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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

### CANADA

954 denied parties have been added, 347 modified and 198 deleted.

*Source: CA Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade*

### US

47 denied parties have been added.

*Source: Office of Foreign Assets Control*

## LANDED COST UPDATES

### AMERICAS

#### US

US Customs and Border Protection has issued an update for duties.

*Source: US Customs and Border Protection*

### AISA-PACIFIC

#### JAPAN

Japan Customs and Japan Tariff Association have released the 2008 Tariff Schedule, including HS codes, description, units of measure, general duty, WTO duty, general and special preferential duties, and Japan-Singapore/Japan-Mexico/Japan-Malaysia/Japan-Chile/Japan-Thailand EPA rates etc. under various regulations affecting all chapters.

*Source: Japan Tariff Association*

#### MALAYSIA

Changes to duty rates affecting most of the products across the tariff (HTS 2007 changes).

*Source: Malaysian Customs*

### EUROPE

#### EU

HSN Updates for US Penalty Duty rates.

*Source: EU Customs*

### MIDDLE-EAST/AFRICA

#### SAUDI ARABIA

Saudi Customs has announced changes in default duty for wheat derivatives, poultry fowls, eggs, cheese, vegetable oils, macaroni, canned foodstuffs, juices, milk, building materials, soaps, detergents, diapers for children, agricultural raw materials, cement and construction steel.

*Source: Saudi Customs*

#### TURKEY

Changes in rates for General duty, EU, EFTA, Macedonia and Bosnia. The following Chapters are affected: 07, 10 and 12.

*Source: Turkey Customs*

## REGULATORY UPDATES

### AMERICAS

#### MEXICO

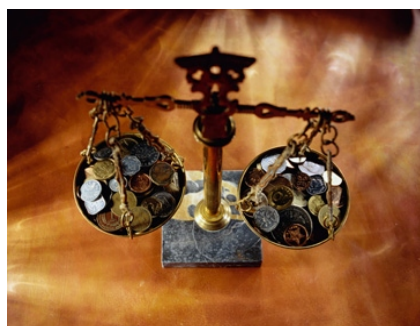
Changes have been made on Anti Dumping Duties for textile hair bands imported from China, regardless of country of manufacture. The following HTS chapters are affected: 61, 62 and 63.

*Source: Secretariat of Economy*



**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

**REGULATORY UPDATES contd...****VENEZUELA**

List of agricultural products that must be certified to have satisfied internal demand before being granted export certificates has been updated. The following HTS chapters are affected: 04, 17 and 18.

*Source: Ministry of Food*

**AISA-PACIFIC****JAPAN**

Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries has decided to lift an import prohibition on poultry products originating in Germany (DE) under the Domestic Animal Infectious Disease Control Law. The following HTS chapters are affected: 01, 02 and 16.

*Source: Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries*

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

TACA members advise that the current BAF levels will remain unchanged through June 15:

Atlantic/Gulf Coast Ports: \$607/20' \$1214/40' WM \$61.00

Pacific Coast Ports: \$911/20' \$1822/40' WM \$91.00

**Other Surcharge Updates:****ASIA-MED**

FEFC member lines wish to inform customers that the following PSS will apply from June 1 through October 17, 2008:

From Asia (excluding Japan) to the Mediterranean USD158.00 per TEU

**CARRIER SERVICE UPDATES****ASIA-AUS/NZ**

Maersk Line has entered a Vessel Sharing Agreement (VSA) with MISC Berhad. Effective June 9, 2009, the weekly service will continue to call the following ports: Tanjung Pelepas, Singapore, Brisbane, Auckland, and Port Chalmers.

**US-W.MED**

Maersk Line is pleased to introduce an improved WestMed service between the US East Coast and the Mediterranean. Beginning April 27<sup>th</sup>, the new port rotation will be comprised of the following locations: Gioia Tauro, Leghorn, Genoa, Algeciras, Newark, Charleston, and Houston.

**SOUTH AMERICA**

ZIM is pleased to announce that it has made improvements to its services in South America. The South American Express Service (SAX) will now call Puerto Cabello directly after Kingston in an effort to better serve cargo bound to Venezuela. Zim's River Plate Express (RPX) will offer a dedicated weekly feeder vessel to better serve exporters and importers from and to Argentina, Uruguay, and Brazil. Beginning April 21<sup>st</sup>, Rio Grande will be called every Friday, Montevideo every Monday, and Buenos Aires every Wednesday.

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