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## Industry News

### First Batch of Section 301 Product Exclusions Announced

1. The Office of the US Trade Representative has (USTR) just announced the first batch of products that will be excluded from the additional 25% tariffs imposed on approximately US\$34 billion worth of imports from China under Section 301 investigation.

2. Details of the products being excluded from the 25% tariffs could be found in the following website:

[https://ustr.gov/sites/default/files/enforcement/301Investigations/12.21.18\\_Notice\\_of\\_Product\\_Exclusions.pdf](https://ustr.gov/sites/default/files/enforcement/301Investigations/12.21.18_Notice_of_Product_Exclusions.pdf)

3. These products include:

(a) seven existing 10-digit HTSUS subheadings:

- (i) 8412.21.00 75: Hydraulic power engines and motors, linear acting (cylinders)
- (ii) 8418.69.0120: Refrigerating or freezing equipment nesoi (drinking water coolers, self-contained)
- (iii) 8480.71.8045: Molds for rubber or plastics, injection or compression types, other than for shoe machinery or for manufacture of semiconductor devices
- (iv) 8482.10.5044: Ball bearings other than ball bearings with integral shafts (9 mm and over but not over 30 mm)
- (v) 8482.10.5048 : Ball bearings other than ball bearings with integral shafts (Over 30 mm but not over 52 mm)
- (vi) 8482.10.5052 :Ball bearings other than ball bearings with integral shafts (Over 52 mm but not over 100 mm)
- (vii) 8525.60.1010 :Transceivers

(b) 24 specially prepared product descriptions, covering such items as certain spark-ignition engines for marine propulsion, stainless steel stretchers, roller machines with dies for embossing paper, plastic salad spinners, water filtration apparatus, winches, elevators, belt conveyors, work stands, radiation therapy systems, thermostats, stainless steel guards, stainless steel scrapers, and stainless steel suction boxes, etc.

4. These product exclusions will be retroactive to 6 July 2018, and remain in place for one year after the date of publication in the Federal Register on 28 December 2018 (i.e., through 27 December 2019). The exclusions are available for any product that meets the description set out in the exclusion, regardless of whether the importer filed an exclusion request. The USTR will continue to issue decisions on pending requests on a periodic basis.

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