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## DENIED PARTY UPDATES

### CANADA

17 denied parties have been added, 12 modified and 2 deleted.  
*Source: CA Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade*

### EU

6 denied parties have been added.  
*Source: Official Journal of the European Union*

### UN

17 denied parties have been added, 12 modified and 2 deleted.  
*Source: UN the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1267*

### US

54 denied parties have been added, 6 modified and 14 deleted.  
*Source: Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI); Department of Commerce (Bureau of Industry and Security) and Office of Foreign Assets Control*

## LANDED COST UPDATES

### AMERICAS

#### COLOMBIA

1. This is an update for Colombia Duty. The duty update deleted certain duty rate for cereals, ores, mineral fuels, chemicals, pharmaceutical products, fertilizers, plastics, rubber, etc
2. This is an update for Colombia Duty. The duty changes affect certain products of cereal (white corn), milk and cream. The following HTS chapters are affected: 04 and 10.

*Source: Ministry of Commerce, Industry and Tourism*

#### JAMAICA

This is a new content update for JAMAICA CARICOM Preferential Duty Rates affecting various products across the tariff.

*Source: Caribbean Community Secretariat*

#### VENEZUELA

This is an update to Price Band Controls for Venezuela. This update modifies the duty rate for several agricultural products such as barley, sugar and whole milk under price band controls. The following HTS chapters are affected: 02, 04, 10, 11, 12, 15, 16, 17, 19, 23, 35 and 38.

*Source: Andean Community*

### ASIA-PACIFIC

#### JAPAN

This is an update for Japan and ASEAN Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement (CEPA), affecting various products across the tariff.

*Source: Japan Customs*

#### PHILIPPINES

This is a rollover for General Duty and Value Added Tax rates affecting various products across the tariff.

*Source: Philippines Tariff Commission*

#### RUSSIA

This is an update for insertion and deletion of HS for certain types of spare parts, machinery and equipment used for aircraft. The following HTS chapters are affected: 40, 70, 73, 81, 83, 84, 85, 88, 89, 90 and 94.

*Source: Russian Federal Customs Service*

#### TAJIKISTAN

This is a rollover for Duty, VAT, Excise and Customs Fee affecting the entire tariff.

*Source: Tajikistan Customs Service*

### EUROPE

#### TURKEY

1. This is an update for change in Default Duty Rates and VAT Rates; Addition of Albania preferential rates for the whole tariff.
2. This is a rollover for SCT (Special Consumption Tax) affecting various products across the tariff.

*Source: Foreign Trade Undersecretariat, Turkey*

## QUOTA UPDATES

The quota updates for this week include:

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

## ON THE ANVIL

### Updates being processed:

Albania  
 Argentina  
 Australia  
 Botswana  
 Brazil  
 Canada  
 Chile  
 EU  
 India  
 Israel  
 Jamaica  
 Japan  
 Lesotho  
 Mexico  
 Namibia  
 New Zealand  
 Saudi Arabia  
 South Africa  
 Swaziland  
 Switzerland  
 Taiwan  
 Thailand  
 Turkey  
 UN  
 US  
 Venezuela  
 Vietnam

## LANDED COST UPDATES contd...

### MIDDLE-EAST/AFRICA

#### SWAZILAND

This is an update for change in General Duty, EFTA Preferential Duty Rates for sugar and addition of HS number for animal feed containing methionine and bag closures of non-cellular polystyrene. The following HTS chapters are affected: 17, 23 and 39.  
*Source: South African Revenue Services (SARS)*

## REGULATORY UPDATES

### EUROPE

#### EU

1. This is an update on Anti Dumping Duty measures of EU affecting cotton type bed linen originating in Pakistan. The following HTS chapter is affected: 63
2. This is an update on Countervailing Duty measures of EU affecting Broad spectrum antibiotics originating in India. The following HTS chapter is affected: 29.

*Source: European Union Customs*

### ASIA-PACIFIC

#### INDIA

This update makes changes to Import regulations for certain selected products of iron and steel, chemicals, rubber, wood, textile materials, machinery and vehicles. The type of control affected by this update is: Import License. The following HTS chapters are affected: 28, 40, 44, 54, 72, 73, 84 and 87.  
*Source: Director General of Foreign Trade, Government of India*

#### TAIWAN

This is an update of Export Permit affecting iron or non alloy steel products. The following HTS chapter is affected: 72.

*Source: Taiwan Customs Directorate*

### MIDDLE-EAST/AFRICA

#### UAE

This is an update for changes in UAE import regulations for various products across the tariff. The following controls are affected by this update: Import Prohibition, Import Approval and Inspection.

