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## Section 301 Pending Exclusions and Entry Deadlines

Dear Valued U.S. Import Customer,

Upon implementation of the Section 301 Safeguard Duties, the Office of the U.S. Trade Representative (USTR) also put into effect an exclusion process. Granted exclusions were retroactive to the initial date the safeguard duties were applicable, with an expiration date one year from the date of publishing in the Federal Register.

As of today, approximately 45,771 exclusion requests have been submitted. Of those 4,964 only have been approved, 26,782 are pending, and 14,025 have been denied.

If you import product that could fall under a pending exclusion request, you will want to protect the entry from being “finalized” by U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP). From entry release, CBP allows 314 days to finalization (liquidation). From date of liquidation, the importer is allowed 180 days to submit a protest. If the entry liquidates early, that timeline of 494 days is shortened.

For List 3 product entries released on the effective date of September 24, 2018:

- Liquidation Date would be August 4, 2019, and
- **Protest Deadline would be January 31, 2020.**

For List 4 product entries released on the effective date of September 1, 2019:

- Liquidation Date would be July 12, 2020, and
- **Protest Deadline would be January 8, 2021.**

CBP has issued advice on protesting liquidation for pending exclusion requests. An importer will want to ensure that the protest requesting liquidation extension includes the exclusion request identification number. List 1 and List 2 are completed. To obtain identification numbers for List 3 and List 4A exclusion requests, go to the Office of the U.S. Trade Representatives Exclusion Portal [here](#). You can click on “Access Public Docket” and view any exclusion with “Stage X” status, where “X” represents the USTR stage number, for product information.

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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