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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

### US

204 denied parties have been added and 31 modified.

*Source: Office of Foreign Assets Control; Department of State; Office of Foreign Assets Control*

## ON THE ANVIL

### Updates being processed:

Argentina  
Australia  
Brazil  
Canada  
Chile  
EU  
India  
Israel  
Mexico  
New Zealand  
Saudi Arabia  
Switzerland  
Taiwan  
Turkey

## LANDED COST UPDATES

### AMERICAS

#### EL SALVADOR

1. Deletion of HS numbers. The following HTS chapters are affected: 25, 85, 93 and 94
2. Update - Preferential Agreements with MEXICO, PANAMA, CHILE, TAIWAN, CAFTA-DR, affecting all the chapters.

*Source: El Salvador Customs*

### AISA-PACIFIC

#### NEW ZEALAND

New Zealand customs goods Clearance fee on importers and exporters will increase from July 1, 2008 affecting all the chapters.

*Source: New Zealand Customs Service*

### EUROPE

#### BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA

Addition of Preferential Duty for CEFTA (Central European Free Trade Agreement), affecting many chapters.

*Source: Bosnia Customs*

#### EGYPT

2008 Tariff update for Egypt.

*Source: Egypt Customs*

#### BULGARIA

The excise rates have been updated. Addition of excise rates for coffee and automobiles. The following HTS chapters are affected: 09, 21, 22, 24, 27, 29 and 87

*Source: Bulgarian National Revenue Agency*

#### EU

Update to the EU Tariff. This update includes new and invalidated HS number, default duties and preferential duties. The following HTS chapters are affected: 03, 07, 08, 16, 17, 27, 71, 72, 85 and 87.

*Source: EU Commission*

#### HUNGARY

This update is part of the gradual harmonization to EU excise levels. The following chapter is affected: 24.

*Source: Hungarian Customs Office*

### MIDDLE-EAST/AFRICA

#### GHANA

Change in Import duty and other taxes for telephone sets and mobile telephones. The following HTS chapter is affected: 85.

*Source: Ghana Customs Excise and Preventive Services*

#### JORDAN

Update on Jordan Singapore Preferential Duty, affecting many chapters.

*Source: Jordan Customs*

#### LESOTHO

Change in General duty rate & EFTA, SADC preferential rates for sugar & sugar products. The following HTS chapter is affected: 17.

*Source: South African Revenue Services*

## TRADE WATCH

### OFAC Designates 12 Entities, Updates Info Under Drug Trafficking EO

The Office of Foreign Assets Control has issued a notice containing the names of 12 newly-designated entities whose property and interests in property are blocked pursuant to Executive Order 12978 of October 21, 1995, Blocking Assets and Prohibiting Transactions with Significant Narcotics Traffickers. In addition, OFAC is publishing changes to the identifying information associated with nine persons previously designated pursuant to EO 12978. The designation of the 12 entities is effective May 20, 2008.

### FWS Removes Import Ban on CITES-Listed Specimens for Andorra and Tonga

The Fish and Wildlife Service has removed Andorra and Tonga from its list of countries that have not provided the required information to the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species (CITES) Secretariat on their designated Management Authority and/or Scientific Authority

### FWS Removes Import Ban on CITES-Listed Specimens for Andorra and Tonga

The Agricultural Marketing Service has issued a final rule, effective May 22, 2008, which establishes the Honey Packers and Importers Research, Promotion, Consumer Education and Industry Information Order (New Honey Order).

The final rule also suspends the requirement of the existing Honey Research, Promotion, and Consumer Information Order (Current Order) that honey producers and importers pay a tax (assessment) in the amount of \$0.01 per pound on honey and honey products imported into the U.S. or domestically produced.

### USTR Issues Eighth Annual Report on AGOA

The Office of the U.S. Trade Representative has submitted to Congress the Administration's

## LANDED COST UPDATES contd...

### NAMIBIA

Change in General duty rate & EFTA, SADC preferential rates for sugar & sugar products. The following HTS chapter is affected: 17.

Source: *South African Revenue Services*

### SWAZILAND

Change in General duty rate & EFTA, SADC preferential rates for sugar & sugar products. The following HTS chapter is affected: 17.

Source: *South African Revenue Services*

### TURKEY

Change in VAT Duty rate from 18% to 8% for some HS numbers in Chapter 84, 85 and 87. And change in Stamp Tax rate to 30. 30TRY (Calculation of VAT).

Source: *Turkey Customs*

## REGULATORY UPDATES

### EUROPE

#### EU

Updates on Export controls, affecting all the chapters.

Source: *EU Commission*

### MIDDLE-EAST/AFRICA

#### GHANA

Enhancement of content for Ghana by addition of Export controls; Controlling Authority/ Source: Customs, Excise and Preventive Service- Ghana, affecting many chapters.

