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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

UN

1 denied party has been added and 33 have been modified.

Source: UN Security Council Committee

US

2 denied parties have been added and 36 modified.

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



LANDED COST UPDATES

AMERICAS

BRAZIL

Update of the preferential rates, effective from 2008, offered by Brazil on ALADI Agreements.

Source: ALADI

AISA-PACIFIC

INDIA

Change in Customs duty for few HS Nos falling under Chapters 10 and 15 with effect from 21st March, 2008. Issued vide notification No 37/2008 by Customs and Excise Department.

Source: Customs and Excise Department, Government of India

REGULATORY UPDATES

AMERICAS

ARGENTINA

Updates on Anti Dumping Duties for glasses and cups from the Republic of China and Brazil.

Source: Ministry of Economy and Production

VENEZUELA

Updates for all products covered under the COVENIN protocol.

Source: National Autonomous Service of Normalization, Quality, Metrology and Technical Regulations

AISA-PACIFIC

INDIA

Amendments to import controls for certain radioactive substances falling under chapters 26 and 28 published by the Director General of Foreign Trade, effective from 1st April 2008.

Source: Director General of Foreign Trade

MIDDLE-EAST/AFRICA

TURKEY

Amendments and addition of Import Controls requiring Supervision Certificates affecting Gas alarm apparatus and TV.

Source: Undersecretariat of Foreign trade

ON THE ANVIL**Updates being processed:**

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**CARRIER SERVICE UPDATES****ASIA-US**

The New World Alliance (TNWA) carriers (APL, Hyundai Merchant Marine, and Mitsui O.S.K. Lines) are pleased to announce two new direct shuttle services linking China, Japan, and Los Angeles. Starting in mid-May, the current PS3 service will be divided into two services. The new PS3 service will provide faster transit times for Central China (Ningbo and Shanghai), while a new Japan-American Shuttle (JAS) will focus primarily on the following Japanese ports: Osaka, Kobe, Nagoya, and Shimizu. These weekly services will be on a 28-day rotation.

ASIA-W.MED

TNWA and CMA CGM have announced a new joint West Mediterranean (MED) service that will begin April 26th. In order to provide fast transit times to the Middle East and Mediterranean regions, the new service will call the following ports: Shanghai, Ningbo, Chiwan, Singapore, Port Klang, Damietta, Genoa, Barcelona, Fos, and Jeddah.

ASIA-AUS

Hanjin Shipping has announced the launch of its CKA (China-Korea-Australia) service, which will replace the current NCA (North Asia-Chian-Australia) service starting in early May. CKA will be jointly operated by Hanjin Shipping, Sinotrans, STX Pan Ocean, and Heung-A-Shipping. The port of Hong Kong is being replaced by Ningbo, which will decrease transit time by 1 day. The new port rotation will include the following locations: Busan, Shanghai, Ningbo, Kaohsiung, Melbourne, Brisbane, and Sidney.

EUR-ASIA

The Grand Alliance (Hapag-Lloyd, MISC Berhad, NYK, and OOCL) is pleased to announce the implementation of a new EU5 Service, along with updates to the current Far East services EU3 and EU4. EU5 will operate on a weekly basis with the following port rotation: Amsterdam, Hamburg, Southampton, Singapore, Shanghai, Ningbo, and Xiamen. (The EU3 service will omit Xiamen, while the EU4 service will omit Ningbo.)

ASIA-EUR

ZIM's East-West Express Service (EWX), which connects major Asian and North European ports, will now call Hong Kong on its westbound schedule. Starting April 18th, the following locations will be included in the port rotation: Shanghai, Xiamen, Hong Kong, Shekou, Port Kelang, Bremerhaven, Tilbury, Antwerp, and Le Havre.

TRADE WATCH**House Approves Measure to Delay Action on US - Colombia FTA**

According to Congressional Quarterly, on April 10, 2008, the House of Representatives approved a measure to delay indefinitely its consideration of the implementing legislation for the U.S.-Colombia Free Trade Agreement. The article notes that although Trade Promotion Authority bars amendments and sets deadlines for House and Senate consideration, it also specifies that the procedures and timetable are rules that can be changed by either the House or Senate.

Northrop Grumman Enters into \$10 Million Consent Agreement With DDTC

The State Department's Directorate of Defense Trade Controls has announced that Northrop Grumman Corporation has entered into a consent agreement to settle 110 violations of the Arms Export Control Act and the International Traffic in Arms Regulations in connection with the unauthorized export of defense articles and defense services. As part of the consent agreement, Northrop Grumman agrees to pay a \$10 million civil penalty.

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