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## CHINA SECTION 301 LIST 4A PRODUCT EXCLUSIONS MARCH 6, 2020

On March 6, the U.S. Trade Representative (USTR) announced the initial list of China Section 301 List 4A product exclusions. These product exclusions are set forth in eight (8) ten-digit HTSUS subheadings covering certain soap, plastic labware, medical gloves, sanitary paper, disposable hospital garments, and surgical drapes. The timing and scope of these exclusions may be considered in light of the coronavirus concerns. List 4 product exclusions are retroactive to September 1, 2019 and expire on September 1, 2020.

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 (PSCs) or Protests for those entries now covered by a List 4A product exclusion to secure refunds plus interest. Unless liquidation extensions are 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.

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

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

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