



OFFICE OF THE UNITED STATES TRADE REPRESENTATIVE

Notice of Conforming Amendments to Product Exclusions: China’s Acts, Policies, and Practices Related to Technology Transfer, Intellectual Property, and Innovation

AGENCY: Office of the United States Trade Representative (USTR).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Effective July 1, 2026, the U.S. International Trade Commission (USITC) implemented certain changes to statistical reporting categories in the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTSUS). As a result of these changes, USTR is making conforming amendments to four product exclusions associated with the Section 301 investigation of China Acts, Policies, and Practices Related to Technology Transfer, Intellectual Property, and Innovation.

DATES: The conforming amendments announced in the Annex to this notice are effective as of July 1, 2026. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) will issue instructions on entry guidance and implementation.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For general questions about this notice, contact Senior Associate General Counsel Philip Butler or Assistant General Counsel Rachel Hasandras at (202) 395-5725. For specific questions on customs classification or implementation of the product exclusions identified in the Annex to this notice, contact traderemedy@cbp.dhs.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

A. Background

Effective July 1, 2026, the USITC implemented certain changes to ten-digit statistical reporting categories of the HTSUS in accordance with its responsibility under section 484(f) of the Tariff Act of 1930, 19 U.S.C. 1484(f). Four of the product exclusions associated with the Section 301 investigation of China's Acts, Policies, and Practices Related to Technology Transfer, Intellectual Property, and Innovation, as set out in the Annexes at 89 FR 46948 (May 30, 2024), 90 FR 23987 (June 5, 2025), 90 FR 42500 (September 2, 2025), and 90 FR 55232 (December 1, 2025), are affected by the amended statistical reporting categories.

B. Conforming Amendments To Product Exclusions

To maintain the pre-existing product coverage of the China 301 actions, four conforming amendments to the corresponding note provision in the HTSUS are required. In particular, the Annex to this notice makes conforming amendments to U.S. notes 20(vvv)(i)(4), 20(vvv)(i)(5), 20(vvv)(i)(6), and 20(vvv)(iv)(4) to subchapter III of chapter 99 of the HTSUS, as set out in the Annexes at 89 FR 46948, 90 FR 23987, 90 FR 42500, and 90 FR 55232.

ANNEX

1. Effective with respect to goods entered for consumption, or withdrawn from the warehouse for consumption, on or after 12:01 a.m. eastern standard time on July 1, 2026, note 20(vvv)(i)(4) to subchapter III of chapter 99 of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTSUS) is modified by inserting “through June 30, 2026; described in statistical reporting numbers 8413.91.9039, 8413.91.9046, 8413.91.9059 or 8413.91.9099 effective July 1, 2026” after “January 1, 2020.”
2. Effective with respect to goods entered for consumption, or withdrawn from the warehouse for consumption, on or after 12:01 a.m. eastern standard time on July 1, 2026, note 20(vvv)(i)(5) to subchapter III of chapter 99 of the HTSUS is modified by inserting “through June 30, 2026; described in statistical reporting numbers 8413.91.9039, 8413.91.9046, 8413.91.9059 or 8413.91.9099 effective July 1, 2026” after “January 1, 2020.”
3. Effective with respect to goods entered for consumption, or withdrawn from the warehouse for consumption, on or after 12:01 a.m. eastern standard time on July 1, 2026, note 20(vvv)(i)(6) to subchapter III of chapter 99 of the HTSUS is modified by inserting “through June 30, 2026; described in statistical reporting numbers 8413.91.9039, 8413.91.9046, 8413.91.9059 or 8413.91.9099 effective July 1, 2026” after “January 1, 2020.”
4. Effective with respect to goods entered for consumption, or withdrawn from the warehouse for consumption, on or after 12:01 a.m. eastern standard time on July 1, 2026, note 20(vvv)(iv)(4) to subchapter III of chapter 99 of the HTSUS is modified by inserting “prior to July 1, 2026; described in statistical reporting numbers 3926.90.9915 or 3926.90.9920 effective July 1, 2026” after “3926.90.9910”.

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