



NEWS IN BRIEF

Vote on Acting Commissioner McAleenan Held Today

The Senate Finance Committee will have a vote on Thursday, December 7, 2017 on the appointment of acting U.S. Customs and Border Protection Acting Commissioner Kevin McAleenan.

Commerce Department Initiates ADD and CVD Investigations on Aluminum Sheets from China

On November 28, the U.S. Department of Commerce self-initiated antidumping and countervailing duty investigations on common alloy sheets and plates from China. It is worth noting that self-initiated investigations by the Commerce Department are rare. These investigations came about after an International Trade Commission 332 investigation on the competitiveness of the U.S. aluminum industry.

The link for the factsheet of the specifications for the aluminum sheets under review can be found with a list of other factsheets on the ITA website at: https://search.trade.gov/search?affiliate=trade.gov&query=antidumping&site=trade&client=default_frontend&output=xml_no_dtd&searchdb=all&TabIndex=1&commit.x=0&commit.y=0

Licensed Customs Broker Triennial Report Due Soon

Every three years, all individual licensed Customs Brokers are required to file a triennial status report with U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP). Failure to file this report would be cause for the revocation of that broker's individual license. If you have employees that are licensed brokers, make sure you notify them that they must file the report by February 28, 2018. CBP will start accepting the reports on December 15, 2017.

CBP announced that this year, the triennial report must be filled electronically. Submissions and payments will be collected online via Pay.gov. Pay.gov accepts credit card, debit card, and digital wallet (i.e. PayPal and Amazon Pay) payments. No additional fees are charged for any payments, and receipts are provided electronically.

Instructions and information on submitting the triennial report can be found on CBP's website at www.CBP.gov/Broker-FAQ.

On Wednesday, December 13, at 3:00 EST, CBP will host a free webinar on how to submit the 2018 triennial report electronically. You can register for this webinar at: https://apps.cbp.gov/te_reg/index.asp?w=121.

REMINDER: CBP Announces Partial Delay of ACE Deployment

U.S. Customs and Border Protection announced on Monday, December 4, that there will still be an ACE deployment, but a major part of that deployment will be delayed. After the deployment, statements will remain in ACS while CBP runs the ACE statement reports in a parallel mode to allow filers and ACE computer vendors to test the statement programs in a better environment.

The December 9 ACE deployment will still include Manufacturer ID (MID) Creation and FTZ e214 filing (electronic Foreign Trade Zone admission). As of this Saturday, December 9, electronic filing of e214 transactions will be mandatory in ACE.

Special Note: *There is still a possibility that the full deployment may also be delayed if Congress does not provide government funding though a budget continuing resolution. CBP will be watching this closely and will notify the trade if anything changes. We will send out an announcement if we receive any notice of a change.*

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