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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

US

6 denied parties have been added and 18 deleted.

Authority: Office of Foreign Assets Control; Department of Commerce (Bureau of Industry and Security); Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI)

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LANDED COST UPDATES

ASIA-PACIFIC

INDIA

1. This is an update for change in customs duty for Sugar and also to introduce Republic of Mali and Lesotho in the Least Developed Countries preferential tariff. The following HTS chapter is affected: 17.
2. This is an update for change in safeguard duty rate for Dimetoate Technical. The following HTS chapter is affected: 38.

Authority: Central Board of Customs and Excise

PAKISTAN

This landed cost update adds, deletes and changes the descriptions, units of measurement of the HTS in accordance with the 2009 Tariff Schedule. This update also makes changes to the customs duty, excise duty, special excise duty, regulatory duty, advance tax, sales tax and income withholding tax affecting all products across the tariff.

Authority: Federal Board of Revenue

TAIWAN

This is an update to add certain HS numbers to the Taiwan tariff. This update also removes Port dues from Landed Cost calculation.

Authority: Bureau of Foreign Trade

MIDDLE-EAST/AFRICA

TUNISIA

This is an update containing Preferential Duties between Tunisia and Iran affecting many products across the tariff.

Authority: Tunisia Customs

REGULATORY UPDATES

ASICA-PACIFIC

AUSTRALIA

This is an update to reflect the addition in the exceptions for import prohibitions for asbestos. The following HTS chapters are affected: 25, 27, 32, 39, 68 and 84.

Authority: Australian Customs Service

MALAYSIA

This is an update to include tariff rate quota for certain veterinary products for 2009. The following HTS chapters are affected: 01, 02, 04 and 07.

Authority: Royal Malaysian Customs

TAIWAN

1. This is an update to add export control to certain drugs. The affected export control is Export Approval. The following HTS chapters are affected: 29 and 30.
2. This is an update to add import controls to drugs. The affected import controls are: Approval and Prohibition. The following HTS chapters are affected: 29 and 30.

Authority: Bureau of Foreign Trade

REGULATORY UPDATES contd...**EUROPE****ICELAND**

This is an update to tariff rate quota for 2009 which applies to European Union. The tariff rate quotas are applicable to meat products, preparation of meat, beef, pork, poultry, cheese and curd. The following HTS chapters are affected: 02, 04 and 16.

Authority: Ministry of Fisheries and Agriculture

CARRIER SERVICE UPDATES**ASIA**

Hanjin Shipping has announced that it will join a service connecting India and the Far East. The service is currently operated by PIL, K Line, and SCI. Effective September 22, Busan will be added as a port of call to the India Far East Express 2 Service (IFX2). The rotation will contain the following ports: Xingang, Dalian, Qingdao, Busan, Hong Kong, Shekou, Singapore, Port Kelang, Madras, and Vizag.

TRADE WATCH**Commerce Deputy Secretary Lists Trade Priorities for North America**

Before the Trade North America Conference in Detroit, Commerce Deputy Secretary Hightower listed four key trade priorities of the Commerce Department as visa reform, export controls review, intellectual property protection, and intergovernmental cooperation and trade promotion. Also emphasized at the September 9, 2009 event was the need for enforcement of existing trade agreements to ensure free and fair trade, and to resist any impulses toward protectionism.

China Plans to Allow More Foreign Investment, Etc.

China's Ministry of Commerce states that China will gradually reduce limits on equity stake proportion in investment from overseas companies, allowing qualified foreign-invested enterprises to list in the country's stock market. China also says it will create a legal and policy environment in mutual investment, gradually granting foreign-funded enterprises the same treatment as their Chinese counterparts. A senior Chinese Cabinet official added that the Chinese government has pledged to provide more opportunities for overseas investment to help refuel global trade.

Presidential Determination on Defense Articles, Services to Central African States

The White House has posted a presidential determination that pursuant to the authority of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961, as amended, and the Arms Export Control Act, as amended, the furnishing of defense articles and defense services to the Economic Community of Central African States will strengthen the security of the U.S. and promote world peace.

CBSA Issues Statement of Reasons on Certain Steel Fasteners AD/CV Determination

Canada Border Services Agency has issued its Statement of Reasons concerning its determination under paragraph 76.03(7)(a) of the Special Import Measures Act regarding the dumping and subsidizing of certain carbon steel fasteners originating in or exported from China and the dumping of certain carbon steel and stainless steel fasteners originating in or exported from Chinese Taipei.

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