## **CLIENT ADVISORY**

October 16, 2020

## Caribbean Basin Trade Partnership Act (CBTPA) Extended

Dear Valued U.S. Import Customer,

On October 10, 2020, President Donald Trump signed into law H.R. 991 "Extension of the Caribbean Basin Economic Recovery Act", a bill that extends the Caribbean Basin Trade Partnership Act (CBTPA) through 2030, allowing for tariff-free imports on certain apparel goods from CBTPA countries to the United States. The law had expired on September 30, 2020, but the renewal will apply retroactively.

U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) issued <u>CSMS Message #44437979</u> providing the programming updates to be able to declare CBTPA as well as guidance on filing for refunds of duty during the lapse period between September 30 and October 15.

The following countries are currently CBTPA beneficiaries: Barbados, Belize, Curacao, Guyana, Haiti, Jamaica, Saint Lucia, Trinidad and Tobago.

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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