potatoes, soya beans, sunflower seeds, garlic, rice, canned products (fruits/vegetables/mushrooms/pasta), frozen fruits and vegetables, dehydrated vegetables, fruit juices and drinks, dried fruit, honey, vinegar, fat spreads, poultry meat, red meat, eggs, mayonnaise and salad dressings, jams, jellies and marmalades, dairy and imitation dairy products and edible ices.
 Switzerland	CHE/202	9/3/2015	11/30/2015	Food and basic commodities
 Switzerland	CHE/203	9/3/2015	11/30/2015	Food, water intended for human consumption or to come into contact with the human body
 Switzerland	CHE/207	9/21/2015	12/10/2015	Telecommunication equipment, radio equipment and telecommunication terminal equipment
 Switzerland	CHE/204	9/3/2015	11/30/2015	Food
 Switzerland	CHE/205	9/3/2015	11/30/2015	Food; Vitamins; minerals and certain other substances found in food; Additives; Flavourings and food ingredients with flavouring properties
 Switzerland	CHE/206	9/3/2015	11/30/2015	Food
 Taiwan Economy	TPKM/213	9/2/2015	11/1/2015	Hot cathode fluorescent lamp and AC supplied electronic ballasts (HS Chapter 85)

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 Taiwan Economy	TPKM/214	9/16/2015	11/15/2015	Power press or shearing machinery and similar equipment (refer to attachment)
 Taiwan Economy	TPKM/215	9/21/2015	11/20/2015	Network media players and projectors (HS Chapter 85)
 Thailand	THA/462	7/10/2015	9/8/2015	Motor-compressors: safety requirement (HS 8414)
 Thailand	THA/463	7/10/2015	9/8/2015	A.C. electric fans-safety requirements (HS 8414)
 Turkey	TUR/67	9/14/2015	11/15/2015	Erucic acid in certain foodstuffs, namely: vegetable oils and fats, foods containing added vegetable oils and fats more than %5 and other foodstuffs (with possible risk of erucic acid content).
 Uganda	UGA/504	9/8/2015	11/7/2015	Paper and paperboard; articles of paper pulp, of paper or of paperboard (HS 48)
 Uganda	UGA/505	9/8/2015	11/7/2015	Paper and paperboard; articles of paper pulp, of paper or of paperboard (HS 48)
 Uganda	UGA/506	9/14/2015	11/13/2015	Base paper for waxed bread wrap (HS 48)
 Uganda	UGA/507	9/14/2015	11/13/2015	Facial tissue paper (HS 4803)
 Uganda	UGA/508	9/14/2015	11/13/2015	General-purpose paper (HS 4803)
 Uganda	UGA/509	9/14/2015	11/13/2015	Paper serviettes/napkins (HS 4803)
 Uganda	UGA/510	9/14/2015	11/13/2015	Photocopy paper
 Uganda	UGA/511	9/14/2015	11/13/2015	Corrugated fibre board boxes for general packaging
 Uganda	UGA/512	9/14/2015	11/13/2015	Multi-wall paper sacks for packaging of cement
 Uganda	UGA/513	9/14/2015	11/13/2015	Waxed paper for bread wrap
 Uganda	UGA/514	9/14/2015	11/13/2015	Natural and extensible kraft paper (HS 48042)
 Uganda	UGA/515	9/14/2015	11/13/2015	Wrapping paper
 Uganda	UGA/516	9/28/2015	11/27/2015	Pneumatic tyres for trucks and buses (HS 4011)
 Uganda	UGA/517	9/28/2015	11/27/2015	Pneumatic tyres for passenger cars (HS 4011)
 Uganda	UGA/518	9/28/2015	11/27/2015	Pneumatic tyres for light trucks (HS 4011)
 Uganda	UGA/519	9/28/2015	11/27/2015	Pneumatic tyres for agricultural implements (HS 4011)
 Uganda	UGA/520	9/30/2015	11/29/2015	Soya beverage
 Uganda	UGA/521	9/30/2015	11/29/2015	Food products
 Ukraine	UKR/102	9/7/2015	11/6/2015	Equipment able to create electromagnetic interference or may be influenced by such interference
 Ukraine	UKR/103	9/7/2015	11/6/2015	Electrical equipment used at rated voltage from 50 V to 1000 V of AC current and from 75 V to 1500 V of DC current
 United States	USA/1006/Add.1	9/2/2015	Not given	Tobacco products and liquid nicotine (HS 2401, 2402, 2403)

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 United States	USA/1009/Add.1	9/2/2015	Not given	Prerinse spray valves
 United States	USA/1011/Add.3	9/17/2015	Not given	Medium and heavy-duty vehicle emissions
 United States	USA/1014/Add.2	9/16/2015	Not given b	Toys
 United States	USA/1020/Add.1	9/3/2015	Not given	Wireless devices (HS 8517)
 United States	USA/1022/Add.1	9/3/2015	Not given	Commercial package air conditioning and heating equipment (HS 8415)
 United States	USA/1022/Add.2	9/21/2015	Not given	Commercial package air conditioning and heating equipment (HS 8415)
 United States	USA/1029	9/7/2015	11/16/2015	Residential garage door operators
 United States	USA/1030	9/22/2015	11/17/2015	Emissions
 United States	USA/689/Add.1	9/25/2015	Not given	Chemical substances
 United States	USA/691/Add.3	9/3/2015	Not given	Battery chargers, external power supplies
 United States	USA/705/Add.2/Corr.1	9/16/2015	Not given	Heavy vehicles
 United States	USA/829/Corr.1	9/16/2015	Not given	Mechanically tenderized beef products
 United States	USA/893/Add.5	9/16/2015	Not given	Food products, labelling
 United States	USA/923/Add.1/Corr.1	9/25/2015	Not given	Packaged terminal air conditioners (PTACs) and packaged terminal heat pumps (PTHPs)(HS 8415, 8418.61)
 United States	USA/929/Add.2	9/2/2015	Not given	External power supplies
 United States	USA/974/Add.2	9/18/2015	Not given	Residential furnaces (HS 8416)
 United States	USA/997/Add.1	9/7/2015	Not given	Chemical substances
 United States	USA/948/Add.1	9/25/2015	Not given	Single package vertical air conditioners and single package vertical heat pumps (HS 8415, 8418)
 Viet Nam	VNM/13/Rev.1	9/7/2015	Not given	Textile products
 Viet Nam	VNM/76	9/16/2015	11/15/2015	Trucks and trailers

CBSA Advance Rulings

The following table lists [advance rulings](#) posted through July 2015 by the Canada Border Services Agency (CBSA). In September of 2014, the CBSA enhanced the Advance Ruling ([Tariff Classification](#) and [Origin](#)) and [National Customs Ruling](#) programs by publishing ruling letters in their entirety, with the applicant's consent, on the CBSA Web site.

