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QUOTA UPDATES

The quota updates for this week include:

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

DENIED PARTY UPDATES

CANADA

4 denied parties have been modified and 4 deleted.

Authority: CA Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade

UN

4 denied parties have been modified and 4 deleted.

Authority: UN the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1267

ON THE ANVIL

Updates being processed:

Japan
Venezuela

LANDED COST UPDATES

AMERICAS

ARGENTINA

This is an update to the 2009 Tariff Schedule for Argentina. This update adds new HTS numbers, deletes old HTS numbers and modifies existing HTS descriptions for products classified under certain chapters. The following HTS chapters are affected: 73, 90 and 96.

Authority: Argentina Customs

BRAZIL

This is an update for Preferential duty rates of Brazil with WTO member countries affecting various products across the tariff.

Authority: Brazil Customs

COLOMBIA

This update changes Default duty rates in accordance with the 2009 Tariff Schedule. The products affected by this update are electro-cardiographs, respiratory devices, etc. The following HTS chapters are affected: 73, 84, 90 and 94.

Authority: Ministry of Commerce, Industry and Tourism

PANAMA

This is a Landed Cost update for Panama. This update adds the Panama - Cuba Partial Trade Agreement. This update affects several products across the tariff.

Authority: Ministry of Commerce and Industry

REGULATORY UPDATES

AMERICAS

ARGENTINA

This is an update to Import Regulations for Argentina. This update establishes new Import Certificate requirements for products classified under certain chapters. The following HTS chapters are affected: 49, 84 and 85.

Authority: Ministry of Industry and Tourism

BRAZIL

1. This is an update for Brazil Import Controls. This update adds Anti-Dumping duties for footwear imported from China. The following HTS chapter is affected: 64.
2. This is an update for Tariff Rate Quota of Brazil. The products affected by this update are detergents. The following HTS chapter is affected: 28.

Authority: Ministry of Development, Industry and Foreign Trade

US

This is an update for United States Anti Dumping and Countervailing Duties. This update makes changes to many products across the tariff. The import controls affected by this update are Anti Dumping and Countervailing duties. For Trade Automation customers this update will only contain flags for Anti Dumping and Countervailing Duties, affecting various chapters across the Tariff.

Authority: US Customs and Border Protection

ASIA-PACIFIC

AUSTRALIA

This is an update to modify an Import Control. The affected import control is Anti Dumping duty. The following HTS chapter is affected: 68.

Authority: Australian Customs

TRADE WATCH

China Blocks US/EU/Mexico Request for WTO Panel on Raw Material Export Restrictions

China's Ministry of Commerce reports that China has rejected requests made by the US, the EU, and Mexico to establish a WTO panel to investigate and rule on Chinese restrictions of raw material exports. MOFCOM states that a panel request can only be blocked once, and if the three complainants choose to make a second request at a later date, a panel would be set up automatically.

US-China ESRC Releases Annual Report on Trade/Security w. China

The US-China Economic and Security Review Commission released its 2009 Annual Report to Congress on November 19, 2009. In addition to security issues (especially cyber warfare), the report discusses the US-China trade relationship, China's currency, its violations of World Trade Organization commitments, and new Chinese laws and policies that may restrict foreign access to China's market. The report offers 42 recommendations for Congressional action. Executive Summary is available here.

New European Council President, High Representative Elected

On November 19, 2009, the White House issued a press release on the election of Prime Minister Van Rompuy as President of the European Council and Baroness Ashton as High Representative for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy. According to the press release, these two new positions, and related changes to take effect on December 1, 2009, are as a result of the implementation of the Lisbon Treaty and will strengthen the EU and enable it to be an even stronger partner to the US.

OMB Approves FSIS Final Rule on Nutrition Labeling of Single-Ingredient Products and Ground or Chopped Meat and Poultry

REGULATORY UPDATES contd...

EUROPE

EU

This is an update on the Anti-Dumping duties of the EU affecting sweet corn kernels originating in Thailand, polyester filament fabric, hand pallet trucks and their essential parts, seamless pipes and tubes originating in China and aluminum foil originating from Armenia, Brazil and China. The following HTS chapters are affected: 20, 54, 73, 76 and 84.

Authority: European Union Customs

CARRIER SERVICE UPDATES

FAR EAST

The New World Alliance (TNWA) carriers APL, Hyundai Merchant Marine (HMM) and Mitsui OSK Lines (MOL) announce service and capacity changes, which will include the Grand Alliance (GA) lines Hapag-Lloyd, Nippon Yusen Kaisha (NYK), and Orient Overseas Container Line (OOCL).

