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Trump Administration Releases List Of \$200 Billion In Chinese Imports Proposed To Be Subject To 10 Percent Tariff

Comments Sought By August 17, 2018 On List Of Over 6,000 Potentially Affected Tariff Lines

The U.S. Trade Representative (USTR) has announced a new list of products imported from China that it proposes would be subject to an additional tariff of 10 percent—as discussed below, this is the third list of products of China for which the United States proposes to assess duties. The new list identifies over 6,000 tariff lines covering a wide array of imports from China with an annual trade value of approximately \$200 billion.

As explained in earlier Client Alerts (see here and here), after a Section 301 determination regarding Chinese technology transfer, intellectual property, and innovation policies, USTR announced separate lists of Chinese products proposed for additional tariffs of \$34 billion (List 1) and \$16 billion (List 2). On July 6, 2018, the United States imposed 25 percent tariffs on List 1 while it is receiving comments on List 2. In response, China imposed additional equivalent tariffs on \$34 billion of U.S. exports to China. In light of China's imposition of those tariffs, USTR has now proposed additional tariffs on another \$200 billion in Chinese imports (List 3).

USTR will be holding a hearing and is also seeking comments on whether items on List 3 should be retained or removed, or whether other items not currently on the third list should be added.

Relevant due dates for the comment process are as follows:

July 27, 2018 Requests to appear at the hearing

August 17, 2018 Comments

August 20-23, 2018 Public hearing

August 30, 2018 Rebuttal comments

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The items proposed for additional tariffs are identified by 8 digit tariff codes and cover an extensive array of products, including seafood; dairy products; fruits, nuts, and vegetables; grains and oilseeds; tobacco products; minerals and ores; petroleum distillates; organic and inorganic chemicals and related products; wood, pulp, and paper; cotton and manmade fibers and fabrics; stone, ceramic, and glass products; iron, steel, and other metal products; electrical and mechanical machinery and parts; vehicles and parts; and furniture.

King & Spalding can assist in analyzing the items affected by these proposed tariffs, preparing comments to be filed, and evaluating strategies for addressing the effects of the proposed tariffs.

In addition, the King & Spalding Tariff Tracker has been updated to include these proposed additional tariffs and can be found here.

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