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

Date	TRS Number	Merchandise	Tariff Classification and Basis
01-16-15	268755	Martello Armonioso Espresso Capsule	0901.21.00.20 [GIR 1]
	268754	Martello Decaffeinato Espresso Capsule	0901.22.00.00 [GIR 1]

Date	TRS Number	Merchandise	Tariff Classification and Basis
	268655	Butcher's Best Cheddar Smokie	1601.00.90.10 [GIR 1,6; Chap. 16 LN 1]
01-26-15	269073	Swanson Skillet Meals Family Size Chicken Stir Fry	1902.30.50.90 [GIR 3(b)]
02-02-15	269173	Chai Tea Latte K-Cups	2101.20.00.90 [GIR 1,6; EN to GIR 2(b)(X) and 21.01 (4)(b)]
02-16-15	269171	Agrilite Polyurethane boots	6401.10.20.00 [GIR 1]
02-17-15	269100	Dashing Diva Temporary Nail Tattoos	4908.90.00.00 [GIR 1,6; EN 49.08]
	268990	Plush Stuffed Animal Night Light	9503.00.90.51 [GIR 1,6; Chap.95 Legal Note; EN 95.03]
03-02-15	269532	Aquaculture Feed Barge, Steinsvik Seafarm Feeder 300B	8905.90.90.00 [GIR 1; EN 89.05]
03-03-15	269515	Estes-Cox model rocket engines	3601.00.00.00 [GIR 3(a), 6, Canadian Rule 1; EN 36.01]
	269469	Chattermitts	8517.62.00.90 [GIR 3(c)]
	269448	Sunbeam Warm Mist Humidifier	8516.79.90.00 [GIR 1, 6; EN 85.16(E)]
03-20-15	269533	Four Loko malt-based alcohol beverage	2206.00.92.30 – [GIR 1 and 6; EN 22.06]
03-25-15	269321	Extruded Aluminum Profiles	7604.21.00.90 – [GIR 1; EN to Chap 76, Note 1(b) and General note (C)]
03-25-15	269541	Home Security System, Anixter part #CHB-474279	8531.10.90.10 – [GIR 1 and 6; EN (E) to 85.31]
03-31-15	269817	Zega Pro2	8714.10.00.00 [GIR 1, 6; EN 87.14]
04-22-15	269320	‘Dashing Diva’ Glamgel Nail Kit	3919.90.00.90 – [Rule 3(b); Note 1 to Section VII; EN 39.19]
04-23-15	269815	Zega Pro Topcase with Rapid Trap	8714.10.00.00 [GIR 1, 6; EN 87.14]
04-23-15	269763	Moonrays Frog Statue	9405.40.90.00 – [GIR 1 and 6; CITT decision AP-2012-041; Chap. 39 LN 2(x)]
04-23-15	270051	Signature, Home, and Element thermostats	9032.10.10.00 – [GIR 1 and 6; Legal Note 7(a) to Chapter 90]
05-29-15	270544	Aluminium Organizer kit	9403.20.00.99 – [GIR 1, 2 (a) and 6; Chap. 94 Note 2; EN (B)(i) to Chap. 94]

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. Information about downloading rulings is available on the [CROSS search engine](#) home page. 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](#). Over 187,000 such rulings are in the database.

CBP Rulings: Revocations or Modifications

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

Published in CBP Bulletin (P) Proposed (A) Action	Product(s) or Issue(s)	Ruling(s) to be Modified (M) or Revoked (R)	Old Classification or Position	New Ruling	New Classification or Position	Comments Due (C) or Effective Date (E)
(A) 09-02-15	Tariff classification of a certain rigid paperboard box	NY N014187 (M)	4819.50.40	HQ H137557	4202 [GRI 1]	(E) 11-02-15
	Tariff classification of liquid hand soaps containing organic surface-active agents	NY N250161 (M) NY N249908 (R)	3401.20.00	HQ H261126	3401.30.50 [GRI 1,6]	
	Tariff classification of certain wax depilatory kits designed for hair removal.	NY D83023 (R)	8543.89.9695 (now 8543.70.96)	HQ H241023	8516.79.00 [GRI 3(b)]	
	Tariff classification of certain small glass yard stakes	NY N248093 (R) NY N143675 (M)	7013.99.50	HQ H251139	8306.29.00 [GRI 3(b),6]	
(A) 09-16-15	Tariff classification of a plastic McQueen car and cup	HQ H040737 (M)	3924.10.40 3924.90.56 (cup)	HQ H239752	3924.90.56 (car) 3924.10.40 (cup) [GRI 1]	(E) 11-16-15
	Tariff classification of certain blind rivet nuts	NY H88897 (M) NY M82161 (M)	7318.19.00	HQ H195840	7318.16.00 [GRI 1]	
	Tariff classification of footwear from China.	NY N219385 (R)	6402.99.3165 6404.19.3960	HQ H237647	6402.99.80 6404.19.89 [GRI 1, 6]	
(A) 09-30-15	Tariff classification of freestanding wooden fire-place mantels	NY N057275 (R)	4421.90.97	HQ H129856	9403.60.80 [GRI 1,6]	(E) 11-30-15
	Tariff classification of certain "Mess-Free Glitter" craft kits for children.	NY N255938 (M)	4819.50.4040 3919.90.5060 3924.90.5650 3926.90.9980 4911.99.8000 3924.90.2000	HQ H258767	9503.00.0073 [GRI 1]	
	Tariff classification of a sponge art set	HQ 957131 (M)	3213.10.1000	HQ H194138	3213.10.0000 [GRI 3(b)]	
	Tariff classification of planters made from coconut fibers (coir)	NY N020080 (R) NY N010591 (R)	5305.00.00 1404.90.90	HQ H122355	9602.00.50 [GRI 1]	
(P) 09-02-15	Tariff classification of unwrought gold flakes and nuggets	NY N024842 (M)	7108.12.5050	HQ H244570	7108.12.10 [GRI 1]	(C) 10-02-15
	Tariff classification of an anti-theft device	NY 888345 (R) NY C84082 (R) NY 885120 (R)	3215.90.5000	HQ H080818	3926.90.9995 [GRI 3(b)]	
(P) 09-16-15	Origin marking of certain boxes of tissues	NY N261615 (M)	(1) Canada or Mexico (2) Korea (3) China	HQ H263571	(1) Canada or Mexico (2) United States (3) United States	(C) 10-16-15
	Tariff classification of emergency roadside kits.	HQ 964937 (R) HQ 084074 (R) HQ 965021 (R) HQ 950678 (R) HQ 951092 (R) HQ 951943 (R) NY D87008 (R) NY E80250 (R) NY E81728 (R) NY I81218 (R) NY J86419 (R)	Kits do not constitute a retail set for purposes of GRI 3(b). Classify the items separately pursuant to GRI 1	HQ H031458	Classified pursuant to GRI 3(b) as retail sets. Classified in the heading in which the emergency kit's item provides the essential character.	

