

CLIENT ADVISORY

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Section 301 Exclusion – New Updates for Vietnam and China

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.

New Section 301 Investigation Opened on Vietnam for Illegal Lumber and Currency Manipulation

The USTR announced a new Section 301 investigation against Vietnam for importing illegal lumber for use in manufacturing wood furniture and for currency manipulation that is impacting domestic industry. Comments for both Section 301 investigations can be submitted through the Federal eRulemaking Portal and are due by November 12, 2020.

- <http://www.regulations.gov>
- Docket Number: USTR-2020-0036 – Vietnam’s Acts, Policies, and Practices Related to the Import and Use of Illegal Timber
- Docket Number: USTR-2020-0037 – Vietnam’s Acts, Policies, and Practices Related to Currency Valuation

[Initiation of Section 301 Investigation: Vietnam’s Acts, Policies, and Practices Related to the Import and Use of Illegal Timber](#)

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[USTR Initiates Vietnam Section 301 Investigation Press Release](#)

China Section 301 Lists 1 and 2 Tariff Exclusion Extensions and Expirations as of October 2, 2020

More than 150 exclusions expired on October 2, 2020 as USTR declined to extend them. USTR extended 9 exclusions from list 1 and 28 exclusions from list 2.

[List 1 – Federal Register Notice 85 FR 62782](#)

[List 2 – Federal Register Notice 85 FR 62786](#)

Technical Amendments Made to Some Exclusions to China Section 301 Lists 3 and 4A

Technical amendments were made to some exclusions. They are retroactive to the date the original exclusion was published on September 1, 2019. The exclusions will be valid through December 31, 2020.

[List 3 – Federal Register Notice 85 FR 63332](#)

[List 4A – Federal Register Notice 85 FR 63331](#)

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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