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**Top News****Goods ‘Put Up in Sets’ Get GSP Treatment, Even if Other Parts of Set Don’t Qualify, CIT Says**

Articles imported within sets may be eligible for duty-free treatment under the Generalized System of Preferences, even if other components of the set are not, the Court of International Trade said in a [decision](#) issued Aug. 23. In a test case on whether sets of Thai pots and Chinese lids imported by Meyer Corp. qualify for GSP, CIT held that the pots are GSP-eligible, and that the lids are not, despite the entire sets being classified in a single tariff provision for kitchen articles of stainless steel.

CBP had denied the sets’ GSP eligibility based on Treasury Decision 91-7. Set forth in 1991, the policy said an entire set is ineligible for GSP treatment when it contains an item or component that is not a “product of” a GSP beneficiary country. CBP also outlined a 35 percent GSP beneficiary value content requirement for GSP goods in the policy.

To qualify for GSP, an “article” must be “wholly” the growth, manufacture or product of a GSP beneficiary. By law, that “article” can’t become the growth or manufacture of a beneficiary country “merely by having undergone ... ‘simple combining or packaging operations,’” CIT said. Though the law is silent on how it applies to sets, CBP’s concern is not unreasonable that “finding that only the component which imparts the essential character to the finished article must be substantially transformed would open the door for all kinds of significant non-originating goods to be included with originating goods to receive GSP treatment,” the trade court said.

On the other hand, Meyer does not seem to be combining Chinese lids with Thai pots with the purpose of avoiding duties on the lids, it said. The question of whether the articles are a product of a GSP country should be applied to the sets as a whole, not each individual article in the set, taking the 35 percent value content rule into account, Meyer said.

CIT held neither side had it right, finding they both conflated the classification of the sets with the applicability of preferential treatment. Just because the pans and lids are classifiable together in the same subheading does not mean they share the same country of origin for tariff preference purposes, CIT said. “Simply put: classification pursuant to GRI 3(b) of ‘an article’ (e.g. a set) is a distinct consideration apart from preferential duty-free treatment of ‘an article’, and the two articles are not at the same level of consideration.”

The 1991 Treasury Decision and Meyer’s arguments against it both run contrary to GSP’s intent, the court said. “To the extent T.D. 91-7 has the effect of denying preferential treatment to ‘an article’ that is otherwise eligible for the benefit of GSP simply because it has been ‘put up in sets for retail sale’ together with one or more non-[GSP beneficiary] component articles that are not de minimis, the purpose of the GSP statute is thereby undermined,” CIT said. “Allowing a non-de minimis non-[GSP beneficiary] component article the benefit of preferential tariff treatment simply by virtue of its being a component part of the set would also undermine the purpose of the GSP statute. Either instance contorts the GSP statute into covering a condition that is beyond that which the language adopted by Congress apparently contemplates.”

CBP denied GSP preferences to the Thai pots “on the basis of an assumption that is invalid as a matter of law,” CIT said, granting Meyer’s motion to find the pots are GSP-eligible. On the other hand, it is “clear to the court” that the Chinese components of the set “are not entitled to [GSP] treatment upon reliquidation,” the court said. CIT left undecided the issue of whether the Chinese lids should be dutiable at the rate applicable to the stainless steel kitchenware set in subheading 7323.93.0045, or at the rate applicable to the lid itself.

But the court agreed with the government’s decision to deny the entry first sale treatment. CBP had denied the claim because Meyer did not provide any financial documents for its parent company. Meyer argued that the parent’s data was irrelevant, because CBP should determine whether the price paid was enough for the manufacturer to make a profit, not the parent company that “neither produces or sells any goods,” CIT said. The burden is on the importer to establish that the manufacturer and the middle man dealt with one another at arm’s length, it said. “All of the entities relevant to that issue are related, and therefore the financial information pertaining to the parent is also relevant to examining whether any non-market influences affect the legitimacy of the sales price,” especially when Meyer’s lids were from a “non-market” economy like China, CIT said.

