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USTR Has Proposed Changes in China 301 Duties

The Office of the U.S. Trade Representative (USTR) has finished its 4-year review of Lists 3 and 4a. They will continue the imposition of the existing 301 duties and will add new items or increase 301 duties on certain products on the list. The proposed new duties will not be added or increased all at the same time. There will be staggered effective dates over 3 years.

The new proposal also includes an exclusion process for machinery used for U.S. domestic manufacturing. However, the existing exclusions were not addressed, The USTR has issued a detailed report that can be found at:

5.13.2024 Four Year Review of China Tech Transfer Section 301 (Final) rev.pdf (ustr.gov). There was also a fact sheet issued by the White Houe on the proposal that can be found at: https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/statements-

releases/2024/05/14/fact-sheet-president-biden-takes-action-to-protect-american-workers-and-businesses-from-chinas-unfair-trade-practices/. A Federal Register Noice is expected by next week.

DHS Adds 26 Companies to the UFLPA Entity List

The Department of Homeland Security's (DHS) Forced Labor Enforcement Task Force (FLETF) announced that it has added 26 companies to the Uyghur Forced Labor Prevention Act Entity List. The newly added companies are China-based cotton traders or warehouse facilities and many of them operate outside of the Xinjiang Uyghur Region. However, the U.S. has reasonable cause to believe the source of cotton from the XUAR. Effective May 17, goods produced by these entities will be prohibited from entering the U.S. The UFLPA has established a rebuttable presumption that goods from these sources are made wholly or in part in the XUAR and are made with forced labor and are therefore excluded from entry into the U.S. The addition of these 26 entities brings the UFLPA Entity List to 65. The list has been updated on the DHS website and can be found at: UFLPA Entity List | Homeland Security (dhs.gov)

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<u>Details of the Scope</u> information of Each Country

The Department of Commerce's International Trade Administration has finally issued a Federal Register Notice (FRN)with the Anti-dumping scope and initial duties on the aluminum extrusions from 14 countries that have been pending. The countries involved in the investigation request are Columbia, The Dominican Republic, Ecuador, India, Indonesia, Italy, Malaysia, Mexico, South Korea, Taiwan, Thailand, Turkey, the United Arab Emirates, and Vietnam.

The FRN page that includes an individual FRN for each country can be found at: Federal Register:: Federal Register Document Issue for 2024-05-07. The notices on this page are very similar, and some details must be examined to determine if ADD applies to a product from that country. This notice is a preliminary determination on the individual cases and the antidumping duty is due on current shipments starting from May 7, 2024.ITA issued two.

The ITA issued two preliminary notices that explain the process very well. The first was issued on May 1, and can be found at: http://www.carmnet.com/wpcontent/uploads/2024/05/DOC-AE-prelimscope-memo-5-1-2024.pdf The second one was issued on May 7 and be found at: Federal Register:: Federal Register Document Issue for 2024-05-07. Carmichael has produced a summary document for our employees to work through the changes we would like to share it. It can be found at: http://www.carmnet.com/wpcontent/uploads/2024/05/Aluminum-Extrusion-Scope-and-list-of-merchandise-2024.pdf.

All this information is for the preliminary determination of these cases. The final determinations are due in 135 days from the Preliminary Notice and there may be a lot of changes then.

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