

**October 1st, 2020**

## House of Representatives Passes Ban on Products from Xinjiang Region

On September 22, 2020, a bill was passed by the House of Representatives to ban all goods made in the Xinjiang Region of China, with a presumption that they are made with forced labor. The bill will still have to be passed by the Senate, and then signed into law by the President.

Even if the bill is not enacted, US Customs still has the authority to issue specific or broad Withhold Release Orders (WRO's), for imports from several entities. Importers should be sure that their suppliers are aware of these actions, and the supplier should certify that their products are not from the list of affected entities. You will find more detailed info on the subject at the following link:

<https://www.cbp.gov/newsroom/national-media-release/dhs-cracks-down-goods-produced-china-s-state-sponsored-forced-labor>

## FDA Proposes Additional Recordkeeping Requirements

FDA is proposing new recordkeeping requirements for foods it considers high risk, as part of its plan to implement The Food Safety Modernization Act. The proposed rule would require those in key areas of the supply chain, to establish traceability recordkeeping requirements, and keep records of certain high-risk foods as they move through the supply chain. FDA is accepting comments about this new proposed rule, and they are due by January 21, 2021. The proposed rule in its entirety can be found at the following link:

<https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2020/09/23/2020-20100/requirements-for-additional-traceability-records-for-certain-foods>

## Seafood Importer Trusted Trader Program Withdrawn

NMFS has formally withdrawn its proposal for creating a Commerce Trusted Trader Program for Seafood Importers, due to agency's underestimated costs to participate in the program. Revised agency cost estimates for the internal controls required by Importers, would exceed the benefits of reduced entry filing requirements they would have derived under SIMP.

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## Tariff Exclusions Set to Expire October 2<sup>nd</sup>

Over 150 exclusions from China 301, lists 1 and 2, are set to expire on October 2<sup>nd</sup>. From those lists, the USTR granted certain extensions until December 31, 2020. Nine [List 1 exclusions](#) were granted out of the 96 original exclusions, and 28 out of the 113 original [List 2 exclusions](#).

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