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New Section 301 Investigations Launched for Digital Service Taxes

Dear Valued U.S. Import Customer,

The Office of the United States Trade Representative (USTR) announced on June 2, 2020 that they are commencing Section 301 investigations against multiple countries for adopting or considering adopting digital services taxes (DSTs) and is requesting comments on the investigations. DSTs are taxes on revenues that companies generate by providing digital products and services.

“President [Donald] Trump is concerned that many of our trading partners are adopting tax schemes designed to unfairly target our companies,” U.S. Trade Representative Robert Lighthizer said in a statement. “We are prepared to take all appropriate action to defend our businesses and workers against any such discrimination.”

The USTR is initiating Section 301 investigations for DST against:

- Austria
- Brazil
- Czech Republic
- European Union
- India
- Indonesia
- Italy
- Spain
- Turkey
- United Kingdom

Comments are due by July 15, 2020 and should be filed through the Federal eRulemaking Portal:

<http://www.regulations.gov>

Docket Number: USTR-2020-0022

The USTR’s announcement and link to 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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