*(Meyer Corp., U.S. v. U.S., Slip Op. 17-110, CIT # 13-00154, dated 08/23/17, Judge Musgrave)*

(Attorneys: John Donohue of Reed Smith for plaintiff Meyer Corporation, U.S.; Beverly Farrell for defendant U.S. government)

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## **Trump Thinks NAFTA Will Be Terminated; Industry Observers Not So Sure**

President Donald Trump thinks NAFTA can’t be renegotiated, and will eventually be terminated, he [said](#) Aug. 22 during a rally in Phoenix. “Personally, I don’t think we can make a deal, because we have been so badly taken advantage of,” Trump said. “They have made such great deals, both of the countries, but in particular, Mexico, that I don’t think we can make a deal. So I think we’ll end up probably terminating NAFTA at some point, OK? Probably.” Trump reminded the audience of repeated pledges to either renegotiate NAFTA or terminate it if renegotiation fails. He said in April he was considering issuing an executive order to remove the U.S. from the deal (see [1704260049](#)). “I personally don’t think you can make a deal without a termination, but we’re going to see what happens, OK? You’re in good hands, I can tell you,” he said in Phoenix.

Trump’s statement could disrupt talks, Stimson Center distinguished fellow Bill Reinsch said in an email. “Hopefully, nobody will pay any attention at this early point,” he said. But Dan Ikenson, director of the Cato Institute’s Herbert A. Stiefel Center for Trade Policy Studies, sees Trump’s “threat” as “barely credible,” after industry, particularly the agriculture business, has asserted “there will be hell to pay” if Trump attempts to withdraw, Ikenson said in an email. “The Canadians and Mexicans no longer take Trump’s threats seriously either. They see him for what he is: A childish blowhard.”

A spokesman for Canadian Foreign Minister Chrystia Freeland dismissed any notion that Trump’s statement would affect negotiations. “As we said last week, trade negotiations often have moments of heated rhetoric,” the spokesman said. “Our priorities remain the same, and we will continue to work hard to modernize NAFTA, supporting millions of middle class jobs.” Likewise, Mexican Foreign Affairs Secre-

tary Luis Videgaray Caso showed a game face, [tweeting](#) that there were “no surprises” from Trump’s words as the negotiation is ongoing. “Mexico will remain at the table with serenity, steadfastness and the national interest at the forefront,” he said.

U.S. Trade Representative Robert Lighthizer in an emailed statement backed up Trump, noting the president’s previous pledges to remove the U.S. from the agreement if circumstances dictate. “President Trump has been clear from the very beginning that if the NAFTA renegotiation is unsuccessful, he will withdraw from the agreement,” Lighthizer said in a statement. “Under the President’s direction, USTR has begun renegotiating NAFTA to seek substantial changes that address its fundamental failures and create fair trade policy that benefits all Americans.” NAFTA parties met in Washington for the first round of negotiations Aug. 16-20, and are set to meet in Mexico for the second round Sept. 1-5.

Trump’s words “could play both ways,” Center for Strategic and International Studies Americas Program Deputy Director Richard Miles said in an Aug. 23 interview. U.S. negotiators could conceivably be concerned that Trump’s statement will imperil the seriousness of Canada’s and Mexico’s negotiating approaches, potentially prompting them to seek language to satisfy only domestic political constituencies at the sacrifice of adopting more serious, engaged negotiating positions, he said. “I guess, on the other hand, [the U.S.] could say that, ‘Well, look, you either deal with us, or the boss pulls the plug on this,’” Miles said. “But I don’t know that that’s going to work.”

