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The European Commission amends the additional duty rate and list of goods which are applicable on imports from the United States (Byrd-Amendment)

The United States failure to bring the Continued Dumping and Subsidy Offset Act (Byrd-Amendment) in compliance with its obligations under the WTO agreements resulted in 2005 in an imposed 15% ad valorem additional duty (Regulation (EC) 673/2005) on imports of certain products originating from the United States. Since Regulation (EC) 673/2005 came into force, this Regulation was adjusted several times.

In April of this year, new adjustments are made by the European Commission. These adjustments concern the ad valorem additional duty on imports originating from the United States and the list of goods (Annex I to this Regulation) on which this duty is applicable.

As of 18 April 2013 an additional ad valorem duty of 26% is applicable on imports of goods with the following CN-codes:

- 0710 40 00 - Sweetcorn
- 9003 19 30 - Frames and mountings for spectacles
- 8705 10 00 - Crane lorries
- 6204 62 31 - Denim clothing for women/girls

What does it mean for you?

If your company imports goods that have United States origin, classified under one of the products of the above mentioned CN-codes, an additional duty of 26% is applicable as of 18 April 2013. A substantial higher rate than the 6% of last year. For products that fall under CN-code 6204 62 31, the impact will be even higher as this code is 'new' in Annex I of this Regulation.

What to do?

To prevent unexpected claims from customs authorities, check if your company imports one or more of the products for which this additional duty rate is applicable. For more information regarding this subject you can check the Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) No 349/2013 and the corrigendum to this Regulation in the 'Related Links' section at the bottom of this Customs Flash.

Of course we are happy to assist you if you have any questions regarding this subject.

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