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		NY N008721 (R) NY N080536 (R)				
(P) 09-30-15	Tariff classification of fly-trapping glue boards	NY N238867 (R)	3808.91.5000	HQ H261067	3808.91.10 [GRI 1,6]	(C) 10-30-15
	Tariff classification of certain off-road tires for use on dump trucks	HQ 958100 (M) HQ 959730 (M) HQ 966360 (R)	4011.20.	HQ H192148	4011.93 or 4011.94 4011.62 or 4011.63 [GRI 1, 6]	
	Tariff classification of certain flavored barbecue wood chips containing a mixture of wood shavings and a mixture of herbs and spices in a gelatin base	HQ 951145 (R)	4421.90.9040	HQ H261687	4401.39.40 [GRI 3(c)]	
	Country of origin marking of certain solar panels under the North American Free Trade Agreement	NY R00721 (R) NY N047417 (R)	Mexico Assembled in Mexico from components of Japan, USA, and Mexico	HQ H266527	Japan [19 C.F.R. §102.11(b)]	
	Eligibility of copper sheets for a partial duty exemption under subheading 9802.00.60	HQ 540430 (R)	Not eligible	HQ H265781	Eligible since scrap was initially subjected to a variety of processes of manufacture in the US	

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) 2015/1721 22-09-15	<p>Whole clams (<i>Meretrix meretrix</i>, <i>Meretrix lyrata</i>) in the shell, having undergone a heat treatment, subsequently frozen, in tightly packed mesh bags, presented in 10 kg packages.</p> <p>During the heat treatment the clams are immersed in water at a temperature of between 98 °C and 100 °C for at least 7 minutes. During that immersion, the temperature of the inside of the clams reaches at least 90 °C for 90 seconds.</p> <p>The product is not suitable for immediate consumption.</p>	1605 56 00	<p>Classification is determined by general rules 1 and 6 for the interpretation of the Combined Nomenclature and the wording of CN codes 1605 and 1605 56 00.</p> <p>Simple scalding (blanching), consisting of a light heat treatment which does not entail cooking as such, does not exclude classification in Chapter 3 (see also the Explanatory Notes to the Combined Nomenclature (CNEN) to Chapter 3, General, point 2). However, clams that have undergone a heat treatment leading to a temperature on the inside of the clams of at least 90 °C for 90 seconds cannot be considered as blanched but as cooked clams.</p> <p>The product is therefore to be classified under CN code 1605 56 00 as prepared clams.</p>
(EU) 2015/1722	A product in form of a cream put up for	3307 90 00	Classification is determined by general rules 1

Commission Implementing Regulation	Description of the goods	Classification (CN code)	Reasons
22-09-15	<p>retail sale in a plastic jar with a content of 227 g.</p> <p>The product consists of water, fatty acid ester, dimethicone, plant oil, emulsifier, glycerine, flavour, preservatives, thickener and colourants.</p> <p>The packing of the product does not qualify as a packing of a kind sold by retail for the care of the skin as the product is mainly intended to be used for sensual massage and stimulation.</p>		<p>and 6 for the interpretation of the Combined Nomenclature, Note 3 to Chapter 33 and the wording of CN codes 3307 and 3307 90 00.</p> <p>The product cannot be regarded as a preparation for the care of the skin under CN code 3304 as it is not put up in packings of a kind sold by retail for the care of the skin (see also the Harmonised System Explanatory Notes (HSEN) to heading 3304, Part (A), point (3)).</p> <p>The product is suitable for use as another cosmetic preparation and is put up in packings of a kind sold by retail for such use (see Note 3 to Chapter 33 and also the HSEN to Chapter 33, General, fourth paragraph, point (a)).</p> <p>The product is therefore to be classified under CN code 3307 90 00 as other cosmetic preparation.</p>
(EU) 2015/1723 22-09-15	<p>1. A product with a stoichiometric composition consisting of magnesium aluminate (magnesium aluminium oxide) with the crystalline structure of spinel, a chemically defined product, in the form of irregular granules, lumps or powder. The product has a magnesium content, calculated as magnesium oxide, of approx. 28 % by weight, and an aluminium content, calculated as aluminium oxide, of approx. 72 % by weight.</p> <p>The product is used in the manufacture of refractory bricks and tiles used in the steel industry.</p> <p>The product is obtained from a chemical reaction between magnesium oxide and aluminium oxide by fusion in a rotary furnace.</p>	2841 90 85	<p>Classification is determined by general rules 1 and 6 for the interpretation of the Combined Nomenclature, Note 1 to Chapter 28 and the wording of CN codes 2841, 2841 90 and 2841 90 85.</p> <p>The product is obtained from a chemical reaction by fusion of raw materials in a rotary furnace. It is a stoichiometric compound (chemically defined) in which the numbers of atoms of the elements present can be expressed as a ratio of small whole numbers. It is not a raw mineral product or an ore and therefore cannot be classified in Chapters 25 or 26.</p> <p>Products in the form of irregular granules, lumps or powder are the raw material for the production of products of heading 6815. Classification under heading 6815 is excluded because the products are neither finished articles nor semi-finished products.</p> <p>Because of its stoichiometric composition, the product fulfils Note 1(a) to Chapter 28 which stipulates that the headings of this Chapter apply only to chemically defined compounds (i.e. having a stoichiometric composition).</p> <p>As a chemically defined product, spinel is to be classified as an inorganic chemical of Chapter 28 according to its chemical composition.</p> <p>The product is therefore to be classified under CN code 2841 90 85 as other salts of oxometallic or peroxometallic acids.</p>
	<p>2. A product with a non-stoichiometric composition with a magnesium content, calculated as magnesium oxide, of approx. 20-35 % by weight and an aluminium content, calculated as aluminium oxide, of approx. 58-78 % by weight. The product has the crystalline structure of</p>	3824 90 96	<p>Classification is determined by general rules 1 and 6 for the interpretation of the Combined Nomenclature and the wording of CN codes 3824, 3824 90 and 3824 90 96.</p> <p>The product is obtained from a chemical reaction by fusion of raw materials in a rotary furnace. It is</p>

