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CBP Issues Notice for DHS Management Over Ports of Entry

U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) has issued a notice that revises its regulations to give the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) authority over management of the Ports of Entry. DHS has the authority to establish, rearrange, consolidate, and discontinue the Customs ports. This authority had been granted to DHS in the Homeland Security Act of 2002, but CBP's regulations still showed that the authority belonged to the Secretary of Treasury. The change in the regulations was made as of November 4, 2023.

FDA Has Postponed the Registration Requirements for Cosmetics

In our last memo, we wrote about the U.S. Food and Drug Administration's (FDA) new requirements for the registration of cosmetic manufacturing and handling facilities. This week the FDA announced that it has put off the start of the registration for at least six months to allow it to properly program the registration process. As it gets close to completion, we can expect updated instructions on the program, and we will share them once they are available.

Bill Proposed to Increase CBP's Merchandise Processing Fees

U.S. Customs and Border Protection has had difficulties in getting local funding in several ports for equipment and facility upgrades and maintenance. These are paid through the merchandise processing fees (MPF). However, with some Free Trade Agreements being exempt from MPF, CBP claims that the funds currently collected are not sufficient. A bill has been introduced in the House of Representatives that would allow the Secretary of the Treasury and the Commissioner of CBP to set fees at an appropriate level. This bill, the CBP Space Act, can be found at: <https://laurellee.house.gov/sites/evo-subsites/laurellee.house.gov/files/evo-media-document/cbp-space-act.pdf>.

A memo reminder of Carmichael's additional service offerings

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- Expertise in most industries/products
- One person will be assigned to classify your products.
- A Licensed Customs Broker confirms all classifications of work that is performed.
- Flexible pricing – we can charge on a per-item basis or by the hour.
- Our database will be updated with all newly classified products for future clearances.

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CBP has Issued Message on Proposed ADD/CVD on Aluminum Extrusions

In a recent article, we wrote about the hearings that the Department of Commerce has initiated on a proposal for antidumping duty and countervailing duty aluminum extrusions from 14 countries. The hearings are not complete, but Case numbers have been assigned for each country. U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) issued a CSMS message that clarifies what will be covered in these cases including descriptions and HTSUS numbers that may be subject to the cases. It also includes descriptions of items that will be excluded. This very detailed CSMS message can be found at: [CSMS # 58263753 - Initiation of Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Investigations: Aluminum Extrusions from the People's Republic of China, Colombia, the Dominican Republic, Ecuador, India, Indonesia, Italy, the Republic of Korea, Malaysia, Mexico, Taiwan, Thailand, the Republic of Turkey, the United Arab Emirates, and the Socialist Republic of Vietnam \(govdelivery.com\)](#)

In its ongoing hearings. The U.S. International Trade Commission (USITC) voted to continue its investigations on aluminum extrusion. It expects to have preliminary countervailing duty determinations published by December 28 and the preliminary antidumping duty determinations published by March 12. However, the USITC has found that aluminum extrusions from the Dominican Republic pricing is negligible, and that the Dominican Republic investigation has been terminated. Here is a link to the USITC's announcement. [USITC Votes to Continue Investigations on Aluminum Extrusions from China, Colombia, Ecuador, India, Indonesia, Italy, Malaysia, Mexico, South Korea, Taiwan, United Arab Emirates, and Vietnam | United States International Trade Commission](#)



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