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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.

## ON THE ANVIL

### Updates being processed:

Albania  
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## LANDED COST UPDATES

### AMERICAS

#### ARGENTINA

This is an update to the 2008 Tariff Schedule for Argentina. This update makes changes to HTS positions, descriptions and duty rates. Products affected are classified across the tariff schedule.

*Source: Argentina Customs*

#### VENEZUELA

This is an update to the 2008 Tariff Schedule for Venezuela. This update makes changes to the duty disclaimer for products bound for the shipping and port industry and products bound for the tourism industry. The following HTS chapters are affected: 87, 88 and 89.

*Source: Presidential Office of the Republic*

### ASIA-PACIFIC

#### JAPAN

This is an update for Japan and Brunei Darussalam Economic Partnership Agreement, affecting various products across the tariff.

*Source: Japan Customs*

#### MAURITIUS

This is a rollover reflecting changes in duty rates, VAT and other taxes in accordance with 2008 integrated tariff.

*Source: Mauritius Customs*

#### TAIWAN

This is an update for addition and deletion of HS numbers affecting certain products like infrared ear thermometer probe covers and plastic face shields. The following HTS chapter is affected: 39.

*Source: Director General of Customs*

### EUROPE

#### BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA

This is an update to the addition of preferential duty for EU Member States as per the Stabilisation and Association Agreement between Bosnia and Herzegovina, of the one part, and the European Communities and their Member States, of the other part.

*Source: Directorate for European Integration of Bosnia and Herzegovina*

#### UKRAINE

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

*Source: Ukraine Customs Service*

### MIDDLE-EAST/AFRICA

#### ISRAEL

This is an update to changes in default duty rates, EU and EFTA Preferential duty rates for edible nuts, coffee, tea and spices; Change in HS Description for fruit, nuts, fruit juice, vegetable juice, motor cars and other motor vehicles; Change in Purchase Tax for electric accumulators; Addition of new HTS numbers for fruit juice,

## TRADE WATCH

### CITA Extends Deadline for Its Consideration of DR-CAFTA Commercial Availability Request

The Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements has extended for one day, its deadline for receiving an "offer to supply" on a DR-CAFTA commercial availability request it received on behalf of Badger Sportswear, Inc. regarding certain three yarn circular knit stretch fleece classifiable under HTS subheading 60012100. CITA sources state that this extension was needed as a Guatemalan company was having problems transmitting its offer.

### CBSA Starts Investigations into Dumping, Subsidizing of Aluminum Extrusions from China

The CBSA announced the initiation of investigations into the alleged injurious dumping and subsidizing of certain aluminum extrusions originating in or exported from China. The Canadian International Trade Tribunal will now begin a preliminary inquiry to determine whether the imports are harming Canadian producers. The Tribunal will issue a decision by October 17, 2008. While the Tribunal is examining the question of injury, the CBSA will investigate whether the imports are being dumped and/or subsidized and will make a decision by November 17, 2008.

### LA Bulletin on CBP's Maritime Container Seal Requirement

US Customs and Border Protection's Port of Los Angeles issued a *Public Bulletin* to inform vessel carriers and other interested parties of the new requirements regarding the sealing of containerized maritime cargo. Effective October 15, 2008, all maritime containers in transit to the US must be sealed utilizing seals meeting the standards set forth in the ISO/PAS 17712. All loaded containers, including foreign cargo remaining on board (FROB), arriving by vessel at a port of entry in the US on or after October 15, 2008, are required to be sealed with a seal meeting this standard.

## LANDED COST contd...

vegetable juice and electric sound or visual signaling apparatus, affecting certain chapters.

*Source: Israel Customs & VAT*

### LEBANON

This is an update for Lebanon - Arab League Preferential Agreement.

*Source: Lebanon Customs*

### LIBYA

This is an update for Libya - Arab League Preferential Agreement.

*Source: Libya Customs*

## REGULATORY UPDATES

### AMERICAS

#### ARGENTINA

1. This is an update to Import Controls for Argentina. The type of control affected by this update is a tariff rate quota for powder detergent ingredients. The following HTS chapter is affected: 28
2. This is an update to Import Controls for Argentina. The types of controls affected by this update are import certificate requirements for household goods and petroleum extraction equipment. The following HTS chapters are affected: 73 and 84.

*Source: Mercosur Commerce Commission; Secretariat of Industry, Commerce and of Small and Medium Enterprises*

#### BAHAMAS

This is an update for the Bahamas Export Control Regulations. This regulation makes changes to Export Prohibitions. The products affected by this regulation are: Artifacts and Acid. The following HTS chapters are affected: 29, 96 and 97.

