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QUOTA UPDATES

The quota updates for this week include:

1. EU Quota fill-rates.
2. US Tariff Rate Quota fill-rates.

DENIED PARTY UPDATES

EU

7 denied parties have been deleted.

Authority: Official Journal of the European Union

US

113 denied parties have been added, 2 modified and 6 deleted.

Authority: Office of Foreign Assets Control, Department of Commerce (Bureau of Industry and Security)



LANDED COST UPDATES

AMERICAS

ARGENTINA

This is an update to the 2010 Tariff Schedule for Argentina. It adds new HTS numbers, deletes old HTS numbers and modifies existing HTS descriptions. The following HTS chapters are affected: 15, 39, 48, 49, 61, 73, 84, 85, 90, 92, 95 and 97.

Authority: Argentina Customs

COLOMBIA

This update changes the duty rate in accordance with the 2010 Tariff Schedule. The product affected by this update is Dodecylbenzenes. The following HTS chapter is affected: 38.

Authority: Ministry of Commerce, Industry and Tourism

MEXICO

This is an update to the 2010 Mexico Tariff Schedule. It adds new HTS numbers, deletes old HTS numbers and modifies the preferential duty rates for several products classified in various chapters.

Authority: Secretariat of Economy

ASIA-PACIFIC

AUSTRALIA

This is a rollover for the 2010 Australian tariff schedule affecting various chapters across the tariff.

Authority: Australian Customs Service

EUROPE

EU

This is a rollover of 2010 HS classification tree view for the European Union. It includes the 4-digit, 6-digit, 8-digit and 10-digit tariff descriptions affecting various chapters across the tariff.

Authority: EU Commission

REGULATORY UPDATES

AMERICAS

US

This is an update to US Export Controls. The Bureau of Industry and Security (BIS) maintains the Commerce Control List (CCL), which identifies items subject to Department of Commerce export controls. This final rule revises the Export Administration Regulations (EAR) to implement changes made to the Wassenaar Arrangement's List of Dual Use Goods and Technologies (Wassenaar List) maintained and agreed to by governments participating in the Wassenaar Arrangement on Export Controls for Conventional Arms and Dual Use Goods and Technologies (Wassenaar Arrangement, or WA). The Wassenaar Arrangement advocates implementation of effective export controls on strategic items with the objective of improving regional and international security and stability. To harmonize with the changes to the Wassenaar List, this rule revises the EAR by amending certain entries that are controlled for national security reasons in Categories 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 Part I

ON THE ANVIL**Updates being processed:**

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 Saudi Arabia
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**REGULATORY UPDATES contd...**

(telecommunications), 5 Part II (information security), 6, 7, 8, and 9; adding new entries to the CCL, revising reporting requirements and adding and amending EAR Definitions. The following categories are affected: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 and 9.

Authority: Bureau of Industry and Security

ASIA-PACIFIC**JAPAN**

This is an update to add import prohibition on cereal straw originating in South Korea (KR) under the Domestic Animal Infectious Disease Control Law. The following HTS chapter is affected: 12.

Authority: Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries

TRADE WATCH**FAS Announces GSM-102 Credit Guarantees for Ag Exports to the Americas**

The USDA's Foreign Agricultural Service has announced the availability of credit guarantees for sales of U.S. agricultural commodities under the Commodity Credit Corporation's Export Credit Guarantee Program (GSM-102) for fiscal year 2010 to the Central America region (\$30 million), the Caribbean Region (\$60 million), and Mexico (\$45 million). These guarantees are to cover sales of any of the commodities specified in the GSM list of commodities. Applications are due by 4:00 pm on January 26, 2010.

OFAC Publishes Names of Blocked Individuals, Entities Under Narcotics Traffickers EO

The Office of Foreign Assets Control is publishing the names of 19 newly-designated individuals and 16 newly-designated entities whose property and interests in property are blocked pursuant to Executive Order 12978, "Blocking Assets and Prohibiting Transactions with Significant Narcotics Traffickers." In addition, OFAC is also publishing the name of one individual who has been re-designated and whose property and interests in property continue to be blocked pursuant to the Order.

U.S.-China Commission Hearing on National Security and Trade

The U.S.-China Economic and Security Review Commission has announced a hearing on February 4, 2010 in Washington, DC. This is the first public hearing the Commission will hold during its 2010 report cycle to collect input from leading academic, industry, and government experts on national security implications of the U.S. bilateral trade and economic relationship with China. The February 4 hearing will examine the political, economic, and security aspects of China's activities in Southeast Asia, China and regional forums, and their implications on U.S. Interests.

DoD Final Rule on DR-CAFTA for Costa Rica, U.S.-Peru TPA

The Department of Defense has issued a final rule, effective January 20, 2010, which adopts its July 2009 interim rule without changes, which amended the Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement (DFARS) to implement the Dominican Republic-Central America-U.S. Free Trade Agreement (DR-CAFTA) with respect to Costa Rica, and the U.S.-Peru Trade Promotion Agreement. The trade agreements waive the applicability of the Buy American Act for some foreign supplies and construction materials and specify procurement procedures designed to ensure fairness.

ITA Announces Health Trade Mission to Saudi Arabia, Qatar

The International Trade Administration's U.S. and Foreign Commercial Service (CS) is organizing a Public Health Trade Mission to Riyadh and Jeddah, Saudi Arabia and Doha, Qatar, from June 5-10, 2010. The mission will provide a venue for U.S. companies to promote equipment, services, and technologies in a range of public health sectors, including hospital and clinical laboratory equipment; pharmaceuticals; health care technologies; etc.

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