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U.S. Targets Chinese Shipbuilding Dominance With Phased Port Fees

The USTR has unveiled a sweeping multi-phase strategy to curb China's dominance in global shipbuilding and logistics. Following a Section 301 investigation, the U.S. will impose new port fees on Chinese-owned and Chinese-built ships, starting at \$50/NT or \$120/container (phased in October 2025) and scaling up over the next three years. LNG shipping restrictions and incentives for U.S.-built vessels are also in the pipeline. While aimed at restoring domestic maritime strength, the shipping industry warns of rising freight costs and port call reductions. Find the official USTR Fact Sheet [HERE](#).

U.S.–India Set Terms for Comprehensive Bilateral Trade Agreement

In a major development, the U.S. and India announced Terms of Reference for a Bilateral Trade Agreement, laying the groundwork for negotiations to reduce tariffs, dismantle non-tariff barriers, and promote economic

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integration across agriculture, manufacturing, and services. Launched under the U.S.-India COMPACT initiative, the framework aims to reshape \$129B in annual trade and address India's 17% average tariff—among the highest globally. This is a pivotal shift in the U.S.-India corridor and a prime opportunity for businesses operating across both markets. Find the official USTR Fact Sheet [HERE](#).

Japan Seeks Tariff Relief, Meets Trump in Washington

Japan's chief negotiator Ryosei Akazawa met personally with Donald Trump in an attempt to lift 25% U.S. tariffs on steel, aluminum, and autos. While no immediate agreement was reached, both sides will reconvene in a second round of talks. With Japan facing additional reciprocal tariffs and defense cost-sharing demands, the outcome could significantly alter U.S.–Japan trade dynamics. Watch this space closely if you ship autos, machinery, or materials to and from Japan, LOGISTEED America is monitoring this situation closely and will update as new information is made available.

CBP Reinforces AD/CVD Compliance with New Investigations

CBP released a fresh batch of AD/CVD enforcement actions on April 18, targeting aluminum extrusions, fiberglass door panels, and lemon juice. Importers in these categories should evaluate their supplier bases and HTS classifications to ensure compliance, as regulatory scrutiny ramps up across sectors linked to unfair foreign subsidies and pricing. LOGISTEED is happy to assist you with evaluating your supply chain. [Please reach out to one of our representatives.](#)

Melamine from India Now Subject to Permanent AD/CVD Orders

AD/CVD duties have been formalized on melamine from India, with rates as high as 626.27% for certain producers. Liquidation of entries resumed April 21, and cash deposit instructions are now active. Refunds may be available for pre-ruling imports. [Find the official Federal Register Update Here.](#)

Remember, supply chain disruption is the rule, not the exception. If you're not already using Tools like [TrakIt](#) to manage supply chain visibility, this can be a crucial part of navigating disruption. Should you have questions regarding your shipments, do not hesitate to contact our Customer Service team. We are here to provide solutions based on your needs.

With regards,

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