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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

26 denied parties have been added and 64 deleted.

Source: Department of Commerce (Bureau of Industry and Security); Department of State; Office of Foreign Assets Control



LANDED COST UPDATES

AMERICAS

CHILE

This is an update to the 2008 Tariff Schedule for Chile. This update modifies the Duty and VAT disclaimers for certain capital goods. The following HTS chapters are affected: 39, 40, 56, 73, 82, 84, 85, 86, 87, 88, 89, 90 and 94.

Source: Ministry of Treasury

COLOMBIA

This is an update to the 2008 Tariff Schedule for Colombia. This update makes changes to the default duty rates, duty disclaimers for products and creates new HTS positions classified across the entire tariff schedule.

Source: Ministry of Commerce, Industry and Tourism

PANAMA

This is an update for Panama Landed Cost. This update affects default duty and other taxes. Products affected are classified under the entire tariff schedule.

Source: Panama Customs

ASIA-PACIFIC

PAKISTAN

This is an update for change in Customs Duty for certain selected products of Mineral oil. The following HTS chapter is affected: 27.

Source: Pakistan Customs

RUSSIA

1. Update on Import duty on raw sugar and civil aircraft. The following HTS chapters are affected: 17, 85, 88 and 95
2. This is an update for Insertion of Russia-Serbia preferential duty rate for certain products like cotton, sugar, vinegar, starch, meat and edible meat offal.

Source: Russian Customs Authority

EUROPE

EU

This is an update to the Harmonized Tariff Schedule for the European Union. This update includes added and invalidated HS numbers; new, changed and deleted import and preferential duties. The following HTS chapters are affected: 03, 08, 10, 16, 17, 19, 20, 83 and 90.

Source: EU Commission

MIDDLE-EAST/AFRICA

EGYPT

This is an update for addition of PAFTA Agreement affecting entire tariff.

Source: Egypt Customs

JORDAN

This is an update for Jordan GAFTA preferential duty agreement.

Source: Jordan Customs

ISRAEL

This is an update for changes in Default duty rate for grape juice and ophthalmoscopes; Change in HS Description for ophthalmoscopes; Addition and

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

TRADE WATCH

Canada Concludes Free Trade Negotiations with Jordan

On August 25, 2008, the Government of Canada concluded negotiations on a free trade agreement (FTA) with Jordan, as well as on parallel agreements on labor cooperation and the environment. Upon implementation, this FTA will eliminate tariffs on the vast majority of current Canadian exports to Jordan, directly benefiting Canadian exporters.

APHIS Proposes to Allow Imports of Chilean Grapes under a Systems Approach

The Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service issued a proposed rule to amend the fruits and vegetables regulations to allow fresh table grapes from Chile to be imported into the continental U.S. under a systems approach. Currently, as a condition of entry, all table grapes from Chile must be fumigated with methyl bromide as a risk-mitigation measure for *Brevipalpus chilensis*. Under this proposal, APHIS would allow a combination of risk-mitigation measures, or a systems approach,

LANDED COST contd...

Deletion of records for blood or fluids transfusion systems and their parts. The following HTS chapters are affected: 20 and 90.

Source: Israel Customs & VAT

SOUTH AFRICA

This is an update for insertion and deletion of HS numbers for certain products like Polyethylene sheets and Collapsible swimming pools and Paddling pools. The following HTS chapters are affected: 39 and 95.

Source: SARS

REGULATORY UPDATES

AMERICAS

ARGENTINA

This is an update to Import Controls for Argentina. The type of control affected by this update is a anti-dumping duty imposed on Formulated Flumetralin imported from Brazil. The following HTS chapter is affected: 38.

Source: Ministry of Economy and Production

BAHAMAS

This is an Update for the Bahamas Import Control Regulations. This regulation makes changes to the following Import Licenses and Prohibitions. The products affected by this regulation are: Plant, Food, Animal Products, Firearms, etc, affecting various chapters.

