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## Commerce Department Imposes Strict Export Denial Order On ZTE

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On April 15, 2018, the U.S. Department of Commerce's Bureau of Industry and Security (BIS) imposed a seven-year Denial Order (Order) against Zhongxing Telecommunications Equipment Corporation and ZTE Kangxun Telecommunications Ltd. (collectively, ZTE). BIS imposed the Order upon finding that ZTE made false statements to BIS during and after negotiating a \$1.19 billion settlement in 2016 for violating U.S. export controls and economic sanctions targeting Iran and North Korea. Commerce Secretary Wilbur Ross stated "ZTE misled the Department of Commerce . . . This egregious behavior cannot be ignored." [More »](#)

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## NAFTA Renegotiations Continue As Trump Administration Hopes for Agreement In Early May

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In April, leaders from Canada, Mexico, and the United States met again in Washington to continue negotiating amendments to the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA). The meetings among the Parties reached the point of "perpetual negotiation," over several days and nights in Washington working toward an amended agreement. Whether and when the amended agreement will be reached, and what the agreement will look like, are still unclear. [More »](#)

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## USTR To Hold Hearing On Section 301 Tariffs

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The United States Trade Representative (USTR) has announced that it

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will hold a public hearing on the Administration's proposed Section 301 trade remedies. [More »](#)

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## News of Note

- **To TPP Or Not To TPP, That Is The Question – [Saud Aldawsari](#)** – In recent weeks, President Trump has expressed both positive and negative opinions on the Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP). For example, President Trump recently floated the idea of reconsidering participation by the United States in TPP, but the President later expressed his preference for bilateral trade agreements which he praised as far more efficient, profitable, and better for American workers. The United States withdrew from TPP during President Trump's first week in office. Japan and the other remaining TPP members—Australia, Brunei Darussalam, Canada, Chile, Japan, Malaysia, Mexico, New Zealand, Peru, Singapore and Vietnam—subsequently reached a new deal called the Comprehensive and Progressive Agreement for Trans-Pacific Partnership (CPTPP). On April 24, Mexico's Senate voted 73-24 to ratify CPTPP, which makes Mexico the first member to approve the new agreement. [More »](#)
- **Updated Additive Manufacturing Standardization Roadmap To Be Released Soon – [Patrick Togni](#)** – Additive manufacturing—also known as three-dimensional (3D) printing—is increasingly utilized by a variety of industries ranging from aerospace to healthcare. A preliminary draft of the Additive Manufacturing Standardization Collaborative (AMSC) Standardization Roadmap for Additive Manufacturing (Version 2.0) (AMSC Roadmap 2.0) has been released to the public. AMSC has requested comments on the draft AMSC Roadmap 2.0, which may be filed through May 3, 2018. Version 1.0 of the Roadmap was published in February 2017. [More »](#)

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