

USTR updates List of Developing and Least-Developed Countries under U.S. CVD Law

The Office of the United States Trade Representative (USTR) has issued a Notice in the Federal Register updating its list of countries designated as developing or least-developed under U.S. countervailing duty (CVD) laws. Federal law specifies certain differential treatment for imports from developing or least-developed countries and obligates USTR to update the designations periodically. The U.S. Trade Representative is designating World Trade Organization (WTO) Members that are eligible for special de minimis countervailable subsidy and negligible import volume standards under the countervailing duty (CVD) law.

For purposes of U.S. CVD law, the U.S. Trade Representative, therefore, considers countries with a share of 0.5 percent or more of world trade to be developed countries. Thus, Brazil, India, Indonesia, Malaysia, Thailand, and Vietnam are ineligible for the 2 percent de minimis standard, notwithstanding that, based on the most recent World Bank data, each country has a per capita GNI below USD 12,375.

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