*Source: The Bahamas Customs*

#### BRAZIL

Import and Export Control rollout for the following global conventions: Basel Convention, Montreal Protocol, Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES), and the UN Narcotics Conventions. These controls are applied to products across the tariff.

*Source: Brazil Customs*

#### JAMAICA

This is a rollout for Jamaican Import Control Regulations. This regulation makes changes to the following Import Controls: Permits, Certificates, Licenses, etc. The products affected by this regulation are: Pharmaceuticals, Chemicals, Meat, Live Animals, Firearms, etc, affecting certain chapters.

*Source: Jamaican Customs*

#### PARAGUAY

This is a rollout for Paraguay Import Control Regulations. This makes changes to the following Import controls: Authorizations, Certificates, Licenses and Registrations. Products affected are classified under the entire tariff schedule.

*Source: Paraguay Customs (Dirección Nacional de Aduanas)*

#### VENEZUELA

1. This is an update to Venezuelan Export regulations for animal and Vegetable products. The types of controls affected by this update are Export Permits, Zoosanitary Certificates and Phytosanitary Certificates affecting certain chapters
2. This is an update to Venezuelan Import regulations for several agricultural products. The types of controls affected by this update are Tariff Rate Quotas, Import Licenses and Registration requirements. The following HTS chapters are affected: 04, 10, 12, 15 and 23
3. This is an update to Venezuelan Import regulations for animal and vegetable

**TRADE WATCH contd...****USTR, Commerce Announce Meeting of US-China Joint Commission**

US Trade Representative Schwab and Commerce Secretary Gutierrez announced that the 19th session of the US-China Joint Commission on Commerce and Trade (JCCT) will be held the week of Sept. 15, 2008, in Yorba Linda, California. The JCCT, a high-level government-to-government dialogue, identifies and works to resolve bilateral trade issues to expand trade opportunities.

**FDA Adopts Interim Final Rule on Soluble Fiber Health Claims as Final**

The Food and Drug Administration is adopting as a final rule, without change, the provisions of the interim final rule that amended the regulation authorizing a health claim on soluble fiber from certain foods and risk of coronary heart disease (CHD), to add barley betafiber as an additional eligible source of beta-glucan soluble fiber.

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**REGULATORY UPDATES contd...**

products. The types of controls affected by this update are Zoosanitary Certificates, Phytosanitary Certificates, Import Permits and Import Certificates, affecting various chapters.

*Source: National Institute of Comprehensive Agricultural Health; General Directorate of Internal and External Marketing*

**ASIA-PACIFIC****BELARUS**

This is an update to capture Export Control of certain products like precious stones, re-melted iron etc, affecting certain chapters.

*Source: State Customs Authority of Belarus*

**SOUTH KOREA**

This is an update for Tariff Rate Quota on certain agricultural products. The following HTS chapters are affected: 07, 10, 11, 12, 15, 18, 22, 23, 25, 28, 29, 33, 38, 39, 40, 44, 50, 52, 54, 75, 76 and 81.

*Source: Ministry of Strategy and Finance*

**SRI LANKA**

1. This is an update to capture Export Controls, applied to certain selected products of timber and vehicles. The following HTS chapters are affected: 05, 44, 74, 75, 76, 78, 79, 80, 81, 87 and 96
2. This is an update to capture Import Controls, applied to certain selected products of telecommunication, drugs, vehicles and alcohol, affecting various chapters.

*Source: Sri Lanka Import and Export Department*

**EUROPE****CROATIA**

This is an update for Croatia Export Permits. The permits affected by this update are for chemicals, fertilizers, pharmaceuticals, arms, food, vegetable and animal products, etc, affecting certain chapters.

*Source: Ministry of Economy, Labour and Entrepreneurship*

**MIDDLE-EAST/AFRICA****ISRAEL**

Israeli Customs and VAT have updated the 2008 tariff rate quota for United States, Turkey and EU. Quotas apply to meat products, edible vegetables, fruit and nuts, preparation of meat, fish and vegetables, chocolate and cocoa, fruit juice & jams, beer and other alcoholic beverages as per the Tariff Rate Quota Order for the year 2008. The following HTS chapters are affected: 02, 04, 07, 08, 16, 18, 20 and 22.

*Source: Israel Customs and VAT*

**CARRIER SERVICE UPDATES****ASIA-AUS**

Maersk Line is pleased to announce their enhanced Asia to Australia service. Three existing services (AU1, AU2, and AU3) have been combined into one rotation in order to create the new Boomerang Service.

**USA-ECSA**

NYK is pleased to announce the restructuring of its Atlantic North-South Express Service. Beginning in September, the port rotation will include the following locations: Navegantes, Santos, Vitoria, Puerto Sucre, Caucedo, Norfolk, New York, Savannah, Caucedo, and Puerto Cabello.

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