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## Clearance Instructions for China Section 301 List 3

Currently there are hearings being held in Washington to give the importing community a chance to be heard concerning the impact that the China section 301 list 3 will have on the community's businesses. Written comments that were originally due on August 17, 2018 were extended to September 5, 2018. With this in mind, the actual date that list 3 will become effective, will not be that far behind if actually implemented. The other point we would like to remind you of is that the President has suggested to increase these tariffs from the 10% originally proposed, to 25%. Please factor in accordingly.

Of most importance, list 3, which covers some 200 billion of import tariffs, and has the potential to do the most harm so far to the importing community. We as your Custom Broker, want to do as much as possible to help our clients to avoid these tariffs for arriving goods that will hit our shores as this list 3 becomes effective. That said, we **STRONGLY** suggest is that complete commercial documents are sent to us as early as possible, and well in advance of the arrival of the vessels. This so we can start our clearance process to insure we establish the earliest possible official release date thus potentially avoiding the application of these additional duties. For clarity sake we would like to point out that if we are able to accomplish clearance prior to vessel arrival, the applicable date for applying the Section 301 duties will be the official date the vessel is arrived by the steamship line or air carrier. If shipments are cleared after ships arrival the actual release date from Customs becomes your official date of entry and the 301 duties would be applicable on that date.

We will continue to send updates periodically and as soon as we hear anything more definitive on list 3, we will immediately send a newsflash to alert you.

Sincerely,  
*American Shipping Co. Inc.*

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