Trump’s statement, “by itself,” doesn’t have any impact on talks, Jim Moore, managing director of Georgetown University’s Business, Society, and Public Policy Initiative, said in an interview. While the words probably aren’t indicative of any negotiating strategy by the U.S., they indicate that NAFTA is one of a few major campaign promises still motivating Trump, he said. “But then, he’s got to come back to Washington and figure out how you forge a coalition between government and business, and then how you sell it to the Congress, and so it’s a little bit more intense than one would superficially think,” Moore said. “That’s for sure.” — *Brian Bradley*

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## Customs

### CBP Details Sept. 16 Deployments of ISF, Shifts December Deployment Date

CBP posted on the agency’s [website](#) some details about the coming deployments of new ACE capabilities scheduled for Sept. 16. The agency will deploy “Non-ABI Entry Summary/Lineless (for CBP only), Duty Deferral, e214, Manufacturer ID Creation and Importer Security Filing (ISF),” it said. After the deployment, “these capabilities will no longer be filed/processed in the Automated Commercial System (ACS) and must be done via ACE,” it said. CBP also said in a [CSMS message](#) that the deployment of statements in ACE, planned for Dec. 16, would now take place on Dec. 9. That change is meant to “better align with the Periodic Monthly Statement schedule” and doesn’t impact the schedule for any other deployments, said CBP.

CBP announced plans for phasing in the post-release capabilities in ACE in July (see [1707270038](#)) and said last week it would also transition ISF to ACE on Sept. 16 (see [1708160030](#)). For ISF, “filers should ensure their software is up to date and able to transmit to CBP,” CBP said. “The ACE Portal will

remain available for ISF submissions from small volume filers (less than 12 a year), and for ocean manifest filers through existing manifest technical standards. There are minor software coding changes required for ISF ABI transmissions, and vendors or self-filers should be aware of the revised transmissions standards.” CBP will give updates “prior to the deployment with information on a cutover timeline for the migration of data and submissions to ACE.”

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## Recent ACE Outages Due to 'Hardware' Issues, McAleenan Says

The unplanned ACE outages during the week of July 31 (see [1708030015](#)) were the result of “hardware failure,” CBP Acting Commissioner Kevin McAleenan said during the Aug. 23 Commercial Customs Operations Advisory Committee meeting in San Diego. McAleenan noted that the issues weren’t caused by a cybersecurity problem or any other malicious incident.

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## Imported Beer Kegs Require Country of Origin Marking, CBP Tells Brewers Association

The Brewers Association will revise conference policy and performance guidelines in response to a CBP ruling on country of origin markings for imported steel beer kegs, the group said in a [news release](#). The April 17 ruling, [NY N284767](#), found that steel beer kegs, whether imported empty or not, are “clearly suitable for repetitive use” and therefore not considered “usual containers.” CBP also said such kegs can’t be considered “instruments of international traffic. “The kegs do not meet this definition for multiple reasons,” CBP said. “First, you have not established that the kegs are imported, emptied, and re-exported for refilling. Second, the kegs enter the U.S. commerce. If the kegs are diverted from international traffic and are used domestically, they will cease to be considered instruments of international traffic.”

The trade group, which is made up of craft beer brewers, said it updated its [performance guidelines](#) to reflect the CBP ruling. The association said it will also now require companies that exhibit at its annual conference “to sign and date a document that certifies that any and all stainless steel beer kegs that are imported into the U.S. and that exhibitors use at any event hosted or sponsored by the Brewers Association, will be properly marked in accordance with CBP’s country of origin marking requirements.”

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## CBP Releases Agenda for 60th Session of WCO HSC

CBP issued a notice in the Aug. 23 *Customs Bulletin* ([Vol. 51, No. 34](#)) regarding the dates and draft agenda for the 60th Session of the World Customs Organization’s Harmonized System Committee (HSC), which will meet in Brussels Sept. 27 - Oct. 6. Among other things, the HSC issues classification decisions on the interpretation of the Harmonized System (HS) in the form of published tariff classification opinions or amendments to the Explanatory Notes. It also considers amendments to the legal text of the HS.

