



## SECTION 301 UPDATE & DEADLINES

Clients are reminded of several significant dates and deadlines related to the Section 301 additional duties on Chinese products:

- **August 23, 2018** 25% additional duties imposed on List 2.
  - **September 6, 2018** Deadline to file comments on List 3.
  - **October 9, 2018** Deadline for filing Exclusion Requests for List 1.
1. **List 2 Duties Imposed.** On August 23, the United States imposed 25% additional duties on the second list of Chinese products classified in 279 8-digit HTSUS tariff provisions. The Office of the U.S. Trade Representative (USTR) published an official notice in the Federal Register (83 Fed. Reg. [40823](#) (Aug. 16, 2018)) and Customs also issued an administrative message (CSMS #[18-000493](#)).
  2. **List 3 Public Comment Deadline.** The third list of Chinese products proposed for additional duties covers 6,031 8-digit HTSUS tariff provisions valued at \$200 billion in annual imports. It covers a much broader range of merchandise than the first two lists and will have more impact on consumers. Public comments on the list, and the potential for increasing the additional duty rate from 10% to 25%, are due September 6. See 83 Fed. Reg. [38760](#) (Aug. 7, 2018).
  3. **List 1 Product Exclusions.** The USTR created a formal process to exclude individual products on List 1 (i.e., 818 8-digit HTSUS provisions) from the 25% additional duties. The product-specific Exclusion Requests are due October 9, 2018. 83 Fed. Reg. [32181](#) (July 11, 2018). These Exclusion Requests may be the best – and last – way for companies to avoid the 25% additional duties on their specific products.

Please contact [Marshall Miller](#), [Sean Murray](#), or [Brian Murphy](#) with questions or for assistance in filing public comments and Exclusion Requests by the deadlines.

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