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## DENIED PARTY UPDATES

### EU

7 new denied parties have been modified.

*Authority: Official Journal of the European Union*

### US

10 denied parties have been added and 24 modified.

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

## QUOTA UPDATES

The quota updates for this week include:

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

## LANDED COST UPDATES

### AMERICAS

#### ARGENTINA

This is an update to the 2009 Tariff Schedule for Argentina. This update adds new HTS numbers, deletes old HTS numbers and modifies existing HTS descriptions for products classified under certain chapters. The following HTS chapters are affected: 28, 29, 30, 35, 39, 84, 85 and 94.

*Authority: Argentina Customs*

#### DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

This is a preferential duty update for Dominican Republic. This update adds Dominican Republic to the member countries of DR\_CAFTA and makes changes to preferential duties. Some products affected by this update are meat, fish, birds, fruits, cereals, etc.

*Authority: Dominican Republic Customs*

#### US

This is a rollover for the United States Harmonized Tariff Schedule descriptions. This rollover changes HS descriptions across the entire tariff.

*Authority: United States International Trade Commission*

### ASIA-PACIFIC

#### INDIA

This is an update for change in description for certain selected HTS, insertion of safeguard duty for certain selected products of inorganic chemicals, and also to introduce the republic of Sudan in the Least Developed Countries preferential tariff. The following HTS chapters are affected: 28 and 44.

*Authority: Central Board of Customs and Excise*

### MIDDLE-EAST/AFRICA

#### BOTSWANA

This is an update for change in HS description, insertion and deletion of HS numbers for certain products of polymers. The following HTS chapter is affected: 39.

*Authority: South African Revenue Service (SARS)*

#### LESOTHO

This is an update for change in HS description, insertion and deletion of HS numbers for certain products of polymers. The following HTS chapter is affected: 39.

*Authority: South African Revenue Service (SARS)*

#### NAMIBIA

This is an update for change in HS description, insertion and deletion of HS numbers for certain products of polymers. The following HTS chapter is affected: 39.

*Authority: South African Revenue Service (SARS)*

#### SWAZILAND

This is an update for change in HS description, insertion and deletion of HS numbers for certain products of polymers. The following HTS chapter is affected: 39.

*Authority: South African Revenue Service (SARS)*

**ON THE ANVIL****Updates being processed:**

Albania  
 Algeria  
 Argentina  
 Australia  
 Austria  
 Bahamas  
 Bolivia  
 Botswana  
 Brazil  
 Canada  
 Chile  
 China  
 Colombia  
 Estonia  
 EU  
 India  
 Israel  
 Jamaica  
 Japan  
 Lesotho  
 Mexico  
 Namibia  
 New Zealand  
 Saudi Arabia  
 South Africa  
 Swaziland  
 Switzerland  
 Taiwan  
 Thailand  
 Turkey  
 Ukraine  
 UN  
 US  
 Venezuela  
 Vietnam

**REGULATORY UPDATES****AMERICAS****ARGENTINA**

This is an update to Import regulations for Argentina. This update establishes new import certificate requirements and anti-dumping duties on products classified under certain chapters from China. The following HTS chapters are affected: 73 and 84.

*Authority: Ministry of Production*

**ASIA-PACIFIC****JAPAN**

This is an update to impose Import Prohibition on poultry products originated in Minnesota, US under the Domestic Animal Infectious Disease Control Law. The following HTS chapters are affected: 01, 02 and 16.

*Authority: Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries*

**NEW ZEALAND**

This is an update to New Zealand Import and Export regulations for certain selected varieties of Fish. The type of control affected by this update is: Import and Export Prohibition. The following HTS chapter is affected: 03.

*Authority: New Zealand Customs Service*

**EUROPE****EU**

This is an update on EU Anti-dumping duties affecting imports of certain candles, tapers and the like, originating in China. The following HTS chapter is affected: 34.

*Authority: European Union Customs*

**SWITZERLAND**

This is an update to Swiss Export Embargoes and Sanctions. This update implements the Swiss Ordinance on arms embargo against Somalia pursuant to the UN resolution.

*Authority: State Secretariat for Economic Affairs SECO*

**MIDDLE-EAST/AFRICA****BOTSWANA**

This is an Anti-dumping duty update for articles of plaster and iron/steel. The following HTS chapters are affected: 68 and 73.

*Authority: South African Revenue Service (SARS)*

**SWAZILAND**

This is an Anti-dumping duty update for articles of plaster and iron/steel. The following HTS chapters are affected: 68 and 73.

