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## DENIED PARTY UPDATES

### EU

82 denied parties have been added, 26 modified and 34 deleted.

*Authority: Official Journal of the European Union*

### JAPAN

42 denied parties have been added and 7 modified.

*Authority: Japan Trade Control Department, Trade and Economic Cooperation Bureau, Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry (METI)*

## QUOTA UPDATES

The quota updates for this week include:

EU Quota fill-rates

## LANDED COST UPDATES

### AMERICAS

#### DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

This is a Dominican Republic Tariff update for the year 2009. This Update relates to changes in the duty rates for products classified under certain chapters. The products affected are Gaskets, washers, paper products, frozen meat, etc. The following HTS chapters are affected: 02, 09, 13, 23, 39, 48, 56, 73, 84, 85 and 89.

*Authority: Dominican Republic Customs*

#### HONDURAS

This is an update to preferential programs for Honduras. This update adds the Honduras - Panama Bilateral Agreement preferential rates, affecting various chapters.

*Authority: Secretary of Industry and Commerce*

### EUROPE

#### EU

This is an update to the EU tariff. This update includes new HTS number, invalid HTS numbers, new and changed import duties, new, changed and deleted preferential duties. The following HTS chapters are affected: 06, 07, 08, 20, 28, 39, 73 and 76.

*Authority: EU commission*

### ASIA-PACIFIC

#### SRI LANKA

This is an update for change in customs duty rates, EDB cess and addition of HTS, UOMs affecting various products across the tariff.

*Authority: Sri Lanka Customs*

### MIDDLE-EAST/AFRICA

#### ISRAEL

This is an update for change in purchase tax for mineral fuels, change in duty rate and US rate for apples. The following HTS chapters are affected: 08, 27 and 29.

*Authority: Israel Customs & VAT*

#### TUNISIA

This is a rollover for HS numbers, description, duty rates, VAT and other taxes in accordance with 2009 integrated tariff.

*Authority: Tunisia Customs*

## REGULATORY UPDATES

### EUROPE

#### MACEDONIA

This is an update to Tariff rate quota for the year 2009 which applies to EU, Albania, Moldova, Norway, Switzerland, Croatia, Ukraine and Turkey. Quotas are applicable to meat products, edible vegetables, fruit and nuts, preparation of meat, fish, vegetables, chocolate, cocoa, fruit juice & jams, beer and other alcoholic beverages, affecting certain chapters.

*Authority: Ministry of Economy*

**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 contd...****MIDDLE-EAST/AFRICA****SOUTH AFRICA**

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

*Authority: South African Revenue Service (SARS)*

**CONTRACT ASSESSORIAL UPDATES****US-ASIA**

TSA members announce the following Bunker levels, effective June 1 through June 30, 2009:

- \$364/20', \$455/40', \$512/40'HC, \$596/45'HC, \$10/metric ton or cubic meter

**CARRIER SERVICE UPDATES****ASIA-MED**

CMA CGM is pleased to announce the upgrading of its MEX Asia-Mediterranean Service to include direct calls at Nagoya, Yokohama, and Kobe. Effective in mid-May, the port rotation will include the following locations: Nagoya, Yokohama, Kobe, Pusan, Shanghai, Ningbo, Xiamen, Chiwan, Hong Kong, Port Kelang, Beirut, Malta, Valencia, Barcelona, Fos Sur Mer, Genoa, Naples, Damietta, Djibouti, and Khorfakkan.

**ASIA-S.AFR**

CSAV announces that its ASAX Service will expand its coverage to include direct calls at Qingdao and Durban. The new rotation will commence April 29<sup>th</sup>, and will also include the following ports: Buenos Aires, Montevideo, Santos, Singapore, Chiwan, Ningbo, Shanghai, Hong Kong, Paranagua, Itajai, and Rio Grande.

**ASIA-EUR**

Hapag Lloyd, NYK, OOCL, and ZIM will cooperate with Hamburg Sud on the Atlantic Express Service (ATX). (The service is currently operated by the Grand Alliance and ZIM.) The port rotation will remain the same: Rotterdam, Hamburg, Le Havre, Southampton, New York, Norfolk, and Charleston. Participants expect FMC approval by mid-June.

**N.EUR-ECSA**

Hapag Lloyd and Hamburg Sud have decided to continue their cooperation by operating two complimentary weekly services between North Europe and South America. Sling 1 will call the following ports: Rotterdam, Tilbury, Hamburg, Antwerp, Le Havre, Santos, Buenos Aires, Montevideo, Rio Grande, and Sepetiba. Sling 2's port rotation will include the following locations: Rotterdam, Hamburg, Antwerp, Le Havre, Sepetiba, Paranagua, Navegantes, Santos, and Salvador.

**N.EUR-US**

Due to deteriorating market conditions, Hamburg Sud has decided to suspend its announced standalone service and replace it by participating in the Atlantic Express Service (ATX). The stand alone service will not be phased out until the ATX agreement is approved by the FMC.

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