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DENIED PARTIES

CANADA

35 denied parties have been added, 61 modified and 54 deleted.

Source: CA Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade

US

92 denied parties have been added, 4 modified and 4 deleted.

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

UN

18 denied parties have been added, 53 modified and 49 deleted.

Source: UN Security Council Committee



LANDED COST UPDATES

AMERICAS

ARGENTINA

The Tariff Schedule has been updated with the addition of HTS numbers, change in product descriptions and certain taxes. The following HTS chapters / ECN categories are affected: 15, 19, 27, 28, 29, 30, 32, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 44, 62, 72, 73, 84, 85 and 87.

Source: Argentine Customs

BRAZIL

The Tariff Schedule has been updated with the addition and deletion of HTS numbers, change in product descriptions and change in IPI. The following HTS chapters / ECN categories are affected: 03, 04, 08, 19, 24, 28, 29, 30, 35, 38, 39, 43, 44, 48, 49, 70, 72, 73, 76, 81 to 87, 89, 90 and 96.

Source: Chamber of Foreign Trade

CANADA

Canada Revenue Agency has issued an update that affects certain rates of excise duty imposed under the Excise Act 2001. The following HTS chapter / ECN category is affected: 24.

Source: Canada Revenue Agency

COLOMBIA

The Tariff Schedule for the year 2008 has been updated for general duty rates and product descriptions. The following HTS chapters / ECN categories are affected: 21, 38, 85 and 95.

Source: Ministry of Commerce, Industry and Tourism

MEXICO

1. The Tariff Schedule for the year 2008 has been updated for general duty rates and product descriptions. The following HTS chapters / ECN categories are affected: 10, 23, 37, 44, 61, 85 and 95.

2. Update on the duty reduction program Prosec (Sector Promotion Program) for the year 2008 and the addition of a new industry sector, the Food Industry. The following HTS chapters / ECN categories are affected: 27, 28, 29, 34, 38, 39, 40, 44, 59, 64, 70, 73, 84, 85, 87, 90, 94 and 96.

Source: Secretariat of Economy

NICARAGUA

General duty rates have been updated for several agricultural products. The following HTS chapters / ECN categories are affected: 07, 12 and 54.

Source: Secretariat of Economy

US

US Customs and Border Protection has issued a duty update across the Tariff Schedule.

Source: US Customs and Border Protection

VENEZUELA

The Tariff Schedule has been updated for motor vehicles. This update includes addition of HTS numbers, change in HTS descriptions and change in Duty rates. This update falls under the authority of the Ministry of Finance and Ministry of Industry and Trade, based on Resolutions 1960 and 325. The following HTS chapter / ECN category is affected: 87.

Source: Ministry of Finance and Ministry of Industry and Trade

QUOTA UPDATE

The quota updates for this week include:

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

ON THE ANVIL**Updates being processed:**

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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**CHILE FTA Artichokes for the year 2008**

CBP has posted a notice announcing that the 2008 TRQ for artichokes from Chile, provided for in HTS Chapter 99, Subchapter XI, US Note 13, entered pursuant to the US- Chile Free Trade Agreement (UCFTA), which opened on January 2, 2008, oversubscribed at the opening. According to CBP, the pro rata percentage for subject artichokes is 0.574391 or 57.4391%.

LANDED COST UPDATES contd...**ASIA-PACIFIC****HONG KONG**

Hong Kong 2008 Tariff Amendments on Imports and Exports Classification List (harmonized system) issued by Hong Kong Census and Statistics Department. The follow HTS chapters / ECN categories are affected: 03, 16, 32, 38, 39, 41, 52, 55, 62, 70, 74, 84, 85 and 95.

Source: Census and Statistics Department

MIDDLE-EAST/AFRICA**GHANA**

Import duty has been updated for certain types of oil and change in HS number for certain medicaments. The following HTS chapter / ECN category is affected: 30.

Source: Ghana Customs

MAURITIUS

Preferential duty rates have been updated for Pakistan, which affects products like cut flowers and flower buds, certain types of vegetables, fruits, nuts, rice, bread, pastry, cakes, biscuits and tobacco items, salt, sulphur, earths and stone; plastering materials, lime and cement, certain wood and wood articles, carpets and other textile floor coverings, articles of aluminum, water heaters and certain types of brush. The following HTS chapters / ECN categories are affected: 06, 07, 08, 19, 24, 25, 44, 57, 63, 76, 85 and 96.

