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DENIED PARTY UPDATES

CANADA

113 denied parties have been added, 475 modified and 30 deleted.

Authority: CA Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade

EU

8 denied parties have been added, 3 modified and 5 deleted.

Authority: Official Journal of the European Union

QUOTA UPDATES

The quota updates for this week include:

EU Quota fill-rates



LANDED COST UPDATES

AMERICAS

CHILE

This is an enhancement to the 2009 Preferential Tariff Schedule for Chile. This enhancement adds the preferential duty rates under the Chile - Honduras and Chile - Australia Free Trade Agreement for products classified under the entire tariff schedule.

Authority: Ministry of Foreign Affairs

MEXICO

1. This is an update to the 2009 Tariff Schedule for Mexico. This update modifies and adds duty rates under the Frontier Region and Northern Frontier Region Programs for products classified in various chapters. The following HTS chapters are affected: 04, 85 and 87.

2. This is a rollover of the 2009 preferential tariff schedule of Mexico. This rollover will now allow transshipments between Bulgaria and Romania.

Authority: Secretariat of Economy

US

The US International Trade Commission has published an update to the 2009 Harmonized Tariff. This update has deleted and modified duty rates. In addition it has added two new preferential agreements, the US-Oman Free Trade Agreement and the US-Peru Free Trade Agreement.

Authority: US Customs and Border Protection

ASIA-PACIFIC

BRUNEI

This is an update for Preferential rates of Trans Pacific Strategic Economic partnership Agreement affecting various products across the tariff.

Authority: Ministry of Foreign affairs and trade, Brunei Darussalam

INDIA

This is an update for change in Customs duty, insertion of Safeguard duty for certain selected products of vegetable fats, chemicals, aluminum and also to introduce Republic of Benin, Union of Myanmar, Malawi, State of Eritrea, Burkina Faso and Republic of Gambia in the Least Developed Countries preferential tariff. The following HTS chapters are affected: 15, 38 and 76.

Authority: Central Board of Customs and Excise

SRI LANKA

This is an update for change in Excise and EDB cess for selected products of cereals and petroleum gas. The following HTS chapters are affected: 10 and 27.

Authority: Sri Lanka Customs

THAILAND

This update makes changes in WTO rate for Thailand for Oil-cakes and other solid residues, whether or not ground or in the form of pellets, resulting from the extraction of soyabean oil. The following HTS chapter is affected: 23.

Authority: Thailand Customs Department

EUROPE

SLOVAK REPUBLIC

This is a VAT rollover. This rollover includes the standard VAT rate and flags the products which may receive a reduced VAT rate or a VAT exemption.

Authority: Ministry of Finance

MIDDLE-EAST/AFRICA

ISRAEL

This is an update for change in Description for machineries and electrical machineries; change in Default duty, EFTA rates and EU rates for coriander seeds; addition and deletion of HS numbers for gerbera, dates, organic surface-active agents, articles of

ON THE ANVIL

Updates being processed:

Albania
 Argentina
 Australia
 Botswana
 Brazil
 Canada
 Chile
 EU
 India
 Israel
 Jamaica
 Japan
 Lesotho
 Mexico
 Namibia
 New Zealand
 Saudi Arabia
 South Africa
 Swaziland
 Switzerland
 Taiwan
 Thailand
 Turkey
 UN
 US
 Venezuela
 Vietnam

TRADE WATCH

EU Industry Advocates Green Public Private Partnerships in Research, Innovation

On the eve of the G20 summit, where the different plans for economic recovery will be discussed, European Union Commissioner for Science and Research Janez Potoènik, agreed with high-level representatives of the automotive, construction and manufacturing sectors that smart investments in clean technologies should be made within a public private partnership framework. They recognized the importance of coordination of such investments at the EU level.

Japanese National Charged for Participation in Conspiracy to Fix Prices of LCD Panels Sold to Dell Inc.

The Justice Department reports that on March 31, 2009, a federal grand jury in San Francisco returned an indictment charging an executive at Hitachi Displays Ltd. with participating in a global conspiracy to fix the prices of Thin Film Transistor-Liquid Crystal Display (TFT-LCD) panels sold to Dell Inc. for use in notebook computers.

LANDED COST UPDATES contd...

plastic, packing containers of paper, monitors and projectors. The following HTS chapters are affected: 06, 08, 09, 34, 39, 48, 84 and 85.

Authority: Israel Customs & VAT

REGULATORY UPDATES

AMERICAS

MEXICO

This is an update to Import Regulations for Mexico. This update establishes new Tariff Rate Quotas on new vehicles from Japan. The following HTS chapter is affected: 87.

Authority: Secretariat of Economy

VENEZUELA

This is an update to Import Regulations for Venezuela. This update establishes new Inspection requirements on newly manufactured motor vehicles. The following HTS chapter is affected: 87.

Authority: Ministry of Energy and Petroleum, Ministry of Finance, Ministry of Light Industry and Commerce and Ministry of Infrastructure

ASIA-PACIFIC

AUSTRALIA

This is an update to include ADD and CVD duty for Australia. The following HTS chapters are affected: 08, 20, 22, 28, 29, 31, 38, 39, 48, 70, 72, 73, 84 and 87.

