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DENIED PARTY UPDATES

CANADA

1 denied party has been added and 1 modified.

Authority: CA Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade

UN

1 denied party has been added and 4 modified.

Authority: UN the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1267

US

4 denied parties have been added, 2 modified and 9 deleted.

Authority: Department of Commerce (Bureau of Industry and Security), Office of Foreign Assets Control

QUOTA UPDATES

The quota updates for this week include:

1. EU Quota fill-rates
2. US Tariff Rate Quota fill-rates.

LANDED COST UPDATES

AMERICAS

ARGENTINA

This is an update to the 2009 Tariff Schedule for Argentina. This update adds new HTS numbers, deletes old HTS numbers and modifies existing HTS descriptions for products classified under certain chapters. The following HTS chapters are affected: 19, 54, 73, 84, 85, 87, 90 and 94.

Authority: Argentina Customs

CUBA

This is an insertion of Cuba - Venezuela Preferential duty rates for various products across the tariff, affecting various chapters.

Authority: Ministry of Foreign Trade and Finance

ASIA-PACIFIC

MALAYSIA

This is an update for Framework Agreement on Economic Cooperation between ASEAN and Korea affecting various products across tariff.

Authority: Malaysian customs

RUSSIA

1. This is an update for change in Duty, Excise rate, Insertion and deletion of HS for certain types of motor vehicles. The following HTS chapter is affected: 87
2. This is an update for change in Duty, Insertion and deletion of HS for certain types of combine harvesters, of certain goods imported for the industrial assembly of motor vehicles, their components and assemblies. The following HTS chapters are affected: 72, 73, 84 and 86.

Authority: Russian Federal customs

EUROPE

BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA

This is an update for change in preferential duty rates for EU Member States as per the Stabilisation and Association Agreement between Bosnia and Herzegovina and European Communities, affecting various chapters.

Authority: Directorate for European Integration of Bosnia and Herzegovina

EU

This is an update to the EU tariff. The update includes new and invalid HS numbers, new and changed import duties, and new, changed and deleted preferential duties, affecting certain chapters.

Authority: EU Commission

ITALY

This is a rollover of Italian VAT rates. This rollover includes the standard VAT rate, as well as the reduced VAT rates and the VAT exemptions, affecting various chapters.

Authority: Italian Ministry of Finance

NETHERLANDS

This is a rollover of Dutch VAT rates. This rollover includes the standard VAT rate, as well as the reduced VAT rates and the VAT exemptions, affecting various chapters.

Authority: Ministry of Finance

NORWAY

This is a rollover for Duty, VAT, Excise, Research fee, Food production fee and

ON THE ANVIL

Updates being processed:

Albania
 Argentina
 Australia
 Botswana
 Brazil
 Canada
 Chile
 EU
 India
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 Jamaica
 Japan
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 Mexico
 Namibia
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 Swaziland
 Switzerland
 Taiwan
 Thailand
 Turkey
 UN
 US
 Venezuela
 Vietnam

TRADE WATCH

FDA Takes New Regulatory Action Against Ranbaxy's Paonta Sahib Plant in India

The FDA announced that a facility owned by India-based Ranbaxy Laboratories falsified data and test results in approved and pending drug applications. The facility, Paonta Sahib, has been under an FDA Import Alert since September 2008. To address the falsified data, the FDA has invoked its Application Integrity Policy (AIP) against the Paonta Sahib facility. The AIP is invoked when a company's actions raise significant questions about the integrity of data in drug applications. This AIP covers applications that rely on data generated by the Paonta Sahib facility only.

OTEXA Announces March 11th Free Webinar on DR Earned Import Allowance Program

The Office of Textiles and Apparel

LANDED COST UPDATES contd...

preferential duties affecting various products across the tariff.

Authority: Norway Customs

SERBIA

This is a rollover for Duty, VAT, Excise and preferential duties affecting various products across the tariff.

Authority: Serbia Ministry of Finance

MIDDLE-EAST/AFRICA

MAURITIUS

This is a rollover for entire tariff data affecting various products across the tariff.

Authority: Mauritius Customs

SOUTH AFRICA

This is an update for change in Excise duty rates for certain selected products like alcohol and tobacco. The following HTS chapters are affected: 19, 22 and 24.

Authority: SARS

REGULATORY UPDATES

AMERICAS

ARGENTINA

This is an update to import regulations for Argentina. This update modifies the Anti-Dumping Duties on steel chains from China and removes the Anti-Dumping Duties imposed on bicycle parts from Taiwan. The following HTS chapters are affected: 73 and 87.

Authority: Ministry of Production

MEXICO

This is an update to import regulations for Mexico. This update establishes new import controls for products classified under certain chapters, affecting various chapters.

