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United States and China Sign Phase One Trade Agreement

Dear Valued Customer,

On January 15, 2020, the United States (U.S.) and China announced a trade agreement that would reduce some U.S. tariffs against Chinese goods in exchange for purchases of U.S. goods and services.

According to the White House announcement, China has agreed to increase imports of American goods and services by at least \$200 billion over the next two years. In exchange, the U.S. will reduce some of the Section 301 tariffs it has imposed since the trade war began in 2018.

White House fact sheet on Phase One Trade Agreement: <https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefings-statements/president-donald-j-trump-signing-landmark-phase-one-trade-agreement-china/>.

Article 8.3 notates that the agreement will go into effect “30 days after signing by both parties or as of the date on which the Parties have notified each other in writing of the completion of their respective applicable domestic procedures, whichever is sooner.” It also states that “either Party may terminate the Agreement by providing written notice of termination to the other Party. The termination shall take effect 60 days after the date on which a Party has provided that written notice to the other Party, or on such other date as the Parties may decide.”

The full text of the agreement and a Fact Sheet can be found on the Office of the U.S. Trade Representative’s website [here](#).

It is being reported that the 15% duties on List 4A commodities is to be reduced to 7.5% duty in 30 days, February 14, 2020. Nothing official has been published yet.

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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