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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.

DENIED PARTY UPDATES

EU

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

US

11 denied parties have been added and 8 deleted.
Source: Office of Foreign Assets Control and Department of Commerce (Bureau of Industry and Security)



LANDED COST UPDATES

AMERICAS

BERMUDA

Bermuda Customs announced change in default duty for Cigarettes containing tobacco, other vehicles, sailboats, motorboats. Addition and deletion of HS numbers as per the custom website. The following chapters are affected: 24, 87 and 89.

Source: Bermuda Customs

BOLIVIA

Update of preferential agreements of Bolivia with CAN (Andean community), ACE 22 (Bolivia-Chile), ACE 31 (Bolivia-Mexico), ACE 36 (Argentina Bolivia Brazil Paraguay Uruguay), ACE 47 (Bolivia-Cuba), affecting all the chapters.

Source: Bolivia Customs

EL SALVADOR

Addition of HS, Deletion of HS, Change in duty, Change in Duty Disclaimer. The following chapters are affected: 02, 07, 09, 12, 15, 16, 20, 21, 22, 27, 32, 34, 38, 39, 52 to 55, 58 to 63, 70, 71, 84, 85, 87, 91, 96 and 97.

Source: El Salvador Customs

VENEZUELA

Bi-weekly update on price band controls affecting several food products such as barley, sugar and whole milk. Price band controls fall under the authority of the Andean Community and are regularly updated on the website of the community. The following chapters are affected: 02, 04, 10, 11, 12, 15, 16, 17, 19, 23, 35 and 38.

Source: Andean Community

AISA-PACIFIC

INDIA

Change in Sri Lanka Preferential Duty rates for some textile fabrics falling under chapters 61 and 62, issued vide Customs Notification No. 52/2008 dated 04/22/08 by Customs and Excise Department.

Source: Customs Department, Government of India

NEW ZEALAND

Deletion of Statistical key codes in the working tariff for HS 9401800000C and 9403500000, issued by New Zealand Customs Service.

Source: New Zealand Customs Service

SINGAPORE

Change in Excise rate for certain Motor Vehicles and Parts falling under HS Code 87032110 and 87031010, published vide Circular No. 10/2008 dated 04/28/2008 by Singapore Customs.

Source: Singapore Customs

MIDDLE-EAST/AFRICA

JORDAN

1. Update on EU - Jordan Preferential trade agreement affecting various chapters
2. Update on Jordan - EFTA preferential trade agreement affecting various chapters.

Source: Jordan Customs

ON THE ANVIL

Updates being processed:

Argentina
Australia
Austria
Botswana
Brazil
Canada
Chile
China
EU
India
Israel
Lesotho
Malaysia
Mexico
Namibia
New Zealand
Saudi Arabia
South Africa
Swaziland
Switzerland
Taiwan
Turkey
US
Venezuela
Vietnam

TRADE WATCH

BIS Final Decision & Order for Kabba & Amir Investments, Inc.

The Bureau of Industry and Security issued its final decision and order in the matter of Kabba & Amir Investments, Inc., dba International Freight Forwarders. BIS found that Kabba & Amir violated the Export Administration Regulations in its involvement with an attempted unlicensed export of items to Cuba. This order includes a three year denial of certain export privileges which could be waived if a \$6 million penalty is paid and no further violations occur. BIS has also issued a Recommended Decision and Order in this matter.

The US will not allow the Import of CITES-Listed Specimens from Listed Countries

The Fish and Wildlife Service published a list of countries that have not, as of April 30, 2008, provided the required information to the Convention on International

LANDED COST UPDATES contd...

MAURITIUS

Insertion of Export Controls to the content affecting products across the tariff. The following chapters are affected: 01, 02, 07, 09, 10, 11, 16, 17, 20, 22, 25, 30, 50 to 63 and 67.

Source: Supervision of Tributary Administration

MOROCCO

Insertion of Morocco-Jordan Preferential duty rates, affecting many products across various chapters.

Source: Morocco Customs

REGULATORY UPDATES

AMERICAS

ARGENTINA

1. In observance with United Nations sanctions, Argentina has imposed a sanction against Iran based on UNSCR 1737 (2006) and its amendments
2. New Anti Dumping Duties and Certificate of Origin requirements for Chinese carbon steel chains and new HTS positions that require Automatic Licenses Prior to Import. The following chapters are affected: 39 and 73.

