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NEW PRODUCT EXCLUSIONS — CHINA SECTION 301 LIST 1 JULY 8, 2019

On July 8, 2019, the United States Trade Representative (USTR) announced the sixth set of approved product exclusions from China Section 301 List 1. Since December 2018, USTR has implemented six sets of product exclusions in response to product exclusion requests. The sixth set includes 110 new specially prepared product descriptions for merchandise such as certain pumps, pump parts, electric motors, compressors, fork-lift trucks, shovel loaders, molded buttons, and machine parts. The USTR is expected to approve additional product exclusions on an on-going basis.

Exclusions from China Section 301 List 1 duties are available for any importer for any product that is properly classified and falls within the specially prepared product description and ten-digit classification. This is true regardless whether the importer filed an exclusion request. All China Section 301 List 1 product exclusions are retroactive to July 6, 2018.

Clients may contact the firm to obtain an updated comprehensive spreadsheet we have prepared of all product exclusions for China Section 301 List 1 duties to date. The firm's comprehensive China Section 301 exclusion spreadsheet may be used to determine if merchandise is within the scope of the product exclusion to avoid payment of future China Section 301 List 1 duties. Clients may also benefit through filing Post-Summary Corrections or Protests for those entries now covered by an exclusion retroactive to July 6, 2018 to secure refunds plus interest.

Please contact Marshall Miller, Brian Murphy, Sean Murray, or Ryan Thornton with questions or for assistance.

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