Source: Mauritius Revenue Services

SACU

General Duties, European Free Trade Agreement (EFTA), European Union (EU) Preferential Duties and South African Development Community (SADC) have been updated, affecting products across the Tariff Schedule. The following HTS chapters / ECN categories are affected: 03, 16, 32, 38, 39, 41, 52, 55, 62, 70, 74, 84, 85 and 95.

(NOTE: South African Revenue Services (SARS) consists of Botswana, Lesotho, Namibia, South Africa and Swaziland).

Source: SARS

REGULATORY UPDATES**ASIA-PACIFIC****JAPAN**

Import prohibition has been imposed on poultry products, originating in Dominica, under the Domestic Animal Infectious Disease Control Law. The following HTS chapters / ECN categories are affected: 01, 02 and 16.

Source: Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries

EUROPE**EU**

EU Commission has advised that imports of certain ring binder mechanisms, originating in China and Thailand will be subject to registration. The following HTS chapter / ECN category is affected: 83.

Source: EU Commission

CONTRACT ASSESSORIAL UPDATES**Fuel Surcharge Updates:****CAN-EUR**

Canada Conference members advise that the following IFP will apply effective February 1, 2008:

US 654/20' and US 1308/40'.

CARRIER SERVICE UPDATES

ASIA-EUROPE

TNWA carriers (APL, HMM, and MOL) will now deploy nine ships in their Asia-Europe network. This change will be implemented in the first quarter of 2008. The extra ship will provide additional buffer time. Berthing schedules and details are currently being finalized.

ASIA-S.AFRICA-S.AMERICA

NYK and HMM are pleased to announce the New Horizon Express (NHX) service, which will commence during the second half of April. Replacing NYK's current New Good Hope Express Service (NGX), NHX aims to provide a better level of service quality by providing fast transit times to main markets in Asia, South Africa, and the East Coast of South America. The New Horizon Express service will be a weekly fixed day service operating a total of 10 vessels, with a weekly capacity of 2,500 TEUs. The port rotation will include the following locations: Shanghai, Ningbo, Hong Kong, Singapore, Durban, Santos, Buenos Aires, Itajai, Paranagua, and Sepetiba.

ASIA-AUSTRALIA

Swire Shipping Limited (SSL) SEA Trade is pleased to announce an upgrade of their service profile to the port of Melbourne by implementing a second direct call per month. The service consists of a fleet of 4 multi-purpose vessels that provide direct load port calls from Map Tha Phut, Sriracha, Phu My, Port Kelang, Singapore, and Jakarta to Brisbane, Newcastle, and Melbourne.

PACIFIC ISLANDS-S.AMERICA

SSL is also pleased to announce their new service profile for the Vanuatu market with the introduction of a dedicated vessel from the transshipment hub of Lae, Papua New Guinea in to Santo and Port Vila. The aim of the new monthly service is to provide an improved feeder network, frequency and global coverage from Lae to Vanuatu.

ASIA-AFRICA

Maersk is pleased to announce a new, direct service between the Far East and Abidjan, Cote d'Ivoire. Beginning January 28th, the Far East-West Africa 2 (FEW2) service will commence with the following port rotation: Port Keland, Tanjung Pelepas, Walvis Bay, Abidjan, and Apapa.

AUSTRALIA/NEW ZEALAND-US

USL and ANL announce a major realignment of their service structure between the west coast of the US and Australia/New Zealand. The Triangle Service will no longer operate around the Pacific Rim, but will instead become a dedicated north/south service to/from Oakland/Los Angeles and Australia/New Zealand. Aimed at improving northbound transit times from Australia and offering a competitive alternative to exporters from New Zealand to the US west coast, the service will commence February 2nd. The new vessel rotation will include the following ports: Melbourne, Sydney, Brisbane, Tauranga, Auckland, Oakland, and Long Beach.

AUSTRALIA-NEW ZEALAND

USL and ANL are also pleased to announce that the Trans-Tasman service will commence February 2nd. This weekly offering is aimed to increase trade options between Australia and New Zealand.

USA-ASIA

USL and ANL will transfer their Transpacific volumes aboard CMA-CGM's Pearl River Express service effective mid-February. The service offers weekly fixed day sailings from Chiwan, Hong Kong, and Yantian, direct to Long Beach and Oakland.

EAST AFRICA

ZIM is pleased to announce the upgrade of its East Africa Service. Beginning in January, the ZIM EAS service will operate 3 vessels at a 10-day frequency, calling the following ports: Durban, Mombasa, and Djibouti.



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