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## Section 301 List 4 Hearing Takes Place as List 3 Exclusion Process Is Set to Go Live

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Beginning June 17, 2019, the Office of the U.S. Trade Representative (“USTR”) held seven days of public hearings on proposed tariffs on an additional \$300 billion of Chinese imports. If imposed, these proposed tariffs, known as “List 4”, would be the fourth round of tariffs imposed by the Trump Administration in connection with its trade action against China. *(Editor’s Note: For additional information on the outcome of the meeting between Presidents Trump and Xi at the G-20 summit in Osaka, Japan (including a pause on imposition of the List 4 tariffs), please see our second article).* Hundreds of witnesses representing numerous industries participated in the hearing, including representatives from the Semiconductor Industry Association, the U.S.-China Business Council, the National Association of Manufacturers, the U.S. Fashion Industry Association, and the American Chemistry Council. [More »](#)

## President Trump And President Xi Meet At The G-20 Summit In Japan To Discuss Trade Relationship

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On June 29, 2019, President Donald Trump and Chinese President Xi Jinping met at the G-20 summit in Japan to discuss the trade relationship between the United States and China. Among other items, the United States and China agreed to not impose new tariffs against each other’s imports and to continue negotiations on a trade deal that stalled earlier this year. [More »](#)

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- [\*\*U.S. Senators Call For Treasury To Raise Taxes On French Interests In Response To Potential Digital Services Tax\*\*](#) – *Léo Amiel* – On June 24, 2019, the U.S. Senate Finance Committee, through its Chairman Chuck Grassley (R-IA) and Ranking Member Ron Wyden (D-OR), sent a letter to U.S. Treasury Secretary Steven T. Mnuchin encouraging him to consider all available tools, including Section 891 of the tax code, to convince the French Government to abandon its potential digital services tax (“DST”). Under Section 891 of the tax code, a double rate of U.S. tax may be imposed on citizens and corporations of foreign countries applying discriminatory taxation on citizens or corporations of the United States. [More »](#)
- [\*\*U.S. Supreme Court Denies Cert In Section 232 Challenge\*\*](#) – *Seth Atkisson* – On June 24, 2019, the United States Supreme Court declined the American Institute for International Steel’s (“AIIS”) unusual request to have the Supreme Court directly hear its appeal without the ruling of an appeals court. Instead, the AIIS will have to first present its appeal to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit. [More »](#)

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