Source: Ministry of Foreign Affairs, International Trade and Worship; Ministry of Economy and Production

MEXICO

1. New import quotas for textile polyester fabrics, regardless of the country of manufacture. The following chapter is affected: 54
2. New registration requirements from the Specific Sectors Importer Registry for Chemicals and nuclear material. The following chapters are affected: 26, 28, 29 and 90
3. New Anti Dumping Duties for fabric rolls from China. The following chapter is affected: 58
4. The Secretariat of Revenue and Public Credit has cancelled the Specific Sectors Importer Registry program, except for chemicals and nuclear material and reference price inspections for all products, except cars and car parts affecting various chapters.

Source: Secretariat of Economy; Secretariat of Revenue and Public Credit; Secretariat of Economy

US

US ECCN 9A004 "Related Controlled" has been modified based on US Department of Commerce (Bureau of Industry and Security) update. The following category is affected: 9.

Source: Department of Commerce (Bureau of Industry and Security)

AISA-PACIFIC

JAPAN

Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries has decided to impose an import prohibition on poultry products originating in Denmark (DK) under the Domestic Animal Infectious Disease Control Law. The following chapters are affected: 01, 02 and 16.

Source: Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries

EUROPE

EU

1. New regulation in force, renewing and strengthening the restrictive measures in respect of Myanmar and repealing the earlier regulation
2. The EU Commission has terminated the countervailing duty imposed on imports of an electronic integrated circuits known as Dynamic Random Access Memories

TRADE WATCH contd...

Trade in Endangered Species (CITES) Secretariat on their designated Management Authority and/or Scientific Authority. According to the FWS, the US will not allow the import of CITES-listed specimens from countries that have not designated a competent Management Authority and Scientific Authority and communicated such designations to the CITES Secretariat.

DDTC Updates Guidance, Issues FAQ on Supporting Documents for Permanent Defense Export Applications

The State Department's Directorate of Defense Trade Controls has updated its notice on purchase orders, letters of intent, or other supporting documentation for applications for the permanent export of defense articles in order to add additional instructions.

DDTC has also issued a Frequently Asked Question (FAQ) document regarding the supporting documentation for applications for the permanent export of defense articles.

REGULATORY UPDATES contd...

- (DRAMs) manufactured using variations of metal oxide-semiconductors (MOS) process technology, including complementary MOS types (CMOS), of all types, densities, variations, access speed, configuration, package or frame etc. originating in the Republic of Korea. The ADD is repealed as of 31 December, 2007, the proceeding is terminated and the repayment shall be requested from national customs authorities in accordance with applicable customs legislation. The following chapters are affected: 84 and 85.
- The EU has imposed a definitive anti-dumping duty on tartaric acid, excluding D-(-)-tartaric acid with a negative optical rotation of at least 12,0 degrees, measured in a water solution according to the method described in the European Pharmacopoeia. The following chapter is affected: 29.

Source: *EU Commission*

MIDDLE-EAST/AFRICA**GHANA**

Enhancement of Content for Ghana by addition of Import Controls, affecting various chapters.

Source: *Ghana Customs and Preventive Service*

TURKEY

Import controls (CITES certificate) for endangered species of wild Flora and Fauna. The following chapters are affected: 01, 03, 05, 06, 16 and 43.

Source: *Turkey Customs*

CARRIER SERVICE UPDATES**ASIA-AUSTRALIA**

APL is enhancing its service offering between Asia and Australia with the introduction of two new loops. The northbound China Australia North (CAN) loop will offer direct coverage from Japan, Korea, and Central China to Australia. The southbound China Australia South (CAS) loop will offer direct coverage from South China to Australian ports. The service, which will be introduced this month, is jointly offered by APL, Hamburg Sud, Hapag Lloyd, and Hyundai Merchant Marine (HMM).

EUR-S.AMERICA

CSAV is pleased to announce improvements in its direct service between WCSA and North Europe, the Caribbean, and Central America. Euroandes Sling 2 will provide a direct and weekly call to Buenaventura beginning July 5th, as well as provide direct service from Buenaventura to North Europe. The Cartagena northbound call will be omitted in order to maintain schedule integrity.

ECSA-EUR

Maersk Line is making service adjustments to its ECSA to Europe trade. They are pleased to announce that they have entered a slot charter agreement with Hamburg Sud on their River Plate Express service. The new port rotation will include the following locations: Buenos Aires, Montevideo, Rio Grande, Santos, Sepetiba, Rotterdam, Tilbury, Hamburg, Antwerp, and Le Havre. The new service will commence on June 20th. As a result of the River Plate Express service, the Itajai Express service will be terminated as of June 20th.

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