The draft list of agenda items includes (partial list):



**Report by the Secretariat:**

- Position regarding Contracting Parties to the HS Convention and related matters and progress report on the implementation of HS 2017
- Report on the last meetings of the Policy Commission (77th Session)
- Approval of decisions taken by the HSC at its 59th Session

**Requests from the U.S.:**

- Re-examination of the classification of quinoa which has undergone the removal of the saponin layer.
- Possible amendment to the Explanatory Note to heading 62.06.

[Share Article](#)**CBP Releases Aug. 23 Customs Bulletin**

CBP released its Aug. 23 *Customs Bulletin* ([Vol. 51, No. 34](#)). While it does not contain any rulings, it does include recent CBP notices and Court of International Trade opinions.

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CBP issued the following releases on commercial trade and related matters:

- Chapter 17, AUSN 5 GATT Refined Sugar TRQ ([here](#))
- Immigration and Customs Enforcement's (ICE) Homeland Security Investigations (HSI), CBP establish Port of Norfolk-Newport News, Virginia-based coordination center to promote trade enforcement ([here](#)).

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## White House

### Trump Signs Law on New Category of Over-the-Counter Hearing Aids; Labeling Requirements to Follow

President Donald Trump on Aug. 18 signed into law [legislation](#) that will make certain types of hearing aids available over the counter to Americans with mild or moderate hearing impairment, requiring the Department of Health and Human Services to determine whether the devices need a 510(k) premarket submission. The 510(k) submissions are required for companies that want to market an FDA Class I, II or III device not subject to a formal premarket approval, in order to demonstrate that products are safe and effective, and substantially equivalent to a legally marketed device. The language was included in the Food and Drug Administration Reauthorization Act, after Sens. Chuck Grassley, R-Iowa, and Elizabeth Warren, D-Mass., introduced similar language last Congress that didn't gain traction (see [1611080028](#)).

The bill requires HHS, which includes the Food and Drug Administration, to issue proposed regulations to establish a category of over-the-counter hearing aids by Aug. 18, 2020, to include requirements for labeling conspicuously stating that the device is “only intended for adults age 18 and older,” information on how consumers may report “adverse events,” information on any “contraindications, conditions, or symptoms” of medically treatable causes of hearing loss, and advisements to consult “promptly with a licensed health care practitioner,” according to the legislation. The legislation will require the regulations to ensure the new category of hearing aids meets the same safety, labeling and manufacturing protections as “all medical devices,” Grassley's office said in a [statement](#).

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## Congress

### Eight Senate Democrats Urge FDA to Ban Use of Menthol in Cigarettes

Eight Democratic senators on Aug. 22 urged the Food and Drug Administration to ban the sale of menthol cigarettes in the U.S. A [letter](#) to FDA Commissioner Scott Gottlieb led by Sen. Ed Markey, D-Mass., cites an FDA scientific assessment and “numerous independent studies” indicating that menthol cigarettes are linked with increased nicotine dependence in young smokers and make it more difficult to quit smoking. A 2011 FDA report found that removal of menthol from cigarettes would benefit public health, the letter says. While the agency issued an advance notice of proposed rulemaking in 2013, no action has yet been taken. The FDA recently indicated it will issue another ANPRM on the role of flavors, including menthol, in “attracting youth smokers,” but it's unclear what benefits another notice would produce, given the hitherto significant public comment and data the FDA has received on menthol, the senators wrote. The letter also asked FDA to tell them, by the close of business Sept. 18, the steps it has taken to address the risk of menthol in cigarettes since the 2013 ANPRM, the factors contributing to FDA's “delay” in finalizing action to remove menthol from cigarettes, and a timeline for FDA finalizing regulations to address the risk of menthol in cigarettes.