*Source: UAE Customs*

## CARRIER SERVICE UPDATES

#### ASIA-US

The New World Alliance carriers (APL, HMM, and MOL) have announced a revised Asia-US East Coast service, which will include the Grand Alliance lines (Hapag-Lloyd, NYK, and OOCL). Starting in December, the GA carriers will join the TNWA's New York Express (NYX) service. The revised service will make an additional westbound call at San Pedro and an eastbound stop at Shekou.

#### ASIA-EUR

The CKYH Alliance (Cosco, K Line, Yang Ming, Hanjin Shipping) will combine the AES and AEN services, creating the CNEU service. The following locations will remain direct ports of call: Dalian, Xingang, Qingdao, Shanghai, Ningbo, Hong Kong, Nansha, Yantian, Singapore, Roterdam, Felixstowe, Hamburg, and Antwerp. Starting in mid-December, a number of sailing in both the AES2 and AES3 services will be suspended. As a result, the AES1 service will be modified in order to maintain the existing port coverage.



**TRADE WATCH****ITA Requests Comments on Cost Recovery for the US-EU Data Transfer**

The International Trade Administration has issued a notice requesting public comments by December 16, 2008 on the proposed implementation of a cost recovery program to support the operation of the U.S.-European Union Safe Harbor Framework, which allows U.S. companies to satisfy the requirements of the EU's Directive on Data Protection when transferring personal information from the EU. ITA is proposing to establish a two-tiered fee structure in which new clients would be required to pay a \$200 registration (processing) fee and existing clients who renew their certification commitment to Safe Harbor would pay \$100 each year following their initial certification.

**EPA Requests Applications for Essential Use Allowances for Ozone-Depleting Substances**

The Environmental Protection Agency has issued a notice requesting applications for essential use allowances for calendar years 2010 and 2011. Essential use allowances provide exemptions from the phase-out on production and import of ozone-depleting substances (ODSs). The allowances must be authorized by the Parties to the Montreal Protocol on Substances that

**CARRIER SERVICE UPDATES contd...****EUR-ASIA-US**

Evergreen is restructuring its transpacific services, and as a result, will launch a new Europe-Asia-West Coast North America pendulum service. The Asia United States (AUS) service will be split into two. The southern loop will be incorporated into the new pendulum service, while the northern loop will be replaced by a new China-South US West Coast (California) service. The China CPS service will commence December 26<sup>th</sup>. The new US West Coast-Asia-Europe (UAE) service is a result of merging the southern loop with the China Europe Shuttle (CES) service.

**EUR-MED**

Maersk Line is pleased to announce that the intra Europe volumes will be combined with feeder volumes around the world in order to create a new multi-trade service, the EUROMED. The new schedule will include the following ports of call: Bremerhaven, Tangier, Gioia Tauro, Alexandria, Ashdod, Valencia, Felixstowe, and Rotterdam.

**EUR-LTAM**

CSAV announces a new Euroandes Service, which will commence January 12, 2009. Port rotation will take 56 days. The following locations will be direct ports of call: Rotterdam, Tilbury, Hamburg, Antwerp, Port of Spain, Cartagena, Callao, San Antonio, Buenaventura, and Kingston.

**TRADE WATCH contd...**

Deplete the Ozone Layer which will meet in 2009. Applications must be submitted to EPA no later than December 31, 2008.

**OFAC Identifies Entities Owned/Controlled by the Government of Iran**

The Office of Foreign Assets Control has identified the National Iranian Oil Company (aka NIOC), Naftiran Intertrade Company Ltd. (aka NICO), and Naftiran Intertrade Co. Sarl as entities owned or controlled by the Government of Iran. The Iranian Transaction Regulations include an appendix that contains a non-exhaustive list of entities determined by OFAC to be owned or controlled by the Government of Iran. OFAC is adding the above named entities to this appendix.

**Argentina Implemented Increased MFN Duty Rate Agreed to by Mercosur**

Argentina has implemented an increase in the most favored nation (MFN) duty rate for fabric, apparel, textile made-ups and footwear that was agreed to by the Southern Common Market (Mercosur), and already implemented by Brazil. Specifically, the MFN duty rates for apparel, floor covering, footwear (excluding footwear parts) and textile made-ups (HS Chapter 63) have been increased from 20% to 35%. The rate for virtually all fabrics has been raised from 18% to 26% (the duty on aramid fabrics will remain at 2%).

**CBP Approves Certispec Services USA, Inc. as Commercial Gauger & Lab**

CBP has issued a notice stating that, effective July 22, 2008, Certispec Services USA, Inc. of Texas City, TX, has been approved to gauge and accredited to test petroleum and petroleum products, organic chemicals and vegetable oils for customs purposes, in accordance with 19 CFR 151.12 and 151.13.

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