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Notice of Conforming Amendment to Product Exclusion: 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 a conforming amendment to an additional product exclusion associated with the Section 301 investigation of China’s Acts, Policies, and Practices Related to Technology Transfer, Intellectual Property, and Innovation.

DATES: The conforming amendment announced in the Annex to this notice is 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 Philip Butler, Deputy Assistant U.S. Trade Representative for Monitoring & Enforcement, or Rachel Hasandras, Assistant General Counsel, at (202) 395-5725. For specific questions on customs classification or implementation of the product exclusion 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). Five 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), were affected by the amended statistical reporting categories. On September 2, 2026, USTR issued a *Federal Register* notice with conforming amendments to four of the affected product exclusions. 91 FR 56538 (September 2, 2026).

B. Conforming Amendment to Additional Product Exclusion

To maintain the pre-existing product coverage of the China 301 actions, a conforming amendment is required. The Annex to this notice makes a conforming amendment to U.S. note 20(vvv)(i)(20) 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

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)(20) to subchapter III of chapter 99 of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States is modified by inserting “through June 30, 2026; described in statistical reporting number 8479.90.9591 effective July 1, 2026” after “January 27, 2022.”

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