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USTR to Consider Additional Tariff Exclusions Due to COVID-19 Pandemic

On March 25, 2020, the Office of the United States Trade Representative (USTR) [published a notice](#) requesting public comments on possible further modifications to remove Section 301 duties imposed on Chinese-origin products to address the ongoing coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic. Current additional Section 301 duties on products of China range from 7.5% to 25%. The docket for comments will remain open at least until *June 25, 2020*, and the USTR invites interested persons to submit comments as promptly as possible.

Specifically, the USTR invites comments on whether a particular product covered by the Section 301 action is needed to respond to the coronavirus pandemic. For instance, the comment may address whether a product is directly used to treat COVID-19 or to limit the outbreak or whether the product is used in the production of needed medical-care products. Comments may be submitted regarding any product covered by the Section 301 action, regardless of whether the product is subject to a pending or denied exclusion request or has never been the subject of an exclusion request.

Alston & Bird has formed a multidisciplinary [task force](#) to advise clients on the business and legal implications of the coronavirus (COVID-19). You can [view all our work](#) on the coronavirus across industries and [subscribe](#) to our future webinars and advisories.

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