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## **NEW PRODUCT EXCLUSIONS—CHINA SECTION 301 LIST 3 JANUARY 31, 2020**

On January 31, 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 electric winches and clutch parts) and one hundred and seventeen (117) new product-specific descriptions. They include certain seafood, silica gel, nitrous oxide, fertilizer, herbicide, laundry detergent, supported catalysts, floor coverings, plastic bags, pneumatic bicycle tires, rubber gloves, nylon bags, paper drinking straws, polyester rugs, rear-view mirrors for motor vehicles, recreational vehicle parts, cable hooks, sockets, stamping dies, hand pumps, toilet paper holders, sewing machines, bath and shower faucets, water pressure valves, AC fan motors, solar-powered battery chargers, printed circuit boards, electrical plugs, extension cords, bicycles, kayaks, hitches, handheld card counters, upholstered seats, parts of seats, display racks, display tables, bassinets, ceiling luminaires, and household lamps. 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. It is important to identify affected entries and filing deadlines. 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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