

President Obama Highlights Manufacturing And Trade Issues In The State Of The Union Address

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Only forty-five seconds elapsed before President Obama addressed American manufacturing in his State of the Union speech to Congress on January 28. The President acknowledged the hard work of the U.S. automotive industry before proceeding to address manufacturing and international trade issues throughout his speech. [More »](#)

United States And EU Join 11 Other Countries In Launching Negotiations To Liberalize Trade In Green Goods

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On the margins of the annual World Economic Forum, U.S. Trade Representative Michael Froman announced that the United States will take part in the negotiation of a multilateral agreement to eliminate or reduce tariffs on environmental goods. The United States will be joined by Australia, Canada, China, Costa Rica, the European Union, Hong Kong, Japan, Norway, New Zealand, Singapore, South Korea, Switzerland, and Taiwan. [More »](#)

Ex-Im Bank President Sees Opportunities For Small Businesses

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The Senate Committee On Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs recently conducted a hearing regarding the reauthorization of the Export-Import Bank of the United States (Ex-Im Bank). Fred Hochberg, Chairman and President of the Ex-Im Bank, testified that engaging U.S. small businesses in the world market is the Ex-Im Bank's biggest opportunity and biggest challenge. Mr. Hochberg noted that outreach is important because many small businesses are not aware of the services that the Ex-Im Bank offers. [More »](#)

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of Appeals for the Federal Circuit last month affirmed a Court of International Trade order upholding the Department of Commerce's imposition of a 111.73 percent antidumping duty against Tianjin Magnesium International Co. Ltd.'s (TMI's) magnesium imports from China. [More »](#)

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- **U.S. Pipe Industry Disappointed By Commerce's Preliminary Dumping Findings** – [Brian McGill and Richard Lutz](#) – On February 19, the Department of Commerce released its preliminary antidumping findings regarding imports of certain oil country tubular goods (OCTG) from India, Korea, the Philippines, Saudi Arabia, Taiwan, Turkey, Ukraine, and Vietnam. The overall results were disappointing for the domestic pipe industry. [More »](#)
- **Congress Addresses Fraudulent Behavior In Antidumping Administrative Reviews** – [Ben Popeck and Bonnie Byers](#) – Ten Members of Congress sent a letter on February 3 to Secretary of Commerce Penny Pritzker concerning fraudulent actions by Papierfabrik August Koehler (Koehler) in the antidumping administrative reviews of Lightweight Thermal Paper from Germany. [More »](#)
- **State Department Releases Final Environmental Assessment Of Keystone Pipeline** – [Alex McLamb and Clint Long](#) – The U.S. Department of State (the Department) released its Final Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement for the Keystone XL pipeline on January 31. [More »](#)
- **The New Farm Bill's Implications for WTO Disputes on Cotton and Meat Labeling** – [Jordan Shepherd](#) – President Obama signed the Agricultural Act of 2014 (Farm Bill) on February 7. In addition to its widespread impact on the economy and jobs in the United States, the law may affect U.S. trading partners in the context of World Trade Organization (WTO) disputes on cotton subsidies and country-of-origin labeling (COOL) for meat. [More »](#)
- **Government Accountability Office Releases Report On China's Implementation Of Trade And Investment Commitments** – [Joshua Snead](#) – The U.S. Government Accountability Office (GAO) on February 11 released a report in which it compiled hundreds of commitments that China has made to the United States on trade and investment issues through various bilateral dialogues. [More »](#)

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