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President's Trip to Cuba Accompanied by Expanded Treasury and Commerce Regulations

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On March 20, President Obama arrived in Cuba for an historic visit, marking a significant step in the Obama Administration's efforts to normalize relations, a process that began in December 2014. The Administration has stated that while normalization will be "a complex, long-term process," the United States will continue to "engage and work through challenges in order to empower the Cuban people and advance the interests of the United States." Key issue areas for this initiative include connecting the U.S. and Cuban people, bolstering agricultural cooperation, and expanding business and commercial ties. [More »](#)

Commerce Finds Dumping Of Hot-Rolled And Cold-Rolled Steel Imports

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In March, the U.S. Department of Commerce (Commerce) announced its affirmative preliminary determinations in antidumping (AD) investigations involving certain hot-rolled and cold-rolled steel products. The hot-rolled AD investigations involve imports from Australia, Brazil, Japan, Korea, the Netherlands, Turkey, and the United Kingdom, and the cold-rolled AD investigations involve imports from Brazil, China, India, Japan, Korea, Russia, and the United Kingdom. The announcements follow the preliminary determinations issued by Commerce in December 2015 finding dumping of certain corrosion-resistant steel products. [More »](#)

U.S. Poultry, Pork, and Beef Producers to Benefit as South Africa and Peru Meet International Trade Obligations

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For more than a decade, U.S. meat exports to South Africa and Peru have faced significant entry barriers. In March, these countries agreed

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News of Note

- **EU-U.S. Privacy Shield Agreement Released** – [Kathleen L. Benner](#) – On February 29, the European Commission and the U.S. Department of Commerce released the long-awaited text of the European Union (EU) – United States Privacy Shield, an agreement-in-principle that, if approved by European authorities, would replace the Safe Harbor Framework as a potential basis for transatlantic transfers of personal data. [More »](#)
- **I Wish They All Could Be California...Jeans?** – [Marcie Schwartz and Patrick J. Togni](#) – Class action litigation filed recently in Los Angeles County Superior Court brings to mind the classic Beach Boys hook. Rather than stating a preference for California Girls, however, the subject is whether J. Brand Jeans were properly labeled “Made in California, USA” under California law. [More »](#)
- **United States Prevails in WTO Solar Dispute Against India** – [Jordan Shepherd](#) – The United States has won its latest dispute at the World Trade Organization (WTO) as a dispute settlement panel issued its report on February 24, detailing the reasons why the local content requirements in India’s National Solar Mission violate its international trade obligations. [More »](#)
- **China Issues 13th Five-Year Development Plan** – [Lingna Yan](#) – On March 18, China published its National Economic and Social Development 13th Five-Year Plan for 2016-2020. [More »](#)

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