



IMPLEMENTATION OF CHINA SECTION 301 LIST 4 DUTIES AUGUST 13, 2019

On August 13, 2019, the U.S. Trade Representative (USTR) formally [announced](#) the implementation of additional 10% duties on China Section 301 List 4 covering \$300 billion in Chinese imports. China Section 301 List 4 has been divided into Lists [4A](#) and [4B](#), including a total of 3,784 8-digit HTSUS provisions. The additional 10% duties on China Section 301 List 4A will go into effect on September 1, 2019 and on December 15, 2019 for List 4B.

China Section 301 List 4A contains the bulk of products included in the proposed China Section 301 List 4. List 4B covers certain watches, cameras, LED lamps, monitors, table and kitchenware, toys, cell phones, laptop computers, video game consoles, festive articles, footwear, and clothing. Additional products have been removed entirely from Lists 4A and 4B for health, safety, national security, and other factors and will not face the additional 10% duty. The exclusion consists of twenty-three (23) HTS provisions and includes certain radioactive elements, gantry cranes, and shipping containers.

The USTR announced its intent to initiate an exclusion process for List 4 products, but the process and deadlines have not yet been announced.

Clients should consider measures to expedite Customs entry before the additional 10% duties go into effect and other steps to avoid or mitigate the impact of those duties. The May 17, 2019 USTR notice indicates that, on or after the effective dates, covered China goods must be admitted into a U.S. foreign-trade zone in Privileged Foreign (PF) status. Based on the history of Lists 1, 2, and 3, clients should consider action to change affected FTZ on-hand merchandise to PF status before the effective date.

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