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A Hundred Years Of Making Furniture In Southern Virginia. And Then Came China.

Review of *Factory Man*, by Beth Macy

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Beth Macy's *Factory Man* (Little, Brown, 2014) is a great recounting of an untold piece of American business and manufacturing history. It begins in 1902, when John D. Bassett (called "Mr. J.D.") started Bassett Furniture in his front yard, using the lumber from his own small sawmill, and then built Bassett Furniture into one of the largest furniture manufacturers in America. It concludes with the great battle that his grandson, John Bassett III, led against Chinese unfair trade over a century later, when Chinese furniture manufacturers dumped their way into the U.S. market. [More »](#)

Domestic OCTG Industry Largely Prevails In Trade Cases, But Some Foreign Producers Avoid Duties

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The domestic industry largely prevailed in trade cases against unfair imports of oil country tubular goods (OCTG) when the International Trade Commission (Commission) voted on its final determinations on August 22. The Commission made affirmative determinations against imports from India, Korea, Taiwan, Turkey, Ukraine, and Vietnam. The Commission voted against relief on imports from the Philippines and Thailand, which were relatively minor import sources. [More »](#)

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- **United States Claims Victory As WTO Appellate Body Issues Report In Dispute Over China's Rare Earth Export Restraints** – *Erienne Kilgore & Joseph Laroski* – On August 7, 2014, the World Trade Organization (WTO) Appellate Body upheld a March 2014 Panel decision regarding China's export restrictions on rare earth materials including tungsten, molybdenum, and other rare earth elements. [More »](#)
- **Russia Announces One-Year Ban Against Imports Of Agricultural Products From Western Countries** – *Cole Pfeiffer & Shannon Doyle Barna* – On August 7, the Russian Federation instituted a

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ban on the importation of most food products from Australia, the United States, the European Union, and Norway. [More »](#)

- **United States Hosts Summit With African Leaders** – [Szymon Maziakowski & P. Lee Smith](#) – Leaders of 50 African countries convened in Washington for the U.S.-Africa Leaders' Summit, hosted by President Obama on August 4–6. [More »](#)
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