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On July 17, 2017, U.S. Trade Representative (USTR) Robert Lighthizer released the Trump Administration's objectives for the renegotiation of the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA). An overarching objective for the Trump Administration is to improve NAFTA for American manufacturers and workers. [More »](#)

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United States Trade Representative (USTR) Robert Lighthizer formally notified Korea in July that the U.S. is calling a special Joint Committee meeting under the U.S.-Korea Free Trade Agreement (KORUS) to start the process of negotiating to remove barriers to U.S. trade and consider amendments to the agreement. USTR's action is consistent with the Trump Administration's stated objective of reducing the trade deficit. [More »](#)

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On February 24, 2016, the U.S. House of Representatives Ways and Means Committee (the Committee) requested, under section 332(g) of the Tariff Act of 1930, that the International Trade Commission (the Commission) conduct a fact-finding investigation and provide a report on the competitive conditions affecting the U.S. aluminum industry (the Report). On July 7, 2017, the Committee released the Report to the public. [More »](#)

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News of Note

- Progress Continues Toward Additive Manufacturing Standards** – *Patrick Togni* – In late July, the National Additive Manufacturing Innovation Institute (America Makes), the National Center for Defense Manufacturing and Machining (NCDMM), and the American National Standards Institute (ANSI) launched Phase 2 of the America Makes & ANSI Additive Manufacturing Standardization Collaborative (AMSC). Phase 2 goals include soliciting involvement by additional industry experts and sectors and expanding the discussion of standards needs for polymers in additive manufacturing, among other topics. [More »](#)
- Sudan Sanctions Update** – *Betre Gizaw* – On July 12, 2017, the President issued Executive Order 13804 (E.O. 13804) extending the date the Sudan Sanctions may be terminated to October 12, 2017. [More »](#)
- Trump Administration Expands Iran Sanctions** – *Elizabeth Overbach* – On July 18, the Trump Administration sanctioned persons and entities related to Iran's Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps (IRGC). [More »](#)

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