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Made in America: U.S. Manufacturing and the President's 2015 Trade Policy Agenda

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The Office of the United States Trade Representative (USTR) issued President Obama's [2015 Trade Policy Agenda](#) (the President's Trade Agenda) on March 4. Many of the policy goals in the President's Trade Agenda are objectives that [we reported on last year](#). [More »](#)

Congressional Action Allowing Commerce to Retroactively Apply the Subsidy Law to Exports From China Survives a Constitutional Challenge

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Federal law authorizes the United States Department of Commerce to impose antidumping duties on imports "sold in the United States at less than ... fair value" and countervailing duties on imports that receive a "countervailable subsidy" from a foreign government. Antidumping duties remedy unfair pricing by exporters/producers while countervailing duties remedy unfair government subsidies. The provisions are often concurrently applied to exports from a single exporting country. Until recently, however, Commerce refused to apply the subsidies provision to imports from "non-market economy" (NME) countries, including China. [More »](#)

Bipartisan Legislation Would Designate "Manufacturing Universities"

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On March 18, a bipartisan group of lawmakers in the House and Senate introduced the Manufacturing Universities Act of 2015, which aims to strengthen engineering programs at America's universities and better prepare students for jobs in manufacturing. The bill would provide funding for 25 designated "Manufacturing Universities." Each of the selected schools would receive \$20 million over a period of four years, with the goal of better aligning engineering programs with the needs of modern manufacturing, building new partnerships with manufacturing firms, growing training opportunities, and fostering manufacturing entrepreneurship. [More »](#)

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- **United States Imposes New Sanctions Against Certain Venezuelan Officials** – *Cole Pfeiffer & Elizabeth Owerbach* – On March, 8 President Barack Obama signed an [Executive Order](#) blocking, or "freezing," the property and interests in property of "certain persons contributing to the situation in Venezuela" and suspending their entry into the United States. [More »](#)
- **Customs and Border Protection Issues Update on Enforcement of Trade Orders** – *P. Lee Smith* – U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) released its third [AD/CVD Update](#) at the end of February 2015. [More »](#)
- **Intellectual Property Violators Find Notoriety** – *Szymon Maziakowski & Taryn Koball Williams* – The Office of the U.S. Trade Representative last month released its fifth annual Notorious Markets List, a publication of select online and physical marketplaces that facilitate intellectual property violations. [More »](#)

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