Commission Implementing Regulation	Description of the goods	Classification (CN code)	Reasons
	<p>spinel, in form of irregular granules, lumps or powder.</p> <p>The product is used in the manufacture of refractory bricks and tiles used in the steel industry.</p> <p>The product is obtained from a chemical reaction between magnesium oxide and aluminium oxide by fusion in a rotary furnace.</p>		<p>not a raw mineral product or an ore and therefore cannot be classified in Chapters 25 or 26.</p> <p>Because of its non-stoichiometric composition, the product does not fulfil Note 1(a) to Chapter 28 which stipulates that the headings of this Chapter apply only to chemically defined compounds (i.e. having a stoichiometric composition) and is therefore excluded from Chapter 28.</p> <p>Products in the form of irregular granules, lumps or powder are the raw material for the production of products of heading 6815. They are not classified under heading 6815 because they are neither finished articles nor semi-finished products.</p> <p>The product is therefore to be classified under CN code 3824 90 96 as other chemical products and preparations of the chemical or allied industries, not elsewhere specified or included.</p>
	<p>3. A product named 'fused magnesia chrome' in form of irregular grey granules, fragments or powder of varying grain size, with a non-stoichiometric composition of magnesium oxide and chromium oxide. The product has the crystalline structure of spinel and is used in the manufacture of refractory bricks and tiles used in the steel industry.</p> <p>This product is obtained by fusion of magnesium oxide and chromium ore in an arc furnace.</p>	3824 90 96	<p>Classification is determined by general rules 1 and 6 for the interpretation of the Combined Nomenclature and the wording of CN codes 3824, 3824 90 and 3824 90 96.</p> <p>The product is obtained from a chemical reaction by fusion of raw materials in an arc furnace. It is not a raw mineral product or an ore and therefore cannot be classified in Chapters 25 or 26.</p> <p>Because of its non-stoichiometric composition, the product does not fulfil Note 1(a) to Chapter 28 which stipulates that the headings of this Chapter apply only to chemically defined compounds (i.e. having a stoichiometric composition) and is therefore excluded from Chapter 28.</p> <p>Products in the form of irregular granules, lumps or powder are the raw material for the production of products of heading 6815. They are not classified under heading 6815 because they are neither finished articles nor semi-finished products.</p> <p>The product is therefore to be classified under CN code 3824 90 96 as other chemical products and preparations of the chemical or allied industries, not elsewhere specified or included.</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
26-09-15 2015/C 319/2	Page 182 3824 90	New 3824.90 92 and 3824 90 93 – New text added re: Chemical products or preparations, predominantly composed of organic compounds, not elsewhere specified or included.

Section 337 Actions

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

Ref. №	Commodity	Action
337-TA-613 (Remand)	Certain 3G mobile handsets and components thereof	Commission determination finding no violation of section 337; termination of investigation
337-TA-918	Certain toner cartridges and components thereof	Issuance of a general exclusion order and cease and desist orders; termination of investigation
337-TA-921	Certain marine sonar imaging devices, including downscan and sidescan devices, products containing the same, and components thereof	Notice of Commission determination to review the final initial determination in part; schedule for filing written submissions on the issues under review and on remedy, public interest, and bonding
337-TA-926	Certain marine sonar imaging systems, products containing the same, and components thereof	Commission determination to review a final initial determination finding a violation of section 337; schedule for filing written submissions on the issues under review and on remedy, the public interest and bonding
337-TA-929	Certain beverage brewing capsules, components thereof, and products containing the same	Notice of request for statements on the public interest
337-TA-930	Certain laser abraded denim garments	Commission decision not to review an initial determination granting a motion to intervene
337-TA-935	Certain personal transporters, components thereof, and manuals therefor	Commission's determination not to review an initial determination terminating respondents Ninebot (Tianjin) Technology Co., Ltd., Ninebot Inc. (USA), and Powerunion (Beijing) Tech Co., Ltd. based on settlement; amendment of the notice of investigation
337-TA-949	Certain audio processing hardware and software products containing same	Commission determination not to review an initial determination granting intervenor status to Conexant Systems Inc. and Waves Audio, Ltd.
337-TA-960	Certain toner supply containers and components thereof	Commission determination not to review an initial determination terminating the investigation based upon a consent order stipulation and consent order; issuance of a consent order; termination of the investigation
337-TA-965	Certain table saws incorporating active injury mitigation technology and components thereof	Institution of an investigation based on a complaint and amended complaint filed on behalf of SawStop, LLC and SD3, LLC alleging patent infringement
337-TA-966	Certain silicon-on-insulator wafers	Institution of an investigation based on a complaint filed on behalf of Silicon Genesis Corp. alleging patent infringement
337-TA-967	Certain document cameras and software for use therewith	Institution of an investigation based on a complaint and supplement filed on behalf of Pathway Innovations & Technologies, Inc., alleging patent infringement

