



## Update – 15% China Section 301 Duty Rate Effective September 1, 2019

The U.S. Trade Representative has released the [pre-publication draft](#) of the Federal Register notice that will appear on Friday, August 30 to increase the additional duty rate on China Section 301 List 4 products from 10% to 15%, beginning September 1.

In an August 20, 2019 Federal Register notice (84 Fed. Reg. [43304](#)), the USTR announced the imposition of Section 301 duties on \$300 billion in additional Chinese products. The products were divided into Lists 4A and 4B. The List 4A duties will be implemented at 12:01am Eastern Daylight Time (EDT) on September 1, while the List 4B duties are scheduled for implementation at 12:01am EDT on December 15, 2019. The new notice does not change the lists or implementation dates; it only increases the additional duty rate from 10% to 15%.

Impacted clients should be considering their Customs entry strategy to avoid or mitigate the application of these duties if possible. Clients with foreign-trade zone inventory subject to these new duties on List 4A products should consider changing its zone status designation to Privileged Foreign (PF) status before September 1 to shield it from these duties.

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