Authority: Secretariat of Economy

ASIA-PACIFIC

AUSTRALIA

This is an update for change in tariff rate quota for certain selected products of cheese. The following HTS chapter is affected: 04.

Authority: Australian Customs Service

HONG KONG

This is an update for insertion and deletion of HTS for Import and Export controls as per Hong Kong Imports and Exports Classification List of 2009. The following HTS chapters are affected: 27, 38, 39, 84, 85 and 90.

Authority: Census and Statistics Department

TAIWAN

This is an update for addition and deletion of import control for certain products in the tariff schedule. The affected import control is: Import Prohibition. The following HTS chapter is affected: 54.

Authority: Directorate General of Customs

EUROPE

CROATIA

This is an update to tariff rate quota for 2009 which applies to EU, Albania, Iceland, Liechtenstein, Macedonia, Moldova, Montenegro, Norway, Serbia, Switzerland and

TRADE WATCH contd...

has announced that on Wednesday, March 11, 2009 at 2:00 p.m. EST, it will host a free webinar on the Dominican Republic's Two-for-One Earned Import Allowance Program for certain apparel wholly formed and exported from the Dominican Republic. The webinar will feature background on the program's structure, a complete "how-to" guide for companies interested in participating, and a demonstration of the electronic system that will be used to manage each participant's account.

Canada's Trade Agency Posts Export Controls Handbook

Foreign Affairs and International Trade Canada (DFAIT) has posted an export controls handbook to its Web site. The handbook is designed to be a reference tool to assist exporters with questions about the administration of Canada's export controls, which are administered pursuant to the Export Control List, the Area Control List and the Automatic Firearms Country Control List under the authority of the Export and Import Permits Act. Information contained in this handbook includes: how to obtain the necessary permits for the export or transfer of controlled items and how to comply with the requirements of the Export and Import Permits Act and its related regulations.

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REGULATORY UPDATES contd...

Turkey. Quotas are applicable to meat products, edible vegetables, fruit and nuts, preparation of meat, fish, vegetables, chocolate, cocoa, fruit juice & jams, beer and other alcoholic beverages, affecting certain chapters.

Authority: Croatian Customs

CARRIER SERVICE UPDATES**ASIA**

Evergreen Line and Wan Hai Lines are pleased to announce that they have reached a co-operative agreement on the Intra-Asia trade. Commencing in late February, the agreement consists of slot exchanges between Evergreen's North East Asia-South East Asia Service (NSA), North East Asia-South East Asia Service B (NSB), and Wan Hai's Korea-South East Asia Service (KSS) and Korea-Vietnam Service (KVS).

ASIA-WCSA

Due to deteriorating market conditions, Asia Express Consortium partners (CCNI, Hamburg Sud, and MSC) have decided to reduce trade capacity between Asia and Mexico/West Coast of South America by 2,500 TEU. Beginning immediately, the current MSC service will be combined with sling 2 of the Asia Express Consortium. Sling 1's revised port rotation will include the following locations: Yokohama, Pusan, Shanghai, Ningbo, Hong Kong, Manzanillo, Lazaro Cardenas, Puerto Quetzal, Buenaventura, Guayaquil, Iquique, Mejillones, Valparaiso, Lirquen, and Lazaro Cardenas. The port rotation of the Sling 2 service will include the following locations: Keelung, Hong Kong, Chiwan, Shanghai, Ningbo, Busan, Yokohama, Manzanillo, Buenaventura, Callao, Mejillones/Antofagasta, Valparaiso, and San Vicente.

ASIA-EUR

Maersk Line is pleased to announce a series of enhancements and adjustments to the Asia-Europe network. For the AE1 service, the port of Salalah will be added to the rotation, while Singapore will be removed. The ports of Hamburg and Tanjung Pelepas will be added to the AE2 service. The AE3 service's port rotation will soon include Evyap. The AE6 service will now be routed via the Cape of Good Hope. The port of Le Havre will be added to the eastbound rotation of the AE10 service.

EUR-M.EAST-ASIA

Maersk Line has announced enhancements and adjustments to their Europe-Middle East & South Asia network. The ME1 service will add an additional vessel, as well as calls to Aqaba and Bandar Abbas. The ME3 service will no longer call the ports of Salalah (eastbound), Jeddah, or Aqaba. Salalah and Jeddah will now be covered by the AE11 service.

ASIA-W.AFRICA

Maersk Line is pleased to announce the extension of their Far East-West Africa FEW1 service to include the ports of Shanghai and Ningbo. Starting in early March, the new rotation will include the following ports: Shanghai, Ningbo, Nansha, Hong Kong, Tanjung Pelepas, Lome, Cotonou, and Pointe Noire.

EUR-ASIA

Grand Alliance members have announced that they will re-route all eastbound EU3 service vessels around the Cape of Good Hope (rather than transiting the Suez Canal). No westbound changes are planned.