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## “Core Elements” Of TPP-11 Agreement Reached In Vietnam

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On November 10, 2017, Trade Ministers from the eleven remaining Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP) countries (minus the United States) announced that they had reached an agreement on “core elements” of the renegotiated agreement. The remaining eleven nations – Australia, Brunei Darussalam, Canada, Chile, Japan, Malaysia, Mexico, New Zealand, Peru, Singapore and Vietnam – are now in the process of renegotiating the agreement without the United States. Trade Ministers reached this “framework for a new Comprehensive and Progressive Trans-Pacific Partnership” (CPTPP) at the Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation Trade Ministerial Meeting, which was held in Danang, Vietnam. [More »](#)

## The President’s Trip To Asia

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The President’s first trip to Asia provided additional insight into his priorities for the region. The 12-day trip, which began on November 5, included visits to five countries – Japan, South Korea, China, Vietnam, and the Philippines. The President’s itinerary included bilateral and multilateral meetings, official state visits, and addresses to the Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) CEO Summit in Vietnam and the South Korean National Assembly. As explained by the White House, the trip had three core goals: (i) continue to build a coalition to address the denuclearization of North Korea, (ii) strengthen local alliances and economic partnerships in the region, and (iii) develop fair and reciprocal trade agreements with nations in the region. [More »](#)

## Nebraska Approves Route For Keystone Pipeline XL

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On November 20, 2017, the Nebraska Public Service Commission

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(PSC) approved a route for the Keystone XL Pipeline (Pipeline) to pass through Nebraska. Although the approval is a significant milestone for the Pipeline and the company that plans to build it (TransCanada Corporation (TransCanada)), the approved route is not TransCanada's preferred route, and continuing legal and other issues may present additional challenges for the Pipeline. [More »](#)

## **Brexit Update: Practical Considerations For Business As Rumors Of A Transition Agreement Swirl**

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*Editor's Note: In previous issues, the Trade and Manufacturing Alert has covered important developments relating to Brexit. As the UK and the EU move closer and closer to Brexit, and the effects on the international business marketplace and international commerce due to Brexit are increasingly known, the Trade and Manufacturing Alert will keep our readers informed of ongoing developments with monthly articles on Brexit-related topics. [More »](#)*

## **News of Note**

- **Canada Requests WTO Consultations And Files Notice Of Intent To Seek NAFTA Chapter 19 Binational Panel Review In Softwood Lumber Case** – [Manuel Sanchez Miranda](#) – Canada has taken steps to pursue parallel WTO and NAFTA actions to challenge the U.S. Department of Commerce's (USDOC) final determinations in the antidumping (AD) and countervailing duty (CVD) investigations of softwood lumber imports from Canada. [More »](#)
- **3D Printed Aircraft Parts Ready For Takeoff?** – [Patrick Togni](#) – Three-Dimensional (3D) printing continues to reshape manufacturing across a broad segment of industries, including aviation. Also known as additive manufacturing, 3D printing refers to processes that build up a 3D object in layers by depositing material. As explained in a recent article on the emergence of 3D printed parts in the aviation industry, 3D printing takes “the design of a part and then you slice it down, digitally, into multiple layers and then you effectively use an energy beam to melt that layer and fuse it to the layer below. You grow the part.” [More »](#)

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