



FORCED LABOR SECTION 301 INVESTIGATION (March 13, 2026)

On March 12, USTR [announced](#) that it has initiated Section 301 investigations into 60 of the U.S.'s largest trading partners over whether their acts and policies are failing to impose or effectively enforce a ban on the importation of goods produced with forced labor in a manner that is unreasonable or discriminatory and burdens or restricts U.S. commerce. A pre-publication draft of the Federal Register [notice](#) has been issued along with a [Fact Sheet](#).

Countries Subject to the Section 301 Forced Labor Investigations

Algeria	Angola	Argentina	Australia
Bahamas	Bahrain	Bangladesh	Brazil
Cambodia	Canada	Chile	China
Colombia	Costa Rica	Dominican Republic	Ecuador
Egypt	El Salvador	European Union	Guatemala
Guyana	Honduras	Hong Kong	India
Indonesia	Iraq	Israel	Japan
Jordan	Kazakhstan	Kuwait	Libya
Malaysia	Mexico	Morocco	New Zealand
Nicaragua	Nigeria	Norway	Oman
Pakistan	Peru	Philippines	Qatar
Russia	Saudi Arabia	Singapore	South Africa
South Korea	Sri Lanka	Switzerland	Taiwan
Thailand	Trinidad & Tobago	Türkiye	United Arab Emirates
United Kingdom	Uruguay	Venezuela	Vietnam

Key Short Deadlines for Public Participation

- March 12, 2026 (comment period opened)
- April 15, 2026 (written comments and requests to appear at the hearing due)
- April 28, 2026 (public hearing date)

This Section 301 forced labor investigation comes immediately after the USTR's announcement of a separate Section 301 investigation into structural excess capacity. As highlighted in our [March 12](#) "What's New" update, the USTR has signaled that further Section 301 actions may be launched in 2026.

Clients should evaluate potential impacts and consider submitting, either directly or through trade associations, detailed public comments and public hearing testimony. Comments and hearing requests may be submitted through the official USTR [Public Docket](#).

Please contact [Marshall Miller](#), [Brian Murphy](#), [Sean Murray](#), or [David Ostheimer](#) with questions or for assistance with comments.

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