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-489-805	Certain pasta from Turkey	Initiation of ADD new shipper review
A-337-804 A-533-813 A-560-802 A-570-851	Certain preserved mushrooms from Chile, India, Indonesia and China	Continuation of the ADD orders
A-549-821	Polyethylene retail carrier bags from Thailand	Notice of final results of ADD changed circumstances review
A-421-811	Purified carboxymethylcellulose from the Netherlands	Final results of ADD administrative review; 2013-2014
A-570-928	Uncovered innerspring units from China	Final results of ADD administrative review; 2013-2014
A-570-888	Floor-standing, metal-top ironing tables and certain parts thereof from China	Final results of the expedited sunset review of the ADD order
A-570-909	Certain steel nails from China	Preliminary results of the ADD administrative review and preliminary determination of no shipments; 2013-2014
A-580-867	Large power transformers from S. Korea:	Preliminary results of ADD administrative review; 2013-2014
C-570-946	Prestressed concrete steel wire strand from China	Final results of expedited first sunset review of CVD order
A-602-809 A-351-845 A-588-874 A-580-883 A-421-813 A-489-826 A-412-825	Certain hot-rolled steel flat products from Australia, Brazil, Japan, S. Korea, the Netherlands, Turkey, and the United Kingdom	Initiation of LTFV investigations
C-351-846 C-580-884 C-489-827	Certain hot-rolled steel flat products from Brazil, S. Korea, and Turkey	Initiation of CVD investigations
A-533-820	Certain hot-rolled carbon steel flat products from India	Notice of preliminary results of 2013-2014 ADD administrative review
A-533-502	Certain welded carbon steel standard pipes and tubes from India	Rescission of ADD administrative review; 2014-2015
A-834-807	Silicomanganese from Kazakhstan	Rescission of ADD administrative review; 2014-2015
A-533-840	Certain frozen warmwater shrimp from India	Final results of ADD administrative review; 2013-2014
A-552-801	Certain frozen fish fillets from Vietnam	Preliminary results and partial rescission of the ADD administrative review; 2013-2014
A-570-979	Crystalline silicon photovoltaic cells, whether or not assembled into modules, from China	Rescission of ADD new shipper review; 2013-2014
A-580-868	Large residential washers from S. Korea	Rescission of ADD administrative review; 2014 - 2015
A-427-818	Low-enriched uranium from France	Final results of ADD administrative review; 2013-2014
A-552-802	Certain frozen warmwater shrimp from Vietnam	Final results of ADD administrative review, 2013-2014


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

Case №	Merchandise/Country	Action
A-201-842	Large residential washers from Mexico:	Final results of the ADD administrative review; 2012-2014
C-580-869	Large residential washers from S. Korea	Final results of CVD administrative review; 2012-2013
A-533-810	Stainless steel bar from India:	Final results of ADD administrative review; 2013-2014
A-552-814	Utility scale wind towers from Vietnam	Final results of ADD administrative review; 2013-2014
A-570-967 C-570-968	Aluminum extrusions from China	Notice of court decision not in harmony with final scope ruling and notice of amended final scope ruling pursuant to court decision
A-580-868	Large residential washers from S. Korea	Final results of the ADD administrative review; 2012-2014
A-580-816	Corrosion-resistant carbon steel flat products from S. Korea	Notice of court decision not in harmony with final results of administrative review and notice of amended final results of administrative review pursuant to court decision
A-570-900	Diamond sawblades and parts thereof from China	Continuation of the ADD order
A-570-002	Chloropicrin from China	Continuation of the ADD order
A-549-502	Circular welded carbon steel pipes and tubes from Thailand	Rescission of ADD administrative review; 2015
A-570-895	Certain crepe paper products from China	Continuation of the ADD order
A-570-890	Wooden bedroom furniture from China	Final results of changed circumstances review, and revocation of ADD order, in part
C-533-821	Certain hot-rolled carbon steel flat products from India	Notice of commencement of compliance proceedings pursuant to section 129 of the Uruguay Round Agreements Act
C-201-846	Sugar from Mexico	Final affirmative CVD determination
A-201-845	Sugar from Mexico	Final determination of sales at LTFV
A-821-808	Certain cut-to-length carbon steel plate from the Russian Federation	Request for Comments on AD suspension agreement
A-570-831	Fresh garlic from China	Final results of the changed circumstances review
A-570-970	Multilayered wood flooring from China	Preliminary results of the changed circumstances review of Sino-Maple (JiangSu) Co., Ltd.
A-570-943	Certain oil country tubular goods from China	Notice of Court decision not in harmony with final results of administrative review and notice of amended final results of administrative review pursuant to Court decision
A-602-808	Silicomanganese from Australia	Preliminary affirmative determination of sales at LTFV and postponement of final determination


United States International Trade Commission (USITC)

Case №	Merchandise/Country	Action
731-TA-1082-1083	Chlorinated isocyanurates from China and Spain	(Second review) Institution of five-year reviews
731-TA-125	Potassium permanganate from China	(Fourth Review) Institution of five-year review
731-TA-1070A	Crepe paper from China	(Second Review) Determination that revocation of the ADD order would be likely to lead to continuation or recurrence of material injury to an industry in the United States within a reasonably foreseeable time.
731-TA-130	Chloropicrin from China	(Fourth Review) Determination that revocation of the ADD order would be likely to lead to continuation or recurrence of material injury to an industry in the United States within a reasonably foreseeable time.
731-TA-1092	Diamond sawblades and parts thereof from China	(Review) Determination that revocation of the ADD order would be likely to lead to continuation or recurrence of material injury to an industry in the United States within a reasonably foreseeable time.


