



PRESIDENT TRUMP TO INCREASE CHINA SECTION 301 DUTY RATES AUGUST 23, 2019

On August 23, 2019, President Trump issued [tweets](#) stating that (1) duty rates for China Section 301 Lists 1, 2, and 3 will increase from 25% to 30% beginning on October 1, 2019, and (2) China Section 301 List 4A duty rates scheduled to be imposed on September 1, 2019 will be 15% rather than 10%. There is no mention at this time of an increase of the 10% duty rate on China Section 301 List 4B goods scheduled to go into effect December 15, 2019.

President Trump's tweets follow China's [announcement](#) that it will impose tariffs on \$75 billion in U.S. goods in two batches on September 1 and December 15, 2019 in retaliation for the imposition of U.S. duties on \$300 billion of China goods covered by Lists 4A and 4B.

Prior news reports had indicated that U.S.-China talks are scheduled for September, but it is unclear how the latest events impact those planned talks.

Clients are reminded that the period to request Section 301 List 3 product exclusions closes on September 30, 2019. The USTR has indicated it will announce a China Section 301 List 4 exclusion [process](#).

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