

March 19, 2020

Safeguard Tariff Updates

Dear Valued U.S. Import Customer,

China Section 301 Exclusion Notices

The Office of the U.S. Trade Representative (USTR) issued pre-publication notices on additional product exclusions to the China Section 301 Safeguard Tariff. These recent additions have now been published in the Federal Register.

On March 10, 2020, the notice covers eight (8) product exclusions for List 4 and can be found [here](#). The products covered include soap or organic surface-active products and preparations, plastic laboratory ware, rubber medical gloves, paper hospital articles, certain nonwoven disposable apparel, and surgical drapes. The exclusion status is retroactive to September 1, 2019 and will expire September 1, 2020.

On March 16, 2020, the notice covers five (5) List 3 product exclusions and can be found [here](#). The products covered include certain sacks or bags, certain plastic apparel and clothing accessories, non-medical seamless, disposable gloves, and certain nonwoven fabrics. The exclusion status is retroactive to September 24, 2018 and will expire August 7, 2020.

On March 17, 2020, the notice covers another nineteen (19) List 4 product exclusions. Those products cover certain medical supplies, including molded plastic bowls, medicine dispensing cups, foam plastic pads for repositioning patients, sterile drapes and covers of plastic, sterile decanters, cold packs, shoe and boot covers, eye compresses, face masks, gel pads, hot packs, cotton sponges, patient safety straps and restraints, blood pressure cuff sleeves, medical masks, stethoscope covers, gauze sponges, shoe cover dispensers and protective eyewear. These exclusions are retroactive to September 1, 2019 and go to September 1, 2020. The full notice can be found [here](#).

The USTR has published the product exclusions to be extended for 1 year after their March 25, 2020 expiration date. Eleven exclusions have been extended: (1) hydraulic power engines and motors; linear acting (cylinders); other; telescoping, (2) breast pumps, (3) certain submersible water filtering machinery, (4) hand-held ultraviolet water purifiers, (5) wine filters to remove sulfites, (6) liquid machinery or apparatus filter housings, covers or couplings, of steel, (7) rubber tracks for construction equipment, (8) certain automatic data processing storage units, (9) certain electric motors, (10) air brakes and parts for certain railway or tramway coaches, vans or freight cars, and (11) inoculator sets of plastics. All other product exclusions initially published March 25, 2019 will expire March 25, 2020. The Federal Register notice can be found [here](#).

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European Union Section 301 Corrections to Modifications Published February 21st

On March 12, 2020, the USTR issued a notice correcting ministerial errors in the HTS list for EU Section 301 Safeguard List published February 21, 2020. One HTS was removed and a new HTS added in error. These have been corrected.

The Federal Register notice can be found [here](#).

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,
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