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## **EUROPEAN UNION SECTION 301 DUTIES OCTOBER 9, 2019**

On October 9, 2019, the U.S. Trade Representative (USTR) published formal notice in the Federal Register of European Union (EU) goods subject to Section 301 duties. The duties will go into effect on October 18, 2019 at 12:01am eastern daylight time.

New airplanes and other new aircraft, but not airplane parts, from France, Germany, Spain, and the United Kingdom (UK) are subject to a 10% duty rate. Other miscellaneous products, including single-malt scotch and apparel from the UK, certain machinery and tools from Germany, and food products, such as cheese, fruit, and wine from across the EU are subject to the higher 25% duty. The USTR notice does not provide for an exclusion process from these duties.

For FTZ clients, merchandise subject to these duties must be admitted in privileged foreign (PF) status as has been the case with other Section 301 duties. For affected merchandise in FTZs, clients should change the zone status of FTZ on-hand inventory to PF status before October 18 to avoid these increased duties.

Please contact Marshall Miller, Brian Murphy, Sean Murray, Ryan Thornton, or Linda King to discuss the means to file zone status changes or with questions.

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