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Argentina
Brazil
New Zealand
South Africa
Thailand
US

DENIED PARTIES

US

6 denied parties have been deleted.

Source: Office of Foreign Assets Control

QUOTA UPDATE

The quota updates for this week include:

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

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

LANDED COST UPDATES

AMERICAS

BRAZIL

The Tariff Schedule has been updated with addition of HTS numbers, HTS descriptions, change in duty rates, and IPI. The following HTS chapters / ECN categories were affected: 03, 29, 39, 40, 48, 89 and 90.

Source: Chamber of Foreign Trade

ASIA-PACIFIC

NEW ZEALAND

The Tariff Schedule has been updated with the addition and deletion of HS numbers; change in preferential rates. The following HTS chapters / ECN categories were affected: 21, 28, 29, 30, 33, 38, 39, 40, 42, 43, 44, 51, 54 to 65, 67 to 74, 76, 82 to 85, 87, 94 and 96.

Source: New Zealand Customs Service

THAILAND

Free Trade Agreement (FTA) has been updated between the Kingdom of Thailand and Japan, affecting products across the Tariff Schedule.

Source: Thai Customs Department

MIDDLE-EAST/AFRICA

SOUTH AFRICA

The General duty, European Free Trade Agreement (EFTA), European Union (EU) Preferential duty and South African Development Community (SADC) has been updated, affecting products across the Tariff Schedule.

Source: South African Revenue Services (SARS)

REGULATORY UPDATES

AMERICAS

ARGENTINA

Import Certificate requirements have been updated for Motorcycles. These import certificates fall under the authority of the Secretariat of Industry, Commerce and Small and Medium Enterprises, based on Resolution 195/07. The following HTS chapter / ECN category is affected: 87.

Source: Chamber of Foreign Trade (Camara de Comercio Exterior)

BRAZIL

Anti-dumping Duties have been updated for certain products falling under Electrical Machinery, Optical/ Medical or Precision Instruments and Miscellaneous manufactured articles by Resolutions 61, 66 and 69/07 from the Chamber of Foreign Trade (Camara de comercio Exterior). The following HTS chapters / ECN categories are affected: 85, 90 and 96.

Source: Chamber of Foreign Trade (Camara de Comercio Exterior)

US

ECCN 1C350 and 2B999 have been updated based on Department of Commerce (Bureau of Industry and Security). The following HTS chapters / ECN categories were affected: 01 and 02.

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

CONTRACT ASSESSORIAL UPDATES

Fuel Surcharge Updates:

EUR-M.East

EMERA members announce that BAF will increase effective February 1, 2008:
From/to UK, North West Continent, Scandinavia and the Baltic: FCL Cargo USD365/TEU.

CONTRACT ASSESSORIAL UPDATES**MED**

EMTA members will change their Bunker Costs (BAF) for the East Med (excluding Israel and Cyprus), effective February 1st:

Eire, North Continent, Scandinavia, Baltic/East Med Southbound EUR 178 per TEU
 Eire, East Med/North Continent, Scandinavia, Baltic Northbound EUR 178 per TEU
 UK - East Med Southbound GBP 128 per TEU
 East Med - UK Northbound GBP 128 per TEU

Effective January 15, EMTA members will adjust Interim Fuel Participation Factor levels for the Cyprus Sector:

Southbound
 NWC, Scandinavia and Baltic to Cyprus EUR 187
 UK to Cyprus Southbound GBP 135
 Northbound
 Cyprus to NWC, Scandinavia and Baltic EUR 93
 Cyprus to UK Northbound GBP 67

Effective January 15, EMTA members will adjust Interim Fuel Participation Factor levels for the Israel Sector:

Southbound : USD 272 per Teu
 Northbound : USD 136 per Teu

ASIA-EUR

FEFC members announce the following Bunker Adjustment Factor (BAF) levels for February: To/From the Mediterranean and West Coast European region: USD 456 per TEU/USD 22.80 W/M LCL

To/From the UK, North West Continent, Scandinavia and Baltic Sea Region: USD 456 per TEU/USD 22.80 W/M LCL, plus an additional USD 5/TEU USD .25 W/M for Low Sulphur Fuel Surcharge.

EMTA members will apply a Low Sulphur Fuel Surcharge of Euro 4/USD 5 per TEU, in addition to the usual BAF, to shipments to/from the following ports: Poland, Lithuania, Latvia, Estonia, Finland, Baltic ports of Russia, Denmark, Sweden, French ports from Brest eastwards, all ports of Belgium, Netherlands, Germany, the United Kingdom and Eire.

W.ASIA-EUR

IPBCC announce the following Bunker Adjustment Factor (BAF) levels, effective February 1, 2008:

From/to UK, North West Continent, Scandinavia and the Baltic:

FCL Cargo: USD 315.00 per TEU
 LCL Cargo: USD 31.50 W/M
 Breakbulk Cargo: Plus 86%

From/to the Mediterranean:

FCL Cargo: USD 310.00 per TEU
 LCL Cargo: USD 31.00 W/M
 Breakbulk Cargo: Plus 86%

MID EAST-MED

MARCO member lines advise their customers of the following BAF levels, effective February 1, 2008:

FCL Cargo USD 280.00 per TEU

Other Surcharge Updates:**EUR-M.EAST**

EMERA members announce that a Currency Adjustment Factor (CAF) of +13.82% will apply from February 1 through February 29, 2008.

ASIA-EUR

FEFC members announce the CAF applicable for the month of February 2008 will be +14.6%.

W.ASIA-EUR

IPBCC wish to inform their customers that a Currency Adjustment Factor (CAF) of +16.93% will apply from February 1 to February 28, 2008.

MID EAST-MED

MARCO members wish to announce that a Currency Adjustment Factor (CAF) of +13.57% will apply from February 1 through February 29, 2008.

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