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DENIED PARTY UPDATES

EU

2 denied parties have been added.
Authority: Official Journal of the European Union

UN

18 denied parties have been added.
Authority: UN the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1267

US

144 denied parties have been added and 54 deleted.
Authority: Office of Foreign Assets Control

QUOTA UPDATES

The quota updates for this week include:

1. EU Quota fill-rates
2. US Tariff Rate Quota fill-rates.

LANDED COST UPDATES

AMERICAS

BAHAMAS

This is an update for preferential duty rates of Bahamas with European Union member countries, affecting various products across the tariff.
Authority: Bahamas Customs

US

US Customs and Border Protection has issued changes to the 2009 United States Tariff. This update adds, deletes and modifies duty rates and certain descriptions. In addition, it adds a new fee, Sorghum fee, affecting various chapters.
Authority: US Customs and Border Protection

EUROPE

EU

1. This is an update to the Harmonized Tariff Schedule for the European Union. This update includes new and invalid HS number, and new, changed and deleted preferential duties, affecting various chapters.
2. This is an update to the Harmonized Tariff Schedule for the European Union. This update includes 2 added HS numbers, as well as the addition of the related preferential duty rates. The following HTS chapters are affected: 32 and 74.
3. This is an update to the Harmonized Tariff Schedule for the European Union. This update includes 32 deleted HS numbers, as well as the deletion of the related preferential duty rates. The following HTS chapters are affected: 03, 34, 38, 39, 70, 74, 76, 85 and 90.

Authority: EU Commission

MALTA

This is a rollover for VAT rate affecting various products across the tariff.
Authority: Malta Customs

REGULATORY UPDATES

ASIA-PACIFIC

NEW ZEALAND

This is an update to import regulations for New Zealand. This update make changes to recall the import license requirements for certain selected products of edible vegetables and spices. The following HTS chapters are affected: 07 and 09.
Authority: New Zealand Customs Service

SINGAPORE

There are updates to Singapore export and import regulations for certain selected Chemical products. The type of control affected by these updates are: Export Permit and Import Permit. The following HTS chapters are affected: 29 and 90.
Authority: Singapore Trade Net, Pollution Control Department (Hazardous Substances), National Environment Agency



ON THE ANVIL**Updates being processed:**

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 Argentina
 Australia
 Austria
 Bahamas
 Belgium
 Bolivia
 Botswana
 Brazil
 Canada
 Chile
 China
 Colombia
 Estonia
 EU
 India
 Israel
 Jamaica
 Japan
 Lesotho
 Malaysia
 Mexico
 Namibia
 Netherlands
 New Zealand
 Saudi Arabia
 South Africa
 Swaziland
 Switzerland
 Taiwan
 Thailand
 Turkey
 Ukraine
 UN
 US
 Venezuela
 Vietnam

REGULATORY UPDATES contd...**EUROPE****EU**

This is an update on the Tariff rate quota of EU related to the issuing of import licenses for applications Community tariff quotas in the pig meat sector and also for sausages and certain meat products originating in Switzerland. The following HTS chapters are affected: 02 and 16.

Authority: European Union Customs

CARRIER SERVICE UPDATES**US-ASIA**

TSA members announce the following Bunker levels, effective August 1 through August 31, 2009:

- \$580/20', \$725/40', \$816/40'HC, \$918/45'HC, \$16/metric ton or cubic meter

ASIA-MEX-CAR

CMA CGM, CSAV, and CSCL are pleased to announce a combination of their direct services between the Far East, Mexico, and the Caribbean. Starting in mid-July, the PEX2 and PACAR services will be replaced with the following rotation: Hong Kong, Chiwan, Kaohsiung, Ningbo, Shanghai, Qingdao, Busan, Ensenada, Manzanillo, Balboa, Cartagena, Kingston, Caucedo, Puerto Cabello, and Port of Spain.

S.AM-ASIA-AFRICA

Evergreen and Coscon will combine their existing jointly-operated Far East-South America (ESA) service with the Far East-Africa Express (FAX) service to create a new ESA service. Starting in July, port rotation will include the following locations: Shanghai, Ningbo, Kaohsiung, Yantian, Hong Kong, Singapore, Tanjung Pelepas, Durban, Cape Town, Montevideo, Buenos Aires, Paranagua, Santos, and Singapore.

TRADE WATCH**OFAC Removes 49 Individuals from Narcotics Sanctions List**

The Treasury Department's Office of Foreign Assets Control (OFAC) has announced the removal of 49 Colombian individuals from the Specially Designated Nationals (SDN) list, all either current or former employees of Copservir, a previously-designated entity that operates the retail drugstore chain known as Drogas La Rebaja in Colombia. The 49 individuals removed from OFAC's SDN list have severed ties with the Cali Cartel leaders Miguel and Gilberto Rodriguez Orejuela.

The US and Colombia Discussed FTA During Recent Visit

In remarks made at a press conference following his meeting with Colombian President Uribe, President Obama noted that they discussed moving forward on the U.S.-Colombia free trade agreement. The President stated that he has instructed US Trade Representative Kirk to begin working closely with President Uribe's team on how the US and Colombia can proceed on a FTA.

EU to Allow Sale of All Fruit/Vegetables Regardless of Size, Shape

The European Commission reports that European Union rules governing the size and shape of many fruit and vegetables will cease to exist on July 1, 2009 when specific marketing standards for 26 types of fruit and vegetables are repealed. The new rules will allow national authorities to permit the sale of all fruit and vegetables, regardless of their size and shape, as they are labeled to distinguish them from 'extra', 'class I' and 'class II' fruit.

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