*Authority: South African Revenue Service (SARS)*

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

APL has announced the launch of a new weekly direct service linking Vietnam and the west coast of North America. Launching on June 4, the service will directly link Vietnam's exporters to the transpacific routes.

**EUR-ASIA**

MISC Berhad has informed the Grand Alliance that it will withdraw from services between Europe and the Far East effective January 2010. This move will not affect sailing frequencies, transit times, or service structures.



**TRADE WATCH****DDTC Updates Commodity Jurisdiction Guidelines**

The Directorate of Defense Trade Controls has updated its Guidelines for Preparing Commodity Jurisdiction Requests to make three minor amendments since its original May 2008 publication: (1) a link to its website has been added for information on registration and licensing; (2) the CJ process now indicates that one original and eight copies of a CJ request should be submitted; and (3) a new CJ analyst contact has been added to replace a previous contact.

**EC and China Finalize Customs Cooperation Agreement**

The European Commission's Taxation and Customs Union reports that the EC and China have finalized a customs cooperation agreement to facilitate the fight against the growth in the illegal market for designer goods with a "name" or trademark (counterfeited goods), as well as goods made without paying for the intellectual property rights (pirated goods). It will allow for the discussion of new customs measures to be taken in the context of the security of the supply chain, while providing reliable traders with trade facilitation measures.

**CARRIER SERVICE UPDATES contd...****US-ASIA**

Grand Alliance members have agreed to merge the SCX (South China Sea Express) and the JCX (Japan China Express) services into a single loop. Customers will be offered the same port coverage options. All Japanese ports previously covered on the JCX Service will now be covered by the upgraded SCX Service. Kaohsiung will be transferred to the Super Shuffle Express Service (SSX) on the transpacific eastbound call, while the westbound call will remain unchanged. The SCX Service will call the following port locations: Laem Chabang, Singapore, Kobe, Nagoya, Tokyo, Sendai, Los Angeles, Oakland, Kaohsiung, and Shekou. The SSX Service will consist of the following ports: Shekou, Yantian, Hong Kong, Kaohsiung, Long Beach, and Xiamen.

**ASIA-US**

MOL has announced plans to offer a direct service from Vietnam to the US West Coast. The Pacific Southwest Express Service (PSX) will commence June 4, and will call the following locations: Cai Mep, Hong Kong, Yantian, Los Angeles, Oakland, Tokyo, Xiamen, and Dachan Bay.

**ASIA**

OOCL and YML will upgrade the joint China Pakistan Express Service (CPX) by adding an additional call to Nhava Sheva. Effective immediately, this change will offer a direct connection between central China and India. The new port rotation will be as follows: Shanghai, Ningbo, Shekou, Singapore, Karachi, Mundra, Nhava Sheva, Penang, Port Kelang, and Hong Kong.

**TRADE WATCH contd...****USDA Reestablishes Fruit & Vegetable Industry Advisory Committee**

The U.S. Department of Agriculture has reestablished the Fruit and Vegetable Industry Advisory Committee. In March 2009, Agriculture Secretary Vilsack signed authorization to re-charter the committee for two more years. The purpose of the advisory committee is to examine the full spectrum of issues faced by the fruit and vegetable industry and offer the Secretary of Agriculture advice on how USDA can tailor its programs to better meet the fruit and vegetable industry's needs.

**USDA Reallocates Surplus FY 2009 Beet and Sugar Cane Marketing Allotments**

The U.S. Department of Agriculture's Commodity Credit Corporation (CCC) has announced the reassignment of projected surplus beet and cane sugar marketing allotments and allocations under the fiscal year (FY) 2009 Sugar Marketing Allotment program. Among other things, the FY 2009 beet and cane sector allotments are larger than can be fulfilled by domestically-produced beet and cane sugar, so the remaining sector surpluses were reassigned to raw sugar imports as required by law.

**BIS Sends Final Rule on Gift/Baggage/Donated Communication Device Cuba License Exceptions to OMB for Approval**

The Bureau of Industry and Security has sent to OMB for approval a final rule that would revise a License Exception to allow items normally exchanged between individuals as gifts to be included in gift parcels sent to Cuba. The rule would also increase the maximum permissible value of such gift parcels, and makes related changes. The rule would revise another License Exception to remove the 44-pound baggage weight limit that applies to most travelers to Cuba. The rule would also create a new License Exception for donated consumer communications equipment to be exported or reexported to Cuba, among other things.

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