

## Summer Sizzle: Regulatory Deadlines Are Fast Approaching

Inbound to the U.S. or outbound to other parts of the world, cross-border shippers face major regulatory changes this summer and little time to prepare. It is certain to be a disruptive summer. Below we list some of the key changes and their expected effective dates. *Is anyone ready?*



### July 1

The European Union [will end](#) its **duty-free treatment** on goods entering the EU valued at €150 or less and a new temporary customs duty of €3 per item (by HS Code) will apply to B2C goods bought online from non-EU countries.



### July 7

The U.S. Trade Representative (USTR) will hold hearings on its [proposed actions](#) in the **Section 301 tariff investigations**, notably to impose tariffs of between 10% and 12.5% on 59 countries and the 27-member European Union.



### July 8

U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) is implementing **mandatory electronic filing (eFiling)** for Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) certificates of compliance through the Automated Commercial Environment (ACE).



### July 12

U.S. Postal Service **rate and classification changes** take effect: market-dominant product changes; temporary fuel surcharge; and select competitive product price increases. Inbound shippers that use USPS for final mile delivery will face price increases on domestic package services.

### July 24 *(This date could be absolutely loaded)*

The **Section 122 tariffs** imposed under [Presidential Proclamation 11012](#) end on July 24. The expectation is that the new Section 301 tariffs will take effect at this time. Another expectation is that the long-awaited CBP interim final rule (IFR) on new customs entry requirements will also take effect on July 24 when the Section 122 tariffs end. CBP is expected to issue its IFR on or around June 24 with 30 days until implementation. The IFR is likely to seek parity on duties whether goods are cleared via commercial or postal entry. A few new data requirements for postal shipments are also expected.

### Date Unknown

When will all importers of record (IORs) get **tariff refunds**? Even as CBP has begun processing some International Emergency Economic Powers Act tariff refunds, the Trump administration [appealed](#) the Court of International Trade's universal injunction to refund all IORs. The administration is contesting the court's order to refund liquidated entries where importers have not filed suit.



### August 1

Brazil begins a **penalty phase** in its new [tax reform plan](#), which will replace its highly fragmented system with a more modern dual VAT model: a federal VAT-style contribution known as CBS and a state IBS VAT to replace the state tax on circulation of goods and services known as ICMS, as well as the municipal tax.