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Key Issues



IMAG Is Monitoring

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1 CBP's 'future customs framework'

Customs and Border Protection is expected to release an interim final rule in March that will more closely align postal clearance with commercial clearance, including requiring 10-digit HTS codes, country of origin, and a customs broker.

2 EU customs reform

The EU will implement a fixed customs duty of €3 on items contained in small parcels (< €150) entering the EU from July 1, 2026. Duty will be assessed at the item/HS level. Separate handling fee of €2 will take effect November 1.

3 New Zealand's new goods levy system

New Zealand's Customs Service (NZCS) has announced a low-value goods levy scheme set to take effect April 1 that will shift from per-report fees to consignment-based charges for low-value inbound goods (≤ equal to NZD 1,000). NZCS will bill the levy directly to the air carrier or shipping company that enters the goods or mail.

4 Spotlight on Canada

With so much outbound volume, Canada is always a priority. And this year, there's a lot to keep tabs on: Canada Post's restructuring amidst an uneasy labor-management peace; CBSA customs valuation framework proposal and chain of sale; and a review of the USMCA looms.

5 Export compliance

USPS is gearing up to enforce export compliance for military and diplomatic mail on March 16. ITMATT 2.0 is on the horizon as customs authorities are likely to demand additional data elements in the future, which will require eventual changes to USPS' Shipping Services File.

Changes come quickly in the cross-border ecommerce market. IMAG members will stay informed on these issues and more.

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