United States International Trade Commission (USITC)

Case №	Merchandise/Country	Action
701-TA-539 731-TA-1280-1282	Heavy walled rectangular welded carbon steel pipes and tubes from Korea, Mexico, and Turkey	(Preliminary) Determinations that there is a reasonable indication that an industry in the United States is materially injured by reason of imports of stated products that are alleged to be sold in the United States at LTFV and that are allegedly subsidized by the government of Turkey.
701-TA-540-544 731-TA-1283-1290	Cold-rolled steel flat products from Brazil, China, India, Japan, Korea, Netherlands, Russia, and the United Kingdom	(Preliminary) Determinations that there is a reasonable indication that an industry in the United States is materially injured by reason of imports of the covered product from the countries indicated that are allegedly sold in the United States at LTFV, and by imports of said products that are allegedly subsidized by the governments of Brazil, China, Korea, and Russia.
701-TA-473 731-TA-1173	Potassium phosphate salts from China	(Review) Scheduling of expedited five-year reviews
701-TA-465 731-TA-1161	Certain steel grating from China	(Review) Scheduling of an expedited five-year review
731-TA-1070B	Certain tissue paper from China	(Second review) Notice of Commission determination to conduct a full five-year review.
AA1921-167	Pressure sensitive plastic tape from Italy	(Fourth Review) Scheduling of a full five-year review
701-TA-528-529 731-TA-1264-1268	Certain uncoated paper from Australia, Brazil, China, Indonesia, and Portugal	(Final) Scheduling of the final phase of countervailing duty and antidumping duty investigations
701-TA-545-547 731-TA-1291-1297	Certain hot-rolled steel flat products from Australia, Brazil, Japan, Korea, the Netherlands, Turkey, and the United Kingdom	(Preliminary) Determinations that there is a reasonable indication that an industry in the United States is materially injured as a result of imports of the covered products that are allegedly sold in the United States at LTFV and by imports allegedly subsidized by Brazil, Korea and Turkey.


Canadian International Trade Tribunal (CITT)

Ref. Number	Merchandise/Country	Action
PB-2014-001	Concrete reinforcing bar from China, S. Korea and Turkey	CITT will delay the issuance of its report rendering the Tribunal's opinion as a result of the public interest inquiry
RR-2014-004	Dumping of certain whole potatoes imported from the United States, for use or consumption in the Province of British Columbia	Order continued
NQ-2015-001	Hot-rolled carbon steel plate and high-strength low-alloy steel plate originating in or exported from India and the Russian Federation	Notice of commencement of inquiry


Canada Border Services Agency (CBSA)

Ref. Number	Merchandise/Country	Action
AD1406	Certain hot-rolled carbon steel plate and high-strength low-alloy steel plate originating in India and Russia	Preliminary determinations of dumping and subsidizing; provisional duties will now be payable on the subject goods that are released from customs on or after September 8, 2015
AD1358	Certain copper pipe fittings originating in or exported from the USA, S. Korea and China	CBSA has initiated a re-investigation of the normal values and export prices of the stated products and the amounts of subsidy of the same products originating in or exported from China.


Mexico - Ministry of Economy

Ref. №	Merchandise/Country	Action
E.A. 15/15	Steel wire rod originating in China, regardless of declared origin	Resolution accepting request of an interested party and initiating the AD investigation
E.A. 15/14	Graphite electrodes for electric arc furnace, originating in China, regardless of country of origin	Final Resolution reviewing the evasion of ADD
E.C. 17/15	Wire rod of iron or non-alloy steel originating in Ukraine, regardless of country of origin	Resolution approving the start of ADD review
E.C. 16/15	Hydraulic jacks bottle type, originating in China, regardless of country of origin	Resolution approving the start of ADD review
E.C. 18/15	Sheet steel plate originating in Romania, the Russian Federation and Ukraine, regardless of country of origin	Resolution approving the start of ADD review
E.A. 11/15	Ferro-silicomanganese originating in India, regardless of country of origin	Resolution accepting request of an interested party and initiating the AD investigation


European Union

Ref. Number	Merchandise/Country	Action
2015/C 287/06	Silicon originating in China	Notice of initiation of a partial interim review of the anti-dumping measures
(EU) 2015/1483	Certain stainless steel wires originating in India	Commission Implementing Regulation (CIR) amending (CIR) imposing a definitive ADD and collecting definitively the provisional duty imposed following an absorption reinvestigation pursuant to Article 12 of Council Regulation (EC) No 1225/2009
(EU) No 830/2014	Stainless steel fasteners and parts thereof	Corrigendum to CIR amending Council Regulation (EC) No 1890/2005, CIR(EU) No 2/2012 and CIR (EU) No 205/2013 as regards the product scope of the current AD measures, and as regards newcomer review requests, and providing for the possibility of repayment or remission of duties in certain cases
(EU) 2015/1507	Certain open mesh fabrics of glass fibres originating in China extended to imports consigned, inter alia, from India	CIR amending CIR (EU) No 1371/2013 extending a definitive ADD imposed on imports of certain open mesh fabrics of glass fibres originating in the China to imports consigned, inter alia, from India, whether declared as originating in India or not
(EU) 2015/1518	Biodiesel originating in the USA	CIR imposing a definitive ADD following an expiry review
(EU) 2015/1519	Biodiesel originating in the USA	CIR imposing a definitive CVD following an expiry review
(EU) 2015/1559	Tubes and pipes of ductile cast iron (also known as spheroidal graphite cast iron), originating in India	CIR imposing a provisional ADD on
(EU) No 861/2013	Certain stainless steel wires originating in India	Corrigendum to CIR imposing a definitive CVD and collecting definitively the provisional duty imposed
2015/C 319/9	Certain polyethylene terephthalate from Iran, Pakistan and United Arab Emirates	Notice of the expiry of certain countervailing measures


Australian Anti-Dumping Commission

Ref. №	Merchandise/Country	Action
2015/107	Steel reinforcing bar from Korea, Malaysia, Singapore, Spain, Taiwan, Thailand and Turkey	Amendment of securities
2015/108	Hot rolled plate steel from China, Indonesia, Japan and Korea	Findings of an exemption inquiry



