CLIENT ADVISORY

June 4, 2020

Section 301 Exclusions – New Updates

Dear Valued U.S. Import Customer,

Additional Exclusions, Extensions and Technical Amendments Published

On May 28, 2020, the Office of the U.S. Trade Representative (USTR) published in the Federal Register amendments to prior exclusions issued on tumblers or disposable graduated liners for pitchers, of plastics, and manually operated pill or tablet crushers of plastics. These two items were on List 4b which never had safeguard duties applied.

The Federal Register notice can be found here.

On May 28, 2020, the USTR also granted another 78 List 3 exclusions. The exclusions are retroactive to September 24, 2018 and will expire August 7, 2020. The limited expiration period is due to the duty rate variance when List 3 commodities were initially added to the Section 301 safeguard tariff.

In addition to the new exclusions, there were several technical amendments made to prior exclusion descriptions on hand-operated pumps, mounting assemblies for articulating video monitors, polyester filament tow, polypropylene fiber tow, static converters and 1,2-Dibromo-2,4-dicyanobutane. These description updates are retroactive only to the initial date of exclusion publication.

The Federal Register notice can be found here.

On June 2, 2020, the USTR published a notice regarding extending 16 product exclusions due to expire June 4, 2020. The new deadline is December 31, 2020. All 73 other product exclusions will expire.

The Federal Register notice can be found here.

On June 3, 2020, the USTR published a notice requesting comments on whether to extend List 3 product exclusions that are due to expire August 7, 2020. The final three sets of exclusions are being considered for a one-year extension. The public docket will open June 8, 2020 on the web portal at https://comments.USTR.gov. Comments should be submitted by July 7, 2020.

The Federal Register notice can be found here.

On June 3, 2020, the USTR also published notice requesting comments on the next set of List 1 product exclusions due to expire September 20, 2020. All comments are to be submitted via the web portal beginning June 8, 2020 but no later than July 7, 2020.

Additional information and the comment form to be utilized for this request can be found in the Federal Register notice 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,

C.H. Robinson

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