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## State Department

### DDTC Information System to Undergo Four-Hour Maintenance Outage

The State Department's Directorate of Defense Trade Controls homepage's Defense Trade Application Systems (DTAS) information system will be unavailable to industry users from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. EDT Aug. 23 for routine maintenance, DDTC [said](#).

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## Treasury Dept.

### OFAC Updates SDN List

The Office of Foreign Assets Control added five individuals and seven entities to its Specially Designated Nationals (SDN) list under North Korea designations, and one individual and three entities under nonproliferation designations, OFAC [said](#). OFAC also removed 46 entries from its SDN list under Kingpin Act designations, four entries under transnational criminal organization designations, two entries under counterterrorism designations, and 64 entries under Cuba designations. Finally, OFAC updated one entity under transnational criminal organization designations and one individual under Kingpin Act designations.

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## Commerce Dept.

### FTZ Board Actions and Notices for Aug. 23

The Foreign Trade Zones Board issued the following notice for Aug. 23

- [FTZ 119](#): Minneapolis-St. Paul, Minnesota; Application for Additional Production Authority; The Coleman Company, Inc.; Subzone 119I; Opening of Comment Period on Submission Containing New Evidence ([here](#)).

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## AD/CV - Patent

### Carbon Steel Flanges: Details of AD/CV Duty Orders

The Commerce Department issued [antidumping duty orders](#) on finished carbon steel flanges from India and Italy (A-533-871, A-475-835), and a [countervailing duty order](#) on finished carbon steel flanges from India (C-533-872).



The orders set permanent antidumping and countervailing duties on finished carbon steel flanges. Duties will remain in place unless revoked by Commerce, which may only take place under certain conditions, such as a sunset or changed circumstances review. Commerce will now begin conducting annual administrative reviews, if requested, to determine final assessments of AD/CV duties on importers and make changes to cash deposit rates.

The order details a “gap period” of no CV duty liability for subject merchandise entered March 29, 2017, through Aug. 16, 2017, and of no AD duty liability for subject merchandise entered Aug. 7 through Aug. 16, 2017. Commerce may only suspend liquidation for a four-month period after its preliminary CV duty determination, Nov. 29, 2016, and for six months after its preliminary AD duty determination, issued Feb. 8, 2017. Commerce will order CBP to liquidate, without regard to AD or CV duties, any entries during these respective gap periods. Subject merchandise entered during the CV duty gap period but outside the AD duty gap period (i.e., March 29, 2017, through Aug. 6, 2017) will only be assessed AD duties.

### CV Cash Deposit Instructions

Commerce will require importers to pay CV duty cash deposits on subject merchandise from India entered on or after Aug. 17. CV duty cash deposits will be required at the following rates:

#### India

| <b>Manufacturer/Exporter</b>  | <b>CV Rate</b> |
|---|----------------|
| Norma (India) Limited, USK Exports Private Limited, UMA Shanker Khandelwal & Co., and Bansidhar Chiranjilal | 5.66%          |
| R.N. Gupta & Company Limited  | 9.11%          |
| All Others  | 7.39%          |

### AD Cash Deposit Instructions

An AD cash deposit requirement is also in effect for subject merchandise from India and Italy entered on or after Aug. 17. Commerce will instruct CBP to require, at the same time that importers deposit estimated duties, a cash deposit equal to the rates listed below:

#### India

| <b>Manufacturer/Exporter</b>  | <b>AD Rate</b> | <b>Adjusted*</b> |
|---|----------------|------------------|
| Norma (India) Limited/ USK Exports Private Limited/ Uma Shanker Khandelwal & Co./ Bansidhar Chiranjilal | 11.32%         | 8.56%            |
| R. N. Gupta & Co., Ltd.   | 12.58%         | 9.27%            |
| All Others  | 11.95%         | 8.91%            |

#### Italy

| <b>Manufacturer/Exporter</b>                     | <b>AD Rate</b> |
|--|----------------|
| Metalfar Prodotti Industriali S.p.A.             | 204.53%        |
| Officine Ambrogio Melesi & C. S.r.l./ASFO S.p.A. | 204.53%        |
| All Others                                       | 79.17%         |

\*As adjusted for export subsidies found in concurrent CV duty proceedings.

