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## New Solar Case Filed To Close Enforcement Loopholes

On January 23, 2014, Commerce initiated antidumping ("AD") and countervailing duty ("CVD") investigations on certain crystalline silicon photovoltaic products from the People's Republic of China and Taiwan. The petition, filed on behalf of SolarWorld Industries America, Inc., targets over $1.5 billion combined in estimated annual imports. **More »**

## China Ends Duties On Cars And Begins Implementing WTO Decision On Chicken Products

Over the past year, many of the United States' disputes with China at the World Trade Organization ("WTO") over China's AD and CVD practices have moved toward resolution in favor of U.S. manufacturers. China recently has indicated that it will eliminate duties on U.S. auto exports and bring its measures on chicken broiler products into compliance with its WTO obligations. The dispute over Chinese measures on grain oriented flat-rolled electrical steel ("GOES"), however, is ongoing. **More »**

## Shale Oil Production Leads To Fractured Debate On Crude Oil Export Ban

The debate regarding the U.S. ban on crude oil exports, which has been in effect for nearly forty years, is escalating. Due to the increasing domestic supply of crude oil, primarily from shale oil production, a number of policymakers and members of the oil industry have called for a repeal of the export ban in recent months. Other members of these same groups have disagreed, arguing that the country is better off keeping U.S. crude oil inside its own borders. While the future of the export ban is unclear, the consequences of this debate are important for U.S. manufacturing and the U.S. economy. **More »**

## News Of Note

- **Monthly Trade Deficit Falls To Lowest Level Since 2009 –** The monthly U.S. trade deficit fell to $34.3 billion in November, the lowest level since October 2009. Many analysts cited the U.S. economy's increasing energy independence as the driving factor behind the 12.9 percent drop from October. **More »**
- **USTR Issues Reports On China's and Russia's WTO Compliance –** On December 20, 2013, USTR issued its first annual report on Russia's WTO compliance. The report focuses on implementation of

Russia's commitments since its accession to the WTO in 2012. **More »**

- **The New Year Brings New Steps In Export Control Reform** – On January 2, 2014, the State Department and the Commerce Department published final rules in the Federal Register announcing their intent to revise certain categories of the State Department's U.S. Munitions List ("USML") by shifting specific items in those categories to the Commerce Control List ("CCL"). **More »**

- **Senator Baucus Nominated As Ambassador To China And Senator Wyden To Chair Senate Finance Committee** – On January 7, 2014, President Obama nominated Senator Max Baucus (D-MT) to be the next ambassador to China. **More »**

- **Trade Promotion Authority Legislation Introduced** – On January 9, 2014, Senate Finance Committee Chairman Max Baucus (D-MT), Ranking Member Orrin Hatch (R-UT), and House Ways and Means Committee Chairman Dave Camp (R-MI) introduced legislation to renew Trade Promotion Authority ("TPA") as the Obama Administration continues trade negotiations with 11 Asia-Pacific economies (the Trans-Pacific Partnership, or TPP) and the European Union (the Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership). **More »**

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