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Forced Labor Questionnaires: Another Helpful Hint

By: <u>Adrienne Braumiller</u>, Founding Partner, and <u>Gavin Andersen</u>, Law Clerk, Braumiller Law Group

In February 2024, Customs and Border Protection (CBP) began taking a new approach to Uyghur Forced Labor Prevention Act (UFLPA) enforcement—questionnaires. Once again, the solar industry is among the first targets, vanguards among importers, hacking their way through new regulatory growth, hopefully exposing a clear way through for all who follow.

Bis Updates Freight Forwarder Guidance and Best Practices

By <u>Adrienne Braumiller</u>, Managing Partner, Braumiller Law Group

The Bureau of Industry and Security (BIS) has recently published a guidance document on its new website aimed at helping freight forwarders and exporters uphold compliance with U.S. export



controls and regulatory requirements. The document emphasizes the significant role that freight forwarders play in securing the global supply chain and preventing the proliferation of illegal exports.

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The importance of Pedimento Codes for the IMMEX Customs Regime

By <u>Brenda Cordova</u>, Braumiller Law Group Mexico Legal Counsel

In Mexico, a customs regime is the destination or treatment for goods subject to customs control in accordance with the nature and purposes of a customs operation. Companies with an IMMEX program may perform operations under the socalled customs regime of "temporary importation for elaboration, transformation or repair under a maquila program". This name by itself implies several facts to consider.

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Aluminum Extrusions II – Scope Modifications Proposed, Dept. of Commerce Questioning Manageability

By Paul Fudacz, Partner, Braumiller Law Group

Since the last update on the AD / CVD aluminum extrusions investigation (dubbed Extrusions II) in what appears to be a response to strong opposition from trade industry groups,

legislators, governments, and other interested parties, as well as dubious signals from the Department of Commerce, (Commerce) the Petitioners in the ongoing Aluminum Extrusions investigation have proposed modifications to the scope of the investigation.



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De Minimis An Ever-Growing Problem of De Maximus Proportion

By Bob Brewer, Braumiller Law Group

From Wikipedia: *De minimis* is a Latin expression meaning "pertaining to minimal things", normally in the terms *de minimis non curat praetor*. ("The praetor does not concern himself with trifles") or *de minimis non curat lex* ("The law does not concern itself with trifles") De Minimis, in this case is the definition of a goods exchange of little or inconsequential value.

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Evolving Legal Norms for Artificial Intelligence in the European Union and the United States

By <u>James Holbein</u> Of Counsel, Braumiller Law Group, and <u>Justin Holbein</u>, Blockchain Analyst and Developer

Artificial Intelligence (AI) has been a hot topic for the last 2-3 years for politicians, technologists,



and many people in civil societies globally. The use of the technology has obvious benefits for increasing productivity and value produced by businesses and organizations, along with dangers from misuse, such as deep fake propaganda and serious security risks.



Maximizing Duty Savings Series –Section 321 Duty Exemptions or De Minimis Exemptions

By <u>Kerry Wang</u>, Senior Associate Attorney, Braumiller Law Group

Welcome to the second installment in our series on

duty-saving strategies. After discussing the utilization of Foreign Trade Zones and Bonded Warehouses in our previous <u>article</u>, we now turn to Section 321, a topic of significant importance and, as you'll see, considerable debate.

Under 19 USC 1321, known as Section 321, importers can avoid paying duties on goods if the total fair retail value does not exceed \$800 per person per day.

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The Nexus of Trade and Food Security Amid Global Conflicts

By Victoria Holmes, Braumiller Law Group

The intricate interplay between trade and food security has emerged as a vital global issue, one that



is closely interwoven with the tapestry of international conflicts and political instability. Remember the 2019 pandemic when toilet paper supply chains were interrupted? Now imagine that on a much larger scale with basic food staples like rice, wheat or corn.

Food prices, covering both groceries and dining out, went up by 2.2% from February 2023 to February 2024, as per the <u>CPI report</u> out on March 12 by the Bureau of Labor Statistics.



La importancia de los Claves de Pedimentos en el Régimen Aduanero de las IMMEX

Por <u>Brenda Cordova</u>, Braumiller Law Group Mexico Legal Counsel

En México, un régimen aduanero es el destino o

tratamiento que se da a los bienes objeto de control aduanero de conformidad con la naturaleza y propósitos de una operación aduanera. Las empresas con un programa IMMEX pueden realizar operaciones al amparo del régimen aduanero llamado "importación temporal para elaboración, transformación o reparación en programas de maquila". El nombre por sí solo implica varios factores a considerar.

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The Unsung Hero of Trade: Why CTPAT Matters

By <u>Judy Davis</u>, Senior Trade Advisor, Braumiller Consulting Group

In the ever-changing world of trade, where predicting the future is a constant challenge, looking back at the past decade offers valuable insights into the evolution of the



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supply chain and the tools that have developed to contribute to efficiency and security.

Prior to the mid 1980's, supply chain as a terminology was not generally used. Companies operated in department silos like Sourcing, Purchasing, Production, and Transportation to name a few, and they were not known for communicating with each other.



April 11th Bruce Leeds presents a webinar on What is a First Sale

transaction, and what do you do with it? Info and registration:

https://www.bigmarker.com/braumiller-law-group-pllc/What-is-a-First-Sale-transaction-and-what-do-you-doabout-it?show_live_page=true

April 16th, Partner Paul Fudacz and Senior Associate Attorney Kerry Wang will conduct an ICPA webinar on Free Trade Agreements – Strategies for Utilization and Compliance" Info. and registration: <u>Summary - Webinar: Free Trade Agreements –</u> <u>Strategies for Utilization and Compliance (cvent.com)</u>

April 23rd -25th Managing Partner Adrienne Braumiller will be speaking at the ICPA European Conference in Dublin Ireland Info: <u>Summary - 2024 ICPA Europe</u> <u>Conference - Dublin (cvent.com)</u>

May 21st Braumiller Law Group Mexico Legal Counsel Brenda Cordova and Francisco De La Cruz will conduct an ICPA webinar on Origin Verification Audits on NAFTA and USMCA conducted by MX Customs Info and registration: <u>Summary</u>-Webinar: USMCA & NAFTA - Origin Verification Audits Implemented by MX Customs (cvent.com)

May 29th-30th Senior Counsel Bruce Leeds will be speaking at the ICPA ITAR conference in Ft. Worth, TX Info: ITAR-Agenda-for-ICPA-Site-2024.pdf (icpainc.org)

July 7th - 8th, Adrienne Braumiller, Brenda Cordova, will be speaking at the ICPA Toronto Canada Conference Agenda to date: <u>Agenda-2024-Canada.pdf (icpainc.org)</u>



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