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The Trump Administration Announces Final List Of Articles Subject To Section 301 Tariffs

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On June 15, the Office of the United States Trade Representative (“USTR”) released the final list of 818 Chinese products that will be subject to tariffs of 25 percent tariffs under section 301 of the Trade Act of 1974. This list is a result of USTR’s Section 301 investigation into China’s policies relating to the acquisition of the intellectual property of U.S. firms. [More »](#)

Updates On The Section 232 Tariffs On Steel And Aluminum: Exclusion Requests, WTO Challenges, And Reactions From U.S. Trading Partners

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On March 8, 2018, President Trump announced that he intended to impose a 25 percent tariff on steel imports and a 10 percent tariff on aluminum imports under Section 232 of the Trade Expansion Act of 1962. On March 18, 2018, the Department of Commerce published a notice of interim rules allowing members of the public to request that products be excluded from the tariffs. [More »](#)

NAFTA Negotiations Stall After Aluminum And Steel Tariffs Are Imposed On Canada And Mexico

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As King and Spalding has previously reported, after the Trump Administration imposed Section 232 tariffs on imports in March 2018, the Administration temporarily exempted Canada and Mexico from the tariffs until June 1, 2018. In May, U.S. Secretary of Commerce Wilbur

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Ross said that the exemptions for Canada and Mexico were tied to the status of the NAFTA negotiations. [On May 31, 2018](#), President Trump announced that their exemptions would expire on June 1, due to the slow progress in the negotiations. [More »](#)

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On June 11, the US Department of Commerce’s Bureau of Industry and Security (“BIS”) published a [superseding settlement agreement](#) with ZTE Corporation and ZTE Kangxun Telecommunications Ltd. (“ZTE”) and an accompanying [superseding order](#). The agreement replaces a March 2017 agreement between BIS and ZTE, which settled allegations that ZTE violated U.S. export controls and economic sanctions targeting North Korea and Iran. The new agreement will lift a seven-year Denial Order that BIS imposed on ZTE on April 15, 2018 for violating March 2017 agreement with BIS by making false statements to the agency. [More »](#)

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The United Kingdom (the “UK”) and the European Union (“EU”) continue to negotiate an agreement outlining the terms of the UK’s withdrawal from the EU. As a part of these negotiations, in December 2017, the UK and the EU agreed that there should be a “backstop” protocol that would go into effect if no agreement was reached by the parties concerning the treatment of the border between Ireland and Northern Ireland by the deadline for Brexit. [More »](#)

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- **WTO Appellate Body Membership** – [Patrick Togni](#) – There is growing concern in the international trade community that the WTO’s Appellate Body (“AB”) will soon not have enough members to function effectively. [More »](#)
- **Two New Judges Nominated For U.S. Court Of International Trade** – [Barbara Medrado](#) – On June 7, 2018, President Trump nominated Timothy M. Reif and M. Miller Baker to be judges on the U.S. Court of International Trade. [More »](#)

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