Australian Anti-Dumping Commission

Ref. №	Merchandise/Country	Action
2015/109	Hot rolled coil steel from Japan, Korea, Malaysia and Taiwan	Findings of an exemption inquiry
2015/110	Pineapple, FSI from Thailand	Findings in relation to an accelerated review of AD measures
2015/111	Pineapple, consumer from Thailand	Findings in relation to an accelerated review of AD measures
2015/112	Tomatoes from Italy	Preliminary affirmative determination and imposition of securities
2015/114	Hollow structural sections from China	Extension of time granted to issue final Report 285
2015/115	Aluminium road wheels from China	Notice of decision under subsection 269ZZM(1)
2015/116	Various	Status Report at 31 August 2015



China Ministry of Commerce (MOFCOM)

Ref. №	Merchandise/Country	Action
38. 2015	Nucleotides food additives originating in Indonesia and Thailand	Notice of termination of AD measures



Government of India Ministry of Finance (Department of Revenue)

Reference	Merchandise/Country	Action
02/2015 Cus.(SG)	Hot-rolled flat products of non-alloy and other alloy steel	Seeks to levy provisional safeguard duty on Hot-rolled flat products of non-alloy and other alloy Steel in coils of a width of 600 mm or more [heading 7208 or tariff item 7225 30 90] at the rate of 20% for a period of 200 days
46/2015-Cus (ADD)	Acrylonitrile Butadiene Rubber (NBR), originating in or exported from Korea RP	Levies definitive ADD for a period of five years
47/2015-Cus (ADD)	Certain float glass originating in or exported from China	Levies definitive ADD for a period of five years



Argentina Ministry of Economy and Public Finance

Ref. Number	Merchandise/Country	Action
Res. 946/2015	Bicycle tires originating in Thailand, Indonesia and China	End of term review for expiration of changed circumstances
Res. 966/2015	Polyethylene terephthalate (PET) granules originating in the USA and Indonesia	Opening of AD investigation
Res. 855/2015	Certain denim fabrics originating in China	End of term review for expiration of changed circumstances



Brazil Ministry of Development, Industry and Trade

Reference	Merchandise/Country	Action
SECEX Cir. 56	PVC S from Mexico	Updates the reference price for imports of polyvinyl chloride, not mixed with other substances, obtained by suspension process
SECEX Cir. 57	Graphite electrodes with diameters up to 450 mm (18 inches), of any length, machined or not machined, assembled	Start anticircumvention review to ascertain the existence of commercial practices aimed at thwarting the effectiveness of AD measures in force



Brazil Ministry of Development, Industry and Trade

Reference	Merchandise/Country	Action
	or disassembled, of a kind used in electric arc furnaces originating in China.	
SECEX Cir. 58	Unbound carbon steel tubes, seamless, of circular section, with external diameter not exceeding 374 mm from China.	Starts investigation to ascertain the existence of dumping
SECEX Cir. 59	Agricultural tires originating in China	Closed without judgment on the merits, the investigation to determine the existence of dumping
SECEX Cir. 60	PET films originating in India	Concluded a preliminary affirmative determination of actionable subsidies without the application of provisional duties
SECEX Cir. 61	Footwear originating in China	Concluded by a preliminary affirmative determination of likelihood of continuation of dumping
CAMEX Res..№ 90	Butyl acrylate, from Germany, South Africa and Chinese Taipei.	Apply definitive ADD for a period of five (5) years
CAMEX Res. № 91	Unwrought magnesium metal from China	Apply definitive ADD for a period of five (5) years

Opportunity to Request Administrative Review

In a September 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 September anniversary dates:

AD/CVD Proceedings - Country/ Merchandise	Case No.	Period
Antidumping Duty Proceedings		
Belarus: Steel Concrete Reinforcing Bars	A-822-804	9/1/14-8/31/15
India: Lined Paper Products	A-533-843	9/1/14-8/31/15
Oil Country Tubular Goods	A-533-857	2/25/14-8/31/15
Indonesia: Steel Concrete Reinforcing Bars	A-560-811	9/1/14-8/31/15
Italy: Stainless Steel Wire Rod	A-475-820	9/1/14-8/31/15
Japan: Stainless Steel Wire Rod	A-588-843	9/1/14-8/31/15
Latvia: Stainless Concrete Reinforcing Bars	A-449-804	9/1/14-8/31/15
Mexico: Magnesita Carbon Bricks	A-201-837	9/1/14-8/31/15
Moldova: Steel Concrete Reinforcing Bars	A-841-804	9/1/14-8/31/15
Poland: Steel Concrete Reinforcing Bars	A-455-803	9/1/14-8/31/15
S. Korea: Oil Country Tubular Goods	A-580-870	7/18/14-8/31/15
Stainless Steel Wire Rod	A-580-829	9/1/14-8/31/15
Spain: Stainless Steel Wire Rod	A-469-807	9/1/14-8/31/15
SR of Vietnam: Oil Country Tubular Goods	A-552-817	2/25/14-8/31/15
Taiwan: Narrow Woven Ribbons with Woven Selvedge	A-583-844	9/1/14-8/31/15
Oil Country Tubular Goods	A-583-850	7/18/14-8/31/15
Raw Flexible Magnets	A-583-842	9/1/14-8/31/15
Stainless Steel Wire Rod	A-583-828	9/1/14-8/31/15
PR of China: Freshwater Crawfish Tailmeat	A-570-848	9/1/14-8/31/15
Foundry Coke	A-570-862	9/1/14-8/31/15
Kitchen Appliance Shelving and Racks	A-570-941	9/1/14-8/31/15
Lined Paper Products	A-570-901	9/1/14-8/31/15
Magnesita Carbon Bricks	A-570-954	9/1/14-8/31/15
Narrow Woven Ribbons with Woven Selvedge	A-570-952	9/1/14-8/31/15
New Pneumatic Off-the-Road Tires	A-570-912	9/1/14-8/31/15
Raw Flexible Magnets	A-570-922	9/1/14-8/31/15
Steel Concrete Reinforcing Bars	A-570-860	9/1/14-8/31/15