Source: *Customs, Excise and Preventive Service*

## CONTRACT ASSESSORIAL UPDATES

### Fuel Surcharge updates:

#### CAN-EUR

CanConf members announce new northbound IFP levels, effective July 1<sup>st</sup>: \$654/20', \$1308/40'

#### EUR-M.EAST

EMERA wishes to advise members of the following BAF levels, effective July 1<sup>st</sup>: To/From UK, North West Continent, Scandinavia and the Baltic: FCL \$485 per TEU

#### EUR-MED

EMTA Lines advise members of the following BAF levels, effective July 1<sup>st</sup>: To/From North Continent, Scandinavia, Baltic/East Med: EUR 212 per TEU To/From UK, East Med: GBP 168 per TEU

EMTA advises the following BAF levels, effective June 15<sup>th</sup>:  
Southbound: NWC, Scandinavia and Baltic to Cyprus: EUR 223  
Southbound: UK to Cyprus: EUR 177  
Northbound: Cyprus to NWC, Scandinavia and Baltic: EUR 112  
Northbound: Cyprus to UK: GBP 89

EMTA advises the following IFP levels for Israel cargo, effective June 15<sup>th</sup>:  
Southbound: USD 347 per TEU  
Northbound: USD 174 per TEU

#### EUR-L.AM

ESPMC WITASS member lines advise the following Bunker Surcharge levels, effective in July:  
Euro dominated rates: EUR 629/20', EUR 1258/40', EUR 31 PFT

**TRADE WATCH contd...**

eighth of eight annual reports, entitled "2008 Comprehensive Report on U.S. Trade and Investment Policy Toward Sub-Saharan Africa and Implementation of the African Growth and Opportunity Act."

The USTR notes that this last annual report required under AGOA looks back on the eight years since AGOA came into effect. The report also provides new and updated information on U.S. trade and investment policy toward sub-Saharan Africa, including the implementation of AGOA, the designation of AGOA beneficiary countries, the impact that AGOA has had on U.S. trade and investment with sub-Saharan Africa, and information on reforms being undertaken by AGOA beneficiary countries.

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**CONTRACT ASSESSORIAL UPDATES contd...**

USD dominated rates: USD 629/20', EUR 1258/40', EUR 31 PFT

ESPMC WITASS also announces the following Low Sulphur Fuel Surcharge levels: To/From Baltic, Hamburg to Le Havre range, Scandinavia, Poland, UK/Eire: EUR 7 / USD 9 per TEU

**EUR-ASIA**

FEFC announces new July BAF levels:

To/From Med and West Coast European Region: \$610/TEU, \$30.50 W/M LCL  
To/From UK, North West Continent, Scandinavia, Baltic: \$610/TEU, \$30.50 W/M LCL

FEFC also announces new Low Sulphur Fuel Surcharge levels:

To/From UK, North West Continent, Scandinavia, Baltic: \$11/TEU, \$0.55 W/M

**M.EAST-MED**

MARCO member lines announce the following BAF levels, effective July 1<sup>st</sup>: FCL Cargo \$370/TEU

**Other Surcharge updates:****CAN-EUR**

To coincide with the repeal of the liner conference exemption in EC Regulation 4056/86, the Canadian North Atlantic and Continental Freight Conferences will terminate operations on October 17, 2008. Accordingly, the conference tariff and any other existing Canadian North Atlantic and Continental Freight Conferences arrangements will cease to be in operation on October 18, 2008.

**CARRIER SERVICE UPDATES****ASIA-ECSA**

CMA CGM is pleased to announce the June 20<sup>th</sup> launch of a new loop on its SEAS service between Asia and the South American East Coast. In partnership with CSCL, MARUBA, and KLINE, the coverage will be improved with the implementation of two complimentary strings (SEAS I and SEAS II).

**N.AM-ASIA-N.EUR**

CKYH Alliance (COSCO, KLINE, Yang Ming, Hanjin Shipping) will upgrade Trans-Pacific Services by adjusting the routes of the PSW2, PSW4, PSW5, and Y-PNW services. A pendulum service covering North America, Asia, and North Europe that links K-PNW with AES2 will also be added. The service changes will take effect at the end of June.

**ASIA-S.AM**

Evergreen is proud to announce its new Far East Panama Service (FPS). The new service is restructured from the existing China-US East Coast Service (CUE) and will be effective in late May. The port rotation will include the following locations: Kaohsiung, Hong Kong, Shanghai, Ningbo, Lazaro Cardenas, and the Colon Container Terminal (Panama).

**WCSA**

Maersk Line is pleased to introduce its new feeder set-up on the West Coast of South America. A second Ecuador feeder will be added and a fully dedicated feeder for all Buenaventura cargo will be added. In addition, connections to and from North Chile and Peru will be improved. Starting in late July, the feeder services will all connect to the hub port in Balboa, Panama.

**N.EUR-MED**

Maersk Line announces adjustments to the KNSM service between North Europe and Morocco. Starting June 1<sup>st</sup>, two vessels will be deployed rather than the current three.

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