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NEW PRODUCT EXCLUSIONS—CHINA SECTION 301 LIST 3 JANUARY 2, 2020

On January 2, the U.S. Trade Representative (USTR) announced the latest round of approved product exclusions from China Section 301 List 3 duties. These product exclusions are set forth in two (2) ten-digit HTSUS subheadings (covering certain bicycles) and sixty-six (66) new product-specific descriptions. They include certain rubber belts, leather briefcases, woven fabric, steel staples, telescoping poles, steel clamps, pliers, flatware sets, valve lifters, alternators, pumps, ventilation fans, winches, portable air compressors, wireless battery chargers, digital video cameras, ultraviolet lamps, microscopes, chair parts, stackable chairs for religious worship settings, light boxes, etc. This is the largest group of approved product exclusions to date.

The product exclusions from the China Section 301 duties are available for any importer for any product that falls within the special product descriptions and enumerated ten-digit HTSUS classifications. This is true regardless of whether the importer filed an exclusion request. Clients may also benefit through filing Post-Summary Corrections or Protests for those entries now covered by a List 3 product exclusion to secure refunds plus interest. List 3 product exclusions are retroactive to September 24, 2018 and effective until August 7, 2020. Unless liquidation extensions were granted, Protests may be required for liquidated entries. The refund process is complicated and should be carefully considered.

Clients may contact Ryan Thornton to obtain an updated comprehensive spreadsheet we have prepared of all product exclusions from China Section 301 duties to date.

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

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