From December 2nd 2009, the GA will jointly operate the New York Express (NYX) with TNWA. TNWA will provide six ships and the GA three vessels. APL, HMM and MOL will each withdraw one ship from the service.

In addition to a recently added Yokohama call, the NYX port coverage will be enhanced with an additional call at Shekou. The revised port rotation is Shanghai, Ningbo, Shekou, Yantian, Hong Kong, Kaohsiung, Panama Canal, Manzanillo, New York, Norfolk, Savannah, Jacksonville, Miami, Manzanillo, Panama Canal, Balboa, Yokohama and Pusan.

The NYX service will continue to be an essential part of the TNWA's Asia-US East Coast via the Panama Canal service offerings as well as the APX (Atlantic Pacific Express).

LATIN AMERICA-EUROPE

CSAV announces changes to their Euroandes service. There is now nonstop service from Cartagena to Rotterdam. The port rotation is as follows: San Antonio, Callao, Cartagena, Rotterdam, Tilbury, Hamburg, Antwerp, Kingston, Puerto Limon, Cartagena, Manzanillo (MIT), Guayaquil and Callao.

USEC ALL WATER SERVICE

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The North & Central China East Coast Express (NCE) will provide enhanced coverage including a new call at Kingston. The Grand Alliance will provide seven 4,150 TEU vessels and ZIM will provide one 4,150 TEU vessel.

The new port rotation of the NCE will be as follows:
Pusan / Qingdao / Ningbo/ Shanghai / Panama / Kingston / New York / Norfolk / Savannah / Kingston / Panama / Pusan

The South China East Coast Express (SCE) service will be temporarily replaced by a combined service with the New York Express (NYX) service which is operated by The

TRADE WATCH contd...**Products**

The Office of Management and Budget has approved a Food Safety and Inspection Service final rule to amend the Federal meat and poultry products inspection regulations to require nutrition labeling for the major cuts of single-ingredient, raw meat and poultry products, either on their label or at their point-of-purchase, unless an exemption applies. A similar requirement would also take effect for ground or chopped meat and poultry products.

US-China Commission to Release Report on China's Subsidies, Cyber Espionage, Etc.

On November 19, 2009, the US-China Economic and Security Review Commission will make available its report to Congress on the economic and national security implications of the US-China relationship. Among other things, the report discusses China's use of subsidies and other trade-distorting measures and China's stepped-up cyber espionage and cyber warfare capabilities that constitute a growing threat to US computer networks. The report also offers recommendations.

US West Coast Ports/Western Rails Announce Collaboration

The Port of Oakland reports that six major US West Coast ports and two western railroads came together at the World Shipping Summit (WSS) in Qingdao, China to announce their collaboration. The US West Coast Collaboration (USWCC) is comprised of the major container-ports on the US West Coast Seattle, Tacoma, Portland, Oakland, Long Beach, and Los Angeles along with BNSF Railway Company and Union Pacific Railroad. The USWCC showcased the benefits of the US West Coast as the premier region for trans-Pacific trade.

China and CPSC Sign Joint Announcement on Importer**CARRIER SERVICE UPDATES contd...**

New World Alliance lines - APL, Hyundai Merchant Marine (HMM) and Mitsui OSK Lines (MOL). In the newly combined loop, the Grand Alliance will provide three 3,800 TEU vessels out of 9 ships for 18 weeks.

The port rotation of the SCE during the Winter Program will be as follows: Shanghai / Ningbo / Shekou / Yantian / Hong Kong / Kaohsiung / Panama Canal / Manzanillo / New York / Norfolk / Savannah / Jacksonville / Miami / Manzanillo / Panama Canal / Balboa / Yokohama / Pusan / Shanghai

SOUTH PACIFIC

Maersk Line is pleased to announce an upgrade to the Tahiti Feeder service. Effective 18 November 2009, Tauranga will be called every other week.

The new rotation will be as follows:
Auckland - Papeete - Tauranga Auckland

US-MIDDLE EAST/ISC

Maersk Line announces changes to the MECL2 service between North America and the Middle East/Indian Subcontinent. Chennai, India will be removed from the rotation and replaced with a call at Jeddah, Saudi Arabia. The last vessel to call Chennai will be the Maersk Wisconsin departing Newark, NJ on 25 December and arriving Chennai on 4 February 2010. The first Westbound Jeddah call will arrive on 23 December 2009. Chennai will be served by a feeder connection via Colombo, Sri Lanka.

