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## NAFTA Renegotiations Continue As Deadlines Loom

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In May 2018, Canada, Mexico, and the United States continued to engage in intense and challenging negotiations over amendments to the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA). Several deadlines for the negotiations are looming. The ability of the three countries to meet these deadlines will play a critical role in determining whether an agreement is reached. [More »](#)

## Administration To Move Ahead With Section 301 Tariffs

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On May 29, President Trump announced that the Administration intends to move ahead with its plan to impose tariffs under Section 301 of the Trade Act of 1974 on a wide range of imports from China. Although Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin indicated last week that the Administration might place the tariffs on hold, President Trump's May 29th announcement indicates the Administration does not intend to delay the tariffs much longer. [More »](#)

## Brexit Update: Negotiations Continue On Main Sticking Points

*Benjamin Bay*

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. Michel Barnier, the EU's negotiator for Brexit, recently stated that 75 percent of that withdrawal agreement has been agreed upon by the United Kingdom and the EU. However, the EU has also stated that three major sticking points remain to be resolved in the negotiations, including: [More »](#)

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## Update on Section 232 Tariffs: Reactions In Canada, Mexico, The European Union & Japan

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On March 8, 2018, President Trump exercised "his authority 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 April 30, 2018, the White House announced that it would suspend application of the Section 232 tariffs to Canada, Mexico, and the European Union ("EU") and its member countries until June 1, 2018. In that statement, the White House indicated that negotiations would remain "focused on quotas that will restrain imports, prevent transshipment, and protect the national security." [More »](#)

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## News of Note

**WTO's Appellate Body Issues Its Report In The Airbus Compliance Proceeding** – *Manuel Sánchez Miranda* – On May 15, 2018, the Appellate Body circulated its report in a compliance proceeding under Article 21.5 of the Dispute Settlement Understanding, addressing whether the EU eliminated subsidies on civil aircraft that were previously found to be inconsistent with the Subsidies Agreement. The Appellate Body issued a "mixed" ruling. [More »](#)

**Senate Works To Build Support For U.S./U.K. Trade Agreement** – *Barbara Medrado* – On May 22, U.S. Senators Rob Portman (R-OH) and Chris Coons (D-DE) announced they were launching the Senate UK Trade Caucus, which is a bi-partisan group of Senators whose goal is to build Congressional support for a bilateral trade agreement between the United States and the United Kingdom. [More »](#)

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