Authority: Australia Customs Service

JAPAN

This is an update to lift Import prohibition on poultry products originating in Taiwan (TW) and Belgium (BE) under the Domestic Animal Infectious Disease Control Law. The following HTS chapters are affected: 01, 02 and 16.

Authority: Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries

INDIA

This is an update to capture Export Prohibition imposed on pulses. The following HTS chapter is affected: 07.

Authority: Directorate General of Foreign Trade

THAILAND

This Thailand update makes changes to the Anti-dumping Duty rate for products of citric acid. The following HTS chapter is affected: 29.

Authority: Thailand Customs Department

EUROPE

TURKEY

This is a new content for Turkey Export and Import Embargoes and Sanctions as per UN Resolution.

Authority: UN Council

MACEDONIA

This is a new content for Macedonia Import Embargoes and Sanctions as per UN Resolution.

Authority: UN Council

MONTENEGRO

This is a new content for Montenegro Export and Import Embargoes and Sanctions as per UN Resolution.

Authority: UN Council

SERBIA

This is a new content for Serbia Export and Import Embargoes and Sanctions as per UN Resolution.

Authority: UN Council

MIDDLE-EAST/AFRICA

LEBANON

This is an update for addition of Export and Import Embargo against Israel.

Authority: Arab league / Lebanon Customs

TRADE WATCH

Including this indictment, four companies and eight individuals have been charged in the Justice Department's ongoing antitrust investigation into the TFT-LCD industry. To date, more than \$585 million in fines have been imposed as a result.

China Increases VAT Export Rebate Rates for Certain Textile and Apparel Products, Etc.

According to the Office of Textiles and Apparel, effective April 1, 2009, China's Ministry of Finance is again increasing the VAT export rebate rates for most textile and apparel products, as well as various other products. Rebate rates now 16% for Certain Textile/Apparel, 13% for Certain Leather/Fur. Rebates rates now 11% and 13% for Various Plastic, Rubber, Glass Products, Etc.

CBSA Determines Dumping Likely to Continue for Certain Stainless Steel Wire from the US, Korea, Etc.

On March 12, 2009, Canada Border Services Agency determined that expiration of the finding made by the Canadian International Trade Tribunal on July 30, 2004 concerning certain stainless steel wire originating in or exported from the US, the Republic of Korea, and Switzerland was likely to result in the continuation or resumption of dumping of the goods into Canada. CBSA also determined that the expiry of the finding was likely to result in the continuation or resumption of subsidizing of certain stainless steel wire originating in or exported from India.

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REGULATORY UPDATES contd...

LIBYA

This is an update for addition of Export and Import Embargo against Israel.
Authority: Arab League / Libya Customs

SYRIA

This is an update for addition of Export and Import Embargo against Israel.
Authority: Arab League / Syria Customs

CONTRACT ASSESSORIAL UPDATES

US-ASIA

TSA members announce the following Bunker levels, effective through May 31, 2009:

- \$328/20', \$410/40', \$461/40'HC, \$519/45'HC, \$9/metric ton or cubic meter

TSA members announce the following Inland Fuel levels, effective through June 30, 2009:

- \$44 (Group 4/EC local SDD truck), \$77 (RIPI), \$153 (rail/intermodal)

TSA members announce the following Panama Canal Charge levels, effective May 1, 2009:

- \$297/container, \$16/metric ton, \$7/cubic meter

ASIA-US

WTSA members announce the following Bunker levels, effective through June 30, 2009:

- WC Dry: \$226/20', \$283/40'/45'
- EC Dry: \$455/20', \$569/40'/45'
- WC Reefer: \$398 per 40'/45'
- EC Reefer: \$760 per 40'/45'

WTSA members announce the following Inland Fuel levels, effective through June 30, 2009:

CARRIER SERVICE UPDATES

ASIA-USEC

CMA CGM Group is pleased to announce that they will be rationalizing services between Asia and the US East Coast:

- ESX/SAX services will cease operation immediately.
- The PEX1 and SUEZ EXPRESS services will maintain their current coverage through the end of May.
- Effective in May, CMA CGM will launch both the HUDSON and COLUMBUS services, in partnership with Maersk. These services will replace PEX1, SAX, and SUEZ EXPRESS. The Columbus Loop will call the following ports: Yokohama, Shanghai, Hong Kong, Yantian, Singapore, New York, Norfolk, Savannah, Good Hope, Pusan, Seattle, and Vancouver. The port rotation of the Hudson Loop will contain the following locations: Ningbo, Shanghai, Qingdao, Pusan, Balboa, Panama, Savannah, New York, and Miami.

EUR-AUS/NZ

Hamburg Sud has announced plans to restructure its Trident Service. Effective in May, cargo to and from Europe Australia/New Zealand will be served via the hub port in Cartagena, Colombia. With three weekly transshipments available, Hamburg Sud's European port coverage will include the following locations: Rotterdam, Tilbury, Hamburg, Antwerp, and Le Havre.

ASIA-AFRICA

MOL has announced that the current West Africa Super Express (WA1) service will become a New Asia-West Africa Service, via the Suez Canal. The service will have 2 feeder loops between Europe and West Africa, which will cover the ports of Lagos, Dakar, and Cotonou. In order to improve Asia-IOI and South Africa-West Africa trades, MOL will introduce the Indian Ocean Islands-South Africa-West Africa dedicated container service (ISW). New port calls will include Reunion, Walvis Bay, and Lobito.

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