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CBP and USDA Announcements for January 2022

Dear Valued Customer,

U.S Customs and Border Protection (CBP) announced several changes taking place in 2022.

CBP issued guidance on European Union (EU) Section 232 Tariff Rate Quota on Aluminium and Steel Articles

Aluminium and steel derivative articles from the EU will no longer be subject to Section 232 duties effective January 1, 2022 as announced in [CSMS Message #50536327](#). On December 27, 2021, a Proclamation was issued establishing a tariff rate quota (TRQ) for aluminium and steel derivatives imported into the United States.

Certificate of Analysis are required and must be uploaded to the Document Imaging System (DIS) to be eligible for the TRQ. Once the TRQ quantities are met, any excess imported articles will remain subject to the 25 percent ad valorem duty rates. Additional details on the aluminium and steel TRQs can be found on the [CBP Quota Bulletins site](#).

Three countries terminated from the African Growth Opportunities Act (AGOA)

It was announced December 23, 2021, that Ethiopia, Republic of Guinea, and Republic of Mali would be terminated from the AGOA free trade agreement as of January 1, 2022. Unconstitutional changes in Guinea and Mali governments as well as gross violations in human rights by the Ethiopian government have been found to conflict with the requirements set up in the Trade Act, which has led to the termination of these countries from AGOA. [CSMS Message #50574517](#)

Coming soon – Ace Portal Modernization

[CSMS Message #50417689](#) announced that CBP will be updating the ACE Secure Data Portal (ACE Portal). There will be multiple phases throughout 2022 to upgrade the platform that was originally released in 2003.

- Phase 1 - January 22, 2022
 - New login screen
 - New home page
 - Upgraded account information display and edit features
- Future Phases – To be scheduled once Phase 1 is successfully deployed
 - Complete set of links to other applications
 - Account creation functionality
 - Create/edit functionality for supporting account data
 - Document management features
 - User management/access tools

The legacy ACE Portal will still be synchronized and available until the modernized ACE Portal is fully functioning, which is planned for January 2023. Further details are available at [CBP – Ace Portal Modernization](#).

USDA extends original phytosanitary certificate requirements

[CSMS Message #50564724](#) has extended the use phytosanitary certificate copies through March 31, 2022. The original deadline was December 31, 2021, originally announced in [CSMS Message #50385642](#) from December 14, 2021. Starting on April 1, 2022, original paper phytosanitary certificates will be required.

Thank you for being our Valued Customer. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact your C.H. Robinson commercial representative for further information.

Sincerely, C.H. Robinson

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