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AD/CVD Proceedings - Country/ Merchandise	Case No.	Period
Turkey: Oil Country Tubular Goods	A-489-816	2/25/14-8/31/15
Ukraine: Solid Agricultural Grade Ammonium Nitrate	A-823-810	9/1/14-8/31/15
Steel Concrete Reinforcing Bars	A-823-809	9/1/14-8/31/15
Countervailing Duty Proceedings		
India: Lined Paper Products	C-533-844	1/1/14-12/31/14
Oil Country Tubular Goods	C-533-858	12/23/13-12/31/14
PR of China: Kitchen Appliance Shelving and Racks	C-570-942	1/1/14-12/31/14
Magnesia Carbon Bricks	C-570-955	1/1/14-12/31/14
Narrow Woven Ribbons with Woven Selvedge	C-570-953	1/1/14-12/31/14
New Pneumatic Off-the-Road Tires	C-570-913	1/1/14-12/31/14
Raw Flexible Magnets	C-570-923	1/1/14-12/31/14
Turkey: Oil Country Tubular Goods	C-489-817	7/18/14-12-31/14
Suspension Agreements		
Argentina: Lemon Juice	A-357-818	9/1/14-8/31/15

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AD/CVD Proceedings - Country/ Merchandise	Case No.	Period
Antidumping Duty Proceedings		
Brazil: Carbon and Certain Alloy Steel Wire Rod	A-351-832	10/1/14-9/30/15
Indonesia: Carbon and Certain Alloy Steel Wire Rod	A-560-815	10/1/14-9/30/15
Italy: Pressure Sensitive Plastic Tape	A-475-059	10/1/14-9/30/15
Mexico: Carbon and Certain Alloy Steel Wire Rod	A-201-830	10/1/14-9/30/15
Moldova: Carbon and Certain Alloy Steel Wire Rod	A-841-805	10/1/14-9/30/15
The PR of China: Barium Carbonate	A-570-880	10/1/14-9/30/15
Barium Chloride	A-570-007	10/1/14-9/30/15
Electrolytic Manganese Dioxide	A-570-919	10/1/14-9/30/15
Helical Spring Lock Washers	A-570-822	10/1/14-9/30/15
Polyvinyl Alcohol	A-570-879	10/1/14-9/30/15
Steel Wire Garment Hangers	A-570-918	10/1/14-9/30/15
Trinidad and Tobago: Carbon and Certain Alloy Steel Wire Rod	A-274-804	10/1/14-9/30/15
Countervailing Duty Proceedings		
Brazil: Carbon and Certain Alloy Steel Wire Rod	C-351-833	1/1/14-12/31/14
Iran: Roasted In Shell Pistachios	C-507-601	1/1/14-12/31/14
Suspension Agreements		
Russia: Uranium	A-821-802	10/1/14-9/30/15

Requested Reviews

In a September 2, 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 July anniversary dates. See actual notices for companies requesting review:

AD/CVD Proceedings - Country/ Merchandise	Case No.	Period
Antidumping Duty Proceedings		
India: Polyethylene Terephthalate (PET) Film, Sheet and Strip	A-533-824	7/1/14 - 6/30/15
Italy: Certain Pasta	A-475-818	7/1/14 - 6/30/15
Russia Federation: Solid Urea	A-821-801	7/1/14 - 6/30/15
Taiwan: Polyethylene Terephthalate (PET) Film, Sheet,		

AD/CVD Proceedings - Country/ Merchandise	Case No.	Period
and Strip	A-583-837	7/1/14 – 6/30/15
The PR of China: Xanthan Gum	A-570-985	7/1/14 – 6/30/15
Circular Welded Carbon Quality Steel Pipe	A-570-910	7/1/14 – 6/30/15
Countervailing Duty Proceedings		
India: Polyethylene Terephthalate (PET) Film, Sheet, and Strip	C-533-825	1/1/14 – 12/31/14
Italy: Certain Pasta	C-475-819	1/1/14 – 12/31/14
The PR of China: Circular Welded Carbon Quality Steel Pipe	C-570-911	1/1/14 – 12/31/14
Turkey: Certain Pasta	C-489-806	1/1/14 – 12/31/14
Suspension Agreements		
None		

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Initiation of Sunset Reviews

In a September 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-570-898	731-TA-1082	PRC	Chlorinated Isocyanurates (2 nd Review)
A-570-001	731-TA-125	PRC	Potassium Permanganate (4 th Review)
A-469-814	731-TA-1083	Spain	Chlorinated Isocyanurates (2 nd Review)

Advance Notification of Sunset Reviews

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

AD/CVD Proceedings - Merchandise/Country	Case No.
Antidumping Duty Proceedings	
Iron Construction Castings from Brazil	A-351-503 (4 th Review)
Iron Construction Castings from Canada	A-122-503 (4 th Review)
Coated Paper Suitable For High-Quality Print Graphics Using Sheet-Fed Presses from China	A-570-958 (1 st Review).
Iron Construction Castings from China	A-570-502 (4 th Review).
Seamless Carbon and Alloy Steel Standard, Line, and Pressure Pipe from China	A-570-956 (1 st Review).
Seamless Refined Copper Pipe and Tube from China	A-570-964 (1 st Review)
Coated Paper Suitable For High-Quality Print Graphics Using Sheet-Fed Presses from Indonesia	A-560-823 (1 st Review).
Seamless Refined Copper Pipe and Tube from Mexico	A-201-838 (1 st Review)
Countervailing Duty Proceedings	
Iron Construction Castings from Brazil	C-351-504 (4 th Review)
Coated Paper Suitable For High-Quality Print Graphics Using Sheet-Fed Presses from China	C-570-959 (1 st Review)
Seamless Carbon and Alloy Steel Standard, Line, and Pressure Pipe from China	C-570-957 (1 st Review)
Coated Paper Suitable For High-Quality Print Graphics Using Sheet-Fed Presses from Indonesia	C-560-824 (1 st Review).
Suspended Investigations	
No Sunset Review of suspended investigations is scheduled for initiation in October 2015	