ECSA

Maersk Line is pleased to announce the East Coast of South America deployment for 2010. Starting from January, the Samba service will change sailing direction from east/westbound to south/northbound. As a result, Maersk will offer 4 weekly sailings from East Coast of South America to Europe, catering for exports to all destinations in the world (with the exception of Far East/South Africa).

The new rotations are:
L-Class: Montevideo Itajaí Paranaguá Rio Grande Santos Algeciras Dakar Montevideo

Samba: Buenos Aires Montevideo Paranaguá Santos Pecem - Rotterdam Bremerhaven Algeciras Vitória Santos Buenos Aires

Unchanged rotations are:
Apollo: Buenos Aires Rio Grande Navegantes Sao Francisco do Sul Santos Itaguaí Suape Las Palmas Valencia Gioia Tauro Genoa Leghorn Fos sur Mer Barcelona Valencia Las Palmas Suape Santos Buenos Aires

SAMEX: Buenos Aires Navegantes Rio Grande Santos Itaguaí Antwerp Rotterdam Tilbury Bremerhaven Hamburg Suape Santos Buenos Aires
The new Samba service will also offer extended coverage from Europe to Vitoria and Santos in Brazil.

ECSA TO/FROM MEXICO & US GULF

Maersk is pleased to announce that as from December 2009, we will offer a direct service from the East Coast of South America to Mexico and the US Gulf. The service will be provided under the name of Gulf Express.

ASIA-EUROPE-MIDDLE EAST

Maersk pleased to announce a number of changes to the Asia Europe Middle East network including a new direct call at Gdansk, Poland and new calls as Antwerp,

TRADE WATCH contd...**Responsibility**

According to China's Administration of Quality Supervision, Inspection and Quarantine, AQSIQ and the US Consumer Product Safety Commission signed a Joint Announcement at the recent US-China Consumer Product Safety Summit in which the US expressed its intent to introduce a series of policies and activities in the following months to stress the responsibilities of US importers as members of the supply and distribution chain, including stressing procedures to ensure product quality during manufacture and before entering the market such making sure foreign producers fully understand the requirements of US government on the products.

CBSA Reinvestigates Dumping of Certain Copper Pipe Fittings from the US, Korea and China

The Canada Border Services Agency has initiated a re-investigation of the normal values and export prices of certain copper pipe fittings originating in or exported from the US, the Republic of Korea and the People's Republic of China. The CBSA is not initiating a re-investigation of the amount of subsidy respecting certain copper pipe fittings from China at this time.

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CARRIER SERVICE UPDATES contd...

Belgium and Le Havre, France. Specific service changes are as follows:

AE1: Japan, South China and Malaysia to Northern Europe

Westbound: Adding a call to Hong Kong and removing Nansha, China.

Eastbound: Removing Salalah, Oman and Nansha from this rotation and adding calls in

Algeciras, Spain; Jeddah, Saudi Arabia and Jebel Ali, United Arab Emirates

AE2: Korea, North and East China to Northern Europe

Westbound: No rotation changes

Eastbound: Adding a new call to Antwerp, Belgium.

AE7: East and South China to West Mediterranean and Northern Europe

Westbound: Adding a call at Salalah, Oman.

Eastbound: Call at Felixstowe, United Kingdom and Tangier, Morocco. Algeciras call will be moved to AE1.

AE9: Thailand, South East Asia to Northern Europe

Westbound: No changes to port call rotation

Eastbound: Calling at Le Havre, France and Salalah. Jeddah call will be moved from AE9 to AE1.

AE10: East, South China and South East Asia to Northern and Eastern Europe and Scandinavia

Westbound: We start our direct call at Gdansk, Poland. We will remove our call at Dunkerque, France.

Eastbound: Le Havre call is moved to AE9

AE3: China, Malaysia to Turkey and Black Sea

Remove direct Aqaba call. All other berths in Asia, Turkey and Black Sea will remain unchanged.

AE6: Japan, East & South China, Malaysia to Middle East, Spain and West Mediterranean

Westbound: Call at Jeddah and remove Salalah.

Eastbound: Additional call at Malaga, Spain. Tangier removed.

AE11: North, East & South China, South East Asia to Middle East, East Mediterranean (via Port Said), Italy and France

Westbound: Calls at Port Kelang, Malaysia and Salalah. Jeddah will move to AE6 service.

There will be no eastbound port changes.

ME1: Middle East and South Asia to Europe

Westbound: Call at Port Said, Egypt. Salalah will be removed.

Eastbound: Additional calls at Gioia Tauro, Port Said and Jeddah, and remove Aqaba, Jordan

ME3: Middle East and South Asia to Mediterranean

Service will be suspended until further notice.

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