Source: Bahamas Customs

NICARAGUA

1. This update makes changes to certain Nicaraguan Export Regulations for chemicals, Capital Goods, Wood Products, Fish products, etc. The types of controls affected by this update are: Export Prohibition, Export Authorization and Export Permits. The following HTS chapters are affected: 03, 27, 29, 44, 84 and 97
2. This update makes changes to certain Nicaraguan Import Regulations for chemicals, fertilizers, pharmaceuticals, arms, food, vegetable and animal products, etc. The types of controls affected by this update are: Import Prohibition and Import Permits, affecting certain chapters.

Source: Nicaragua Customs

TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO

This update makes changes to certain Trinidad and Tobago Import regulations for chemicals, pharmaceuticals, food, and animal products. The types of controls affected by this update is: Import License, affecting certain chapters.

Source: Trinidad and Tobago Customs

ASIA-PACIFIC

TAIWAN

This is an update for export controls affecting steel and steel products. The following HTS chapter is affected: 72.

Source: Director General of customs

INDIA

This is an update to capture Import Prohibition on Rough Diamond from Venezuela. The following HTS chapter is affected: 71.

Source: Director General of Foreign Trade, Government of India

EUROPE

EU

1. The EU Commission has repealed the definite anti-dumping duty on imports of large rainbow trout originating in Norway. The following HTS chapter

TRADE WATCH contd...

to be employed in lieu of methyl bromide fumigation. Comments due on or before October 27, 2008.

Fruit and Vegetable Market News to Expand Retail Report with More Organic Data

In September 2008, nearly a year since the initial release of the National Fruit and Vegetable Retail Report, the Fruit and Vegetable Market News Service of USDA's Agricultural Marketing Service will expand the retail report by adding a section devoted to organic market data. This new section will include a snapshot of the weekly organic fruit and vegetable retail advertisements with a list of items and corresponding price ranges.

CBSA Statement of Reasons on Certain Structural Tubing from Korea, South Africa, Turkey

The Canada Border Services Agency posted its statement of reasons concerning its determination that the expiry of the finding made by the Canadian International Trade Tribunal on December 23, 2003, in Inquiry No. NQ-2003-001, concerning certain structural tubing originating in or exported from the Republic of Korea, the Republic of South Africa and the Republic of Turkey, was likely to result in the continuation or resumption of dumping of the goods into Canada.

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REGULATORY UPDATES contd...

is affected: 03

2. EU Commission has amended the definitive anti-dumping duty on imports of urea ammonium nitrate solution originating in Russia. The following HTS chapter is affected: 31
3. The EU commission has amended the anti-dumping duty on imports of certain seamless pipes and tubes, of iron or steel originating in Russia. The companies OAO Volzhsky Pipe Plant, OAO Taganrog Metallurgical Works, OAO Sinarsky Pipe Plant and OAO Seversky Pipe Plant will benefit from a reduced rate of 27.2%. The following HTS chapter is affected: 73.

Source: *EU Commission*

CROATIA

This is an update for Croatia Import 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*

CONTRACT ASSESSORIAL UPDATES**Fuel Surcharge Updates:****EUR-M.EAST**

EMERA Member Lines wish to advise their customers of the following BAF, effective October 1 through 17:

From/To NW Continent, Scandinavia, Baltic: FCL Cargo USD 570.00 per TEU
Please note this will be the last BAF notice, as the Europe Middle East Rate Agreement (EMERA) will cease operation on October 17, 2008.

CARRIER SERVICE UPDATES**ASIA**

Hanjin Shipping is pleased to announce that it is extending its Thailand feeder network by adding the TWT (Taiwan-Thailand) Service. Starting August 24, the service will run between Laem Chabang and Kaohsiung on a weekly basis.

MED-ASIA

The Grand Alliance is enhancing its service between the Mediterranean and Asia. Valencia will be added as a port of call to the current EUM service.

ASIA-MED

NYK Line is pleased to announce that an NYK vessel will be added to the Indian Subcontinent East Coast Express Service (IEX) starting in August. Previously, NYK had participated in the service through a slot-charter agreement with Hapag-Lloyd.

ASIA-M.EAST

Starting at the end of September, Yang Ming will launch a new DUX2 service. The service will include calls at Dubai and Umm Qasar.

MED-USA

ZIM announces that, starting in September, the port of Genoa will be added to the routing of the ZCS service.

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