ITC final injury determination (*Federal Register* 08/17/17) is available ([here](#)).

(See notice for additional details, including the full scope description, etc. See [1706280010](#) for summary of the final AD duty determinations, and [1706280011](#) for summary of the final CV duty determination.)

(*Federal Register* 08/24/17)

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## Commerce Dept. Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Notices for Aug. 23

The Commerce Department published notice in the Aug. 23 *Federal Register* on the following AD/CV duty proceedings (any notices that announce changes to AD/CV duty rates, scope, affected firms or effective dates will be detailed in another *ITT* article):

- **Carton-Closing Staples** From the People's Republic of China (A-570-055): Postponement of Preliminary Determination in the Less-Than-Fair-Value Investigation ([here](#)).

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## New and Revised FDA Import Alerts for Aug. 22

On Aug. 22 the Food and Drug Administration posted new and revised versions of the following Import Alerts on the detention without physical examination of:

- [99-08](#): Processed Foods for Pesticides ([here](#))
- [89-08](#): Class III Devices Without Approved PMAs or IDEs and Other Devices Not Equivalent or No 510k ([here](#))
- [80-04](#): Surgeon's and Patient Examination Gloves ([here](#))
- [76-01](#): Medical Instruments from Pakistan ([here](#))
- [66-66](#): APIs That Appear to be Misbranded Under 502(f)(1) Because They do not Meet the Requirements for the Labeling Exemptions in 21 CFR 201.122 ([here](#))

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- [66-40](#): Drugs From Firms Which Have Not Met Drug Good Manufacturing Practices (GMPs) ([here](#))
- [45-02](#): Foods Containing Illegal and/or Undeclared Colors ([here](#))
- [16-35](#): Raw and Cooked Shrimp from India ([here](#)).

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## CBP AD and CV Messages as of Aug. 22

A listing of recent antidumping and countervailing duty messages from the Commerce Department posted to CBP's website Aug. 22, along with the case number(s) and CBP message number, is provided below. The messages are available by searching for the listed CBP message number at <http://adcvd.cbp.dhs.gov/adcvdweb>.

- No shipments inquiry for **crystalline silicon photovoltaic cells**, whether or not assembled into modules, from the People's Republic of China exported by various companies (A-570-979) Message # 7234310
- Gap period liquidation instructions for the antidumping duty investigation on **finished carbon steel flanges** from India for the period 08/07/17 through 08/16/17 (A-533-871) Message # 7234309
- Notification of rescission of administrative review of countervailing duty order on **drawn stainless steel sinks** from the People's Republic of China (C-570-984) Message # 7234308
- Antidumping duty scope determination on **raw flexible magnets** from the People's Republic of China (A-570-922) Message # 7234307
- Countervailing duty scope determination on **raw flexible magnets** from the People's Republic of China (C-570-923) Message # 7234306
- Automatic liquidation instructions for **high pressure steel cylinders** from the People's Republic of China for the period 01/01/16 through 12/31/16 (C-570-978) Message # 7234305
- Rescission of administrative review in part of antidumping duty order on **seamless refined copper pipe and tube** from the People's Republic of China (A-570-964) ) Message # 7234304
- Cash deposit instructions for certain **cut-to-length carbon-quality steel plate** from the Republic of Korea (C-580-837) Message # 7234303
- Rescission of administrative review in part of antidumping duty order on certain **steel nails** from Taiwan (A-583-854) Message # 7234302
- Rescission of administrative review in part of antidumping duty order on certain **steel nails** from Malaysia (A-557-816) Message # 7234301

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## New ITC Investigation Notices for Aug. 23

The International Trade Commission published notices in the Aug. 23 *Federal Register* on the following AD/CV injury, Section 337 patent and other trade proceedings (any notices that warrant a more detailed summary will be in another *ITT* article):

- **Cased Pencils** From China ([here](#))
- Certain **Digital Television Set-Top Boxes**, Remote Control Devices, and Components Thereof (337-TA-1041); Commission Determination Not To Review an Initial Determination Granting Complainants' Motion for Termination of the Investigation Based on Withdrawal of the Complaint; Termination of the Investigation ([here](#)).

