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USMCA

- Pending ratification – possibly early 2020
- Maintains the duty free benefits established under NAFTA
- Give the U.S. more access to Canada's dairy market
- No requirement for a formal Certificate of Origin
- Current $2500 CLVS limit raised to $3300
- Current $20 de minimis raised to:
    - $40 for duty and tax
    - $150 for duty (tax is payable on goods between $40 and $150)

CPTPP

- Effective December 30, 2018 for Canada, Australia, Japan, Mexico, New Zealand and Singapore
- Effective January 14, 2019 for Vietnam
- With the exception of a few agricultural goods, the CPTPP will eliminate duty on qualifying goods, either immediately or through a tariff phase-out
- No certificate but a certification of origin to claim Preferential Treatment
- Annex 3-B sets out minimum set of data elements required

Surtax, Remission and Safeguard Measures

- On July 1, 2018. Canada imposed countermeasures in the form of Surtaxes in response to the U.S. imposing additional duty on steel and aluminum.
- On October 11, Finance announced remission of duty going forward, or refund on duty already paid, on some of the goods subject to the retaliatory tariffs.
- On October 25, Safeguard Measures took effect in the form of surtax on 7 classes of steel products imported from most countries other than those originating in the US, Chile, Mexico, Israel or GPT countries.
- Quota on the quantity of goods that could be imported without the payment of surtax.
- Import permit required to use within access item.

SAFE Food for Canadians Regulations

- The Safe Food for Canadians Regulations (SFCR) come into effect on January 15th, 2019.
- The three main elements of the SFCR include (Licensing, Preventive Controls & Traceability)
- Licence required for importation of food

- Importers are required to obtain their licence prior to importing their food; however, depending on the food commodity being imported, the import licence requirement applies as of January 15, 2019 or will apply July 15, 2020.
- If an importer currently holds a licence or registration issued by the CFIA, they will be able to continue to use that licence or registration until it expires even once the SFCR comes into force.
- Once their existing licence or registration expires, they will need to apply for a licence under the SFCR.
- Licence number required prior to or at the time of import.

Single Window Initiative

- CBSA is scheduled to sunset legacy OGD service options of OGD PARS and OGD RMD on April 1, 2019. As the legacy service options only applied to three PGA(s) - Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA), Transport Canada (TC) or Natural Resources Canada (NRCan). It is only these three PGA(s) which are mandated to the IID service option SWI IID (SO911) effective April 1, 2019.