CLIENT ADVISORY

July 9, 2020

Section 301 Exclusion – New Updates

Dear Valued U.S. Import Customer,

The Office of the United States Trade Representative (USTR) and the U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) has issued relevant announcements related to the Section 301 duties and exclusions.

Two Sets of Section 301 List 4 Exclusions Announced June 12, 2020 and July 9, 2020

USTR announced new exclusions that are retroactive from September 1, 2019 and will be valid through September 1, 2020. The June 12th list of products and their HTS numbers that have been excluded can be found in the Federal Register notice here. The July 9th list of products and HTS numbers can be found in Federal Register notice here.

July 2020 Harmonized Tariff Schedule (HTS) Statistical Breakout Changes Impact Section 301 Duties

Effective July 1, 2020, changes in HTS statistical breakouts are causing issues with declaring the proper Section 301 provisional tariff number and duties. CBP is currently waiting for the USTR to update the Section 301 implementation instructions in order to update ACE programming. CBP has advised that once ACE programming has been updated, importers and customs brokers should submit entry corrections through the post-summary corrections (PSCs) process. Full details can be found in CSMS# 43229317 and CSMS# 43227989.

Section 301 List 1 Exclusions Set to Expire July 9, 2020

USTR announced on July 6, 2020 that nearly 100 products covered by Section 301 exclusion will not be extended as of July 9, 2020, and the goods will be subject to the 25 percent additional tariff. These goods were covered under exclusion tariff 9903.88.11. Only 12 products will maintain the exclusion through December 31, 2020 when it is currently set to expire. The link to the USTR's announcement in 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, C.H. Robinson

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