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## Other U.S.

### US Project to Boost Afghan Customs E-Payments Falling Severely Short of Goal, Report Shows

The U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) is drastically trailing its goal to have Afghanistan collect 75 percent of its customs duties through e-payment by the end of November 2017, as a [report](#) by the Office of the Special Inspector General for Afghanistan Reconstruction (SIGAR) found that the nation was collecting only 0.59 percent of duties electronically at the end of December 2016. Dated Aug. 17, the report states that USAID has told SIGAR that it will complete a “root cause analysis” of the shortcoming by Aug. 31. USAID, in consultation with Chemonics, its implementing partner in USAID’s Afghanistan Trade and Revenue program, established the goal to reach the 75 percent level by the end of a planned \$77.8 million project lasting from November 2013 through November 2017, the report says. USAID officials have suggested that “eliminating or significantly stemming” corruption in Afghanistan’s customs process could double the country’s customs revenue.

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### APEC Members Working on Targeting and Identification of Illegal Wood Shipments

Officials from Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) member countries are refining targeting and forensic identification methods to distinguish between legal and illegal wood at customs checkpoints, according to an Aug. 22 news [release](#) detailing an ongoing APEC meeting in Ho Chi Minh City, Viet Nam. APEC members are sharing guidance to inform handling of shipments upon discovery and to support more effective preventive action, the release says. Approaches include opening communication lines to curtail fake document use as well as bribery and corruption linked to “high-level perpetrators,” the release says.

Members are also working to increase the sophistication of tools to address illegal timber trade, including through traceability systems, ongoing public-private coordination to align APEC members’ wood product certification programs, and compliance and product legality monitoring, the release says. “Customs are the first and last line of defense against timber smuggling, fraud and illegalities during export, re-export, transit and import but they can’t operate in a vacuum,” Federico Lopez-Casero of the Institute for Global Environmental Strategies said in a statement. APEC Ministers Responsible for Forestry will meet in Seoul Oct. 30 - Nov. 1 to advance and build upon policy tools discussed in Ho Chi Minh City.

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## Canadian Government Notices as of Aug. 23

The government of Canada recently issued the following trade-related notices as of Aug. 23 (some may also be given separate headlines):

- AD inquiry into polyethylene terephthalate resin from China, India, Oman and Pakistan. The Canadian International Trade Tribunal has initiated a preliminary [inquiry](#) into the alleged dumping and subsidizing of polyethylene terephthalate resin originating in or exported from China, India, Oman and Pakistan.
- Certain liquid dielectric transformers. The Canada Border Services Agency has [scheduled](#) the supplementary exhibits to be available Aug. 24 with respect to the [expiry](#) review of certain liquid dielectric transformers originating in or exported from South Korea.

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### NAFTA Study Shows Average American Has 'Measured' View of NAFTA

A new study suggests Americans, on average, have a “measured view” of NAFTA, showing that 57 percent of the 2,000 adults surveyed believe withdrawing from the deal would increase everyday goods prices, and that 45 percent of respondents view NAFTA as a contributor to economic growth. The [study](#), ordered by Livingston International and conducted online by Harris Poll, also indicated that 17 percent of respondents believe NAFTA should be left as is to protect key industries, 19 percent believe the U.S. made the right decision to renegotiate the deal because of modernization needs, and that 13 percent of Americans believe the Trump administration is correct in renegotiating the deal because it is unfair to the U.S.

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