

Update On TPP Negotiations

The countries negotiating the Trans-Pacific Partnership ("TPP") concluded the 18th round of negotiations on July 25 and left Kota Kinabalu, Malaysia with a full schedule of TPP-related activity in the run up to the 19th round of negotiations in Brunei on August 22-30. Much of the activity (including ministerial level meetings, inter-sessional negotiations, bilateral discussions, and domestic consultations) is precipitated by Japan's having joined the negotiations for the first time in the last two days of the 18th round and by the current commitment of the TPP countries to complete the negotiations by the end of this year. The TPP countries are Australia, Brunei, Canada, Chile, Japan, Malaysia, Mexico, New Zealand, Peru, Singapore, the United States, and Vietnam. [More »](#)

U.S. & China Conclude Fifth Meeting Of Strategic & Economic Dialogue

The fifth round of the U.S.-China Strategic and Economic Dialogue ("S&ED") yielded some forward progress in addressing a number of investment and trade issues. U.S. Treasury Secretary Jacob Lew and Chinese Vice Premier Wang Yang led the Economic Track of the S&ED. They were joined by a high-level delegation of Cabinet members, ministers, agency heads, and senior officials from both countries. [More »](#)

USTR Rejects Import Ban On Apple Inc. Products

For the first time in 26 years, the White House exercised its veto authority over an International Trade Commission ("ITC") Exclusion Order. On June 4, 2013, the ITC determined in Investigation No. 337-TA-794 that Apple had infringed Samsung patents, warranting an exclusion order against importation of certain Apple iPhones and iPads. The decision attracted the attention of a number of firms the mobile communications industry because of its implications for the ITC's treatment of standard-essential patents ("SEPs") that the patentees committed to license on fair, reasonable, and non-discriminatory ("FRAND") terms. [More »](#)

News Of Note

- **Gilbert Kaplan In New Film On American Manufacturing** – King & Spalding international trade partner Gilbert Kaplan appears in a new documentary film entitled "American Made Movie." American Made Movie examines the factors contributing to the decline of American manufacturing and the

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integral role consumers may play in getting the economy back on track. "American Made Movie opens in select cities on August 30, with a national rollout taking place throughout September and October. A trailer for "American Made Movie" can be viewed [here](#). [More »](#)

- **China Issues Measures To Support The Solar Industry** – The central government of China issued a blueprint for the future development of China's photovoltaic industry in July entitled the *Several Opinions of the State Council on Promoting A Healthy Development of the Photovoltaic Industry (the "Opinions")*. [More »](#)
- **Hearing For SME Manufacturers Regarding EU Trade Barriers** – The ITC initiated an investigation into the trade barriers that small- and medium-sized enterprises ("SMEs") confront in their exports to the European Union. The focus of the investigation is to catalogue the barriers that disproportionately affect SME manufacturers and other exporters in comparison to those affecting larger enterprises. [More »](#)
- **Congressional Trade Leaders Request ITC Investigation On Indian Industrial Policies** – Leaders of the Senate Finance Committee and House Ways and Means Committee sent a bipartisan letter to the ITC requesting that the ITC conduct an investigation under Section 332 of the Tariff Act of 1930 of Indian industrial policies that discriminate against U.S. companies in favor of domestic Indian industries. [More »](#)

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